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OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH US

Thursday evening, 7:30 P.M. (January 3, 1985)
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2310 Augusta Road

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Thursday afternoon, 2:30 P.M. (January 3, 1985)
Greenville County Library Conference Room

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Monday afternoon, 2:00 P.M. (January 14, 1985)*
Foothills Group (Rev. Raymond L. Phillips)
St. Mary's Chapel, 208 North Poinsett Highway
Travelers Rest, S.C.

*Beginning with the January 1985 meeting, the Foothills Group will meet at 2:00 P.M. on the second Monday of each month rather than the third Monday as has been the schedule previously.

FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as President of the Greenville Chapter for 1983 and 1984. I would like to thank the members for their support during this period.

Special thanks to Katherine Hester for the excellent programs that were provided this year. Katherine's duties have been numerous and time-consuming. Not only did she serve as Vice President and Program Chairman, she worked with the Afternoon Group and the Foothills Group, took care of the membership, to name a few. As our President in 1985, I feel confident we will have our best year ever. Katherine, you have all our support.

This year Doris and Dan Jenkins served our Chapter well in many areas with great dedication. Doris and Caroline Edmonds assisted Penny Forrester with the *Newsletter* through most of the year. Doris and Dan did an outstanding job with providing refreshments for each meeting. Dan did a super job as Secretary and also as Chairman of the Annual State Meeting in November. His Committee put in many hours to make the meeting a success. Thanks also to those members that helped with registration, book sells, and to Jean Cheatham for a delightful tea to conclude the day's activity.

It has been a privilege to work with such dedicated people as Peggy Bridges, Emily Farr, and Dr. Sneary.

We were fortunate this year to have the very capable

Anne McCuen take over as Editor of our *Newsletter*. I am sure all of us will be looking forward to the forthcoming publications.



Sincerely,
Terry Thompson

UNINDEXED RECORDS

In the November 1984 issue of the *Newsletter*, we began publication of some of the documents recorded in the early Deed Books of Greenville County (1787-1913) which were not included in the typed alphabetized Grantor-Grantee Indexes. These documents are indexed (by first letter of surname only) in the front or back (as the case may be) of each volume of documents until 1840. Thereafter there are no indexes in the individual volumes. The Editor.

Greenville County Deed Books, Vol. A, page 220

South Carolina Greenville County May the nineteenth one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight. A Deed of Gift from Martha Parsons to her Children Lucy and Sarah Parsons. Proved by the oath of Robert Nelson Esquire and ordered to be Recorded. To all men to whom these presents shall come, I Martha Parsons do send Greeting. Know ye that I the said Martha Parsons of the State of South Carolina and County of Greenville for Divers Good moving me thereunto and for the goodwill and affection which I have and do beare toward my loving Children Lucy and Sarah Parsons of the same County have given and granted and by these presents do freely give and grant unto the said Lucy and Sarah Parsons their heirs Executors and assigns all and singular my good and Chattels Now being in my present dwelling house or possession which as follows - two feather beds and two cows and calves, three iron pots and three pewter dishes and three basons six pewter plates which before the signing of these presents I have delivered them the said Lucy and Sarah Parsons the above Inventory. Signed with my own hand To have and to hold the said goods and chattels to their the said Lucy and Sarah Parsons their heirs, Executors Administrators as their proper Rights and to their use without any manner of consideration. In witness whereof I have hereunto set

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UNINDEXED RECORDS (continued)

my hand and seal this twenty Eighth day of February one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight and the twelvth year of America Independence. Sign^d Sealed and Deliver^d In the presence of Robert Nelson, William Nelson, Martha Parsons (LS)

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This indenture made this seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty seven. Witnesseth that William Daniel son of Nancy Hickman, State of South Carolina Ninety Six District Greenville County hath put himself by her consent and by these presents doth voluntarily put himself Apprentice to John Ware of said County Blacksmith to learn his trade and mystery after the manner of an apprentice to serve him from the date hereto for and during the term of twelve years next ensuing during all which time the said Apprentice shall serve faithfully his said Master his secrets keep his lawful commands every where obey. He shall do no damage to his master, nor see it done by others without giving him notice thereof, he shall not waste his said masters goods nor lend them unlawfully to others, he shall not contract marriage within the said time without leave from his said master, he shall not buy nor sell, nor absent himself from his masters business day or night without leave, he shall not haunt alehouses nor play houses but in all things behave himself wisely as a faithful apprentice ought to do during the said time, and the s^d master shall use his utmost endeavor to teach or cause to be taught and instructed the said apprentice in his trade and mysteries he now professeth or occupieth and promise and provide for him, the said Apprentice, sufficient meat, Drink, apparel, washing and lodging fitting an apprentice during the said time, and he the said master shall give him a set of Blacksmiths tools, and teach him in Arithmatick and the rule of three in the end of his time, and in the time and behavial Performance of all and every of the said Articles and Covenants. Either of the said parties find themselves contrary to the other by these presents, they will, where they have interchangeably set their seal and seals the day and year next above written, Signed Sealed and Deliver^d In the presence of Benjamin Lottam, Thomas Ham, William (N) Daniel, Nancy (N) Hickman, John Ware.

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At a Court began and held for February Term AD 1790 was produced an Instrument of Writing respecting an arbitration between Alexander McKinney and Jonathan Musick produced in Court and Ordered to Recorded.

We the subscribers indifferently chosen as arbitrators to decide a dispute between Alexander McKinney and Jonathan Musick for his the s^d Musick saying that he the said McKinney had acted in a criminal maner with a man and having heard the Parties and their witnesses it was mutually considered that the said McKinney was innocent of the fact laid to his charge by the said Musick and we also of the opinion that the report prevailing through the country is respecting the same is false and groundless and also agree that the suit the said McKinney commenced against the said Musick is respecting the same be dismiss at his the said Musick's cost. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this the 9th day of February 1790. John Ford, Dennis Duff, Abraham Denton, Benja Merrit, Edman Franklin, Jordan Holcom, John Motlow, Martin Adams, Reubin Stringer, James Henry Robinson, William Lynch, James Stevenson.

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State of South Carolina Greenville County May the Seventeenth one thousand seven hundred and ninety. Sundry papers belonging to the estate of the late Captain Gerard Robinson of King George County Virginia Mariner, was presented into Court by John Gigsby Administrator of the estate of the s^d Gerard Robinson deceased and late from said County of King George and commonwealth of Virginia which on motion of the said John Gigsby was ordered to be recorded and certified

Know all men by these presents that I Gerrard Robinson of King George County in Virginia Mariner am held and firmly bound to William Skyren of Whitehaven in the County of Cumberland Merchant in the sum of seventy two pounds nine shillings a half pency of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to the said William Skyran or his certain attorney executors administrators or assignee I bind myself my heirs Executors Administrators and each of them firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this twenty first day of November in the seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third By the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and sixty seven.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Gerard Robinson his heirs Executors or administrators shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named William Skyran, his Executors Administrators or assigns, the full sum of thirty six pounds four shillings and six pence in manner and form as indorsed on the back of good and lawful money of Great Britain with interest for the same at and after the rate of five Pounds pCent Annum on the twenty first day of November in the year of our Lord 1770 without fraud or further delay then this Obligation to be void and of no effect or else to remain in full force and virtue. Sealed and delivered in the presence of William Werberadd and And^y Westray, Gerard Robinson (LS)

It is mutually agreed that if Isaiah Robinson of the City of London mariner do or shall at any time before the 21st of November 1770 discharge or pay any part of the

within mentioned sum of thirty six pounds four shillings and six pence such payment with the interest thereon shall be brought to the credit of the within bond as witness my hand. W^m Skyran. Witness: Will^m Wetherald, And^w Westray

The within Bond	36:4:6
Interest from Nov 21, 1767 to	
July 21, 1772	<u>8:8:9</u>
	44:13:3
Exchange 20PC to make	
V Cur	8:18:8
	53:11:11

1772 Jul 21 then received the above Sum of Fifty three Pounds seven shillings and eleven pence Virginia currency in an order on Mr. James Atkinson for fifty pounds sterling and interest thereon from the 2^d October 1762 and I oblige myself when I have advise of the said order being paid to Acct. with Mr John Grigsby and wife for what may be then due to them. William Templeman, Attorney for the Eⁿ of William Skyran.

Dec 5 1769 Capt. Robinson

Sir I am glad to hear of your safe arrival up Pitapsco River to Baltimore. Mr Thomas Bidwell my factor in London wrote me you were to come up Potomak River to Porttobacco, which would be very convenient to me in Acct. of my goods as I am in great want of them at present my stores are verry bare. Mr Bidwell further informs me there is a great many goods shipt on board a Snow now in your care for the Merchants on Potomack River at Porttobacco and Colchester and several others. I shall send down to you very shortly for my good by Richard Fuller a person I've employed as a skipper to go in my schooner Sally and Polley she is a very fine vessel for the use I intend her for, and when I send for my goods if you have not delivered the goods belonging to the Merchants at Porttobacco and Colchester deliver them to Richard Fuller on board my schooner and take his receipt for them delivered him from me and I'll indemnify you for the delivery of the s^d goods to Fuller in case any accident should happen to the said goods, though I conceive there is not the least danger of the freight will be putting a penny in my pocket, as I purchased the schooner for that purpose, if you know of any other persons on Potowmack or any place convenient to me that have goods on board my Snow send them to Fuller in the same manner as before mentioned and shall come over to Baltimore in few days if possible. I long to know how your outfit was in London. Mr Bidwell has not gave me a just Acct of it yet I know the Snow must be very bare when she arrived in London. Daniel Osdill I know to be an indolent wastful person he ought was oblig^d to bear with him at that time but I shall find an alteration if I live to come on board again. I am Sir your sincere friend and wellwisher. Jer: Aderton

To Capt. Gerrard Robertson on board the Snow Aderton Petapscoe River, Baltimore. To the care of Mr. Henry Thompson, Mercht. Baltimore.

Capt. Robinson Sir, I wrote to you sometime concerning the goods you had on board my Snow for me in your possession and sundry good belonging to the Merchants in Porttobacco and Colchester. I have sent the bearer Richard Fuller in my schooner Salley and Polley for all the goods you have on board the Snow belonging to me and all the goods for the Merchants on Petowmack River especially those at Porttabacco and Colchester as I've an opportunity of delivering them immediately they would have sent them for their goods but depended on me to fetch them round when I sent Fuller in my Schooner for my own, you would bin nearly clear of all your cargo of goods had they not depended on one pray dispatch Fuller as soon as in your power and you'll greatly oblige your friend and humble serv^t. Jer: Aderton

To Capt. Gerrard Robinson on Board the Snow Aderton Petapsco River Baltimore/R^d Fuller. Dec 10, 1769

Petapsco River (Dec 26yd 20th) then Received from on	
GCB 1 Bale No1	board the Snow Aderton 1769 Ger-
1 do No2	rard Robinson Master, on board the
1 do No3	schooner Salley and Polley seven
Box No4	packidges of goods for Mr. David
GIB 1 Bale No1	Walker at Porttobacco to be for-
1 do No2	warded immediately by Mr. Jeremiah
1 do No3	Aderton marks and No as in the mar-
	gent as witness my hand. Richard
	Fuller for Jer. Aderton.

First sale of land, resulting from a Writte of Fieri Facias, to be executed (and then recorded) in Greenville County Records.

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The following Title from Thomas Farrar to William Easley was produced in Open Court and proven by the oath of John Gowen and ordered to be Recorded. Recorded this 22nd Dec. 1790.

State of South Carolina This Indenture made the fifteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety and in the Fifteenth year of American Independance between Thomas Farrar, Esq., Sheriff of Ninety six district and the state aforesaid of the one part and William Easley of the other part witnesseth whereas John McElheny was lately seized in fee simple to him and his heirs forever of and in all that plantation or tract of land containing two hundred acres be the same more or less situate lying and being in the district of Ninety Six Greenville County on both sides of the Middle Fork of Tygar River adjoining to land laid out to Michael Miller on the west and hath such shapes form and marks as in represented by a plat hereunto annexed and whereas Robert Carter did in April term in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four commence an action of Damage in the Court of Common Pleas at Charleston against the s^d John McElheny in which action such proceedings were had in the said Court that the s^d Robert Carter did on the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five Obtain Judgment against the s^d John McElheny in the Court aforesaid for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling money for the damages and cost by him appended in behalf of his s^d suit as in and by the

Records of the s^d Court reference thereunto being had may more fully and at large appear in pursuance of which judgment there issued from the Court afores^d a certain Writ of Fieri Facias tested by the honourable Thomas Haywood Esquire one of the associate judges of the s^d Court at Charleston in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight and in the twelfth year of American Independence directed to all and singular the Sheriffs of s^d State commanding them and each of them that of the good and chattels houses lands and other hereditaments and Real Estate of the s^d John McElheney they should cause to be levied the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling Money for and against the s^d Robert Carter against the s^d McElheney in the Court aforesaid had lately obtained Judgement as was set forth in obedience to which Writ of Fieri Facias the s^d Thomas Farrar Sheriff of the s^d Ninety six District did seize and take unto execution all the aforesaid plantation or tract of Land herein before mentioned and after secure and leaving give due and legal notice and expens, the same to Sale at Public Auction advertising in the public Gazette and otherwise the s^d Thomas Farrar did on the sixteenth day of March one thousand and seven hundred and ninety four toward satisfaction of the aforesaid judgment sell and dispose of the aforesaid plantation or tract of land herein mentioned with the appurtenances unto the aforesaid William Easley for the sum of seventeen pounds one shilling Sterling money he at that price or sum being the highest bidder for the same according to the usage and custom of vendues. Now this indenture witnesseth that the s^d Thomas Farrar for in consideration of the sum of seventeen pounds one Shilling sterling to him in hand paid and truly paid by the s^d William Easley at and before the Sealing and delivering of these presents the s^d Thomas Farrar is hereby acknowledged hath granted sold and sealed by these presents doth grant bar-

gain and sell unto the s^d William Easley all the aforesaid plantation or tract of land together with all and singular the Rights members and appurtenances whatsoever to the s^d plantation or tract of land belonging or in anywise incident or appurtenant to the reverse or reversions, remainder and remainders rents, issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof unto the s^d William Easley his heirs and assigns and to his and their proper use benefit and behalf forever. In Witness whereof the s^d Thomas Farrar hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written. Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Jn^o Gowen, Millington Easley, Thomas Farrar, Sheriff Ninety-six District (I.S)

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To all to whom it may concern that whereas Catherine Odear, widow, now an inhabitant of Greenville County and Ninety Six District and formerly bind or have bound by the worshipful Court of Fairfield County two children Benjamin and James unto Alexander Peadan and that the Catherine having made sufficient provision for the support of herself and Family and that the s^d Alexander Peadan being willing to assign his claim to s^d children above mentioned unto their Mother the s^d Catherine being desirous to take raise and support them the parties above mentioned do therefore enter into the following agreement, viz. that the s^d Catherine Odear agrees to take the s^d children under her care and management and releasing the s^d Alexander Peadan as hereby agree to assign and give up his right and claim in the services afores^d children Benjamin and James unto the s^d Catherine Odear to which agreement we witnesseth hereunto set our hands this twelfth day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety. Ale^x Peden, Catherine (X) Odear (I.S). Wit: John Peden, James Alexander.

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