

NEWSPAPER ABSTRACTS FROM
"THE ABBEVILLE BANNER"
Abbeville, South Carolina
for
the years 1854 and 1855

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, JANUARY 12, 1854

MARRIAGES

Married on the evening of the 5th of January 1854 by the Rev. A. Montgomery,
Mr. Mathew R. COCHRAN to Miss Mary A. NEWELL, all of Abbeville district.

Married on Tuesday evening the 3rd instant, by the Rev. John Boozer, Mr.
James H. MORRIS to Miss Ann Elizabeth McCASLAN, all of this district.

NOTICE

During my absence to the West, I have placed in the hands of the Ordinary,
all my notes and accounts, now due. Payment is desired as soon as possible.
A.T. SALE

NOTICE

All persons indebted to the estate of Wm. TOLBERT, deceased, are requested
to make payment on or before the 25th day of January 1854. Those having
demands against the estate are requested to present them legally attested,
as a final settlement will be made in the Ordinary's office on that day.
Thos. RILEY, J.F. TOLBERT, Executors

NOTICE

All persons indebted to the estate of John RICHEY, deceased, are requested
to make payment and those having demands against the estate are required to
present them legally attested. All the legatees of the said John RICHEY are
hereby notified to appear before the Ordinary at Abbeville court house on
the second day of March 1854, as a final settlement of the said estate will
be made on that day. B.P. HUGHES, Administrator

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, FEBRUARY 2, 1854

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

The property of the late Mrs. Jane DONALD, deceased, will be sold at public auction at the late residence of the said deceased, on Wednesday the 5th of February, consisting of several likely negroes, horses, cows, hogs, a quantity of salted pork, corn, fodder, cotton in the seed, plantation tools and many other articles too numerous to mention. Francis ATKINS, administrator with the Will annexed. Jan. 25, 1854

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, NOVEMBER 23, 1854

DESPERATE BATTLE WITH A DEER

Not long since, two little boys, sons of J.F. CRAWFORD of this District, one seven years of age and the other nine years of age, were returning from school when they were fiercely pounced upon by a tame buck roaming at large over the county. The first attack was upon the younger boy who stood his ground with the resolution of a Camisard; the older one in the meantime was coming to his assistance.

The little fellows after a few passes, however, discovered to their dismay that the long horns and sharp feet of the enraged deer were very dangerous weapons, and the one first attacked was quickly hurled to the ground exhausted and bleeding. The maddened animal then turned upon the other who urged his little brother to seize the opportunity and make his escape across a neighboring fence. He sprang for it with his remaining strength, and was in the act of leaping over when he was again set upon and received a deep wound in his back.

At this moment, a negro man coming up, rescued the young combatants from their perilous situation, and they were carried home bruised and bleeding from head to foot. Besides the wound in the back of the younger brother, the older one had received a horn in his mouth which penetrated the cheek near the ear, producing an ugly gash. Their clothing, even to their socks, were stripped off of them in shreds.

MARRIAGES

Married on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14th by Rev. James Moore, Mr. James A. CALDWELL of Cass county, Georgia to Miss Sarah A. MAGER, of Anderson District, South Carolina.

OBITUARY

DIED, in Abbeville District at the residence of his brother-in-law Rev. W.H. Davis, on the 23rd ult., Edward Randolph MORAGNE, youngest son of Isaac MORAGNE, deceased, aged 19 years. He was about finishing his academic course with the view of entering college this fall, but in one short week, was hurried to the grave. And such is life! "Man is a transient fading flower, that even in blossoming dies."

The remembrance of one so gentle and affectionate, so guileless and trustworthy, will be pleasant tho' mournful to the memory of those who knew him well. In his life, conversation and manners, he was remarkable for purity and simplicity which are too seldom seen in this corrupting world; it is not known to his friends that he ever uttered a profane or vulgar word.

In his last moments, his patient endurance and lovely submission endeared him still more to the mourning hearts around him. He had not previously made an open profession of piety; but it was apparent that the teachings of his pious mother had not been lost upon his serious and reflecting mind. He received the consolations of religion with a simple and childish fondness. Nearly his last breath was spent in an earnest desire for that "eternal life" described to him as a state of immortal rest and happiness. The solemn and interesting scenes of his dying hour will not easily be forgotten by the many who witnessed it, so calm, so rational, so free from earthly wishes, it seemed indeed, "quite on the verge of Heaven."

RANAWAY

Ranaway from the owner James SMITH, in Anderson District, a negro boy BOB, about 30 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high, black complexion, medium size, weight about 160 pounds. The said negro left on Sunday evening the 14th inst. The owner is now on his way to Texas. Any information concerning said boy will be communicated to Robert SMITH residing near Cokesbury in Abbeville district who will pay charges and take him in custody. James SMITH, Nov. 18, 1854

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, A.B. KENNEDY has applied for Letters of Administration on the estate of William WATSON, deceased, late of the district, aforesaid. This is to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Court of Ordinary on the 6th day of Dec. next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 18th of Nov. 1854. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Wm. H. DAVIS has applied for Letters of Administration on the estate of Edward MORAGNE, deceased, late of the district, aforesaid. This is to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Court of Ordinary on the 5th day of Dec. next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 20th of Nov. 1854. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, T.J. MABREY has applied for Letters of Administration on the estate of William HENDERSON, deceased, late of the district, aforesaid. This is to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Court of Ordinary on the 5th day of Dec. next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 21st of Nov. 1854. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

NOTICE

I hereby give notice to all the distributees of the estate of Reuben L. MABRY, deceased, and especially to Wyatt C. HOLMES and Barbara his wife, and Caroline C. MABRY, who reside in the state of Mississippi, that a settlement of the personal estate will be made in the office of the Ordinary of Abbeville district on the first Wednesday of February, 1855. M.W. MABRY, Administrator, Oct. 30, 1854

FOR SALE

The subscriber offers for sale his tract of land near Willington, Abbeville District, containing three hundred and fifty acres of upland and bounded by lands of A. BURT, Dr. Wm. TENNANT and others. About two hundred acres are in woods finely timbered. On the premises is a comfortable dwelling house, out buildings and new Gin House. S.L. DEVEAUX, Oct. 21, 1854

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Samuel E. PRUITT, vs. John MILLER and wife Nancy, Esther PRUITT, Starling BOWEN and Mary his wife, et al., Defendants

It appearing that James PRUITT and Elizabeth his wife, Andrew PRUITT and Isaac PRUITT, defendants in this case, reside without the limits of this state. It is therefore ordered that they do appear and object to the division or sale of the Real Estate of Samuel PRUITT on or before the first Monday in January 1855, or their consent to the same will be entered on record. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District. Oct. 2, 1854

NOTE: The above were the only newspapers microfilmed for the year 1854 on this microfilm roll. Many of the pages were torn or missing for the years which were microfilmed.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MARCH 29, 1855

MAJOR JOHN POWER

We regret to learn that this old and estimable citizen of Abbeville, breathed his last at his residence on Tuesday the 6th inst., in the 87th year of his age. He has descended peacefully to the tomb that he had long anticipated with emotions of pleasure, after a life of usefulness and respectability. A venerable relict, with numerous children, grandchildren and great grandchildren mourn his loss.

MARRIAGES

Married on the evening of the 15th instant, by the Rev. W.C. Morrow, Mr. Samuel A. BARNETT, formerly of Abbeville, S.C. to Miss M.C. STALLWORTH of Evergreen, Conecuh county, Alabama.

NOTICE

All persons having demands against the estate of Thomas SMITH, deceased, will present them to the Administratrix in the Ordinary's office on Tuesday after the first Monday in May next, on which day the final settlement of the

estate will be made. Eliza SMITH, Adminstratrix, March 19, 1855

NOTICE

All persons having demands against the estate of Joel SMITH, deceased, are requested to present them properly attested to the undersigned, to whom also those indebted to the estate, are requested to make payment. A.M. SMITH, J.M. PERRIN, Executors, March 1, 1855

NOTICE

The Administrators of the estate of Margaret RICHEY, deceased, will make final settlement of the estate in the Ordinary's office at the Abbeville courthouse on the Tuesday after the first Monday in April next. All persons interested in the estate are notified to be present. Robert DUNN, Andrew DUNN, Administrators, January 4, 1855

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, JULY 12, 1855

OBITUARY

Departed this life on the 24th ult., in the 48th year of her age, Mrs. Martha HILL, consort of Rev. W.P. HILL, of Greenwood, Abbeville District, South Carolina.

Few individuals possessed as many excellencies of character as the subject of this notice. All those natural virtues which adorn the female character, seemed to unite in her. Added to these were the graces of the Holy Spirit, which, blended with her natural qualities, rendered her not only an amiable female but likewise a humble and devoted Christian.

Truly, she was "adorned with a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God, is of great price." The possession of these virtues qualified her for the performance of the severel duties arising from the relations of life, as daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend. These duties she discharged in such manner as to secure the confidence and esteem of all who knew her.

Yea, of her, it might be said, "she had not an enemy." Her kind and affable manner gained her friends, her prudence and fidelity retained them. The kind attentions which the citizens of the community in which she had lived fifteen years, bestowed upon her during her late illness, gave evidence of the high respect which they entertained for her. These were gratefully appreciated by her, as she expressed to the writer and others.

To her husband she was indeed a helpmeet, not only in his domestic engagements but also in his ministerial vocation. And her three children now know and feel that they have lost a mother. For more than twenty-two years she was a consistent member of the Baptist church, enjoying a large portion of personal piety and exerting a holy influence by her placid disposition; her punctual attendance on religious exercises, her pious conversation, and her uniform deportment.

Her last illness furnished an occasion of putting to the test the genuineness of her piety and the sincerity of her profession. Attacked violently with that painful and alarming disease, Dysentery, which in her case baffled the skill of physicians and the power of medicine, her sufferings were indeed intense, yet not a murmur escaped her lips. The writer of this brief tribute of respect, conversed with her with regard to her future prospect, and on one occasion remarked "it is necessary that we should make ourselves familiar with death, as that we may always be ready, and not be alarmed at its approach." To which she replied, " I have long ago put my trust in God and feel entirely resigned to his will, and ready to depart whenever he may call me away. Christ is precious to me as a Savior."

For twelve days she bore her sufferings with great fortitude, her confidence in God growing stronger daily. The chief anxiety she manifested was to see her husband who was absent on ministerial duties, and who was enabled to return in time to witness the fortitude with which she bore her sufferings, to converse with her upon her preparations for death, and hear the exhortations she addressed individually to her children, to meet her in Heaven. For, she said " I am going there."

About the rising of the sun on the morning of the Lord's day, the happy spirit of our dear sister took its flight from its earthly house up to that "building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." She has left a husband and three children, a mother, sisters and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her decease. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." J.M.C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Harvey H. NELSON, deceased

Whereas, application has this day been made by Louisa E. NELSON, the widow of said deceased, requiring the paper purporting to contain the Last Will and Testament of the said Harvey NELSON, to be proved in due form of law. This is therefore to cite:

Enoch NELSON, Executor

Hepley LIPFORD and wife Mary E.

Augustus LOMAX and wife Mary A.

The above who are next of kin and heirs at law of the said deceased are given notice to appear either in person or by attorney, at the Court of Ordinary for Abbeville District, to be held at Abbeville courthouse on Friday the 17th of August next, at which time and place the validity of said paper will be tried. This 17th day of May, 1855. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Equity

Barlett M. CHEATHAM vs. Jane SIMPSON, et. al

Billf for Sale of Trust and Estate

Pursuant to the order of Chancellor Johnston in this case, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville courthouse on Sale Day in August next, a likely family of negroes, viz: a woman Fanny and her five children, Charlotte, William, Sarah, David and Frank. Wm.H. Parker, Court of Equity, Abbeville District. July 2, 1855

NOTICE

All persons indebted to the estate of Isabella MATHIS, deceased, are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the said estate will present their demands for payment on or before the second Monday in August next. C.B. GUFFIN, T.M. MORROW, Administrators. May 1, 1855

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE

The subscriber having determined to go West, offers his house and lot in the town of Due West, for sale. The house is a convenient and comfortable one with five rooms. There are on the lot three other rooms suitable for boarders, together with all buildings necessary to make a comfortable home. The lot is large and the location is one of the most desirable in town. F.W.R. NANCE, May 23, 1855

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Equity

Elizabeth CLAY vs. Shadrack CLAY, James CLAY, William CLAY and others

Bill for Partition

It appearing that Shadrack Clay, James Clay and William Clay, defendants in the above stated case, reside beyond the limits of this state. It is ordered that the defendants do appear, plead, answer or demur to said Bill of Complaint within three months from the publication hereof, or the same will be taken Pro Confesso against them. W.H. Parker, Court of Equity, Abbeville District, May 25, 1855

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Equity

John BROWN and Williams TRUITT, Executors of Joseph BROWN, vs. Macklin BROWN and Uriah BROWN and others

Bill for Settlements of Accounts

It appearing that Macklin BROWN, Atkins CORLEY, Joseph DEASON and Beatrice DEASON, Henry BAILEY, Serand? BAILEY and Elizabeth BAILEY his wife, defendants in the above stated case, reside beyond the limits of this state. It is ordered that the defendants do appear, plead, answer or demur to said Bill of Complaint within three months from the publication hereof, or the same will be taken Pro Confesso against them. W.H. Parker, Court of Equity, Abbeville District, April 30, 1855

FIFTY DOLLAR REWARD

I will pay the above reward to any one who will lodge my boy RICHARD in Abbeville Jail. The said boy RICHARD is black, about 6 feet high and stout. I have reason to believe that he is somewhere in the neighborhood above Cokesbury, as he has relatives there. J.R. DUKES, Cassville, Georgia, April 15, 1855

NOTE: There were NO other newspaper issues microfilmed for the year 1855.
