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NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JUNE 4, 1869

DEATH OF MR. F.A. CALHOUN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F.A. CALHOUN, a well known acitizen of our district, after a short illness, on Sunday last. His disease was an affliction of the kidneys and occasioned no serious apprehension until Saturday night when it assumed an alarming character, and in spite of medical aid, terminated fatally the next morning.

The deceased was a son of the late Patrick CALHOUN, and was hence a nephew of the illustrious Carolina statesman. He had scarcely passed the meridian of life and was still in the prime of manly vigor. A man of high intregity, of affable manners, and companionable qualities, he was universally esteemed and respected.

An Elder in the Presbyterian church, a public spirited citizen, a kind friend and obliging neighbor, he was distinguished by a conscientious discharge of duty to God and his fellows. He leaves a large family and many relatives and friends to mourn his sudden death.

NEWSPAPER issue of Friday, JUNE 11, 1869

OBITUARY

DIED, in Lawrenceville, Alabama at her residence on Wednesday evening the 2nd of June, 1869, Mrs. S. Janie McCARTHA, wife of the Rev. Clarence L. McCARTHA, formerly of Abbeville and daughter of the Rev. W.T. FARROW of Greenwood, S.C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

State of South Carolina, Abbeville District

Court of Probate

All persons interested in the estate of Robert MARS, dec'd, will take notice that a petition has been filed by William D. MARS in the Court of Probate of said county, praying a Final Discharge from the administration of the estate of Robert MARS, dec'd. It is therefore ordered that the said William D. Mars

have leave on Tuesday the 13th day of July next, to make application for a final dismissal and discharge from the administration of the estate of Robert Mars, dec'd. June 9, 1869

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JUNE 18, 1869

DEATH OF MRS. COTHRAN

>From the Rome Courier, we learn that Mrs. Elizabeth Francis Sproul, wife of Col. Wade S. COTHRAN of Rome, died last Saturday, aged fifty-eight years. She was born in Spartanburg district, South Carolina but has resided in Floyd and Cass counties for the past twenty-five years. She is represented as having been a model wife, an affectionate mother, a true christian and one who never turned a deaf ear to the wants of the poor, or refused a kind word to the erring.

MARRIAGES

Married, June 16, 1869 by Rev. J.F. Gilbert, Mr. W.N. RANSOM to Miss Sarah L. STEPHENSON, daughter of Mr. Harmon Stephenson, all of Abbeville county, S.C.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JULY 2, 1869

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Court of Equity

Leroy C. WILSON and Robt. E. BOWIE, administrators vs. Hugh WILSON and Jemina HOUSTON and others

Bill to Sell Land

It appearing that Hugh WILSON, Mrs. Eliza MARTIN, Mary KYLE, Jenny KYLE, Jand BAIRD and Sam'l J. BAIRD, James M. STRAIN, M.H. STRAIN, Jemima HOUSTON, Robert HADDON, Laura KERR, William KIRKWOOD, Sarah McGUICK and husband Mr. McGUICK, Hannah CLAYTON and Mr. CLAYTON her husband, Livonia GLOVER, F.A. BRANCH, J.O. BRANCH, Lucy SYMMES, 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 within forty days from the publication of this order, or the Bill will be taken pro confesso against them.

Matthew McDonald, C.C.P., Abbeville county, S.C. June 16, 1869

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JULY 9, 1869

DEATH OF Dr. WM. T. JONES

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Wm. T. JONES, a well known and highly esteemed citizen at his residence in the upper part of our district on Tuesday last. He had been in feeble health for some time past and the premonitions of his approaching end, he received with Christian patience and resignation. An upright and conscientious, public spirited citizen, a sincere consistent Christian professor, he identified himself with whatsoever was "true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report", and after an honorable and useful life, quietly passed away. He leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

OBITUARY OF MRS. MARGARET DONNARD

Died at the residence of Col. D.L. DONNARD in Williamston, S.C. on the 14th of February 1869, in the 45th year of her age, Mrs. Margaret DONNARD, wife of William DONNARD of Abbeville district. The subject of this notice embraced religion and united herself with the Baptist church when only nine years old, and for thirty-six years, was a living illustration of the trust of those scriptures which declare "they that seek me early shall find me" and "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Mrs. Donnard died as she lived, a true, consistent Christian. Perfectly resigned to the will of God. "To live with Christ, to die was gain" she repeatedly expressed to sorrowing friends, her willingness to depart and be with that Savior who had been to her, for so many years, a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Conscious of the approaching end, she bade farewell to her husband, relatives and friends and breathed her life away in earnest prayer, that they all should meet her in Heaven. May God hear and answer that prayer.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JULY 16, 1869

MARRIAGE AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEAR ENGAGEMENT

On Sunday last, Miss Matilda GRIFFITH, who has long been a respected

resident of Greenville, and Mr. John GRANT Of Ireland, were married at the residence of the former by Rev. E.T. Buist. The Greenville, S.C. Enterprise says:

The incident is a pleasing one; a romantic history attaches. Thirty-three years have fled since the parties became engaged, nor have they seen each other in that time and during a long portion of it, were ignorant of each other's whereabouts. They were both attached, when mere children in their native Ireland; but when the engagement became known, the families of both were opposed to it from opposite religious views and the family of Miss Griffith, contrived to send her against her will to the United States.

Mr. Grant, all disconsolate, enlisted in the British Army, not being aware of first whither the lady had gone. His career as a soldier continued twenty-six years; in the meanwhile, he fought through the terrible Sepoy rebellion in India, making as many hair-breadth escapes in the imminent deadly beaches of Othello. He returned to England some three or four years ago and having in the meantime had some correspondence with the lady by letter, for his devotion never faltered, he sailed for this country. She was on her voyage at the same time to old Ireland, and the ships passed each other.

He found his way to the great West, and having been prostrated by cholera, and losing the means brought with him, he went to Montana. Last Friday he arrived by the cars in Greenville, suddenly and unheralded and sought the house of Miss Griffith, who knew him instantly on sight, but he did not recognize her in the same manner, for she had changed from a fragile girl to the mature woman. Of course she was agitated and overjoyed as he was, and there being no longer any impediment, an immediate marriage was determined on. The result was their union on Sunday, as before stated. "

MARRIAGES

Married on the 11th inst. by the Rev. W.P. DuBose, Mr. Nelson T. SASSARD to Miss Maggie SMALL, both of Abbeville, S.C.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 6, 1869

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Probate Court

Whereas, James A. CORLEY has made application for Letters of Administration on the estate and affects of Emily ISOM, dec'd, late of said county. This is therefore to cite all kindred and creditors of said deceased to appear in

the Court of Probate on August 20th next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any, why the said Administration should not be granted. This 2nd day of August, 1869. Wm. Hill, Judge of Probate

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 13, 1869

TRAGEDY IN EDGEFIELD; TWO MEN AMBUSHED; One of them Killed, the other seriously wounded

Yesterday evening we were informed by a gentleman from the Edgefield Court House that the CRESWELL difficulty had culminated in a fearful tragedy. As our readers are all aware of the nature of the affair out of which the difficulty between the ADDISON family and Mr. J. D. CRESWELL arose, we will not allude to it in this connection; but merely give the history of the recent tragedy as given to us by our informant.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. J. D. CRESWELL and an older brother Mr. Charles CRESWELL, left this city in a buggy to return to their homes near Ninety-Six, South Carolina. Late on the evening of that day the two brothers reached Edgefield Court House and stopped for the night at the village tavern. Yesterday morning, between eight and nine o'clock, the Creswells again started on their journey, taking with them a sixteen- shooter Winchester rifle, as if anticipating trouble.

They had not been gone long when some one came into town and said that the two men had been murdered. A party immediately went out to ascertain if the rumor was correct. A mile and a half from Edgefield, on the road to Ninety-Six, the bodies of the CRESWELLS were found. The older, Charles CRESWELL, was nearly dead; the body being almost riddled with buckshot. J. D. CRESWELL was seriously, if not fatally, wounded. One hand was pierced by two balls, the other hand by one; the chin was also struck; one ball entered the side, another the stomach. The latter is reported to have said that two men concealed by the wayside fired simultaneously as they saw the buggy, afterward making their escape. He identified one of the parties as George ADDISON Jr., a brother of the young lady of the affair. The wounded Creswell is now an inmate of a private home in Edgefield. No arrests have yet been made.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 20, 1869

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District

Probate Court

Whereas, Geo. W. RICHEY has made application to grant him Letters of

Administration of the estate and effects of Mrs. Elizabeth RICHEY, late of said county, deceased. This is therefore to cite all the kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear in the Court of Probate on the 3rd day of Sept. next to show cause, if any they have, why said Administration should not be granted. This 18th day of August 1869. Wm. Hill, Judge of Probate

THE EDGEFIELD TRAGEDY

The Edgefield Advertiser gives the following particulars of the shooting of Charles and J.D. CRESWELL at Pottersville:

"At old Pottersville, one mile north of town, on Thursday morning last, was enacted one of the most horrible tragedies the pen was ever called upon to relate. On that morning, after usual breakfast time, two brothers, Charles and J.D. CRESWELL, well known citizens of the Ninety-Six section, left the village journeying homewards. They had spent the night at Glover Hotel on their way from Augusta. They traveled in a buggy drawn by horses.

On the morning in question, J.D. CRESWELL, the younger of the brothers, was driving. As they neared the foot of the hill upon which stand the residences of Mr. A. RAMSEY and Dr. H. PARKER, they were fired upon from the corn field on their right, a very short distance below Mr. Ramsey's house. At this point, very near the corner of the field, there stands a small plum thicket. Out of this thicket came the shots.

Charles Creswell received some four shots in his right breast and lived not more than an hour. J.D. Creswell was wounded in five places, the right hand, left arm, chin, breast and stomach. The horses continued to go forward, but at Dr. Parker's gate, about two hundred yards from the scene of the shooting, the latter though severely wounded, succeeded in stopping them. Here Charles Creswell fell from the buggy, the wheels of which ran over him, and J.D. Creswell, calling for assistance, had him removed into the house where he lived for upwards of an hour.

In connection with the circumstances which led to this terrible tragedy, the public mind of our community has been previously sadly and painfully moved, and when the late occurrence was made known, it led to such a day of horrified yet undemonstrative excitement as we have never known in Edgefield. In the afternoon, a coroner's inquest was held over the body of Charles Creswell, the jury returning the verdict that he came to his death from gun shot wounds at the hand of some person or persons unknown. On the following day, the remains, attended by friends who had been speedily summoned, were conveyed to the home of the departed man's parents.

J.D. Creswell, whose wounds were at first thought to be mortal, after remaining two nights at Dr. Parker's, was removed to the Glover Hotel in this place, where he now lies, attended by his father, mother and two

sisters. His wounds, though very serious and painful are not considered to be mortal and well grounded hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The parties who fired these fatal shots are George B. and James ADDISON, sons of our old and honored fellow citizen, Major George A. ADDISON. A few hours after the shooting, they rode quietly into town, and after the coroner's inquest had been made and known, surrendered themselves to Sheriff McDevitt. On the following morning, attended by a legal adviser, they left for Lexington, to obtain bail from Judge Boozer of that place. On Saturday afternoon they returned, having, without the slightest difficulty, accomplished their object. Since then, they have gone to their homes.

George B. ADDISON is a young man of some twenty-three or four years. James ADDISON is a youth not yet eighteen. They have been raised in our midst, where, with their families, they have been loved and honored. To see them thus, was and is, to our community, a cause of deepest and most painful sadness.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, AUGUST 27, 1869

HOMICIDE

We regret to learn that a negro named Bob Richardson was killed last Monday night in the lower part of the district, by a party of men disguised, who called him to the door and then shot him. No clue has yet been found to the perpetrators. We cannot too earnestly denounce the act of these lawless desperadoes who bring discredit upon the fair name of our district. We trust that they may be brought to deserved punishment and thus relieve us from a portion of the odium which attaches to the innocent.
