



Greenwood County Historical Society

P.O. Box 49653, Greenwood, SC 29649

March 2018

President's Message

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We hope you enjoyed our annual ARPA meeting as we will recognized two local properties for their preservation efforts, Mr. Ted Andrews and Mrs. Joyce Hughston and Dr. Jennifer and Dr. John Turner. We were also treated to a wonderful presentation from Ms. Joyce Bowden who spoke on her local family connections to the Cokesbury/Tabernacle community, The McCants-Connor Family History, an ongoing project. Those in attendance enjoyed this meeting as Ms. Bowden has been a tremendous supporter to the Tabernacle cemetery. Those in attendance were treated to a wonderful presentation.

We will partner with the Abbeville, McCormick, history groups, local DAR and SAR groups March as we commemorate the rededication of the **Long Cane Massacre Site in Troy on Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 at the site.** Please be a part of this commemoration. Please enter from the Troy side of Old Charleston Road as we will proceed to the re-dedication of the Battle of Long Cane site marker on our way out.

The board has considered the suggestion to create a standing committee expressly charged with the plans, upkeep, and future of Tabernacle Cemetery. This group will plan, coordinate, upkeep, and look at future sustainability of this property. Ernest Prewett will direct this group on an interim basis. If you would like to help please let Ernest or me know.

Dates for 2018:

March 11 - Rededication of Long Cane Massacre Site and area - Troy SC -
Rescheduled from February

March 25 - CANCELLED/changed. The rededication service on MARCH 11 will
serve as our monthly meeting.

June 24 - History of Connie Maxwell Children's Home- Greenwood Library -
Mr. John Collins

September 30 - Roundtable Share of Greenwood's Football Past

November 4 - Local WWI history - Dr. Joe Camp

If you or anyone you know is interested in getting involved with the GCHS please let me know. Either as a board member or as a part of a committee within our organization. We have opportunities...please get involved.

We thank you for your continued support of the GCHS! Financially, we appreciate the renewals, and in attendance of our meetings and support of our mission. Please join and bring a friend if you have not done so.

Yours in History! ctinsley63@yahoo.com Chip

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GREENWOOD HISTORY: OUR OLD ROADS

By Harry Legare Watson

These sketches about the early travel routes in the area that is now Greenwood County and early families who lived along the old roads were written by the editor of *The Index-Journal* of Greenwood, and were published weekly in this newspaper from August 18, 1940 (with an occasional break) until February 1950, numbered 1-428. They include considerable family history information as well as local and area history. They will be reprinted here in following issues with the permission of the editor of *The Index-Journal*.

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Saturday, June 6, 1942

Continuing with Peter Utz and his descendants, as I said last week, David Ouzts was born - - 23 1790 and died in July 1858, and he married Charlotte Stedham who was born Oct. 28, 1796 and died in July 1867. They had the following children:

Elizabeth, Mary, Thomas, Minerva, Frances and Benjamin. Two children died in infancy.

The descendants to the second generation of these children of David Ouzts who built the "Ouzts place" and his wife Charlotte Stedham Ouzts follow:

1. Thomas Jefferson Ouzts born in 1822 and died in 1872. He never married. He was a merchant in Hamburg until the close of the War Between the States and then he returned to his native community and became a partner with Johnson Sale in the mercantile business at Phoenix under the firm name of Sale and Ouzts; and after the death of Mr. Sale in 1868, the firm became Ouzts and Lake, the latter being Mrs. J. R. Lake, the only surviving daughter of Johnson Sale. This firm continued until shortly before the death of Mr. Ouzts when he sold his interest to Geo. R. Caldwell.

2. Elizabeth Ouzts, daughter of David and Charlotte S. Ouzts, born May 6, 1826, died February 6, 1902; she married Orion Taliaferro Whatley and they had six sons and four daughters.

3. Mary Ouzts, daughter of David and Charlotte S. Ouzts, married Lemuel Brooks, who built the "Brooks place," and they had six children.

4. Minerva Elvira Ouzts, daughter of David and Charlotte S. Ouzts, married J. N. Dobbs and they had eight children.

5. Frances Ann Ouzts, was born April 6, 1834 and died in June 1886. She married the Rev. Theodore Franklin "Philly" Williams who died from wounds received at the Second Battle of Manassas, September 1862. They had two children. He enlisted in Company G., First SC (Gregg's) Regiment. This company was made up of men living in the Kirksey community and out of a total enrollment of 138, twenty-six were killed, nine died of wounds, nineteen died of disease and one died

in a Federal prison - or a total of fifty-five out of the 138 enrolled from first to last. The company "lost heavily" said its first captain, A. P. Butler, who was succeeded by Wiley H. Holloway.

6. Benjamin Frankllin Ouzts born Oct. 6, 1838, married Alice Medora Ingram and they had two children.

After the death of Mrs. David Ouzts in 1867, the "Ouzts place" was sold for division and the following year it was bought by the Rev. William Arnold Gaines. The year after, Mr. Gaines bought the "Brooks place" about a mile away and lived there until he removed from this community to Due West about 1891. The "Brooks place" was built in 1855 by Lemuel Brooks who married Mary Ouzts, a daughter of David Ouzts. Mr. Brooks lived here for several years and "After the War" removed to Gainesville, Ga., where he spent the rest of his life. He was of the Brooks family living in the Kirksey community.

From the "Ouzts place," a short distance from the house, a road ran in a southeasterly direction leading to the "Brooks place" and in early days extended beyond, though evidently a community road rather than a public road. About a quarter of a mile this side of the "Crooks place", there was another road turning off to the left which ran to the home of Capt. Wiley H. Holloway, now owned by Mrs. J. P. Abney --- (*at this point the copy is missing and the next full entry is for Old Roads No. 90, to appear next issue.*)



What was the 2nd Regiment, South Carolina Infantry (2nd Palmetto Regiment)?

The 2nd Infantry Regiment, also called 2nd Palmetto Regiment, completed its organization near Richmond, Virginia, in May, 1861. The men were from Columbia, Camden and Charleston and the counties of Sumter, Richland, Greenville, Kershaw, and Lancaster. After fighting in Bonham's Brigade at First Manassas, the unit served under Generals Toombs, Kershaw, Kennedy and Conner. It participated in many conflicts of the army from the Seven Days' Battles to Cold Harbor except when it was detached with Longstreet at Chickamauga and Knoxville. The 2nd was active in Early's Shenandoah Valley operations and ended the war in North Carolina. It reported 5 killed and 43 wounded at First Manassas, and lost eighteen percent of the 338 at Savage's Station, twenty percent of the 203 at Malvern Hill, thirty-seven percent of the 253 at Sharpsburg, and forty-one percent of the 412 at Gettysburg. The regiment sustained 10 casualties at Bentonville and totaled 184 men on March 23, 1865. It surrendered with the Army of Tennessee. The field officers were Colonels Ervine P. Jones, John D. Kennedy, and Joseph B. Kershaw; Lieutenant Colonels Franklin Gaillard, A.D. Goodwyn, and William Wallace; and Major Benjamin R. Clyburn. Alexander McNeill served in the Secession Guards, Company F, and 2nd South Carolina Regiment from April 17, 1861, to May 2, 1865



The Battle of Gettysburg July 1-3, 1863

The regiment lost 52 men killed, 100 wounded and 17 missing out of 412 men engaged in fighting around the Bliss farm and the Wheatfield on July 2. Colonel Kennedy was wounded on July 2 and Lt. Colonel Gaillard took command of the regiment. Captains George M. McDowall and Robert C.

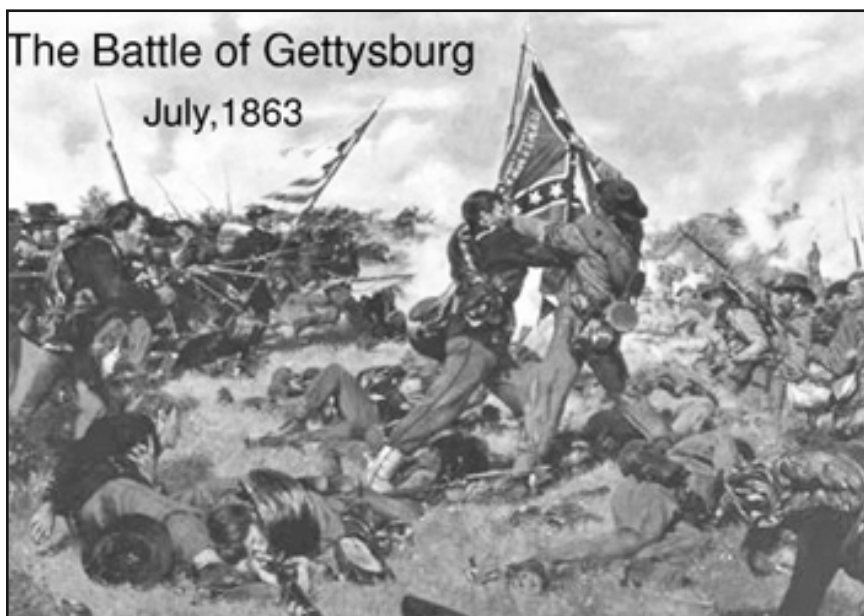
Pulliam were mortally wounded, Captain Benjamin Clyburn was wounded, and 2nd Lieutenant William S. Bissell was wounded and captured.

From Kershaw's Brigade marker on the Gettysburg battlefield:

The 8th and 2d Regiments and 3d Battalion shared in the attack on Peach Orchard and batteries near there on Wheatfield Road.

Source:

The National Park Service



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Rededication Of Long Canes Massacre Site

Battle of Long Canes and Fort Boone

Historical Markers

March 11, 2018 - 3:00 PM

Directions from Troy, SC

Signs will mark the route from Troy. All attendees please come in from Troy.

Take **SC Highway 10 to Troy** (appx. 18 miles from Greenwood). Turn **right into West Main Street** at Troy (cross railroad tracks, Troy Fire Dept. will be on your right). Follow **West Main Street** and it will turn into

Church Street; next, turn left onto **Hall**

Street (a historical sign marks this turn). You will bear right onto **W. Charleston Road** and



continue on this paved road (appx. 3 miles) until the pavement ends; continue on the gravel road to the **right (West Charleston Road)**; do not turn left onto the Forest Service Road (a sign will direct you to the right). Continue three miles to the **FIRST STOP** on the left (Indian Massacre Road). Cars will be parked here. There is a **SHORT** walk to the massacre site from here. If you wish to sit please bring a stool. It is not necessary to do this.

GPS coordinates: 33.99484 -82.33935

After service, car travel will continue from Massacre site to the Fort Boone and Battle marker site along **West Charleston Road** in the direction of Hwy. 28 (appx two miles).



In Memory of Mrs. Cathrine Calhoun. Aged 76 Years who with 22 others was here Murdered by the Indians the First of Feb. 1760

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