

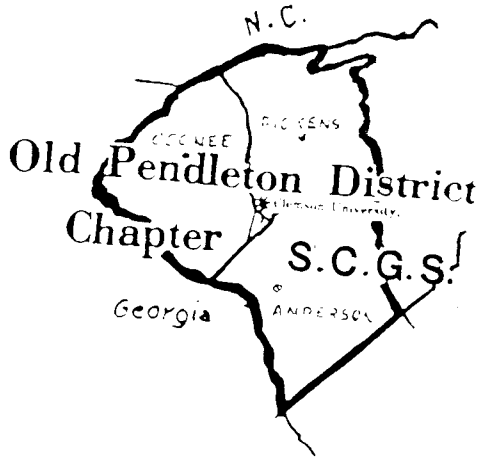
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**MEETINGS**

**NOVEMBER MEETING, Wednesday November 28**  
at 7:30 PM, will be at our new location  
in the meeting room at the South  
Carolina National Bank on Highway 123  
nearly across from the Holiday Inn. **NOTE**  
**THAT THE DATE OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING**  
**HAS BEEN CHANGED FOR THIS MEETING ONLY**  
**TO ACCOMODATE OUR SPEAKER.**

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER** but  
a Newsletter will be issued.

**SPECIAL TREAT FOR NOVEMBER MEETING. See**  
**President's letter below.**



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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

At the November meeting, we will have as our guest speaker Mr. Ronald A. Bremer of Salt Lake City who has had forty years experience as a genealogist and is a former Research Specialist for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He is the author of two books and a contributor to numerous genealogical magazines. He has personally visited the major genealogical record centers in every state and province in North America. He is a popular and sought after speaker.

We hope that all local members will make a special effort to be present and that you will invite guests who might be interested in becoming members of our genealogical society.

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**FAMILY \$16.00**

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## AN ALEXANDER FAMILY DURING THE CIVIL WAR

Contributed by member Ayliffe J. Bogle, 26 Pioneer Trail, Marietta, GA 30068

The complete family of Fountain Alexander, listed below has been extracted from "Alexander Families, of Upper South Carolina", compiled by Peggy Rich and Marion Ard Whitehurst, narrative by Jerry L. Alexander, privately printed 1988.

The letter which follows the family listing below was written by Henson A. Alexander to his brother and sister-in-law, David A. and Sarah (Anderson) Alexander in the summer of 1862 while stationed on the Chickahominy River near Richmond. According to Ms Bogle, he was born about 1843 in Pickens Co., SC, son of Fountain and Emelia (Watson) Alexander. Henson died near Petersburg in early 1865. At the time of the letter, his brother David had enrolled at Pocatigo and was quartered at Camp Goldsmith, dying of disease 29 April 1863. Of three brothers, only Milton survived to return to Pickens County and family.

- 1) Fountain Alexander, b. June 1801 in NC, d. 14 October 1856; m. 1) Emelia Watson, d. by 1850, dau. of Thomas Watson and Elizabeth (Coats) Watson.

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- 2) DAVID A., b. 28 June 1829 in SC, d. 20 April 1863, bur. Nimmons - Anderson Cem., Pickens Co., SC; m. Sarah Anderson
- 3) TERRELL MILTON, b. Aug 1831, SC, d. 1916, bur. Old Kings Cem., Pickens Co., SC; m. 1) 1 Aug. 1857 Angelina Barton; m. 2) Mrs. Louise (Madden) Arnold.
- 4) SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 4 July 1837, Pickens Co., SC, d. 21 September 1891; m. 1) William Nean Craig; m. 2) 1880 David Dickson
- 5) NAOMA, b. 28 December 1840 in SC, d. 14 February 1851, bur. Keowee Baptist Cem., Pickens Co., SC
- 6) HENSON A., b. 1843 in SC, d. 1865. Killed at Petersburg during the Civil War.

Fountain m. 2) Mariah C. Featherstone, dau. of William Merriamam Featherstone and Amelia Mills Featherstone.

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- 7) SUSAN BEATRICE, b. 26 December 1854 in Pickens Co., SC, d. 1 May 1926, bur. Springwood Cem., Greenville, SC; m. Henry Jay Williams
- 8) AURORA TALULLAH, b. 27 August 1855 in Greer, SC, d. 9 December 1929, bur. Mountain View Cem., Greer, SC.; m. 4 September 1880 Robert Joshua Ellis.

Henson's letter was copied as it was written, with phonetic spelling, no punctuation, but a most legible hand. It portrays the desperate conditions and shows his deep concern for family and friends.

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HENSON A. ALEXANDERS LETTER

Richmond, Virginia  
Dear Brother & Sister

Chickahominy River  
June the 4th 1862

Its with great pleasure I embrace the present opportunity of dropping you a few lines to let you no that I am well at the present hoping when those few lines comes to hand They will find you all well and doing well I received the letter which you sent me and Brother Milton I was glad to hear from you all and to hear you was all well Milton has not got the letter yet the reason why he is at Richmond or Petersburg in the hospitle & I dont no for sure which of the places he is at yet he has not wrote to me since he went to that hospitle where he is at now and I dont no where to send the letter to for him to get it till he write to me I dont no how he is getting along for I have not heard from him since I saw him last he was not so but what he could go about it is the same old disease that is working on him his side and back hurts him so he cant muster nor he says he cant toat his Knapsack he has not done a days service cince came in the Service nor I dont think he ever will be any service here at all for the rest of the neighboring boys They are all well except Anderson Barton he has been very sick for some days past he has got that typhoid fever he is in the hospitle at Richmond Iheard from him today one of our men went to the city to day he said he saw a man that stayed with him last night and he told this man that I told you went to the city that he was very bad off last night and he expected that he was dead by that time but I dont no whether it is so or not William Aanderson went there this morning to see about him he has has not got back yet if he gets back before I close this letter I will tell you the truth of it & if he dont get back before I close you must not tell his Ma about it nor you must not tell no other person so she can get hold of it for I dont no whether it is so or not nor if it aint so I dont so I dont want you to tell it at all I wanted to get to go with William to see him but there was no chance for he had to beg pretty hard to get to go by himself I went to the hospitle at Ashland with him and waited on him till he was caried to Richmond and then I had to return to my Regt I hated to have to leave him but I had it to do a man has to do just as he is commanded to do he cant do as he pleases if he could to of got to stayed with him I could a waited on a heap better than he was I (k)now and a nother thing I would to of been a heap better satisfied

I will tell Something about where we are camped and what sort of situation we are in we are stationed on the Chickahominy River and we have got no tents only just our blankets stretched up and that is a bad makeshift shure our Regt has been marching nearly all the time for two weeks in the mud and rain it has been raining ever night for two or three nights and it has been raining here today nearly all day it has rained some as hard a rains as generly rains for the last week some of us can keep sorter dry and some dont for they cant keep dry under a little blanket stretched up we are stationed on one side of the Chickahominy and the yankys on the other side We are in a piece of wods and we can go out in the field two or three hundred yards from our camp and see the yankys out the other side they bombed a piece of woods on this side of the river yesterday they thought that some of our men was in this piece of woods they threw a good many bombs in that piece of woods we could stand and see the smoke from their canons They threw some over our heads the other eavning and our men sent som back but the yankys did no harm nor I dont no whether our men any or

not they have been fighting a good deal below Richmond I cant tell you mutch about that fight but our loss was very heavy in killed and wounded bu we whiped them badly from what I can hear the fireing was in hearing of us the loss on their side was supposed to be double of ours and the prisnirs taken about six hundred You will be apt to hear of the fight in the paper if you take the paper Wm Anderson has just arrived he says Anderson is not dead but he is very low you can tell his Ma that he is very bad off but Wm Anderson thinks there is hopes of his recovering yet which I hope he will Brother I dont no whether I will ever see you nor none of the rest of you again or not but if it is not the lords will hope we will be prepared to meet in heaven where there is no wars nor rumors of wars but I hope it is the lords will for us all to meet again on earth

You must write to me as soon as you get this letter and fail not we are looking for a battle at any hour but I am not able to say when it will come off Our troops is all around Richmond and whenever the fight dose come off it will be one of the bloodiest battles that ever was fought to my opinion & I think it will last for several days. So I must come to a close for This time So when this you see remember me though many miles apart we be

Your affectionate brother untill death  
Henson Alexander

To D. A. & Sarah Alexander

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While preparing the NEWSLETTER for the last few months, I have noted several surnames which seem closely related and are or may be of common interest to several of our members. The surnames MERRITT, WILLIAMS, GARVIN, MADDEN AND ARNOLD have appeared in the 1850 census of Pickens Co., SC which we have been and are publishing gradually and, in data submitted by our members.

The NEWSLETTER is not large enough to publish all of the family groupings which we have ~~have~~ on these families and others but the following members are interested in one or more of the above surnames. Please exchange data with each other.

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#### Q U E R Y

HUDSON Seek info Mack HUDSON and Mary Morris HUDSON, b. Cir. 1840. Also  
MORRIS parents of John Francis LESLEY (1865-1937) and Elizer Grace PERRY  
LESLIE 1874-1937)

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Always remember to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope when asking a fellow genealogist for information. You are more likely to get a reply.

Pickens District  
 Eastern District  
 Free Inhabitants in the District of Pickens  
 Enumeration begun on 19th of July, 1850  
 F. N. Garvin, Assistant Marshall

House	Family	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Estate	Birth
302	302	Joseph Howard	42	M	Teacher		SC
		Anna Howard	38	F			SC
		Alphia B ? Howard	19	F			SC
		John M. M. Howard	17	M	Laborer		SC
		Marion D. L. "	11	M			SC
		Parthema M. "	9	F			SC
		George W. J. "	7	M			SC
		G. A. "	4	M			SC
		Piety A. M. "	1	F			SC
303	303	Missing					
304	304	John Gilstrap	55	M	Farming		NC
		Susan Gilstrap	53	F			NC
		Peter Gilstrap	22	M	Laborer		SC
		Jane Gilstrap	14	F			SC
		Nancy Cumney?	6	F			SC
305	305	Peter Gilstrap	39	M	Farming		SC
		Mary Gilstrap	43	F			SC
		John Gilstrap	15	M	Farming		SC
		James Gilstrap	15	M	Laborer		SC
		Abraham "	11	M			SC
		Peter Gilstrap	5	M			SC
		Anna Gilstrap	79	F			NC
306	306	Ephraim					
		Massengill	65	M	Farming		NC
		Mary "	51	F			SC
		Wm. "	27	M	Farming		SC
		John Ducket	8	M			SC
307	307	Wm. Gilstrap	45	M	Blacksmith	1000	NC
		Delila Gilstrap	49	F			SC
		John L. Gilstrap	17	M	Laborer		SC
		Mary A. Gilstrap	20	F			SC
		Martha Gilstrap	18	F			SC
		Melinda Gilstrap	13	F			SC
		Bright N. "	12	M			SC
		Wm. M. Gilstrap	9	M			SC
308	308	Pearson Mayfield	39	M	Farming	700	SC
		Jane Mayfield	39	F			SC
		Carrol Mayfield	17	M	Laborer		SC
		Baylis Mayfield	14	M			SC

308	308	Arminda Mayfield	17	F			SC
		Parris "	9	M			SC
		Naoma "	6	F			SC
		Israel "	4	M			SC
		Pearson "	3	M			SC
		Sarah "	1	F			SC
309	309	Thos. Dillard	37	M	Farming	1,000	SC
		Jane Dillard	30	F			SC
		Carter Dillard	15	M	Laborer		SC
		Margaret Dillard	8	F			SC
		Martha	6	F			SC
		Robert	4	M			SC
310	310	John Ellenburg	56	M	Stitter ?		SC
311	311	Elsey Ellenburg	60	F			SC
		Wm. Ellenburg	15	M			SC
		James Ellenburg	11	M			SC
		Elias Ellenburg	21	M	Farming		SC
		Mahala Borice ?	26	F			SC
312	312	Nancy Borice ?	24	F			SC
		Angeline Borice ?	6	F			SC
		Wm. T. Borice ?	3	M			SC
313	313	Gideon Roper	41	M	Farming	600	NC
		Elizabeth Roper	36	F			SC
		Nathaniel C. "	4	M			SC
		Louisa V. Roper	2	F			SC
		Robert Roper	17	M	Laborer		SC
314	314	Aaron Reese	29	M	Farming		SC
		Cynthia C. Reese	22	F			SC
		Elizabeth Reese	5	F			SC
		James M. Reese	3	M			SC
		Esther Reese	1	F			SC
315	315	Mordica McKinney	44	M	Farming		SC
		Margaret "	42	F			SC
		John McKinney	17	M	Laborer		SC
		Wm. McKinney	15	M	Laborer		SC
		Francis McKinney	13	M			SC
		Zackary McKinney	12	M			SC
		Catherine "	10	F			SC
		Melinda McKinney	8	F			SC
		Frederick N. "	6	M			SC
		Elizabeth "	2	F			SC
316	316	Wm. Roach	57	M	Farming	600	NC
		Ellen Roach	77	F			NC
317	317	Wm. Yates	59	M	Farming		SC
		Hannah Yates	57	F			SC

318	318	Aarilla? Yates	20	F			SC
		John Yates	16	M	Laborer		SC
		Emaline Right	25	F			SC
318	318	Jesse Miller	47	M	Farming	800	SC
		Misco Miller	40	F			SC
		Sarah Miller	14	F			SC
		Dorcas Miller	12	F			SC
		Melinda Miller	12	F			SC
		Isaac B. Miller	7	M			SC
		Millia Miller	5	F			SC
		Frances Miller	2	F			SC
319	319	James M. Rowland	28	M	Farming		SC
		Priscilla "	35	F			SC
		Mary A. Rowland	2	F			SC
		Avarilla "	1	F			SC
320	320	Noah Garner	62	M	Farming		SC
		Betsey Garner	61	F			SC
		Sarah Garner	18	F			SC
		Nancy Garner	16	F			SC
321	321	Mary Presley	75	F			SC
		Rebecca Devore	22	F			SC
		Winy Devore	40	F			SC
		Willis Devore	17	M	Laborer		SC
		Nancy Devore	15	F			SC
		Wm. Devore	12	M			SC
322	322	Jesse Crane	37	M			SC
		Cynthia Crane	32	F			SC
		Wm. Crane	17	M	Laborer		SC
		Adaline Crane	17	F			SC
		Harrison Crane	13	M			SC
		Rodah Crane	11	F			SC
		Millia Crane	10	F			SC
		Catharine Crane	8	F			SC
		Mary E. Crane	5	F			SC
		Arcy ? Crane	3/12	F			SC
323	323	Mary Davis	40	F			SC
		Robert M. Davis	21	M	Farming		SC
		Rachel Davis	17	F			SC
		Delila Davis	14	F			SC
		Martha Davis	13	F			SC
		Sarah A. Davis	12	F			SC
		George W. Davis	11	M			SC
324	324	Chorner H. Edge	24	M	Carpenter		SC
		Elizabeth Edge	25	F			SC
325	325	John H. Hughes	24	M	Farming		SC
		Nancy Hughes	21	F			SC

326	326	Elihu Griffin	49	M	Farming	5500	SC
		Elizabeth Griffin	42	F			SC
		Abner I. Griffin	15	M	Laborer		SC
		Elihu S. Griffin	12	M			SC
		Dicy Riggins	22	F			SC
327	327	Daniel Derham	20	M	Farming	1,000	VA
		Gisseal Derham	67	F			NC
		Eliza Derham	21	F			SC
		Jackson Derham	32	M	Farming		SC
		Gisseal Derham	18	F			SC
328	328	Robert McWhorter	34	M	Farming	1,000	SC
		Jane McWhorter	30	F			SC
		James B. "	15	M	Laborer		SC
		George W. "	14	M			SC
		Lousa ? "	10	F			SC
		Wm. M. "	4	M			SC
		Martha M. "	1	F			SC

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