

#### The Land: Charleston & Carolina Est. 1670

THE BACK STORY:
HISTORY OF THE LAND & THE
PEOPLE

The Piedmont area was called "The Back Country". The beginning or "foothills" of the Blue Ridge Mountains was called "The Ridge"

\*The Natives: "Those That Were Here" - Saluda & Cherokee Indians

\*The Europeans: "Those That Came Here" – Free White Colonizers

\*The Africans: "Those Who Were Brought Here" – Enslaved Africans

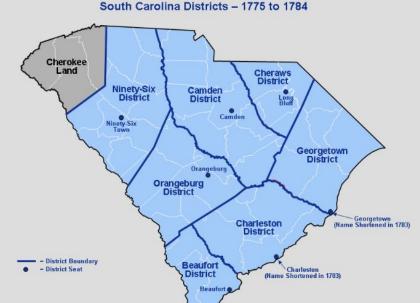
The Watson Ancestors Came to "The Ridge" in 1745 with enslaved people

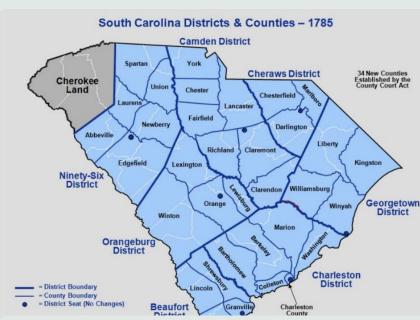
1755 Natives & Colonists signed a Treaty

1768- South Carolina was divided into 7 Judicial Districts ("96<sup>th</sup> District)

1785 – The Early Counties (Edgefield County)

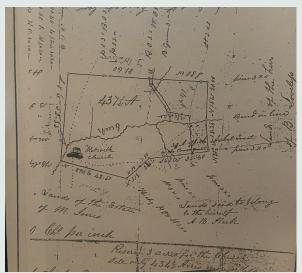


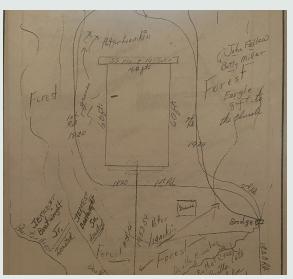




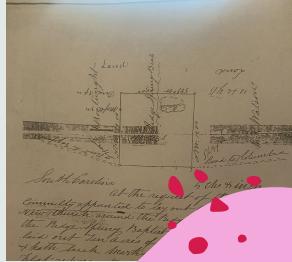
# THE CHURCHES HAD WHITE & BLACK ENSLAVED MEMBERS FROM THE START

- 1. Flat Rock Baptist Church est. 1804
- 2. Bethel Baptist Church est. 1820
- 3. Ridge Spring Baptist Church est. 1856









## RIDGE SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH EST. 1856 WITH 19 WHITE MEMBERS & 77 ENSLAVED BLACK MEMBERS

### Church list:

List: White slave owners & those they enslaved

The 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor: Rev. William Brooker (1856-1858)

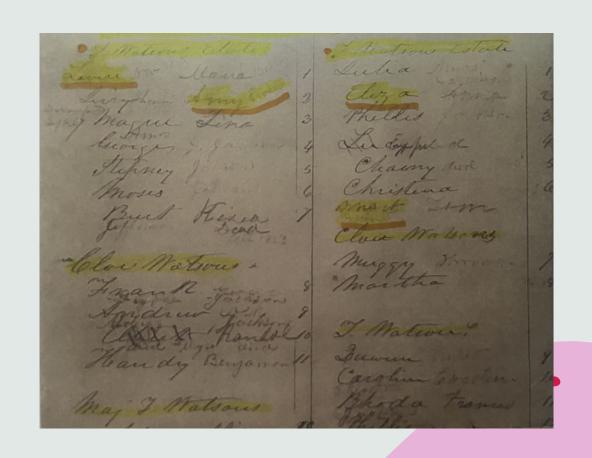
In1858, the church had 2 preachers

Bro. James Peterson (for the White members)

Bro. Jones (for the Black Members)

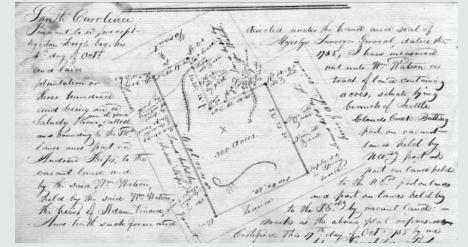
Levin & Eliza Peterson and Smart & Amy Irvin

Were owned by the Stanmore Watson Estate



## THE SLAVE OWNING FAMILY OF MINGO'S FAMILY William Watson's 1758 Plat & Stanmore Watson's 1838 plat

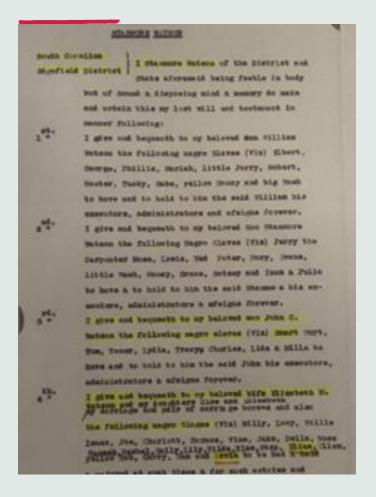
- 1. William Watson (1702-1767)
- 2. Capt. Michael Watson (1726-1782)
- 3. Elijah Watson (1775-1841) married Chole <u>Wimberly</u> (1783-1865)
- 4. Stanmore Watson (1805-1849)
  married Elizabeth Hutchinson (1820-1901)

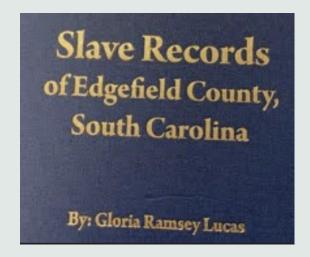






## THE SLAVE RECORDS will of Stanmore Watson 2/7/1849





Name	Leven
Race	Black
Residence Place	Edgefield, South Carolina, USA
Date Bought	16 Apr 1849
Price	\$600.00
Page number	411
Role	Enslaved Person
Previous Owner/New Owner	Stanmore Watson Elizabeth, Cloe and Elizabeth Watson
Name	Eliza
Name Race	Eliza Black
Race	Black Edgefield, South Carolina,
Race Residence Place	Black Edgefield, South Carolina, USA
Race Residence Place Date Bought	Black Edgefield, South Carolina, USA 16 Apr 1849
Race Residence Place Date Bought Price	Black Edgefield, South Carolina, USA 16 Apr 1849 \$755.00

<b>Detail</b> Source	
Name	Smart
Race	Black
Residence Place	Edgefield, South Carolina, USA
Date Bought	16 Apr 1849
Price	\$150.00
Page number	412
Role	Enslaved Person
Previous Owner/New Owner	Stanmore Watson John C. Watson
Name	Amy

Name	Amy
Race	Black
Residence Place	Edgefield, South Carolina, USA
Date Bought	16 Apr 1849
Price	\$400.00
Page number	411
Role	Enslaved Person
Previous Owner/New Owner	Stanmore Watson Stanmore Watson

# FREEDOM COMES! (1861-1865)

1<sup>st</sup> shots of the Civil War April 12, 1865

1<sup>st</sup> Freed November 7-10, 1861

1<sup>st</sup> Black Civil War Soldiers Aug. 10, 1862

Emancipation Proclamation Jan. 1, 1863

Gen. Sherman marches thru SC Feb. 1865

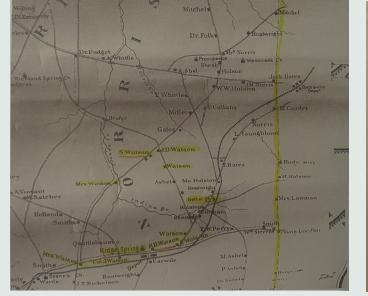
Gen. Lee surrenders April 9, 1865

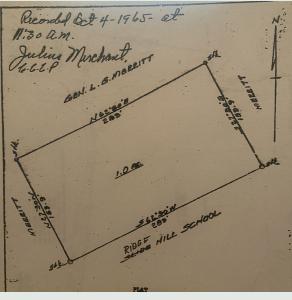


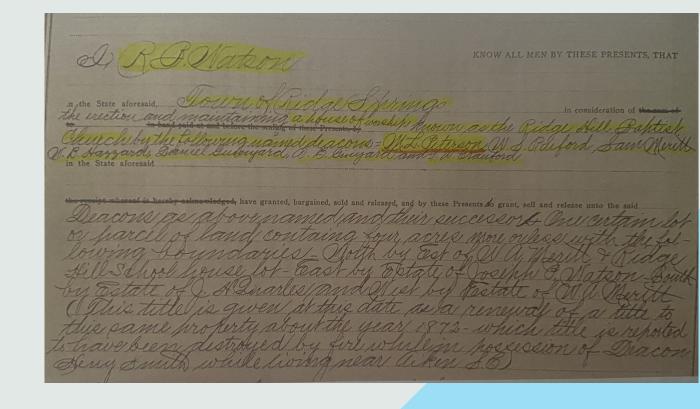
## NEW BEGINNINGS! RIDGE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH EST. 1870

Ridge Hill Baptist Church est. 1870

1872: Col. Robert Briggs Watson, the brother of Stanmore Watson, deeded 4 acres of land to build the Ridge Hill Baptist Church Sanctury







## MINGO'S FAMILY

(1) Tom & Rose Watson - Levin Peterson -m- Eliza Wimberly - Smart Irvin -m- Amy Watson (b.1830) (b.1840) (b.1823) (b.1830)

(2) Walter Hammond –m- Alice Watson - Mingo Peterson married Hannah Irvin
(b. 1856) (b.1862) (1856-1919) (1860-1932)

(3) Millege Hammond -m- Eliza Peterson

(1881)





(1884)

