

NEWSPAPER ABSTRACTS FROM
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NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 8, 1868

We direct attention to the card of Mr. J.N. BELCHER who has opened his livery stables at the corner of Washington street. He has good saddle horses, single and double buggies and all the appearance of a first class livery stable.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 14, 1868

We direct attention to the well known Mills of Capt. J.N. COCHRAN on Long Cane, which have been thoroughly reconstructed and now appeal to the patronage of the public. Forty pounds of the best flour are guaranteed for sixty pounds. The public patronage is solicited and all orders will be promptly and satisfactorily attended to.

We regret to announce the occurrence of an unfortunate accident on Friday last, which resulted in the death of a freeman named John MOORE, a boy of excellent character and at one time in the employ of the Greenville & Columbia Railroad. While engaged in the attempt to couple together two cars, they were unfortunately brought in collision before the coupling could be adjusted, and his body was caught between them and terribly mangled. Medical attention was soon rendered, but without avail, and after lingering in great agony until the following morning, he expired. He was buried on Sunday last and his funeral procession was one of the largest that we have ever witnessed.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 21, 1868

Mr. John A. HUNTER, a well known citizen of our village, died here on Saturday last, after a very short illness.

OBITUARY OF Wm. M. NEWELL

Departed this life, August 7, 1868, Mr. Wm. M. NEWELL of Abbeville District, aged 47 years. He fell a victim to a chronic affliction which he had labored from since early childhood. Though unsound in body, he never shrank from the

labors of the farm nor did he refuse to obey the call of his country during the late War. Of a quiet and kind disposition, he made few enemies and had many friends.

He had been a member of the Upper Long Cane church more than twenty years and was a regular in his attendance upon its services as health permitted. Knowing that he could not live many years, he "lived mindful of death" and was ready when the summons came. Not five minutes before he breathed his last, he spoke calmly and confidently to his old pastor of his trust in Christ and of his anticipation of a home in Heaven.

He has left a widow with eight children, an aged father and mother and two widowed sisters, besides numerous other relatives to mourn their loss. "God of all comfort, comfort them in their tribulation."

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 28, 1868

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, application has been made by James R. DuBOSE for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Mrs. Elizabeth DuBOSE, late of said district, dec'd; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the Court of Ordinary, Abbeville district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 11th day of September 1868, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 26th day of August 1868. Wm. Hill, O.A.D.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, SEPTEMBER 11, 1868

HOMICIDE

We learn that a difficulty occurred on Friday morning last, at the residence of Mrs. Susan HUGHEY, near Greenwood, between W.K. TOLBERT and a negro man named Jeff RICE, which resulted in the death of the latter.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, SEPTEMBER 18, 1868

DIED, on Saturday the 12th inst., at his residence in this district, of fever, after a five weeks' illness, Mr. Phares MARTIN, a well known citizen in the eightieth year of his age. He leaves a family of nine children and other relatives to mourn his loss. Died also on the morning of the following

day, after a weeks' illness, Miss Christine S. MARTIN, a daughter of the foregoing, in the nineteenth year of her age.

MARRIED, on Thursday evening, Sept. 10, 1868, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. W.B. Jones, Mr. W.W. FARROW, Editor of the Abbeville Banner, to Miss M.A. PARKS, daughter of Dr. F.G. Parks of Greenwood, S.C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, application has been made by Phares C. MARTIN for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Phares MARTIN, late of said district, dec'd; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the Court of Ordinary, Abbeville district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 2nd day of October 1868, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 17th day of Sept. 1868. Wm. Hill, O.A.D.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, SEPTEMBER 25, 1868

DEATH OF MISS GUSSIE GOLDING

We are sure that the above announcement will carry of pang of sadness to all who have had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of this lovely little girl. After a brief illness she passed away Wednesday night, like some bright visitant from the heavenly land, who came to gladden us but for a moment; and the heart stricken mother, the bereaved sister and the sorrowing relatives and friends are left to mourn their untimely loss.

A universal favorite, she had endeared herself to all, by those thousand winning graces which made up the loveliness of childhood, and which borrow a deeper interest from the promise which they give of the full blown development of the ripening future.

But alas, for the vanity of human expectations, the fragile flower has fallen! Yet blest consummation of the Christian's hope, the opening bud has been taken to bloom in a serener sky. Why grieve, sorrowing relatives? Death is but the portal of happiness and relieved from its chain, the pure spirit soars,

"Where seraphs gather immortality,

On life's fair tree, fast by the throne of God."

"With songs, let us follow her flight,

and mount with her spirit above,

escaped to the mansions of light,

and lodged in the Eden of love."

The funeral services will be held in the Methodist church of this place at 9 o'clock this (Friday) morning.

DIED, in Abbeville district, S.C. on Monday the 17th of Aug. 1868, after a short illness of thirty-six hours, William O. PURSLEY, in the 46th year of his age. Our friend was a member of the Presbyterian church for more than eighteen years and was seldom absent from his place of worship at Upper Long Cane church, when his health would permit. He was a useful citizen in the community; a warm friend to the widows and orphans; a kind and affectionate husband and a liberal supporter of the Gospel. He leaves a wife, an aged mother and many relatives to mourn their loss. His last words to them were "Put your trust in the Lord and He will never forsake you. Dearest friend, farewell."

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, application has been made by Nathan A. EDWARDS for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of William O. PURSLEY, late of said district, dec'd; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the Court of Ordinary, Abbeville district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 2nd day of October 1868, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 17th day of Sept. 1868. Wm. Hill, O.A.D.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Equity

Pursuant to an order, I will sell, at public outcry, at Abbeville court house on Sale Day in October next, the Real Estate of John BROWNLEE, dec'd;

1200 acres more or less, bounded by lands of B.W. WILLIAMS, J.W. POWER and others, in two or more tracts. Platts will be made and exhibited on day of sale. Wm. H. Parker, C.E.A.D., Commissioner's Office, Sept. 10, 1868

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, application has been made by Robert W. MILLFORD for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Joseph MILLFORD,, late of said district, dec'd; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the Court of Ordinary, Abbeville district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 3rd day of October 1868, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 18th day of Sept. 1868. Wm. Hill, O.A.D.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, OCTOBER 2, 1868

We regret to learn that Mr. BOAZMAN, whilst engaged at his saw mill at Ninety-Six on Monday last, was caught under a heavy log, crushed and instantly killed. He leaves a young wife and three children to mourn his untimely loss.

DOUBLE MURDER

We learn that a most atrocious double muder was committed last Monday night, at Lowndesville, upon the persons of a white man named CORNELL and a negro who accompanied him. The white man was from the neighborhood of Athens, Georgia and was traveling through the country in a two-horse wagon with a couple of mules attached and was engaged in selling wool hats. They were in our village a few days before and proceeded from here to Lowndesville, where they encamped on Monday night.

A short time before the occurrence, a party of mounted men, apparently black and white, were seen to go in the direction where the men were encamped, and a number of shots were afterward heard. When found, the bodies of the white man and the negro were tied to a couple of trees at some distance from each other and were perforated with many bullets. The mules were missing but the wagon and the contents were undisturbed. An inquest was held over the bodies, but no clue has been obtained as yet which could lead to the discovery of the murderers. Their motive is supposed to have been plunder.

EXTRACTS FROM W.F. DeKNIGHT's REPORT OF FREEDMAN BUREAU AFFAIRS in
Abbeville
County for the month of August 1868

"My report of outrages by whites against freedman exhibits 18 cases in which violence was resorted to, but it is safe to presume that not one half of such cases that occur are ever heard from.

Last April, Wm. BRADLEY, colored, was shot in the leg by Tyler LOGAN, white.

Geo. MATHEWS, freedman, living on Mr. Chipley's place, having complained to me that Irving HUTCHERSON, white, the latter's nephew, had, while displaying a pistol, taken him to task for being a Republican. On the 29th of July, Geo. Mathews was shot by Hutcherson, while at work in his employer's field, for making the complaint, the ball being still imbedded under his left arm. Chipley, hearing the report, on going out, found Hutcherson on the spot, but let him walk off.

The next day, on complaint being made to me, I had the requisite warrant issued here and placed in the hands of the Sheriff. Three days after, the officer sent out a Deputy, who returned and reported that Hutcherson had left and although he was at the time in the neighborhood, where he continues to be seen, and still threatens to kill freedmen, and notwithstanding I have even threatened to indict the Sheriff, nothing whatever has since been done.

On the night of the 25th, Alfred ELLIS, colored, was, without any cause, shot by Lee RUSSELL, the Town Marshall, on the streets, with an express desire to kill him, and still on complaint being at my direction to Squire McCORD of this place, he got the parties to make up the difficulty.

It will be seen by my report of outrages for the month, that in the case of the shooting of Henry SHIRD, freedman by Dennis STACY, white, no arrest has yet been made and I may add, in all probability, never will be.

The 17th case reported is that of the killing of Wylie JONES, an old freedman, by some white person unknown, on the night of the 25th about two miles out from Cokesbury. It appears the intention must have been to kill his son-in-law for whom he was mistaken, who has taken a somewhat active part in the ranks of the Republican Party.

The old man hearing a horseman approaching his son-in-law's house, where he was staying, and thinking it must be some friend of his who had passed by in the early part of the evening, whom he wished to see, he got up and went to the door, where he was immediately shot and hit in three different places, with buckshot, his assailant at once making off. He lingered but a few moments after and then died of his wounds. I do not know that any particular person is suspected as having committed this foul deed, and of course nothing is being done to ferret out the murder.

The 4th of September, Jeff BUCHANAN, a freedman, was shot dead by Wm. TOLBERT, white, about 12 miles from Abbeville. He was shot in the fields, I presume at work. No particulars as yet and no arrest.

OBITUARY OF ALEXANDER STEVENSON

DIED, at his residence in this district, on Friday last, the 25th ult., from jaundice, after an illness of two months, Mr. Alexander STEVENSON, in the 66th year of his age. The deceased was one of our best citizens, and was universally esteemed and respected for the integrity of his character, the kindness of his heart and the blamelessness of his life. For more than thirty-six years he had been a member of the Baptist church and had adorned his profession by a "holy walk and conversation." Death had no terrors for him, but in confidence and Christian resignation, he breathed his last.

The kind father and affectionate husband, the sincere Christian, the worthy citizen, he discharged faithfully the duties of life and died in full assurance of a blessed immortality. "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." He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, OCTOBER 9, 1868

AN ATROCIOUS MURDER

It becomes our painful duty to announce the commission of an atrocious murder on the afternoon of Monday last, about four miles from the village, on the person of James MARTIN, familiarly known as "Sneak" Martin, a member of the so-called South Carolina Legislature. We know nothing of the actors in this bloody tragedy, or of the motives which led to its commission. We only know that Martin had been represented to have recently made certain inflammatory appeals to the blacks, and that having in his possession at the time of his death, a barrel of whiskey which he was taking home, and might have been suspected as about to use for improper electioneering purposes. These may have led to the commission of the murder.

Be the case as it may and however bad may have been the character of the deceased, we give but expression to the voice of this community, in denouncing the act as a cowardly assassination which deserved general reprobation.

The facts as developed upon the inquest which was held on Tuesday morning before Esq. James McCaslan are as follows: Martin had left the village

riding a mule and accompanied a wagon in which were two negroes and a barrel of whiskey. On the outskirts of the village the whiskey was divided with some parties in interest and the party then proceeded on the road to Calhoun's Mills. They were soon after joined by a third negro, who accompanied the wagon on foot.

About four miles from the village after the wagon had turned out on the main road for the purpose of avoiding a steep hill, the wagon was overtaken by three men on horseback, who, dismounting, ordered the negroes to surrender their arms and the whiskey, and promised not to harm them. They said the same to Martin who immediately dismounted and began retreating to the rear of the wagon. Two of the men pursued him and when he commenced running, they discharged their pistols, but as the negroes testified, with apparently no intention of hitting him. The fact that he received no ball in the back, confirms this view. The two men re-entered the wagon and with the third, filled their bottles with whiskey and emptied the rest on the ground. Whilst engaged, the sound of a pistol shot was heard but as Martin was then out of sight of the wagon, the testimony of the negroes could throw no light upon the fact of the killing.

One of the negroes testified that he had seen two men in the rear of the wagon and Mr. Sprouse who lives on the road, testified that five men had passed his house that day, following after the wagon. Martin was discovered first by a negro woman, Affy, who lives near. He was lying on the side of the road with his feet in the ditch and gave evidence by marks in the road, of having dragged himself, or having been dragged. He said to the woman, "Oh, Lord, I am shot"; he said he was shot by three persons, but did not know them. The shot entered his groin, cutting an artery and he died thereafter, very soon. His pocket book was taken and also his pistol, which according to the testimony of his wife, he had with him. The negroes had pistols but were not deprived of them. Such are the facts as detailed on the inquest.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, application has been made by A.J. FERGUSON for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Champion D. PALMER, late of said district, dec'd; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear before the Court of Ordinary, Abbeville district, to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 20th day of October 1868, to show cause, if any, why said Letters should not be granted. This 5th day of Oct. 1868. Wm. Hill, O.A.D.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, OCTOBER 30, 1868

DEATH OF AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Andrew GILLESPIE, an esteemed citizen of our community, who died at his residence near the village on the 24th inst. in the eightieth year of his age, and after suffering long from a chronic affliction. He had survived most of his contemporaries and was the sole representative of the old settlers of the neighborhood. He had been for many years a member of the Presbyterian church and was distinguished for his exemplary deportment and faithful discharge of duty in all the relations of life.

Pained by suffering and chastened by discipline, he welcomed death as a release from pain and an entrance into a blissful immortality. The funeral services were performed by Dr. Turner at Sharon church.

DIED, near Abbeville courthouse, S.C., on the 6th of Oct. 1868, Mrs. Susan C. PENNEY, wife of Wm. H. PENNEY and daughter of Samuel BROWN of Anderson, S.C. This lady had been a member of the M.E. church for two years and died as none but the Christian can die, in triumph.
