

NEWSPAPER ABSTRACTS FROM  
"THE ABBEVILLE BANNER"  
Abbeville, South Carolina  
for  
APRIL 1856 and MAY 1856

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 3, 1856

OBITUARY

Departed this life, of Pulmonary Consumption, in Madison county, Mississippi in the 54th year of her age, Mrs. Mary McALLISTER, consort of David R. McALLISTER, both formerly of this District. She endured much bodily suffering during her protracted illness but bore it with Christian resignation and patience, and died in full assurance of a happy immortality beyond the grave. A bereaved husband and six children mourn their irreparable loss.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District  
Court of Equity

Richard S. HILL vs. Thomas O. HILL, David F. HILL, Jas. H. LINN and others

It appearing that James H. LINN, one of the defendants in the above stated case, resides beyond the limits of this state. It is ordered that the defendant do plead, answer or demur to the Complainant's Bill of Complaint within three months from publication hereof, or the same will be taken Pro Confesso against him. W.H. Parker, Court of Equity for Abbeville District.  
March 11, 1856

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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 10, 1856

MARRIAGES

Married on the 25th inst., by Rev. G.W. M. Creighton, Mr. J.P.W. CROMER of Abbeville to Miss R.P. BARNES of Lowndsville, S.C.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District  
Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Leroy J. JOHNSON has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Martha P. HUEY, late of said district, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Ordinary's Court of said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 21st day of April, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 5th day of April 1856. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 17, 1856

## MURDER AND SUICIDE

The Pickens Courier of the 12th inst., states that Mr. KUTHMAN, near Walhalla, after a shooting a negro woman belonging to Mr. RILEY, committed suicide.

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## OBITUARIES

DIED, at the residence of her father near Abbeville C.H., on the morning of the 6th inst., Mrs. Mary Norwood LOMAX, consort of Mr. William James LOMAX and eldest daughter of John A. CALHOUN, all of this District. She was born at Abbeville C.H. on the 30th of March 1834 and was just twenty-two years and six days of age. Having been brought up by a mother admirably qualified to impress upon a daughter's character the excellent virtues which adorned her own, and educated with exactness, care and thorough discipline of mind at Dr. Mark's celebrated Female School in Columbia, where she graduated with the highest honors of the Institution, she entered upon the responsibilities of married life with a superior understanding and finished cultivation, and was, altogether, one of the most lovely and accomplished women of her age.

About two years ago, she joined the M.E. church. From then up to the time of her death, she was a consistent Christian. Her religious principles were solid, based upon revealed truth and singularly influential, producing a beautiful harmony of grace and virtues of character, humility, blended with dignity; trust in God, with self supporting energy; reliance on God with a holy, consistent walk.

She had the vital warmth of heart which could attach to her all who came within reach; the purity simplicity and sincerity which threw a charm over her while intercouring with society and the clear, strong, practical understanding which challenged respect and admiration.

In the little world of her home, she was felt by him who mourns her untimely departure, to be a faultless christian. And how fully was the truth of this opinion exemplified in her last moments. Upon being asked by her companion in life if she was afraid to die, she promptly but calmly replied "No, death has no terror for me." Shortly after which remark, she gently sunk to sleep supported by those thoughts which hallow the couch when true piety dies.

Her body now lies entombed with slumbering millions and her spirit has returned to God who gave it. Her friends and relations mourn her departure and weep over the resting place of their darling child. But father, mother, brothers, sisters and above all, husband, ought you thus to repine at your fate, when you reflect upon the many christian graces that glittered in splendid imagery around her dying couch, like the enchanting beams of the

setting sun upon the western sky. In the last ebbings of nature, did she not afford you the cheering consolation that the highest beauty of her life was of its retrospection?

Are you not convinced then, that your temporal loss has been her eternal gain? Are you not satisfied that her soul is now bathing and basking in the broad sunlight of celestial bliss? Do you not believe that her name is now sparkling and glowing in characters of living light, high up upon the immortal columns of the New Jerusalem? Is not now Heaven her Home and Eternity her lifetime? If then, you entertain Christian views of life and death, instead of mourning, ought you not rather to rejoice that she has been freed from the pain and anxiety and trouble and perplexity and anguish, of this vale of tears?

The deceased left two children, a son and a daughter. They are both too young to feel her loss. Dear little innocents! That "the choicest blessings of Heaven may rest upon your heads and its purity always exist in your hearts" is the prayer of your dear Mother's Friend.

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DEPARTED this life, yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth WESTFIELD, wife of Edward WESTFIELD of this village, after a protracted illness of six weeks. Several years previous to her death, Mrs. Westfield connected herself with the Methodist Episcopal church; lived a consistent pious life, was faithful to all the duties which devolved upon her, as a Christian, a wife, a mother and a friend, and died in hope of a blessed immortality. Her sorrowing relatives may safely appropriate to themselves the precious consolation" that their loss is Heaven's gain."

The deceased leaves a devoted husband bowed to the earth under the heavy affliction, which in his own language "strips him of his all", a tender babe, her only surviving child, whose existence bears date with its mother's last illness, and many near and dear relations and friends. Our departed friend filled a large space in the affections of the people of this community. The vacuum in their regards which her death creates, cannot be readily supplied. Our village has sustained a great bereavement.

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DIED, on the morning of the 31st ult., Mrs. Susan E. BLACK, wife of James W. BLACK, in the thirty-sixth year of her age. Suddenly, did this mournful and unexpected event overwhelm, in the most intense pain and grief, her husband and little ones, to whom the loss of such a wife and mother is irreparable. Verily, "in the midst of life, we are in death."

The deceased was a most devoted, affectionate and faithful wife and mother, whose love and care of her husband and children ever modestly and tenderly pervaded all of her actions. She was one whose charity was ever active without display and she was kind to the poor. She lived on the most friendly terms with all with whom she had social intercourse and has left many friends who will long kindly cherish her memory.

She was a humble and consistent member of the Methodist church, to which she had been attached for the past sixteen years. She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her removal, with the consoling hope which we have reason to feel, that their loss is her eternal gain.

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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 24, 1856

#### LAND FOR SALE

The subscriber, wishing to go West, offers his land for sale, lying nine miles above Lowndesville on the Anderson road, containing 450 acres, about 300 acres in woods and 20 acres of good bottom land in cultivation. A comfortable dwelling and Gin house and other necessary out buildings are on the premises. F.A. YOUNG, Moffatsville, Anderson, S.C., April 22, 1856

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District  
Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Mary A. ANDREWS has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of James A. ANDREWS, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Ordinary's Court of said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse, on the eighth day of May next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 19th day of April 1856. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

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#### OBITUARY

##### ANOTHER SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION GONE

DIED, on the 14th inst., at his residence near Greenwood in this District, Capt. Andrew LOGAN, at the advanced age of 93 years. Capt. Logan in the bloom of manhood, was present at the siege of Ninety-Six which began on the morning of the 23rd of May 1781; and afterwards became an active partizan in the desultory warfare sustained by the gallant Moore and his compatriots against the predatory and remorseless bands of Tories who ravaged the country on the disastrous retreat of Green from Ninety-Six. Near the close of the same year, 1781, he marched with Gen. Pickens on his famous expedition against the Cherokee Indians; in which, at the head of three hundred and ninety four mounted men, in a campaign of only fourteen days, burned thirteen towns, killed forty Indians and took a large number of prisoners without the loss of a man from his party.

In private life, he was a most indulgent father and master; temperate in his habits, indefatigably industrious, just to all men and punctiliously

honorable; amiable and retiring in his disposition, but of iron will, and a physical constitution whose strength it required near a century to exhaust. A soldier in his early life, in the cause of human right, it was the glory of his old age to live and die a soldier of the Cross. The natural force of his mind was not perceptibly abated to the last; and his body, though not so active as once, was still stalwart and straight as an arrow. He passed away calmly as "sinks the gale when storms are o'er", surrounded by his children of three generations, exulting in the prospect of a glorious immortality.

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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 1, 1856

#### SUICIDE

We are pained to learn that on the 18th instant, Mr. Gideon McWHORTER of this District, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a gun. He was a man of family and in the prime of life. We have not heard the cause of this act. The Keowee Courier, the 26th ultimo.

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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 8, 1856

#### OBITUARY

DIED, at his residence on the 16th of March, Francis ATKINS, of this district. The deceased was a kind husband, a devoted father and humane master. He left a widowed wife and four children to mourn his loss.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District  
Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Sarah RUSSELL has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of John RUSSELL, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Ordinary's Court of said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse, on the 21st day of May next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 5th day of May 1856. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 15, 1856

#### MARRIAGES

Married on the 24th of April, at the residence of Maj. Wm. C. Norwood in Troup County, Georgia, by the Rev. William Cunningham, Mr. J. Ellison PATTERSON of Stewart county, Georgia to Miss Louisa H., daughter of Dr. W.C. NORWOOD of

Cokesbury, S.C.  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District  
Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Andrew H. CALLAHAM has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of John R. CALLAHAM, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Ordinary's Court of said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse, on the 29th day of May, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 14th day of May 1856. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District  
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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 22, 1856

GOLD

We were shown, a few days since, a lump of gold, taken from the premises of Lewis RICH in this district, worth, we suppose, six or seven dollars. The appearance of the rock as described to us, near which it was found, affords the strongest evidence of an auriferous vein in the vicinity. Sometime since, we were shown specimens of ore from the plantation of Mr. CUNNINGHAM; but as we learned, it was the intention to test its quality, we omitted to mention the fact, expecting soon to hear the results. We have also heard that a valuable mine has been discovered upon the premises of Col. Jas. E. CALHOUN. Who knows but that old Abbeville may yet prove as rich in this precious mineral as the hills and plains of California.  
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AWFUL OCCURRENCE

Mr. James BURKHALTER in the neighborhood of Coopersville, Edgefield District, came to an untimely end a few days since, in the following shocking manner: He was attending to his mother's business and returning with the hands from the field, he mounted one of the mules just taken out of the plow. From some cause, the mule took fright and ran away, unseating the rider. In falling, Mr. Burkhalter's leg became entangled in the gear and he was dragged a considerable distance over much ground. When extricated, he was found to be horribly injured and died in a very short time. The Edgefield Advertiser  
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MARRIAGES

Married on May 12th 1856 by the Rev. Joseph Gibert, Mr. R.W. CARPENTER of Elberton, Georgia to Miss Samantha PRATHER of Lowndesville, S.C.  
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## OBITUARY

DIED, of Scarlet Fever at Poplar Hill near Cambridge, on Wednesday the 30th of April 1856, Buel Anderson, eldest son of James and Eliza H. McCracken, age 12 years, 4 months and 4 days. And, died on Wednesday, May 7th of the same fearful disease, James Blair, the second son, aged 11 years, 1 month and 5 days.

Seldom have the hearts of fond parents been stricken under more painful circumstances or by the loss of more interesting children, than in the sudden death of these promising little boys. Just on the threshold of young manhood, intelligent, active and trained with the anxious care of a pious, educated parentage, human foresight would have promised long life, and a proud reward of wordly usefulness and success.

But that God whose thoughts are not as men's thoughts, and whose ways are past finding out, decreed otherwise. They were both remarkable for their obedience and love of truth; the last act of little Buel, an effort that proved the proximate cause of his death, was an act of obedience.

James was a boy of uncommon talents and gave promise of a brilliant future. Early taught to reverence the work of God, it was his delight to study it himself and read it to the servants and younger members of the household. The bereaved parents have the heart felt sympathies of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 29, 1856

### DEATH OF MAJ. WM. L. KEITH

It is our painful duty to announce the death of this aged gentleman. He breathed his last at his residence in this village on Tuesday night last, after an illness of several weeks, during which time his sufferings were great. His disease was thought to be an affliction of the heart.

Maj. Keith was in some respects a remarkable man. He held the office of Clerk of the Court for this District by re-election for nearly twenty-eight years and was a most efficient, attentive and courteous officer. He also discharged the duties of Commissioner in Equity for several years. The deceased was in his 61st year and his death is mourned by a large family connection, and many friends and admirers. The Keowee Courier, the 24th inst.

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## MARRIAGES

Married on Sunday morning the 18th of May by the Rev. Mr. Smith, A.F. WIMBISH of Abbeville, S.C. and Mrs. Susan BURTON of Elberton, Georgia. "May their hearts united prove, in mutual joys and faithful love."

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District  
Court of Ordinary

Whereas, John A. HUNTER has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of James M'CREE, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Ordinary's Court of said district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse, on the 11th day of June, next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 27th day of May 1856. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

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