

Old Pendleton District Messenger

Next meeting
Monday, February 20
 at 7 p.m.

Trinity Wesleyan Church
 700 Issaqueena Trail
 Central, South Carolina

Wayne Kelley will speak on*
 State Historical Markers and the
 Sesoctocentennial.

*Please note temporary change in day
 and place*

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PICKENS MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, 1968: Left to right: Walter G. Singleton, D. R. Kay, Robert C. Stewart, Jr., H. A. Garrett, Frank A. Gant and Mayor W. Earle Fendley.

Pickens Mayor and City Council. 1968; Left to Right Walter G Singleton, D. R. Kay, Robert C. Stewart, Jr., H.A. Garrett, Frank A. Gant and Mayor W. Earle

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Refreshments

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February: Pat Collins
March: LaMarr Brooks & Kat Vargo
April: Katie Gillespie & Nancy Holcombe
May: Keith Brown & Anne Sheriff

June: Field Trip
September: Barbara Clark and Brenda Meyer
October: Alice Shove
November: Pot Luck Dinner at Trinity Wesleyan Church

COBB Cotton Mill Superintendents of Old Pendleton District

By LaMarr Brooks

Three COBB Cotton Mill Superintendents have emerged from researching the COBBs of Old Pendleton District, SC. 1. William Carroll Cobb (1862-1944) 2. Warren Walter Cobb (1875-1966) and 3. Melvin Darrell Cobb (1919-2007).

WILLIAM CARROLL COBB

This one was my G. G. Grandfather

From the HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA page 25



WILLIAM C. COBB. While for nearly fifteen years William C. Cobb has been the manager and superintendent of the Ware Shoals Cotton Mills, he achieved that important responsibility and a place among the prominent cotton mill men of the state only as a result of many years of faithful and efficient toil, beginning in the very lowest ranks and coming up the step by step on the basis of merit and growing qualities of executive leadership.

Mr. Cobb is a native of South Carolina and was born four miles south of Belton in Anderson County November 4, 1862, son of **G. W. (George William) and Laura (West) Cobb**. When he was seven years of age the family removed to Banks County, Georgia, where he lived on a farm, did work in the fields and attended county school in limited sessions. At the age of seventeen he went to work as a track hand on the Northeast Railroad between Athens and Lula, Georgia. In a short time, he was made foreman of the section and work train, and continued as such until he met an accidental injury and broke his leg. After being able to walk, he attended a school near Pendleton under **Mrs. Rebecca Douthit**, and he credits her with most of the real education he has acquired, especially in mathematics and spelling.

Since October, 1882, when he engaged as a weaver in the **Piedmont Mills**, Mr. Cobb has been wholly absorbed in the cotton mill industry. On July 4, 1883, he changed his job, going, as he says, "with the generous, big-hearted **Captain Smyth** as a common weaver". October 14, 1884, he was promoted from weaver to the duties described as "striker", and October 14, 1886, two years later, was promoted to section hand, and after another two years was made second hand in the weave room, June 9, 1890, he was promoted to overseer of weaving in Mills Nos. 1, 2, and 3, comprising



Home was built for W.C. Cobb and his family.

over 1,500 looms. This responsibility he held for nearly six years. January 16, 1896, he was transferred to Mill No. 4 to start the operation of the first sheeting looms the Draper Company ever put on the market. March 1, 1900, he became superintendent at Belton and conducted the mill there until September 10, 1905, when he resigned, and on the 18th of September entered upon his duties as manager and superintendent of **Ware Shoals Mills**. This is one of the model plants in upper South Carolina, and the mill village and the entire community comprise one of the "high lights" in the industrial situation of the South. In the upbuilding of the mills and in the creation of the community Mr. Cobb shared with **Mr. J.F. MacEnroe** and others the credit for this really distinctive achievement.

Mr. Cobb is widely known among cotton mill managers and is an exceedingly popular citizen in his home community. He is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner. On September 16, 1883, after he had been working in the cotton mills less than a year, he married **Miss Hattie Davis**. On June 11, 1890, Mr. Cobb married his present wife **Miss Ella P. Walker**, of Greenville County. Mr. Cobb is the father of nine children, the oldest, A.C. Cobb, being the son of his first wife, while the others are C.A., Lillian, Lila, Lora, Hazel, W.L., Mary and Frances.

"From Hill to Dale to Hollow" by The Town of Ware Shoals, SC 1983 W. C. Cobb Superintendent of Mill



Page 100: Mr. Cobb was born in Jackson County, Georgia (incorrect place-it was Belton, Anderson County, SC), in 1864 (incorrect date-it was 1862) and came at the age of seventeen (incorrect age) to Piedmont, South Carolina, looking for a job. He went to work there as a helper in the Weave Room. He worked for about one year before moving to Pelzer, South Carolina, where he worked as a weaver and Overseer of weaving for seventeen years.

Mr. Cobb moved with **Captain E. A. Smythe** to Belton, South Carolina, where they opened the Belton Cotton Mills. For seven years Mr. Cobb worked there as Mill Superintendent.

In 1905 **Mr. B. D. Riegel**, who was building a mill in Ware Shoals, looking for a personable, able young man to be in charge of operations, was attracted to Mr. Cobb and offered him a job in Ware Shoals as the first Superintendent of the first cotton mill.

As Superintendent, he quickly became loved and respected by a large majority of his employees as well as by the top management of the Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company.

Not only was "Super" interested in and dedicated to the making of top grade cloth, but he was also greatly interested in the welfare of his people and the development and growth of the community. He supported whole-hearted such activities as baseball, bowling, and basketball. It was reported that he would even close the mill down on Wednesday afternoons so that the baseball players could play and the fans could go to watch the game.

It was this overall interest that caused a citizen of the community to say, "Mr. Cobb's mark is found on every worthwhile thing in Ware Shoals."

"Super" was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the first Session of that church.

Mr. Cobb married Ella Walker, and they were the parents of two boys (incorrect-one son from his first wife) and seven girls. Both boys worked at times in Ware Shoals. After 24 years of devoted and conscientious service to the mill and man, Mr. Cobb retired in 1929 and lived the remainder of his 81 years in the community he loved, Ware Shoals. When he died in 1945, the little town of Ware Shoals sincerely and deeply mourned the loss of a good man and a great friend.

Page 18: The vicinity of the power house (the Ware Shoals Hydroelectric Power Plant) has always been a favorite fishing spot for the anglers. Many of them would have cherished sitting on the wall of the spillway that conducts the water back to the river's main stream to try their luck but tradition has it that Mr. W. C. Cobb (Super) was the only person permitted that luxury. No doubt he earned it.

Page 20: The Ware Shoals Railroad "spur" was completed in 1906. The first officers of the railroad were **B. D. Riegel**, president; **J. C. Gambrell**, vice president and **W. C. Cobb**, Superintendent.

W. C. Cobb of Belton, SC completed the study of Calculations of the Cotton Designing Course Certificate March 24, 1903 from the **International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, PA.** The largest single education institution in America's history for correspondence schools. Founded in 1889 by journalist and editor of the *MINING HERALD*, Thomas J. Foster.



W. C. COBB DIES

First Superintendent Of Huge Textile Plant Succumbs At Age 81

W. C. Cobb, first superintendent of the Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company and for 50 years an important figure in the textile world, died at his home here Monday morning at 9 o'clock. He was in his 81st year and had been retired since 1926. Mr. Cobb came to Ware Shoals in 1905. He had begun his textile career at Pelzer as a sweeper in the mill there. His business ability was early discovered by the late Capt. Elison A. Smyth and his rise to a position of responsibility was rapid. For years Mr. Cobb was recognized as an authority in the textile field. He contributed thought and energy to practically every phase of the development of the plant at Ware Shoals.

When the Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company was organized, Mr. Cobb was brought here from Pelzer. Today there are scores of Ware Shoals workers here who worked with him and for him.

Mr. Cobb was a member of the Presbyterian church and was a Shriner.

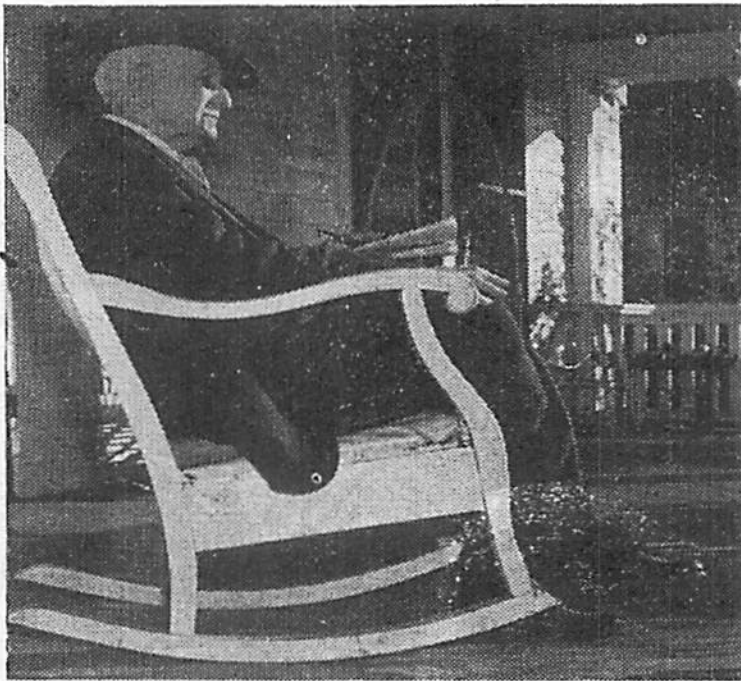
Surviving Mr. Cobb are the following daughters: Mrs. Rex Phillips, Mrs. Lila Elliott, Mrs. J. T. Cheatham, Mrs. Winder Gary, Miss Mary Cobb, and Mrs. Grier Wright; two sons, E. A. Cobb and W. L. Cobb; one sister, Mrs. Nish Chapman; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. R. C. Pettus of Anderson, assisted by Rev. John Wilson and Rev. H. G. Wheeler were held from the Methodist church Tuesday, March 28, at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in the Ware Shoals cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Dunk Pitts, Jim Crow, Hamp Callas, Charlie Jones, Charlie Koon, and Dan Davis. The honorary escort was composed of Dr. J. B. Workman, John O. Davis, Ray Swetenburg, M. B. Camak, C. P. Gordon, W. D. N. Ouzts, J. M. Oeland, J. J. Abbott, Lee Freeman, John Freeman, Calhoun Bell, W. R. Burruss, W. W. Gaines, Geo. McCuen, W. W. Hall.

Flower girls were Jessie Lee Smith, Lula McCuen, Jessie M. Dansby, Mary Maybin, Grace Arnold, Mildred P. Burruss, Carry Darby, Sara Bell, Polly Rush, Bessie Reeves, Lolita South, and Corrine Callas.

Ware Shoals Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



The Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company envisioned in 1902 by Nat B. Dial of Laurens and completed in 1906 by Benjamin D. Riegel. Mr. Riegel hired a highly recommended young man by the name of **W. C. Cobb (Bill)**, then employed by Belton Mills. This was a wise choice, Mr. Riegel often remarked, for Mr. Cobb proved to be a man efficient in mechanical knowledge, leadership, and honesty which no one could misunderstand or question. During the next 25 years, Mr. Cobb was to leave his indelible mark on minds and hearts of all his associates, who came to call him affectionately "Super". Someone said that his fingerprints were on everything that functions in Ware Shoals except the post office. (pg. 3 "From Hill to Dale to Hollow" by the town of Ware Shoals)

..... Continued from page 10 of the January OPD Messenger:

W. C. COBB descended from the 3rd Generation line of JOHN COBB and PHOEBE

4th Generation: Child of John and Phoebe Cobb: **NOAH COBB** b. 1782, d. 1853 Anderson County, SC. He married **NANCY MIZE**, daughter of **JAMES MIZE JR** and **NANCY CARROLL**, on 23 Oct 1812 in Caswell County, NC. She was born in 1791 in SC. She died in 1850. Nancy Mize's information is strong speculation at this time (still in the works).

5th Generation: Child of Noah and Nancy Cobb: **GEORGE WILLIAM COBB** was born in Mar 1825 in Anderson County, SC at the Broadmouth Creek family property. He died after 1900 in Pelzer, Anderson County, SC. He married **LAURA ANNIE J. WEST**, daughter of **JOEL DANIEL JEFFERSON WEST SR.** (1818-1898) and **ANNA HICKS** (1818-1898), on 16 Nov 1852 in Franklin County, Georgia. She was born on 21 May 1835 in Georgia. She died on 08 Oct 1899 in Pelzer, Anderson County, SC. Both are buried at Pelzer Community Cemetery, Pelzer, Anderson County, SC. Both tombstones have been mutilated.

6th Generation: Child of George William and Laura Annie

West Cobb: **WILLIAM CARROLL COBB** was born on 04 Nov 1862 in Anderson County, SC 4 miles south of Belton on the Hen Coop Creek family property. He died on 27 Mar 1944 in Ware Shoals, Greenwood County, SC He married (1) **HATTIE ALLIN DAVIS**, daughter of **DAVID C. DAVIS** and **LAVINA HOLLY POOL**, on 16 Sep 1883 in Pelzer, SC. She was born in 1864. She died on 14 Feb 1889 in Pelzer, Anderson County, SC and was buried at Pelzer Community Cemetery, Pelzer, SC. He married (2) **ELLA (BUDDY) PERRIN WALKER**, daughter of **THOMAS H. WALKER** (1837-1902) and **ELIZABETH MATILDA GRIFFIN** (1842-1912), on 11 Jun 1890 in Greenville County. She was born in 1867 in Dials Township, Laurens County, SC. She died on 18 Oct 1935 in Ware Shoals, Greenwood County, SC. Both are buried at Ware Shoals Cemetery, Laurens County, SC. Ware Shoals is divided between 3 counties, Laurens, Abbeville and Greenville.



William Carroll Cobb 1865 near Belton, Anderson Co., SC



Story told by W.C Cobb's granddaughter, **Carol Fran Wright Gordon**: Ella Perrin Walker attended the wedding of W. C. Cobb and his first wife, **Hattie Davis** on Sept. 16, 1883. She returned home to tell her mother that she knew who she was going to marry and it would be W. C. Cobb. Her mother of course commented that she could not marry him because he just got married. Hattie gave birth to one son, **Arthur Chester (Dick) Cobb** b. May 3, 1885, 7 ½ months after their marriage. 6 ½ years after their marriage, Hattie died in child birth. Ella Perrin Walker and W. C. Cobb were married 1 year and 4 months after Hattie's death, almost 7 years after his first marriage to Hattie Davis. Another story told by **Carol Fran Wright Gordon**: W. C. Cobb told his daughters (6 of them) if they graduated from High School, he would give them a diamond ring or a car. All of his daughters took the ring except the youngest, Julia Frances Cobb. Her brother drove her car and wrecked it.

7th Generation: William Carroll Cobb Sr. and Ella Perrin Walker had the following children:

1. **ELLISON ADGAR COBB** was born on 11 Mar 1891 in Pelzer, Anderson County, SC. He died on 10 Feb 1945 in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia buried at West View Cemetery, Augusta, Georgia. He married **ELLEN (NELL) M. SMITH**, daughter of **JOHN WILLIS SMITH** (1861-1936) and **NANCY K. THOMPSON** (1863-1931), in 1910. She was born 30 Nov 1892 in SC. She died on 25 Jul 1976 in Belton, Anderson County, SC, buried at Belton Cemetery. They had two daughters: Nancy Katherine and Ella Perrin Cobb
2. **LILLIAN (LILL) COBB** was born on 05 Aug 1893 in Pelzer, Anderson County, SC. She died on 13 Apr 1955 in Clinton, Laurens County, SC. She married **REX WILLIAM PHILLIPS**, son of **PHILLIPS** and **EMILY MERRILL AUSTIN** (1864-1922) in 1912. He was born on 14 Apr 1882 in Hartford, Hartford County, Conn. He died on 26 May 1934 in Clinton, Laurens County, SC. Both are buried at Rosemont Cemetery, Clinton, Laurens County, SC. They had one daughter: Carrie May (Snookie) Phillips
3. **LILA PERRIN COBB** was born on 03 Sep 1894 in Pelzer, Anderson County, SC. She died in Jan 1988 in Jasper, Walker County, AL buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Jasper. She married **JOHN EUGENE ELLIOTT** son of **JOSEPH COPLEND ELLIOTT** and **HANNAH ISADORA ARMFIELD** on 28 Oct 1914 in Ware Shoals, Anderson County, SC. He was born on 12 Oct 1891 in Lancaster, SC. He died 13 Apr 1936 New York, NY buried at West Side Cemetery, Lancaster, Lancaster County, SC. They had one son: William Cobb (Bill) Elliott



FOUNDERS DAY OBSERVANCE SET WEDNESDAY AT SHORTER COLLEGE

ROME News Tribune

Rome, Georgia, Monday, November 5, 1973.

Shorter College has set aside Wednesday as Founder's Day, celebrating the 101st year since the founding of the college, and noting the contributions of five associates of the college by inducting them into the Shorter College Hall of Honor.

Mrs. Julius R. Lunsford, Jr. of Atlanta, president of the Shorter Alumni Assn. will host the occasion and the public is invited to attend the ceremony. It will be held in Brookes Chapel on the college campus at 10:30 a.m.

Among those to be honored by induction in the Hall of Honor are two Romans, Mrs. Lila C. Elliott and Miss Louise Thompson. Others are D.D. Ellis of Savannah; Edward S. Shorter of Columbus and Miss Marth Galt of Canton.

"These are important people to the college: Dr. Randall H. Minor, president of the college, said. Their influence has been felt over a number of years both in their financial contribution to the college and in their personal action here."

Mrs. Elliott came to Shorter in 1939 as a student counselor and since then has been nine student generations (32 years). At her retirement in 1971, the Shorter College Board of Trustees paid her tribute, saying: "Through her gentleness, understanding, and concern, she has been an influence



MRS. ELLIOTT

for good on all with who she has come in contact." It has been well said of her in recent days: "She still emphasizes the social graces and the qualities which produce ladies and gentlemen."

Lila Elliott was the house mother of a girl's dormitory at Shorter College where she continued to live most of her life.

4. **HAZEL STIMPSON COBB** was born on 14 Mar 1896 in Pelzer, Anderson County, SC. She died on 14 Jul 1951 in Abbeville County, SC. She married **JOHN TOMPKINS (JOHN T.) CHEATHAM**, son of **JOHN TALBERT CHEATHAM JR.** (1850-1936) and **FRANCES LUCIAN (AUNT SWEET) MABRY** (1863-1946), on 23 Jul 1912 in Abbeville County, SC by Rev. George C. Leonard. He was born on 04 Mar 1888 in Abbeville County, SC. He died on 18 Jul 1951 in Abbeville County, SC. Both are buried at Sharon Methodist Church Cemetery. They had one daughter: Frances Perrin Cheatham



Hazel Cobb Cheatham passed away from Carcinoma of the Stomach. Her husband, John T Cheatham, was so stricken with grief that he took his life 3 days later. Hazel did everything for him including shaving him every day. After her death, he walked the rooms of his daughter's home calling her name and not sleeping. The family was concerned that he might try suicide and removed all guns from the home. He pulled a pearl handled derringer from his boot and before his son in law could reach to stop him, he shot himself in the head. Their only daughter buried both her parents 3 days apart. The gun was stolen from his granddaughter's home in 2016. She was 14 years old and in the home at time of his death.

Mrs. Hazel C. Cheatham *Greenville News* Abbeville. July 14 Mrs. Hazel Cobb Cheatham. 55, wife of John T. Cheatham, died at the Abbeville Memorial Hospital Saturday at 9 am following two months of declining health.

She was a native of Pelzer and a daughter of the late **W. C. and Ella Walker Cobb**. She had resided in this city for the past 30 years. Surviving besides her husband are one daughter, Mrs. Albert Gilliam, Jr. of Abbeville; five sisters, Mrs. Rex Philips of Clinton, Mrs. Winder Gary of Seneca, Mrs. Greer Wright, Miss Mary Cobb, both of Ware Shoals and Mrs. Lila Elliott of Rome, Georgia; one brother, W. L. Cobb of Anderson; one granddaughter. Funeral services will be conducted from the Abbeville Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member, Sunday at 5 p. m. by the Rev. William Dryer, assisted by Dr. F. C. Beach. Interment will follow in Sharon Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be the following who are requested to meet at the home at 4:30 p.m: L. H. Ferguson, Dr. Al Goldstein, C. B. Hipp, T. V. Howie, Bob Wilkes, Joe Strawhorn, Mott Gilliam, Frank Andrews, Arthur Rosenberg and all engineers of the Seaboard Railway. Flower bearers will be Mrs. J. K. McCarran, Mrs. P. J. Leach, Jr., Mrs. Lod Mann, Mrs. J. H. Austin and Miss Frances Hill. The body is at the home 27 Ellis Avenue.

5. **LOLA (TOMILEE) THOMAS COBB** was born in Aug 1898 in Belton, Anderson County, SC. She died on 24 Jul 1971 in Seneca, Oconee County, SC buried at Bethany Cem., Wadley, Georgia. She married **WINDER GARY**, son of **ROBERT**

BROADNOX GARY (1821-1909) AND RILLA F. (LILLY) POPE (1862-1944), on 28 Jan 1926 in Ware Shoals, SC. He was born on 05 Aug 1892 in Wadley, Georgia. He died in 1966 in Seneca, SC and was buried at Bethany Cemetery, Wadley, Georgia. They had no children.

W. C. Cobb retired from the Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company in 1926, the same year his daughter, Tomilee, married Winder Gary. Winder became the next superintendent of the Ware Shoals Manufacturing County

From the book The History of SOUTH CAROLINA page 719

WINDER GARY. In the manufacturing industries of Ware Shoals many men of high ability are engaged in executive offices, and their progressive influence has been the means of advancing the many enterprises that have been instituted here in response to the beckoning call of natural power for the operation of plants. In this little army of workers, a position of importance is held by Winder Gary, who has been, since 1927, superintendent of the plant of the **Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company**, one of the leading industries in the district. In addition to this work, Mr. Gary also indulges in farming on a comprehensive scale and cultivates some three hundred acres of land, producing cotton and corn as his principal crops. This plantation is located near Wadley, Georgia, and thus is helpful in promoting the prosperity of both Georgia and South Carolina within the scope of its influence. A spirit of active public interest in the welfare of the community has every actuated Mr. Gary in his operations, and through his cooperation and general methods he has made an army of friends since his advent into this district of workers.

Born at Wadley, Georgia, August 5, 1892, he is a son of **ROBERT B. GARY**, a railroad telegrapher, and **LILLY (POPE) GARY**. He received his education in the public schools at Wadley and afterward at the **Georgia Institute of Technology** at Atlanta, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His entry into business life was in association with the **Fuller Bag and Cotton Manufacturing Company of Atlanta**, where he remained for two and one-half years in the engineering cost department. He was then promoted to assistant superintendent and held that position for six years, when he came to Ware Shoals and became assistant superintendent of the **Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company**. He filled this post with ability for six years and was then made superintendent, which office he still fills.

For eighteen months during the World War I he served in the Aviation Corps, United States Army, being stationed at Ellington Field, Galveston, Texas, with the rank of First Lieutenant. He is member of the Ancient Free Masons and is a Past Worshipful Master of his lodge. He also belongs to the Good Fellows Club of Ware Shoals and is a Deacon the Baptist Church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Winder Gary married, at Ware Shoals, January 28, 1926, Lola Cobb, daughter of W.C. and Ella (Walker) Cobb.

Gary Winder went on to become the superintendent of the **Utica-Mohawk Mill** in Seneca, Oconee County, SC where he was living when he passed away.

WINDER GARY

SENECA-WINDER GARY, 74, retired textile executive, died at residence on Daniel Avenue at 9:20 p.m. Monday following three weeks critical illness. He was a native of Wadley, Georgia, a son of the late Robert B. and Rilla Pope Gary. He was for 19 years superintendent of the **Utica-Mohawk Mill** at Seneca, and after this for eight years was with **Lowenstein** in Rockingham,

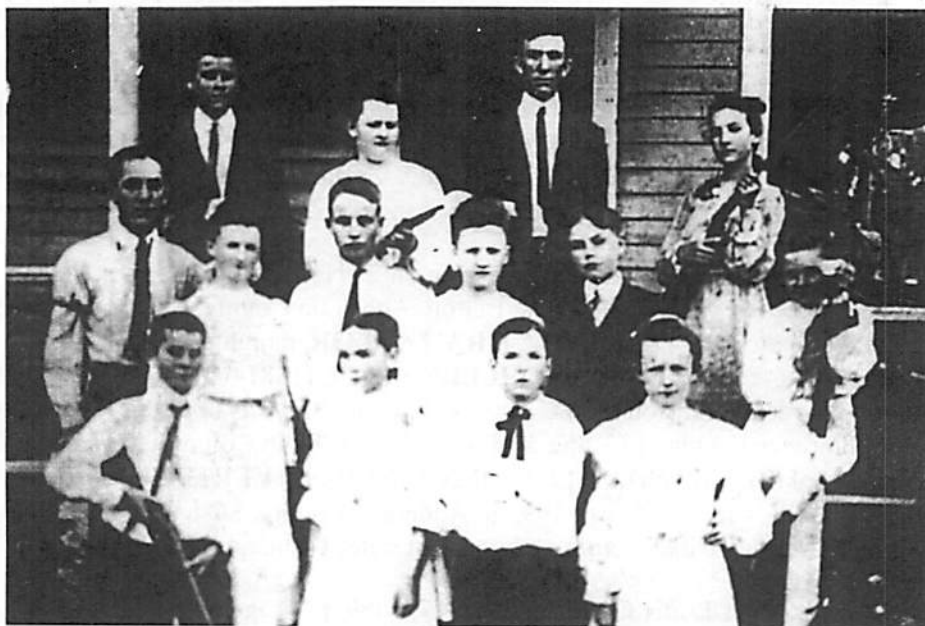
N.C. Upon retirement eight years ago, he returned to Seneca. Mr. Gary was a member of the Seneca Baptist Church and a veteran of World War I. He was the last member of his immediate family. Survivors: his widow, Mrs. Lola Cobb Gary and a number of nieces and nephew. Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the grave side in Bethany Cemetery at Wadley, Georgia with the Rev. J. P. Stokes of Seneca officiating. Pallbearers: Greer Wright, P.M. Rogers, Doris Goodson, Emmett Goodson, Elwin and Joseph Gary. The body will be at Brown's Funeral Home until 10:30 a.m. Wednesday when the cortege leaves for the cemetery.

6. **ZELPHIA (ZEFFA) MAY COBB** was born on 06 Sep 1899 in Belton, Anderson County, SC. She died on 30 Jul 1901 in Ware Shoals, Abbeville County, SC and buried at Belton Cemetery, Belton, Anderson County, SC. Zeffa put a raw peanut in her nose that grew roots in her lungs and caused her death at the age of 3.
7. **WILLIAM LEWIS (BILL) COBB** was born on 21 Nov 1901 in Belton, Anderson County, SC. He died on 15 Jan 1969 in Belton, Anderson County, SC buried at Belton Cemetery. He married (1) **EMILY SATIRA TAYLOR**, daughter of **STEVEN TAYLOR** (1876-1951) and **MAMIE ELLEN PRICE** (1881-1918), on 28 Nov 1925 in Greenwood, Greenwood County, SC by Rev. Lawton. She was born on 17 Apr 1905 in Florence, Florence County, SC. She died on 30 Nov 1988 in Columbia, Richland County, SC. He married (2) **AMANDA ELLEN BROWNING LEVERETTE**. She was born on 24 May 1905. She died on 29 Apr 1993 in Anderson County, SC buried at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. He had 5 children by his 1st wife, 1 son, and 4 daughters.

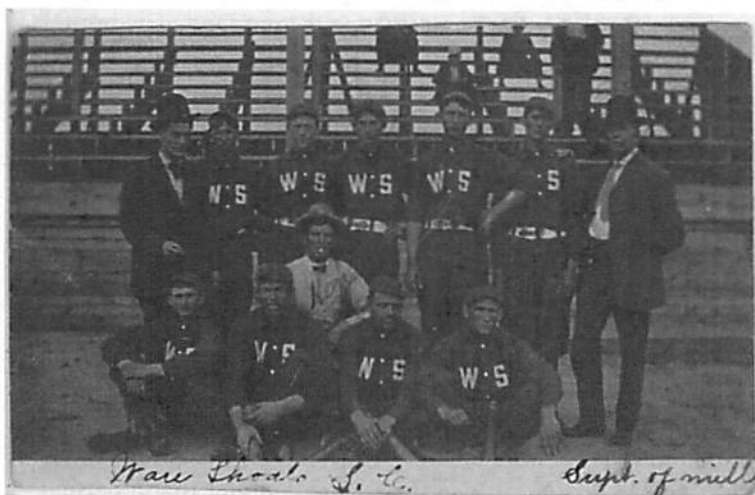
Greenville News Obits: **Wm Louis Cobb** 1969 Jan 17, 1969, p 21 age 67 Anderson, SC.
W. L. Cobb Anderson. **William Louis "Bill" Cobb**, 67, of 614 Banning St., died Wednesday at 12:15 am at his home. He was a native of Belton, a son of the late W. C. and Ella Walker Cobb. He was a Baptist and a retired textile worker. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Amanda Leverette Cobb; a son, W.C. Cobb of Columbia; three daughters, Mrs. Lika Jetton of Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. Mary Frances Ruff of Columbia and Mrs. Ann Thomas of Durham, NC; three sisters, Mrs. Lila Elliott of Rome, Georgia, Mrs. Winder Gary of Seneca and Mrs. Greer Wright of Ware Shoals; and 10 grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 pm at McDougald Funeral Home by the Rev. Willis Pruitt. Burial will be in Belton City Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dendy and Buddy Browning, Larry Burdette, Sam Chasteen and John Dial. The body is at the funeral home and the family is at the home.

8. **MARY EUNICE (TOOTSIE) COBB** was born on 30 Apr 1906 in Belton, Anderson County, SC. She died on 14 Nov 1958 in Ware Shoals, Greenwood County, SC and buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens. Never married. Cord wrapped around her neck when she was born, cutting off oxygen and causing some brain damage. She lived with her sister, Julia Frances (Frankie) Cobb Wright.
9. **JULIA FRANCES (FRANKIE) COBB** was born on 30 Nov 1911 in Ware Shoals, SC. She died on 17 Sep 1970 in Ware Shoals, SC, buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens. She married **WILLIAM GRIER WRIGHT** on 14 Apr 1933 in Ware Shoals, Greenwood Co, SC. He was born on 03 Sep 1910 in Greer, Spartanburg County, SC. He died on 16 Nov 1988 in Ware Shoals, SC, buried at Greenwood Memorial Gardens. They had one daughter: Carol Frances Wright. It was this granddaughter that inherited William Carroll Cobb's home on 44 Smith Street, Ware Shoals.

Julia Frances Cobb's name: During the time that W. C. Cobb worked at the Mill in Ware Shoals, Mrs. Katherine Riegel and W. C. Cobb's wife, Ella Perrin Walker Cobb were good friends. Ella decided to name her daughter, Julia Katherine Cobb after Mrs. Riegle's daughter, Katherine. One week after Julia Katherine Cobb was born Mrs. Riegel and Ella had a disagreement and Ella changed her daughter's name to Julia Frances Cobb.



There was a party at the home of Superintendent Cobb of Belton Mills in 1904, and one wonders what type of party, as both males and females are shown holding guns of various types. First Row: Edwin Tate, Irene Clinkseales, Wallace Pryor, and a Miss Cobb (Lila Perrin Cobb). 2nd Row: A Smith, Nanette Campbell, Max Rice, Mattie Vandiver, Breazeale Austin and an unidentified gun-totter. Back Row: Melvin Carpenter, a Cobb (Hazel Stimpson Cobb), Millard Horton, and Ellen Smith. Photo courtesy of Belton Museum.



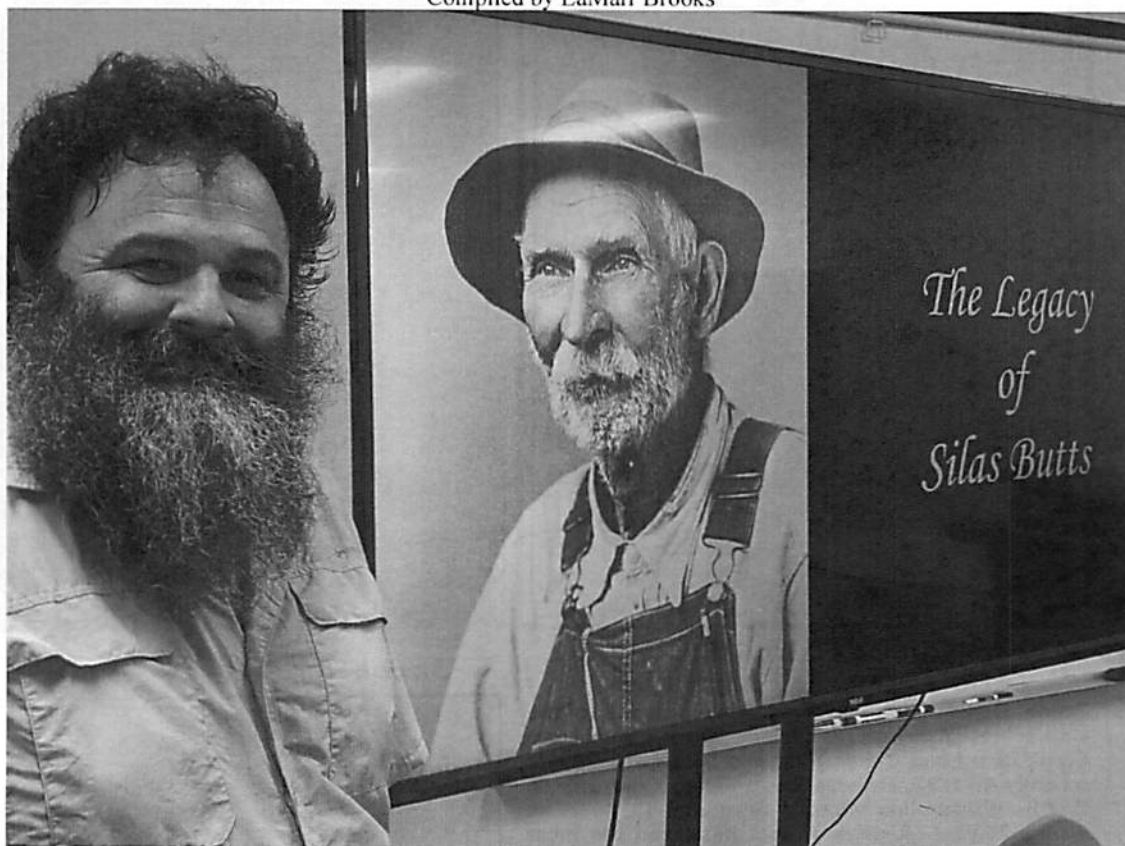
1910 Ware Shoals Baseball Team with W. C. Cobb on the right.

Cobb Mill Supentendents stories to follow in future issues.

THE LEGACY OF SILAS BUTTS

Presented by our January Speaker: Nick Gambrell

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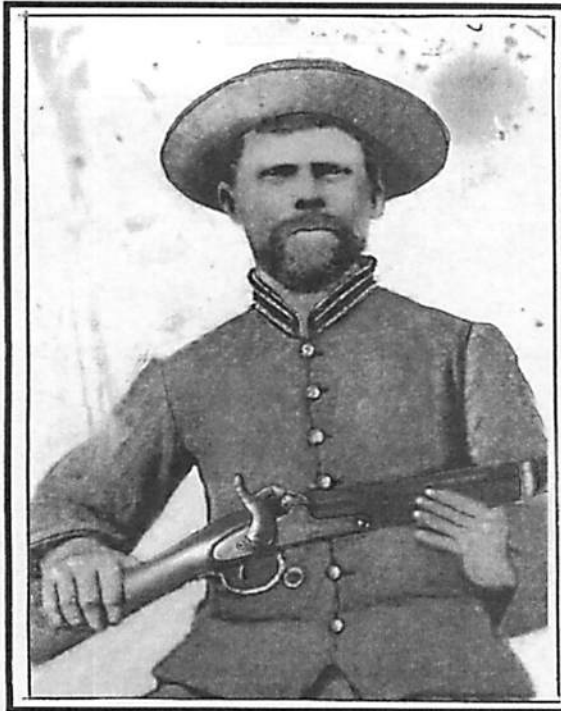
Nicholas Barker Gambrell was our January 2023 Speaker. Nick spoke to our Old Pendleton District Genealogy Society about 20 years ago on the subject of the 1700's Native American dugout Canoe discovered in the Chattooga River.

During that time, Nick completed a thesis for the Graduate School of Clemson University in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Arts History Degree. The entire thesis can be found on our website: <http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/history.html> Scroll down to Oconee County and find Butts, *The Legacy of Silas*. Thanks to Paul Kankula.

Nick knew what he wanted to write about for his thesis. It was a legendary person he heard about as a young boy growing up in the Brasstown-Long Creek area outside of Westminster, Oconee County, SC.

Silas Butts did not write, so documentation was going to be scarce. Nick decided to write from Oral Stories told by people that knew Silas Butts. He put an ad in the local paper for people to get in touch with him by phone or address. His first call told him to "find some else to write about". He received over 100 phone calls and recorded over 25 interviews of stories about Silas, stories that were pro and con.



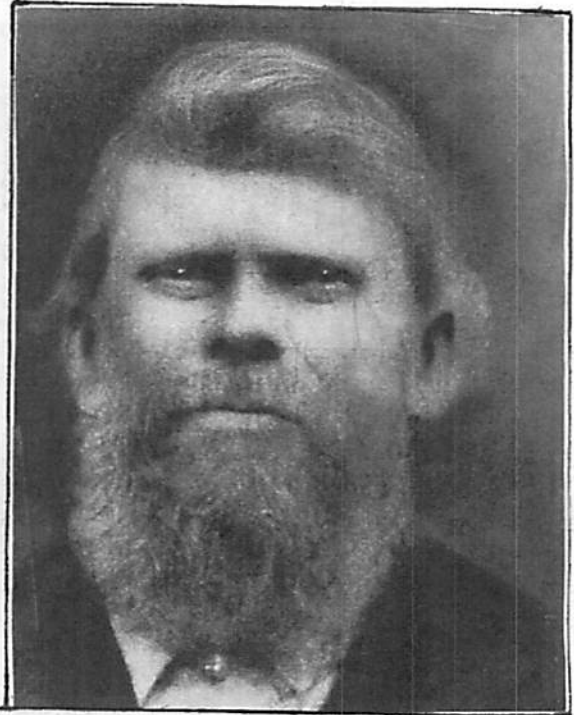


**Pvt. Jacob B. Butts, CSA
Co. C 2nd S.C. Infantry**

Jacob Beriak Butts Jr. was conscripted into the Confederate Army off his father's farm on Brasstown Creek near Long Creek, S.C., and became a Private on July 1, 1862. He was assigned to Company C, 2nd South Carolina Infantry. Born Jan. 12, 1837, he was a 25-year-old farmer, and witnessed the most horrific military slaughter of human flesh ever to occur in America. Jacob was wounded in the bloody battle of Antietam, Md., on Oct. 17, 1862. He and hundreds of others were taken to Winder General Hospital in Richmond, Va. for treatment of their wounds. Jacob was able to fully recover and return to duty. Surviving the war, he lived a long life, dying on his sickbed in his mountainous Butts farmhouse on July 10, 1905. This was some 43 years and 9 days after he first became a soldier. Jacob's pardon by the triumphant U.S Union Army was dated Nov, 6, 1865, months after Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army in April of that year and Jacob Jr. had returned home to his young family.

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of Jerry Lamar Alexander

SILAS BUTTS' FATHER



JACOB AT MIDDLE AGE



JACOB B. BUTTS JR. IN OLD AGE

Silas was born in 1880 to Jacob Beriak and Mary Butts, the 10th of 13 children. He grew up on the Brasstown Valley 100-acre farm owned by his grandfather. When the cotton mills came to Oconee County in the 1890's, he worked in them. In 1905 he married Louisa Rhoetter (1883-1958); he was 25 years old. Louisa could read and write.

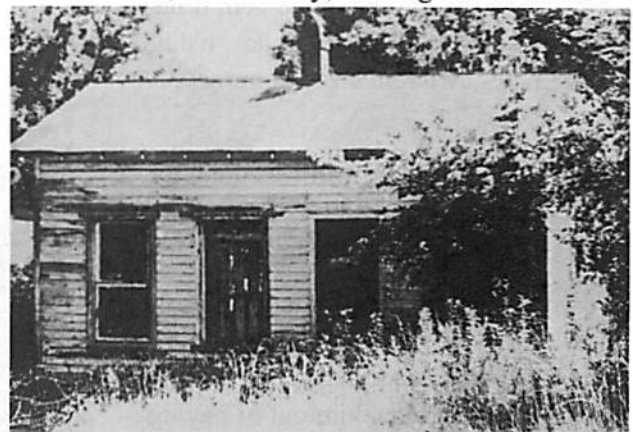
His legacy became one that included being a mountain man who ran an orphanage, a grist mill and moonshine. Silas inherited his grandfather's farm and over the years he added another 700 acres. He and Louisa never had children of their own but helped to raise 50 or more orphans and some adults. Louisa gave birth to one child that died at birth.

Silas would take in children from where ever he could get them. In a 1992 interview, Mary Arve, a Brasstown teacher between 1937 and 1938, said "he got a lot of them from Clayton, Georgia. She said 13 of her 43 students were his adopted children but Silas said he had more than that. Some children were deeded to Silas."

The School House

The school meet in the Brasstown Church and Mary Arve said one day "I looked out into that crowd of children: - two sets of twins, in the first grade -two boys that were 16 and 17 years old, barefooted and in the first grade. They were Silas Butts' adopted children. That morning, the water bucket just kept getting empty. It was a tin bucket, with a tin dipper in it. And I went back to the little girl that was sitting on the back bench, and asked her, "Nancy, what's going with the water?" And she said, "You better go to the spring and see." Well, I still didn't know what she was talking about, so I declared a recess and we all went down the path to the spring. And I looked over into the spring and there sat a half a gallon fruit jar, half full of whiskey. So, I poured it out in the road- in the path and we went back to the little one room school. And I couldn't get those big boys quieted down because they had been to the spring. And so I expelled them- thirteen of them, and carried them to the door and sent them on down the road and told them to go home."

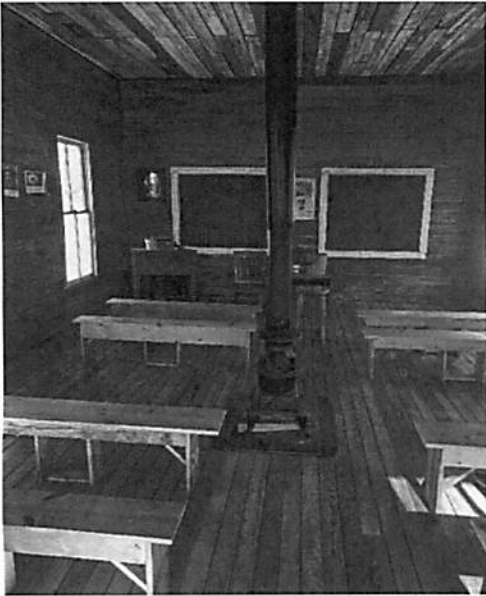
Later that same afternoon, after Silas found out what Mary Arve had done, he drove by, looking for the teacher on his way down to town. She recalled: "He was going to Walhalla to get that ole' teacher fired. So, he went up, and the Superintendent of Education was a friend of mine, and he said, "I'll tell you what. You say you've got thirteen adopted children?" He [Silas] said, "Yeah, I got more than that but I got thirteen in school." And the superintendent told him that, "If you'll go back home, and saw you some lumber, and build you a schoolhouse, we'll furnish you a teacher." And so he went back home, sawed up the timbers, built the schoolhouse and it's still standing up there- Silas Butts' schoolhouse."



ORIGINAL LOCATION OF SCHOOL HOUSE



The school house found a new home. It was moved and re-built on the grounds of the Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum of South Carolina. Butts was an Oconee County legend who took in children in what today would approximate foster care. The grandfather of editor and writer Jerry Alexander was a brother to Butts. Alexander was considered an authority on Silas Butts, as well as a chronicler of events from the past of both Oconee and Pickens counties.



According to Lowell Ross in "A Legend of Brasstown." The Oconee Legend. 24 May 1990. "Although Silas could neither read nor write, he demonstrated beyond a doubt that he was bright." In 1953, three years before his death, Richard Drake wrote in The State newspaper:

No statesman or politician is the bewildered Mr. Butts, nor is he in the ranks of education and religion. In fact, Silas can neither read nor write and in his 72 years of life in the hills he has exposed his own mental faculties to little or no book learning. Yet the man on the street in Seneca, Walhalla, or Westminster will inform you that this rugged man from the hills packs more brains and native common sense in his frosted cranium than 99 percent of the surrounding populace and that includes preachers, teachers, and business men.

Moonshining

Silas Butts made and sold liquor and got caught for making liquor. "Orphans Ran the Corn". He used his children to work the crops of corn and run the liquor. He had a drive by window for liquor sales. The neighbor and friend to Silas, Clem Smith, remembered going to Silas' for liquor with his brother in-law many times:

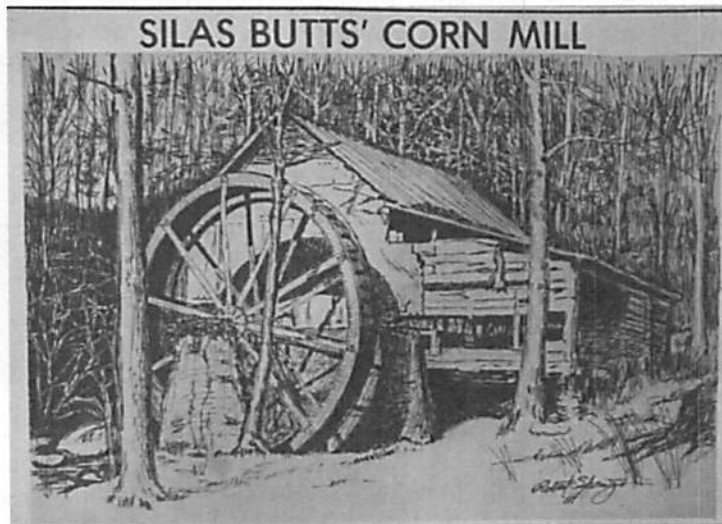
"Silas would be in the bed, if he wanted it good, he'd reach over here and get a jug [to his right], if you wanted just regular liquor, it'd be over here [to his left]. And be able to make change, he'd reach over here- different sizes of money. Never get out of bed and do business like that. I seen it happen. Many times."

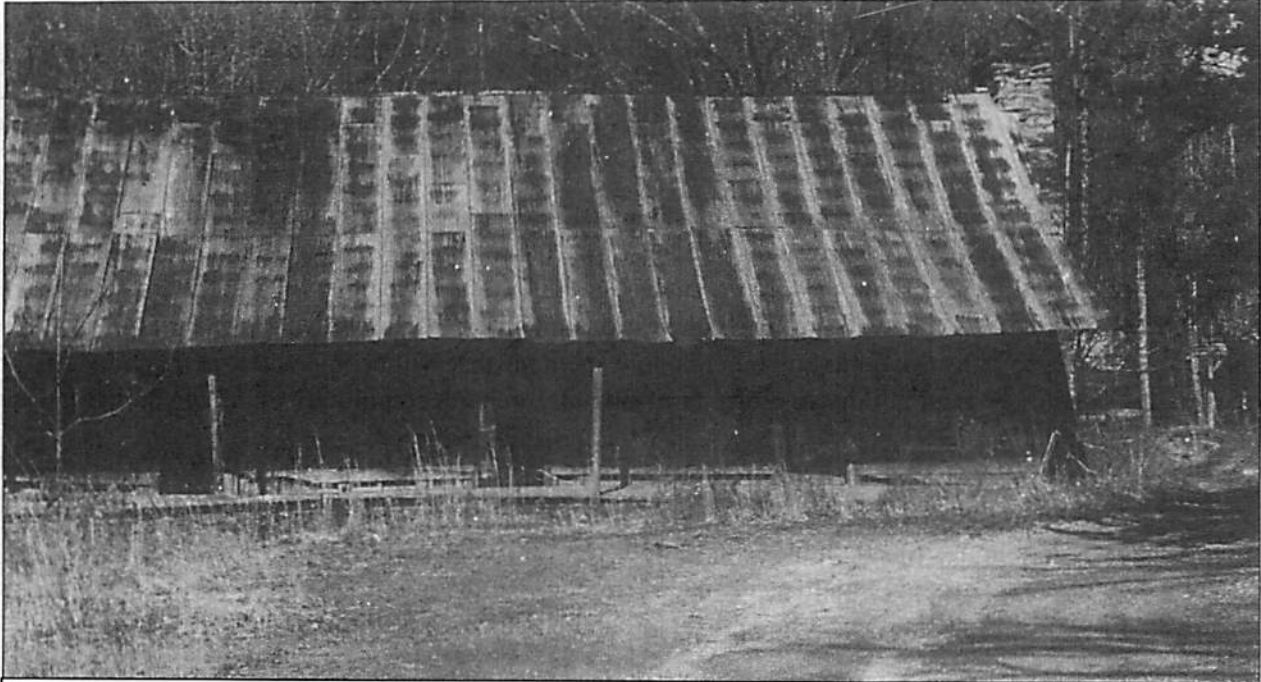
This etching of Silas's mill was done for newspaperman Jack Hunt by Robert Springs of Walhalla in 1987.

Everyone knew that Silas made and sold liquor and would get caught from time to time. The story was told often that he would use his orphans to get him out of paying fines or serving time. He would take them into the courthouse and line them up on the front row. When the judge would sentence him, he told the kids that judge was going to take care of them because the Judge was sending him away.

The new owners of the Silas Butts Farm found 16 busted up stills.

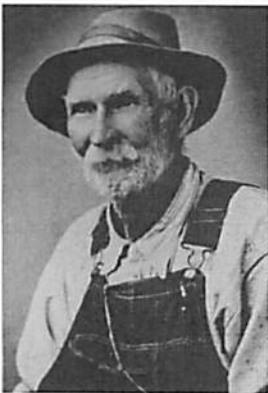
There was talk that compared Silas to the comic character Snuffy Smith. Both were moonshiners, funny and lived in the mountains. Even their wives shared similar names, Louisa (pronounced Loo-eye-za) and Snuffy's wife, Lowizie.





Jacob Butts, Jr (1837-1905) owned this house on Brasstown Creek. It later became the home of Silas Butts and his orphans. John Johnson, Museum site Coordinator at the Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum, helped in restoring it enough to keep it from falling in and lasting another 40 years.

The Grist Mill is in operation today but not for business. The buildings at the time of Silas included the log barn, which served as the first house, the gristmill, the main house occupied by Silas, his wife and the children, his schoolhouse, the corn crib, hen house and Model T car shed. The building below was the farmhouse Silas inherited from his father.



Silas refused to have his photo taken until his later years, when he finally relented to requests from Dr. Shuler and a local photographer to sit for the picture as a tribute. Butts was so cautious that he insisted that the photo not be publicly displayed until after his death. The photo was called "The Old Man of the Mountain" and won many prizes in exhibits.

Silas died of a heart attack in 1956, but the tales from his colorful past have lived on into the 21st century. As Nick Gambrell discovered, people remember him differently—either as a great man or a horrible man. How can one person have two opposite legacies? To know why, check out Nick's thesis on Silas at website:

<http://www.oldpendleton.scgen.org/history.html>

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Nick Gambrell

Nicholas (Nick) Gambrell was born, raised and still lives in Oconee County, SC. He attended Appalachian State University where he majored in History and minored in Music (2001). Wanting to return home, Nick then received his Masters in History from Clemson University (2003). After graduate school, Nick went on to become the Director/Curator at the Oconee Heritage Center (now Oconee History Museum). In 2009, he left the museum to travel the world with various groups as a missionary for four years. Over the years, Nick has taught history as an adjunct professor at local colleges including Greenville Technical College, Erskine College,

Southern Wesleyan University and Tri-County Technical College. Together with his wife, Bentley, Nick opened an architectural salvage business in 2014. He still salvages but mainly focuses on “re-use” through historic restoration. Part of this historic restoration is currently taking place at the Foothills Farmstead- a living-history, working farm located in Oconee County, SC. Nick and Bentley have two children, London and Zeke, and they are currently restoring a nineteenth-century house of their own in Oakway, SC.

Nick formed The Foothills Farmstead non-profit began in 2017, located on School House Road in Westminster. It is a living-history farm under construction on 16 acres of land that includes a main farmhouse, grist mill, barn and general store. It will be a working farm representing agrarian life in the early 1900s. Visitors will learn what life was like in this area a century ago when homesteads in the rural south relied on tenant farmers, cotton gins, horses and mules to plow the fields and other bygone methods that will be in practice at the farmstead. It will eventually contain 12+ farm buildings, crops, farm animals, orchard, community buildings, walking trails, a natural amphitheater and more!

The Farmhouse

This Folk Victorian Farmhouse was built in the late 1800s just down the road from the farmstead site. It was disassembled and is currently being rebuilt as the main farmhouse of the Foothills Farmstead. It contains 6 rooms with a hallway down the middle. A large, wrap around porch was added c.1915 and remains the defining



feature of this house.

When Nick and Bentley move the buildings, each individual piece is numbered, photographed, removed, denailed, and then stored until it is rebuilt. This is a lengthy process but it ensures historic accuracy while at the same time allows them to replace damaged parts as we rebuild.

The public is invited to visit the Foothills Farmstead every Saturday between 10am and Noon.

The Foothills Farmstead was awarded a Bridge Grant from SC Humanities that will enable it to open to the public each Saturday for one year. The grant stipulated that admission must be charged. To make it affordable for everyone, the Foothills Farmstead has set the admission price at \$1.00 per person.

435 Farmstead Way. Enter the Foothills Farmstead from School House Road (across the road from the Oakway Fire Department).

For more information, visit www.foothillsfarmstead.org, follow their Facebook page or email toinfo@oldoakway.com.

Keowee Birches Ford
South Carolina Pickens Dist.
7th Oct 1838

Written on inside front pages.

Old Militia Court

Martial Book Proceedings

W.G. Fields (Signature)

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Page 10. South Carolina, Pickens District. Personally appeared **John Lee** and made oath that he had warned **James Robertson** and **James Gassaway** to attend the Court Martial on the 3rd Saturday on November 3, 1837. Signed **Waddy Thomas** and **John Lee**.

Page 10. **Larkin Caldwell**, **Jackson Lewis** and **Edward Rogers** Proof of Summons made before this day Nov. 18th 1837. **Joseph Burnett** Lt. Col. 2d. Regt. C.M.

Page 10. **J.R.M. Cannon** sayeth on oath before me the subscriber that he did warn **W. H. Nations**, **Amos Wooten** and **John C. Fringe** to attend the Court Martial on this day 18th Nov 1837. **John Cannon**. **Joseph Burnett**, Lt. Col. 2nd, **R.L.C.** (Signed), **John Cannon**.

Page 10. SC, Pickens District. Personally, came **William Guest** before me and made oath that he did warn **Allen Lanear** and **Abner Hutchins** and **William Brown** to attend the Court Martial 3rd Saturday in November. Sworn to before me, November 15, 1837. **G. W. Treadaway**, Captain. **William Guest**, 2nd Corporal.

Page 11. 2nd Company 2 Batt. vs. **W.W. Leathers**. For not warning persons to the Genl. Muster. This day personally appeared **Wm. W. Leathers** and made oath that he could not read the form to warn the persons, but from what he could understand from others, it was to warn them to the petty muster and done so and he did not receive any other order than the above. Given under my hand and seal this 4th Nov 1837. Sworn to before me, **Wm. C. Lee**. **Wm. W.** (his Mark) **Leathers**. Excused No. 1.

p. 11. 2nd Company 2 Batt. vs. **M. Pearce**. For default at Company Muster 2nd September. Personally appeared **Martin Pearce** before me **Levi Phillips** Capt. of 2nd Company 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of South Carolina Militia. The reason why he did not attend one petty muster in September 2nd day is because my foot was so sore that I could not ware (sic) a shoe. Sworn to before me this 9th September 1837. **Martin (his mark) Pearce**. **Levi Phillips**, Captain. Excused No. 2.

p. 11. 2nd Company, 2nd Batt. vs. N. J. F. Perry. For default at Company Muster 2nd July and was warned by the Capt. to attend the Court Martial. Fined by default.

p. 11-12. 2nd Company vs. R. Fullerton. For default at General Muster. Personally, came **Robert Fullerton** and made oath that the reason why he was not at the last General Master was in consequence of his father who from some time previous until his death had often to be lifted. There being at the time of the muster no person living at the house but his mother who was unable to lift and attend to his father. Sworn Subscribed this 17th day of November 1837. **Robert Fullerton. Levi Phillip, Captain. Excused No. 3.**

p. 12. 4th Company, 1st Battery vs. Jas. Robertson. For default at Company Muster 28th Oct personally appeared before one **James Robertson** and made oath to his excuse for not attending the muster 28th Oct. his mother was lying very Low and did not expect her to live. This Nov. the 18th 1837. **James Robertson. Waddy Thomas, Captain. Excused No. 4.**

p. 12. 4th Company vs. Wm. Lusk. For default at General Muster in June. He sayeth on oath that he was not warned and was not certain as to the report he had heard of the muster. **Excused.**

p. 12. 4th Company vs. Allen Lanear. For default at Company Muster Second Saturday in October. Personally, came before me **Allen Lanear** and says his excuse for not attending the last Petty Muster Second Saturday in Oct. last is he was sick and not able to attend. Sworn to before me this 15th day of Nov. 1837. Signed **Allen Lanear** and **G.W. Treadaway, Captain. Excused No. 5.**

p. 12. 4th Company Battalion vs. Dreat Masengill. For default at Company Muster 1st Saturday in May. He sayeth on oath that he was out of the State on that Muster Day. **Excused.**

p. 13. 4th Company, Second Battalion vs. Abner Hutchins. State of South Carolina, Pickens District. For default at Company Muster 1st Saturday in August and the 2nd Saturday in October. This day before me personally and made appearance **Abner Hutchins** and made oath that his reasons for not attending the two last Orderly Musters (Commanded by **Capt. Treadaway**) the first was in consequence of his indisposition.

The second was in consequence of their situation of his wife, he not feeling himself at liberty to leave her under the existing circumstance. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of Nov. 1837. **John Myers, Justice of Peace. Signed by Abner Hutchins. Excused No. 6.**

p. 13. 4th Company, 2nd Battalion vs. John Kees. For default at General Muster 17 June, South Carolina, Pickens District, August 19th 1837. Before me personally came **John Kees** and made oath that he was sick and unable to attend the Regimental Muster held the 17th June 1837 last. Sworn to before me **G. W. Treadaway, Captain. John Kees. Excused. No. 7.**

p. 13. 4th Company, 2nd Battalion vs. O. Cleveland. South Carolina, Pickens District. Personally came before me **Osborn Cleveland** and says his excuse for not attending the last General Muster held 17th June last is he was sick and not able to attend. Sworn to before me August 5, 1837. **G. W. Treadaway. Capt. Osborn Cleland. Excused No. 8.**

Registration is Now Open for Roots 2023

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The world's largest family history gathering will return in 2023, and registration for the event is now open.

RootsTech is scheduled for March 2–4, 2023, including an in-person event in Salt Lake City, Utah, to complement its extensive online conference. Millions of virtual and in-person attendees are expected to gather for inspiring learning opportunities that will help them connect to their family – past, present and future.



Though 2023 marks the 13th year of RootsTech, it will be the first year since 2019 that the in-person experiences are being offered for the popular global event, which has been completely virtual since 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"The incredible blessing and miracle of the RootsTech virtual experiences is that we were able to confirm that there are so many more people worldwide who are interested in learning more about their family history, stories and connecting," said Jonathan Wing, creative manager for RootsTech.

The theme for RootsTech 2023 is "Uniting."

"RootsTech really is about uniting ... with your family first and foremost, but also to connect with stories and discovery experiences through your family history," said Jen Allen, director of events at FamilySearch. "We connect like-minded people who want to gather and learn similar things, [and] with new knowledge, learning, innovation and services that will help you make new connections to your family history."

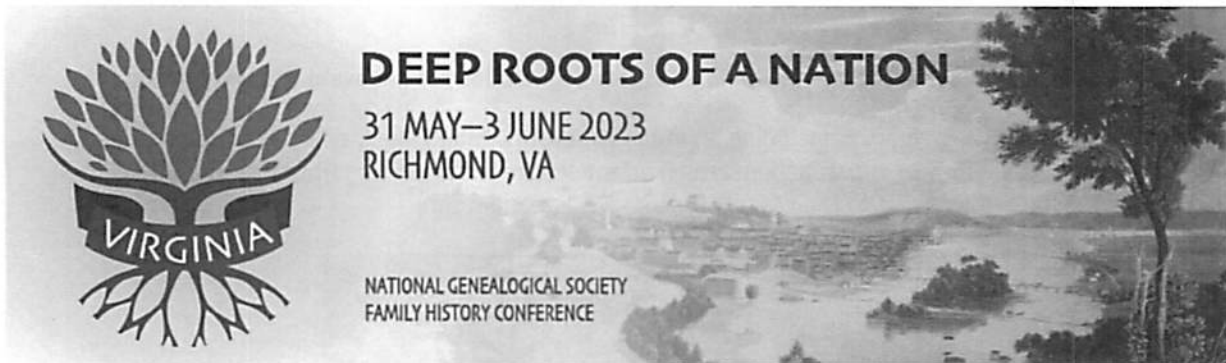
In 2022, over 3 million people participated online. Since the beginning, innovation has been a guiding principle for RootsTech. Each year, the event organizers adapt the content to appeal to people worldwide and to stay current. The 2023 event is striving to do the same by bringing the best of the virtual and in-person experiences together.

I think it would be really easy for people to assume we are having two separate events happening at the same time," Wing said. "But we will be connecting what's happening "virtually with what's occurring in person. We're creating ways for virtual attendees to participate with some of the in-person activities."

There will be inspiring keynotes, entertainment and more than 200 new classes at the event. The Expo Hall will also return with over 200 exhibitors, product demonstrations and interactions with research specialists.

RootsTech is sponsored by FamilySearch. Register now at [RootsTech.org](https://www.familysearch.org/RootsTech).

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The National Genealogical Society 2023 Family History Conference gives genealogists and family historians of all levels the insights necessary to take their research and writing to new heights and make exciting new discoveries.

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Designed for family history researchers at all levels — beginner, intermediate, and advanced — the conference lectures feature

- records and repositories in Virginia and neighboring states
- resources and techniques for researching African American, Indigenous Peoples, Jewish, and other ethnic groups
- local and federal government records including military, tax, and land records
- the use of DNA to help determine relationships
- methods to analyze and evaluate evidence
- and much more.

Keep checking this website for updates and new information as it becomes available

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

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2023 Old Pendleton District Chapter Membership Form

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Upcoming Events & Tentative Speakers

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| February 20, 2023 | Wayne Kelley, Pickens County Historical Society, will speak on "State Historical Markers and the Sesoctocentennial. |
| Mar 2-4, 2023 | Roots Tech (Live and Virtual) See Page 21 |
| March 20, 2023 | LaMarr Brooks will speak on "How to: DNA to GED.com to GEDMATCH and Beyond." |
| April 22, 2023 | DAR Patriot Grave Marking for John Miller at Old Stone Church |
| May 16, 2023 | Josh Johnson, Museum Site Coordinator of the Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum of South Carolina, Pendleton, SC. |
| May 31-June 3, 2023 | National Genealogy Society – Richmond, Virginia (Live and Virtual) See Page 22 |
| July 7-8, 2023 | Annual SC Summer Workshop – Columbia, South Carolina |