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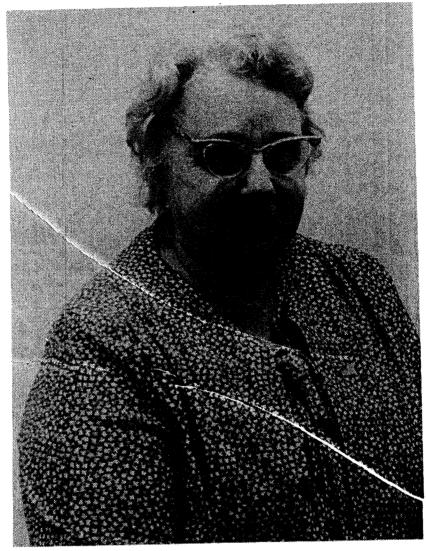
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Dedication



This book is dedicated to Mrs. Julia Jean Woodson, a member of the Pendleton Genealogical Society, for her untiring efforts in bringing the Pickens County Cemetery Books to fruition. Julia Jean, daughter of Wade Hampton Harrison and Julia Leona Ergle Harrison, was born in Greenville, South Carolina, on January 21, 1918. She attended Mars Hill College for two years. In 1939 she married William Ernest Woodson and they have three children: Laurie, Nancy, and Charles.

Mrs. Woodson became interested in genealogy when she was a high school student and this interest has continued to the present. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Liberty Presbyterian Church, Sarlin

Community Library, and the Pickens County Historical Society.

Already having spent many hours on research, she was most willing to help with the cemetery project when it began in 1976. She has read inscriptions on many cemeteries included in both Volume I and Volume II of the Pickens County Cemetery Books. Some others involved in this project are: Sara Timms, Era Davis, Ed Veddar, Marion Whitehurst, Bernice Hardin, Bruce Pruitt, Mrs. Hugh Webb, Robert Borgman, Ed and Virginia Frierson, John and Verne McCravy, Stan McGaha, Patricia Fagan, Riggs and Margaret Goodman, Sarah Morris, Judy Millar, William Allgood, Faith Clayton, and Bess Bowen.

Without Mrs. Woodson's untiring efforts, her sense of humor, and ability to see a project to its completion, this book could not have been published. Therefore, the Pendleton Genealogical Society and its President, Anne Sheriff, dedicate this second Volume to Julia

Jean Harrison Woodson with sincere appreciation.

INTRODUCTION

A project of the newly organized Pendleton District Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society was to read and publish inscriptions from family and church cemeteries of Pickens and Oconee Counties. Old Pendleton District was a gateway to the West for the migration from eastern United States. Many people from the East came to this area after the Revolutionary War; some made permanent homes while others went on searching for bigger and better things. This area was formerly Cherokee Indian Territory, ceded to the new Federal government by the Treaty of 1777. Heretofore, very few white settlers located in this northwestern section of Ninety-six District until after the War for Independence.

The two counties, similar in nature, are typical foothills of the Blue Ridge chain of mountains. Settlers were granted land by "headrights" and settlements sprang up near rivers and creeks. There was a common characteristic of the people in these counties - they were rugged, industrious and accepted the challenges of both nature and man. However, the seat of government was in Charleston - the entire length of the state away. This was inconvenient for the settler due to travel by horseback or wagon over Indian trails.

The area, named Pickens District, was carved out of Pendleton District in 1826 and a courthouse was built near the geographical center and was known as "Old Pickens." In 1868, the District was divided into present day Oconee and Pickens Counties with courthouses at Walhalla and "New" Pickens, respectively.

The pioneers who went west left kinsmen here. Now their descendants are tracing family history and often the answers to their inquiries are found in our early family, church and community cemeteries. For this reason, the reading and publishing of cemetery data became our priority project. This mammoth undertaking required dedicated and competent persons to perform the task due to the large number of these cemeteries and the great distances to be traveled searching for them. Because of the large number of people who have participated in the work, it would not be fair to select only a few to name here.

It may be wondered why the OLD STONE CHURCH CEMETERY has not been included here or in Volume I. This is because a record of burials there is available already. It can be ordered from Mrs. L. G. Rich, Box 1185, Clemson, SC 29631. Price \$6.00 + .75 postage.

CEMETERY INDEX

UNIDENTIFIED CEMETERIES - Several of these have been grouped together on page 165 giving location and a few bits of information.

- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH On Shallowford Road just off of SC11, near Keowee-Toxaway State Park.
- BOGGS, JANE FAMILY CEMETERY Take US178 south from Liberty, SC to Golden Grove Wesleyan Church and turn right on Cassell Road.
- BOGGS, JOE FAMILY CEMETERY Across from Flat Rock Baptist Church which is 5 miles south of Liberty, SC on US178.
- 166 CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH South of Liberty, SC near the junction of Hwy. 39-166 and SC135 on Carmel Church Road.
- 164 CLAYTON, SILAS CEMETERY South of Liberty, SC on Hwy. 39-27 to Chastain Road then west about 1.5 miles on top of hill.
 - COVE CREEK CHURCH Take US178 north from Pickens, SC. About 1.5 miles north of Hwy. 39-156 turn right about 0.5 mile.
 - DAY CEMETERY East from Easley, SC on US123 turn right on HWY. 39-28. Across from Ingles store in Forest Acres. ELLENBURG See HOLDEN.
- GEORGES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH On Saluda Dam Road east of Easley, SC business district about 3.5 miles.
- GLENN HENDRICKS CEMETERY Take SC288 (Gayley Mill Road) from Pumpkintown, SC toward Marietta about 3 miles to pasture near house on left side of road.
- Going from Table Rock toward Salem, SC turn right on Eastatoe Road near Antioch Baptist Church. Follow signs for and past McKinneys Chapel and turn right. Cemetery is on hill before the bridge. Tomb rocks have been bulldozed by loggers and are unreadable. Two were moved to Whitewater Church in North Carolina.

HENDRICKS - See GLENN

- HOLDEN PARSONS ELLENBURG CEMETERY See PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH. Turn left before Pine Grove Church near SC11.
 - HOLLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH North of Pickens, SC on US178. About 1/4 mile south of SC11.

HUNT - See WHITMIRE.

- KINGS GROVE CHURCH, NEW At intersection of Hwys. 39-291 and 39-160 southeast of Six Mile, SC.
- 164 LEWIS, JACOB Off Hwy. 39-142 (Nine Times Road) south of SC11.
- LEWIS, MARY Located across from William Lynch Cemetery, which see. Is on the Gauley Golf Course and on the Oolenoy River.

- 201 LIBERTY CEMETERY On South Peachtree Street in Liberty, SC.
- LYNCH, WILLIAM CEMETERY Take US178 north from Pickens, SC and turn right on SC11 to Hwy. 39-69 (Sliding Rock Road). Turn left about one mile to dirt road and turn right. In the woods near Gauleys Golf Course.
- MCDOW WERNER CEMETERY Take US123 east from Clemson, SC and turn left on Isaqueena Trail (39-30). Then turn right on Old Shirley Road. Keep left past Old Pendleton Road. Watch for steel tower power line. Then walk left off Old Shirley about 400 yards to crest of hill. On left in woods near power line.
 - MILE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH On SC133 north of SC183. About 2 miles past Hwy 39-327.
- MOUNT BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH West about one mile from Pickens, SC on SC183 and turn right on Hwy 39-32 (Shady Grove Road) for about 2 miles to Mount Bethel Road. Turn right for less than a mile and turn right again on Mount Bethel Church Road.
 - MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH, NEW North from Pickens, SC on US178 to Hwy. 39-156 (Mountain Grove Church Road) and turn left. Go past Porters Chapel about 1.7 miles.
 - 1 MOUNT ZION CEMETERY Just south of Central, SC on the right of SC93.
- MOUNTAIN GROVE CEMETERY, OLD From Pickens, SC go north on US178 to Gravely Road (39-272) and turn left about 4 miles to Artie Drive on the left. Turn right there and go up the drive of Lee Todd. Graves are in a pasture.

MOUNTAIN SPRING CHURCH - See MOUNTAIN GROVE

- MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH North from SC183 on Hwy. 39-158 about 6 miles west of Pickens, SC. At fork of Mile Creek and Mountain View Roads about 1.5 miles north of SC183.
- NINE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH Near corner of SC186 and Shoals Creek Road.
 - OATES FAMILY CEMETERY At junction of US123 and SC8, take Frontage Road, on south side of 123, east to end and turn right to cemetery on left.
 - PARROTT FAMILY CEMETERY One mile south of SC11 toward Shady Grove Road on Hwy. 39-49.

PARSONS - See HOLDEN.

- PETERS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Turn left on Pac's Bridge Road about one mile north of Nine Forks Baptist Church, which see, on SC186. About 2 miles from SC186.
 - 197 PICKENS MILL CEMETERY An extension of PICKENS SUNRISE which see.
 - PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH On SC183 within Pickens, SC city limits.
 - PICKENS SUNRISE CEMETERY Cedar Rock Rd. east from SC8 within Pickens, SC city limits.

- PICKENS VIEW WESLEYAN CHURCH South of intersection of SC8 and Hwy. 39-267 south of Pickens, SC.
- PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Take SC133 north from SC183 to 0.3 mile beyond Hwy. 39-32. Turn left 2 miles on Pine Grove Church Road. Two miles on right.
- PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH 2.5 miles north from Pumpkintown, SC and turn right on Hwy. 39-112.
- PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH 4.5 miles north of Clemson, SC on SC133.
- PORTERS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH North from Pickens, SC on US178, turn left on Hwy. 39-156 0.5 mile.
- PRATERS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH North from Norris, SC on Hwy. 39-51, then Hwy. 39-159 to church.
- RACKLEY FAMILY CEMETERY Behind and to the left of Pine Grove Baptist Church, which see.
- RED HILL BAPTIST CHURCH North 0.5 mile from Pickens, SC on US178 to Hwy. 39-23, then left 2.3 miles to Hwy. 39-174, then right to church.
- Go north 5.4 miles on SC133 from SC183 to Newton Road. (Cross over Crow Creek). Turn at first left onto Crenshaw Road. Cemetery is above second house on the right.
 - ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH US123 east from Easley, SC. Turn right opposite Saco Lowell plant.
- 196 ROCKY BOTTOM BAPTIST CHURCH US178 at Rocky Bottom, SC.
- ROPER, ABSOLOM Take SC8 north from Pickens, SC to Trotter Hill Road. On Trotter farm.
- 165 ROPER, HARRISON See ABSOLUM ROPER CEMETERY.
- SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH SC133 north from SC183 at intersection of Hwy. 39-32.
- SMITH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH West of Easley, SC on SC93, then left on Smith Grove Road.
- STEWART, ABE From Pickens, SC take US178 to north of SC186, turn left then go one mile and turn left once more and across an old iron bridge. Cemetery is on a hill to the left of the bridge. On Lois Chappell Bonis place.
- STEWART FAMILY CEMETERY Take SC133 noeth from SC183 about 1/4 mile past Little Crowe Creek Rd. Turn right on Old Abe Stewart Road and go 1/2 mile to old Stewart home site. Turn right on logging road about 1/3 mile. Graves on left in grove of cedar trees. Some graves are on top of the hill.
- 157 TABOR METHODIST CHURCH West Cedar Rock Road from SC8 just south of Pickens, SC.
- TWELVE MILE MEETING HOUSE 4 miles west from Pickens, SC on left side of SC183. Meeting House has been removed.

- WATT CEMETERY Take US178 north from Pickens, SC to Midway Road (39-34) on right. Grave is in field on left, across from Midway Grocery Store, near intersection.
- WELCOME BAPTIST CHURCH Hwy. 39-337 (Maw Bridge Road) north of Central, SC.

WERNER - See MCDOW.

- WHITMIRE HUNT CEMETERY Between Marietta and Dacusville, SC.

 Take Freeman Bridge Road and go to power line on metal towers,
 near a small creek. From Dacusville, graves are on right, under
 power line, 1/4 mile from road.
- WHITMIRE, MARY From US178, go west on SC11 about 5 miles to Eastatoe Creek Road (39-143), then about 2 miles to 39-100. Then left to McKinneys Chapel. Grave is beside the lake across from McKinneys Mountain. Need help to locate.
- WILLIAMS FAMILY CEMETERY Peachtree Extension, Liberty, SC. about 2.5 miles from SC93.
- 200 YOUNG YONGUE FAMILY CEMETERY About 1/2 mile behind Holly Springs School just south of SC11 on US178.
- YOUNGBLOOD FAMILY CEMETERY In woods near junction of US178 and Hwy. 39-33.

ABBREVIATIONS

b. - Born

d. - Died

m. - Married

s/o - Son of

d/o - Daughter of

c/o - Child(ren) of

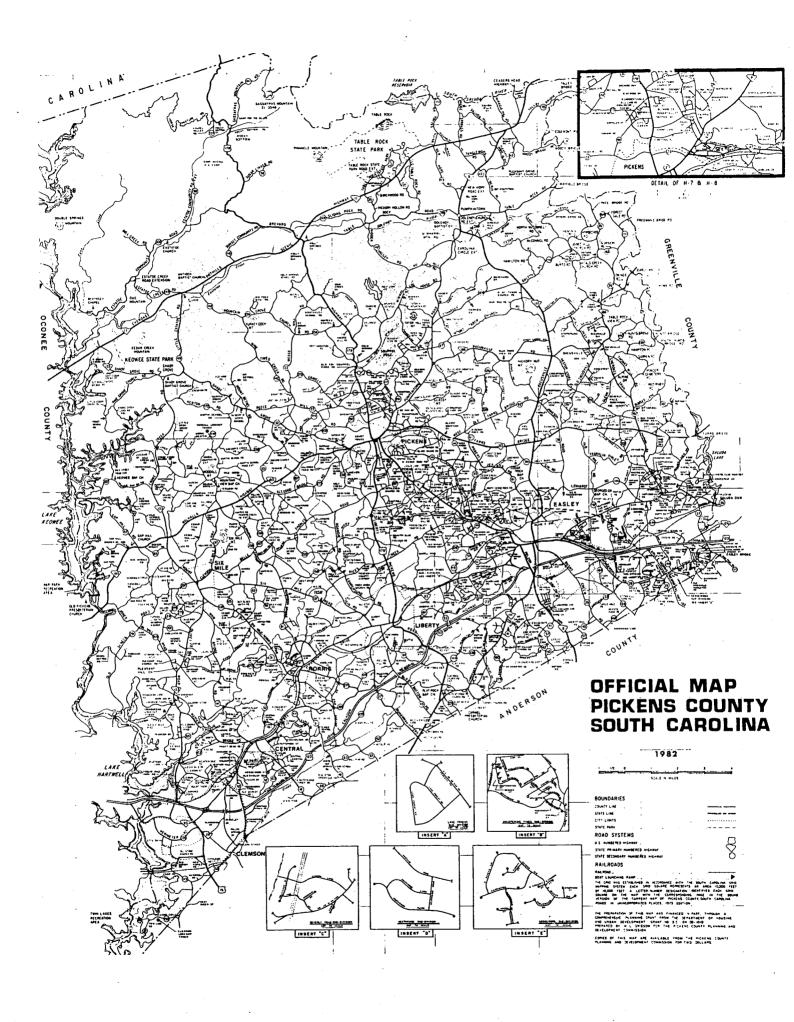
w/o - Wife of

Inf./o - Infant of

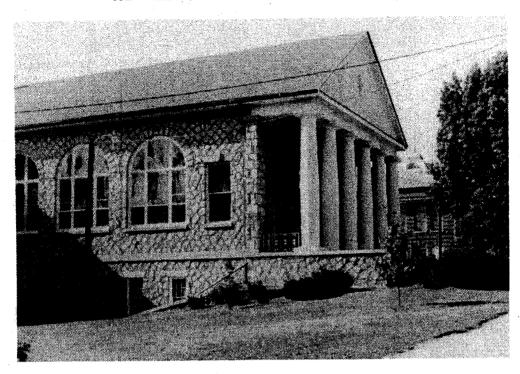
 $WOW-Woodsmen\ of\ the\ World$

C.S.A. – Confederate States Army

(FM) - Funeral Marker



MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Mt. Zion had its beginning as early as 1830 and was a rough hand-hewn log building. It was located not far from Twelve Mile River and was called the Twelve Mile Meeting House. We believe it was situated near the old cemetery, now called Ballentine Cemetery from the family who once owned the land adjoining it. This cemetery is about two miles north of Central, SC on the left of Johnson Rd. leading to Norris.

Later, a log church called Mt. Zion was built near what is now Mt. Zion Cemetery. It was burned. Other log buildings were used until a small frame church was built in 1860. It was built on what was known as "the flat" where the upward slope to the cemetery begins. This first frame church of 1860 was a rough weather-boarded structure, unceiled, once painted white on the outside, but unpainted inside. The seats were homemade with slabs across the back. There was an old fashioned box pulpit with steps down and a door at the side of the church.

In 1886 a much finer building stood on the knoll about where the old cemetery ends and served the congregation until 1923 when a church

was built within the town limits of Central.

Some of the pastors include: Henry Gaines, Robert Gaines, Barrett Gaines, T. H. Edwards, J. M. Carlisle. Some early families were Gaines, Gassaways, Lawrences, Maws, Philpots, Brocks, Dillards, Olivers, Robinsons, Powers, and Morgans.

Source: Central, Yesterday and Today by Mattie May Morgan Allen