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MOURNFUL INTELLIGENCE

The Carolinian of the 26th ult. says "We announced yesterday the sad news of the death of Rev. R.W. Barnwell. The telegraph was since given us the death of his devoted wife Mary Carter Singleton. They leave four orphan children." Their remains are expected to arrive here Sunday morning.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JULY 10, 1863

IN MEMORIAM

John Brownlee was born in Abbeville district, S.C. on the 17th of Sept. 1806 and died very suddenly at Williamston Springs of some disease of the heart on the 6th of June 1863. Having been in bad health for some time he had gone hither to try the medicinal properties of the water. He was expected home the next week but on Saturday night he was attacked suddenly and severely and was found sitting in his chair, dead, the next morning. To say all that might be said of this patriotic citizen and truly christian gentleman would exceed the limits of this notice.

Suffice it to say that he grew up a moral young man. His parents and relations being Presbyterians, he was baptized in infancy at Little Mountain church by the Rev. Dr. Barr. But having married into a Methodist family, he attended the camp meeting at Smyrna in July 1830 and there he was awakened. And in September following, he attended another camp meeting at Shiloh where he was converted and joined the M.E. church. His conversation having been clear and powerful, he never doubted it.

Shortly after his conversion, he was appointed C.L. by the Rev. Joel Townsend, then P.C. on the circuit, which relation he sustained to the church up to the time of his death. He had also been Circuit and District Steward, having been an official member of the M.E. church for more than thirty years. There was no decline in his religious experience, but a continual growth in grace.

As a citizen he was high tone, pure minded, generous hearted and patriotic; and in his death, the poor and soldiers' families have lost a true and tried friend..

As was aptly expressed by one who knew him well from infancy, "Brother

Brownlee's loss is as severely felt in the church and community as Stonewall Jackson's is in the Army." In his death, his wife has lost an affectionate husband, his children a kind and tender parent, a large circle of friends and relatives a true friend, his servants, a kind master; the poor one of their most liberal benefactors, and the church at Shiloh, one of her main pillars. Let us all follow his example, that we may meet in heaven, where:

" No parted friends,

O'er mournful recollections have to weep,

No bed of death enduring love attends,

to watch the coming of an endless sleep". H.A.T.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Equity

Reuben Clinkscales vs. John F. Clinkscales, Wm. Clinkscales and others

Bill for Partition

Pursuant to the Order of the Court in this case, I will sell at Abbeville courthouse at public outcry, on Sale day in August next, the real estate of Dr. Frank Clinkscales, near Due West, in 4 separate tracts of which Plats will be exhibited on the day of sale. Wm. H. Parker, C.E.A.D, Commissioner's Office, July 6, 1863

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Executive Department, Columbia, S.C.

July 2, 1863

Whereas, information has been received by this department that William T. Moss, who was in jail at Richland district under sentence of death for the murder of James Phillips, did on the night of the 27th of June, make his escape from the said jail. Now therefore, I, Milledge L. Bonham, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby offer a reward of One Thousand Dollars, for the apprehension of the said William T. Moss, and his delivery into any jail in this State.

Said William T. Moss is about 28 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, weight about 140 lbs; dark hair, wears a moustache and is rather good looking. He

is from Wake county, North Carolina. This second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. M.L. Bonham

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Charles Evans has applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels, rights and credits of Jno. Campbell, late of the district aforesaid; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of the said deceased to appear at the next Ordinary's Court, to be held at Abbeville courthouse on the 26th of June next, to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted. This 10th day of June, 1863. William Hill, O.A.D.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JULY 17, 1863

CAPTAINS LANGDON CHEVES; CHARLES T. HASKELL Jr., WILLIAM T. HASKELL

Newspapers received here last Saturday brought the sad intelligence that in the battle on Morris' Island, Friday, the 19th instant, Captain Langdon Cheves and Captain Charles T. Haskell Jr. were killed, and a telegraphic dispatch by the same mail announced that Capt. Willis T. Haskell met the same fate in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa. on Friday the 3rd.

The three thus added to the long catalogue of the slain within Abbeville, especially deplored; they were close to each other in the relation of uncle and nephews; one in the vigor of maturity and the others in the prime of youthful manhood.

These men were all of the stuff of which heroes are made; they all did the duties of life with earnestness and zeal; all died the death of martyrs in a cause to which they had devoted themselves without stint, and of each of them it is no exaggeration to say the anxious inquiry has gone forth, as who can fill his place.

LANGDON CHEVES was at his death, the eldest of the late Judge Cheves, and possessed in a large degree the strong intellect, iron will and Roman virtues of his distinguished father. He was a graduate of S.C. College; practiced law at Columbia; was State Reporter in 1839 and retired from the bar to the active superintendence of a large estate..

He was selected a delegate from St. Peter's Parish to the late State Convention. He was an active member of that body, doing his duty there, as he did wherever he undertook service, with all his might. His remarks in

debate were always profound and distinguished for practical good sense. Immediately after the adjournment of that Convention, which followed next after our capture of Fort Sumter, he entered upon military service, first in a company of Dragoons raised in the neighborhood of his plantation; after the disbandment of that company, as an aid to Gen. Drayton and afterwards as an Engineer in Charleston, Harbor.

With untiring exertions and mainly with his own plantation forces, he erected a battery at Red Bluff and made obstructions in creeks and cuts on the north side of the Savannah River, below the city of Savannah. His talent for engineering and construction he further exercised in the summer of 1861; by building the beautiful works at Hilton Head; and there he plainly exhibited to his neighbors the sufficiency of a self determined spirit, to resist malaria, to despise ease and comfort and to disregard fatigue and privation.

He repaired from this scene to Morris Island and there without intermission, he worked, as only an earnest man, blessed with a hardy constitution, until his life was lost in that dreadful trial to which the strength of his works was subjected. Without seeking distinction, without thought of rank or emolument, away from his family, unmindful of his private interest, he gave his whole soul to the defense of Charleston. By the degree of an inscrutable Providence, he fell by the first bomb which burst in battery that he was assisting to defend. In his memory, Abbeville takes special interest, because here his illustrious father was born; here his sisters were all settled and one of them now resides, and here his wife and children have found refuge in the house of their kinsman, our neighbor, Charles T. Haskell Senior.

CHARLES T. HASKELL, Junior, passed with honor through the State Military Academies and for some years applied the unusual attainments which he had there made, to the business of civil engineering. He was appointed a Lieutenant in the Regular Infantry Regiment, raised by the state, soon after the Act of Secession. He was prominently active and successful in enlisting soldiers and soon, by regular promotion, became a Captain.

This regiment being detained on Sullivan's Island to do duty as Artillerists, he for two years and more, held a detached command at Thompson's Point of the Rifles; repulsed the British forces which attempted to land to assist the naval attack on Fort Sullivan. There as engineer and superintendent, he erected battery Marshall and the smaller batteries between that and Fort Beauregard. His bold spirit, ever restless in inactivity, urged him with the most self sacrificing devotion, to explore the Islands, creeks and inlets between Sullivan's Island and Santee, to allow the enemy no quiet foot-hold there to aid vessels running the blockade and save from the enemy those that were stranded.

No man in the Harbor was more active or more useful; hardy, unselfish, honorable and brave than he. He was beloved by his brother officers and idolized by his men. For his daring and skill he was selected to aid in a reconnoissance of Polly Island, just before the late demonstration from that quarter and in discharging this duty, he made important discoveries and was upon Morris Island when it was manifest that the attack was pending.

He remained in aid to the defense and having been placed in command of a detachment composed of his own company, he fell at their head, gallantly struggling to repel the assault upon the battery at the lower end of the Island. Conspicuous by his size and bearing, he was pierced by nine balls and spent his last breath in giving his Lieutenant a message which has been transmitted to his family. "Tell my mother that I died, fighting for my country." It is understood that his body fell into the hands of the enemy and has not been recovered.

WILLIAM HASKELL obtained his education at the Virginia University and was prosecuting the study of the law, when the War broke out. He joined the company raised by Captain, afterwards Col. Perrin, and not expecting to pursue a military life, nor anticipating the length of the bitterness of the strife, he sought no commission, but with exemplary alacrity did the duty of a private in Col. Gregg's Regiment, first in Perrin's Company near Charleston and afterward in Miller's Company in Virginia.

When that Regiment was disbanded, after the expiration of its term of service, he was at the specific derive of Col. Gregg, appointed Captain, and having raised a company, he joined the Regiment again, upon its re-organization. He passed through the battles of Richmond, 2nd Manassas, Ox Hill, Sharpsburg, Botteler's Ford, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville without receiving a scratch, although his cap and clothes were frequently cut with bullets.

After he entered into service he never lost a day from sickness, or any other cause, and never asked for furlough, although once he was at home for a few days when ordered back upon duty. In battle, as in all his speech and conduct, he was cool and deliberate, but so unflinchingly firm that more than once, he held his company under fire when others retired. Two sets of noble Lieutenants had fallen by his side, and his company had been reduced to a handful, and in preparation for the movement into Pennsylvania, he was placed at the head of the Battallion of Sharpshooters of his Brigade. Of the particulars of his last battle, we know nothing, but we doubt not that as in preceeding ones, he exhibited the high qualities which characterized him. No officer was more kind, and just to his men; no one enjoyed in higher degree their affectionate attachment and ready obedience. He was indeed the model of a soldier.

To the parents, who have yet four other sons in Lee's Army, it must be

consolatory to remember that the two who are gone, lived as becomes the early professions of piety, which they made. Their fine persons, courteous manners and kind hearts won favor. Their propriety of conduct, purity and noble sentiments showed them worthy of the high distinction which seemed to await them.

IN MEMORIAM

Killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, ?? the 3rd, 1863; JOHN T. MARTIN, aged 19 years, six months and 27 days. He was one among the first to volunteer and leave his home and go in defense of his country. He was in several battles and came through safe. He had the pleasure of visiting his home on a sick furlough and after spending three months with his friends, he again returned to camp and in six short weeks was called to another great battle, where this noble martyr fell. South Carolina has lost another brave son, but like many others, he died at his post. He was a devoted son and affectionate brother and a steadfast friend, and was beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a father and mother, three brothers and four sisters and many friends to mourn his untimely death. May our loss be his eternal gain.

" Dearest brother, thou hast left us,

Here the loss we deeply feel,

But tis God that hath bereft us,

He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,

When the day of life is fled,

Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,

Where no farewell tear is shed.

Abbeville, July 6, 1863

M.S.M.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Ordinary Court

Whereas, Rob't C. Harkness had applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels and credits of Rob't H. Harkness, late of the aforesaid district, dec'd. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of the said deceased to appear at the next Ordinary Court, to be held at the Abbeville court house on the 29th day of July next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 14th day of July, 1863.
William Hill, O.A.D.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Ordinary Court

Whereas, James D. Chalmers had applied for Letters of Administration on the goods, chattels and credits of Richard L. Chalmers, late of the aforesaid district, dec'd. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of the said deceased to appear at the next Ordinary Court, to be held at the Abbeville court house on the 29th day of July next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 14th day of July, 1863.
William Hill, O.A.D.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JULY 24, 1863

DEATH OF CAPT. W.T. TATUM

Among the fallen heroes on Morris Island, we regret to announce the fall of Capt. W.T. Tatum. His remains arrived here last Tuesday evening. He was a noble and brave soldier and efficient officer.

FALL OF LIEUT. COL. SIMKINS

The remains of this gallant officer, who fell while commanding Battery Wagner, on the 18th, arrived at this place on last Monday's train. His funeral ceremonies were performed by the Rev. Mr. Johnson at the Episcopal church on Tuesday following and his remains deposited with military honors in the Episcopal cemetery. In our next issue we will give our readers a more extended notice of this gallant chiefton who has fallen in defense of our liberty.

CASUALTIES

List of casualties in Company H, 1st S.C.V.

1st Serg't Geo. C. Mackey, commanding

Capt. W.T. Haskell, commanding Battalion of Sharpshooters; killed

Sergeant T.A. Rhodes, detached with Sharpshooters; killed

Color Serg't Jas. Larkin, right lung wound, mortal

Serg't J.B. Wilson, right thigh and right ankle wound

Serg't J. Josey, right leg fracture

Corp'l J.J. Rourk, right arm wound

Lance Corp'l T.S. Jones, left thigh fracture, serious

Wm. H. Godfrey, left forefinger wound

R.L. Crosby, head contusion

Jos. C. Hilton, contusion

A.H. Voght, right hand wound

LIST OF CASUALTIES IN COMPANY G, ORR'S REGIMENT, RIFLES, S.C.V.

Wounded and brought off; Corporal W.R. Munday; wounded severely in head

Private G.W. Milford, leg wound

Wounded and left on the field

Corp'l J.H. Childs

Private T.S. Harmer

A.F. Hadden

R.S. Ashley

Missing

Lieut J.D. Charles

J.H. Crawford

Serg't G.M. Long

Private C.A. Boggs

A.H. Brooks

J.B. Clamp

W.T. Cowan

W.A. Fisher

M. Flinn

J.R. Hemphill

W.M. Hauther

A.C. Johnson

J.S. Lalay

S. Hardy

John Thornson

J.A. Young

A.C. Buneba

CASUALTIES OF COMPANY I, 14th S.C. V. in the late battle of Gettysburg, Pa.

Wounded

Lieut. W.R. White, severe contusions, right arm wounds

Corpl. T.E. Hampton, right leg amputated

J.M. Hill, right leg amputated

John McCurry, leg amputated

J.G. Cann, leg wound, minnie ball

J. Alewine, severe shoulder wound

A.C. Martin, elbow wound

J.G. Vanhorn, thigh wound from shell, severe

J.A. Armstrong, leg wound

John W. Wakefield, mortally wounded

LIST OF CASUALTIES, COMPANY C, 7th S.C. Regiment in battle near Gettysburg,
Pa. July 2, 1863

Lieut A.T. Traylor, commading; killed

Corp. Thos. Willis, wounded

Serg't S.F. Edmonds, wounded in back

Corp'l. J.A. Corley, wound in thigh

W. Banks, finger wound

G. Banks, severely wounded in hand

Thos. Barksdale, severe wound in hand

S. Basdell, dangerous wound in neck

John Martin, dangerous wound in hip and hand

Y.P. Reagan, severely wounded in both hands

W.W. Willis, wound in thigh

J.J. Wideman, severely wounded in side

W.S. Chamberlin, wounded in face

Jas. McKinley, wounded in face

Missing

Lieut. N.H. Palmer, wounded and supposed to be captured

P.W. Davis

Serg't J.C. McLane, wounded in arm

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the death of Private J. Monroe Beauford, a member of Captain Addison Clinkscales Company of the 19th Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers. Monroe was one of the best of soldiers and was always prompt at every duty. He marched last Fall with his company through Kentucky undergoing fatigue and exposure cheerfully and manfully. In the battle of Murfreesboro none fought more gallantly than he did. After a short illness he died in one of the hospitals in Chattanooga, Tennessee of fever, on the 8th of July, 1863, aged about 20 years. He sacrificed his life for his country.

Died, on the 12th of June, 1863, in the 28th year of his age, Corporal James T. Holland of Sumter district, a member of Captain Addison Clinkscales company, 19th Regiment, S.C. Volunteers. Corporal Holland was a good soldier. He was a member of a christian church and it is hoped that his soul is at rest. He leaves a wife and children and an aged mother and many friends to mourn his death.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Equity

Bill for Partition

Stephen Willis and wife and others vs. James Banks and wife and others

It appearing that Dr. S.G.N. Ferguson and Frances his wife; Wm. Harmon, Pickens Harmon and Mary Harmon, defendants in this case, reside beyond the limits of the state. It is therefore ordered that said defendants do appear and 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. Wm. H. Parker, Commissioner's Office, July 21, 1863.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Creditors of the estate of G.E. Farrington, dec'd, are hereby notified that in three months from this date, a final settlement of said estate will be made in the Ordinary's Office. All demands not then presented for settlement will be barred. Wm. H. Parker, Commissioner and Adm'r. July 7, 1863

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JULY 31, 1863

THE FALL OF LIEUT. COL. JOHN C. SIMKINS and CAPT. WM. T. TATOM

The following we clip from the columns of the "Charleston Mercury":

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN C. SIMKINS

John C. Simkins was a native of Edgefield court house district, and aged about thirty-five years. Before he had reached his twenty-first year, he volunteered as a Private in one of the new regiment of the United States Regulars, which was formed at the breaking out of the war with Mexico. He afterwards received the appointment of Captain in the Army and served through the whole war.

He then devoted himself to planting. Upon the withdrawal of South Carolina from the Union, he was one of the very first to come forward in defense of the principles which, as an earnest secessionist, he had always upheld. He was soon commissioned Captain in the 1st Regiment, South Carolina Infantry, and has ever since served with efficiency and zeal in the same command, rising by regular promotion to the grade of Lieutenant-Colonel. He died, as a brave officer would have chosen to die, in the thickest of the fight, encouraging his men in the conflict, and in the arms of victory.

Colonel Simkins was of a modest but sterling character and won the esteem and regard of every one with whom he came in contact. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his fall.

CAPTAIN WM. T. TATOM

Manfully repelling the onset of the foe and animating his brave artilleries by voice and example, fell Captain William T. Tatom of the 1st S.C. Infantry, Regulars. Captain Tatom was born in Abbeville district. He received his military education at one of the military schools of Georgia at Marietta, we believe. With thousands of other good and true men, he sprang toaction at the first outbreak of the war, and at the formation of the 1st Regiment, S.C. Infantry, he received his appointment as 1st Lieutenant. He afterwards was appointed to Captaincy. Capt. Tatom's company was ordered to Battery Wagner. Nobly has it sustained the reputation of the regular service, and avenged the loss of the gallant commander. Tho those who are more familiar than ourselves with the traits and career of the deceased, we leave the task of a more extended notice.

FROM OUR JUNIOR CORRESPONDENT, 10th & 19th Reg't, S.C.Vols., July 21, 1863

Mr. Peter Rickets of Capt. Clinkscales Company, died recently in one of the

hospitals. He was ever active and prompt to duty.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Court of Ordinary

Whereas, Rosa Brownlee and H.H. Harper have applied for Letters of Administration on the good, chattels, rights and credits of John Brownlee, of the district aforesaid, deceased; this is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear at the next Ordinary's Court, to be held at Abbeville courthouse on the 9th day of August next, to show cause, if any, why said administration should not be granted. This 23rd day of July, 1863. William Hill, O.A.D.
