JOHN ARIAIL
A Research Diary, Book 2.

WILLIAM HAMILTON ARIAIL, baptisms he performed at Lancaster Methodist Church
Feb 23, 1879, Louisa Gandy
Feb 28, 1879, Bessie, daughter of William Hamilton and Hattie Elizabeth Yeargen Ariail, baptized by Reverend T.G. Herbert.
Sep 14, 1879, Hattie L. Bennett, Mary E. Bell, Mary Vanlandingham, J.S. Bennett, W.J. Cauthen.
Sep 15, 1879, M.L. McMurray.
Nov 30, 1879, George T. Bailey
Nov 30, 1879, Joseph K. Barker.

THE OLD FEDERAL ROAD. The area where William Harrison Ariail and his wife Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail settled upon their arrival from South Carolina. Also of extreme interest is the fact that we now have discovered tin-plated photographs of William Harrison Ariail and Mary Adelaide Barr, his wife. These pictures are in possession of James Patterson, the family historian. They were passed down from William Harrison Ariail to James Leland Ariail to James Claude Ariail to Lillie Blanche Ariail to Glenda Patterson and eventually to James Patterson.

These pictures will eventually find their way into the family web site.

Let us now look at the history of the area into which William Harrison Ariail and his family moved.

THE OLD FEDERAL ROAD.

When Revolutionary War soldier Richard Bellamy settled here in 1785, the “Old Federal Road” we no more than a horse trail through newly-formed Franklin County.

Later, when trade with the Indians began, Joe Nail moved to the area and opened a trading post. As trade increased, the Federal Road, as it came to be called, became heavily traveled. The term, Federal Road, came from the Federal government authorizing a certain route as a mail route.

This portion of the road, designated a Federal road in 1804, is really an artery leading into the main Federal Road which stretched from Augusta to present day Chattanooga. For folks in South Carolina, the Federal Road was a good way to head West. They travelled through Carnesville to Homer and on to Gainesville.

Realizing the land was good for farming, many chose to settle here. Over the years, small communities such as Mount Pleasant, Nails Creek, Walnut Hills, and Jewelsville sprang up, with general stores, schools, churches, and homesteads. All but Mount Pleasant even had a post office which operated out of the postmaster’s house. Cotton, corn and oats were the principal cash crops.

In the 1870s and 1880s when many communities grew rapidly due to the changes that came with the railroad, these communities along the Old Federal Road managed to keep their quite, rural life intact.

Today, you can travel the Old Federal Road and enjoy the traces of the past.

A DRIVING TOUR OF THE OLD FEDERAL ROAD.

1. Construction of the historic Banks County Courthouse began in 1860. However, it wasn’t finished until 1875 due to the War Between the States. Today the old Courthouse looks much as it did when it was built. While you’re in Homer, don’t miss the Banks County Jail, with its old trapdoor and hanging noose, it’s just around the corner on Highway 98.

2. The Mount Pleasant Methodist Church was built between 1888 and 1892, but this Methodist congregation had been meeting in log structures since 1780. Because churches then had services only one weekend per month, residents often alternated attendance between neighborhood
churches. Notice the ancient house tombs and graves in the cemetery, some containing the remains of Revolutionary War veterans.

3. The Strange-Duncan-Pruitt House was built for well-to-do farmer Seth Strange in 1820. Slaves trained as craftsmen in South Carolina planed and carved the wood by hand. Records show that in 1823, the Stranges owned 10 negroes, one two-wheeled carriage, and a total of 1,937.5 acres. John Duncan acquired the land in 1864, where he ran a mill, gin, and a store here as well as the farm.

4. The Voting House, as it is commonly called, was the voting place and courthouse or “law ground,” for the Wilmot Militia District in Banks County. Justice of the Peace Court, which handled minor cases with lesser fines, was generally held on the grounds around the building. When the weather was bad, court was held inside.

5. The original part of the Gillespie-Shannon House was built in 1874 by Barney Gillespie. As the Gillespie family grew, so did the house. The two story section was added in 1890, and later residents, the Shannons’, added a kitchen to the back in 1936. The kitchen was built from trees blown down in the infamous Gainesville tornado of ’36.

6. The Chambers House built in 1907 or 1908, was one of the first in the area to have running water. Be sure to notice the small wood building along the road just west of the house. It was originally part of the Nails Creek Church, built in 1881 and rolled to this site on logs in 1908. William Chambers ran a general store in it from about 1910 to 1936, and often took bales of cotton as payment.

7. Nails Creek Baptist Church, constructed in 1908, is the fourth church building on this site. The solid brick structure features wood floors that slope to the front center and carved mahogany pews. Lemuel Ariail, killed in the War Between the States, was the first person buried in the adjoining cemetery. Due to strained economic conditions after the War and fears of losing their land, families began burying their loved ones in church rather than family cemeteries. (Note: added by family historian James Patterson – Family tradition has it that Lemuel did not die in the war, He was critically ill with the Measles and was sent home. He died the next day and his father was stated as saying: “The way this war is going, we may not be able to keep our land” and chose to bury his son on the Church grounds rather than a family cemetery on the farm.)

8. Nails Creek Store, a one-story gable-end weathered clapboard building with a tin roof, was built in the 1870s across the road from its present site. But the history of this intersection goes back to the 1780s when Moses Sanders conducted mission work here with the Indians. In the 1790s, Joe Nail began operating a trading post, and there has been a store here ever since. The present store building was built by William D. Wiley shortly before his death. (Note: added by family historian James Patterson – William D. Wiley was husband of Mary Climelia Ariail, the only daughter of William Harrison Ariail. William D. Wiley died in 1878. Mary Climelia Ariail then married William Henry Thomas Gillespie and was the mother of Lt. Henry Thomas Gillespie who died in the battle of the Argonne Forest during WW I.)


10. As you ride along the Old Federal Road, be sure to notice the terraced hillsides, created around the 1930s by farmers as a means of controlling erosion. A good example of terracing can be seen right at the Banks & Franklin County lines.

11. Ariail House. When William Ariail bought a 625-acre farm for $2,000 in 1851, a small house was already standing. Then in 1896, he built a large gable-front addition, making the house you see today. William, a licensed minister, and his wife Mary, raised seven children. Five of the children were killed in the War Between the States. (Note: added by family historian James Patterson – here again we will make a correction to this Historical Report written by someone else. Son William Ira Ariail died at Camp Pickens, Manassas, Virginia on 9 Oct 1861. John Milton Ariail fought in the battle at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was wounded but returned home and fathered 7 children, Samuel Albert Ariail died in the Battle of Wilderness, Virginia on 6 May 1864, Andrew Daniel Ariail served and was taken prisoner but released and returned home to father 2 children and Lemuel Lawrence Ariail served in Georgia protecting from advancing forces from Tennessee.
but was sent home and died of the measles and buried in the Nails Creek Cemetery near his brother Andrew Daniel Ariail.)

12. The Coffee House, built after 1890, stands on land that has been in the same family since the original land grant to Revolutionary War veteran Richard Bellamy. A 1 ½ story log cabin still stands nearby possibly built by Richard Bellamy. The two outbuildings you see to the south are a smoke house and potato house.

13. The Plainview School, built in 1905, is a two-room school house. Although both rooms are of equal size, they were referred to as the “big room,” used for the older children, and the “little room,” used for the younger children. Some of the subjects taught here included algebra, geometry and Latin. School was held here until 1952. (Note added by James Patterson, family historian – my mother, Lillie Blanche Ariail Patterson taught school here after receiving training in North Georgia Trade School to become a teacher.)

14. David McConnell built the McConnell House in 1905 at age 59. Being a self-sufficient farmer, he had timber cut from his land a dried it in a shed for a year. His oldest son, John, drew up the plans for the house. Stones for the chimney were cut from a nearby quarry. The house was completed before Christmas of 1906, but David and his wife Mary both died before they could move in. One of John’s grandchildren, Roger McConnell, lives in the house today.

15. The Indian Creek Baptist Church was founded in 1850 by several members of the Nail Creek Church. Land was donated by William Mitchell, and the cemetery that you now see was originally the Mitchell family plot. The present building, constructed in the 1880s, was a simple wood-frame country church, painted white. It was covered with brick veneer in 1975.

16. The Payne-Swell House was built in 1885-1886 on John Payne’s share of the family land. John and his wife, Emma, had one son, John, a farmer, died at an early age after lifting a wagon. Emma later married Dr. J. P. Sewell, whose office is still standing alongside the Old Federal Road. An old barn and wash house are located behind the house. Across the road, John & Emma’s son built a house in 1910 which had water, carbide lights and probably even a bath.

17. The Franklin County Courthouse, constructed by W. Chamberlein and Company, Architects in 1906, was the 4th courthouse for the County. Franklin was one of the earliest counties formed in Georgia, and originally contained 500,000 acres. Between the years 1784 and 1905, land was taken from Franklin County to form all or parts of 15 other counties. Carnesville in one of the oldest communities in the area, and by 1827 had a courthouse, jail, clerk’s office, academy, 14 houses and 5 stores.

WILLIAM HARRISON ARIAIL, son of John Harvey Ariail and Chloe Climelia Ives of Connecticut.

Although we have speculated as to why William Harrison and wife Mary Barr Ariail came to Georgia, we now have a plausible explanation. We now also have an explanation as to why my grandfather James Claudius Ariail stated that the Ariail family came from Ireland. This entire concept is quite difficult to decipher, but will be readily comprehensible if I can set the stage correctly.

First, lets forget about the Ariail family for a few lines and set the Irish connection. Once upon a time, there was a man by the name of Andrew Warnock, born in Ireland in 1755, who came to the colonies in 1774. (Isn't that interesting, same year that John Ariail showed up in Western, Mass, and filed intent to marry Hannah Rich). This Andrew Warnock married a girl by the name of Mary from South Carolina and they had five children: Mary, b. 1775, Andrew, Susan, Martha, and Alfred.

The daughter Mary Warnock who was born in 1775, married Samuel Greenfield Barr, born in 1775, and from this union there were 8 children: James Sidney Barr, b. Jan 15, 1800, Andrew Barr, b. Jan 1, 1802, Leroy Barr, b. Jan 12, 1804, John Milton Barr, b. Nov 9, 1805, Felix Barr, b. Oct 8, 1807, Ellena Barr, b. Dec 12, 1809, Mary Adelaide Barr, b. Dec 12, 1812, and Bernice Barr, b. Jan 9, 1815.

The daughter Mary Adelaide Barr married William Harrison Ariail and from this union there came 7 children. As I name children, I will also include family members they were apparently named after in parenthesis. William Ira Ariail, b. May 23 1838 (named after his father and unknown person in South Carolina. Luke Ives Ariail also named a son Ira Onslow Ariail), John Milton Ariail, b. Apr 27, 1840 (named after Mary Barr's brother, John Milton Barr), Samuel Albert Ariail, b. Jun 2, 1842 (named after Mary's father, Samuel Barr), Andrew Daniel Ariail, b. Aug 11, 1844 (named after Mary's brother Andrew Barr), Lemuel Lawrence Ariail, b. Apr 15, 1847 (named after father's sisters husband, Lemuel Greenlee Hamilton), James Leland Ariail, b. May 25, 1849 (named after his great grandfather, James Barr) and Mary Climelia Ariail, b. May 15, 1854 (named after her mother, Mary Barr and her grandmother Chloe Climelia
It should be noted that the Ariail family was noted for naming children after ancestors in the early days.

This, then, would be the line of James Claudius' side of the Ariail family with the Irish connection. Will go in reverse order: James Claudius Ariail, James Leland Ariail, William Harrison Ariail/Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail, Samuel Greenfield Barr, James Barr. Now, let's take it to the Irish side: James Claudius Ariail, James Leland Ariail, William Harrison Ariail/Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail, Samuel Greenfield Barr/Mary Warnock Barr, Andrew Warnock -- born in Ireland in 1755 and came to colonies in 1774.

Let's cover some of the things that we know about our ancestors on the Warnock and Barr side of the family. Andrew Warnock was a private and Lieutenant in the S.C. militia in the Revolution. The Ariail Archives is in possession of the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Stack Service Slip for Andrew Warnock with corresponding data concerning him. We are also in possession of bible records of his descendants dating back to 1845. This includes the bible records of Charles West, Sr., and Mrs. Bernice English Jackson.

State Of South Carolina
Anderson District
In The Court of Ordinary

Note: Take a close look at how William Harrison Ariail is referred to in this document. I have also seen the Ariail family named this way in two different documents in Connecticut.

To Mary Barr, LeRoy Barr, Alexander McKinney and his wife Ellena, Harrison A. Rial & Mary A. his wife and Bernice Barr, Heirs and Legal Representatives of Major Saml. Barr, dec.

You and each of you are hereby required to be and appear before me in the Court of Ordinary for Anderson District on the fourth Monday in October, instant, to shew cause if any you can, why the Real Estate of Major Samuel Barr, dec. situate in the District and State aforesaid on Three and Twenty Mile Creek waters of Seneca River & bounded by Lands of Charles Wilson, Elijah Wyatt and others, Should not be divided or Sold as may on investigation to comport best with your interests.

Given under my hand and Seal the 5th Day of Oct. 1840. John Martin (Seal) Ordinary.


In the Court of Ordinary:

The Second or 1807 land lottery of Georgia. Here we will find that Grandfather of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail was involved in this lottery and it even gets more interesting as to where he owned land. Keep reading.

Name: Barr, James -- County Jackson -- Mil Dist Johnson -- Lot/dist 181/16 -- drew land Wilkinson
Name: Barr, James -- County Jackson -- Mil Dist Johnson -- Lot/dist 273/15 -- drew land Wilkinson

BIO SKETCH FOR JAMES BARR
on 19 Jun 1924 at Habersham Co. Ga. by Rev. C.O. English to Dr. John Brady Jackson, b. 21 Jan 1879.

Note: Told you it would get interesting. Look at where Mary Adelaide Barr's grandfather owned land!


Pendleton District, S.C. Deeds, 1790-1806
William Hallum(?), dec'd, in his lifetime made his last will and testament 15 Sep. 1803, then being of sound mind and memory, did order a certain Negro man slave named Peter, then the property of William Hallum (Cannot read...........) that we, being executors named desirious to comply (...........) sd. Negro Peter from this day forward to act and do for himself without any hindrance (...........). Date: --Nov. 1804. Signed: James Barr, husband of the Widow, Andrew Pickens, James Hallum, John Wilson, J.Q. Rec: 5 Dec. 1804, Mary (X) Barr, formerly wife of William Hallum, released dower to John Wilson, 17 Nov. 1804.

4. James Barr 020101-22201-1
James Barr (who left a will) was in the 1805 lottery, and on Sept. 24, 1811, he sold a slave to Isaac Strickland, with Joseph Barr as a witness. Samuel H. Barr was living in Rogers' District of Jackson County in 1827. In 1820, Robert O. Barr was in Hall County; Elizabeth and Samuel M. in Jefferson County; and Nathan D. in Clarke County, Ga. The Jackson County Barr's were perhaps of a family in the Rowan-Surry Counties, N.C., area from the 1760's, in Abbeville District, S.C., by 1790.

5. Samuel Barr 10010-00100-2 was in Pendleton District, S.C., in 1800.

Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution
Samuel Barr, He enlisted in the Fourth Regiment on 28 April 1778. On 11 November 1777, he became a corporal.

Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives, Volume IV 1791-1815
Barr, Samuel
Samuel Barr, Planter, resided in Pendleton District. He owned land on Twenty-three Mile Creek. At his death, his estate, including six slaves, was valued at approximately $2.500. Barr represented Pendleton in the Fourteenth (1800-1801), Eighteenth (1808-1809), Nineteenth (1810-1812), Twentieth (1812-1813), and Twenty-first (1814-1815) General Assemblies. While in the House, Barr served on the following committees; Judiciary (1800-1801), pensions (1808-1809), accounts (1808-1809), Roads, Bridges, and ferries (1808-1813, 1815), privileges and elections (1808-1809), military affairs (1810-1814), and religion (1814-1815), Locally, he served as a commissioner for free schools for Pendleton (1811) and as a militia major (ca. 1812). Married, he and his wife, Mary, were the parents of at least six children: James Sidnary, Andrew Leroy, John Milton, Alex, Ellena, and Polly. Samuel Barr died sometime between 16 December 1815 when the second session of the Twenty-first General Assembly ended and 4 March 1816 when his will was proved.

Fourteenth General Assembly Pendleton 1800-1801
Eighteenth General Assembly Pendleton 1808-1809
Nineteenth General Assembly Pendleton 1810-1812
Twentieth General Assembly Pendleton 1812-1813
Twenty-first General Assembly Pendleton 1814-1815


Other mentions of Samuel Barr:
ANDREW WARNOCK FAMILY -- DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition, Part III

Andrew Warnock: b 1755 IR, d. 1819 SC m Mary

South Carolina Wills 1670 - 1853 or Later
Co. And -- Bk. 2 Page 120 -- James Warnock
Co. And -- Bk. 2 Page 129 -- John Warnock

Georgia Census, Habersham County, 26th day of August, 1850.
Robert McKinney, 30, M, Farmer, $500.00 real estate, b. SC
Bernice McKinney, 35, F, b. SC -- lists 4 children
Mary Barr, widow, 75, F, Presbyterian, $60.00 real estate, b. SC. Note: This would be the mother of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail living with her daughter in Clarkeville, Ga. When she died, she was buried beside her husband in Pickens Cemetery, Slabtown, SC. (behind Pickens Chapel, in close proximity to where John and Chloe Ariail are buried).

1850 Georgia Mortality Census
Barr, Mary, Presbyterian, age 74, F, birthplace SC, Sep, W. Note: This explains why William Harrison Ariail and Mary Barr were married by a Presbyterian Minister in Carmel Presbyterian Church. It also shows that she was a widow and died in Sep at age 74.


Not often has a family had so many great men come forward to carry the banner of purity, character, and charity as has the Ariail family. I hesitate to name all the men in our family who have participated in the virtues of carrying forth the word of God to the masses, lest I forget one who was worthy of so great a cause, but I shall attempt to name a few.

It all started with a man by the name of John Harvey Ariail. The story goes that when he lost his young son, Thomas Blassingame Ariail, he turned his life over to serving his Lord Jesus Christ and remained in his service at Enon Baptist church in Easley, S.C. until his death. From there, two of his nephews, Rev. James Warren Ariail and Rev. William Hamilton Ariail became Methodist Ministers. It is also rumored that our ancestor, William Harrison Ariail, who came to Georgia in the early 1850's was also a Methodist Minister. Later, the son of Rev. James Warren Ariail, The Rev. Warren Galloway Ariail, was also a Methodist Minister, and several descendants of the Ariail girls became Ministers of the Gospel, i.e., The Rev. White from Pickens, S.C. and others.

The biographical sketches of these great men pronounce their greatness, and their dedication to family as well as their flock. Every instance demonstrates, again and again, that they first followed the divine precepts outlined in God's Holy Word prior to calling themselves worthy of His Calling. Such is the case of this latest biographical sketch of The Rev. Daniel Gilbert Ariail. The writers of this sketch would like to indicate that President Carter is the reason for Maranatha Baptist Church's sudden greatness, but any true
believer in the Holy Scriptures know the difference. It would suffice to say, 'To God be the Glory', and, anyone who knows the intent of the Gospel immediately realizes that God's instrument in the greatness of this Church is The Rev. Daniel Gilbert Ariail and not President Carter. God may use President Carter to draw the crowd, but it is God's man, The Rev. Daniel Gilbert Ariail, who is the instrument for feeding the Flock.

Without further personal interpretation of God's intent here, lets look at what is being said in our secular society about the Church that Rev. Daniel Gilbert Ariail pastors.

**PEWS FULL AT CARTER CHURCH.**

Maranatha Baptist Church had a turbulent birth 20 years ago when a handful of members broke with Plains Baptist Church to form Maranatha. But its pews are full these days -- thanks in part to the visitors who come to see its most famous member, former President Jimmy Carter.

"It has been God's blessing. I think, to have so many people come from around the world to worship with us," Mr. Carter said Sunday as the 300-seat church celebrated its 20th anniversary with 350 visitors.

The church was born after Plains Baptist refused membership to civil rights activist Clennon King in 1976. Church members unhappy with that decision broke ranks and formed Maranatha.

Mr. King had said he would return to reapply for membership Sunday, he didn't show up. He said he was told the church wouldn't act on his request.

"I was certainly prepared to welcome him," Mr. Carter said. "I was chairman of our constitution drafting committee and if Mr. Clennon wanted to come and be a member of our church, and if he had met the basic standards of our church, he would have been welcome.

When they returned to Plains after leaving Washington, the Carters chose Maranatha.

Now, members marvel at the success of the church, where Sunday services are often over filled with visitors.

Mr. Carter's regular teaching of a Sunday school class has helped ensure crowded pews. In 1996, the church had 5,988 visitors.

The largest crowd on record was the 615 people who came on Feb. 23 of this year, said the pastor, the Rev. Daniel G. Ariail.

"It wasn't comfortable, but it was fun," Mr. Ariail said, laughing.

Mr. Carter used Jeremiah 29:1-14 as the basis for his Sunday school lesson this week. He asked his audience to realize that "eternal life begins today, not some halcyon time.... when I've got enough money in the bank and all the kids are through college, or when my second home in Florida is paid for."

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**Prayer in Plains: The 20th anniversary of Maranatha Baptist Church will be celebrated July 13 with a dinner affair. For parishioners, hosting crowds of outsiders is considered the work of the Lord.**

- **Without fanfare, Linda Fuller is the substitute Sunday School Teacher for Jimmy Carter at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains. On the days Carter is teaching, Sunday school meets in the sanctuary and visitors show up early to get a good seat.**
- **Drawing Card: When the former president teaches Sunday school at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, attendance often tops 500.**

On a spring Sunday, more than 500 people squeeze into pews for a lesson on the Old Testament story of Jonah. A few Sundays later, a dozen people sit in folding chairs to study a passage from the gospel of Matthew.

This is the adult Sunday school class at Maranatha Baptist Church with and without former President Jimmy Carter, the man whose run for the presidency indirectly led to the church's founding and whose fame has defined its mission.

Newspapers in Albany and Columbus print the former President's Sunday school schedule and a recording at the church tells when he will be in town to teach. One the days Carter is teaching, Sunday school meets in the church sanctuary and visitors are advised to come early to get a seat.

On the days his co-teacher, Mashuq Askerzanda, is teaching, a handful of regulars meets in the church's fellowship hall, usually with two or three tourists in their midst and with plenty of empty chairs in the back. Carter-less Sundays are a reprieve from the duties of tending guests, but Maranatha member say they miss their visitors. For Maranathan’s, hosting hordes of outsiders several times a month is considered the work of the Lord.
Greeting visitors "is not about Jimmy Carter. It's about God," said Betty Godwin, a registered nurse and wife of the mayor of Plains. "It's a chill-bumpy kind of thing. It's spiritual."

Next Sunday (July 13) the church will celebrate its 20th anniversary in the Southern Christian tradition: with ham and deviled eggs and homemade pies for a dinner-on-the-grounds.

"We hope everyone we've ever gone to church with will come back," said Godwin, a charter member of the church who serves on the hospitality committee.

From the beginning, the congregation was in the public spotlight in a way few small churches ever experience. On Oct. 31, 1976, a few days before the election that put Carter in the White House, the Rev. Clennon King, a black activist from nearby Albany, came to apply for membership in Carter's home church, Plains Baptist. King was challenged a 1965 church policy that barred black people from membership.

Over subsequent weeks, the church voted to change the policy but denied King membership and fired its pastor, the Rev. Bruce Edwards, a vocal advocate of integration. Disillusioned members began meeting in homes, then in the abandoned St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Botsford five miles from Plains. On July 10, 1977, in the little clapboard Lutheran church, the Maranatha Baptist Church was constituted with 29 members.

Edwards met with the splinter group a few times but declined to be pastor of Maranatha.
"I felt it was better for the church and me and everybody else for me to move on out," he said this week in a telephone interview. He has lived in Hawaii for 20 years, first as a pastor and now as director of missions for the Oahu Baptist Association.

Growing up in Jacksonville, Edwards came early to the conviction that God loves everyone, he said. His grandfather was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and he sneaked out to watch a cross burning.

"I still remember to this day the chaplain of the Ku Klux Klan who presented himself as a Baptist minister saying, 'When a black man dies, it's like a dog dying. He doesn't have a soul,'" said Edwards, now 50, "I was struggling with that issue at a very early age and I came to the conclusion my culture was wrong."

Once the sound and the fury—and the election—were over, activist King moved on and never joined either church.

Today, at 80, he reflects that he did not apply for membership at Plains Baptist "as an enemy" but as a sincere admirer of Carter. But, he said, he does not regret sparking the rift at Plains Baptist. King now lives in Miami and operates the six-student Arenia Mallory School of Religion, named after his late fourth wife and the Church of Divine Mission, with about three dozen members. King uses the title "rabbi", because, he said, "the Lord revealed to me that Jesus was a rabbi."

With Carter in the White House and Edwards and King out of the picture, Maranatha members set about the business of building a church. On donated land north of town, they constructed a rather simple brick building more utilitarian than the picturesque White Plains Baptist, built in 1906. They welcomed black members, but have had few.

On the Sundays and holidays when Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter came home from Washington, they usually visited both Plains Baptist and Maranatha. When they left the White House, they joined Maranatha.

Godwin recalls that "Mr. Jimmy" met with some church members to ask if they would accept his membership and to warn them that there would be some hoopla wherever he went.

"We were thrilled," she said.

A year later, the Rev. Daniel G. Ariail came to be pastor of Maranatha. A Maysville native, Mercer University graduate and veteran of a Perry Pulpit, he was familiar with the South Georgia religious scene.

He knew he would have an unusual position as minister to a former president. "I didn't know how much fun it would be," he said. Over the years, Ariail has preached to actresses and actors, international bureaucrats and U.S. Cabinet members. As the church's pianist and song leader, he accompanied Medea Ruhadze-Namoradze, the leading soprano of the Tblisi Opera Company as she sang to his church members.

In the winter, retirees stop off at Maranatha to worship on the way to warm climes. In the summer, families headed for vacation may come to church there. Year-round, there are buses bringing church groups from surrounding states.

The record number of visitors in recent times was 615 on Feb. 23. On April 21, 1996, there were guests from 28 different countries. On Sunday mornings, Ariail keep a note card in his pocket with a list of cues so that he will remember what to tell the visitors. At the top of the card: "Rest Rooms."

Despite the large number of visitors, the church membership remains consistent at about 125. "We're a small, stable community," said Ariail. "New members are few and far between."
On the days when Carter is away, Askerada, a Sumter County school teacher, meets with the adult Sunday School. He came to the United States as an Afghan officer, then sought political asylum here. He was raised Muslim and became a Christian while attending Carter's class at Maranatha.

The afternoon after his family's first visit to the church, they looked out their living room window to see a visitor riding up on a bicycle, followed by two Secret Service cars. Carter invited them to continue coming to church.

"President Carter's class had a big impact on me," said Askerzada, now a deacon in the church. "His teaching was completely different than television evangelists. He always used Christ as a model."

From the beginning, Askerzada said, his family felt at home at Maranatha. "I know that in our church everyone is welcome," said Sybil Carter, widow of the former president's brother Billy. She joined Maranatha after moving back to Plains from Waycross in 1985. "I could not in good conscience be a member of a church that did not welcome people."

In his recent Sunday school lesson on Jonah, her brother-in-law hammered home his feelings about God, church and inclusivity. Jonah was avoiding God's assignment to go to Nineveh because the people there were different from him, Carter said. "There is no place in God's kingdom, or the kingdom of Jesus Christ, for prejudice against another person who's different from us because he is ignorant or black or in prison or has AIDS or is poverty-stricken or on welfare," he said.

Today, most people agree, old wounds healed between Plains Baptist and Maranatha.

"We don't have any ill will toward anyone," said Ernest Turner, a member of Plains Baptist who served as chairman of the deacons at the time of the uproar.

"We're real good friends."

HARVEY O. ARIAIL, Son of Luke Ives Ariail

The great tragedy of our time, The Civil War, will never be forgotten and, perhaps, rightly so. We so often have heard the 'catch' phrases of "brother against brother", "neighbor against neighbor", and others, which depict the savagery of this conflict, but do we truly understand its enormity. I don't think that we really do; therefore, let's put some facts together to illustrate just how devastating the War was to the Ariail Family.

Before presenting these facts there is another aspect we must address. Were our proclivities all toward the Confederacy? Hardly. At that time, as small as our family was within the Colonies, their tendencies were as diverse as the land upon which they lived. Some in Louisiana supported the Union; others in the Carolinas and Georgia supported the Confederacy while others actually lived in the northern states of Massachusetts and Connecticut. And, on the field of battle, no matter from whence they came, they were fighting for their families and homes as illustrated by the phrase written home by Harvey O. Ariail..."Tell all the young men to come, we can never let the enemy walk upon our beautiful land".

We shall always remember you Harvey, you never got to walk again 'upon our beautiful land', but, because of brave young men, such as yourself, we are still walking upon our beautiful land. Perhaps someday we will find your final resting place and pay to you the homage you so richly deserve.

There were few Ariail men, of war age, alive in the early United States at that time. I would like to submit that our family not only participated in this tragic war, but, perhaps more so than most other families. Let's recap the fathers and sons that were alive at that time and give the totals of what happened to the families.

There were 12 Ariail men of war age, 10 served in war, 4 died in war, 1 was brought back from the war and died of disease at home, 2 were wounded and 1 was a pow for a few days. These figures are based on current data available and are subject to change if new information is received. Now let's give a breakdown by family:

Luke Ives Ariail did not serve as far as we know -- son, Pvt. Harvey O. Ariail died in war hospital at Richmond.

Rev. Maj. John Harvey Ariail -- two sons, John Harvey Ariail III died from disease on coast of South Carolina, William Henry Harrison Ariail wounded. Additionally, his son-in-law, 'Little Moses' M.S. Hendricks, lost a leg in the war and his three brothers died in battle.

William Harrison Ariail did not serve, -- five sons did. William Ira Ariail died at Camp Pickens (Manassas), Va, Samuel Albert Ariail died at Battle of Wilderness, Va., John Milton Ariail was wounded four times, Andrew Daniel Ariail was captured and pow in Kentucky, and Lemuel Lawrence Ariail was brought back home from the war with measles and died of disease at home.

Judge/Col. Manna Rich Ariail, of Louisiana, served in some capacity and it is believed his efforts were in support of the Union Army.
Climelia Abigail Ariail, sister of William Harrison Ariail, Luke Ives Ariail and Rev. John Harvey Ariail - Her husband most likely served in some capacity during the war, but it is known that her son, John Archibald Hamilton and her son-in-law, William Pickens Hunt, both died in the War.

From this we can see that the Ariail Family paid a tremendous price for the cause in which they believed. What we, as individuals, now must do is understand their loyalties and heal the differences that this tragic moment in our history has ignited. Regardless of who they were and the cause for which they presented themselves, my hopes will always be that God walked with these young men as they dedicated themselves to their cause. May He have comforted them in the heat of battle and gently cradled them in His loving arms as they left their earthly home to a richer and eternal abode with Him on high.

Some documents have been recovered to substantiate the claims that we make. The following information has been recovered concerning Harvey Orlando Ariail and is reproduced below for everyone to read.

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Appears on a Roll Of Honor of the organization named above.
County S. Carolina
Date of Entrance into service July 20, 1861
Age 18; Vol. or Conscript. Volunteer
Remarks: Wounded in battles at Malvern Hill and Fredericksburg.
Compiled in the Office of the Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina in accordance with resolutions ratified by the General Assembly of that State on December 20, 1862. This card was made from the original record borrowed from the Adjutant General of North Carolina. -- M.S. 1043147. J.W. Wilkinson.

Private
Reference Slip
Cards filed with
Arial, Harvey O.

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Arial Harvey O.

Card Numbers
48663062/3176/3289/3405/3517/3639/3764/3900/4028/4143/4759/4372/4474/4577/4677/4777/47108017

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for July 5o Aug. 31, 1861.
Enlisted: When July 20, 1861
Where Asheville, N.C.
By whom William S. Grady
Period 1 year
Last Paid by whom Maj. Lewis
To what time pay due from enrolment. 1861
Bounty: Paid, $10.00
Present or absent Present
Name appears in column of names present as Hervey O. Ariail. J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above for Sept and Oct 1861.
Enlisted: When July 20, 1861
Where Asheville, N.C.
By Whom W. S. Grady
Period 1 year
Bounty: Paid $10.00
Present or Absent: Present
Name appears in column of names present as Harvey O. Ariael. J.P. Stirewalt, copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Age 18 years.
Appears on Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above, transferred to the service of the Confederate States on twenty-ninth of September 1861. Roll dated -- Camp Davis, Wilmington, N.C. Oct 22, 1861.
Muster-in to date July 8, 1861, date of muster into service of North Carolina.
Joined for duty and enrolled:
When July 20, 1861
Where Asheville, N.C.
By whom William S. Grady
Period 12 months.
No. of miles to rendezvous 75.
*This company subsequently became Company G, 25th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariael, Pvt, Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Nov and Dec 1861
Enlisted: When July 20, 1861
Where Asheville, N.C.
By whom W.S. Grady
Period 12 mos.
Last Paid: By whom Maj. H. Lee
To what time Oct 31, 1861
Present or absent Present
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariael, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Jan and Feb 1862.
Enlisted: When July 20, 1861
Where Asheville, N.C.
By whom W.S. Grady
Period 12 mos.
Last Paid: By whom W. H. Bryson
To what time Dec 31, 1861
Present or absent Present.
Name appears in column of names present as Harvey O. Ariel. J.P. Stirewalt copyist.

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariael, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Mar and Apr 1862
Enlisted: When July 20, 1861
Where Asheville, N.C.
By whom W.S. Grady
Period 1 year
Present or absent Present
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariail, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for May and June 1862.
Enlisted: When July 20, 1861
Where Asheville, N.C.
By whom W. S. Grady
Period 1 year
Last paid: By whom Capt A. J. Miller
To what time Apr 30, 1862
Present or absent Present
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariail, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for July and Aug 1862
Last paid: By whom Capt. A. J. Miller
To what time June 30, 1862
Present or absent Present
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariail, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Sept and Oct 1862
Last paid: By whom J.B. McCaw
To what time Oct 31, 1862
Present or absent Absent
Remarks: Absent on furlough.
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariail, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Hospital Muster Roll of detached soldiers, sick in 3d Division, General Hospital Camp Winder, Richmond, Va., for to Oct 31, 1862, dated Dec 22, 1862.
Enlisted: When July 27, 1861
Where Asheville
By whom Capt Grady
Period 1 yr
Last paid: By whom Capt Miller
To what time Sept 1, 1862
Present or absent Not stated
C. Kline copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
H.O. Ariail, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't N.C.
Appears on Hospital Muster Roll of detached soldiers, sick in 3d Division, General Hospital Camp Winder, Richmond, Va., for to Dec 31, 1862. Dated Jan 2, 1863.
Enlisted: When July 27, 1861
Where Asheville
By whom Capt. Grady
Period 1 yr
Last paid: By whom Capt Sandy
To what time Nov 1, 1862
Present or absent Not stated
C. Kline copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O. Ariail, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg't North Carolina Infantry (State Troops)
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above for Jan and Feb 1863
Present or absent Absent
Remarks: Absent sick at hospital.
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
H.C. Aaron, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Rgt, N.C. (Note: Also listed as H. Ariel)
Appears on a register of Medical Director's Office, Richmond, VA.
Hospital Winder Div 3
Admitted Dec 18, 1862

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
H.O. Aaron, Pvt., Co. G., 25 Reg, N.C. (Note: Also listed as Harvey O. Ariail)
Appears on a Register of Medical Director's Office, Richmond, VA.
Hospital Winder Div 3
Returned to duty Mch 11, 1863

Confederate
H.O. Ariail, Co. G., 25 N.C.
Date of issue Jan 24, 1863
Buchanan copyist

Confederate - A
H.O. Ariail, Pvt., Co. G., 25th NCT
Appears on a list of casualties, in Ransom's Division, in the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862, and the fighting previous and subsequent to that affair.
List dated Not dated, 186.
Date 13th, 186.
Remarks: Wounded slightly
Series 1, Vol. 21, page 625 Searonstein copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Appears on Hospital Muster Roll of detached soldiers, sick in 3d Division, General Hospital Camp Winder, Richmond, Va., for to Feb 28, 1863 dated Mch 9, 1863.
Enlisted: When July 26, 1861
Where Asheville
By whom Capt Grady
Period 1 yr.
Last paid: By whom Capt Sandy
To what time Jan 10, 1863
Present or absent Not stated
C. Kline copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Jan and Feb 1864.
Present or absent Present
J.P. Stirewalt copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Appears on a Report of Sick and Wounded in General Hospital Camp Winder, at Richmond, Va., for the month of Sept 1864.
Discharges on Surgeon's Certificate and Deaths:
Disease Febris Cont. Simplex
Date of death Sept 4, 1864
T. Cary copyist

Confederate - A/25/N.C.
Harvey O Ariail, Co. G., 25 Regt. N.C.
Name appears on a Register of Claims of Deceased Officers and Soldiers from North Carolina, which were filed for settlement in the Office of the Confederate States Auditor for the War Department.
By whom presented Hulah C. Ariail, Widow
When filed Oct 10, 1864
Where died Richmond
Confed. Arch., Chap. 10, File No. 23, page 9
W.H. Callings copyist

ROBERT ARIAIL, Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor, South Carolina
I have said before that the Ariail Family is no different from any other sector of American Society and the following article reflects that the above statement is true. From politicians, attorneys, ministers, teachers, farmers, and any other profession that can be imagined, the Ariail family can be seen as they merge into our society and take their respective places in the history of our nation. Although our family name is unique, and the numbers remain small, compared to other families such as the Smith's, Patterson's, etc., almost at every turn, we can find traces of where the Ariail's have been and what they have done during their lifetimes.

Lets take a look at what Tom Murphy said about a case in which Robert Ariail was involved.

Defendant: Killing was in self-defense.
The Greenville man admitted to this and described it as an act of self-defense during the fourth day of testimony in his murder trial.
Taking the witness stand Monday afternoon, Mr. Sheppard said he was attacked from behind while running from police that day. He said his assailant had him in a chokehold, and as he struggled to breathe, Mr. Sheppard fired a .22-caliber pistol behind his head without looking.
"It seemed like I was a chicken getting my neck strung," he told a Greenville County Courthouse audience, "My only option was to get whatever was on me off me, so I fired two times."
He said he then turned around and emptied the pistol into his assailant, again without looking.
Mr. Sheppard, 21, of 11 Fulton St. faces murder and weapons possession charges in connection with the shooting. He also could face the death penalty if convicted.
Prosecution witnesses said Mr. Sorrow, 26, of Williamston, was shot six times in the head and once in the left buttock near the intersection of Endel and Gower streets. They also have said this happened after the officer chased Mr. Sheppard, who was wanted on some outstanding warrants, through several yards and one residence.
Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Bob Ariail wrapped up his case against Mr. Sheppard by calling witnesses who said a bullet found in Mr. Sorrow and shell casings discovered at the scene matched the pistol the defendant said he used.

Mr. Ariail also called one of Mr. Sheppard's friends who said the defendant confessed to him shortly after the shooting.

"He said he did some bad stuff, and that he . . . done shot a cop," George Smith Jr. said.

He testified that Mr. Sheppard told him all about the foot chase. He said the defendant also told him that he hid behind a Gower Street barn and "when the cop came around a corner he shot him."

Mr. Smith, who is charged as an accessory after the shooting, also said Mr. Sheppard asked him to hide pieces of his weapon, which later were recovered from Mr. Smith's residence. Hours after the shooting, the two went to a Taco Bell restaurant to get some food.

Speaking softly throughout his testimony and avoiding eye contact with jurors, Mr. Sheppard denied he confessed to Mr. Smith. He also said he had run behind the barn and was looking around a corner for the officer when he was choked.

Mr. Sheppard said he eventually ran from the scene of the shooting and stayed with an acquaintance for a few days before turning himself in at a Cricket Inn on Augusta Road.

Mr. Sheppard testified that he didn't mean to kill the officer. But on cross examination, Mr. Ariail asked him what he thought he was doing when he fired blindly into his attacker's face.

"At the time, I wasn't thinking. I was getting choked," Mr. Sheppard replied. He reiterated this when Mr. Ariail asked him how, with only police chasing him that day, he could not think it was an officer who grabbed him.

Mr. Ariail also asked the defendant how the officer's body wound up in front of the barn, when Mr. Sheppard said the choking attack occurred in the rear. This caused the defendant to stammer in search of an answer.

"Like I said, we was buckin', and I was buckin' like a bull," Mr. Sheppard replied.

Earlier Monday, the trial lost a black female juror when she told court officials that she knew a witness. This left only one black juror on the 12-person panel. Mr. Sheppard is black.

Sheppard found guilty of murdering police officer


The 12-person panel now must decide whether the 21-year-old west Greenville man should pay for the crime with his life. But first, the seven female and five male jurors will have to sit through a cooling off period mandated by state law to take place between the guilt and sentencing phases of death penalty trials.

Prosecutors are permitted to seek the death penalty if a murder includes certain aggravating circumstances like the killing of a police officer.

The verdict, which came after two hours of deliberation, brought noticeable relief to several members of the slain officer's family who sat through the entire trial. Mr. Sorrow's widow, Joy, dabbed her eyes with a tissue and cried softly after the verdicts were read, as did her father, the Rev. Dennis Barden.

A gag order prevented them from publicly commenting on the verdict.

Mr. Sorrow's son, Matthew, made his first appearance in court Tuesday. But the rambunctious blond toddler had left by the time the verdicts arrived.

Across the Greenville County Courthouse courtroom, Sheppard sat silently with his hands folded over his mouth. He showed little emotion as the verdict was read. But his mother, Shirley, and girlfriend, Erika Jeffries, broke down.

They both left quickly afterward with tears streaming down their cheeks. Sheppard's two small daughters, Courtney and Justice, tagged along.

"I just don't know what to say," Ms. Jeffries said as she stood in the courthouse parking lot afterward.

Throughout five days of testimony, prosecution witnesses painted a picture of a four-minute foot chase the day of the shooting. The chase began after Mr. Sorrow spotted the defendant while patrolling near Endel and Joe Louis streets. Sheppard was wanted on some felony warrants.

It ended near a barn on Gower Street, where the officer was shot six times in the head. George Smith Jr., a friend of Sheppard's, testified that the defendant told him he hid behind the barn and then ambushed the officer.
After taking the stand Monday, Sheppard admitted to the chase and subsequent shooting. But he denied the ambush.

Sheppard told the court he was hiding behind the barn when someone snuck up and put a chokehold on him. The defendant said he wildly fired his gun behind his head in response, then turned and emptied the .22-caliber pistol into the attacker without realizing it was an officer.

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Bob Ariail scoffed at this testimony in his closing argument. He noted that the six bullets hit Mr. Sheppard in the head.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that is not random shooting, that's taking aim and firing," Mr. Ariail said. "That's execution."

Public defender John Mauldin reminded jurors that they were not selected "to reward or punish anyone or send any message."

Court officials will meet Wednesday afternoon possibly to begin the sentencing phase.

Of the 12 jurors who will decide Sheppard's fate, 11 are white and one is black. Sheppard also is black. The juror's range in age from 26 to 60, and 10 of them have children. Roughly half have some sort of college education, and their occupations range from flight attendant to registered nurse.

If he is sentenced to death, Sheppard will have a choice of either lethal injection or the electric chair, according to state law.

Slain Officer's widow brings audience in court to tears

Testimony is emotion-filled recounting of man's love for her and their young son

A widowed Joy Sorrow and memories of her slain husband brought a courthouse audience to tears Wednesday, as testimony opened in the penalty phase of Joseph R. Sheppard's capital murder trial.

Greenville police officer and Williamston resident James Russell Sorrow was murdered Sept. 19, 1996, by Sheppard. But Mrs. Sorrow testified that she didn't fully believe it until she saw her husband's body at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

"I bent down and whispered in her ear for him not to worry about a thing, I would take very good care of Matthew (their 5-month-old son)," Mrs. Sorrow said. "At this very moment I was alone, and it hit me standing there ... that I was a widow."

As she left the witness stand, Mrs. Sorrow was greeted by sniffles from several audience members and jurors wiping away tears. During a brief recess that followed her testimony, several members of Mr. Sorrow's family stayed in their seats, silently trying to regain their composure.

But Mrs. Sorrow, who cried several times during her testimony, walked out of the courtroom and then ran and swept up her baby -- now an 18-month-old toddler -- who was busy running around a hallway.

Prosecutors opened the penalty phase of Sheppard's capital murder trial with a heavy dose of emotionally charged testimony like this.

Sheppard, 21, was convicted Tuesday in the guilt phase of his trial of murdering the police officer. Trial witnesses had testified Mr. Sorrow, 26, was shot six times in the head after chasing on foot through a west Greenville neighborhood the defendant, who was wanted on outstanding felony warrants.

State law allows prosecutors to seek the death penalty if a crime includes certain aggravating circumstances like the murder of a police officer. In such capital cases, the guilt phase is followed by a penalty phase, where witnesses testify to the impact of a person's loss on survivors.

After this phase, the same jury panel that decided guilt must determine life or death.

Mrs. Sorrow began her testimony by telling how she met her husband, whom she described as her best friend and "the love of my life," at church youth camps when they both were teen-agers. He was the first person she ever kissed.

They married May 14, 1994, after an engagement of more than three years. She described how she watched her loving husband become a doting father after Matthew was born in April 1996.

"He'd say, 'This is the best thing I've ever done, and I did it well,'" Mrs. Sorrow said.

She also talked about watching the baby take his first step, say his first word and experience his first Christmas -- all by herself.

"I had to go buy his toys alone and play Santa Claus all by myself," Mrs. Sorrow said. "The little things are what I miss, not the big ones."

Mrs. Sorrow said she last spoke with her husband over the phone, hours before the shooting. The last thing she ever told him was, "I love you."

Mr. Sorrow's father, the Rev. J.C. Sorrow of Greenwood, told the court how Russ, the youngest of the reverend's four children, had wanted to be a police officer "from the time he was just a small fella."
He talked about how the family went out for a steak dinner the day Russ Sorrow graduated from the police academy.

"He was so proud," Mr. Sorrow said. "I don't suppose he took two bites of that steak, he was so excited."

Attorneys ended the day by arguing outside the jury's presence about whether letters Sheppard wrote while in jail could be admitted. The letters, which Sheppard wrote to a friend, included such statements as, "Jail ain't nothing but a vacation."

Fifth Circuit Court Judge Costa M. Pleicones told the lawyers to study the issue overnight and be prepared to resolve it Thursday. Prosecutors then will wrap up their case, and public defender John Mauldin will present his witnesses.

The sentencing phase is expected to end Friday.

Sheppard gets life for killing

A Greenville County jury spared the life of Joseph Sheppard, deciding Thursday that he deserved a lifetime in prison for the murder of police officer James Russell Sorrow.

Sheppard, 21, showed absolutely no emotion as the jury returned from four hours of deliberation, and Fifth Circuit Court Judge Costa M. Pleicones announced their sentence around 8:20 p.m. Across the courtroom Mr. Sorrow's widow, Joy, sobbed uncontrollably as her sister tried to console her.

Other Sorrow family members sat in stunned silence.

Sheppard faced the death penalty after the same jury convicted him earlier this week of murder in the Sept. 19, 1996, shooting death of the Greenville police officer.

Trial witnesses said Mr. Sorrow, a Williamston resident, was shot six times in the head after a four-minute foot chase through a west Greenville neighborhood that day. Sheppard had been wanted on some outstanding felony warrants, and Mr. Sorrow began the chase after spotting him from his police cruiser.

State law allows prosecutors to seek capital punishment if a murder involves certain aggravating circumstances like the killing of a police officer.

The jury's decision brought tears of joy from both Sheppard's mother, Shirley, and the mother of his two children, Erika Jeffries. Both silently walked away from the Greenville County Courthouse without comment.

Sheppard's attorneys, Gary Hill and public defender John Mauldin, also declined comment as they left. Clarence Thornton, a family friend of the Sheppard's, said to give credit for the decision to God. During jury deliberations, Mr. Thornton had gathered Sheppard friends and family in a circle to pray.

"Our prayers go out to the Sorrow family," Mr. Thornton said. "Joe's going to have to straighten up. The next step is to straighten out his soul."

Mr. Thornton, who called for police help from the fallen officer's two-way radio immediately after the shooting, also said he will pray that nothing like this will happen again.

After the decision, Joy Sorrow's father, the Rev. Dennis Barden, whiskey his daughter through a small army of TV cameras outside the courthouse without commenting.

Mr. Sorrow's father, the Rev. J.C. Sorrow, stopped briefly to thank the 13th Circuit Solicitor's office and the police department.

"It's been I suppose the hardest, most exhausting 10 days of our lives we've ever spent," he said. "I can live with the verdict, please don't misunderstand that. But it sends a sad message that you can take a life, make up a good lie and get away with it."

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Bob Ariail said he was disappointed, but he respected the jury's decision.

"I felt we had the right case, and I thought we presented it well," Mr. Ariail said.

Before the decision, Mr. Mauldin and Mr. Hall used witnesses to explain the circumstances in Sheppard's life that may have led to the shooting. Social worker Jeff Yungman sculpted a profile of Sheppard that included a law IQ of 81 plus no emotional support from John Mackey, his absent, alcoholic father.

Mr. Yungman testified to Sheppard's devotion to his two children, Courtney and Justice, which the social worker said was unusual for his environment. He also noted that Sheppard lasted only six months in two Greenville-area high schools and received no significant counseling in his brief scholastic career.

"By the age of 17, he was pretty much ingrained in the street life of west Greenville," Mr. Yungman said.

A psychiatrist also testified that Sheppard suffered from "acute stress disorder." Dr. James Bellard said this meant he was subject to impulsive acts and less likely to consider the consequences.

Shirely Sheppard took the stand briefly to introduce some childhood photographs of her son, but did not testify further. The defendant also elected not to testify or address the jury.

In closing arguments, Mr. Ariail told jurors their decision would "ring like a bell" throughout the community.
"Let the bell ring," he said. "Let the people know that killing a member of the police department trying to exercise his lawful authority . . . is something we will not tolerate."

Mr. Mauldin asked jurors to spare his client and show mercy.

"What do we teach our children? Do we teach our children retribution, or do we teach our children compassion?" he asked. "Do we teach our children revenge, or do we teach our children mercy?"

REV. WILLIAM HAMILTON ARIAIL

The Journal, Rock Hill, South Carolina, Friday Morning, October 3, 1902
Rev. Mr. Ariail loses a fine horse.

The friends of the Rev. W.H. Ariail are sympathizing with him in the loss of his fine horse, which died Wednesday.

The Journal hopes the following appeal of Dr. Bays in behalf of Mr. Ariail will meet with a hearty and generous responses.

AN APPEAL

The Rev. W.H. Ariail, of the North Rock Hill circuit, lost by death his fine horse on this date, October 1st. The writer makes this appeal without the knowledge of Brother Ariail, whose modesty is equaled only by his fidelity. I hope the good people of Rock Hill with the people of his circuit will find it a pleasure to aid our brother in the purchase of another horse.

Capt. Davis has kindly consented to receive contributions for this purpose.

H.W. Bays


Rock Hill and Yorkville, South Carolina City Directory, 1908 - 1909 Vol. 1 pg. 16
Ariail, Kathleen Miss, h 325 Pine
Ariail, Lucille Miss, h 325 Pine
Ariail, Wilhelmina Miss, h 325 Pine
Ariail, Wm. H. Rev. (Nancy E) (Methodist), h 325 Pine

Evening Herald, Rock Hill, South Carolina, Tuesday, October 15, 1918.

TWO METHODIST MINISTERS DEAD.

It is with particular regret that Rock Hillians read this morning of the death of Rev. R.E. Turnipseed, Presiding Elder of Greenville district of the M.E. Church, South, and the Rev. W.H. Ariail, of Florence County.

Both were well known in Rock Hill, Mr. Ariail having at one time served churches in this circuit, and made his home here.

Mr. Turnipseed was a brother of Mrs. Hettie S. Browne, of Winthrop College, and had preached here on a number of occasions.

1899 - Ariail, Bessie (Mrs. R. S. Truesdale) Rock Hill, S.C.
1910 - Ariail, Lucile (Mrs. Hal Kinard) Spartanburg, S.C.
1910 - Ariail, Wilhelmina (Mrs. C.M. Spears) Florence, S.C.
1913 - Ariail, Kathleen (Mrs. E.G. Littlejohn) Orange, N.J.
1917 - Ariail, Ruth (Mrs. C.L. Baxyter) Kingstree, S.C.

HON. JULIUS FELLOWS ARIAIL

Necrology, The Daily Picayune, New Orleans, La. Special to the Picayune
Alexandria, La., March 3--Hon. Julius Fellows Ariail, aged 35 years, a native of Alexandria, died here at 10 this morning. The deceased was one of the most respected citizens of the parish, and had brighter laurels within his grasp, by his personal merits, than any young man who ever lived in Rapides parish. The young man entered the Louisiana Military Institute at Baton Rough, where he soon attained the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and won many military distinctions. He then went to the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn, where he took a law course and graduated in 1896 with honors. He was at the time of his death representative in the lower house of the legislature from Rapides parish, and at all times his actions were beyond reproach. He was a member of the local lodge of Masons, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Woodmen of the World. In the latter order he was elected consul commander of Rapides Camp No. 17
when organized, March, 1896, and again in 1897; was elected delegate to the convention of the Head Camp, which met at Vicksburg, Miss., in 1896, and from there elected delegate to the Sovereign Camp, which met at St. Louis, Mo., in 1896, and by that convention was appointed as chairman of the committee on constitution and bylaws, which is to meet March 4, 1899, and which he was on the eve of attending when taken sick. He was again elected as delegate by Rapides Camp No. 17 to the convention Head Camp, which met at Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 14 last, and again elected as delegate from the state to the Sovereign Camp, which meets at Memphis, Tenn., on March 14. He was elected for the third term, Feb. 20 last, consul commander of Rapides Camp No. 17, W. of W. He will be buried tomorrow morning in the cemetery at Pineville, with the members of the three orders mentioned above in attendance. He leaves a wife and four small children, three sons and one daughter, and one sister, Mrs. W. W. Blackman, all of Alexandria. His death was caused by a carbuncle on the back of his neck, and he was only confined to his bed a few days.

FUNERAL FOR HONORABLE JULIUS FELLOWS ARIAIL
The Daily Picayune, New Orleans, La., Mar 5, 1899
Alexandria, La., Mar 4, 1899. The Funeral for Hon. Julius Fellows Ariail was largely attended this morning by his best of friends and by the numerous orders of which he was a much-respected member. Hon. J.G. White, as Worshipful Master of Oliver Lodge #84, delivered a beautiful eulogy at the grave on the departed, who was one of God's noblemen.

ANDREW WARNOCK, grandfather of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail
Sometimes we are just plain lucky in finding information that others have searched many years to obtain. Although we will not be absolutely sure of what we have here, it just looks plain good, so to speak. Just by accident, while looking for the ancient Methodist Circuit of 'Hanging Rock, S.C.', we ran across this documentation and believe it gives us the maiden name of Andrew Warnock's wife, Mary. Unless someone can prove differently, its good enough for us at the present time.

Abstract of Old 96 & Abbeville District Wills and Bonds.
Harvick, William -- Box 107, Pack 2874:
Will dated May 21, 1824, in Abbeville Dist. Prov. Aug 2, 1824. Exr Nicholas Harvick, Wit: Orville Tatom, Williamson Norwood, Major B. Clark. "Leave to my bro. Nicholas Harvick all my lands lying in the Arkansaw Territory, Nephew, William Harvick, Bro, Jacob Harvick, Sis., Polly, wife of Andrew Warnick. (Note: This same document lists a Samuel Warnock as being married to Elizabeth Lochon. Will in which this listed was dated May 2, 1780.)

WILL ARIAIL. Just which one we don't know as there were several William Ariaials alive at that time. The Horse and Dog Show, or to be more precise, "The case of the Dead Dog."
At times there comes to our knowledge material that is so unique and funny that we must preserve it here in our archives so that future generations can know about the little things that happen in the lives of ordinary people. Our family is no different, look at what we have come across. News article of Jan 14, 1897.
• Will Ariail's horse became frightened last Wednesday at a dog on the Easley road and ran away, throwing "Bill" out of his vehicle and bruising him up considerably. He at once secured a shotgun and killed the dog.

WILL OF WILLIAM HARVICK, Brother of Polly, 4th great grandmother of James Patterson
Box 107 Rack 2874, Estate of William Harvick 1824, Abbeville Probate Records, S.C.

In The Name Of God, Amen.
I, William Harvick of the State of South Carolina, Abbeville District, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following.
I desire that my executors hereafter mentioned do pay and discharge all my just debts. I give and bequeath to my beloved brother, Nicholas Harvick, all my land lying in the Arkansaw Territory, all my money and all the money due me, also my saddle. I give and bequeath to my Nephew William Harvick, my trunk and all my clothes. I give and bequeath to my brother Jacob Harvick the sum of five dollars. I give and bequeath to my sister Polly, the wife of Andrew Warnick the sum of five dollars. Lastly I
constitute and appoint Nicholas Harvick executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills. In testimony hereof? I have hereunto set my hand and seal. In presence of us this 21st May 1824.

Orville Tatum

William Harvick

Abbeville District. Personally came Williamson Harwood, who duly sworn, deposeth, that he saw William Harvick make, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the within in,... of writing to be and contain his true last will and testament. Testator was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of this deponents knowledge and belief and that Maj B. Clarke and Orville Tatum signed their?.... as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his....

Before me this 2nd Aug 1824

Moses Taggart, J.P.

Williamson Norwood

DR. WILLIAM HENRY GARRISON, Brother of Orpha Elizabeth Garrison Ariail

This biographical sketch is being included for historical purposes as it contains much valuable information of connections to the Ariail and Garrison families and it again points out how important a role members of the Ariail family and their relatives have played in the society and neighborhoods in which they lived. Without further introduction, lets see what this man meant to his neighborhood and family.

DR. W. H. GARRISON REPORTED IMPROVED AT DOWNNEY HOSPITAL

Dr. W.H. Garrison, well-known Clarkesville physician, on Monday was taken to Downey Hospital in Gainesville, for medical observation and treatment of a heart ailment.

Dr. Garrison became ill last Saturday night while fox hunting with a party of friends near Lake Burton. Latest reports from the hospital are that his condition is improved, although attending physicians’ state that it will be necessary for him to have complete rest in bed for several months before resuming his professional duties.

News of his improvement will be welcomed by the hundreds of friends who have anxiously inquired about his condition since it became known that he was seriously ill.

Mrs. Garrison has remained in Gainesville throughout his illness, and his brother, Dr. D.H. Garrison, and other members of the family visit the hospital daily.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1941, DR. W.H. GARRISON

In the death of Dr. W.H. Garrison, Clarkesville and Habersham County have suffered the irreparable loss, not only of a prominent physician and surgeon of remarkable ability, but of one of its most valued citizens. During the twenty years he had lived in Clarkesville, his life had been one of constant and unselfish service to his fellowman. His sympathetic interest and conscientious ministrations were faithfully rendered to everyone without regard to race, color, age of station in life.

Dr. Garrison was a man of broad vision, one who ever worked to advance the cause of education, and his years of unselfish service were a potent factor in the progress of the Clarkesville School, which has made marked improvement during the seventeen years he had served on the board of trustees. Although a very busy man, he was ever ready to give of his time and his talents for the good of the school, or for any constructive or worthwhile movement.

Quiet and unpretentious in his manner, yet his noble character has left an imprint upon the hearts and lives of the people whom he served as few individuals ever attain.

Out of the intimate associations which peculiarly are accorded to the family physician, close friendships have developed in many homes in the area in which his benevolent influence will be felt long after his death.

Around many a fireside today friends have spoken of the exemplary character of this truly great man; of his life of unceasing service to humanity and his faithfulness to the ideals of his profession; of his loyalty to his friends; of his gentleness, courtesy and kindliness extended alike to the little child and to the man of the world, making him the friend of all.

It is a great privilege to have known a man like Dr. Garrison and to have claimed him as a friend. Habersham County is a better place because of the beneficent influence of his life and service, and his passing will leave a void which will be difficult to fill.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD WEDNESDAY FOR DR. WILLIAM HENRY GARRISON
Prominent Clarkesville Physician Died Monday Evening At Gainesville Hospital
After Nine Day's Illness Following A Heart Attack

Dr. William Henry Garrison, distinguished Clarkesville physician and surgeon, died at 5:45 p.m. Monday, November 10, at Downey Hospital in Gainesville, after an illness of only nine days.

Having suffered a heart attack on Saturday night, November 1, Dr. Garrison was taken to the Gainesville hospital on the following Monday, his condition being considered quite serious. Occasional rallies throughout the week were a source of encouragement to his relatives and friends, to entertain hopes of his recovery, and the news of his death Monday evening came as a distinct shock to the entire community.

Dr. Garrison was born November 23, 1883, in Banks county, the son of David Washington and Mary Keesler Garrison, deceased, prominent citizens of Banks county. He was graduated in the class of 1909 from the Atlanta School of Medicine, now the medical school of Emory University, and served his internship at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. He afterwards was physician and surgeon for Lane Construction Co.; Hardaway Constructing Co.; and the Georgia Power Company on development projects in North Carolina and Georgia, having lived at Tallulah Falls at one time.

In 1921 he began private practice, being associated with the late Dr. John Knox Burns, Sr., in Clarkesville.

For the past several years, or since 1935, his brother, Dr. D.H. Garrison, formerly of Tate, has been associated with him in the practice of medicine here.

During the twenty years he had lived in Clarkesville, Dr. Garrison's professional career had expanded, giving him a wide circle of patients and friends, who held him in the highest esteem. His life and character were of that type to merit confidence, and brought about close friendship which only the intimate relationship of the family physician can inspire.

In spite of his strenuous professional duties, Dr. Garrison always gave his support to the cause of education and other constructive and worthwhile movements. He had been an active member of the board of trustees of Clarkesville School for seventeen years and was chairman of that body at the time of his death. He was active in the Habersham Medical Society, and had served as president of that organization. He was a member of the board of directors of Habersham Bank; a deacon in the Clarkesville Baptist Church; a Mason and a Shriner.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Martha Bird, of Columbus, to whom he was married June 17, 1914; and the following daughters: Mrs. Hal Porter, Charlotte, N.C.; Misses Martha Bird, Peggie Bird, Gloria Jo and Don Adele Garrison, of Clarkesville; two grandchildren, William Garrison Porter and Peggie Lynn Porter, Charlotte, N.C.; two brothers, Dr. D.H. Garrison, Clarkesville, and Fletcher A. Garrison, Cornelia; four sisters, Mrs. A.H. Cochran and Mrs. F.V. James, Atlanta; Mrs. J.A. Ariail, Maysville; and Mrs. G.H. Firor, Gainesville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock from the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Jack Tatum, pastor; assisted by Rev. W.F. Walden, pastor of Clarkesville Methodist Church, and Rev. C.H. Sewell, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Gainesville.

The funeral was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends from all over this section, who assembled to pay a last tribute to a fine Christian character, who was recognized as a physician of outstanding ability.

As a further tribute of respect the Clarkesville School was dismissed for the day, and all business houses in the community were closed for the hour of the funeral.

Surrounded by a profusion of gorgeous fall flowers, the body lay in state at the Baptist Church from 9:00 a.m. until eleven o'clock, the hour of the funeral.

Serving as active pallbearers were: Dr. H.W. Rhodes, Dr. L.R. Turpen, Frank E. Gabrels, Leslie Smith, Joe E. Brown, W.R. Reeves, W.S. Whitworth and Walter Wikle.

An honorary escort was composed of members of the Habersham Medical Society; the following members of the local board of education, J.R. Reeves, S.M. Foster, R.A. Segars and B.H. Graves; and Dr. F.J. Kimsey, Mr. O.C. Dyer and Dr. J.K. Burns, of Gainesville.

Interment was in Southview Cemetery, with Church & Son, funeral directors, in charge of arrangements.

Among the relatives and friends who attended the funeral services on Wednesday were: Mr. and Mrs. Hal Porter and children, William Garrison Porter and Lynn Porter, Charlotte, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. David Ralph Bird and David Ralph Bird, Jr., Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. and Mrs. Hugh Tate Ervin, Morganton, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bird and Miss Evelyn Bird, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. B. Wilson Bird, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charlie L.W. Bird and Miss Evelyn Bird, Atlanta.
Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred James, Misses Doris and Mary James, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. George Firor, Miss Peggie Firor, of Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ariail, Messrs. Joe and Lester Ariail, Misses Annette and Marcelle Ariail, Maysville; Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Garrison and family, Cornelia; Mr. Garnett Strange and Mr. Jack Strange, Toccoa; Mr. Harrison Strange, Cornelia; Mrs. W.T. Duncan, Atlanta; Mrs. W.H. Wylie and Mrs. Mamie Reid, Atlanta; Mr. Thomas Ragsdale, Mr. Oscar Garrison, Mr. Anderson Garrison, Homer; Mrs. B.B. Garrison, Maysville; Miss Dorothy Garrison, Gainesville.

Mrs. Ben Payton, Atlanta; Dr. and Mrs. K.T. Peel, Lavonia; Mrs. Carlton Sanders, Winder; Dr. and Mrs. J.P. Turk, Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Litchfield, Tate; Dr. and Mrs. J.K. Burns, Dr. C.G. Butler and Dr. Hartwell Joiner, Gainesville; Messrs. Joe and Broadus Pruitt, Atlanta; Mrs. Bruce Schaefer, Mrs. Hattie Tyler, Toccoa; Mrs. Bernice Williams LeCrole, Miss Eloise LeCrole, Mr. Reppard Blair, Toccoa; Lieutenant Leland Kennedy, Atlanta.

Included in the large number of friends from practically every community in the county, were the doctors who comprise the Habersham Medical Society and their wives.

SILAS CURTIS AND LUCINDA PARTHENIA ARIAIL, A story of love and sacrifice.

Much time and effort has been expelled in attempting to unravel the story of Silas Fennel Curtis and his wife Lucinda Parthenia Ariail. We still are not exactly certain of the events that transpired during their early lives, but much has been learned and some will have to be left for speculation. Here are some of the things that we are certain of:

Silas Fennel Curtis was originally married to a girl by the name of Mary Rebecca White Curtis. With her he fathered 10 children that we know of, and unlike some of the early families, all ten lived to be at least 15 years of age. In 1894, Mary Rebecca White Curtis and her daughters Carrie and Jeanne died of a common disease. Then on Feb 24, 1895, Silas Fennel Curtis married Lucinda Parthenia Ariail.

At that time Lucinda Ariail was 39 years of age with one child. Anyone would ask, why would a 39 year old woman with one child marry a man that had 8 children still living. We can only speculate that Silas and Lucinda, out of wedlock, had a child which Lucinda named Guy Ariail Curtis with birth date of Jul 13, 1886. That was 8 years before Silas' wife Rebecca died. On the other hand, perhaps Lucinda was previously married and they renamed the son Curtis after their marriage in 1895. The author would speculate the latter to be the case as the obituary states that Guy Ariail Curtis' mother survives him. Silas Fennel Curtis was still alive at that time, but the obit does not mention him as surviving father. Read the following Obits and see what you think. It is blatantly apparent that no Curtis family members were named as being part of the family in the obituary and no Curtis' were pallbearers.

It is also a fact that the stepchildren of Lucinda Parthenia Ariail Curtis loved her so much that they named their children by the name of Ariail and their descendents still talk about the love Lucinda had for the Curtis children after she married Silas. Whatever happened, we know that the love and sacrifice that Lucinda shared with the Curtis family has left this world a better place in which to live. The legacy she left will long be remembered in the annals of time.

Before documenting the obituary, lets set down some more facts as to where Guy Ariail Curtis and his wife were living in 1920. Lucy C. Meadors was the mother of Lula Meadors Curtis, wife of Guy Ariail Curtis. At that time she was a 53-year-old widow of Thomas A. Meadors living in Greenville, S.C., with her daughter, Belle Meadors, (a 23 year old stenographer with a cotton mill) and Guy Ariail and Lula Meadors Curtis. Guy was a pressman in the print office at the Greenville News and Lula was a 27-year-old stenographer with a cotton mill. They were all living in the same household.

GUY A. CURTIS DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME HERE.

Apparently in Best of Health Till Yesterday, When Heart Failure Claimed Him.

With the News for Past Seventeen Years.

After seventeen years of faithful service for the Greenville News, Guy Ariail Curtis died suddenly of heart failure yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home, 108 East Washington road.

Mr. Curtis, who was 34 years of age, apparently had been in the best of health for many months past, and his death came as a distinct and sad shock to his family and his wide circle of friends. Efforts to revive him by means of a pulmotor were made for several hours by physicians, but were futile.

On Saturday night, Mr. Curtis worked as usual at his duties as press foreman for The News, going home after the last papers had come from the presses in the early morning. At work then, and at his home when he arose shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon, he seemed to be enjoying his usual excellent health.
For his bath and to shave, Mr. Curtis went into the bathroom of his home. At the end of about half an hour, he was called by a member of the family, who purposed summoning him to dinner. Receiving no response after repeated calls, the bathroom was entered, and there Mr. Curtis' lifeless body was found lying across a chair. Physicians after a complete examination attributed the death to heart failure.

Mr. Curtis was born in Pickens County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Curtis. Four years ago, he married Miss Lula Meadors. Both his wife and his mother survive him. He was a member of the Elks Lodge.

Funeral arrangements had not been made last night, but will be announced this morning. Interment is to be made in Springwood cemetery.

**HOLD FUNERAL FOR GUY CURTIS TODAY**

*Body of News Press Foreman Who Died Sunday be laid to Rest Today*

Funeral services for Guy A. Curtis, who died Sunday afternoon of heart failure after 17 years service for the Greenville News, will be held this morning at 11 o'clock from the late residence, 108 East Washington Road.

Services will be conducted at the home. Dr. George W. Quick, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating, with Rev. W.A. McCauley assisting. Interment is to follow in Springwood. The following are the pallbearers: Robert Hammett, B.H. Peace, Ben Granger, E.O. Wilson, S.S. Rochester, W. Frank Miller, William Moore and George Parks. Mr. Curtis’ associates on The News will attend in a body.

Mr. Curtis was 34 years of age, and was pressroom foreman for The News. He was born in Pickens County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Curtis. About four years ago, he married Miss Lula Meadors. His wife and mother survive him. Mr. Curtis was a member of the Elks, and of Cedar Camp Woodman of the World.

Much in the same manner that Lucinda Parthenia Ariail never married again after the death of her husband Silas Fennel Curtis in 1932, Lula Meadors lived for 66 years after the death of her husband, Guy Ariail Curtis. As far as we can determine, she never again married. Her obit is very short with no indication that there were ever children or another husband. The 1920 census report, just before the death of Guy Ariail Curtis, also did not indicate that there were ever children. Here is the obit on Lula M. Curtis. Lula was laid to rest in the same plot with her husband who died 66 years earlier. We should take our cue from this story and never forget our loved one who have gone on before, no matter how long the time. As Christians we should always remember that time is no more than space measured by duration, and those 66 years were no more than a wink of the eye in the realm of eternity.

**LULA M. CURTIS.**

Lula Meadors Curtis, formerly of 1002 East Washington St., died Oct. 11, 1987, at Greenville Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

She was a homemaker and was a member of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Graveside services: 2 p.m. Tuesday in Springwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice -- The Mackey Mortuary.

**UNIDENTIFIED BARR FAMILY MEMBERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

Since the Barr and Ariail families are so closely tied together because of the marriage of William Harrison Ariail to Mary Adelaide Barr in the early development of South Carolina, I felt that it was only fitting to preserve some of the historical burial places of the early Barr family. Many of the graves are lost forever because of missing stones or unmarked graves. From the 1st Presbyterian Church in Anderson, South Carolina, the St. Paul’s Methodist Church near Easley, the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Clarkesville, Ga., the Cool Springs Methodist Church in Habersham, Co., Georgia and many many other places, the Barr family has been buried and all traces of their resting places are lost except for sunken places in the cemeteries. Therefore, I have listed below some places that have been found but we could not at the present time place them in their appropriate places within the family tree.

**ELMWOOD CEMETERY, COLUMBIA, S.C.**

Capers Gamewell Barr, b. Apr 7, 1856, d. Sep 12,...
Donie Black Barr, b. Oct 9, 1868, d. Feb 13, 1891

**INDIANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY, WILLIAMSBURG, CO, S.C.**
Sometimes, in the course of doing family research, the most peculiar bits of information come to our attention and it opens wide windows of opportunity for further research and interests. The following information falls within that category. What makes this so interesting an article is some facts that we know and many things that we do not at the present time and can only assume until proven one way or the other.

This article is talking about the Ariail and Porter family names and that these two people are working in the same field of civic duty and responsibility.

One would most likely ask, why does this spark interest? Well, here are some of the facts that we do know. William Harrison Ariail married Mary Adelaide Barr. Her brother, Judge James Sidney Barr, married Elizabeth Raines and moved from South Carolina to Clarkesville, Georgia perhaps as early as 1828. One of their daughters, Henrietta Josephine Barr, married Captain John G. Porter on May 3, 1855, and had three children — John E. Porter, b. 1856, Mary E. Porter, b. Jan 15, 1859 and Elizabeth A. Porter, b. 1861. After Capt. John G. Porter died, his wife married George W. Porter, a business partner of her former husband, and had several other children of which were: Ida V. Porter, b. 1867, Robert L. Porter, b. 1869, Yada Porter, b. 1871, and Willie J. Porter, b. Nov 9, 1873.

The question that crossed my mind was — 'Are these two people, Edward Ariail and Orval Porter actually cousins and don't know it?' Record keeping in Habersham and adjoining counties were extremely poor during the early days and we may never know, but we are learning more and more each day. The article is being included for historical purposes to document what these two individuals are doing in their daily lives.
Habersham County Picks Orval Porter

The Habersham County Board of Education announced Wednesday that Lee County, Ga., school Superintendent Orval Porter will become the new head of Habersham County schools.

The board voted unanimously at a morning meeting to hire Mr. Porter, who was one of three finalists for the job. Board members said his ability to manage all aspects of a school system -- including educational, personnel and financial concerns -- was impressive.

But board member Edward Ariail said Mr. Porter's ability to engage the community, as a whole was what made him stand out among highly qualified finalists.

"We had to consider how well this person will fit in Habersham County," Mr. Ariail said. "(Mr. Porter) will be comfortable in the board room and out in the fields."

Mr. Porter, 51, has been superintendent of Lee County since 1997 and served as assistant superintendent 10 years before that. He also has been a principal, teacher and coach. He holds a doctorate degree in education administration from Georgia State University.

Mr. Porter will replace interim superintendent Carol Caldwell, who has served since August 1997. He will earn a base salary of $87,000.

For Lee County schools, Mr. Porter supervised six schools with 638 employees. While he was impressed by Habersham County facilities, Mr. Porter said he hopes to get the community more involved in the schools district's mission.

"We want to build on your success, but we can't do that alone," he said.

Out of 33 applications sent in for the superintendent position, the board interviewed four men and one woman. The three finalists were Mr. Porter, William Howell and Albert Thomas.

Mr. Thomas, 56, has been superintendent of a school district in Denton, Texas, since 1993, supervising 16 schools. He also has served as superintendent of three other Texas school districts, and as a high school and elementary school principal.

Mr. Howell, 39, is principal of Winder-Barrow High School in Winder, Ga. Before serving as principal of an elementary school in Bethlehem, Ga., and of Madison County High School in Danielsville, Ga., Mr. Howell also was an assistant principal at various Georgia schools.

Twenty-two of the applications came from Georgia, with the remainder coming from Wisconsin, Alabama, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and Mississippi.

The school board contracted with the Georgia School Board Association to help screen applicants.

"We had to consider how well this person will fit in Habersham County. (Mr. Porter) will be comfortable in the board room and out in the fields." Edward Ariail -- Habersham County School Board member.

'AUNT LOU'/LUCINDA PARTHENIA ARIAIL CURTIS, daughter of John Harvey Ariail and Martha Catherine "Patty" Craig.

One of the things that initially sparked a great deal of interest with me, when I started doing this family research, was the fact that the Ariail, as well as other families, almost always named their children after their ancestors. They, unlike we today, did not simply pull a name out of the hat and say that it sounded good and therefore it would be the name of their child. Earlier families always paid respect to their ancestors by naming their children after earlier family members.

We have had such a difficult time trying to decipher the story of 'Aunt Lou', that each time we come up with some additional information on the family, it immediately sparks the interest to write another article about her and document more facts that we know about the family. This time we have another version of an obit that was taken from the newspaper in Easley, S.C. Before we place it in this article, however, lets get back to the family names and document that, here again, the names that John Harvey Ariail III and Patty Craig gave to their children were taken from ancestors, most of whom we know at this time.

The eldest child was named Lucinda Parthenia Ariail. I had often wondered where this name came from and now I know. Lucinda Parthenia Ariail was named after her grandmother, Lucinda Parthenia Gresham, b. Dec 5, 1795, d. Oct 7, 1875, who married Arthur Craig on Sep 23, 1818. Arthur was b. Dec 2, 1794 and d. Dec 20, 1854. The 2nd child, Robert Franklin Ariail was named after Robert Craig, but as yet have been unable to determine where the name Franklin comes from. The 3rd child, Sarah Jane Ariail, was named after Jane Brown Craig or Sarah Jane Lawrence (daughter of Martha Craig) and the 4th child, Eliza Climelia Ariail, was named after Chloe Climelia Ives Ariail and her daughter Eliza Ariail who died as a young child. We can take this further and show that Lucinda Parthenia Ariails' mother, Martha Catherine "Patty" Craig was named after her ancestor, Catherine Wilson, b. 1767, d. Sep 29, 1859. She was married
to John Craig who was born in Ireland Mar 10, 1761 and died Feb 10, 1842 in Pickens district of South Carolina.

With all this information about the ancestors of Aunt Lou Ariail Curtis, lets see what they said about her in her obit.

- **MRS. LOU CURTIS.**
  Easley, July 24. --Mrs. Lou Curtis, 95, wife of the late S.F. Curtis, died at the family home, 4 East Second Avenue, at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. She had been in declining health since November 1950 and seriously ill for the past two weeks.
  Mrs. Curtis was a native and lifelong resident of Pickens County and had lived in Easley for the past 24 years. She was a member of a pioneer family of this section and a daughter of the late John H. and Martha Craig Ariail.
  She was a member of the Easley First Baptist Church, a member of the T.E.L. class of the Sunday school, the Martha Franks Circle of the W.M.S. and a member of the Fort Prince George Chapter of the D.A.R.
  Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, New Orleans, La, a nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson, who had been living with her, and a number of nieces and nephews.
  Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m. Monday. Her pastor, Dr. Carl A. DeVane, officiated and the interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

  It is noted that Aunt Lou is not buried with her husband, Silas Fennell Curtis. When Silas died, his wife Lucinda Ariail Curtis placed him in the a cemetery in Six Mile, S.C. There are several unmarked graves around where he is buried and it is believed that his first wife and a number of the Curtis children are interred there also. Lucinda did, however, place a very nice stone to mark the grave of her husband when he died. For a more in-depth study of this family, their love for each other and the hardships they faced, one should look at the document that has been dedicated and written about this family.
  There are still people alive today who vividly remember Aunt Lou Ariail Curtis. They state that she could best be described as ‘a little old crone, all bent over and dried up’. They remember that she regularly attended church and further state that the memory of her will remain with them forever. Apparently her life was dedicated to helping others and the grandchildren of her adopted family talk about her with the love and devotion reverenced only to saints.

**BILLY ARIAIL, (William Thomas Ariail, Jr.).** son of Dr. William Thomas Ariail, Sr.

(Authors note: Before we document the article about the 1st birthday of Billy Ariail, there is an interesting observation that we must make here. Whether its just a coincidence, or perhaps the family knew exactly who the people were, we will find here that most of the people in attendance were descended from the line of Col Samuel Greenfield Barr. We will find that Billy Short is the 4th cousin, 1 generation removed, of Billy Ariail; Robert (Bobby) Clinton Chambers is the 4th cousin, 1 generation removed, of Billy Ariail and he is also the 1st cousin of Billy Short. Billy Short and Bobby Chambers mothers were both from the Crow family and directly descended from Judge James Sidney Barr, who was a brother to Mary Adelaide Barr, wife of William Harrison Ariail. My mother, Lillie Blanche Ariail was correct when she stated ‘we would have to leave the state to find someone not related to us when we married.’) With that head full of knowledge, lets look at this lad’s first birthday party.

**Billy Ariail Celebrates First Birthday.**

Billy Ariail celebrated his 1st birthday Thursday August 7th with a party given by his mother, Mrs. Bill Ariail at their home on Chase Road. The young guests were presented colorful beach balls as favors. Birthday cake and ice cream were served. During the afternoon movies and Polaroid pictures were made of the children. Present to help Billy celebrate were Billy Short, Bobby Chambers, Kerri Dillard, David Martin, Jimmy Simmons, Mary Alice Crunkleton, and Eddie Ariail. Special guests present were Billy’s grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Oxford of Clermont. And others were Miss Nancy Ariail, Miss Susan Simmons, Mrs. Don Short, Mrs. Bob Chambers, Mrs. Bill Dillard, Mrs. Dave Martin, Mrs. James Simmons, Mrs. John Crunkleton, Mrs. Edward Ariail, and Mrs. Dale Blair.

**ARIAL FAMILY HOLDS REUNION, year not currently known**
(Note: Some of the information in this article is incorrect, i.e., the original John Ariail did not come to America in 1934, Mary R. Barr is actually Mary Adelaide Barr, John Harvey Ariail did not come to South Carolina before the Revolution, he was only a 2 year old child at that time, etc. Thought it would be of historical significance, however, and it is being included for that purpose.)

On Sunday August 23 a reunion of the Ariail clan was held at Nails Creek Church.

They were all descendants of the John Ariail, who came to America in 1934 from France and settled in Connecticut. His son John Harvey came to Pickens, S.C., prior to the Revolutionary War. In 1851 his son, Wm. Harrison Ariail bought six hundred and twenty five acres of land on Nails Creek, in Franklin County, Ga., from Wm. B. Sisson and moved to Ga. Most of this land is still owned by the Ariail family. Mr. Claude Ariail and Mr. Kermit Ariail live at the old home place.

The descendants of Wm. Harrison and Mary R. Barr Ariail now live in Tenn., N.C., S.C., and Ga., and were the ones present for the reunion as follows:

Mrs. Georgia Ariail Boling, (the oldest living Ariail), Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ariail, Mary and Lynn, Robin and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Ariail, Sr., all of Maysville, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ariail, Jane and Joy, of Shelby, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Ariail, Forest City, N.C.; Mrs. James C. Lyles, (Betty) and Yvette, of Asheville, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Ariail. T.H. Ariail, Debra and Jack, Phensie Lang, Robert Mills Ariail, Wm. Simpson Ariail, all of Greenville, S.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Ariail, Arcadia, S.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ervan Ariail, Sr., and Tim, Americus, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Ervan Ariail Jr., and Gale, of Americus, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Ariail, Mrs. Pauline Franks Ariail and Susan, of Midland, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. James Leland Ariail Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ariail, and Lynn, of Toccoa; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ariail, Sparta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Ariail, Jr., Villa Rica; Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Ellison, Alto; Mrs. Jack Burroughs and children, Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. Don Poole and Cindy, Mr. Woody A. Harrison and boys, Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Ariail and Nina, Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Ariail, Deborah and Tommy, all of Decatur; Mrs. Blanche Standridge, East Point; Mrs. Nellie Means Kelly, Pittsburgh, Texas; Capt. and Mrs. Doyle Ariail and children, Sevierville, Tenn. and Fort Bragg, N.C.; Joyce and Carter Jacoby, Atlanta; Mrs. Paul Whaley (Elloise Ariail) and children, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and children, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Ariail and children, of Cornelia; Mrs. James Simmons, Susan and Jimmy, Miss Fannie Lee White and Pence White, Commerce; Judy McKoon (daughter of Mrs. Ruby Ariail McKoon), of Columbus, Ga.; Mrs. and Mrs. Rod M. Garrison, Mrs. Lucy Fleming, Clinton Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. John Ariail, all of Lula; Mr. Delbert C. Ariail, Mr. Kermit Ariail, Mr. J. Claude Ariail, Felton, Imogene and Don Ariail, Leland, Ruth and James Ariail, Allen, Elaine Cheryl and Mark Ariail all of Carnesville; Mrs. Mary Ann Ariail Wright and children, Mrs. Faye Robinson and children, Mrs. and Mrs. Trenton Patterson, Miss Glenda Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patterson, Miss Betty Jean Ariail, Mrs. Edna M. Phillips, all of Carnesville Route 3; Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Caudell, Homer; Mrs. Wilda Ariail Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Poole, Carnesville; Mr. and Mrs. Willard R. Jordan, Hurley, Larry and Kellie Lynne, of Athens; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Segars, Sr., Sandersville; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Segars, Jr., and Albert III, and Jeff Segars, all of Camden, S.C.

WILL OF JOHN MILTON BARR, brother of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail

It is so very interesting to find out various things about the family -- why they did this and why they did that. Several theories have been raised as to why William Harrison Ariail and his wife Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail came over here to live in Georgia. I think now we can safely say -- simply because family was over here and it was the logical thing to do. William Harrison Ariail apparently loved his wife dearly because we know that the family was honored by the naming of children after the older family members. Well, William Harrison Ariail named most of his children after his wife's ancestors, and she could have well been the motivating factor in their making the move.

Let's review the facts as we know them, and then look at a will that further proves what we are now thinking -- family in the area was probably the reason they moved. First, we know that James Barr (grandfather of Mary Adelaide Barr) and his wife Mary Greenfield lived on a tributary of Nails Creek. Second, we know that when James Barr died, his widow drew land in the Cherokee Land Lottery in Habersham country (which included at that time, parts of White and Lumpkin and Stephens counties). Third, we know that Mary Adelaide’s brother, Judge James Sydney Barr and her sister Bernice Barr already lived in Habersham County, and probably as a result of the land their grandmother got in the land lottery. And lastly, we now know that Mary Adelaide Barr’s’ brother, John Milton Barr was already in Georgia. Look what we have here.
We, the undersigned, heirs and legates of John M. Barr, late of Lumpkin County, State of Georgia, deceased, do hereby authorize and allow Sidney Barr and John T. Carter, the administrators on the estate of the said John M. Barr to sell and dispose of said estate by and at private sale if they the said Administrators think it best and most advantageous for said estate on the heirs of said estate so to do. And we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs (and others) to stand to and abide by any sale of said property or any part thereof, real or personal so made as aforesaid any law custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 7 day of May 1835.

Bernice Barr
Alexander McKinney
Leroy Barr
Mary A. Barr
Andrew Barr

Recorded 20th April 1835.

J.T. Carter C.S.O.

JAMES SIDNEY BARR, Lived in Same Location where John Ariail owned Land, 23 Mile Creek

Because of the literally hundreds of relatives that exist because of the union in marriage of William Harrison Ariail and Mary Adelaide Barr, this deed of James Sidney Barr is being recorded. We can readily see that John and Chloe Ariail lived in close proximity to the Barr families of those early days and that is the reason William Harrison Ariail met and married the lass that he did. Lets take a look and see just where the land was that James Barr owned. This particular James Sidney Barr was nephew of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail. Also, we will note that 23-mile creek was considered waters of the Savannah River and reference to this has been noted in other documents pertaining to Andrew Warnock, father of Mary Warnock who married Samuel Greenfield Barr.

Conveyance --
George Sherman
To
James S. Barr.

The State of South Carolina, Anderson District. Know all men by these presents that we, George Sherman and Mary Sherman of the District and State aforesaid for and in consideration of the love and affection which we have and bear for James S. Barr, son of Leroy Barr, and in further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid us by the said James S. Barr, have given, granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain and sell and release unto the said James S. Barr all that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being on the waters of Twenty Three Mile Creek, waters of Savannah River, Beginning on a (p)ine stump 3X Head of Hurricane Creek, thence down the Branch to a white oak 3X, thence to a stake X Thence to a stake X Thence to a pine X Thence to a Willow X on the Branch, Thence up the branch to a White Oak. Thence along Simeon Smith's line to a Hickory 3X Thence down the half moon branch to the mouth of the Baptist meeting house branch to a wild plum 3X Thence to the beginning corner and bounded by land belonging to Simeon Smith, Judy Smith and Chesley Pickle. Containing sixty nine acres more or less, it being part of a tract of land originally granted to James Foster together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appertainances to the said premises belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining ......

MARY WARNOCK BARR, mother of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail

Although record keeping was almost non-existent during the early days, we have discovered that there are ways to prove or disprove theories and family lore from ages past. Here is such a case. We find here and from mortality documents, that Mary Warnock Barr, wife of Samuel Greenfield Barr, came to Georgia after her husband died in 1816. We don't know exactly when she came over here, but this document will prove that it was well before William Harrison Ariail and his wife Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail decided to make their move. From such documents we also know that she was of the Presbyterian faith and therein lies the
reason that William Harrison Ariail and Mary Adelaide Barr were married by a Presbyterian minister near Easley, South Carolina.

Let's take a look at this deed and see what we can glean. Mary Barr is the mother of Mary Adelaide Barr and Bernice is a sister. At all place is below document, Bernice is spelled as Burnice.

**DEED TO LOT NO. 162 -- 11TH DISTRICT**

Alexr Mauldin
To
Mary & Bernice Barr

State of Georgia, Habersham County -- This indenture made the twenty sixth day of August eighteen hundred and forty between Alexander Mauldin of the County and State aforesaid of the one part and Mary Barr & Bernice Barr of the district of Anderson So. Carolina of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Alex Mauldin for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Mary & Bernice Barr at and before the sealing & delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained & sold, released, conveyed & confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell release, convey & confirm unto the said Mary & Bernice Barr, their heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in said County and known and distinguished in the plan thereof as Lot Number one hundred & sixty two (162) in the Eleventh District of said County, containing two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less & having such shapes, form, butting & bounding, as is represented by a plat thereof & herewith given up - together with all and singular the rights members and appurtenances thereof whatsoever to the said tract or parcel of land being or belonging or in anywise appertaining and every part thereof. To have and to hold the said tract or lot of land and all and singular the premises & appurtenances thereunto belonging as aforesaid & every part thereof unto the said Mary & Bernice Barr their heirs and assignees, to the only proper use benefit & belief of the said Mary & Bernice Barr, their heirs and assignees forever in fee simple & the said A. Mauldin for himself, his heirs and assigns will warrant and forever defend the aforesaid tract or parcel of land from himself his heirs and every other person or persons whatever claiming the same unto the said Mary & Bernice Barr, their heirs & assignees.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal affixed the day and year above written.

Alex. Mauldin (Seal)

Signed in presence of
Sidney Barr
A.J. Bird
Acknowledged before me this first day of March 1841
Sidney Barr, J.J.C.
Recorded 4th October 1848, Philip Martin, C.S.C.
(Note: Appears that Sidney Barr, brother of Mary Adelaide Barr, was already a Judge in Habersham County when this document was submitted for signature)

**SIDNEY BARR AND WILLIAM HARRISON ARIAIL, family connections**

Some other questions that have arisen were -- did the families actually know that each other existed in Franklin and Habersham Counties during those early days; did they keep in touch and maintain family ties? I think the following document will establish that they did. It is amazing how these early families kept abreast of what each other was doing, but we can readily see that it actually happened without telephones, cars and all the other things that we take for granted these days to maintain our social circles.

Robert McKinney, Sidney Barr and William Harrison Ariail are all closely related by marriage. The Mary Barr is mother of Mary Adelaide Barr, wife of William Harrison Ariail.

Robt. McKinney, etal
To
Sidney Barr
Georgia, Habersham County.
Agency to Sidney Barr for the Estate of Mary Barr, deceased.

Know all men by these presents that we Sidney Barr, Robert McKinney, LeRoy Barr, William H. Ariail and Alexander McKinney, heirs and distributors of the estate of Mary Barr, late of said County, deceased,
do hereby agree and hereby bind ourselves, each one to the other in the sum of five hundred dollars to be charged and recovered against and from each one of us to divide and distribute the whole of the estate both real and personal of said deceased without the expense & trouble of administration on said estate. And for the purpose of effecting and equal distribution among the distributors of said deceased, we do hereby further agree & bind ourselves as aforesaid, that the said Sidney Barr may and shall act as agent for us and each one of us in the sale and distribution of said estate and that the said Sidney Barr may and shall hereby have full power and authority to proceed forthwith without any administration to advertise and sell at a fair sale all the property both real and personal belonging to said deceased and that he select himself the time & place of the sale of said property provided that he shall give to each distributee a notice of such time and place of sale and upon his, the said Sidney Barr's making an equal distribution among the legates? of said deceased we bind ourselves to give each one to the other a final receipt and acquittal from all liability or upon failure to give such receipt & acquittal as aforesaid to forfeit the said sum of five hundred dollars, otherwise, that is if the said equal distribution is made & the said receipts & acquittals are given, then the said obligates to pay the said five hundred dollars to be voided (or) remain in full force.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 4th September 1849.

Sidney Barr, Seal
Robert McKinney, Seal
LeRoy Barr, Seal
Alexander McKinney, Seal
Wm. H. Ariail, Seal

Test: J. E. Ritch
Thos. M. McCann
Recorded 5th April 1850, Philip Martin, C.S.C.

SIDNEY BARR & ROBERT MCKINNEY, document showing Sidney Barr was also an Attorney

In this document, we will note that the Mary Barr referred to is Mary Warnock Barr, wife of Samuel Greenfield Barr. She is the mother of Mary Adelaide Barr, wife of William Harrison Ariail. Attorney Sidney Barr is the brother of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail. This document also gives us an indication of how much William Harrison Ariail and his wife Mary Adelaide Barr received as an inheritance when Mary's mother died. If division was equal, Mary Barr Ariail received $200.00 as her part of the inheritance.

Sidney Barr, Agent
To
Robert McKinney
Georgia, Habersham, County

Deed to half Lot No. 162 in the 11th District, Mary Barr, Dcd

This indenture made this eighteenth day of March Eighteen Hundred and Fifty between Sidney Barr, agent and attorney in fact for the heirs and distributees of the estate of Mary Barr, late of said County, deceased, of said County of the one part and Robert McKinney of the same place of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Sidney Barr as agent & attorney as aforesaid, and by virtue and authority of a written agreement between the said Sidney Barr and the heirs and distributees of said deceased and after having given the notice and advertised the same as required by said written agreement, did on the twentieth day of November eighteen hundred and forty nine, at the house & residence of the said Robert McKinney in said County put up and expose to sale at public outcry, the following half lot tract or parcel of land to wit. the one undivided half of lot of land number one hundred and sixty two in the eleventh district of said County as the property of the estate of the late Mary Barr, deceased .......... To the said Robert McKinney at the price or sum of two hundred dollars. Now for and in consideration of the said sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Robert McKinney at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Sidney Barr, as agent & attorney as aforesaid hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and doth by these presents grant bargain and sell unto him the said Robert McKinney, his heirs and assignees all the said undivided half of said lot of land number one hundred and sixty two in the eleventh district of said county containing one hundred and twenty five acres more or less. To have and to hold said half lot tract or parcel of land together with all and singular the rights members and appurtenances thereof to the same in any manner belonging or thereunto appertaining and every part and parcel thereof to him the said Robert McKinney his heirs and assignees, to his and their own
proper use benefit and behoof forever in fee simple. And the said Sidney Barr, as agent & attorney, as aforesaid for himself and his heirs and for the heirs and distributees of said deceased whom he represents and their heirs executors and administrators, the said bargained premises and the appurtenances unto the said Robert McKinney, his heirs and assignees will warrant and forever defend the right and title thereof against themselves and against the claim of all other persons whomsoever as far as he may be bound to do as agent & attorney as aforesaid either in law or equity by virtue of these presents. In witness whereof the said Sidney Barr, agent & attorney as aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of
C. H. Sutton
Andrew Gailey, J.P.

Recorded 5th April 1850, Philip Martin, C.S.C.

AUNT LOU--LUCINDA PARTHENIA ARIAIL, A story of her ancestors.

I believe, without a doubt, that Lucinda Parthenia Ariail was a truly outstanding lady and dedicated her life to helping others. This may not be the last article that we write about her, because such an outstanding lady, in all facets of her life, is bound to leave a legacy that will long be remembered.

I have run across some information put together by the Craig family. It so well explains why Aunt Lou lived her life the way she did that it must of necessity be included here for the Ariail family members to read. Here again, we will find that what I have said about honoring parents and grandparents by naming children after them holds true even in the Craig family. Lets take a look at the story of the Craig Family.

JOHN NEAN CRAIG, great grandfather of Lucinda Parthenia Ariail

It has been said that when a blameless life comes to an end, it is but natural that family and friends should feel sorrow at the termination of so useful and uplifting life. Yet sometimes the full force of a man's influence cannot be fully felt until he is removed from the scene of his activity. His virtues, deeds and the stand he has taken on moral questions come into play and the result is great benefit to others.

This was true of John Nean Craig. He was an Irishman of well-built medium stature. He had a ruddy complexion, blue eyes and light hair. That he had a great dislike for Tories was the fact that many years after the Revolutionary War was over he attended every Muster at Sandy Springs. He was a scrappy little man and never missed a chance to pick a fight and whip a Tory during Muster. Needless to say, the unpatriotic Tories gave him wide berth. (This was told me, Sadie Craig Kirksey, when a small child by a very old man whose name I've forgotten.)

He was greatly loved by his children. Each one named his or her oldest son for him. Martha Patsy's son was John M. Lawrence; Arthur's was John Gershagm Craig; Sally's was John Craig Knox; Kitty's was John Craig Gibson, and Jincy's was John Craig Gibson. Robert named his first two sons for Rachel's family. First son, Lawrence Cotesworth Craig, second son, William Speed Craig for Rachel's father, third son was John Craig and forth son was Arthur R. Craig.

There is an interesting story that gives a bit of insight into his unique personality. During a family get-together, the grandsons were talking about what they wanted "grandpa" to give each of them. John Gresham Craig being the oldest grandson said he didn't care about anything but grandpa's gold watch. His tone of voice displeased John Nean so he never gave him anything from that day on. He gave the coveted watch to John Craig, son of Robert, who then gave it to his oldest son, S. Jack Craig, Sr. Jack gave it to his oldest son, S. Jack, Jr., who values it most highly.

John (Nean) Craig used only a single name as most people did in those days. All business papers, war records and on his tomb are John Craig but by his contemporaries he was known as John Nean Craig. Col. R.T. Jayne's in his article in "The Keowee Courier" of Aug 7, 14 and 21, 1935 used the full name John Nean Craig as did Judge and Mrs. T.J. Mauldin in their many patriotic talks.

The first record we have of John Nean Craig or Crage in South Carolina was in 1776 when at the age of 15 he volunteered for service in the Revolutionary War in York District, South Carolina. In the 1790 census he was living in Pendleton Washington District. His household consisted of 1 male and 1 female. (Some one else must have been keeping William H. Craig, the son of his first wife, a Miss Clark.)

In land grants to Revolutionary soldiers in Abbeville County Court House Vol. 1-Page 241 states "John Craig, as a citizen two hundred acres of land situated above the Ancient Boundary Line on a branch of Saludy River called Rocky Branch, bounding on the Et on John Wilson's land, the other sides vacant."
Recorded this 30 of March 1785. Robert Anderson C.L. (Catherine Wilson Craig was probably the daughter of John Wilson.)

In Vol. II--Page 52. "James Craig, as a citizen, 157 acres of land situated in Abbeville County in Lone Cane Settlement, Bounding So. wardly on Widow Rhoda Craig's land" -- Recorded this 19th of August 1785; Anderson C: L"

The widow, Rhoda Craig, probably was the mother of our line of Craig's -- John, Robert and James in South Carolina.

His next land grant was 11-28-1793 of 510 acres on 23 and 26 Mile Creek of Keowee River. The second grant was on 9-26-1794 of 500 acres adjoining grant of previous year. The Washington District was short lived--the county seat was Pickensville now the southern part of the town of Easley, S.C. (Note: We can see from this that they lived in close proximity to John and Chloe Ariail)

Then on 2-3-1829 John Nean bought 425 acres for $2,000.00 from Joseph Gresham thus making 1435 acres with a 5-mile frontage on Keowee River.

Soon after John Nean and Catherine Wilson Craig were married 11-14-1788, he built a very large substantial home on Keowee. It was one of the better homes on the River and here they began their long life together. All their children were born here except William H., son by the first marriage, and Martha, the oldest daughter of his second marriage. (See sketches on Andrew Warnock, he lived in the approximately same area)

In 1829 he moved into the stately brick home he purchased from Joseph Gresham. He gave the first home to his son, Robert, who lived and reared his family there. Later Robert gave it to his youngest son, Arthur R.

John Nean was devoted to his wife, Catherine, and his children. Above all was his love for God and his country. Honor his word was his bond, patriotism and loyalty to his family and friends was his cherished life long creed. He was witty and good-natured unless there was doubt of honesty or good faith in business dealings with others. He had strong opinions and high ideals and expected his instruction to be carried out as he directed.

Catherine was a beautiful strong willed lady. Her family was very wealthy so she brought a rather large dower including four helpers (slaves) with her to her new home. She never forgot or let anyone else forget her aristocratic background. She saw that her sons and daughters associated with the best people and married into the wealthiest families.

She was the head of her household and was strict and just, not only with her family but the many servants in her care and supervision. She stood beside John Nean and was ever ready to encourage him and help him in all his endeavors.

She was deeply interested in the community, the education, and religious training of her children. She was a charter member of Old Pickens Presbyterian Church when it was organized in 1830. (Note: This would have put her smack in the middle of the Ariail Family that attended church in this area)

John Nean and Catherine were married 11-14-1788 and were very happy for 54 years. They were devoted to each other and worked together for their common interest, the welfare of the community and the development of the church.

Perhaps the epitaph on his tomb will help us to know him better.

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY
OF
JOHN CRAIG
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 10TH DAY OF FEB. 1842
IN THE 81ST. YEAR OF HIS AGE.
HE ACTED THE SOLDIER DURING THE REVOLUTION.
THE PATRIOT DURING LIFE AND AT DEATH DESIRED
THAT TO BE HIS EPITAPH WHICH WAS HIS LONG
CHERISHED POLITICAL CREED FREE TRADE
STATES RIGHTS - LIBERTY - OR DEATH
HIS WAS ALSO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND
THO DEAD HE NOW SPEAKETH
A FEW SHORT YEARS OF EVIL PAST
WE REACH THE HAPPY SHORE
Catherine's obituary in "The Keowee Courier", Saturday morning, October 8, 1859 will give us an insight to this remarkable woman.

THE DEATH OF A VALUABLE WOMAN

We pen with sincere regret the death of Mrs. Catherine Craig, relict of the late John Craig, which occurred near this place, on Saturday 29th, 1859. Mrs. Craig was in some respects a remarkable woman. Her great age (she being about ninety-two at the time of her death) invested her presence with cherished memories, linking the past with the present. Her recollection of Revolutionary history and incidents made her an object of great interest, while her sterling qualities and womanly virtues commanded the respect, and won the esteem of those who were best acquainted with her. But it was as the Wife, Mother, and Christian that she exhibited those incomparable traits of character most prized by the virtuous and sweet life that she possessed. Her example may well be treasured as a bright and shining light, to guide the footsteps of the daughters of the present day and their sex from them descending. The family have our sympathies in their great bereavement. (Keowee Courier, Saturday, Oct. 8, 1859.)

John Craig was born in Cork County or County Down in Ireland March 10, 1761 and died at his home on Keowee three miles above Pickens Court House Feb. 10, 1842.
He was married twice, first to Miss Clark. One son was born to this union, William H. Craig. Dec. 13, 1785. He married Jane, Sept. 13. 1809.
His second marriage was to Catherine Wilson November 14, 1788. Probably the daughter of John Wilson, a neighbor. She was born in 1767 and died at her home on Keowee, Sept. 29, 1859, at the age of 92.
Their children were:
Arthur Craig, b. Dec 2, 1794, d. Dec 29, 1854, m Lucinda Parthenia Gresham, b. Dec 5, 1795, d. Oct 7, 1875, m Sep 23, 1818 by Rev. Andrew Brown. (Note: This is the grandfather of Lucinda Parthenia Ariail)
Margaret Clark (Peggy), b. Jun 29, 1797, m. Thomas Boone, m Feb 28, 1822
Robert Craig, b. May 14, 1800, d. Nov 7, 1876, m Rachel Speed, m Nov 22, 1803, d. Jun 6, 1882, m Feb 17, 1825.
Jane Brown (Jincy) Craig, b. Apr 26, 1802, m Andrew McMullen, m Nov 30, 1824
Mary (Polly) Craig, b. Jul 24, 1806, m William Price
Sarah Wilson (Sally) Craig, b. Jul 2, 1809, d. abt 1846/1850, m Robert Knox, b. 1809, d. 1891, m Feb 17, 1855.
Catherine (Kitty) Craig, b. Mar 24, 1812, m Hiram Gibson, b. Jan 3, 1807, m Apr 25, 1833.

Arthur Craig and Lucinda Parthenia Gresham were married Sep 23, 1818 by Rev. Andrew Brown. Lucinda was the daughter of John Gresham, a Revolutionary war patriot, and his wife, Martha Halbert. Her brother, Joseph Gresham, being the oldest son, inherited the beautiful brick home on the rolling hill overlooking the Keowee River. In 1829 Joseph sold the 420-acre plantation to John Nean Craig for $2,000.00. John built a smaller house for Arthur and Lucinda. At John Nean's death, Catherine, his widow, moved into the smaller house. John gave Arthur this plantation in his will 1835. Arthur and Robert were very devoted brothers. They made many business deals together as the records show in the office of the clerk of court.

Arthur and Lucinda were considered rather wealthy, and they were happy together. They gave their children all available advantages. Their sons were handsome and their daughters beautiful. They all married into the best and wealthiest families of the time. Arthur died in 1854 at the age of 60, without a will. John G. and Lucinda were administrators.

Lucinda was strong willed. She was queen of the home, devoted to her family though very strict. She was kind and considerate of the colored members of the household. After Arthur's death, she seemed to have lost her self-confidence and was persuaded to sell the Keowee plantation to Prior Alexander May 5, 1860.
and buy a plantation on Tugaloo River in Oconee County in her son, Robert Craig, Jr.'s name. Arthur and Lucinda were married Sept. 23, 1818.

Their children were:

Margaret Jane Craig, b. Nov 1, 1820, d. Sep 18, 1869, m Sidney McDow, d. Apr 6, 1862, m Mar 30, 1841.

Mary Malinda Craig, b. Aug 1, 1824, m Russell Dean, m Aug 23, 1849.

John Gersham Craig, m Susan Cammadore Swift, m Feb 23, 1850. Note: Soon after Arthur Craig's death in 1854, he and Lucinda, the administrators, settled the estate. J.G. took his inheritance and departed, leaving his wife, Susan, and several children. He was last seen, so they said, crossing Keowee River at Craven's Ford in his two horse wagon -- never to be heard of again. Susan took her children and moved to Rome, Georgia. No further information on them. However, J.G.'s immediate family knew his whereabouts. The deed May 5, 1860 lists J.G. living in Whitfield County, Georgia, from where he volunteered for Civil War service Feb 6, 1864. He was killed at Johns and James Island, S.C. Jul 10, 1864.

Catherine Martha (Patty) Craig, b. May 19, 1831, d. Nov 30, 1908, m. John H. Ariail, b. Aug 30, 1833, d. Apr 6, 1862. Note: They were married Feb 10, 1853 and established a home on the large plantation he inherited from his father. He owned many black helpers and was a well-known successful farmer. Their friends were the most prominent and influential families in the upper section of the state. Patty was a lovely, refined, Christian woman who presided over her home with dignity and cordiality. Ariail Mountain and the Ariail Textile Mill is on a part of the original tract. Many of the family are buried in the private well-kept cemetery.

The daughter of Catherine Martha (Patty) Craig and John H. Ariail, Lucinda Parthenia (Cousin Lou) Ariail, m Silas Curtis. Note: She and Silas Curtis, (Silas was previously married with several children), m Feb 24, 1895. Her only child was Guy Ariail Curtis. He married Lula Meadors, who is a very prominent and successful businesswoman in Greenville. Guy died soon after his marriage with no children.

"Cousin Lou", as we called her, was a devout Christian. For many years she was an officer and regularly attended the State Baptist W.M.U. Conventions. I know of no one whose influence reached so many. She nursed the sick, consoled the bereaved, and sympathized and wisely counseled those in trouble. This best describes her great courage and faith when she wrote a friend after Guy's death: "Other mothers have had to give up their sons and I'm no better than they."

What a shining example of humanity Lucinda must have been. There is much more data contained in the family history files, the family group records and notes. Anyone would be well advised to emulate this great lady, Lucinda Parthenia Ariail, and her ancestors in their daily lives.

JOHN MILTON BARR, Nephew of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail, wife of William Harrison Ariail

Last Will and Testament

State of South Carolina
County of Pickens

Whereas, by the fourth clause of the last will and testament of our father, John M. Barr, he gives and bequeaths to "William A. Barr, Martin R. Barr, Henry H. Barr, M. Ola Barr and George S. Barr, all the remainder and residue” of his estate both real and personal and provides and directs that the same shall be divided among them as follows, to wit: "William A. Barr, Martin R. Barr, Henry H. Barr and M. Ola Barr shall receive an equal amount and twice as much as George S. Barr, in other words it is my intention that my sons William A. Barr, Martin R. Barr, Henry H. Barr and M. Ola Barr shall each receive two-ninths (2/9) of said remainder and residue of my estate and my son George S. Barr shall receive one-ninth (1/9) of said remainder and residue of my estate."

And whereas, it is the desire and wish of each of the above named William A. Barr, Martin R. Barr, Henry H. Barr, M. Ola Barr and George S. Barr, that they shall all share alike and that said remainder and residue of the estate of our said father shall be equally divided and distributed among us, now therefore:

Know all men by these presents that we William A. Barr, Martin R. Barr, Henry H. Barr, M. Ola Barr and George S. Barr the beneficiaries under the fourth clause of said will do hereby covenant and agree that the remainder and residue of the estate of our father John M. Barr as provided by the said fourth clause of his will shall be divided and distributed among us equally, share and share alike, including money, personal property and real estate, and we hereby authorize and empower W. H. Barr executor of said last will and testament to make said division among us and pay to each one of us an equal amount, take our receipt
therefore and the same shall be in full of any and all claim or interest we or either of us have or may have by virtue of the said last will and testament.

And we hereby further agree that this agreement shall be filed and recorded with the other estate papers in the office of the Probate Judge of said County.

Witness our hands and seals this 23rd day of January, A.D. 1914.

In the presence of: H.O. Brandt, Seal. W.E. Bishop.

W.A. Barr, Seal
M.O. Barr, Seal
Henry H. Barr, Seal
G.S. Barr, Seal

State of South Carolina
County of Pickens

Personally appears before me, H.O. Bramlett, who being duly sworn says that he saw the within named William A. Barr, Henry H. Barr, M. Ola Barr and George S. Barr sign, seal and execute the within agreement and that he with W.E. Bishop witnessed the execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this 23rd day of Jan 1914. N.E. Smith, N.P. for S.C.

H.O. Brandt, L.S.

State of Colorado
County of

Personally appears before me ........ who being duly sworn says that he saw the within named Martin R. Barr sign, seal and execute the within agreement and that he with ........witnessed the execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this day of Jan 1914

The State of South Carolina, Count of Pickens, probate Court.

To J. B. Newberry, Judge of Probate for county and state aforesaid
The undersigned who is named in the last will and testament of John M. Barr as executor thereof respectfully declines to qualify and serve as such executor, and ask that William A. Barr be allowed to qualify as such, he having also been named in said will as executor.


“I wonte sign no papers now, if evething is carried out acording to the will and acording to law, I am willing for G.S. Barr to share with us eqaul. I want the will carried out right, and I want all papers and receipts saved so I can see them when I come back. M.R. Barr.”

State of South Carolina, County of Greenville, Probate Court

W.T. Nally, as Administrator of the estate of M. Olar Barr, Deceased, and in his own right, and Zuda Barr, as Administratrix of the estate of M. Olar Barr, deceased, and in her own right.

Plaintiffs, vs. W.A. Barr, Geo. S. Barr, Martin Barr, H.P. Barr, Vernessa Nally, Adger Nally, Wylie Miller and Alfa Miller, Defendants.

It appearing to my satisfaction from the affidavit of the plaintiff's attorney and return of S.W. Youngblood, a duly appointed Constable of Pickens County in the above entitled case, as well as the Complaint of the plaintiffs on file in Clerk of Court's office in this action, that the above entitled action has been commenced and is now pending” that the plaintiff's Complaint has been filed with the Court of Common Pleas for Pickens County” that a cause of action exists in favor of the above named plaintiff against the above named defendants as fully set forth in said Complaint, said cause of action being for the purpose of partitioning real estate lying in the County of Pickens, State of South Carolina, and that the defendant, Martin Barr, is a necessary party to said action: that the above named Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of said action, same being for the purpose of partitioning real estate lying in said County and State: and that the said plaintiffs are unable with due diligence to make service of the summons and complaint in said action upon the defendant, Martin Barr, hereinabove named: that the said Defendant, Martin Barr, cannot be found within this State, although diligent effort to that end has been made and that said defendant's, Martin Barr's, Post Office address is Colorado Springs, in the State of Colorado, Now, On Motion Of J. Robt. Martin, attorney for the said Plaintiffs,
Be It, And It Is Hereby Ordered, that service of the summons in said action upon the said defendant, Martin Barr, be made by the publication thereof in the Easley Progress, a newspaper published in the City of Easley, S.C. and in the said County of Pickens, State of South Carolina, which said newspaper is hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the said defendant, Martin Barr, once a week for Six (6) weeks, and that the first publication of the said summons be made within Ten (10) days from the date of this order, and that on or before the date of the first publication of the said summons the said plaintiffs or their attorney shall deposit in the Post Office at Greenville County of Greenville, State of South Carolina, a copy of said summons together with a copy of the complaint in said action, securely enclosed in an envelope, the postage thereon duly prepaid, addressed to the said defendant, Martin Barr, at his said Post Office address Colorado Springs, Colorado.

It Is Hereby Further Ordered, That at the option of the said Plaintiffs or their attorney a copy of said Summons and a copy of said complaint be delivered to the said defendant, Martin Barr, personally, without the State of South Carolina, which delivery shall have the same effect as completed publication and mailing thereof.

J.B. Newberry, Probate Judge, Pickens County, South Carolina.

MARY JOHNSTON BARR, 2nd wife of John Milton Barr who was nephew of Mary Adelaide Barr

This will makes it appear that John Milton Barr had no children as his 2nd wife, Mary, did not mention them in her will, however, John Milton Barr fathered 10 children by his first wife. See family history files for information on his entire family. Now lets take a look at Mary’s will and see what she desired upon her death.

State of South Carolina
County of Pickens

Know all men by these presents, that I, Mary J. Barr, being of a sound mind and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and wishing to leave my affairs in good shape, make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

I hereby devise and bequeath all of my property both real and personal as follows: (Note: 108 acres of land involved)

1st: I desire that all of my just debts be paid and all of my funeral expenses be paid and a nice toom stone placed on my grave.

2nd: In view of the fact that my sisters Lucinda E. Johnston gave all of her property both real and personal to my 2 brothers Wm. H. and Thomas G. Johnston and Wm. has bought Thomas’ interest for eleven hundred dollars and only gave my brother Ben J. Johnston one dollar and wishing to make all my brothers equal with each other, Ben be given eleven hundred dollars before any of my property is divided after which I wish that all of my remaining property be equally divided between my three brothers, Ben, Wm. & Thomas with the exception of one feather bed to go to my brother Ben, also one feather bed (valued) 25.00 twenty five dollars to go to J. Barr.

...this eleven hundred dollars to go to B. J. Johnston on the condition that should I outlive him, he is to leave eleven hundred dollars of his property to me and for the purpose of having this will carried out. I hereby appoint my brothers B.J. Johnston my administrator this 4 day of Dec 1917.

Mary J. Barr

State of South Carolina
County of Pickens

Know all men by these presents that we the undersign certify unto all whom these may concern, do hereby certify that we, in the presence of Mary J. Barr, and in the presents of each other, saw her sign and as her act deliver the within instrument of writing for the use and purposes therein set forth in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the 5th day of Dec A.D. 1917.

L.W. James Seal
J. C. Meredith Seal
M.A. Ingram Seal
JEAN BAPTISTE ARIAIL, Is he our ancient grandfather????

- Although we still need a couple of documents to prove what we are now thinking, it is almost without question that we have finally located the origin of the Ariail family. It was almost by accident that this occurred. Earlier in the research process, I had asked the National Archives of Canada to send me any information that they had on the Ariail family in Canada because Flora Brantley stated that on Luke Ariail’s side of the family, they had always said that they came down out of Canada. The National Archives of Canada had sent me some information that stated that I should look at the work of Cyprian Tanguay as he had listed the Ariail family name in his works. I had, without any success whatsoever, attempted to find his works, but all tries had come up empty. Inter-library loans, and even the Brooklyn, N.Y. library, could not come up with Cyprian Tanguay’s documents. I had almost given up in trying to locate his books.

- While Lorraine and I were on a trip to the Northeast in May of 1998, we had the occasion to stop by the Pittsfield, Massachusetts’ library to look up some obituaries on some of the Ariail family that had been buried in that area. Just as an afterthought, I asked them if they had the books that I had been attempting to find by Cyprian Tanguay and they answered in the affirmative. Look what we have now found.

- These documents say it all. Unless we can find something to the contrary, I believe that we have at long last found how John Ariail came to this country, why he was 40 years old when he married Hannah Rich Cowles and why we, perhaps, can find nothing about him in any historical documents in Connecticut.

- Here is what I personally think. He may have been a French Military Man. It was customary for such people to be given land in Canada if they would remain there and marry after their service. This would account for him never showing up on a ships passenger list. He was approximately 26 years old when he first married Marie Louise Allard in Canada. He had 8 children that we know about, the last being born about 1773, and then something happened. We don’t as yet know what, but about 1773 he seems to have disappeared from Canada. Did his wife die and he left his children with their grandparents? Was he thrown out of the Catholic Church and Exiled from Canada? He was Catholic and the Bible that we have on display at the Reunion each year is a Catholic Bible. It is believed that it belonged to Jean Baptiste Ariail. It lists his children’s birth in Connecticut. He stated he was from Windsor when he married. Windsor is in Vermont, just south of Quebec, Canada, and the Bible was printed in Brattleboro, Vt., just south of Windsor.

- If we are correct, then we may have the Ariail Family line traced all the way back to 1620 in France. LtCol Doyce Ariail, President of the Ariail Family Reunion Association, told me his grandmother had always said the Ariail Family came from the River Valley -- Vallet, Loire-Atlantique, -- of Nantes, France. This all ties together with the place that Jean Baptiste Ariail came from. With all this circumstantial evidence, coupled with the facts that we have below, we have a line of the Ariail Family that looks like this:

  John Harvey Ariail, son of
  Jean Baptiste Mathieu Ariail, b. abt 1735 son of
  Charles Ariail, b. abt 1691 son of
  Mathieu Ariail, b. abt 1663 son of
  Michael Ariail, b. abt 1630 son of
  Jan Ariail

  Having said all that, lets look at the facts that we have uncovered. We are still researching, but we have an advantage now, we know exactly where to look. There may be no more records, but this is much more that we have ever had before. This document, used in conjunction with the family history records, will give you a much broader view of what we have uncovered.

  1761, (13 Juillet) Charlesbourg.
  I. -- ARIAIL, Jean, aubergiste, fils de Charles et
de Marie Moreau, de Nantes.
  Alard, Marie-Louise. (Francois III.)
Marie-Louise, b. 15 Dec. 1761, a Quebec --
Marie-Anne, b Quebec 3 fevrier 1763. -- Jean, b Quebec 9
mai 1764

Translation: Married Jul 13, 1761, Charlesbourg, Quebec. Line Two: First Generation Ariail in New France, named Jean (John), Innkeeper/Hotel Keeper, son of Charles and -- Line Three: Marie Moreau, of Nantes France. Line Four: Wife -- Marie-Louise Alard, father was Francois Alard who was 3rd generation Alard in New France. Line 5, 6 & 7 lists children and their birth dates in Quebec Canada.

Next information is from substantiating documents. I will spell names exactly the way documentation spells them so you can see how the spelling of the name differs.

St Charles de Charlesbourg Mariages.

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Jims Note: 05. Barbe Louise Bargevin is the grandmother of child.

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Again, here is another Cyprian Tanguay record of John’s marriage:

1741, (13 Nov.) Charlesbourg
III -- Alard, Francois         (Jean II.
Bergevin, Barbe-Louise,        (Ignace II.
children -- all omitted except the one that counts:
Marie-Louise, b 3 n 1742, a Quebec;
m at Charlesbourg 13 juillet 1761, a Jean Ariail
Note: She was 8 years younger than John Ariail. Also note spelling exactly as we spell. Also that age
difference could be because John was in Frence Military for some years before he decided to marry. A man
in the Pittsfield library, who seemed to be knowledgeable in French history told us that it was customary
for servicemen to be given grants to remain in New France and marry after their service in the French
military. Could be what happened here. Trying to check out this theory.

St Charles De Charlesbourg    S 465    (remember, code S is burials)
S - 1765-06-16    D - 1765-06-15
01. Jean Baptiste/Ariale     13 mois c d m
02. Jean Baptiste/Ariale     epoux de 03 pere de 01 m m
03. Marie/Allard             epouse de 02 mere de 01 m f
04. Claude/Heme              p m
05. Germain/Bergevin         p m
06. /Morisseaux              pretre missionnaire de cette paroisse c p m

Jims Note: This gives us the middle name of John Ariail. We cannot say this is a different family because
look at who the mother is -- Marie Allard. Also one of her grandmother’s family, Germain Bergevin is a
witness to the burial.

Here is another source that also lists marriage. They all agree, Ariail is the spelling of the name.....
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Here is still another source that lists marriage. Will not list all the Ariail’s in this source as they are many with different spelling of name.

The French Canadians 1600-1900.
Ariail, Jean, Married in 1761 in Charlesbourg, (PQ442-51).

The following list is incomplete, I missed the boat on this one as I was so pressed for time I didn't realize what I had until I had left the library and the area. Will attempt to find out what source is and get rest of the list one of these days.

Jean-Baptiste ARIAL & Marie Louise ALLARD married 13-07-1761 I080
(Charles & Marie Moreau)

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Joseph ARIAL & Julie BELLEEAU

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Michel ARIAL & Eleonore BERTRAND married 24-10-1808 K016
(Jean-Baptiste & Marie Louise Allard)

| Joseph | 1m. Emerence Nolin           | 12-06-1843 J275 |
Laurent ARIAL & Sara CARRIERE

Joseph
1m. Georgianna Menard 25-11-1878 I095
2m. Marie Louise Angers 05-02-1883 I095

Theodore
1m. Caroline Dandurand 25-11-1874 I095

Georges
1m. Euphrobin Dumas 25-11-1874 I095

Note: Unfortunately, remainder of list still in library.

Hope anyone finding more information will share with me. There is a rich field in Canada on this family and we still have some pieces to put together. Also Nantes France is where we need to look for records.

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We the here in named have (went) to the premises of J.M. Barr, deceased, and have appraised the personal property to the best of our knowledge this Jan 16, 1913.

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M.K. ?????
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Documents very hard to decipher. This appraisal, in conjunction with the sale below, should shed some light on just what was in this estate.

SALE & BILL, J.M. BARR, PERSONAL PROPERTY

This document is sort of interesting in that it shows the interrelationships between different branches of the same family in South Carolina. J.M. Barr is a close relative of Mary Adelaide Barr, who married William Harrison Ariail and we will find that W.B. Hester was involved in buying at least one of the items that was auctioned from the estate of J.M. Barr. W.B. Hester, if it is in fact the same one, was the man who married Virginia Ariail, from South Carolina.

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Note: Some of this document was unreadable, to almost unreadable. Did the best I could, however, you should compare this to the list of possessions that was owned by John & Chloe Ariail. I think you will find that the Ariail Family was in much better shape for those times than were the members of the Barr Family.

JULIUS FELLOWS ARIAIL, History of the Alpha Gamma Chapter...Since 1885. Louisiana State University.

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order was founded at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Baton Rouge, La., on the second day of July, 1885 by Julius Fellows Ariail. The chapter members were Walter Winn Bynum, of Baton Rouge, La., as President; John A. Williams, of Montgomery La., as Vice-President; Richard Caspari, of Natchitoches, La., as Secretary, and Leven Luckett Hooe, of Alexandria, La.

Though hardly more than a year old, Alpha Gamma stood upon a solid and sure foundation. She had done good work for the Order. By the proper deportment and general high standing of her members she obtained the good will and confidence of the faculty of the institution; and she retained that good will and confidence by maintaining her own good reputation.

She has not thought that her advancement and success meant the destruction of her rivals by low and underhand means. Her principle has always been that no permanent good effects can result from bad means; that the best way to promote her interests is by the careful selection of her members, so that no one of them can be pointed to as a disgrace to the Order, by strict faith and honesty, by fighting all rivals fairly and openly and by preserving concord and brotherly feeling among her own members.

JULIUS FELLOWS ARIAIL III, Marries and Goes Off to War.

Saturday, February 7, 1987, Times-Enterprise. Brides braved husbands' absences during World War II.

The former Louise Carroll, of Thomasville, another war bride, said it never crossed her mind that her new husband, Julius Ariail, would not return from Pacific duty.

The couple met in 1942 at the Thomasville Air Filter Center, a unit charged with reporting all flights observed in the area, which was located on the fifth floor of the old Tosco Hotel.

Both were 25.

Ariail, from Alexandria, La., had been stationed at the U.S. Army Air Service Warning Service at Tampa, Fla., before being sent to Thomasville.

"We didn't have a car," said Mrs. Ariail of the courtship. They walked to movies, church and other events.

Occasionally friends with cars would take a group to Marvin's, a Cairo Road spot where young couples went to dine and dance.

Once the couple decided they wanted to marry, "we decided to go ahead," said Mrs. Ariail. "We never knew where he would be next."

Mrs. Ariail was teaching at Eastside Elementary School at the time of her marriage, but a rule in effect at that time said married women could not teach.

There was a teacher shortage, however, and Mrs. Ariail was one of two new war brides allowed to continue. "We were the first," she explained.

The newlyweds rented a furnished apartment on Dawson Street, but the groom was required to stay at the Tosco most of the time.
A month after their marriage, Ariail received orders to go to Ft. Benning, and Albany became the midway meeting point on weekends. Mrs. Ariail went to Columbus when her husband could not make the Albany trip.
From Benning, Ariail went to California and in May 1944, left for Pacific duty.
A son, Julius Jr., was born during the young father's absence, and Ariail returned to the United States in December 1945.
He returned to Thomasville in 1946 and for many years was the City of Thomasville clerk-treasurer.
"It never crossed my mind he never would come back. Now isn't that ridiculous?" said Mrs. Ariail.

MRS WILLIE S. ARIAIL, Regrets being unable to attend reunion
1442 Denny Rd.
Columbia, S.C.
Aug 28, 1965

Dear Member of the Ariail Family,
I am very sorry that the A.H. Ariail family was unable to attend the reunion. We wanted to be there very much.
My granddaughter Betty Jo Lemmon was married on Aug 21, at 8 p.m., so you can understand the situation. We were exhausted after a week of activity. Betty Jo is the daughter of Fay Ariail Lemmon.
Please let us know the date next year and I hope that we can attend.

Sincerely,
Willie S. Ariail
(Mrs. A.H.)

VIRGINIA ARIAIL ROUSE, Interesting letter about relations and civil war times.
619 Norwood Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina
August 12, 1965

Dear Horace, (Cousin?)
Please excuse my using my son's obsolete stationery -- I am completely out of my own, and I do want to answer your kind letter tonight, while I have the opportunity. (Actually, I just wanted to let you see that my son was a member of the House of Representatives, but, at present, he is a member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee of the Senate Staff in Washington!)
Of course, that is just part of my Daniel and Ariail sense of humor, because I intended to tell you about my son anyway. His name is Le Grand Ariail Rouse II, born June 11, 1933, graduate of Wofford College, with A.B. degree, and graduate of the University of South Carolina with L.L.B. degree. He married Patricia Adelle White of Pacolet, S.C. (who graduated from Columbia College) in August, 1958. They have two children: LeGrand Ariail Rouse III, almost 5 years old, and Laurie Adelle Rouse, 17 months old.
Our elder daughter, Virginia Gail Rouse, born January 10, 1935, graduated from Converse College in 3 years and was top honor student, member of Gamma Sigma (equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa). She has been teaching English at Spartanburg High School for seven years. She received her M.A.T. degree from Converse College this past May, having completed the work last year.
She married Mastin Rogers Fowler in 1957. They have two children: Mastin Rogers Fowler, Jr., almost 8, and Holly Gail Fowler, almost 4 years old. (Gail is divorced from her husband because of his alcoholism--so she is Mrs. Gail Rouse Fowler).
Our third child is Sharon Lynne Rouse, born December 4, 1945. She is a voice and English Major at Columbia College, where she is a junior. She has a very fine and promising voice and has done much solo work in choirs and in plays. (She is in New York at the moment--She was asked to go along to sing with the Spartanburg Junior College Glee Club who made two appearances at the United States Pavilion at the Worlds Fair).
I just thought you might like to have a sketch of our 3 children.
I am the youngest daughter of Rev. William Hamilton Ariail, who was born in Hall County, Georgia. Perhaps, Doyce Ariail has told you who I am -- or something about my background. My grandfather was Luke Ives Ariail, who married Nancy Lesley and they lived in Easley. (My mother was N.E. Ozella Daniel, Laurens County).
I am enclosing a photo static copy of a letter from my father's older brother, Harvey Orlando Ariail, written to his cousin Mary Lesley (as you'll see, another soldier wrote on the same letter), which I thought
you might like to keep in the family records. I am also enclosing the copy of his enlistment in the services of the Confederacy, which was recorded in the State Department of Archives and History in Raleigh, N.C.

By the way, I think it most interesting, and worth passing on to other members of the Ariail clan, how it came about that I got a copy of H.O.’s letter to his cousin, Mary Lesley.

As I told you, my daughter, Gail, married Mastin R. Fowler, whose mother was Mary Rogers, from Easley. I had known Mary Rogers Fowler for a number of years, long before my daughter married her son. She knew I was an Ariail, but she did not know that my father’s mother was Nancy Lesley. Well, one day, about 2 years after Gail had married Mastin Fowler, I was at Mary Fowler's house and we got to talking about Easley and people we knew. To make a long story short, she said, "Well, my father’s (Mr. Rogers) mother was Mary Lesley, and I have a letter written to her by H.O. Ariail, whom I think was her cousin."

Then, I said, "For goodness’ sake, H.O. was my father’s brother, and my father’s mother was Nancy Lesley!"

We came to the conclusion that we were distantly related, and she let me have several copies made of the letter, one, of which, I am sending you.

I was hoping so very much that I could come to the reunion this year, and I had practically vowed that I would (my oldest sister Wilhelmina A. Burnett, lives here, too, and is so anxious to go!), but my school begins on the very day after the reunion, and my doctor thinks I should not go. (I've never had any high blood pressure before, but he said it was way up when he checked me, and I am under his treatment). My husband, too, had to have his prostate gland removed the middle of March, and he is not supposed to ride very far yet, so I guess we will have to forego the pleasure of coming down. It would be simply wonderful for me to see and meet all those Ariail’s, and I do pray that I will have the pleasure and privilege of coming down to one of the reunions before too long! (Is it possible to have it a little earlier in August?, schools seem to open so soon now).

I will be 62 in 3 years, and I plan to quit teaching then. My husband, who is a City Detective, plans to retire then also, but I hope we don't have to wait three years before we get down to the Ariail gathering!

By the way, I notice that Dr. W.T. Ariail of Cornelia, is in Who's Who in the South and Southwest. In case you are interested in reading something about me, I am listed there, too, also my sons.

It is my earnest prayer that all my kinsmen will have a glorious and safe reunion and that God will bless each and every one of you! How I wish I could be there with you in person. I do plan to be there in spirit!

With deep family feeling and kindest regards to every member of the Clan.

Sincerely,
Virginia Ariail Rouse
(Mrs. LeGrand Rouse)

THE FAMILY AND LEGACY OF JUDGE MANNA RICH ARIAIL, Alexandria, Louisiana

On a recent trip to Louisiana in July of 1998, Lorraine and I had the opportunity to do some in-depth research into the lives of this part of our family. I have said before, many times, that the standard has been set high for us to grasp and follow, but I didn't realize the quality and purpose of life that we have been challenged with. Both in the spiritual and secular aspect of our existence, the standard has been set. I cannot pin adequate words to explain the character we must exhibit to meet the examples that has long ago been earmarked as a guide on our road to eternity.

Many of our ancestors were, without doubt, God fearing creatures. We cannot emulate their character without ourselves exhibiting the same Godly traits that others saw in them so long ago. Look carefully at what was said about them, then pause and consider if the same will be said about our actions and character when the All Devouring Scythe Of Time demands our legacy be revealed to posterity.

Some of this material may be contained in other parts of this document, however, it is so important that it must appear again so we can grasp the true greatness of this part of our family.

Sincerely,
Virginia Ariail Rouse
(Mrs. LeGrand Rouse)

THE FAMILY AND LEGACY OF JUDGE MANNA RICH ARIAIL, Alexandria, Louisiana

On a recent trip to Louisiana in July of 1998, Lorraine and I had the opportunity to do some in-depth research into the lives of this part of our family. I have said before, many times, that the standard has been set high for us to grasp and follow, but I didn't realize the quality and purpose of life that we have been challenged with. Both in the spiritual and secular aspect of our existence, the standard has been set. I cannot pin adequate words to explain the character we must exhibit to meet the examples that has long ago been earmarked as a guide on our road to eternity.

Many of our ancestors were, without doubt, God fearing creatures. We cannot emulate their character without ourselves exhibiting the same Godly traits that others saw in them so long ago. Look carefully at what was said about them, then pause and consider if the same will be said about our actions and character when the All Devouring Scythe Of Time demands our legacy be revealed to posterity.

Some of this material may be contained in other parts of this document, however, it is so important that it must appear again so we can grasp the true greatness of this part of our family.

The Late Judge Manna Rich Ariail

We were called upon but a few days ago to chronicle the death, in our midst of Judge M.R. Ariail, of Alexandria, La., who departed this life on the 5th inst., after a long and painful illness. A passing tribute of respect is here due to the memory of one whose qualities of mind and heart entitled him to the respect and love of all who knew him.

Judge Ariail was a native of Massachusetts, but for the past thirty years a resident of Alexandria, parish of Rapides. Combining a high order of intellect, great energy and powers of application, with a character of the most rigid integrity and conscientiousness, he rose steadily in his profession, and was called by the
people of his section to many positions of trust and honor, which for many years he filled with credit alike to himself and constituents. In the community in which he lived he was an eminently useful and enterprising man, initiating and establishing measures of public improvements and requirements in the spirit of progress and enlightenment.

Possessing a heart susceptible of sympathy with misfortune and distress in all its varied phases, his time and purse alike were always open and devoted to the dictates of humanity, in readiness to assist and support the needy and the helpless. Judge Ariail leaves a devoted family and a host of sorrowing friends, who love and respect the memory of a man called away by his Maker in the prime of his life and his usefulness.

(Articles about Judge Manna Rich Ariail are documented in the Picuyne 5-6-1865, P4 Col 4, 5-14-1865, P4 Col 4, New Orleans Times, 5-6-1865 P4 Col 3, 5-15-1865, P4 Col 3).

End Of A Lovely Life, Mrs. Sarah Fellows Ariail, Wife of Manna Rich Ariail

On the 26th of February, 1882, Mrs. Sarah A. Fish died in Alexandria, La. The deceased was the beloved wife of Dr. James S. Fish, and daughter of Joseph and Catherine Fellows. The announcement of the death of Mrs. Fish fell like a pall upon the Town where she was universally esteemed, and brought with it a feeling of personal bereavement to her friends, to whom she was greatly endeared. They grieve, and that deeply, that death has crushed in the very bloom of existence, one so admirably natured, both for the adornment and enjoyment of life. Her manners were so kind and affable that none could approach her without at once realizing they were in the presence of a gentle woman of culture and refinement, and many have cherished recollections of her considerate kindness to them in thought, speech and action -- sincerity and candor were ever speaking out in each word that came from her tongue -- genuine philanthropy prompted each thought, word and act of her life, while an ardent thirst for knowledge and truth as constantly compelled her to give the most appreciative attention to the thoughts and views of others. All this was prominent enough in her daily intercourse with the world, but it was only those who had her intimacy and friendship who knew what a vast storehouse of knowledge her mind was. The simplicity of her character was like that of a child, and the modesty of her deportment completely veiled the depth of her acquirements. But there was, deeper than this surface showing, an inner character and qualities of heart known and measured only by those who were her familiar friends, which possessed a noble, generous and loving aspiration, that was ever prompting her to deny all selfish motives and indulgences, and to join her unstinted efforts to those of the wise and benevolent in every undertaking which had the good of her fellow-creatures for its object. The type of the true Christian, her life was pure and spotless, and her faith in her religion followed her through life and consoled her last hours with its strengthening power. Over her grave loved ones may mourn, but assuredly there can be no greater consolation than the thought that she had left a spotless record of purity as the priceless heritage of her earthly career, which will be unto her memory a monument more durable than the elaborate mausoleum. The latter days of her life were passed in pain and slowly decaying health. These sufferings she bore with the same uncomplaining gentleness which marked her whole life, and at last after life's fitful fever, and in the full hope of the promises of the Gospel she fell asleep in her Savior as quietly and patiently as she had lived.

"Abide with me!; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide;
When other helpers' fall, and comforts flee;
Help of the Helpless, Oh! abide with me!"

Dr. Jas. S. Fish, 2nd Husband of Sarah Fellows Ariail, & Man Who Raised Julius Fellows Ariail I

This community was somewhat startled on Monday morning early by learning of the death of Dr. Jas. S. Fish, which occurred on Sunday, at 8:10 o'clock p.m., at his rooms in the Exchange Hotel building. But few of his friends were even aware that he had been confined to his bed.

By his demise this community loses one of its best, most liberal and enterprising citizens, who was all awake to her every move which tended to the Town's prosperity--and the medical profession here one of its most learned and scienced members--and his friends a comrade with whom it was a pleasure to associate--his surviving daughter, young in years and just budding into womanhood, loses his care and counsel, his love, tenderness and devotion.

Dr. Fish was born in Augusta, Ga., in July, 1828, hence at the time of his death was 58 years of age. He came here during the war and had in charge the Confederate Hospital, situated at the Seminary grounds. A few years afterwards he commenced the practice of his profession in Alexandria, since which time he has
constantly resided here. He was twice married, his first wife, a Miss Chew, who died in this Town of yellow fever in 1867; his second wife, the widow of the lamented M.R. Ariail, he married in St. Paul, Minn., in October, 1870; she died here also in February, 1882. By his union with the latter named he had two children, one dead, the other living, "little Sallie," as she is called, and who is already an accomplished young Miss, but who, indeed, will miss her kind and indulgent father.

Dr. Fish was a really good man, liberal in his ways, fond of sport and pleasure, and always ready for any thing which, in its way, meant happiness to others. He was an educated gentleman and highly cultivated, and had always walked in the highest stations. He was the associate of the poor as well as the rich man, and in him was stored no high, aristocratic style; indeed, he was plain to a fault, and made all feel easy and equal when in his company.

His funeral on Monday afternoon was largely attended by the citizens of Alexandria and Pineville, and by the Masonic fraternity and the members of both of our fire companies—which showed how highly he was esteemed.

He was a member of Oliver Lodge, F & A.M., as also a member of the Rapides Medical and Surgical Association, the Rod and Gun Club and an honorary member of both Alexandria Fire Companies, and three of these organizations turned out in uniform at his funeral. The following gentlemen acted as pal-bearers, Dr. Julius A. Johnston, J.M. Armstrong, Dr. T.G. Compton, F. Seip, Jacob Geiger, J.R. Thornton, Dr. Smith Gordon, and L.B. Baynard.

The deceased has a brother in Athens, Alabama, but whether his father and mother are alive or not, we are unable to say.

His death will prove a blow to many, and to them, in this, their sad hour of bereavement, we extend our sincerest sympathies.

Julius Fellows Ariail
Son of Manna Rich & Sarah Fellows Ariail

Julius Fellows Ariail died at his home in Alexandria, La., Friday, March 4th, 1899, at 10:15 a.m. Julius Fellows Ariail, aged 35 years, 3 months.

"His sun went down while it was yet day; but unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness."

The subject of this sketch was no ordinary man and deserves more than a passing notice, yet the hand that pens these lines trembles at attempting to handle a theme worthy of the poet's pen and the statesman's eulogy. But from the heart of the friend who loved him with a love like unto Johnathan's for David, comes this humble tribute to his excellence and goodness, with no flowers of rhetoric, no flow of oratory, but with true and simple words, prompted by the memory of a life-time friendship that grew as the years advanced and strengthened with the lapse of time. There was no man more beloved and respected in this parish than Julius Ariail. Born and reared here, all the fine and admirable traits, the sweet and winning ways of his childhood and youth developing into a noble and perfect manhood, he was deservedly beloved and admired by every citizen of this community, who felt a sense of personal interest in him and his career, as though there existed some invisible tie that drew him to themselves and gave them a claim upon him. The ruthless hand of death has cut him off in the bright morning of his young life, that was so full of glorious promise, and ended an honorable career that pointed brightly to success and distinction.

When the pale reaper gathers in those whose usefulness is over, whose career is run and whose strength, by reason of age, is but labor and sorrow, then we can, though with bitter tears, be reconciled to the dread decree, for we see the wisdom and mercy of God in transplanting those weary with the march of life, to a heavenly soil, where they bloom afresh with renewed youth and strength, after the completion of their term of probation on earth; but when Death claims the brightest and fairest, and snatches from our midst a life, almost just begun, beautiful in its truth and goodness, cutting short the rich fruition of its fair promise, and removing from among men, the worthy to be emulated example of the noblest work of God, an honest man, we feel we cannot unmurmuriously bow to the inscrutable designs of the Almighty. Truly death is no discriminator--no respecter of persons. How well we can appreciate the truth of the lovely lines:

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North wind's breath;
And stars to set; but all--
Thou hast all seasons for thine, O Death!"

Julius Ariail occupied a high position in social circles; among businessmen; with the lawyers of the Bar, among whom he stood first--and also in politics, being at the time of his death Representative from Rapides in the State Legislature.
His talents were of no mean order; highly educated at the best Universities of the South, he was a classical scholar and a man of fine intelligence, and a lawyer of ability, building up for himself by deep study, close attention to business, with a clear mind and honest principles, a future career of great brilliancy.

In the politics of this parish, he could have been almost what he would, for so high and honorable a name he bore, so fair and beautiful a character, that there was no dissenting voice when the name of Julius Ariail appeared before the public. Every one loved him and trusted him. Could any one bear a nobler record? What a fitting tribute to the high standing and worth of this admirable young man.

Julius Ariail, at an early age, was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Blackman, a native of his own parish, and the first and only love of his youth. He leaves her and four little ones, a sister and an aunt to mourn his loss, which indeed seems irremediable. The light of their life has gone out, the guiding star of their future has set in darkness, and weeping and desolation now dims the brightness of their once happy home. How bitterly they will miss the good angel of their household. May the Father above shield and guide them.

The sweet simplicity and trueness of his domestic life was lovely indeed; faithful in every calling, tender and affectionate, kind and considerate, amiable and sweet tempered, staunch and true, stainless in honor and integrity, he lived his short span of life uprightly before God and man.

With this grand combination of excellence, added to a pleasant, genial manner, and a disposition of most attractive sweetness and greatness, he won all hearts and held them as with bands of steel.

Tho' sorrowing still and unreconciled to this irreparable loss, we feel that it is well with him who has been called hither unto "The Lord of the Great Departed into the Silent Land." for upon his clear heart and pure soul, there were but few stains of earth to take before his God.

Farewell, dear friend and brother, and a long and sorrowful farewell. Your memory shall bloom forever in our hearts, and your example ever be our incentive to guide us in this life, and the sweet hope of meeting you in the life to come, shall comfort us in death. When we look back upon your beautiful life we know that we "Entertained an angel unawares."

"Terra sit supra formans lavis."
A Brother in K.A.

The Funeral of Julius F. Ariail

A very large number of friends and admirers of Julius F. Ariail assembled at his late residence on Fourth and Fulton streets this morning to pay the last sad respect to his memory. At 10 a.m. the funeral procession left the late residence of the deceased and proceeded to St. James Episcopal Church, about two squares distant. Rev. Dr. H.C. Duncan, the Rector, read the burial services of the church in a most impressive manner, and at the appropriate time the choir sang, in a very sweet manner, those old, but ever beautiful hymns, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Nearer My God to Thee."

In the funeral procession the members of Oliver Lodge No. 84, Free and Accepted Masons, and visiting Masons, about forty strong, marched forth, followed by the hearse, and then the members of Rapides Camp, Woodmen of the World, and Pelican Lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen, after which came large number of carriages and many citizens walking, including ladies. It was one of the largest funerals seen in Alexandria on a weekday for a long period of time.


Hon. J.G. White, at the grave, delivered a touching tribute to the worth of the deceased.

Jeanette Dent Blackman Ariail, Wife of Julius Fellows Ariail I.

Mrs. N.K. Vance Dies Suddenly

Funeral of Esteemed Citizen on Friday Morning

Mrs. Jeannette Dent Vance, wife of Norwood K. Vance, one of Alexandria's prominent and most highly esteemed citizens, died suddenly at her home, 328 Fulton street, at 11:03 o'clock last night. Mrs. Vance had been in ill health for a year or more, but her passing was sudden. She had been able to be out and was in the best of spirits prior to the time when she was seized with the fatal attack.

Mrs. Vance was a woman of many admirable traits of character. She was loved and admired by all who knew her, and her death has cast a pall of gloom over the entire city.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Judge Wilbur F. Blackman and Ellen Montfort Wells. She was born in Wellwood Plantation, Rapides parish, the parental home of her distinguished grandparents, General Montford Wells and Jeannette Dent.
She was reared in Alexandria, where she spent her entire life. During her early girlhood, she was married to the late Julius Fellows Ariail, a most prominent and outstanding member of the Alexandria bar and a former representative of the State Legislature from Rapides parish.

A number of years after the death of her first husband, she was married to Norwood K. Vance, leading local business man, and member of a prominent Louisiana family, who survives her.

She also leaves the following sons and daughters, as the issue of her first marriage, Julius F. Ariail, clerk of court of Rapides parish; Manna R. Ariail, deputy clerk of court; Mrs. John T. Bruton and Mrs. A. Heath Petrie, all of Alexandria.

She leaves one sister, Mrs. W.W. Atkinson, of Anaheim, Cal., who was with her when she passed away.

She leaves the following grandchildren: Julius F. Ariail, Jr., John M. Ariail; and Blackman Ariail; Misses Elenor and Jane Bruton and Miss Jeannette D. Petrie.

She was a life-long member of St. James' Episcopal Church, of this city, and was a member of the Colonial Dames of America.

Her funeral will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow, Friday morning. The procession will go from the family home to St. James' Episcopal Church, where services will be conducted by the Rev. J. Hodge Alves, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, after which interment will be made in Greenwood Memorial Park, under the direction of Hixson Brothers, local funeral directors.

**Julius F. Ariail, 54, Rapides Clerk of Court, Dies**

Parish Official Serving Fourth Term in Office

Julius F. Ariail, 54, clerk of court of the Ninth Judicial District since his election on January 16, 1928, died in Touro Infirmary at New Orleans at 7:30 o'clock last night, January 27, 1943, after an illness of about one year. At his bedside at the time of his death were his wife, his two sisters, Mrs. Thompson Bruton and Mrs. Heath Petrie, Mr. Petrie and N.K. Vance. The remains were returned to Alexandria in a Kramer Funeral Home ambulance. The funeral procession will leave the Kramer Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Friday and will proceed to St. James Episcopal Church where services will be held and from there to Greenwood cemetery where interment will be made.

Mr. Ariail was serving his fourth term as clerk of court, having been elected in 1928, 1932, 1936 and 1940. His fourth term would have expired June 1, 1944.

Mr. Ariail, who was born in Alexandria on April 11, 1889, was one of the most outstanding Rapides parish residents of this generation. He always stood for everything that was good and honorable, and was a friend of the poor and the rich alike.

He attended the public schools of Alexandria, Sewanee Military Institute, Louisiana State University and Tulane. He worked as a stenographer for a firm of attorneys in his younger days, then as bookkeeper for the Rapides Drug Company. He was secretary to the late Congressman James B. Aswell for two years, and then was associated with the law firm of Blackman and Overton before entering public life.

**Served as Deputy Clerk**

Before his election as clerk in 1928 he served as deputy clerk from 1915 to 1921. Then for four years, until 1925, he was assistant tax collector. From 1925 to 1928 Mr. Ariail was in the abstract and title business.

He was the son of the late Julius F. Ariail, well-known attorney, and Jeanette Blackman Ariail, and grandson of the late Judge W.F. Blackman and Ellen Montfort Wells, and the great grandson of General Montfort Wells and Jeanette Dent of Wellwood Plantation.

On December 14, 1916, Mr. Ariail was married to Miss Marie Murphy, the daughter of John Murphy and Noemie Wells Murphy, and the granddaughter of the late Governor Madison Wells. They have three sons, Julius F. Ariail, Jr., lately commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States army at Camp Wolters, Texas, John and Blackman Ariail.

Mr. Ariail was a mason, member of the Oliver Lodge No. 84, A.F. and A.M., a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and at one time a vestryman in the St. James Episcopal Church.

**Funeral Services for J.F. Ariail Held**

Funeral services for Julius F. Ariail were held in the St. James Episcopal Church this afternoon, Friday, January 29, 1943, with the Rev. J.H. Alves, rector, officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood cemetery under the direction of the Kramer Funeral Home. The funeral procession moved from the funeral home to the church at 2:30 p.m.
The clerk's, assessor's, sheriff's and district attorney's offices closed at noon today for the funeral. The flag atop the city hall has been at half-mast since yesterday afternoon.

Pallbearers were: J.F. Beaman, Pin Dyer, Jr., Grady Kelley, Isac Wahlder, John Blackman, George French, Ariail White, and Ambrose Rachal.

**MANNAN RICH ARIAIL, 50, Dies After Short Illness.**

Manna R. Ariail, aged fifty years, died this morning, Friday, May 23, 1941 at 10:25 o'clock, at Baptist Hospital, following a short illness. His funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday from the home of his sister, Mrs. Heath Petrie, 504 Jackson Avenue, Alexandria, La., proceeding to St. James Episcopal Church, on Bolton Avenue, where the services will be held, and interment will be made in Greenwood Memorial Park, Pineville, by John Kramer & Son Funeral directors.

The deceased was, at the time of his death, deputy clerk of court, in the office of his brother, Julius F. Ariail, Rapides Parish Clerk of Court. He was a graduate of the Tyler business college, and was a Veteran of the World War.

He was a son of the late Julius Ariail and Jeannette Dent Blackman Ariail. He was born in Alexandria on April 17, 1891. He was a grandson of the late Judge W. F. Blackman, and was related to many other of the members of pioneer Rapides families. His brother and sisters, are Julius F. Ariail, Mrs. John T. Bruton and Mrs. Heath Petrie.

**Sallie Fish Blackman, Sister to Julius Fellows Ariail I**

*Daughter of James S. Fish and Sarah Fellows Ariail Fish*

It is one of the saddest things in life to see the grave close on all that is mortal of one who has dwelt among us from infancy and to whom all hearts are bound in ties of love and tenderness. With a heart full of sorrow and regret is this farewell tribute penned to the memory of Sallie Fish Blackman, by an old friend who first saw her a tiny babe in her mother's arms, and who has seen her grow into womanhood, wifehood and motherhood, the same openhearted, kindly, lovable soul, who took people's hearts by storm and held them fast through all the years of her bright young life, thus showing what true, lasting and admirable traits of character she possessed.

Her loyal heart, amiable disposition and genial manner made her an universal favorite with high and low, rich and poor, for she was a friend alike to all.

Beloved indeed she was, and justly, for she was ever ready with her sympathy and services when grief, trouble and sickness came; with her help and charity when there was need, and with her cheerful gladness in time of rejoicing and there was not a host in this town among all those who knew her that did not ache with a sense of personal loss when the painful tidings came of her untimely death in the distant city, away from her home, where everybody was wishing and praying for the success of the treatment that it was hoped would restore her health.

But the Almighty ordained otherwise and released her from her pain and suffering, and we feel how true are the words:

"We lay us down to sleep,
And leave to God the rest,
Whether to wake and weep,
Or wake no more be best."

To wake no more was the divine will and therefore best, though it is hard for those who need and miss her, those to whom her presence meant so much in that stricken and desolate household to see the hand of God deal such a crushing blow.

Those who must take up her work where she laid it down will be given the grace and strength to carry it out and a noble life work it is, that will bring its own blessing, and comfort too in the thought that she is sweetly at rest in that haven where pain and suffering are unknown, for our Heavenly Father has so ordered in his wise province that

"No task have we begun
That other hands can't take,
No work beneath the sun,
For which we need to wake.
Then deem that sweet is Death,
If so it seemeth best,
To him who gave us breath,
That we should go to rest."
May the sod lie light upon her in her last resting place, and the soft winds and gentle dews and shifting
sunbeams keep green and beautiful the spot that holds her loved remains. Her dust now mingles with that of
her kindred in the solitude and silence of the City of the Dead, but her soul has joined the throng of happy
dwellers in that beautiful city of eternal joy.

*The Funeral of Mrs. Sallie Fish Blackman.*
Life is made up of smiles and tears, joys and sorrows; we are mere living atoms of the human species,
placed here by an All-Wise God for a purpose, and subject to His removal at such time and manner as He
may choose--"His ways are past finding out."
In the sudden death of one so universally loved, as Mrs. Sallie Fish Blackman, in the prime of life and
usefulness, whose pleasure it was to tender a helping hand when and where called, and whose voice has so
often appealed to this community in behalf of charity and good works, we realize how true it is, that "His
ways are past finding out." As an old friend of her father and mother, and who has known her since her
childhood, and admired her in her more mature years, for her independence of character, and her many
other known good traits, I feel it a duty I owe, to pay this little tribute,--that her good deeds may not be
soon forgotten and that she has left behind one old friend, to whom she doubly endeared herself by the
requiem she sang and the bunch of flowers she placed on the casket of his wife, long years ago. A little
leaven, leaveneth the whole,

To the dear and bereaved ones she has left behind, they have my heartfelt and appreciated sympathy.
The crowded church, and long procession of sorrowing friends who followed her to her last resting place,
in that silent city of the dead, spoke louder and more feelingly than words could express, the love felt for
her by this community.
"Our lives are albums written through
With good or ill, with false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles,
And blot the ill with tears."
Alexandria 12th June 1911 J.H.

I am sure there is much more historical data that could be retrieved from the annuals of repositoric vaults
about Manna Rich Ariail and his family, but I think the above says it all. They have set the goals for us to
attain in our professional and personal lives. They have demonstrated how helping others and giving of
yourself to them is much better than riches and glory to ourselves. They have shown us that the memories
we leave are as scars upon the wings of time--only the good will be preserved to a legacy of perfection. As
our ancestors believed, so should we believe, God is our driving force. Those good and honorable things
we do in His name will be etched into the winds of eternity. Let us all vow to be good, honorable and
respectful to our family and others. By so doing, we will attain the greatness that God ordained us to be.

**DATA ON ARIAILS IN FRANCE**
*Could This Be The Order That Sent Jean Baptiste Ariail From France to Canada?*
Data has been recovered about the name Ariail in France. You will notice they are spelling the name
Airel in this instance, but its still the same family name. This won't mean much to us at this time, but it's a
stepping-stone to more indepth knowledge in the future. Here is what we have found.

**Ancienne e'glise de France**
Diocese de Bayeux
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Let's attempt to translate:
Senior/Ancient Church of France
Diocese of Bayeux
JOSEPH DALLAS ARIAIL, background information concerning his mysterious death

There are times when we learn things during historical work that we would just as soon not know about, however, we must not be the judge. There is a much greater power than any of us and knows the actual chain of events that occurred to prompt peoples actions. I had earlier attempted to research this matter myself, however, I was unable to obtain much information, most likely, because I was an outsider asking questions.

Later I asked Mrs. Frank E. Harrison, (Phyllis, a cousin of ours) if she could help our in this area. This is what was found out.

1/23/98

Dear Phyllis,

Cornwell has gone on ski trip but got this much info before he left. Does not help much because no pattern or burial on Potters' Field. He thinks a marker would be appropriate there to let people know J.D. Ariail is buried there.

Cornwell is a good "tracker" and he was disappointed he couldn't pin point exactly what you needed. He was delighted to try to help!

Want to mail this so will be in touch w/ you later.

Love,

Eugenia

Jim, My friend from Chester sent this today - 1/28/98. If anyone in Chester could find the information you seek it would have been Cornwell! He is everyone's buddie and a great guy and his wife list the people he talked with.

Sorry he had no luck.

Phyllis

Interviewed:

Bobby Orr -- Former Sheriff
Watson Wright - Former Deputy Coroner
Penn Calvin - Former City Manager
James Baker - Present owner Barrow Funeral Home
Mrs. Anna Stroud - City Clerk
Probate Court
Tom Stallworth - Evergreen Cemetery

Visited "Potters Field" -- Cornwell Stone

1. Former sheriff recalls that Joseph shot his wife. The bullet hit a buckle on her bra and saved her life.

2. Former Assistant Coroner remembers events this way also.

3. Penn Calvin, City Manager, does not recall burial. (only 3 during his term at office.)

4. Funeral Home only keeps record of burial, not grave location.

5. City Clerk stated no records kept from 1971 to 1981 as to location on lot. Mrs. Stroud indicated someone had determined grave was one of two unidentified. City would welcome a marker in the "Potters Field" area.

6. Probate Court: Copy of record attached.

7. Tom Stallworth has documented Evergreen but only marked graves.

Probate Court Record:

Joseph Dallas Ariail
7-28-80 died age 57
Wife Bonny Ariail -- Rt. 1, Box 172-A, Edgemoor, S.C. 29712
Was adm but resigned 2-25-81. Milton Hamilton was atty for Bonnie Ariail when she resigned 2-25-81.
Children shown on Probate Court records:
Debra, age 1981, 26, Florida - daughter
Donny, age 1981, 21, Texas - son
Joseph D., Jr., age 1981, 30, Florida - son
(may be spelled Airail?)
Still owes Barron Funeral Home:
Casket & Service 510.00
Tax 10.20
Opening grave 95.00
Total 615.20
So. Sec. Pd. 255.00
Still owe balance 360.20

JODI ARIAIL ROOSENRAAD, dau of Henry Lester Ariail, II

Spring 1998, Another Ellis Island
A Young Girl Waited.

The line was long, and crowded and noisy. Voices filled the Air. A man was singing a hymn in operatic tenor. A woman wept over a handful of photographs and dried flowers. A young boy crouched in a corner and held his head, screaming muffled in the crooks of his elbows.

The young girl, almost a woman, she would be twenty years old next month, looked at all the people, bewildered but not a bit scared. Apprehensive, perhaps. She knew where she was - waiting her turn to cross the water - and where she had been - the old country. It was a dirty place, full of suffering and pain; moments of joy and days of happiness, but all things, pain was just around the corner. She had lived and endured through every hardship with hardly a complaint. Always with a smile and a "how do you do?" for her neighbors. She lifted their burdens and lightened her own. She'd earned her passage, one day at a time, to this new place, a new country, strange and wonderful where she knew that someone on the other side was waiting for her.

In her right hand, she held a silver and copper coin - a quarter, although that didn't mean a thing to her - someone had given her a little while ago. In the crook of her left arm lay a single, purple and white iris that someone else had given her as well. Although she had no names or faces to put with the warmth and love she felt as the spicy-purple scent tickled her nose.

Everyone was there who should be there. The operatic tenor who'd changed his tune; the woman with the photos; even the boy who screamed, they were all where they should be.

A hush settled over the crowd. The singer ended his "Aaa-MEN!" The crying woman took a deep, shuddering breath and tucked her photos away. Tears still streamed down her cheeks, but they were forgotten in the still and calm of the light that bathed over them.

The boy's last cry of anguish died away and he uncovered his head and looked up. His face and body had been bruised, but as he stood with the others to face the light, the marks of pain left his fifteen-year-old aspect and the filthy diapers fell from his clean, perfect form.

The young woman with her purple iris and her new, white suit with the blue trim stepped forward and took her place, giving over her quarter to the outstretched palm of the ferryman.

One by one, each person stepped on board and crossed the water to their final destination.

The sense of anticipation heightened as the opposite shore grew more and more vast.

One by one, the silent, glowing mass of former people stepped off the ferry, and as one, burst into song. "Josephine!" A voice shouted.

The young woman turned, and there, the arms, the kiss of the man who'd waited for her, her husband for forty-nine years, back in the old country they used to call life.

FRANCE, Homeland Of Our Ancestors.

There are few things that one can do in their lifetime that is truly rewarding and worthwhile and Lorraine and I were blessed to be the select ones in creating memories that will last throughout the ages.

This is in reference to our vacationing in Europe and traveling in France to a place where the Ariail family lived back in the 16-1700's. Yes, exhilaration abounded and our hearts teemed with joy as event after event unfolded and revealed mysteries that seemingly had eluded research efforts over the many years that dedicated genealogists had attempted to unveil.

I could, without question, write an entire book concerning our efforts, but that is not my resolve. Neither shall I speculate nor consecrate ideas that are unfounded or that are totally without merit or reason. So,
without further wasted verbiage, let me attempt to put forth what we have found and how we think it may possibly tie together to formulate a historical front for the foundation of our family’s ancient homeland.

THE BEGINNING

Early on in our research efforts, Mrs. Flora Brantley, from the line of Luke Ariail of Connecticut, had made a statement to me that the Ariail family originally came down from Canada. It was much later that we were able to recover historical documents from church records in Canada that actually showed that a man by the name of Jean Baptiste Ariail had married in Canada in 1761 and fathered six children. Although we have not been able to document that this man actually left Canada and came to Massachusetts and married Hannah Rich Cowles, it is most likely that this is actually what he did. Research will continue in an attempt to document this alleged theory, however, the likelihood of finding such documents is tenuous.

While we were searching for some connection between Jean Baptiste Ariail and our ancient grandfather in Connecticut, we started stumbling onto documents that mentioned the Ariail family and its connection with a place in France called Vallet. Then we found further documents that reflected that there actually were historical records about the people of Vallet, France. Since this town could not be located in Atlas’ or other maps, a phone call was made to LtCol Doyce Ariail, president of the Ariail Family Reunion, to see if he could distinguish where the town of Vallet was located within France. LtCol Doyce Ariail had earlier been stationed in France and it was felt he might have first hand knowledge of the town. With all these dead ends in finding Vallet, we felt that we would have to wait until our arrival in Nantes, France, to see if the ancient and historical town could be located within their archives.

THE VACATION

Lorraine and I left for our vacation on Oct 21, 1998. We flew from Greenville, S.C. to Atlanta, Ga and thence onward to Gatwick, London, England. From there we took a commuter train to Victoria Station and then a cab to Waterloo Station in London. After realizing our travel agent had ‘royally’ (a pun on English royalty) goofed up, we had about a six-hour wait at Waterloo Station to catch the Eurostar Train to Paris, France. As any good American would do, we walked out onto the streets to let everyone know that we were truly tourists, went to Burger King to buy one of their hamburgers with ‘pounds’ and then Lorraine attempted to leave her finger prints on everything that the English merchants had imported from Taiwan, Hong Kong, China or Japan.

When this no longer amused her fancy, we found some seats near where all the arriving passengers on the seemingly endless scurry of trains came to catch the 'London Taxis'. Anyone would think that the London Taxis were the biggest attraction in the world, because, just what would thousands of people -- an endless sea of humanity -- keep coming to catch these funny little cars. At least, I must say they are the funniest looking little cars that you ever wanted to see. Besides from that, they are actually the most logically built vehicle I have ever seen to handle passengers and luggage at the same time. The line of Taxis and line of passengers always seemed to be about the same length and the transition from train to taxi went quite smoothly, although it seemed somewhat hectic and unorganized in its unfolding.

Finally, after what seemed to be an eternity, our train was ready to go and we, after much inquiry, found the right button to push, the right gate to enter and finally the correct train to board. There was no one there to take your ticket, no conductor to welcome you aboard and really no one to say you're on the correct train. Even if there had been, they would have probably spoken some far off language and politely smiled and shrugged their shoulders if you had asked them a question.

After a careful x-raying of our luggage, debugging of our bodies and frisking of our handbags, we were finally on our way. Guess they don't want any of the governmentally protected, yet funny individuals, of our international society attempting to pull a plug on the English Channel as we went streaking through it on the world famous Eurostar.

OUR ARRIVAL IN PARIS

As we left London, we realized just what a truly large city it was, with its sprawling suburbs and its vast transportation system of planes, trains and assorted vehicles. It seemed that every few moments, a train would whisk past us at an alarming speed. Although the weather was not the best, we were able to see most of the sights along the tracks until darkness overcame us just prior to entering the Chunnel (or passage beneath the English Channel). Because of a switching and safety lighting malfunction, our journey was delayed about 20 minutes before entering the tunnel until the electronic malfunction had been rectified.
It took us about 20 minutes to cross from England to France, and suddenly we noticed that the engineer had the 'pedal-to-the-medal' so to speak. It was almost unbelievable to think that the long sleek machine in which we were riding was traversing the tracks in speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour. Although it was now night, the lights on the roadways and houses seemed as blurs on the windows of the train and the cars on the roadway seemed to be traveling backwards even though we knew they were at speeds in excess of 70 mph themselves.

It was not very long at this speed until we were entering the City of Lights, Paris, France. What a beautiful city it was! The historical buildings with their ancient architecture were astounding and we learned our first lesson in French very quickly -- do not take their taxis or they will take you. We only used the taxi once and from that time forward we learned to take advantage of their other massive mass transit system, the subway.

I'll tell you, they should have never referred to the Frenchmen as 'frogs', no, they are really moles. They have more holes under that city than the little creatures under the sunflower bird feeders in my back yard. Anyone can go to any part of the city of Paris very rapidly on their clean and inexpensive subway system.

After that learned taxi ride from the train station to our hotel, which we did not realize was a hotel at all when we first got there, we finally got some much-needed rest. The next day was spent walking around the streets and getting our bearings as to what we wanted to do and the sights that we wanted to see. It was not too long before we had located a tourist trap that set up different events and Lorraine poured over seemingly reams of documents which listed various attractions for people to 'pay and see'. Well, we have been there, done that and got that tee shirt.

We saw Paris by day, Paris by night, took a trip along the "Waters of Time" as we cruised the Seine and viewed the Ile de la Cite (the spot where Paris actually began in the Gallo-Roman period when the town was referred to as Lutetia before being named Paris in the 4th century.)

The spectacular lights and beautifully constructed bridges of this city are truly breathtaking. On the right bank we could see the Voie Georges Pompidou expressway while on the left bank were the Seine waterfront tower blocks beside the Port de Javel. The American Church in Paris, built in the 1930's, towers above the skyline with its neo-Gothic architecture and stained glass windows by Tiffany. Directly in front of us from this vantage point was the majestic Eiffel Tower with its many splendorous surroundings. If you take the land route to the Tower, you will pass through one of the most expensive shopping districts in the world. Although Lorraine cried 'crocodile tears', I refused to allow her near these dens of consumer injustice.

Still further down stream, so to speak, we could view the Pont Alexandre III and Grand Palace. Its immense glass roof hides a huge iron and glass hall of typically turn of the century design behind a thoroughly classical style stone facade. The detail of the Grand Palace is enhanced by the splendid sculpture by Georges Recipon. It imposes four gallant fiery stallions at full gallop harnessed to a manned chariot which illustrates the medieval character and unbelievable cultural traits readily available for the eye to behold. From another view we could see the Pont des Invalides, The American Church and the Eiffel Tower. On this site, a suspension toll bridge was built and exerted its commercial enterprise in the early 19th century. It provided easy access from the left bank to the right bank at a time when the rapid development district of Champs Elysees was forming. Although the American Church is magnificent in stature with its towering steeples, it is simply dwarfed by the Eiffel Tower in the background.

Our cruise took us beneath the Pont Alexandre III. It is without question the most magnificent bridge in the entire world. With this bridge the Belle Epoque (the Edwardian era in England) created something in its own image, theatrical and exuberant, the apotheosis of the late 19th century. France dedicated this bridge to the Tsar Alexander III. The bridge represents a considerable technical achievement. It had to meet two requirements: on one hand it was not to block the view from the Champs Elysees on the left, or to Les Invalides on the right, and on the other hand it was not to impede river traffic, difficult on this bend of the Seine. Thusly, they had to span the Seine with a single metal arch. It sweeps down extremely low which creates considerable thrust on each end of the bridge. As a counterweight, to keep the span from sinking in the middle of the river and to keep the ends of the bridge from a upward thrust, four immense statues were erected -- two on each end of the bridge. The decorative counterweights, especially the four pillars surmounted by winged horses, makes this entire structure the most exciting portion of the many wonders of Paris. From the vantage point of this bridge, one can see the immense Hotel des Invalides.

Another majestic scene on the river was the Pont Neuf. This bridge was built before 1604 (you will note that was long before John Ariail came to America). The name simply means new bridge. Although it is now the oldest bridge in Paris, there were several built across the Seine before this one. That will give us an
indication of just how far advanced the early Frenchmen were in design and architecture before our forefathers ventured into uncharted lands of the new world.

Still further on our cruise we could view the Place du Parvis. On this site stands Notre Dame Cathedral, one of the largest Gothic building in France. It is the oldest building that we saw during the cruise. It began construction in 1163 and the building lasted almost two hundred years. Anyone viewing this majestic edifice must immediately realize that modern technology is only modern technology. Our forefathers possessed an insight into architectural design that today’s most sophisticated computers cannot emulate.

Time and space will not allow a description of all the wonders we beheld on our cruise and city tours, however, we viewed the 'hotel of the rich' where Princess Diana dined shortly before her untimely death on the streets of Paris. We passed at least four times on our tours of the city through the underpass (or tunnel) where her car crashed and she died. We viewed the Opera House and many many other massive and majestic building for which Paris is noted. Photographs and other documents of these places are held in the Ariail Archives and are there for all to view if they so wish.

As we slowly walked back to our hotel one night after touring the city, I saw a book store and told Lorraine I would like to stop and see if we could find a map of the Loire Atlantique Valley and attempt to locate the ancient town of Vallet. I asked the clerk in the store if he had such a map and he immediately produced the most detailed map of France that I had ever seen. It listed place names of villages with no more than 4 or 10 houses and from that moment on we were on our way to locating the ancient home of our ancestors, The Ariail Family.

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**JOURNEY TO NANTES, FRANCE**

Early on the morning of October 26, 1998, Lorraine and I found ourselves again on one of the high-speed trains of France. As we sped at approximately 200 mph across the rich and beautiful farmlands of France, we could view all the countryside and surrounding villages. Our journey took us to LeMans, Angers and eventually into Nantes. This was a completely different scene from that of Paris. Although we found the people of France to be very welcoming and friendly, most people in the area of Nantes spoke little or no English at all. This was compounded by our complete ignorance of the French language, but as the old saying goes -- 'where there's a will, there's a way'.

Although our travel agent had made the hotel arrangements at the IBIS, Rue Jean Jaures, we could have not been blessed by a more accommodating location. As it turned out, we were within walking distance of two of the massive Catholic churches that the early Ariail Family attended. One of them was the Eglise de St. Nicolas, 5, rue Affre 44000 Nantes and the other was the Eglise de St. Similien. Both of these churches are very old and were early churches in Nantes when the early Ariail family lived in the Loire Atlantique region of France. We were also very close to the archives, which made it very convenient for us to do the research that we wanted to accomplish while in the area.

The archives are as follows: Less than 100 Ans: Nantes
Archives Municipales
Rue de Strasbourg

Less than 100 Ans: Autres Villes
Dans les Mairies de Chaque Ville

Over 100 Ans: Nantes
Archives
Rue d'Enfer

Over 100 Ans: Autres Villes
Archives Departementales
Rue de Bouille

We never had a chance to research all the records in either place, however, our research was performed at the latter two locations for over 100 years and this is what we found. No matter how you find the name spelled here, its all the same family. The correct way to pronounce the family name in French is as if you were saying the letters R E L individually with no pause. It is therefore understandable that the name would be found in so many ways at this late date in France i.e., we have found the same individual in different documents with name spelled Ariel and Ariail, therefore, we cannot distinguish it as being two different
families. It is however, within the realm of possibility, that back when the families were identified specifically by their family name, that members of the same family would spell their name with slightly different variation for identification purposes, thus creating confusion today for researchers.

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Note: This member of the family was a historian. He wrote a book on the history of the region and writes about a town in France that I believe could have been the earliest home place of the Ariail family. The name of the town is as follows: RIAILLE. This is all very interesting because the Professor Ariail from South Carolina had listed the spelling of the name Ariail as being possibly from Ariaille. Knowing the way that the French pronounce the family name and the name of this place, it is completely within the realm of possibility that this place was named after the early Ariail family. Even the town of Vallet France, of which we will discuss later, was named after the Vallet family, therefore, seeing that so many of the towns are so named in France, we may have the actual homeland of the 1600 Ariail family here within our grasp. It should also be noted that the Rev. James Warren Ariail, father of Professor Ariail, named one of his children Armond Ariail. The Armond family was also a prominent family from the region in France where the Ariail family lived, so it is also possible that the Rev. James Warren Ariail knew much more about the early history of the family than we do and that he imparted some of that knowledge to his son, Professor James Milton Ariail.

Let's take a look at what Edouard Ariel said about this ancient town in his 1847 writings: Book 2

"Riaillé Bourg situe a 5 1. d'Ancenis pop. 1,520 hab. Aux environs, a l'endroit nomme la minerale, dont les eaux forment une cascade qui s'elance d'une hauteur de 60 pieds. - - Forges et hauts fourneaux. Commerce de bois de chauffage."

Well that doesn't make much sense unless you can read it does it? With the help of my little ole trusty French dictionary and a lovely French lady, we came up with the following as a translation. If in fact the
Ariail family did live here and the place was named after them, as the name implies, then we know what they did for a living. Take a look:

Riaaille, a market town situated about 5 km from Ancenis. Population 1,520 inhabitants. It is near a neighborhood, at the place named La Minerale of which the water forms a waterfall whose slender stream falls from a height of 60 feet - - i.e., at Smithys Blastfurnace. Commerce (or the means of livelihood) was by wood-cutting for heating.

If the Ariail family did in fact live here, then they had one of two occupations: 1) they cut wood to fuel the blast furnace, or 2) they operated the blast furnace.

The next record that we found was probably the most important record recovered to prove that Jean Baptiste Ariail did not change the spelling of the Ariail name when he came to Canada. It is the record of the marriage of his sister Jeanne Ariail to Mathurin Mainguet. It also tells us where she went to church and there is a good possibility that her father Charles Ariail and mother Marie Moreau along with her brother Jean Baptiste Ariail went to church at the same place. I believe it would be safe to assume that families went to church together during those early times. Note: It is very difficult to decipher this French, however, hard copy of original French church records are contained within this document for all French scholars. The GG numbers are microfilm rolls at archives in Nantes France. So far, the exact location of the church mentioned, Saint Jacques, has not been established.

Marriage

Ariail Jeanne m. Mathurin Mainguet, Saint Jacques, 19/02/1759
GG126. father: Charles Ariail, mother: Marie Moreau

THIS IS SISTER OF JEAN BAPTISTE ARIAIL

Ariel Alexandre Bapteme, Saint Similien 01/07/1737 GG364. father: Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand. Ariel Alexandre Sepulture, Saint Similien 10/02/1739, GG364. father, Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand

Ariel Gabriel Bapteme, Saint Similien 19/03/1736, GG364. father, Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand

Ariel Gabriel m Jeanne Violau, Saint Similien 5/02/1757, GG370, father: Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand. Two other names mentioned that could be witnesses: Levit Ariel and Francois Violea.

Ariel Joseph m. Marie Gallerand, Saint Similien 5/7/1735, GG363. father Joseph Ariel, mother -- cannot decipher. Also the names Jean Ariel and Gabriel Couyer are mentioned.

Ariel Marie Bapteme, Saint Similien 21/04/1760, GG371. mother Anne Ariel. No father listed.

Ariel Michel m Louise Merlet, Saint Nicholas 25/01/1752, GG254, father Michel Ariel. father of Louise Merlet was Charles Merlet. Michel Ariel was a baker. Francois Merlet plus other names appear in document.

Ariel Simon m Jeanne Poissonneau, Saint Nicolas 22/01/1760, GG262, Now here is where the grit starts binding and the story gets interesting!!! Hope someone can figure out just what we have here, but I'll do my best. Index historical document lists man as Simon Ariel. Marriage record list him as Simon Ariail.

Unless I am incorrect, the head of the church, or someone connected with marriage was Mousugneuv Levesque. We know for a fact that Nicholas Ariail married Elizabeth Levesque. Later in the document the name is spelled Simon Arriail with his occupation as that of weaver. The father of Jeanne Poissonneau was Pierre Poissonneau. Two other names are mentioned: Rene Arriail and Jean Arriail, but cannot tell
how they fit into family, may be father and grandfather or brother and father. Mother of Jeanne Poissonneau appears to be Andree Aveilleausses. The question now is--how closely was our John Ariail related to Simon Ariail, they were both born about the same time and spelled their name the same way. Do not be fooled with the difference between Ariel, Ariail and Arriail. You will see later how they are used without distinction. It is within the realm of possibility that this is the grandson of Nicholas Ariail and Elizabeth Levesque.

Ariel

Joseph
Bapteme, Saint Similien 27/07/1736, GG364. father, Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand

Ariel
Joseph
Bapteme, Saint Similien 17/03/1736, GG364, father, Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand. Same fellow as above. They must have performed ceremony twice.

Ariel
Jeanne
Bapteme, Saint Similien 8/02/1737, GG364, father, Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand

Ariel
Jeanne
Sepulture, Saint Similien 17/02/1739, GG364. Although I could not fine actual death record, it is most likely the death of the Jeanne Ariel listed above this entry.

Ariel
Francoise
Bapteme, Saint Similien 18/08/1765, GG374, father, Joseph Ariel, mother Francoise Ordonneau. The name Gabriel Ariel is also mentioned in the document.

Ariel
Joseph
m. Francoise Ordonneau, Saint Similien 15/09/1761, GG372, father, Joseph Ariel, mother Marie Gallerand. Father of Francoise Ordonneau is Laurens Ordonneau, mother was Rene Turpin. Other names mentioned in document were Marie, Gabriel and Joseph Ariel and Marie, Pierre Robin and Michel. Pierre Robin appears a second time.

Ariel
Francoise
Sepulture, Saint Jacques, 5/06/1737, GG123. This is a widow but is very interesting because of the same church connection as that of Jeanne Ariail, sister of Jean Baptiste Ariail. Don't know if the widow died or she is relative of person who died. Need translation of French text.

Ariel
Joseph
m. Francoise Violain. Saint Similien 7/7/1761. GG372, father Joseph Arielle, mother Marie Gallerand. See Joseph Ariel above. Seems he married someone else on Sep 15, 1761, but that makes no sense because of child below. Still guessing. Father of Francoise Violain is Julien Violain, mother is Francoise Masureaw. Names of Jienne Violain, Pierre Laurens, Pierre Violain, Joseph Ariel and Pierre Laurante mentioned in document. It is interesting to note that Joseph Ariel is referred to as Joseph Arielle and also as Joseph Ariele in the documents.

Ariel
Joseph
Bapteme, Saint Similien 28/02/1770. GG376. father: Joseph Ariel, mother, Francoise Violain.

Ariel
Pierre

Ariel
Marie
Sepulture, Hotel-Dieu (hospital in Nantes France), 9/12/1765. GG500. All we know of parents is that father was a policeman.

Ariel
Gabriel

Ariel
Anne
Mariage, Saint Leonard, 13/02/1730. GG162. This girl was born before our Jean Baptiste Ariail and could be an aunt or other close kin. Copy is extremely bad and it appears
that she married a Matharin. I do know that her father was
Michel Ariel and it is interesting to realize that the first
Ariail that we know about from 1630 was named Michel.

Most of the following records were not pulled for documentation because of lack of research time, however, they are listed here for future reference and research for anyone willing to spend the time and money required for such in-depth analysis. Read as follows:

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Like all good people with inquisitive minds, and knowing that our venture into the unknown would not be in vain, the very minute that we arrived in Nantes France at the IBIS Hotel, I asked them for their phone book and started searching for some familiar names. I was not sure what I would find, however, I thought that it would be worthwhile since I had already established that the Ariail family had come from the area of Nantes France and that the Bishop for all the surrounding areas would have been in Nantes.

What we found was unbelievable. The Ariail’s started falling out of the sky and we were to be in for the shock of our life before our visit to France was complete.

This is what we found in the phone directory:

**Montoir de Bretagne**

Fabrice Ariail, 22 Rue Henri Dunant, ph 02 40 90 01 71
Pere Yves Ariail, Rue Patures Lonce, ph 02 40 45 13 01

**Reze**

A. Ariail, 6 Chem Bois Coquelin, ph 02 40 05 10 46. Note: This person very advanced in age.
Annie Ariail, Rue R. Rouchol, Nanti
Me. Ariail Karine, 25 Rue d'Anjou, 44600 St. Nazarine, France, ph 02 40 19 02 77
Needless to say, when Lorraine and I saw this, our hearts started thumping and our blood started pumping. Our trip had been a success already with what we had found, but there was more to come. I asked the hotel clerk if she would be kind enough to call some of the Ariail’s and see if they were interested in meeting some of their distant relatives from America. The hotel clerk was very cooperative and stated that she would do this for me for a price. I, being a completely conservative republican, pleaded with her to take some money for doing this and she stated that she would call them for me under one condition and that was that she would accept no money.

What a wonderful lady to do this for us. She initially called A. Ariail and the family stated that the person was very elderly and could not see us, so I asked her if she would call the next person on the list. When she called the number, none other than Karine Ariail answered the phone. This girl is a beautiful young lady, as you can see from the photographs that we have taken of her, and she talked with me for a few minutes on the phone. When our conversation got sort of confusing because of my inability to speak and understand French, she asked someone in her house to take over. I asked them if they would like to meet with us at the hotel just to say hello and they quickly said yes.

I could hardly believe my eyes. I did not know who to expect and what to think. They stated they would meet us at 4 p.m. in the hotel lobby and Lorraine and I anxiously waited for their arrival. Four p.m. came and went but we still waited. Just before five p.m., when we were getting anxious about what had happened, a young lady walked to the hotel desk and politely asked if the R E L family was waiting for them. I was on my feet in a flash and suddenly realized that there were four young people there to meet us with documentation on their side of the family all the way back to 1799. They stated that the War bombings had destroyed some records and that they were not able to go back any further than that on their side of the family.

After we had talked for about 2 or 3 hours, one of the girls called her mother Anne Ariail who was at work. Immediately after work, Anne Ariail came over to the hotel to join us and asked if we would go with them to a French specialty restaurant and have supper. We decided we would go with them and we had a very nice meal of French food and lingered until about 10 or 11 p.m. with the Ariail family in France.

This was definitely the highlight of our trip to France. The Ariail family in France kept saying how thrilled they were to see us and how happy they were to meet their relatives from the United States. One of the young ladies is only 16 years old. She speaks 4 languages and will be graduating from college this year. Her plans are to get a job with Air France.

We told them about the Ariail Reunion each year and they stated that they would like to come. They stated that it could not be in 1999, but said the following year might be possible. What a wonderful thing it would be to have them at the reunion for one of our meetings.

The names and addresses of the 5 Ariail family members we met are as follows:

Arial Aurelie and her mother Anne Ariail
12 c rue Rene Mouchotte
44200 Nantes France ph 02 40 47 85 45

Note: Karine Ariail is married to Cedric Emonides
Arial Aurelie, 12 c Rue Rene Mouchotte 44200 Nantes France, ph 02 40 47 85 45
011 332 40 47 85 45 direct dial
The Ariail family in France, i.e., those mentioned above, comes from the following line of Ariail’s. You will also note that the family has found the name spelled the following ways. You can see from this that the name has been spelled many ways over the years in France. ARIAIL, ARIAL, ARRAIL, ARRIAL.

Jacques Ariail b. 1799 m Marie Bretonniere, son Jean Ariail
Jean Ariail b. 1837 m Marie Luneau, son Armand Ariail
Armand Ariail b. Mar 5, 1880 m Marie Charpentier, son Armand Ariail
Armand Ariail b. Jul 6, 1907 m Angele Gerard, sons Yves Ariail and Joseph Ariail, dau Anne Ariail
Yves Ariail had a son Fabrice Ariail and dau Karine Ariail. Note: We met Fabrice and Karine
Anne Ariail, dau of Armand Ariail has dau Arial Aurelie. We met Anne Ariail and Arial Aurelie

How closely we are related to these people is not known because of documentation, however, it is extremely interesting to note that the name John Ariail shows up here and also the fact that the Rev. James Warren Ariail, father of Professor James Milton Ariail, named one of his sons Armand Ariail and we see the same name showing up as a son of John Ariail in France. Did our ancestors here in the United States keep in touch with their relatives in France. Makes us wonder when we see the same names showing up in the family on different sides of the ocean.

THE GOOD TIMES KEEP ROLLING
OUR JOURNEY TO VALLET AND LES RAILLERES FRANCE

Although we had already experienced great success in Nantes with locating and documenting Ariail family members, there was still the task that awaited us -- we must locate and go to Vallet. Something seemed to draw us towards a goal that must be met, a desire that must be fulfilled before our thirst for knowledge could be satisfied.

Early on the morning of October 28, 1998, Lorraine and I saddled the small Pugeot that I had picked up the day before and set out on a journey that we felt must be made. You see, we had located through ancient documentation from another source information that stated Vallet was the place that the Ariail family had lived in the 1600-1700s. But that was so long ago, and we felt that it would be very doubtful if we would ever be able to accomplish anything on this mission, but onward we pressed.

As the small bucking diesel machine rolled over the four-lane expressway, we could sense a difference in the scenery as we left the confines of Nantes. The gentle rolling hills turned into peaceful vineyards that stretched as far as the eye could venture. Small groups of houses dotted the countryside and the four-lane expressway turned into a two lane, well-paved roadway. It wasn't too many kilometers until we began to see signs directing us toward Vallet.

When we finally arrived, actually only a short time from Nantes, we left the main road and took an exit and led us into the small village of Vallet. The streets were narrow with houses and buildings lining each side, leaving no room for anything except the street and rows upon rows of typical French quarters as we proceeded toward the center of the Village.

Upon reaching the center of the village, which came upon us as we rounded a curve in the narrow passageway upon which we traversed, the community church loomed as a giant blocking our path. We parked the car in the village square and seemed drawn to the church to see if there was a cemetery or something there that would reward us for our venture into the unknown secrets of this ancient French village. We, to our surprise, found the church door open and admitted ourselves to see what the inside looked like and also to search its dark confines for some hidden secrets. It didn't take long, the name Renee Ariail was in a plaque upon the wall of this ancient church and we stood in awesome wonderment as to
why it was there and what it meant. I suggested to Lorraine that he must have been a priest in the church at
one time, but we had no way of knowing.

We immediately knew that we must find someone that spoke English and see if we could find out more
information about what was going on with the Ariail family in the town of Vallet. There was an office
across the street, I believe it must have been a post office, and there was a man and a lady manning the
desk. We were brave enough to go into the office and ask them if they spoke English and we received the
answer that they could understand a little of what we said. It was very little at best, but this was one of the
nicest gentlemen that you could ever meet. He got the phone book for us and we looked to see if there were
any Ariail family members still living in Vallet and to our surprise we found one, and guess what his name
was -- Jean Arial.

The gentleman called his home for us but this Jean Arial, or whoever in his family that answered the
phone immediately said that they were no kin of ours and that was the end of the conservation. Next the
gentleman escorted us to the town office and translated for us that we would like to look at the town
records. We were told that we could only see the records over 100 years old, but before it was over, we
were able to see any records that were in the office. We were not allowed to make photocopies because
they said it would break down the ancient paper, so we did the best we could and copied what we could
from the records.

Here is some of the things that we found. You will note that the village of Les Railleres is very ancient
and it consists of only about a dozen houses, just out from Vallet and very close to a Chateau that is still in
operation and in the business of making wine. The place where the Ariail’s lived in the 1700s and are still
living there. I have very little doubt that the name implies that it was the place of "The Ariail’s" as well as
the very ancient town of "Railla" which is only a few dozen kilometers north of Les Railleres. I feel that
we can safely say that we have finally found the ancient home place of our ancestors. Les. Railleres is very
difficult to locate because it is so small and is surrounded by vineyards as far as the eye can see.

Let me give you the documentation that we found and see what you can think. We cut short our research
efforts in Vallet in order to drive to the little village and take some photographs before dark. It is an
awesome feeling to know that you are standing in the footsteps of your ancestors from so far and so long
ago. The documentation and feeling that we experienced leaves no doubt that we have at long last found
our roots and any of the family going to France must of necessity retrace our steps and walk in the past with
our forefathers.

_ Ariails Living In Les Railleres
Vallet France_

Jean Arial, Vallet, Les Railleres ph 02 40 06 72 27
Juliette Francine Ariail, mei le 22.70.1977 a Vallet 44 epouse de Bondy Pierre, domicilice a Vallet, "les
Railleres".

_ Ariail’s Buried in Vallet France
City Cemetery_

Julien Ariail, 1913-1988, Plot 757
A Notre Pere
A Notre Ami
A Notre Oncle
A Notre Oncle
A Mon Frere
A Notre Cousin
Souvenir

In Plot 753 there is also an Ariail buried. We did not realize it the first time we were at the cemetery and
the weather and darkness overtook us with no time to document this grave.

If there is any doubt that the Ariail family has disappeared from Les Railleres and Vallet, look at the
inscriptions on Julien’s grave: He was our Father, he was our friend, he was our uncle (twice inscribed), he
was my brother and he was our cousin. The name is spelled Ariail on the grave marker and we have as
proof an actual photograph of the grave in the historical files for the Ariail family. Also it is interesting to note that in the phone book you will find the name spelled Arial and the people will tell you it is Ariail when you actually meet them.

Additionally, in the middle of the Vallet cemetery, there is a large monument with numerous names inscribed. Upon closer inspection of the marker, the following was found:

Vallet
A Ses Enfants 1914-1918
Morts
Pour La France

And the first name inscribed on the stone is that of Rene Ariail, who died in battle during WW I in defense of his country. You will remember that I stated earlier that we had found the name of Rene Ariail on a plaque in the Catholic church of the village and did not know why it was there. The irony of this whole affair is that Mary Climelia Ariail Gillespie has a son who died in defense of France during WW I and most likely never knew that his cousin also gave his life for the same cause.

Department of Archives
Vallet France

Baptisms
Dec 4, 1772: Joseph Ariail, de Joseph Ariail and Marie Bernier, Les Raillieres

Vallet Baptisms, 1780-1789
Apr 30, 1789: Francoise Ariail de Joseph Ariail, Laboureur, et Perrine Paquereau, Les Raillieres
Nov 19, 1781: Jean Arial de Joseph Arial et Perrinne Paquereau, Les Rallieres, Neveu de Louis Paquereau et Jeanne Boucher. You will note same father and mother, they just dropped the 2nd i from Arial.
Feb 8, 1780: Perrinne Arial, fille de Joseph Arial et Perrine Paquereau, les Raillieres, niece of Marie Paquereau

Vallet Marriages 1770-1779
Oct 21, 1777: Joseph Ariaille veuf de Marie Bernier avec Perrine Paquereau fille Majeure de (cross)Francois et Marguerite Coeffard, née a Vallet et dom. du Puiset. Note: Joseph Ariaille's wife Marie Bernier had died and he married again. You will note that in French records the name of the wife never changes. She uses her maiden name throughout her life. Also feast you eyes on what we actually have uncovered here. Under baptisms above we have a Joseph Ariail married to Marie Bernier living in Les Raillieres who baptized a son Joseph Ariail on Dec 4, 1772. Note that the name was spelled Ariail. Then in later entries the name is spelled Arial. Now in this entry we have Joseph Ariail marrying again. His first wife Marie Bernier has died and he is marrying Perrine Paquereau. Here they are spelling his name Joseph Ariaille.

Birth Records, Vallet France
Feb 14, 1815, Victoire Ariaille, pere Rene Ariail, mere Marie Couilleau
Sep 10, 1814, Rene Arriaial, pere Rene Arrial, mere Marie Couillaud. Most likely same family, but dates a little close for children. The actual date could be Oct 9, 1814, or perhaps someone got a year wrong in recording data.

In the following entries, we could not make too much sense of what was going on, however, the data is recorded for historical significance and also provides an insight into the spelling of the name Ariail and the people associates with them for future research.

Marriages
April 20, 1938: Bondu, Pierre, Jean, Marie Ariail, Marie, Julliette, Francino
Deaths
April 9, 1937: Ariail, Julien Jean

Births
August 29, 1951: Arial Phillippe, Jean, Marie Bredin
March 19, 1949: Arial Jean, Julien, Henri, Marie Bredin
June 15, 1947: Arial Jean, Pierre
April 5, 1952: Arial Alain, Joseph, Lucien, Marie Bretin, Pierre, Louis, Constant, Magella

Deaths
July 25, 1958: Ariail Marie Prudence, dau of Renee & Marie Jamiz de Louis, Jean, Marie Chevalier. The French word Veuve appears which means widow. Don't know if person who died was the widow.
Oct 7, 1959: Ariail Marie Armande dau of Julien & Jeanne Petiteau

Marriages
Feb 3, 1876: Rene Jean Ariail & Jamin Marie
Oct 16, 1876: Julien Ariail & Petiteau Jeanne

Births
Oct 23, 1911: Marie Juliette Francine Ariail dau of Jean Julian & Marie Jeannie Eugenie

Marriages
July 7, 1907: Julian Jean Ariail & Marie Jeannie Eugenie

Births
June 29, 1913: Julien Jean Auguste Ariail. I would suspect this is child of Julian Jean Ariail & Marie Jeannie Eugenie
June 6, 1917: Simone Jeanne Eugenie Ariail. Suspect daughter of same parents above.

Deaths
Jan 7, 1917: Rene Jean Ariail son of Renee Ariail & Jeanne Giraud. Note: This may be the Ariail who died in WW I.
Mar 4, 1921: Julien Ariail son of Renee Ariail & Jeannie Giraud
Oct 31, 1814: Jeanne Ariail 8'e Grasouil (those symbols and connected French doesn't make too much sense), however, her name was also spelled Jeanne Arriail and she was married to Louis Gravoueil. When she died in 1814, she had a son named Jean Gravoueil, 40 years of age and a son named Louis Gravoueil who was 38 years of age. And WHOW!!! guess who her father and mother were? None other than Charles Ariail and Jeannie Martin. You will remember that the father of Jean Baptiste Ariail was Charles Ariail also, however, his mother was Marie Moreau and not Jeannie Martin. Do we have two Charles Ariail’s in that early time in France or did our Charles Ariail remarry after the death of his wife Marie Moreau? We can only speculate at this time. Later research, two Charles Ariail were living in France at that time.

Well, all good things must come to an end, but first there is one last things that we must document before we go on to the never-never land of London England. We asked our long lost Ariail relatives in Nantes if they had ever heard of the Ariail family having anything to do with owning a Chateau in France. They answered in the negative, however, things of such a nature can easily be lost throughout the years as far as memory goes.
To further check this out, there is an actual Chateau very close to where the ancient Ariail family lived in Les Railleres and we could not leave the area without checking it out. The owner of the Chateau is a historian who knows much about the early times of the area, but did not know anything about the Ariail family even though he lived within a mile of where the ancient and present day ones lived. We asked him if the Ariail family had ever owned or had anything to do with the Chateau where he lived and his answer was in the negative. He was very limited in the amount of information he wanted to impart to us, but did give us the option of buying one of his books but we could never locate one of them at the local bookstores.
The Chateau was a very large and old building, but well kept, in the middle of the wine vineyards. Their business today is making wine. His wife was very generous and talked with us for a while, even giving us a
picture of the Chateau which is contained within the Ariail Archives. The name, address and phone number is as follows for anyone wanting to follow up on the information and perhaps obtain a copy of the historical document which he authored.

Monsieur de Malestroit  
Chateau la Noe de Bel Air  
Vallet  
ph 02 40 33 92 72

The Chateau is located on le Landreau, a highway leading from Vallet to the town of Landreau. If anyone wanted to go to Les Railleres they would take this highway to Landreau, take a hard left and proceed down through the wine vineyards for approximately a mile back in the direction of Vallet. Then a small sign and a even smaller road turns to the left and leads to the ruins of an ancient village. There are a small number of new houses built in the village but the ancient ruins remain, with some people still living in the best-kept ones of the village. We saw two elderly ladies in one of them through the doorway, but did not want to impose on them by asking if they were Ariail’s or if Ariail’s lived nearby. We know for sure that some of the Ariail family still lives there, but the exact house was not identified.

After leaving the village of Les Railleres, we proceeded back to le Landreau and located the ancient church and cemetery for that part of the countryside. We did not have time to explore the inside of the church, however, we went to the cemetery and searched its small confines for any Ariail graves that might be there. We found none, and that is not surprising, because of the customs of the people of France. They seem to have a time of mourning in which they keep the cemeteries immaculate and care for all gravesites on a regular basis. Then, in some cemeteries, the grave is abandoned and eventually it is wiped clean, stones removed and the exact location of the grave of the person is lost forever. Then the plot is purchased by another family and used to bury their dead. What happens to the remains of the first person is unknown, but that's the way they do it in France.

This is precisely what was are faced with today in Louisiana with the gravesites of Manna Ariail and his wife Elizabeth. If we do not claim these graves, the same fate will be imposed on them that is customary for the French people.

Hope this information has been informative and will give everyone a better insight into the lands from which our forefathers came.

JOHN HARVEY ARIAIL AND CHLOE CLIMELIA IVES  
A Journey From Connecticut to South Carolina

There have been many days and endless hours spent attempting to document just when and how John Harvey Ariail, his wife Chloe Climelia Ives and their son John Harvey Ariail, Jr., came from Connecticut to South Carolina. Research was conducted in the Hartford State Library and in the surrounding towns in an attempt to find records that would give us a clue as to where they lived and why they came to this part of the country at that early date, leaving their families knowing that they might never see some of them again.

We had earlier documented that John Harvey Ariail had been in South Carolina in 1795 buying some land in the ancient town of Rockville, S.C. When General Pickens became upset because they had not named the town after him, they changed the name of the town to Pickensville, S.C. When John Harvey Ariail originally bought the land, it consisted of two lots in Rockville and approximately 125 acres of land in the vicinity of the ancient town. The firm that John Harvey Ariail was dealing with and for, back in those days was named Harts and Wright from Virginia. We know that a resulting legal charge was brought and John Harvey Ariail had one lot and the 125 acres of land taken for monies owed. We are not absolutely sure as to what happened to the other lot. We even have an ancient plat of the town of Rockville and know what lots that John Harvey Ariail owned at that time.

Later we know that John Harvey Ariail was back in Connecticut when his father and mother died in 1800, because the ancient Bible that we have reflects that John Harvey Ariail and Chloe Climelia Ives, were married by Parson Willard, in that year. We still don't know where they lived when their son, the Rev. John Harvey Ariail Jr., was born in Connecticut, but we have documents that prove that he was in fact born in Connecticut.

At least one family historian, Ted Epton, (in his recently published book) believes that the family in Connecticut never knew where John Harvey Ariail and his wife and family went, but I must take exception
to his theory. I do this because of the facts that I have concerning people living with John Harvey Ariail in the 1810 census of South Carolina and subsequent information that has become available in our research efforts. I believe that at least two other people came down with him in addition to Chloe and John Harvey Ariail, Jr. These two people would have been Manna R. Ariail, his brother, and Arba Merriam, a cousin of Chloe Ariail.

In 1810, there were two men living in the household with John Harvey Ariail. The census only lists the name of the head of the household, however, the ages of these two men correspond to the ages of both Manna R. Ariail and Arba Merriam. Arba Merriam remained in Pickensville for the remainder of his life and is buried in the Pickens Cemetery in Slabtown, S.C. Manna R. Ariail left shortly after 1810 and went on down to Louisiana and became a Private in the War of 1812.

When we found an inventory of the household effects of John Harvey Ariail, which was earlier documented in these sketches, it was immediately evident that they lived in a large and well-furnished house, with things that others during the same time frame did not possess. We wondered why they had such nice things, seeing that we believed John Harvey Ariail to be just a farmer with a lot of hogs, raising some cotton and other products for his livelihood.

Well, that is not the case. As we dig deeper and deeper into the research efforts and gather more and more information, some of the pieces of the puzzle are coming together. It now appears that our grandfather John Harvey Ariail was a highly respected member of his community. Look at the documentation that we have uncovered below. He was the Master Mason in the Masonic Lodge in Connecticut, and he was a merchant. That is the reason he came to South Carolina. He operated a store and there is not much doubt that he kept in constant contact with family in Connecticut. I present as documentation of this statement the fact that Albert Dunham, son of Lucy Ariail Dunham, died on the coast of North Carolina in 1845. Was he a seaman or was he on his way to visit relatives in South Carolina? Or is it possible that he was working in conjunction with his relatives in South Carolina, bringing goods to them to be sold in John Harvey Ariail’s mercantile business in Pickensville, S.C.?

I am sure that we have not found the last of such astounding discoveries as you will read below, but this documents tells us a lot about the early life of our grandfather. In the article below, A.R. Hamilton is Andrew Robinson Hamilton, son of Climelia Abigail Ariail who was daughter of John Harvey Ariail. W.H.H. Ariail is William Henry Harrison Ariail, son of the Rev. John Harvey Ariail Jr.

A MASONIC RELIC.

Mr. A.R. Hamilton, of Easley, was in town on the 18th and exhibited among his Masonic friends a Masonic apron, which is at least ninety years old. It is of homemade silk, and is in a fine state of preservation. It is a Master's apron, and had fifteen of the emblems nicely worked in it by hand. They are so worked as to give the desired color. It is a rare piece of art, and very few pieces of needlework that will equal it.

It is the property of W.H.H. ARIAIL, who lives near Easley. It is a family relic, which he prizes very highly. It formerly belonged to his and Mr. Hamilton's grandfather, JOHN ARIAIL. JOHN ARIAIL came to this country from Connecticut by way of Charleston in 1804. He lived at Pickensville, and followed the mercantile business until his death in 1836. The apron was made by his wife while they lived in Connecticut.

The Pickens Sentinel, Dec 28, 1911

CHARLESTON S.C. HARBOR IN 1804.

Upon learning that John Harvey Ariail and his wife and son came through Charleston on their way to their new home in Pickensville, S.C., I thought it would be interesting to everyone if we could find out a little about the means and conditions that existed when they made their journey from Connecticut to their new home. I therefore took a look at the Charleston Daily Courier for the period April through July of 1804 to see what I could find. Although there were no passenger lists in the newspaper, we were able to come up with some very interesting facts.

1. It was a very dangerous journey, pirates were operating on the waters at that time.
2. Only one ship came from the New Haven, Connecticut port during this period.
3. Charleston harbor was a very busy port.
4. British Frigates were protecting some of the ships.
5. It took approximately 7 days at sea to make the trip from New York to Charleston, however, the New Haven trip took 12 days. Must have made port stops enroute to drop passengers and cargo.

6. It is extremely interesting to note that a Schooner named AEriel was operating from Charleston. Note: I only obtained data on days that ships came out of the Connecticut area. The first below is the most likely choice for the ship used by John Harvey Ariail and his family.

MARINE LIST

Port of Charleston.
April 16 -- Arrived.

Schooner Tryal, Barker, New-Haven, 12 days. Mafter, Hay & c.
Schooner Liberty, Lindergreene, Philadelphia, 8, Mafter. Merchandise.
Schooner Lapaftera, Huret, Barracoa, 45, Mafter. Paffengers.
Schooner Ceres, Weft, Wilmington, 5.
Sloop Harriett, Gardner. do. 5.

CLEARED
Ship Romulus, Bunker, Liverpool.
Schr. Experiment, Fortune, Montego-Bay
Nancy, Bates, Havanna.

MARINE LIST

Port of Charleston
April 20 -- Arrived.

Ship Ulysscs, Gelles, Wilmington, 3 days, in diftrefs, Lumber
Ship Brutus, Francis, Newburyport, 11 days. J. Winthrop. Spirits and Provifions.
Schooner Betfey, Bingley, Antigua, 22 days. Napier, Smith & Co. Rum.

CLEARED
Ship Ocean, Galles, Lubeck.
Sch. Phoenix, Lincoln, Portland.
Sloop Berfcy, Hatch, Bolton.
---------- Frederick, Landon, New-York

Yefterday arrived in town, from Newbern, N.C. Capt. Newton, late of the fchooner AEriel, of this port.

Captain N. failed from Gonaives, for this place, on the 28th ult. in company with a floop for this port, and a number of other Americans for different ports, under convoy of a Britifh frigate. After being out 3 days, and the convoy having left him, he was captured in the Caicos Paffage by the French privateer Regulator, capt. John Forrelt, mounting four 4's and one brafs 18 pounder. On the 3d inft. the fame privateer captured the fchooner Eliza, of New-York, capt, Howland, 3 days out from Capt Francois, and fent her to St. Jago de Cuba. On the 4th inft. the privateer ran along fide a brig under American colours, but on receiving a volley of muflquetry, fhe thought it beft to fheer off. The brig had a feluca in company, which it was fuppofed fhe had captured. April 5, Capt. Newton and the mate of the Eliza, were put on board the fchr. Henrietta, Tinker, from Jamaica bound to Newbern, where they arrived on the 17th inft. Capt. N. came on here in the fchr. -----, capt. Flowers.

Capt. Newton left at Gonaives, the fhip Nancy, Winter, for this port, and captain Cooper in a pilot boat fchooner belonging to Baltimore. Capt. Howland informed capt. N. that he left at Cape Francois the brig Nancy, for this port, to fail in 6 days; brig Lydia, Patterfon, uncertain; and a brig belonging to Mr. Teafdale, of this place, is about 9 days.

A Bremen fhip, 20 days from this port for Bremen, was fpoken on the 18th ult. in lat. 31, long. 62.
The British ship Lady Nugent, from Kingston, with 100 French passengers, bound to New Orleans, has put into Campeachy in distress.

MARINE LIST

Port of Charleston
April 30 -- Arrived

Ship Aurora, Berghorn, Leer, 133 days, Knipping & Steinmetz. Linen, Gin, & c.
Schr. Sarah, Read, Barracoa, 11 days. French Passengers.
Schr. Mostfarat, Pertagafi, Porto Rico, 16 days. --- Mafter. Coffee and Sugar.
Sloop Juno, Squires, Connecticut, 17 days. Mafter. Corn and Oats

CLEARED
Brig Wexford, Silliman, La Rochelle.
Schooner Phoebe, Baker, Sr. Chriftophers.

A French privateer was off the bar yesterdy, boarding the vessels as they entered; the captured one ship, believed to be the Rofamond, from Greenock for this port.
A ship from Boston, took a pilot yesterdy.
The schooner Northampton, from this port, arrived at Barracoa, six days before capt. Reed failed.
Norfolk, April 19.--Arrived, fchr. Iris, Pearfon, 15 days from Martinique.
Capt. Pearfon fays, that an attack from the Britifh was expected at Martinique the day after he failed; and that Admiral Ducker, with an additional reinforcement of ships and troops, had arrived at Barbadoes.

MARINE LIST

Port of Charleston
May 2 -- Arrived

Sloop Clariffa, Smith, Connecticut, 14 days, Hay & c.

And so it went. If we think we have worries today about planes being hijacked, buildings being bombed, etc, etc., just look at the chances our forefathers took to get where they were going. Perhaps that was the way of life back then and they daily mustered the courage to go about their daily tasks, no matter what the obstacles.

There was one extremely interesting thing that I learned from these articles, and that was the manner in which the people wrote back in those times. I took literally weeks trying to decipher some of the early documents before I was successful and if you will look at the newspaper articles above you will began to understand why it was so hard to read the early handwriting. All the s’s were written as f’s and that can boggle the mind in a great hurry.

I think this is a wonderful place to give a tribute to our early ancestors, especially the ones who fought so gallantly in the Civil War. It is no wonder that the entire war was so brutal and savage, apparently the young men that fought in this conflict were beyond fear, because obstacles were daily placed in their way that they had to overcome, and this war was just one of them.

Although some of the Ariail men were in favor of the North in this war, this one is for you Doyce. Maybe it will atone for those who did not serve as:

THE SOLDIER TRUE
WHO WORE THE GREY

"When this cruel war is over"--
No, we never can forget
How our noble boys once sang it
Ere our star in gloom had set,
And its echoes sadly linger
In the halls of mem'ry fair,
From the past its sad notes bringing,
And the bright dreams buried there.

"When this cruel war is over"
Oh, our lost ones brave and true!
By the old songs we're reminded
Of the debt we owe to you.
And the peril, toil and danger
Met before our flag went down
Won your country's love forever,
And a visitor's fadeless crown.

Though the "cruel war is over"
Tender eyes are dim with tears
For a father, son or brother
Missed from out the passing years
As we lay the sweet spring flowers
O'er each quiet lowly bed,
Think of the dear one sleeping
Numbered with the unknown dead.

God knoweth where His own reposes--
The soldier true who wore the grey,
Though no immortales of roses
Deck his lonely grave to-day!
Far beyond the din of battle,
Up above earth's care and pain
There is peace and love eternal,
Grey and blue may meet again.

So, may God forever keep his secret
Of where the young Ariail soldiers lay,
That His name can now be glorified
In remembrances fr'm day to day.
May we nev'r again waxen ole hatreds
Ere that none can truly say,
There be not peace and love eternal,
Betwixt the blue and the grey.

*Note: The author of the above poem is unknown, it being taken from a South Carolina newspaper, however, the last verse was written by James W. Patterson in honor of the Ariail boys who died for their cause during the Civil War.*

**TIDBITS ABOUT ARIAIL FAMILY**

*Easley Messenger, May 2, 1884.*
Rev. W.H. Ariail, who is spending a while in our town, preached in the Methodist Church on Wednesday night last.

*Easley Messenger, May 4, 1884.*
For Coroner. The many friends of Andrew R. Hamilton respectfully bring forward his name as a candidate for the office of Coroner of Pickens County subject to a nomination by the Democratic Party in the next primary election.
**EASLEY MESSENGER, NOV 23, 1883**

Mr. W.J. Pickle, who lives about three and a half miles above here, killed last week a hog weighing 530 pounds nett. It was raised by Mr. Pickle. What is the use of buying Western bacon, when so much of it can be raised at home? Note: Another article stated that he had six fine sholts for sale. Still another article stated that someone else had raised a hog that weighed more than the one Mr. Pickle had.

**EASLEY MESSENGER, OCT 26, 1883**

Mr. W.A. Hamilton, one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers of this section was in town last Monday with a Sulky Cultivator of his own invention. We wish him success and hope that his example may be an incentive to others to keep pace with the progressive modes of farming.

**EASLEY MESSENGER, NOV 1883**

Hymenial. On Tuesday Evening, 13th Nov., by Alonzo M. Folger, Esq., at the Methodist parsonage, R.B. Smith and Miss Minnie L. Arial, all of Easley. Note: Have not determined who this might be.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, FEB 15, 1912**

Married on the 9th inst. at the residence of Judge J.B. Newbery and by him Miss Gena Ariail and Mr. W.B. Hester.


**PICKENS SENTINEL, DEC 4, 1913**

Mrs. Silas Curtis of Mile Creek is in the sanitarium at Greenville, where she had a serious operation a few days ago. Her many friends wish her an early recovery.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, DEC 13, 1913**

A. Vincent Hamilton, now employed on The Sentinel, has accepted a position with the Pickens Drug Co. and will enter upon his new duties this week. Mr. Hamilton is from Easley, but is a splendid young man and will be glad to see his old friends and make new ones in his new place.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, JAN 1, 1914**

Vincent Hamilton has been elected director of the Pickens band in place of J.S. Christopher, resigned.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, APR 30, 1914**

A. Vincent Hamilton of Pickens attended the funeral of his grandmother in Easley Monday.

Mr. A.R. Hamilton of Easley was here this week.

Vincent Hamilton, director of the Pickens band, went to Rock Hill Friday and handled the slide trombone in an orchestra, which furnished music for the German after the state oratorical contest.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, OCT 21, 1915**

Tom H. Ariail has moved from Easley to the old home place near Enon church and will look out for his mother's farming interests.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, OCT 8, 1914**

The Pickens band was re-organized last week, but now it is the Woodmen of the World band, being under the entire control and supervision of Keowee camp and being composed of only members of this camp. There are about sixteen members of the new band and they are practicing regularly. Most of them belonged to the old band and the prospects now are that in a short time Pickens will really have one of the best bands in the state. Vincent Hamilton is instructor. The local camp of Woodmen of the World is in a flourishing condition and new members are joining most every week. It has a large and live membership and is a good camp to be a member of.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, JUL 9, 1914**

Mr. J.H. Reid, of Erath county, Texas, in Pickens county visiting friends and relatives. He is a native of this county and moved from here to Texas about 23 years ago and has prospered in his adopted home. Mr. Reid is a brother of Mrs. Sallie Sutherland of Pickens and his son, Ernest, married a daughter of Mr.
Bennett Jones of this county. They also live in Texas. This is Mr. Reid's first visit here in three years, and he will remain in this section some time and may decide to make his home here.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, OCT 31, 1940.**
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Moon are receiving congratulations from their many friends upon the arrival of a daughter, October 19, who has been named Judith Marie. Mrs. Moon is the former Miss Salome Curtis of Liberty.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, JUL 2, 1914.**
Born, June 25, unto Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mauldin, a boy.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, SEP 21, 1916.**
Mr. Normal L. Hamilton, who resides near the city, was carried to Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore Wednesday last by Dr. J.L. Bolt for treatment. For some time past his health has been failing and it is hoped that the treatment will be very beneficial to him.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, DEC 5, 1912.**
Note: These two articles are of historical interest because of the connection between William Harrison Ariail and the Barr family. Martin Barr eventually moved to Colorado Springs, Co., and died there on Nov 26, 1958.
"Mr. L.F. Smith, of Easley, has rented the farm of Mr. Martin Barr, near Ariail Mountain, and will move to same at an early date."
"Mr. Martin Barr and family, will move to Easley at early date."

**PICKENS SENTINEL, JAN 3, 1918.**
Note: Probably related to Climelia Abigail Ariail’s family.
George D. Cureton, who was raised in Pickens, but who for the past several years has been in the west, being located at Chayenne, Wyoming, where he has been engaged in business, being interested in a chain of drug stores throughout the state, but who is now actively engaged in the oil business, is in Pickens on a visit to his mother and brother, Mrs. J.D. and Chas. L. Cureton, and other relatives. He is accompanied by his wife and children. George looks well and prosperous. His many old friends are glad to see him.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, JAN 24, 1918.**
Mrs. Sallie Sutherland, who has been spending some months with her son, Homer, in Charlotte, N.C., has returned to Pickens to the pleasure of her many friends. Homer has joined the Mexican corps of the army.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, JAN 31, 1918.**
Homer Sutherland has not joined the "Mexican" corps of the army as was stated last week. He has joined the medical corps.
Among the soldiers who visited homefolk in Pickens recently were Frank Welborn of Camp Jackson, Robert Welborn and Furman Holder of Camp Sevier. There may have been others we did not see.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, JAN 8, 1903.**
Bob Ariail, one of Pickens County's best citizens, was in Pickens Monday. He wasn’t riding a 25 cent "plug" either; his was a fine well-kept steed with live movements.
Note: This was apparently Robert Franklin Ariail who later moved to Gadsden Alabama and eventually died there.

**PICKENS SENTINEL, NOV 21, 1912.**
Mr. Vincent Hamilton of Davidson College, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Hamilton.

**EZEKIEL BRIGHT SMITH AND LILLIE MODENA ARIAIL, the story of their children.**
If it is within our reasoning to think that we have it tough today, lets take a look at what happened to Lillie Modena Ariail and her family. After approximately two years of searching libraries all over South Carolina, census records, funeral homes, cemeteries documents, etc., we had just about given up as to what had happened to the two children that survived Lillie Modena Ariail. Then, out of the clear blue, one of
their descendants made contact with the family and a story unfolded that is worthy of documenting for future generations to read.

Let's start by saying that Lillie Modena Ariail was the daughter of William Henry Harrison Ariail. She was born in Pickensville, S.C. on Oct 8, 1872. She married Ezekiel Bright Smith on May 12, 1889 when she was under 17 years of age. Their first son, Henry W. Smith was born in Toccoa, Ga., on Feb 16, 1890, their second child, Eula Lee Smith was born Jan 23, 1892 in Tallapoosa, Ga. and died there on Feb 23, 1893. The next daughter, Madlena Ariail Smith was born Jun 24, 1895 in Liberty Twp, S.C. and the fourth child, Lillian Smith was born Jun 19, 1898 in Easley, S.C. and died Sep 8, 1898 in Easley, S.C. The mother died as a result of this childbirth on Jun 20, 1898. Not so long after that, Ezekiel Bright Smith died on Aug 1, 1904.

That left two small children without parents. William Henry Harrison Ariail raised these children, as far as we can determine from census reports, but then they seemed to disappear when they were old enough to be out on their own. The following letter that I have will document their journeys and what they did for a living. As if all things do not come back into a complete circle, the 1st cousin of Ariail Davidson Smith, son of Henry W. Smith, is none other than Jerri Bell, owner of Bells restaurant in Toccoa, Ga. Let's look at the letter that we have.

Dec 19, 1998

Dear James,

Thanks so much for the interesting letter. My wife and I both enjoyed it very much. I was born with an incomplete right hand and never took typing in school. Charleene and I are looking to buy a new computer and we are going to buy a voice activator so I can use the computer. I understand it correct spelling and all the commas etc.

So much for that, Ref. Ernest Reid -- my father and mother came to Ft. Worth Texas in about 1920-23. He was working for the Fresco Railroad in Monet Mo. and they transferred him to Ft. Worth at that time. The Fresco R.R. owned a branch line to Brownwood Texas which connected with the Santa Fe R.R. going to west coast. This 100-mile line included towns of Stephenville, Dublin, and Men(orel) Tex. My dad Henry Smith visited with (them, i.e., the Reid family) a lot on his farm outside of Dublin -- from the early 30's to late 30's. About 1939 the Fresco R.R. sold to Santa Fe that short line. Dad was a railroad inspector. He started working between Ft. Worth & Sherman Texas. In the early forty's his daughter (i.e., daughter of Earnest Reid) came to Ft. Worth to work for an insurance co. Her name (was) Pauline Reid. She visited with us a lot during the forty's, had lunch or dinner about once a month. We enjoyed having her -- dad kept up with Ernest through Pauline.

Mother had 2 or 3 strokes in the early 50's so we drifted apart. We talked to her on the phone and exchanged Christmas cards. She did have a brother who had a fuel business in Ft. Worth. At that time there were no nursing homes, so we had our hands full at home for a long time. I took care of mom about five years, along with my brother & I also held down a full time job. So we drifted apart. We did not hear from Pauline any more and did not know where she was. She loved S.C. a lot. I though she may have moved back to S.C. About a year ago, I was reading the ob's in the Star Telegram and Pauline Reid passed away in a Ft. Worth nursing home. (she never married) and the only survivors were nephews and nieces, so I assume her brother is dead. She was buried in Pickens, S.C. I guess her mother and father are buried there also. I don't know -- I believe she (was) about 85 or 86 when she died.

Will see you the 3rd Sunday of July. We are going to fly into Greenville, S.C. and rent a car. We will come to the reunion and work our way back to Greenville to visit some cousins on our mothers' side. I will talk to you by phone before we leave and let you know our itinerary.

By the way, I have a first cousin who owns a dairy mart or Dairy bar in Toccoa, her husband passed away some time ago but as far as I know she still owns it. Her name is Jerri Bell, that is if she has not married again.

Thank so much for your friendship, your help and kindness.

God Bless,

Ariail

One of the aspects that makes this so interesting is that Henry W. Smith married Buena George Porter who was the daughter of David A. Porter. We will note that Henrietta Josephine Barr, a relative of our grandmother, Mary Adelaide Barr, married George W. Porter on Jun 1, 1865. Because of incomplete
records and incomplete research, we are unable at this time to determine if there is a family connection, however the name Buena George Porter would tend to indicate such a connection of family relations in some form.

MacDena Ariail Smith, the sister of Henry W. Smith, married Clarence Frank Davidson. She died in Springfield, Missouri. It is interesting to note that once there was a man by the name of Thomas Noah Green Davidson who married Nannie Campbell. They had a son by the name of Clarence Frank Davidson who married MacDena Ariail Smith. After Nannie Campbell died, Thomas Noah Green Davidson remarried Mary Elizabeth Pickel, daughter of Martha Catherine "Patty" Craig Ariail Pickel. Martha was first married to John Harvey Ariail III, who died in the Civil War. For detailed information, see family history files. You will find that Mary Elizabeth Pickel was a sister to Lucinda Parthenia Ariail.

**ARIAL --- A RAILROAD FLAGSTATION!**

Well, now we can claim almost everything in the Ariail family line. Yes, we can even claim a railroad station. Take a look at what we have recovered in the way of a schedule.

### PICKENS RAILROAD COMPANY.

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For any further information apply to:

J.T. TAYLOR,
General Manager.

### EARLY CURETON FAMILY IN THE GREENVILLE, S.C. AREA. Clmelia Abigail Ariail's daughters married into the Cureton family.

Jul 4, 1844 married by the Rev. J. McCall

John H. Sullivan of Laurens to Miss Mary Cureton, dau of Abner Cureton of Greenville.

Jan 12, 1843 married by the Rev. Jonathan DeWeese

Pembroke Johnson to Miss Anne W. Cureton of Greenville

Jul 21, 1842 married by the Rev. Alexander Acker

David T. Cureton to Miss Sarah M. Cureton of Greenville

May 21, 1848, died

Mary Louisa Cureton, dau of David and Sarah Cureton, age 4 yrs 10 mos.

Jul 19, 1849 married by William West, Esq.
Elisha N. Coleman to Caroline L. Cureton of Greenville. Note: Nannie Cureton, granddaughter of Climelia Abigail Ariail, also married into the Coleman family.

Jun 28, 1827 married by the Rev. Nathan Berry
Nathan Davis to Mrs Elizabeth Cureto of Greenville.

It is without doubt that these people were related to Pascal and Abner Heath Cureton, both of whom married daughters of Climelia Abigail Ariail.

BOB ARIAIL, Solicitor

Several of the Ariail men have entered into the political and social segments of our society. Robert Ariail is no different from the others who have served and I wanted to document a news release that was published concerning his seeking the post of solicitor for Greenville County, South Carolina. A copy of this article has been retained in the Ariail Archives for all the view if they so desire.

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He talked about efforts he has made over the past eight months to reach the five goals he pledged to work toward when accepting the appointment. He said he'd worked hard to reduce the length of time between arrest and disposition of charges; to establish a working environment that promotes aggressive, efficient and fair prosecution of charges; to improve communication and working relationships with all law enforcement agencies; to increase communication and interaction with the community and to increase communication and interaction with victims of crime.

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He talked about efforts he has made over the past eight months to reach the five goals he pledged to work toward when accepting the appointment. He said he'd worked hard to reduce the length of time between arrest and disposition of charges; to establish a working environment that promotes aggressive, efficient and fair prosecution of charges; to improve communication and working relationships with all law enforcement agencies; to increase communication and interaction with the community and to increase communication and interaction with victims of crime.

OUR EARLY IRISH ANCESTORS AND THEIR PLACE IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

Finding information concerning some early members of the Ariail Family is almost like pulling teeth -- its painful and very time consuming. The following information concerns Samuel Greenfield Barr, his wife Mary Warnock Barr, John Warnock, and Andrew Barr, son of Samuel and Mary Barr, who was born Jan 1, 1802. No one within the Ariail or Barr family knew anything about Andrew Barr, other than he was a brother to Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail, until just a few days ago. Then we stumbled upon some ancient microfilm which started revealing some facts that were as yet unknown. It seems that research is like grapes, it comes in bunches, and we hope that there will be further gleaning to be accomplished from the fruitful yield that is coming from our vineyard.

To refresh our memory, the Warnock clan left Ireland about the time that John Ariail showed up in Massachusetts. The Warnock man we are most particularly concerned with was named Andrew Warnock
who was the father of Mary Warnock who was the mother of Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail. It is believed, and most likely without question, that Andrew Warnock had a brother named John Warnock.

The following article is lengthy, but is of extreme historical significance in placing just where some of the family members were that we earlier knew nothing about, specifically Andrew Barr and John Warnock. It also tells us about Mary Warnock Barr, after the death of her husband, Samuel Greenfield Barr, most specifically the type of life that she lived with the help of slaves and most likely her son Andrew Barr and two other young women within her household. One of these was most likely Mary Adelaide Barr Ariail who did not marry William Harrison Ariail until May 25, 1837 and the other was most likely Bernice Barr who married Robert McKinney somewhere around 1840/1842. We will also note that William Harrison Ariail named many of his children after the Barr and Warnock families and that tradition carried down for many years.

It is also simply amazing that one of the people addressed in the meeting below is the ancient grandparent of Lucinda Parthenia Ariail and her brothers and sisters, none other than John Nean Craig. Highlighted in *green for easy recognition. These were the children of John Harvey Ariail III who died in the Civil War. Also highlighted in **are the statements made by the great uncles of the Nails Creek Ariail men who served and died in the Civil War. If their patriotism was of the same mold, it is little wonder that they were so willing to serve and die for the cause in which they believed.

**Anderson County S.C. -- 1830 Census.**
1 Male between 20-30 years old -- Most likely Andrew Barr, the son of Mary Warnock Barr
2 Females under 20 years -- Most likely Mary Adelaide and Bernice Barr - dau's of Mary Warnock Barr
1 Female between 50-60 years -- Mary Warnock Barr
Slaves -- under 10 (2 Males), between 10-20 (3 Males), between 36-55 (1 Male), 1 Female between 24-36.

**Anderson County S.C. -- 1840 Census.**
1 Female between 20-30 -- Most likely Bernice Barr
1 Female between 60-70 -- Mary Warnock Barr

Although Samuel Greenfield Barr died in 1816, Mary Warnock Barr apparently kept her family together and raised them on the family farm until about 1832. We do not know where this farm was, however, it was apparently in the Anderson County area and most likely near the vicinity of the Pickens County line. We had just recently found out that Andrew Barr was a Harness and Saddle maker by trade and from the data we now possess, it is possible that he had died by the time the 1840 Census was taken. As you can see, he did not appear on that Census and no other records can be found concerning him in the State of South Carolina. He was most likely buried in the Pickens Cemetery near his father if in fact he was living nearby when he died.

**Pendleton Messenger, Wednesday, Dec 26, 1832.**

*Notice*

Will be sold on the 11th and 12th of Jan next, at the late residence of Major Samuel Barr, deceased, all his real and personal estate -- consisting of tract of land, on which the Widow Barr now lives, containing 300 acres more or less. Eight Negroes (?)all capable?) first rate field hands. One (?washhand?), her 3 children (boys), farming tools, stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, with a number of ?anemities? too tedious to mention. Terms made known on the day of sale.

Mary Barr, executrex
Andrew Barr, Sign'y

Dec 15th, 1832

Note: Copy extremely bad, original held in Ariail Archives.

This next article will reveal to us the patriotic fiber that was part of the lives of our ancestors. It will also reveal to us the type of people with whom they associated. You will note that Mary Adelaide Barr and her family were of the Presbyterian Faith and the Rev. Kennedy was pastor and the Presbyterian Church which was situated about 3 miles from the Pickens Chapel. There was also an academy located near this area
Pendleton
Wednesday, ult 11, 1832

The Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated at this place with becoming spirit. At twelve o'clock the people assembled in the Presbyterian Church, which was soon filled to overflowing. After a fervent, and appropriate prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Ross, the Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. John T. Sloan, and an oration delivered by Dr. F.W. Symmes. At two, the company partook of an excellent Barbecue, in the grove, near the Academy, furnished by the Committee of Arrangements, and prepared under the superintendence of Mr. James Clark. General John H. Earle presided at the table, assisted by Jos. V Shanklin, Jacob Warley, and Edward Harleston, Msgrs, as Vice Presidents.

The number of persons present, has been variously estimated at from seven hundred to one thousand. The Committee are of opinion, that more than the former number were present at the table, which was seventy-five yards in length, and was repeatedly filled. The ladies and some of the gentlemen, had retired before the Barbecue was served up. Seldom, indeed, has there been collected together, by indiscriminate invitation, so large an assemblage, in which there appeared so great unanimity of sentiment. --- A number of Revolutionary soldiers were present, and we regret that more of them retired before we had an opportunity of receiving their toasts. Several were given, by the various persons present, with copies of which we have not been furnished. The company retired about sunset, in the utmost harmony, quiet, and good order.

REGULAR TOASTS

1. The Day -- Celebrated by our fathers, as the birth of their independence -- may their sons prove themselves worthy of their birthright.
2. The Constitution -- "It is the fundamental and paramount law of the nation, and all acts repugnant to it are void."
3. The Union -- Next to liberty and the Constitution -- its preservation is our dearest wish. If it is to be sacrificed, let our oppressors answer for the consequences.
4. Nullification -- Our oppressors fear the remedy, because they perceive its efficacy.
5. The Reserved Rights of The States -- "They are the only solid foundation of American Liberty, on this rock our fathers placed it, and there let us be prepared to maintain it."
6. Resistance to Oppression at The Threshold -- "It is a hard matter to .......(portion not recovered)
7. The Vice President of The United States -- Identified with Carolina, in feeling and in principle, he has magnanimously resolved at the hazard of a well-earned popularity, to share her fate, be it what it may.
8. Our Representative in Congress, The Hon. Warren R. Davis -- Faithful to his trust, he has done good service, and his constituents will not be ungrateful.
9. Free Trade -- "The interest of human nature requires, that every fetter should be broken from the intercourse of nations."
11. The Memory of Thomas Jefferson -- Let those only profess to be his disciples, who manifest their faith by their works.
12. The Memory of General Sumter --
   "That Star of the field, which so often has pour'd Its beams on the battle, has set,
    But enough of its glory remains on each sword,
    To light us to victory yet."
13. The Fair of Carolina -- While the timid and wavering meet the frown of their reproach, the decided patriot shall be cheered by the sweetest smiles of their approbation.

By the Committee of Arrangements.

His Excellency James Hamilton, Jr. -- The zeal, energy, and ability with which he discharges, at a portentous crisis. the duties of a highly responsible office, entitle him to the increased confidence of every Carolinian.
After the repeated bursts of applause which succeeded this toast, had subsided, Gov. Hamilton addressed the assemblage, in a speech of which we will not now attempt to give a sketch. It was heard with the most profound attention, interrupted only by occasional cheering, and the patriotic feeling which inspired the speaker, seemed to meet a response in every bosom. The evil and the remedy were set forth in a masterly manner, and the effect produced was decidedly happy. -- The Governor closed by giving the following Sentiment:

In the performance of our duty to our Country, may we be instructed by a just knowledge of our rights, and not by a debasing fear of the danger of maintaining them.

By the Committee of Arrangements.

Waddy Thompson, Jun. Esq. -- An open, manly, and fearless advocate of the true political faith. -- The State of South Carolina truly appreciates his exactions in the good cause.

This was received with unbounded applause, and Maj. Thompson, in a short pertinent, and very eloquent address, enchaigned the attention of the company, while he pointed out the effects of the unjust legislation of which we complain, and exhorted to a spirited, steady, and constitutional resistance. He was interrupted repeatedly, by the applause of the audience. -- In conclusion, he gave the following toast:

The true meaning of the term nullifier--the whig defender of constitutional liberty--may it never become the synonime of braggartly; the recklessness of our adversaries may make a Tragedy of the great drama in which we are engaged; we will see that it shall not be a farce.

By the Committee of Arrangements.

The Editor of The Southern Sentinel -- If zeal and ability can avail any thing against delusion and error, we shall soon hail our sister district of Greenville, as redeemed from the error of her ways, and with us the cause of Free Trade, and State Rights.

Mr. Bynum rose, after the cheers which succeeded, and in a brief and handsome address, returned his thanks for the compliment, and the approbation with which it had been received. He gave,

The Doctrine of Nullification -- The bright offspring of the brain of Jefferson--like the goddess of antiquity, panoplied and equipped to resist the encroachments of federal power, and so defend the glorious structure of our Liberty--the Constitution--and the Union.

VOLUNTEERS.

By Gen. Earle. The Union of Sovereign and independent States; may its landmarks be placed on the opposite shores of eternity; and the inscription on them be Free Trade, and State Rights.

By J.V. Shanklin Esq. State interposition in all cases of Federal usurpation. Without the admission of this principle, we must submit to a government without limitation of powers.

By Jacob Warley Esq. "Nullification is the remedy which avoids the extremes of passiveness or over action and affords the only hope of throwing off our burdens without endangering the union."

By Mr. E. Harleston. The American System--a winding sheet manufactured by Northern affection, for embalming Southern rights. Some are .....ty and Carolina.

By Maj. Hamilton Sen.--Subject colonies have no redress but in rebellion--Sovereign States may, of right, nullify a fraudulent violation of a joint compact.

By B. Howell, Esq. Disunion and civil war--the stale cry of the despot. No true Carolinian will be frightened from the assertion of his rights by this pitiful scarecrow of a manufacturing junto.

By Wm. Choice Esq. (of Greenville): The doctrine of Resistance to unauthorized power--Cherished as the noblest and most precious heirloom of whose fathers whose deeds consecrated the principle upon the plains of Camden, Eutaw, and at Fort Moultrie.

By Mr. E. B. Benson. South Carolina doctrines--the true standard hoisted by the Whigs of ’76 and sustained by the republicans of ’98. Their success should be great encouragement to us.

By Col. F.K. Huger: Our Federal Union--May it be preserved in equity and in truth; its dissolution would prove that men cannot be governed by reason.

By Col. Rice. The sovereignty of the States; an invaluable boon transmitted to us by our ancestors. May we be as ready to oppose encroachments thereon as they were.

By Col. Benj. Hagood. Death before submission to an unjust majority.
By Capt. John Maxwell. The first law of nature is self-protection. The only constitutional remedy left us against the usurpations of a corrupt majority is Nullification.

By Mr. John B. Ferrell. South Carolina: The proceedings of Congress prove incontestably she has no hope of relief from that quarter. Let her bear her oppressions no longer, but redress her grievances by nullifying all unconstitutional acts.

By Dr. Dart. The Pug candidate, who pocketed twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars. Remember his vote of 1828--may every honest man with Mr. Tazewell exclaim, "Sir you have deceived me."

By Dr. F.W. Symmes. The true theory of our government--Which contemplates the Federal and State governments, as mutual checks on each other, constraining the various authorities to revolve within their proper and constitutional spheres.

By Dr. Stuart. Our cause: It is the cause of constitutional liberty; it is just, and the God of Nations will prosper it.

By Col. John Hunter. Majorities and minorities. When the principle is admitted or settled, that a majority must rule, what will become of the Constitution or the liberties of the minority.

*Mr. John Craig, a Revolutionary soldier, on being called on for a toast, asked permission to preface it with a few remarks. He recalled to mind the gloomy period when Charleston, during the war, fell into the hands of the enemy; and when scarcely one man in a thousand could be found to stand up boldly, for the country, then apparently in a desperate state. A few gallant spirits were to be found, among them the heroic Sumter, (now descended with his compatriots to the tomb,) who were yet determined to be free, or to water the tree of Liberty with their blood. We can never forget them, but it is now to the living we must look for the preservation of those rights which they fought and bled to defend: He gave, Hamilton, Hayne, and Miller -- May they live long to enjoy the fruits of their labors; and may they be happy in this life, and that which is to come.

By Wm. Copeland, Esq. Governor Hamilton, R.Y. Hayne, George McDuffie, J.C. Calhoun, and Warren R. Davis --- May they still stand in the watch tower of this great Republican Government, and cry aloud, saying, O, may the protectors of the Northern manufacturers give to the Southern planters their rights!

By Mr. D.S. Taylor. Nullification: By the exercise of this rightful remedy, an oppressed and outraged people will be delivered from the galling yoke of ignominious servitude.

By Mr. Samuel S. Cherry. South Carolina--may she resist every unconstitutional act, peaceably if she can, forcibly if she must.

By J.P. Lewis, Esq. The people of the South. Those whose fathers bequeathed them liberty, and sealed the testament with their blood, will not willingly leave to their posterity slavery for an heritage.

Sent by Dr. J. Robinson. The Hon. W.R. Davis. His exertions in Congress in behalf of the South, entitle him to our continued confidence.

By Mr. A.P. Calhoun. Our State--Always the first to support those principles, for the enjoyment and maintenance of which, our Union was formed; in whatever position she may now be thrown, for her adherence to them, may we not be found wanting.

By Mr. Wm. Whitten. The memory of Baron De Kalb; who left his native land, to fight for our Liberties, and bravely fell in Camden in defending them--May the friends of freedom never forget him.

By Mr. John S. Lorton. The Mammoth Pension Bill. A scheme devised for the sole purpose of consuming the revenue and keeping up the present system of high and oppressive duties, for the protection of Northern Manufactures.

By Mr. John T. Sloan. Uncompromised Freedom: The Banner under which the State Rights and Free Trade Party of South Carolina have fearlessly enlisted, swearing "For it to live, for it to die."

By Mr. Jas. McElroy. The Editor of the National Gazette: His Proposition giving the President dictatorial power. Surely his balances have met with protection, or they were never good weight.

**By Mr. A. Barr. Nullification--the rightful remedy against usurpation; may it be to our oppressors, like the arrow of conviction to the heart of the impenitent.

Mr. Robert F. Stephens, of Laurens, being called on for a sentiment, gave the following:

The minority of the States of this Confederacy have no rights under the Constitution of their adoption, if nullification be "baseless in theory and visionary in practice."

By Mr. Jas. Cooper. Union--State Rights and Free Trade--American political trinity.

By Mr. James A. Cherry The present contest: Not an agitation of the political waters for the pitiful scramble for office; but a noble struggle for the rights of Freemen, the adjustment of which ere long, will determine the destinies of this Republic.
By Mr. J.O. Lewis. South Carolina: Whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy cause shall be my cause.

By Mr. Silas Towers. Nullification and Disunion: The one a peaceful remedy, the other a violent disruption of the Confederacy; the former, constitutional with a sovereign; the latter, natures last resort. We will adopt the first, but rather than submit, embrace the last.

By Mr. Bartley Barry. The men we wish to represent us; Firm and undaunted in the cause of Free Trade and State Rights.

By Dr. A.H. Reese. Nullification—an efficient remedy for an aggrieved State. Peaceable in itself, steering clear of disunion and civil war, unless a corrupt government should usurp powers and seal usurpations with blood.

By Mr. J.E. Lewis. Gen. Jackson's judicious Tariff, and Henry Clay's American system. In definition the same, differing but as to names. In the contest between Clay and Jackson for the presidency, let the South take no part; but let her unite her whole energies to redeem herself from her more than Egyptian bondage, let who may be President.

By Mr. D. Russell. The Honorable Warren R. Davis, the able and worthy representative of South Carolina--may his constituents not neglect him at the ensuing election.

By Capt. H.H. Hamilton. South Carolina--she has remonstrated against the Tariff long enough: the time has arrived when she should act. Let her Legislature meet and act with firmness and intrepidity, and she will find the strength of her sons at her service.

By Mr. James M. Sloan. Nullification. The remedy has long since undergone a thorough examination by our ablest counselors, and by them declared to be the only certain and peaceable means, by which our southern country can get rid of the present Yankee impositions; therefore let us unite one with another as the Whigs did in '76, saving less and doing more.

By Mr. E. Lawrence. The several States: Theirs is the right to judge of infractions of the compact. "If those who voluntarily created the government, cannot be trusted to preserve it, what power can?"

By Mr. David Cherry. Nullification with a strict construction of the Constitution. May they soon be practiced.

By Mr. Wm. M. Ferrell. South Carolina: May she ever be ready to nullify the unconstitutional acts of the General Government.

By Mr. Wm. L. Jenkins. South Carolina: Free and independent may she ever remain, swearing eternal resistance to the oppression of an unjust law--the Tariff.

By Mr. S.C. McCroakry. The spirit of Jefferson, the author of Nullification—a political guide to freemen, and a panic to Federalists only.

By Mr. John E.C. Harris. Gen. Thomas Sumter: Full of years, and full of honors, he has dropped into the tomb. His memory is dear to every true Carolinian. --May the day be far distant, when his name shall be forgotten, or the principles he so fearlessly maintained, abandoned.

By Mr. W.J. Goss. --May all Tariffites, and all those who will succumb to palpable violations of the Constitution of the United States, become, ere long, as scarce in South Carolina, as snakes are in Ireland.

TOASTS SENT BY LADIES

The sentiments expressed by the Orator of the day: May they be held in reverence by every true Carolinian.

The venerable Maj. Hamilton, and the other revolutionary worthies who have honored our celebration with their presence: May they be spared to witness many returns of this glorious day.

Davis, Hayne, and McDuffie: The defenders of our rights, at Washington.

Free Trade and State Rights—and the doctrine of Nullification.

May the same spirit which actuated the revolutionary soldiers of '76, fall like Elijah's mantle on every son of liberty.

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The following sentiment was received from Chancellor Johnston, who was invited to attend, but was prevented by previous arrangements:

Succession and Nullification. Those who maintain that a State has, in virtue of her sovereignty, the unquestionable right to secede, are called on for a reason why, in virtue of the same sovereignty, she has not a right to do an act falling short of secession.

The following letters, from the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, and Elihu Creaswell Esq. were read at the table:
Pendleton, June 30th, 1832

Gentlemen—

I have had the honor to receive your very polite invitation to participate with the patriotic citizens of this District in their celebration of the approaching Anniversary. I exceedingly regret that other engagements will not allow me to attend, the more so at this most critical juncture in public affairs, when it becomes every freeman honestly and fearlessly to denounce that Hydra system of corruption and usurpation, which has so long oppressed the energies of our southern country, crippling its prosperity, paralyzing its industry, plundering its commerce, accumulating its poverty—in a word, reducing us to the pitiful condition of a beggarly province. I feel strongly on this subject; and, perhaps may incur the censure of those who advocated preposterous doctrine recently advanced, that the Ministers of Religion are precluded by the station they occupy in life, intermeddling with politics. To that doctrine I subscribe so far, as extending to matters of ordinary legislation; but the Ministers of Religion inherit in common with other men, certain unalienable rights and privileges which they are obligated to guard with jealousy, and they cannot but feel acutely any attempt unlawfully made to wrest them from them.

If under the sanction of religion it becomes their duty to "follow peace with all men," and to inculcate obedience to civil authorities as ordained by God for specific purposes; it is equally their duty (I conceive) to preach resistance to tyranny, to stand fast in that liberty which set them free and never again to be entangled in the yoke of colonial bondage. Our cause is just, and we need not anticipate even the possibility of defeat. Let but the Southern States combine, let the public voice be heard which has hitherto effected nothing more than barely to whisper its complaints. (because enfeebled by division) let the people resolve no longer to submit to an authority which exercises power to make laws for the sordid aggrandizement of one section, at the sacrifice of the other section of the Union. And I doubt not that the powers that be, will tremble—the tables of the money-changers will be overthrown—that mammoth of inequity, the American system (falsely so called) will be destroyed and we shall rejoice in beholding this once glorious republic again a free, united and happy people. From the present aspect of affairs, I cannot but express it as the sober conviction of my mind, that the recent proceedings at Washington, not only justify, but loudly call upon the Southern States to make common cause and to resist, at every hazard, unconstitutional usurpations.

Temporizing measures will not answer: the crisis demands unanimity of sentiment: unanimity of action where we cannot conciliate, we must compel. And would there be found among the descendants of those brave men who sacrificed their heart's blood at the alters of our common country for the purchase of that liberty, and those equal rights, which we have mutually enjoyed, and which now are threatened to be wrested from our embrace.--would there be found that man so tame, so submissive—so besotted as to prefer wearing the chains of a more degrading servitude than those from which his fathers emancipated him, rather than obedient to his country's call to stand forth "Animus opibusque parati" in defense of her liberty, the Constitution and Union. Credat! With your permission, gentlemen, I propose the following sentiment:

The Federal Government—In all its administrations let there be strict conformity to the spirit and letter of our constitution: then, and not until then, shall our sons be taught to venerate & render it obedience in all things.

With the best wishes for the success of that good cause in which you are embarked, and your individual prosperity, I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

F.H. Rutledge
To Messrs. Benson, Cherry, &c.

Cheohee, July 2, 1832.

Gentlemen: Your polite invitation, to a Barbecue in honor of the Anniversary of American Independence is received with much pleasure. I regret very much that my constitution, much enfeebled by disease, forbids my partaking with you, the festivities of the day. Each revolving Anniversary of our Independence should animate us to cherish that love of liberty and that patriotic determination to maintain it, which warms the hearts of the Heroes of '76. At this important crisis of our government, when our admirable Constitution, intended to be the "cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night" to shield us from oppression and tyranny, is trampled upon, and by improper constructions and implication made the instrument, by an interested majority in Congress to tax us unequally, oppressively and unjustly, it becomes the lovers of liberty to honor the day of its births to meet around the festive board and elsewhere; to interchange their opinions freely on the ways and means to relieve us from what has been justly pronounced an odious tyranny. With
those acquainted with the principles upon which the Tariff is founded, but one opinion can exist. That it must be reduced to the necessary wants of the Government, or the State must interpose her sovereign power to arrest its destructive progress within her limits. Permit me, Gentlemen, then, to offer a sentiment on the occasion--

The Freemen of the South--warmly attached to the Constitution and Union of the States, whilst administered agreeably to the compact, May they never submit to an odious tyranny, & their motto ever be, "give me liberty, or give me death."

With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
Elihu Creswell
To Messrs. Benson, Cherry, &c.

**Celebration at Anderson C.H.**

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In pursuance of previous arrangements the fifty-seventh Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated at Anderson Court House, in a spirited and animated style.

The Declaration of Independence was read by Dr. A. Evans, after which, a patriotic and handsome Address was delivered by Col. James B. Bonham, to a large audience, in the Methodist Church.

An unusually large party sat down to a dinner prepared in Mr. Archer's best style; Col. Llewelling Goode acting as President of the day, and James E. Reese, Esq. and Dr. A. Evans as Vice Presidents. The utmost order and harmony prevailed throughout, all seeming to be deeply impressed with the importance, not only of the event which we met to commemorate, but of the crisis that now exists in our country.

The interest of the scene was greatly heightened by the presence of from ten to fifteen old Revolutionary Soldiers who seemed as if they had been inspired anew with the spirit of '76.

The following are the Regular Toasts drank on the occasion:

1. **The Day we celebrate.**
2. **The Constitution of the United States**--In prescribing the orbit in which the General Government should move, intended an equal distribution of burdens and benefits to each section of the Union.
3. **The States**--Free, Sovereign, and Independent. They are united in one General Government, only by compact, "each having an unquestionable right to judge for itself as well of infractions, as the mode and measure of redress."
4. **The Patriots of the Revolution**--Could the spirit which animated them, descend to their sons, unjust exactions would not be borne.
5. **The memory of Washington.**
6. **Thomas Jefferson**--In 1776 the author of the declaration of Independence--and in 1798 the author of Nullification; his name will be remembered and revered, until liberty shall be no more.
7. **The President of the United States.**
8. **The Vice President of the United States**--His independent course in maintaining the doctrines of Thomas Jefferson, has endeared him to every Carolinian, and proved to an admiring nation that "an honest man is the noblest work of God."
9. **The Hon. W.R. Davis**--"Having been born free, representing freemen under the favor of God, we will live or die freemen together."
10. **His Excellency James Hamilton, Jun.**--His zeal and ability, are equal to the crisis.
11. **The State Rights, and Free Trade Party**--Their ends are truth, the liberty and happiness of the people; their means, acting on public opinion, through a free, enlightened and moral press.
12. **South Carolina**--Pledged to maintain the great principles of constitutional liberty, she will not stop to count the cost.
13. **The Fair**--We love them for their virtues, we honor them for their patriotism, and in defense of their rights we will spill our choicest blood.

**VOLUNTEERS.**

*By the President of the Day*--"Peace and our rights. God and our country."

*By the 1st Vice President*--If a resort to the judicial tribunals of our country, for a redress of grievances is treason, then do we deserve to be branded with the epithet of traitors.
By the 2d Vice President--The majority in Congress: Influenced more by power, pelf, and plunder, than by principle purity, or probity.

By the Orator of the Day--Federal liberty as in the Constitution.

The public debt virtually paid.

The Constitution now stands violated.

We strike for liberty or the grave.

By Maj. M. Burt, (a Revolutionary Soldier)--Nullification. A sovereign and effectual remedy for the South--appeal to the constitution; duties for revenue and no more.

By Mr. Sien Holly. (a Revolutionary Soldier.)--The freedom of our country--gained by the toil and blood of the heroes of the revolution.

By Mr. J. Gray, (a Revolutionary Soldier.)--The South: When weighed in the balance, may she not be found wanting.

**By Mr. J. Warnock. (a Revolutionary Soldier)--Sumter, Marion and Pickens: They periled their all to rid their country of oppression.--Do thou likewise.

Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Entrikin, two other Revolutionary Soldiers, here remarked to the company, that having once taken up arms in defense of their country, they were willing once more to shoulder their muskets in defense of the same principles.

By Dr. O. R. Broyles. Nullification--"The rightful remedy." Should the present Congress refuse to relieve the oppressions of the South, the remedy should be applied, if every cotton factory in New England were a cannon foundry, and every member of the monopolists, a Briarens.

By Col. J.W. Norris. Nullification: The safe and rightful remedy for the oppressions under which we labor. Let it be speedily applied.

By John F. Thompson, Esq. The reformers in England, opposed in principle, on that side the Atlantic, only by Tories; on this side, only by Federalists.

By Lieut. Col. Hammond. The cause of Freedom: Based on the principles of eternal justice, when usurpers oppress, resistance, by the people is the rightful remedy.

By C. Orr, Esq. In Nullification we see the spirit of freedom returning--we hail its arrival, and when once more in the camp, we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honors to defend it.

By Capt. J. McFall. The State Rights and Free Trade Party: May that spirit which so promptly roused them on the first intimation of insult, still continue to keep full their ranks and animate them in defense of their rights.

By G.F.W. Foster, Esq. The Hon. Geo. McDuffie: His able, bold, and fearless efforts to stop the oppressions of the Tariff, deserve our thanks.

By Maj. J.T. Earle. Nullification, The rallying word of Republicans and Whigs; to Federalists, Submissionists, and Tories, a stumbling block.

By Mr. M.C. Livingston. The States: Sovereign and Independent, as to every thing within themselves, "and as parties to the constitutional compact, they may compel the Government, created by that compact, to submit a question touching its infractions to the parties who created it."

By Maj. J.T. Whitfield. State Rights: Dependent on the sovereignty of the people of each State; and not on judicial, executive, or legislative supremacy or construction.

By Mr. John Ramsay. The State Rights and Free Trade party: Formed of men worthy their patriot sires--their aim is constitutional Liberty, in defense of which, they "pledge their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors."

By Mr. Sam R. McFall. Our national birthright, bought with the blood of our fore fathers; may their sons never sell the same for wooden nutmegs.

By Mr. Edw. Vandiver. The heroes of the revolution, champions in their turnout for freedom--their splendid works are registered in history, as a guide to posterity.

By Mr. Chas B. Webb. The Banner of the Constitution: An able and independent advocate of a worthy cause.

By Mr. E. Webb. Nullification: The terror of submissionists, but the delight of freemen.

By Dr. Wm. Anderson. Liberty! Liberty! Liberty! thou brightest gem in the casket of human happiness. May the people of Anderson ten centuries hence, assemble around the festive board, with unmingled feelings of love and gratitude to the God who gave them being, and those who secured to them the invaluable blessings we have this day assembled to commemorate.
By Mr. Bryant. The citizens of the Beaver Dam--descendants of Whigs, they are ready to nullify any encroachment on their fathers’ best and most valuable testament, the Constitution.

By Mr. Peter S. Vandiver. South Carolinians know the rightful remedy--the Georgians practice it. In this case as in some others, South Carolina for eloquence, & Georgia for action.

By Mr. S. Anderson. The American System--the act of an interested majority in Congress, it must be repealed if not, we will nullify it: first, by the sovereignty of the State; if that will not give a redress of grievances. Secondly, by the united operation of at least a million of musket bearing freemen.

By Mr. George Roberts. The Hickory soil of Tennessee, only preferable to the foul Clay of Kentucky.

By Capt. McCann. The Honorable Warren R. Davis--a faithful sentinel on the watchtower. His constituents will duly consider and appreciate his talents.

By Capt. Clark. Nullification--the last weapon of a once free people.

**By Mr. John Warnock. Action, the best criterion in the present crisis.

By Mr. S.J. Taylor. May the liberty which our forefathers obtained for us, be protected and tended by their sons.

By Mr. B.F. Hammond. Judge Smith in 1826, defended the rights of the people; but in 1830, he perverted the (protection as ought).

By Mr. J.? Taylor. The Fair--our friends in want, our solace in peace.

By Mr. O.? Burt. State Rights, Free Trade and Nullification, ... to the hub.

By Mr. John ?. Lewis, Esq. The State of South Carolina. She is tauntingly told that she trumpets forth marches of the Constitution. Yankees, Tories, Federalists, or what not, 1832 will convince you, that she is the Aegis of constitutional liberty.

By Mr. C.... R? Todd. The Constitution needs the forced construction to suit Republican principles.

By Mr. Mortimer. Amos Kendall, F.P. Blair & Co.--The smooth volunteers of dirty work; for whoever will pay the price of it. "I'll never care what wickedness I do, if these men come to good.

Note: Some of the above copy was of very bad quality.

The following toasts were sent by two ladies.

The Orator of the Day--A strict observer of Constitutional liberty.

Nullification--The text word of Republicans, but a terror to a submissionist.

The following communications were received from gentlemen invited by the Committee of Arrangements, and read by the President.

Anderson, July 3, 1832.

Gentlemen: Permit me, through you, to render the citizens of Anderson my grateful acknowledgments for the very flattering testimonial of respect which they have conferred on me by their polite invitation to dine with them on the 4th instant, and to express to them my regret that my arrangements deprive me of the pleasure of accepting the invitation.

Allow me to offer, for their acceptance the following toast:

"The reserved rights of the States. The surrender of them includes the surrender of the Constitution itself; of that Liberty which it was intended in secure; and of that Union, which; without it, cannot exist."

Job Johnston

To Messrs Evans, Thompson, Reese, Webb, and Goode, Committee

Silver Glade, July 1st, 1832.

Gentlemen: I have this moment been honored by the receipt of your kind invitation to join you on the 4th instant, in the celebration of American independence. Permit me, Gentlemen, in tender to you and the citizens of Anderson through you, the tribute of my grateful thanks for the friendly notice taken of me, and particularly for the manner in which that notice has been expressed. You will, I am sure, do me the justice to believe, that the pleasure I should derive from being associated with you at any time, and especially on so glorious and patriotic an occasion as that on which you assemble, is too great not to amuse me to regret exceedingly, that a previous engagement of a similar character will compel me to forego the pleasure of you festivities. I regret it the more from the circumstance of its being, in all probability, (perhaps) the last celebration of our liberties; for unless the avaricious and relentless grasp of our Northern brethren under which they are now writhing can be relaxed, another Forth of July will hardly return, before we shall be summoned to perform their funeral honors. I can only add, "stick to it;" if they get the scalp?, it shall cost them dear.
As I cannot have the pleasure of uniting with you in person, I can in feeling, and beg leave to offer you a toast.
"Anderson and Pickens Districts--their names are sufficiently indicative of their patriotism. They are judicially two, but politically, and in the support of State Rights and Free Trade, one, and indivisible."
Accept, Gentlemen, for yourselves, individually and collectively, the salutation of my most respectful consideration.

J.B. Earle,
To the Committee.

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Anderson C.H. July 3, 1832.

Gentlemen: I acknowledge the kindness of your invitation to dine on the 4th instant: & as I shall be deprived of the pleasure of being present, beg leave to submit the following sentiment:--
"The Tariff and Nullification.--He deserves to be a slave that would count the cost of being free."

I am, Gentlemen,
Very Respectfully yours,
Armistead Burt
To the Committee.

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We have received accounts of the proceedings at three other places, in our district, on the 4th of July. We trust that our evident want of space will be taken by our friends and subscribers, many of whom were present at each of those celebrations, as a sufficient apology for postponing their publication till next week. The proceedings at this place, & at Anderson, have necessarily precluded the appearance of several articles which we would gladly have inserted today.

JOHN HARVEY ARIAIL &
CHLOE CLIMELIA IVES.
LOCATION OF THEIR ANCIENT RESIDENCE IN S.C.

I am sure that we have all heard the old sayings: Silence is Golden, Patience is Virtue, etc. Well, patience has finally paid off for the researchers in the Ariail Family. Through literally months of pain-staking work and tireless persistence, we have finally proved that John Ariail and his wife Chloe Ives lived in the Southeast sector of the present day town of Easley and not around the Enon Church area and the Alice Manufacturing plant that is named after the Ariail family. With the knowledge we now have, we can rest assured that the Rev. John Ariail was the first of the Ariail family to live in the Enon area. Even the father of Perthenia Blassingame, wife of the Rev. John Ariail, did not live in the Enon area, but lived in the same location that John Ariail and Chloe Ives lived.

This is all documented in the Pendleton Messenger, of Aug 21, 1833. Several things come to mind when we examine this data closely. Maj. Andrew Hamilton, uncle of Lemuel Greenlee Hamilton, and Thomas Blassingame both were prominent men who lived in the district with John Ariail. You will remember that Lemuel Greenlee Hamilton married Climelia Abigail Ariail, daughter of John Ariail, and The Rev. John Harvey Ariail married Perthenia Blassingame, daughter of Thomas Blassingame. If I have the correct Thomas Blassingame, his first wife was named Nancy Easley and his second wife was Sarah Edmonson. Sarah was the mother of Perthenia Blassingame. There are so many names that are connected with the Ariail family in one way or the other that I will simply highlight them in blue and a search of the Ariail family archives will reveal the connections.

To summarize some of the things we have found out about our John Ariail: 1) He was a Master Mason and came by ship from Connecticut to South Carolina via Charleston. Note: He originally came to South Carolina about 1795 but subsequently went back to Connecticut where he married and where his first son was born. 2) He was in the mercantile business from the time he came to South Carolina in 1804 until his death in 1836. 3) He lived in the district known as Pickensville (and the present sports fields being build just outside the old town of Pickensville without a doubt is situated on part of the 1100 acres of land that we know John Ariail owned.) & 4) He was of such prominence that he, along with the other men mentioned, were selected to carry out the functions of holding early Congressional Elections in those early times.
Let's take a look at who all these early prominent citizens of the area were:

**PENDLETON MESSENGER, ISSUE AUG 21, 1833.**  
*Congressional ELECTION.*

Pursuant to an act of the Legislature, an election will be held in this district on **the first Monday in September next** and the day following, for a Representative of this Congressional district, at the following places, and managed by the following persons.

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John Abbot, Jun.

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Thos. Harbin
Thos. R. Sheelor

At Reeder's
Samuel C. Reeder
Morgan Harber
Thos. W. Barton

At Mays
William Barton
Allen Elston
James Blackstock
At Gaines
F.N. Garvin
James Gaines
William D. Arnold

At Wolf Creek
James M. Barton
Absalom Reese
Judge G. Ferguson

The managers will meet at Pendleton on the third day to count the votes. The election to be held two days at Pendleton, Anderson and Pickens, and one day at each of the other places.

The following is the constitutional qualification of the voters.

- Every free white man of the age of twenty-one years (paupers and non-commissioned officers and private soldiers of the Army of the United States excepted), being a citizen of this State, and having resided therein two years previous to the day of election, and who hath a freehold of fifty acres of land or town lot of which he has been legally seized and possessed at least six months before such Election; or not having such freehold or town lot, hath been resident in the Election District in which he offers to give his vote before the Election six months he shall have a right to vote for a member of members to serve in each branch of the Legislature for the Election District in which he holds such property, or is a resident.

The following Resolution declaratory of the meaning of the above adopted at the last Session of the Legislature, will govern the Managers in the reception of votes.

- Resolved, That the two years residence required by the Constitution in a voter, are the two-years immediately previous in the Election, and the six months residence in the Election District, are the six months immediately previous to the Election, but if any person has his home in the State, he does not lose the right of residence by temporary absence with the intention of returning; and if he has his home in the Election District, his right to vote is not impaired by a temporary absence with the intention of returning; but if one has a home or family in another State, the presence of such a person although continued for two years in the State, gives no right to vote.

And so it went in the early days when our ancient grandfather was living in South Carolina. We also found articles pertaining to E.G. Mullinnix in the paper. We will remember that one of the Ariail men married into the Mullinnix family. James McKinney was also the Sheriff at Anderson C.H. at that time. It also should be noted that Alexander McKinney was the brother-in-law of William Harrison Ariail. It could be that these two McKinney men were closely related.

New Stage Line
Pendleton Messinger, Apr 24, 1833.

We had often wondered just how our family was able to get around back in the early days. I know that at times I have possessed the feeling that we are the modern generation, and our ancestors lived back in the dark ages. Well, that is just not so. Although we have the modern day toys that enable us to do many things faster than they, that doesn't mean that we are smarter or in any way superior to our forefathers.
No, we must remember, they were building buildings, i.e., Notre Dame Cathedral in France and many other edifices that would simply boggle the mind of many of our modern day scholars. In many, many ways our forefathers were very sophisticated and cultured in the art of reason, which would be a trait worthy of emulation in our modern society.

On the 21st of March, 1833, at Carnesville, Ga., Mr. Alvin E. Whitten gave notification that a new stage line would be established. When we put all the facts together about that particular time in our history, we will began to realize just why some of our ancient family came over from South Carolina to this part of Georgia.

Let’s explore just why William Harrison Ariail and his wife Mary Adelaide Barr might have ventured into this region. As stated earlier, her grandfather James Barr lived somewhere in this area of Georgia, perhaps, but not documented, he may have owned or lived near the place that William Harrison Ariail bought. (His land was on a branch of Nails Creek). Some documents have been recovered that showed that he owned land in the Jackson County area. Additionally, Mary had other relatives living in this area -- a brother in Lumpkin County and a brother in Habersham County. Also a sister lived in Habersham County of Georgia.

That is where the data submitted by Alvin E. Whitten comes into play. Gold had been discovered in Habersham County, Georgia. They were literally picking up pieces of Gold the size of kernals of corn. Now, for the early settlers, that would have been a temptation that would have been hard to neglect. I am sure that farming was no easy task and gold would have been very tempting for an alternative to the ordeal of farm life -- it would have seemed to be the path to riches.

Now, I’m not saying that William Harrison Ariail came to Georgia looking for gold, however, John Milton Barr, an older brother of Mary Adelaide Barr might well have. He died in Lumpkin County Georgia in March of 1835, shortly after the gold was found. The gold would have given him the opportunity and motive to have been in this area of the state and also a reason for other members of the family to eventually come on over to Georgia. With gold there was money and with money there was an easier life.

Let’s look at what happened in the way of transportation just about this time.

- **The Subscriber takes this method of informing the Public, that he has just contracted for and got into operation, a new Stage Line, from Pendleton South Carolina, via Carnesville Georgia, to Gainesville, Georgia. -- under the following regulations, viz.**
  - Leave Pendleton every Monday morning,--arrive at Carnesville the same night.--and at Gainesville on Tuesday night.
  - Leave Gainesville every Thursday morning,--arrive at Carnesville the same night, and Pendleton on Friday at 5 o'clock, P.M.
  - The above completes a line of Stages from Salem North Carolina, to Lumpkin Court House Georgia, in the immediate vicinity of the Cherokee Gold mines. It is also the most direct route from North Carolina, or the upper part of South Carolina to the Gold Region in Georgia, or to almost any part of Georgia; as it is intersected by Cross Stages, both at Carnesville and Gainesville.
  - Every effort will be made to render comfortable those who may favour me with their patronage.

**ARIAIL SLAVES**

Although none of us today advocates slavery, it was a fact of life back in the early days. It is known that John Harvey Ariail and his wife Chloe Climelia Ives owned slaves. This practice carried down through his sons and there were several people of African descent that carried the name Ariail back in the early times in South Carolina. In the early part of our research, we came across some names that confused us because we could not properly connect them with the family.

I am including the data that I have found on the Early Ariail Slaves for two reasons: 1) on several occasions I have met and talked with African American people who are attempting to trace their ancestors. They have stated how difficult this task is because of the slave trade in the early days of our nation and because the names were changed each time the person was bought or sold. It is hoped that my research will in some way help someone who has not been fortunate enough to find the documents that I have uncovered. & 2) so our own family will appreciate more our early connection with the African American segment of our society.

The first family that I will document was connected with The Rev. John Harvey Ariail. You will note earlier in these sketches that the name Alfred Ariail appears in connection with the Ariail’s and their commercial enterprises just north of what is now Easley South Carolina.
Ariail

Alfred       B   M   54       Farmer
Rosana       B   F   35       Wife
Mary L.      B   F   10      Daughter
Connie E.    B   F   9        Daughter
Henry        B   M   5        Son
Robert A.    B   M   4        Son
Corrie E.    B   F   2        Daughter

Note: There were most likely 1 or 2 children that died young between Connie E. and Henry Ariail.

This next member of the black Ariail family cannot be equated with any other family member, however, she was old enough to be out on her own and was working as a servant for Robert L. Stancel, ae39, his mother ae60, a sister, two nephews and two nieces. See Ariail Archives for full documentation.

Ariail       Flora       B   F   24
Note: Flora was single and had never been married.

The next family will demonstrate how the names of the African American people got changed when they were switched from locale to locale and family-to-family. The copy is bad, therefore, the names may not be spelled exactly as originally spelled by person listed. Notice, however, the last names of brothers.

Mansion
Gip?         B   M   38       Farmer
Lou          B   F   26       Wife
Martha       B   F   11      Daughter
Ariail       Dennis      B   M   21      Brother

Notice in this family that a mans daughter married and had a family. Her husband must have died or either the family was separated by him being sold. We find here that she is in any case back with her father. Take a look at what we have here.

Hallums
Samuel       B   M   72       Widower
Ariail       Kate        B   F   30      Daughter
Anna         B   F   10      Grand daughter
John         B   M   8       Grand son
James        B   M   6       Grand son
William      B   M   3       Grand son

Note: Look at the names that correspond to the given names of the Ariail family, i.e., Kate, John, James, William.

This next case we would today refer to as child labor and it would have been against the law. How times have changed. I do not know what family this Ariail is connected to, but she is a servant to Elain F. Taylor.

Taylor
Elain F.     W   M   32       Wife
Vilante      W   F   30       Daughter
D. Florence  W   F   Aug 1879  Daughter
Ariail       Ella        B   F   12      Servant

The next documentation was not taken from the Census, but from the Pickens Sentinel of Nov 24, 1837. This slave may have belonged to either John Ariail and The Rev. John Ariail, his son. Notice how the spelling of the name had changed when that spelling was no longer controlled by the Ariail family itself. You can readily see that this girl’s father was owned by the Stuart family and carried the name Abraham Stuart.

On Tuesday last 21st inst. by W.L. Keith, Esq. Mr. Tho’s R. Price to Miss Ariel, eldest daughter of Abraham Stuart, all of Pickens district.