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This Volume is dedicated to

Vernon Kirkpatrick

Member of Columbia Chapter, SCGS

For his dedication to cemetery preservation in Richland County, South Carolina

FOREWORD

Members of the Columbia Chapter of the SCGS compiled this collection of cemetery records. The members realized a need to preserve the records for future reference and this volume is the culmination of many years of their work. Presented here are records from cemeteries located in the Southeast area of Richland County and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. It is not a comprehensive collection of all cemeteries but are those that could be identified by our members and other interested persons. Each listed cemetery has been surveyed, recorded, resurveyed and updated in the last four years. Some of them have been resurveyed and updated in 2006. Survey dates can be found in Appendix B with the location information for each cemetery. The records of Fort Jackson were compiled in the early 1980's by Lael Hoopes as part of an Eagle Scout project. Today, much of this information cannot be verified as many of the cemeteries on Fort Jackson are in restricted areas. The information in this volume is a reprint of the original records of Fort Jackson. All information found in these records are actual transcriptions from the markers in the cemeteries with some notations of blank stones and unidentifiable markers. Most cemeteries also contained a number of other unmarked graves or unreadable markers that are not for the most part noted.

Care has been taken to make sure that each transcribed record is an exact copy of the information on the marker including spelling and dates. However, allowance for human error must be made in instances where the markers have eroded over time and are so faded and indistinct the surveyors had to determine the spelling or the dates as best they could. The markers are made from all types of materials many of them standing the test of time while others have faded and are all but gone. The survey teams have found the cemeteries in various conditions. Many of them are well cared for while others are all but lost. The records of burials are not always available to family researchers so they must rely on what information they find on the grave markers. Many times, this information leads researchers to other records, which can be used to verify their findings.

In this volume the cemeteries are listed in alphabetical order. The entries for each cemetery are arranged in placement groupings within the cemetery. The comments column contains other information found on the markers including military service records, family relationships, special designations and joint marker indications. Abbreviations used throughout are listed in Appendix A. Cemetery location information can be found in Appendix B. The surveys have spanned a 20-year period during which many of the markers have disappeared. An asterisk after the surname indicates that the marker was in the cemetery when the original survey was made but was not located during the resurvey. Also included is an index of all the graves that gives last name, first name and page number. Wives, children and parents listed in the comments column are not indexed.

Records from previous surveys of cemeteries in the Southeast area were found in some old files of the Columbia Chapter. Current survey teams were unable to resurvey or verify those because they could not be located or they had been heavily overgrown, destroyed, were on posted property, or were otherwise inaccessible. Goodwin Cemetery is the only one in this volume. It appears in regular alphabetical order of cemetery listings.

While the main objective of this publication is the preservation of cemetery records, it is hopeful that other purposes will be served. We hope it will be helpful for people researching Richland County history and that it will create an interest in family history that will inspire the present generation to begin to record their family data while parents and grandparents can still help. Additional volumes are planned for other parts of Richland County.

The Columbia Chapter gratefully acknowledges the work of its members, past and present, which have made this publication possible. Over the twenty-five year span of this work, so many members have contributed to its compilation in one form or another so that it is not possible to recognize all of them here. The Society would like to thank Mark Lynn, Archie Blanks, Clyde Waters, Robert Smith and Gene Osburn for their recent work on this volume. We are also indebted to the late Vernon Kirkpatrick for his tireless work in preserving the cemetery and burial records of Richland County. Frances Osburn, President, Columbia Chapter, SCGS.