

NEWSPAPER ABSTRACTS FROM
"THE ABBEVILLE BANNER"
Abbeville, South Carolina
for
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NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 2, 1857

SWINDLERS ARRESTED

Two men who have been watched by our police for some time past, named COLTON, alias SNODGRASS and DUFFIE, alias HAMMOND, were arrested about two o'clock yesterday, just after obtaining about \$60. under false pretenses from a Mr. BLAKE of Abbeville. COLTON and DUFFIE were lodged in the Guard House and will be sent out of the city today, after their Daguerreotypes, with the Chief of Police. The Charleston Courier

THE REMAINS OF CAPT. PETTIGREW

The remains of this accomplished officer, accompanied by the Hon. J.L. PETTIGREW, Col. H.C. KING and several others, relatives and friends, arrived in this city yesterday morning on their way to the family vault in Abbeville District. A train on the Greenville Road was in waiting and preceded on without detention. The Carolina Times, the 30th ult.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 9, 1857

MARRIAGES

Married on the 31st of March by Rev. J.W. Townsend, Larkin A. ARNOLD of Floyd county, Georgia to Miss Susan E. ALEXANDER of this District.

STAGE LINE from Abbeville, S.C. to Washington, Georgia

A four- horse stage leaves Abbeville on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Washington, Georgia. The stage leaves Washington, Georgia on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. A daily train leaves Washington, Georgia at 7 o'clock a.m. for Atlanta. The Office of the Post Office, John McBRYDE, Agent, Abbeville, S.C., April 9, 1857

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 16, 1857

DR. L. H. SMITH

We copy the following anouncement from The Carolina Times of the 10th inst. It will be read with regret by the numerous friends of the deceased in this district.

It is our melancholy duty to announce the death of Dr. L.H. SMITH of the firm of Smith and Huot, who departed this life yesterday morning after a short illness. Dr. Smith was a native of Abbeville district and recently moved to this city, having purchased with Dr. Huot, the Drug Establishment of Dr. Boatwright.

In February last, he visited Chrleston as a Delegate to the State Medical Society, having been selected by that body to deliver the annual Oration before the Society. Shortly after his return home, he took to his bed with Measles, and although it was thought he had recovered from its effects, yet a relapse and severe affliction, the consequence of the disease, speedily hurried him to that bourne whence none return.

Dr. Smith was regarded by all who were qualified to express an opinion, as an ornament to the profession of which he was an able member. During his brief residence in this city, he succeeded by his amiableness and socialibility to gather around him many admirers and constant friends. We are truly pained in recording the death of so promising and useful a citizen.

THE TUCKER WILL CASE

This interesting case was tried at Laurens in Spring Term, 1857, and from its peculiar circumstances, elicited considerable interest. It was to test the Will of one Mr. TUCKER, a bachelor, who had devised all his estate to Mr. W.W. BELCHER of Abbeville District, a stranger, thereby depriving his relations, who consisted of one brother, sister, nephews, nieces, etc., of the enjoyment of his property. On the evidence it appeared that old Mr. TUCKER, like a great many other people in the world, was a monomaniac, believed in witchcraft, and was totally, so far as social, religious or political intercourse was concerned, separated from the world. He was old, diseased in body, but generally believed by those who had business transactions with him, of good mind, able to transact his business, and for one of his age and infirmities, a man of remarkably retentive memory.

He seldom conversed upon any subject, but would turn the conversation to his favorite theme of witchcraft; thought he had red-headed scorpions

running up his leg, and had taken bugs out of his ear, a bottle full. On every other subject he was as sensible as could be expected from one in his circumstances or condition. Several had business transactions with him, and he always exhibited a knowledge of what he was doing.

One of the witnesses, however, a Magistrate, thought he did not know his legal rights in a case in which he (Tucker) was called before him and that he predicated his incompetency upon that fact.

This was about the substance of the testimony for and against the competency of the devisor, TUCKER. It was in evidence that the old Mr. Tucker lived in constant companion with no white person; his negroes and farm seemed to be his world and so far as the comforts of life were concerned, his negroes were better off than himself. One of them accompanied him wherever he went and transacted all of his business in the way of trading at the different stores in the village. Several witnesses testified that the testator had always said that he did not intend his relations to enjoy any of his property.

A negro, George, seemed to be the chief of his servants, and acted as his master's body servant. The master seemed to be directed by the opinions of George upon most subjects. George finally bought himself for One Thousand Dollars and, as was admitted by the Plaintiff, is now in the State of Pennsylvania. He was present with his master when the bill of sale was executed. George paid Nine Hundred Dollars at that time and Mr. Tucker said that he had paid him one hundred dollars before. George said that he had borrowed two hundred dollars from Mr. BELCHER and Mr. Tucker handed him that amount back.

George was also present when a certain instrument of writing, being a Deed of Trust of Tucker's Negroes, was given to Mr. Belcher in contravention of the Act of 1841, against emancipation or nominal servitude. The Magistrate told him (Tucker) it would not be a legal instrument, but George insisted that it should be written, and paid the Magistrate \$1.50 for the service. George said that he was Free and wanted his brother and sister servants to be as free as himself.

On another occasion, one of the old man's negroes, BIRD, became unruly, and Tucker requested Mr. McKelvy to send for BIRD and take him to his place and keep him at work until he got more tractible, adding that as Bird might not be disposed to go, he (McKelvy) had better bring two persons with him. McKelvy and two others went for Bird the next morning, who refused to go. Bird went to the old man who finally concluded that Bird might not go. But George said that Bird should go, for they all had to work and Bird must work too; that somebody must be master, and he (George) might as well be master as anyone, and Bird was sent.

This was substantially the evidence for and against the exercise of undue influence, and also for and against the violation of the Act of 1841,

under each of which, if sustained, the Will was void.

Mr. Thompson of Abbeville opened the case for the Will and briefly but pointedly touched upon the prominent points involved in the case. He argued that the case was out of the statute because the Will was not a bequest of Negroes; the negroes had been conveyed by Deed to Mr. Belcher, and not mentioned in the Will; that in regard to competency, no proof had been brought forward, the defendants relied upon the peculiar idiosyncracies of the testator in regard to witchcraft and other delusions; that if this was proof of incompetency, then the great master of English Literature, Johnson, could not make a Will, for he believed in ghosts and witches, and would occasionally, when under the influence of such delusions, fall upon his knees and say the Lord's Prayer; he saw no proof of undue influence; no such influence as would amount to the substitution of the Will of one for the Will of another, and felt sure the Jury would not disfranchise a citizen by taking away the right to make what legal disposition he pleased with the property accumulated by the work of his hands and the sweat of his brow.

The Jury retired, and returned with a verdict setting aside the Will. The case will be taken to the Appeals Court.

AN ALABAMA QUARTET

The Selma, Alabama Sentinel states that a negro woman belonging to a Mr. GARNER, living near Montevallo, Alabama, gave birth to four children, three girls and one boy on the 28th ultimo. They are all living and are said to be thriving. The whole of them only weighed fifteen pounds.

MARRIAGES

Married in this village on Tuesday evening, April 7th, by Rev. Ben. Johnson,
Gen. Augustus M. SMITH to Miss Sarah M., daughter of Judge WARDLAW.

Married at Stony Point on Thursday evening, April 2nd, by Rev. John McLees,
Mr. John A. BOWIE to Miss Lucy J., daughter of the late Joel SMITH.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, John W. HEARST has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Mrs. Margaret HEARST, late of said District, deceased. This is to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Court of Ordinary for said District, to be held at the Abbeville court house on the 27th day of April, to show cause, if any, why said Administration should not be granted.

This 11th day of April 1857.

William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 23, 1857

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

At a regular convocation of Chapter No. 9, Cokesbury, S.C., the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the sad intelligence has been announced to this Chapter of the dispensation of Divine Providence in removing from our number, our esteemed and worthy companion, A.N. DARRACOTTE, who, while living among us, endeared himself to the craft by his honest, upright bearing and gentlemanly deportment; and whereas, it becomes us, while we yield with humility to the decree of an all-wise Providence to unite in giving expression to the sentiment of sorrow which pervades our Order. Therefore,

Resolved; that in the death of our companion, the craft has lost a valuable and worthy member, one whose generous bosom ever flowed with zeal for the good of our Order.

Resolved; that we tender to his bereaved family the heartfelt assurance of our condolence.

Resolved; that in recognition of our sorrow, which all must feel who have experienced the enduring influence of his friendship, we wear the usual Badge of Mourning and that our Hall be hung in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved; that a blank page in our record book be inscribed with his name and consecrated to his memory.

Resolved; that his Preamble and Resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased companion and copies of the same be sent to the Banner for publication. J.J. Adams, Sec'y

MARRIAGES

Married on the 14th inst. by Rev. J.M. Chiles, Mr. William WHITE of Mississippi to Miss Levina B. BROOKS, of this District.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Michael MAGRATH has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Nancy Ann HEMMINGER, late of said District, deceased. This is to cite all kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear at the Court of Ordinary for said District, to be held at the Abbeville court house on the 4th day of May next, to show cause, if any, why said Administration should not be granted. This 18th day of April 1857. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

COMMITTED TO JAIL

Committed to the jail of Abbeville on the 14th inst., a Negro man HARRY, alias JOHN, who says he belongs to J.W. BUTLER of Edgefield District; that he formerly belonged to John C. HAYS of this District. Said boy is black and heavy built, apparently 45 or 50 years of age. The owner is requested to come and prove property, pay charges and take him away. T.R. Cochran, Jailor, April 23, 1857

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, APRIL 30, 1857

MARRIAGES

Married on the 15th inst. by the Rev. David Wills, Capt. J.D. GARLINGTON to Miss S. E., second daughter of Col. John D. WILLIAMS, all of Laurens District.

OBITUARY

DIED, in Columbia on the 9th of April, Dr. L.H. SMITH, of Congestion of the Brain, in the 27th year of his age. True it is said that "in the midst of life we are in death." No age, circumstance or condition can shield us from the power of the dread king of terror; even buoyant, confident youth and manhood, in all its glory and strength, must yield to his stern mandates. Thus in the prime of life, departed the subject of this brief sketch. Dr. Smith was a native of Abbeville District, S.C., where his parents

still live, and mourn the irreparable loss of an only child, the object of their tenderest affections, the comfort of their declining age, in which were centered all their fondest hopes and anticipations of future years. He finished his medical course in the city of Philadelphia in 1852. Eminently qualified to discharge the duties of a physician, he began the practice of his profession in Greenwood, a village of his native district, with better success than usually falls to the lot of young men; soon gaining the confidence of the people and securing a liberal portion of their patronage. It was during this period that he received the appointment to deliver the Anniversary Oration before the State Medical Association, of which he proved himself worthy by discharging it in a manner creditable to him and satisfactory to them who honored him with their confidence. Believing that the practice of physics was too laborious for his feeble state of health and hoping that a change of place and business would be advantageous to him in every way, in the latter part of 1856 he purchased an interest in a Drug Store in Columbia, where in a short time, by his courteous demeanor, amiable temper and disposition, he drew around him many warm and influential friends.

As a husband he was affectionate, tender and devoted; and we rejoice to learn that during his illness he frequently spoke to his wife of that Perfect Rest beyond the tomb, where he should be free from all pain and suffering, thus leaving a balm for her crushed and wounded spirit and a hope to sustain her in the hours of deepest distress.

As a son he was dutiful, obedient and kind, and as a friend constant, generous and true. Generous, talented, highly social and benevolent in his feelings and disposition, he delighted in the companionship of those he loved and would make any sacrifice for their comfort and happiness. He leaves many friends and relations in his native District to lament his untimely fall.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 7, 1857

SALE OF NEGROES

At the recent estate sale of Thos. PAINE of this District, a lot of fifty-two negroes, several old ones among the number, averaged \$667.50. A girl thirteen years old sold for \$1,300.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ABBEVILLE DISTRICT

The following names belong, of right, to the history of our State. Yet most, if not all of them, still live only in family or neighborhood traditions. I have employed much of my leisure for several months past,

in collecting what remains of these fast perishing materials, and now publish the subjoined list of Revolutionary names of this District, which cost me no little expense or trouble, with the earnest request to the people of the District, especially the families here represented, that they will place in my hands any record which may remain of their fathers or in the absence of all record, will write out or cause to be written for me, every anecdote and tradition of every Revolutionary member of the family, whether male or female. Revolutionary mothers and sisters are in many respects more interesting than Revolutionary fathers, that can be obtained from any source.

THE WILLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD

Capt. Joseph BAUCHILON

Maj. Alex NOBLE

The LUCKEYS

The CARITHERS

Capt. Jno. CALHOUN

Capt. Jno. Ewing CALHOUN

Capt. Josh. CALHOUN

Pat CALHOUN

Rev. Jno. HARRIS

Lieut. James NOBLE

THE LITTLE RIVER NEIGHBORHOOD

Capt. Moses LIDDLE

Capt. George LIDDLE of the Continentals

James, Jared and Wm. LIDDLE

Capt. Andrew MILLER

Jno. MILLER

Robert MILLER

Lieut. Jno. FILES

David VERNER

Jno. MORRIS, the Spy; he has a son now living in Anderson District.

JOHNSON'S CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD

Capt. Jno. NORWOOD

Maj. George REID

Lieut. Francis JOHNSON

Lieut. Robt. BLACK (killed on Reedy Branch)

Capt. Wm. BASKINS

DORN'S GOLD MINE NEIGHBORHOOD

Alex. PATTERSON

Josiah PATTERSON

GREENWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

Capt. Wm. FREEMAN

Armstrong HERD

Lieut. Hugh WARDLAW

Jno. WILSON

Capt. Sam. MOORE

Col. James MOORE, Sheriff

Wm. MOORE

Capt. Francis LOGAN

Capt. Robt. BEAL

Capt. Jno. IRWIN

Andrew WARMACK

Jno. LOGAN Sr.

Jno. LOGAN Jr.

Andrew LOGAN

Henry LOGAN

Jno. WARDLAW Jr.

James BUCHANAN

James THOMSON

James MOORE

Wm. BROWN

Edward FORBES

James HOUSTON

James BUCHANAN Sr.

Hugh DOUGLAS

Alex. McALASTER

Wm. THOMSON

Jno. WARDLAW Sr.

Jno. BEAKER

James BEAKER

James PARKER

Robert PARKER

Leonard BROADWAY

Nat. McALASTER

SALUDA NEIGHBORHOOD

Capt. Jno. CALHOUN

Capt. Joseph CALHOUN

The ANDERSONS

The SWANSEYS

ABBEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD

Capt. Joseph PICKENS

Gen. And. PICKENS

Capt. Geo. COWAN

Col. Rob. ANDERSON

Gen. And. WILLIAMSON

Maj. Gen. BOWIE

Maj. Andrew HAMILTON

This is not a full list of the Revolutionary names of this portion of the Old Ninety-Six District; the remainder will be given in another similar publication. Will not the intelligent citizens of our District respond at once and with earnestness to a request so interesting to them, and so important to the memory of an honored ancestry!

J.H. LOGAN, Greenwood, S.C.

OBITUARY

Departed this life on Saturday the 2nd instant, at the residence of her brother Col. William L. CALHOUN in this District, Martha Cornelia CALHOUN, in the 31st year of her age. The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Floride CALHOUN and the late John C. CALHOUN. Her death was very sudden and unexpected to her friends; but she met her fate with that calm and resigned spirit which characterizes the death of the true christian. She was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and we cannot doubt is now realizing the reward of a well spent life. The deceased was a lady of marked intelligence, and was strongly characterized by amiability and mildness of disposition. She died, we think, without an enemy. We would not add a fullsome eulogy on the character of the deceased, as this would be unnecessary to those who knew her, and would but disparage her true worth with those who did not know her. A Friend.
Abbeville, May 5, 1857

MARRIAGES

Married at Ninety-Six on Sunday evening the 26th of April by the Rev. B. Corley,
Mr. H.W. DECKS to Miss L.J., the youngest daughter of Wm. STEWART.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 14, 1857

SALE OF LAND WARRANT

By permission of the Ordinary Court of Abbeville District, I will sell at public
auction at Abbeville Court House on Sale Day in June next, a Land Warrant for
One Hundred and Sixty Acres, granted by the War Department to the Heirs at
Law of James WATSON, deceased. James H. WIDEMAN, May 8, 1857

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, George S. PATTERSON has applied for Letters of Administration
on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Josiah PATTERSON, late of
said District, deceased. This is to cite all kindred and creditors of said
dec'd to appear at the Court of Ordinary for said District, to be held at the
Abbeville court house on the 2nd day of June next, to show cause, if
any, why said Administration should not be granted. This 8th day of May
1857. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 21, 1857

DISMISSED

It will be remembered that some time since, we gave a report of the
case of W.W. BELCHER vs. Hugh McKELVY, Administrator of the Estate of Mr.
TUCKER. Mr. Belcher endeavored to establish a Will. The Will was set aside by
the jury; an appeal was taken and we see that in the Court of Appeals, the
motion for a new trial has been dismissed.

MARRIAGES

Married on the 5th inst. by Rev. H.T. Sloan, Mr. Edmund COWAN to Miss
Sallie JORDAN, all of this District.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Thursday, MAY 28, 1857

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

At a regular communication of Caldwell Lodge No. 90, A.F.M., held on Friday the 15th inst. at Calhoun's Mills, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, death has recently invaded our circle and removed from our midst one whose amiable qualities and the natural kindness of whose disposition endeared him to all with whom he associated; therefore,

Resolved; that by the death of Bro. James McCRAVEN, Masonry has lost a firm friend and Caldwell Lodge an esteemed and valued member.

Resolved; that in this, as in all other dispensations of Providence, we still acknowledge the wisdom, the justice and the goodness of God, assured that He does all things well.

Resolved; that we tender to the bereaved relatives of our deceased brother, the assurances of our heart felt sympathy.

Resolved; that these proceedings, together with the name and age of the deceased and the date of his death, be entered upon a separate page of our record book; that a copy of them, signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, be transmitted to each of the sifers and brothers of the deceased, and they be published in the papers of our District.

M.O. TALMAN, W.M.

T.B. SCOTT, Sec'y

OBITUARIES

DIED, last Friday the 22nd inst., near Greenwood, Samuel MILFORD, youngest son of Robert MILFORD in the second or third year of his age. This interesting little boy lost his life under the following painful circumstances: His mother had been employed during the day at the Spring near the house with Samuel, as was usual, with the other children playing around her. In the afternoon she returned to the house to be gone but a moment, and did come back in a few minutes to find her little boy had fallen head foremost into the Spring, a deep gum Spring, already a lifeless corpse. Every effort was made by the family and a kind neighbor Mr. Pulliom, with wonderful presence of mind to restore animation to the body, but without success.

Departed this life in this District on the 17th inst. at the residence
of her son-in-law Rev. W.P. Martin, Mrs. Mary BLAIN in the 82nd year of
her age.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, W.P. MARTIN has applied for Letters of Administration on the
goods, chattels, rights and credits of Mary BLAIN, late of the District
aforesaid, deceased. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said
dec'd to appear at the Ordinary's Court for 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 28th day of May
1857. William Hill, Ordinary of Abbeville District
