

Lyles/Liles/Lyle/ Lisle Family Reunion

October 11—13, 2019

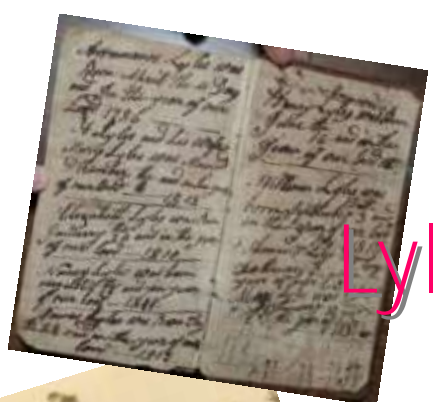
**FEASTERVILLE FEMALE INSTITUTE
BOARDING HOUSE**

Please join us for this South Carolina reunion of the descendants of this historic American family. Lyles families from many locales and branches have attended this fall gathering in the historic reunion site near Lyles Ford since the 1980s. Our reunion has seen great success in the past, and this year's event promises to be even better!

Information on dates, schedules, suggested lodgings, and registration follow in this newsletter. For those of you using social media, please join our family page at Lyles Descendants.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/401221389995580/> We are using the forum for family lineage queries and other historical documents that may be of help to the readers. If you do not use digital resources, find someone who does use Facebook who can let you in on a great method of learning about our family and events.

Documentation says that the Lisle family was in Virginia by 1626, having come here from England. This family lived in the Tidewater area of the Colony of Virginia in the 1600's and early 1700's among other families of English origin. The earliest documented Virginia ancestor was John Liles of Henrico County. By the 1730s most members of this family had migrated just across the Virginia line into the Province of North Carolina, eventually spreading into Anson and Rutherford Counties (N. C.) and in the S. C. upcountry in counties around Lyles Ford on the Broad River. Surrounding counties are Newberry, Fairfield, Chester, Union and Spartanburg Counties.



MELTON E. LYLES.
Born July 18, 1847, near Blairs.
Entered the Army August 1864.

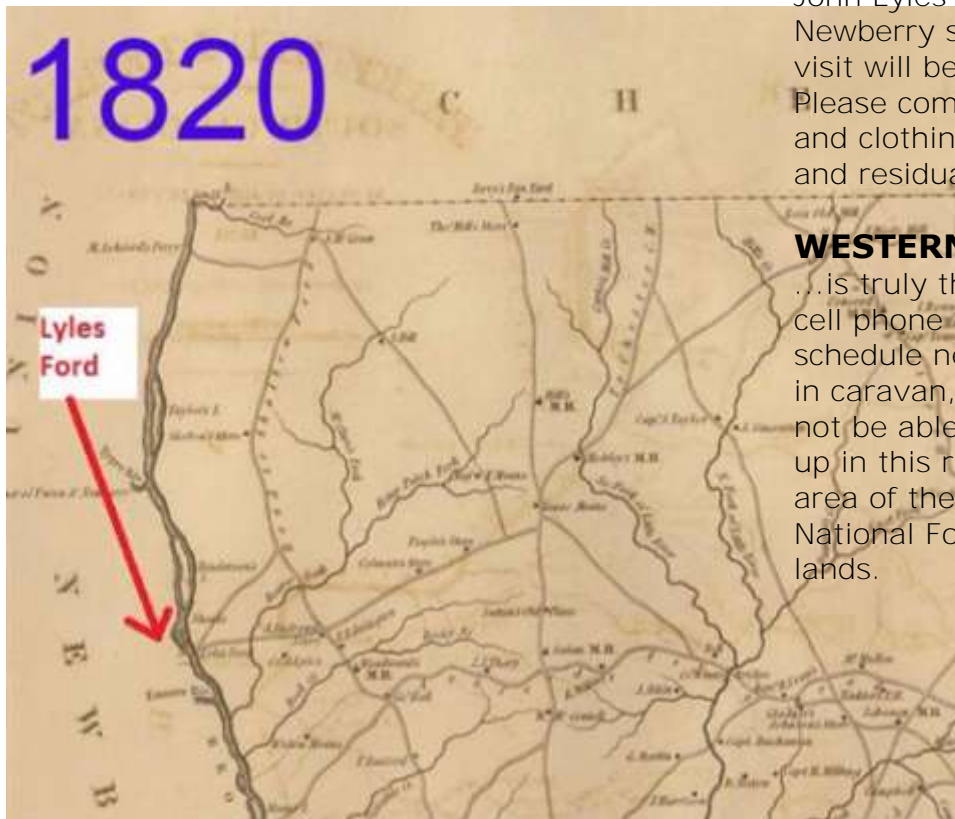


WHERE WE WILL MEET UP

The reunion site in Fairfield County near Lyles Ford, the Feasterville Female Academy Boarding House, is a National Historic Registry site (ca.1840) that was established as a school by John Feaster for the daughters of the Broad River basin plantations. Members of our family attended and taught there, and John Feaster Lyles and his cousin/wife Carrie E. Lyles lived and taught at the Feasterville School in the 1880s. The idyllic setting of the restored old school is beautifully set up for family reunions, lovingly restored by the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Family Association. The C-F-M Association has held annual reunions on this site since the early 20th Century, and we Lyleses started a biennial tradition back in the 1980s.



and many other cemeteries and sites from our local Lyles history. The Lyles Ford road was an original branch of the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road, and remains of it are still visible. Col. John Lyles ran a ferry service there from the Newberry side of the river. Not all sites we will visit will be accessible except by hiking a bit. Please come prepared with comfortable footwear and clothing for a little bit of chill in the evenings and residual heat during the day.



WESTERN FAIRFIELD COUNTY...

...is truly the BOONIES! Some areas have low cell phone coverage. For this reason, our tour schedule needs to be followed, as once we leave in caravan, you may not be able to catch up in this remote area of the Sumter National Forest lands.



SOME FAVORITE FEATURES OF THE REUNION WILL BE TOURING the houses of Major Thomas Lyles, called the Oaks or Buckhead, and the house built by Arromanus Liles between 1790 and 1810, called Ivy Hall. Weather permitting, we will trek down to the Beaver Creek setting of the old Lyles cemetery, marked only by fieldstones, the nearby ruins of Arromanus Liles's canal and trading post, Lyles Ford,





The Oaks



Ivy Hall



Maj. Thomas Lyles
1786- 1874



Thomas Minter Lyles
1811-1902



Monument near the burials of the earliest settlers of Lyles Ford

Lyles Ford Settlement Area on the Broad River

For many eons the river ford below Henderson Island was a passage for buffalo and early peoples because of its relatively flat rocky shoals. It was an ideal place for 18th century immigrants from Virginia and North Carolina to establish homesites and eventually commercial enterprises along both sides of the river. The east bank offered natural amenities that encouraged the establishment of Lyles Ford settlement some time after 1748. Through the 18th and 19th centuries, the community endured incursions of the Cherokee, British/Tory militia, Union **General Judson Kilpatrick's 1865 raids, and many natural disasters. A flood in 1886 destroyed T. M. Lyles's mill and store, and washed out the farms along the bluffs above the flood plain.** By the end of the 18th century, cotton farming had advanced the fortunes of our folks who began building their homes a few miles farther upland along the ridge called Buckhead, now known as Blair. Two of the early Lyles homes still stand along the road leading from Lyles Ford towards the courthouse town of Winnsboro 20 miles to the east.

Remains of the mill canal built by Arromanus Liles around 1787



Places to stay

There are several camper sites at the Feasterville Boarding House, first come, first served. Call Nancy Brown (803-608-6004) for information.

Nearest commercial lodging to Feasterville is near Newberry (29 miles), near Blythewood (36 miles), Chester (20 miles), and Winnsboro (25 miles).

Hampton Inn, Newberry Opera House
1201 Nance Street
Newberry, SC 29108
803.276.6666

Holiday Inn Express and Suites
121 Truman Avenue
Newberry, SC 29108
803.321.3955

Newberry Manor
1710 College Street
Newberry, SC 29108
803.597.5031

Econo Lodge
1147 Wilson Rd
Newberry, SC 29108
Phone: 803.276.1600

Days Inn
I-26 & Hwy. 34 Exit 74
Newberry, SC 29108
803.276.2294

Inn Upon Moon River Plantation LLC
119 Pinckney Street
Chester, SC 29706
(803) 379-1683

An Inn On York Street
164 York St
Chester, SC 29706
(803) 581-8681

Executive Inn
1632 J A Cochran Bypass
Chester, SC 29706
(803) 581-2525

Songbird Manor Bed & Breakfast
116 N Zion St
Winnsboro, SC 29180
(803) 635-6963

Americas Best Value Inn
1894 US Highway 321 Bypass South
Winnsboro, SC 29180
803-635-1447

Ramada Limited Ridgeway
70 Contractors Way
Ridgeway, SC 29130-7404
800-760-7718

Fairfield Motel
56 US Highway 321 Byp N
Winnsboro, SC 29180-7100
(803) 635-3458

COMFORT INN
436 McNulty Street
Blythewood, SC, 29016
(803) 754-1441

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
120 Creech Road
Blythewood, South Carolina 29016
(803) 333-0315



Feasterville School and Boarding House

Schedule:

Friday, Oct. 11, 11 AM: Touring outlying areas and cemeteries of Union, Fairfield, Chester, and Newberry Counties. Remember that if you arrive late, it will be difficult to connect with the tour group.

Call **Pelham at 803-727-5908**, or **Susan at 803-351-0265** if you are running late and we can try to schedule meeting along the way.

We will stop at one of Newberry's great restaurants for lunch at 1:00. Cell phone connections are good for downtown Newberry.

Friday evening, Oct. 11:

7 PM: Dutch supper at the Cornwallis Tea Company at 141 S. Congress St. in downtown Winnsboro. <http://www.cornwallistea.com/> for menu and prices.

Saturday, Oct. 12:

- 10 AM to 1 PM tours of Lyles Ford and Fairfield County sites
- 1 PM to 2 PM bag lunch at Feasterville Boarding House.
- 2 PM to 6 PM continued tours.
- 6:30 barbecue served during presentations
- 8 PM to whenever: campfire stories, music, and camaraderie

Sunday, Oct. 13:

- 10 AM Sunday camaraderie for hangers on and cleanup of facilities.
- 1 PM *HASTA LA VISTA !*

ATTENDANCE: please contact Nancy Lyles Brown at NANCYBROWN57@YAHOO.COM, or write her at 600 Garmony Rd., Columbia, SC, 29212 as soon as possible so that we can plan meals and accommodations. If you use email, please, consider that as our first mode of communication as it will save costs of paper mailings. When you contact us, either electronically or by post, please give us your address, phone numbers, number of attendees coming, and a simple chart of descendency, if you know it.

Don't forget to bring digital information or paper copies to share family information. We encourage you to present your family history during our Saturday evening gathering. Remember, you will likely meet family members who can help you with your research.



We are asking for a suggested registration fee to help with costs of \$30 for each participant or \$50 per family. Please check the following selections for catered meals and submit your payment in advance. Please send Nancy your checks and headcounts by Saturday, October 5.

Friday lunch and light evening meal at Cornwallis Tea Company will be at your own expense.

___\$15 : Saturday Bag Lunch at the Boarding House.

number _____ = \$ _____

___\$20 : Saturday evening Barbecue

number _____ = \$ _____

___\$ Registration (see above)

number _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____



Cadet John Feaster Lyles
Feb 16, 1847-1916



My Uncle Marion
Lyles and his
Grandson Jamie
Lyles



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