

Greenwood County Historical Society

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President's Message September 2018

It has been a while since we have been together! WOW, where did the summer go! Hopefully we are ready for some cool weather and all that Fall brings. We appreciate those that attended our last meeting in June! Those in attendance were treated to a great program on the history and goings of Connie Maxwell and the Connie Maxwell Church from Jay Collins and Doug Kauffman. Those in attendance had great things to say about the program. Thanks to the presenters for their work. Please see the future schedule below.

The Tabernacle Cemetery subcommittee has begun work on its future. This groups quest will be to plan, coordinate, maintain and upkeep, and, most importantly, look at future sustainability of this property. Missy Lowery has accepted the task and will direct this group. We look forward to hearing a report at our September meeting.

It's that time. Our annual GCHS Architectural Preservation and Restoration Awards time that is. If you have a property you would like to nominate please see a board member, go online, or ask for an application for these awards. We would like to have all nominations back in by October 30, 2018. You can give to a board member, email to ctinsley63@yahoo.com, OR mail the application to our mailing address: GCHS PO Box 49653 Greenwood SC 29646. Thanks for your help.

We will hold our next meeting in the Public Library, BUT we will meet upstairs in the genealogy room. We will hear a presentation from Warren Patterson and Jim Ravencraft on the vast amount of information the library holds in the Genealogical room at YOUR disposal, both online and on reserve. Please come out and let anyone that may be interested in this topic know. ALL are welcome to attend.

Dates for 2018:

September 30- Roundtable Share genealogy and information at our local library **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. Anyone interested in revamping/updating and working with our current website PLEASE contact Missy Lowery or me. This is a great need.

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.

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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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Martin Hackett Jr., son of Martin Hackett and Frances Garrett Hackett, may have lived in the vicinity of his brother William Hackett's home west of the present Epworth for a time but he made his first home, evidently, a few miles away and near the original settlement of the Rev. John Waller near and some distance back of the present home of D. B. Vines. Martin Hackett's first wife was Matilda Waller, daughter of Benjamin Waller and Joanna Thompson Waller. After the death of Benjamin Waller, she married second Stephen Watson and after Watson's death she married Charles McGehee.

Martin Hackett Jr. spent many years of his life in Greenwood and located here, so early as 1831, according to the late C. M. Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun said Mr. Hackett removed the house, which he occupied in Greenwood from Old Cambridge in that year. He cited as his authority, Mrs. Stanley Crews who was Amelia Waller before her marriage, and Mrs. Crews said she was born in this old house when it stood in or near Cambridge. The house is still standing here and is now owned by Ben. M. Hollingsworth and it is just off Cambridge street on Hackett street and is No. 138 on Hackett street. It has been restored and improved and seems to be good for another hundred years.

This house does not seem to be able to claim the title of the oldest house in Greenwood but it would seem to be the second oldest at least. The oldest house, from the best traditions, is a small building on Cokesbury street – the old Cokesbury road – just at the top of the hill after crossing the branch and on the right going northwest toward Reynolds street, from Cambridge street. This quaint little old house for many years was owned by Ike Walker, the well known shoemaker. It has changed owners several times in recent years.

The little old house was also said to have once stood in Old Cambridge and was torn down, all such work was done very carefully, and rebuilt here by Paschal Klugh who owned it for a number of years. He sold the place to the Greenwood Educational Association and this Association finally sold it to the Rev. John McLees, the venerable and beloved Presbyterian minister here. He lived there until "After the War", all of his children having been born in that house, and then he

sold it and bought the house on New Market street – now owned by Miss Hattie Hodges – where he spent the rest of his life.

Paschal Klugh, after selling the little house so long the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLees, removed to Cokesbury where he lived until his death. He had one son to reach maturity, Dr. Henry Klugh, who lived on the road to Abbeville, just over the present county line. This site is now owned by H. S. Scott, who has a new home built there.

At least one other house standing in Greenwood can claim to have once stood in or near Old Cambridge. This is a small double room house in the back yard of the McLees place on New Market street, just mentioned above. This little old house was removed here by Dr. S. V. Caine from Cambridge and used by him until the larger house could be completed. One and perhaps some other old houses here "said" to have been taken down and brought to Greenwood from Old Cambridge do not have a clear pedigree in that behalf. The three mentioned above, however, seem to have a clear title.

The Hackett house, brought here by Martin Hackett, may have been built near Cambridge by the brother-in-law of Hackett, as it was the birthplace of Mrs. Stanley Crews who was Amelia Waller, daughter of Thomas Baxter Waller and Sara White Waller. Anyway it was the home here of Martin Hackett and his first wife Matilda Waller. These and several children, only one of whom lived to reach maturity, Almena Hackett. Two girls, Joanna Waller Hackett and Caroline Matilda Hackett died young. Other children were William C. Hackett, died Aug. 15, 1853, aged 23 years, and Leonard Waller Hackett (who) died young. Martin Hackett married second Adeline W. King. His first wife Matilda Waller was born Nov. 25, 1794, married Martin Hackett on Sept. 3, 1816 and died Dec. 31, 1835. Adeline W. King was born Jan. 28, 1813, married Martin Hackett Apr. 13, 1837, as noted above, and she died May 30, 1839. Martin Hackett and his first and second wives are all buried in the Waller-Hackett family burying ground on the D. B. Vines place, one wife on each side. The date of his birth on his gravestone is May 2, 1787 while in the family Bible the date is May 2, 1785.

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There were no children of the marriage of Martha Hackett and Adeline W. King, but there were children of his third marriage to Mrs. Reuben F. Hutchison of Phoenix. Mrs. Hutchison was Mary Lipscomb, daughter of Thomas Lipscomb Sr. and Elizabeth Waller Lipscomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison were married May 9, 1831. They had only one child Columbus Hutchison whose tragic death in Mexico has been described. He went to California in the "Gold Rush" after 1849 with a party from this section but instead of going on to California he joined a party under a Capt. Crabbe and went south into Mexico. The entire body, with one exception, of over one hundred men were captured and shot by the Mexicans. The one boy spared, a youth from Kentucky, was told to notify the relatives of those killed. He did so and that was the way Mrs. Hutchison found out what had happened to her first born son. Mr. Hutchison had died some years before.

After the death of Mr. Hutchison, Mrs. Mary Lipscomb Hutchison married Martin Hackett, (for) his third wife. They had three children, Leonard Waller Hackett who died young; Thomas Lipscomb Hackett born Dec. 11, 1845, enlisted in Confederate service and was killed Aug. 23, 1864 at Ream's Station; and third Julia Hackett who married Dr. E. T. McSwain and died June 25, 1864. They had a daughter who married Maj. H. F. Galphin of Ninety Six.

Ms. Julia McSwain Galphin was the only child of Dr. E. T. McSwain and Julia Hackett McSwain. After the death of his first wife, Dr. McSwain, who lived at Cross Hill, married second Janie McGowan, of the McGowan family of that community; and they had several children, one of whom was the late Congressman John J. McSwain of Greenville.

Martin Hackett, after living in Greenwood for many years, returned to his old community where he still owned considerable land and lived on his farm near the present D. B. Vines place and then later returned to Greenwood after the War Between the States. He died in Greenwood Dec. 26, 1869. The Martin Hackett house out in the country was burned many years ago. The house site and some of the land are owned by J. M. Marshall. Hackett branch and the Hackett Bottoms are local names which date back to the Hackett ownership.

The only child to reach maturity of Martin Hackett and his first wife Matilda Waller Hackett was Almena Hackett who married Thomas Lipscomb Coleman. They lived for a number of years in Greenwood in a house next door to the Martha Hackett house at what is now 138 Hackett street. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman had

one son to reach maturity, Martin Hackett Coleman, long a merchant at New Market and owner of much farm land in that section. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Thom. L. Coleman who died young were James Hackett Coleman and Ann Elizabeth Coleman, both of whom died in 1855; Thos. Waller Coleman died in 1861, age six; and Carrie Lee Coleman and an infant also named James Coleman.

Thomas L. Coleman and his father-in-law Martin Hackett were both members of Lebanon Methodist church below New Market.

Thomas L. Coleman was a son of James Coleman of Old Cambridge, and Mrs. Nancy White Coleman. Mr. Coleman had been married previously and had several children who removed to Florida. The name of only one of them is available and that is Madison Coleman. He was, it may be recalled, one of the three mischievous young men of Old Cambridge who played the prank on mountain folks camping nearby Cambridge and trading there. The other two young men were Albert Dozier and James Patterson. These lads told the mountain people that if they would only put tar on the tip of their noses that they would be safe against "the fever" which was supposed to be very prevalent then around Cambridge.

James Coleman was head of the Cambridge Library Association at Cambridge the successor of the Cambridge Educational Association. He was a man of landed property. A member of the family in Edgefield mentions a tradition that he owned a brick house at Cambridge. This is hardly likely.

James Coleman died in 1829 and letters of administration on his estate were granted to Albert Waller and Larkin Griffin both at Abbeville and at Edgefield. Four years prior to this James Coleman was appointed administrator in Edgefield at the estate of James J. Coleman and it would appear very probably that James was the son of this James J. Coleman.

Undoubtedly James J. Coleman lived near Old Cambridge as well as James Coleman, for the list of buyers at the sale of the property of James J. Coleman on Jan. 23, 1826 contain the following residents of the Old Cambridge section, viz: Joseph Griffin, Larkin Griffin, Abraham Pool, Nathan Lipscomb, William Ross, Federick "Fed" Rose, John Nicholls, Reuben Cooper, James Gaulding, James Creswell, Alan C. Harris, Wm. Carter, Lyttleton Myrick, John D. Williams, G. W. Williams and Sarah Coleman, the widow of James J. Coleman.

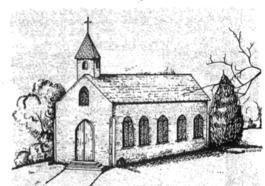
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GCHS Meeting-Sunday, September 30 – Uncovering Greenwood's own genealogical treasures

If you have every wondered how to better trace your family, join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 30, at the Greenwood County Library in the

Genealogical Room on the 2nd floor for a panel discussion on uncovering genealogies jewels. From the books, databases and access to the internet, our panel of three experts will show the way to find what you are looking for. Please join our speakers Warren Patterson, Wayne Cameron and Jim Ravencraft as they unlock the maps to the treasures of the past.

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