

**Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland
McMillan and Moye
81st
Anniversary Reunion**



and
**Seventh Mizpah United Methodist Church
Homecoming
at
Buford's Bridge, South Carolina
October 13, 2002**



MIZPAH

*Go thou thy way, and I go mine,
Apart, yet not afar;
Only a thin veil hangs between
The pathways where we are.
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me";
This is my prayer;
He looks thy way, He looketh mine,
And keeps us near.*

*I know not where thy road may lie,
Or which way mine will be;
If mine will lead thro' parching sands
And thine beside the sea;
Yet God keeps watch 'tween thee and me,
So never fear;
He holds thy hands, He claspeth mine,
And keeps us near.*

*Should wealth and fame perchance be thine,
And my lot lowly be,
Or you be sad and sorrowful,
And glory be for me,
Yet God keep watch 'tween thee and me;
Both be His care;
One arm round thee and one round me
Will keep us near.*

*I sigh sometimes to see thy face,
But since this may not be,
I'll leave thee to the care of Him
Who cares for thee and me.
"I'll keep you both beneath my wings,"
This comforts, dear;
One wing o'er thee and one o'er me,
Will keep us near.*

*And though our paths be separate,
And thy way is not mine,
Yet coming to the Mercy seat,
My soul will meet with thine.
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"
I'll whisper there.
He blessed thee, He blesseth me,
And we are near.*

JULIA A. BAKER

2002 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING
81st Anniversary

of the

Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion
and

Seventh Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming

October 13, 2002

11:30 am

PRELUDE:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER..... Robbie Kearse

INVOCATION Rev. Edward Stiltz, (Olar Charge)

WELCOME TO MIZPAH..... Clyde Kearse

MUSIC Madison Milhous

DEDICATION OF MIZPAH UNITED METHOD CHURCH Rev. Edward Stiltz

APPROVAL OF 2001 MINUTES & TREASURER REPORT (Printed in book)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS..... Report of Nomination Committee

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Ched Kearse

SPEAKER..... Madison Milhous

LITANY FOR A MIZPAH REUNION..... Madison Milhous

HYMN: *BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS* (Congregation Standing)

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING Rev. Edward Stiltz

Pianist: Mary Carolyn Watson

Litany for a Mizpah Reunion

Gracious God, as we gather together, we are reminded of the heritage that we share as families of Mizpah.

We recall the many family members who have worshiped here, and gone forth into the world in your service.

We thank you for our family bonds, and the opportunity to gather at this reunion.
We thank you for the happiness and the successes our families have experienced.

We thank you for sustaining us in whatever trials have come our way.
And we pray for you to transform both our happy memories and the remembrance of trials into nurture for our spirits.

Enable us to walk worthily in the footsteps of those who have gone before us,
but keep us also alert and open to the demands and challenges of the present and of the future.

Remind us that our heritage is validated only by what we do as we depart from this hallowed place.

In our family life, in our vocations – wherever God has given us responsibility.

We pray in the name of him whose own years on earth were few, but whose impact was incalculable.

Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the human family, the Lord of history, and of eternity.

Amen

Adapted from A Litany for the Old ... New Year

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782
 MUSIC: Johann G. Nægeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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**A SERVICE OF REDEDICATION
OF
MIZPAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
October 13, 2002**

Dear friends, now that we have completed the restoration and paid all indebtedness on Mizpah United Methodist Church, let us re-dedicate this building and rejoice in its holy use.

To the glory of God, who has called us by grace; to the honor of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

We rededicate this house. (everyone)

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;..... Chairman AdministrativeClyde Kearse
For the preaching of the everlasting gospel; Board
For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

For the comfort of all who mourn; Church TreasurerAmanda Morris
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way;

For the hallowing of family life; Chairmen of Work AreaDonnie Ayers
For teaching and guiding the young; on Nature
For the perfecting of the saints;

For the conversion of sinners;..... Chairperson CommitteeJoyce Kearse
For the promotion of righteousness; on Lay Leadership
For the extension of God's reign

In the unity of the faith; Chairperson of Age-level/Judy Ayer
In the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood; Family work area
In love and goodwill to all;

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and Pastor.....Rev. Edward Stiltz
serve this church;

In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CLOSING PRAYER (everyone)

We now, the people of this congregation, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifices of our mothers and fathers in the faith, and confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2001 Mizpah Reunion and Homecoming Minutes

Rains held off while the 80th Reunion of the Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moyer Families and the Sixth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming convened at the historic pre-Civil War church in Bufords Bridge, South Carolina.

Reunion president Clint Smoak (Moyer family) called the meeting to order at 11:30 a. m. on October 14, 2001. Becky Swindell (Moyer family) provided a prelude and piano selections for the service. Rev. Edward Stiltz, minister of the Olar charge, gave the invocation.

"Inspiration comes from many places - God's house, God's people, God's words," said Betty Jane Miller, "but today it comes from T. Benton Young." Young wrote the poem, "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge," which Miller gave as a dramatic reading to the congregation.

Music was provided by the Swindell and Keel families - the Moyer Family Singers -- who presented an encore version of a song written about Mizpah. Doug Keel accompanied the delightful presentation on the guitar.

Clyde Kearsse welcomed everyone to Mizpah, and reported on the progress of the restoration. The new restroom facility has been added, George Kearsse has installed the shutters, memorial plaques were installed for windows and doors, and a memorial brick walkway was added to the front entrance. Kearsse thanked all who have worked to keep the church ready for future generations,

The minutes of the 2000 meeting were approved as presented in the 2001 program book. Ched Kearsse gave the nominating committee report. On motion of Bill Craven, the congregation approved the nomination of the following officers: 2002 Reunion president, Robbie Kearsse (Kearsse family); 2003 Reunion president, Mickie Brabham (Brabham family). Amanda Morris will assume the duties of treasurer and Carol B. Varn will continue as secretary. Clint Smoak introduced Robbie Kearsse, 2002 Reunion president, to the congregation.

Andrew Chandler, representing the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, said of the restoration, "We salute you for very important work that has been done here." He noted what a delight it was to be invited to share this gathering, and brought greetings from Roger Stroup, director, and Mary Edmonds, deputy director.

President Smoak acknowledged the official Reunion family count: Brabham - 46; Kearsse - 77; Kirkland - 39; Moyer - 16; McMillan - 5. Also recognized were: Mary Carlton Lull, of Berkeley, California, who traveled longest distance; and 5-week old Benjamin Brabham. and 90-year-old Maura Mayfield, the youngest and oldest attending.

Genie Bellamy introduced a lifelong friend, Bill Craven, as the day's speaker. She said Craven had been an Eagle scout, a newspaper columnist, and a county agent in South Carolina and Georgia for 38 years. Among many other accomplishments, she noted he had been an Olympic torch bearer as the flame traveled to the Atlanta games.

Craven noted that it was an honor to be the day's speaker, and for the families to gather this day in this sanctuary. He thanked those responsible for the restoration at Mizpah, saying that with this restoration Mizpah becomes a "beautiful gate to heaven." He further observed that though we owe many for this restoration, we also owe many before restoration too. Many have sustained Mizpah through all its difficult times - through wars, the boll weevil, the Depression. "Mizpah," said Craven, "is us."

Following the speaker's presentation, the families sang the traditional hymn, "*Blest Be The Tie That Binds.*" Rev. Stiltz gave the benediction and blessing, and the families ended the day with fellowship and a covered dish dinner on the grounds. A highlight of the meal was the lemonade prepared by Robbie Kearsse and family.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol B. Varn

MIZPAH 1856-2002 81st Reunion

30 September 2002
Good Morning

The congregation of MIZPAH welcomes you to the 81st reunion.

Welcome home.

Restoration update:

Dec. 2001 – Completed rest room / storage area.

April 2002 – Installed an ADT alarm system.

June – Moved well water tank to new storage area and rewired pump controls.

The very day the contractor was paid for moving the water system, a leak was discovered spraying the storage area ceiling and walls.

July – Water damaged ceiling and wall panels were replaced and repainted.

August – Added additional water lines and faucets to supply the cemetery grounds.

August -- Insulated attic of sanctuary.

Sept. – The old rest room was moved.

Sept. – Stops were placed for drive way entrance gates.

MIZPAH mysteries: Some think the sound in the sanctuary has changed, there seems to be an echo and voices do not carry as well as before the restoration. Your thoughts?

Some of the original hand made bricks and nails were placed on a palette near fence by rear gate for those who might want them. We have materials left over from the restoration. If interested, see me. A donation for them will be permitted.

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PO Box 805
Olar, SC 29843
Phone: 803-368-8863
Email: icki@mindspring.com

**MIZPAH
1856-2002
81st Reunion**

Restoration Donors: 2002

Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Brabham
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeRienzo Sr.
Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson
Mrs. Laura Kirby
Mrs. Betty K. Wells
Mrs. Ruth P. McMillan
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. (Rick) Clark
Mrs. Aubrey Godowns
Mrs. Jessie Rast
Mrs. Jean Rast
Mrs. Laurie Bryant
Mrs. Sara Vardell
Mrs. Deborah K. Waltz
Mrs. Amanda P. Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kearse



New Donor Board at Mizpah.



Inside Donor Cabinet, samples of materials used in Restoration 2001.

Mizpah Church Families Association
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 31, 2001 - August 31, 2002

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2001 \$10,328.17

Receipts:

Interest..... \$ 22.91

Reunion Collection - October 8, 2000..... 472.00

Total Receipts 494.91

Total in Bank & Receipts \$10,823.08

Expenditures:

Sinclair Rivers - Cleaning Cemetery \$ 94.50

Donnie Ayers - Cleaning Cemetery 250.00

Ray Maintenance - Pressure Wasing, Cleaning windows
 Tables, Benches and under shed 290.00

Helen Florist - Flowers for Church 47.70

Mell Ricer - Paper Supplies 68.12

Sun Printing - Program Books/Offering Envelopes/
 Certificates 1205.40

Total Expenditures \$ 1,955.72

Total in Bank August 31, 2002 \$ 8,867.36

Amanda P. Morris
 Treasurer

Memorial Flowers

by Mizpah Church Reunion Association

Gladys Brabham Weiss

Died August 3, 2002

Margaret Dyches Brabham

Died September 26, 2002

Carol Key Kirkland

Died 2001

Albert Derrell Bennett, Jr.

Died November 2001

Tommy Godowns

Died April 5, 2002

Jack Delacy Snelling

July 3, 2002

Dorothy "Dot" McMillan Tiner

October 25 2001

Evelyn Whitten McMillan

August 5, 2002

Mary Simmons McMillan

January 20, 2002

Jeanette McMillan Jeffords

January 2002

James Vernon McMillan

November 2001

As well as to the memory of all the deceased in our families

Flowers on Side Table
Given by June & Chester Kearse
And
Kim Formby & Kay Brinkley Formby

In Memory of
Mrs. Evelyn Whiten McMillan
Mrs. Dorothy McMillan Tyner
Mrs Berta McMillan Formby
Mr. Ken Formby

Flowers on the Piano
Given by Mrs. Evelyn Kearse and Family

In Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Kearse Sr. &
“Frances” “Teeny” “Bobby”

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

Gladys Brabham Weiss died August 3, 2002. Peggy Brabham Nicholson wrote of Gladys: "She was 97-1/2 and certainly lived her life to the max. A graveside funeral was held at Mizpah on August 9 and was beautiful. She loved Mizpah and would have loved her service." Peggy also wrote that her youngest son, Scott, and Sally Strong were married March 30th in Jacksonville, Fla. Peggy, who lives in Kennesaw, Ga., said she hopes one day that all of her children (4) and grandchildren (8) can be together at Mizpah.

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Sally Zeigler Inabinet of Columbia wrote: "Mother (Gene) is in a nursing home in Columbia - Heartland of Columbia, 2601 Forest Drive, Columbia, S. C. 29204. She loves getting cards! She just celebrated her 90th birthday. Lee, our oldest, lives in San Antonio with his wife and two daughters. He is an Air Traffic Controller at Laughlin AFB. He leaves very soon for Afghanistan for 6 months to a year. Please put him on your prayer list along with the entire contingency from McEntire Air Base (SC Air Guard). "Tiger" (George III) is residing in San Mateo, California - still single. He is a Software Projects Manager for Logitech and travels to and from Switzerland. He really enjoys California tho' - snowboarding, cycling, and traveling. George and I are doing well. He retired 12 years ago and enjoys golfing, meeting friends for breakfast, etc. and hanging out at our lake cabin. He, also, finally decided he'd try the computer - 'bout drove him nuts, but now he does quite well. Mostly emailing and surfing the net. I, on the other hand, just retired (July, 02) and am trying to get the hang of NOT having to get up and go to school. Shouldn't take long tho'!!! Already have numerous sub days scheduled - but only when I want to!! Plus, I'm teaching ESL classes at the church. Lots of other things we plan to do together that we haven't been able to because of work. Our biggie is a cross country trip to visit family and friends - so watch out!!"

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Dr. A. McKay (Mickey) Brabham III of Columbia sent news of his family: Walter Clayton Brabham, son of Heather Rowland and Angus McKay Brabham, IV, was born on October 10, 2000, in Columbia S.C., joining older brother Angus McKay Brabham, age 4 years. Carole Elizabeth Robinson and Heyward Clarkson Brabham were married April 13, 2002, in Asheville, N.C., and are making their home in Columbia, S.C. Lucia Brabham Bishop, who lives in Stockbridge, Ga., and whose father was William Mouzon Brabham of Bamberg, wrote of her children and grandchildren: "I have one daughter, Nancy Stokes Bingham, who has one daughter, Elizabeth Bingham Dunne. She and her husband, Andrew, live in London, England. I have one son, William G. Bishop, Jr., who lives in Orlando, Fla. He is president of Internal Auditors Association. He has four sons: John, a professor at Washington State University; Michael, a chemist at Glaxo (Welcome) Smith-Kline in Chapel Hill, N.C.; William Bishop, district manager for FEDEX in Connecticut, and Robert Brabham Bishop, who is in charge of Environmental Services for New Hampshire. There are 6 great grandchildren with a seventh on the way."

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BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

From the family of Robert F. (Bobby) and Inez Brabham of Sumter, S.C., comes this news: Tiffany Miles, daughter of John and Gail Brabham Miles and grand daughter of Bobby and Inez, received a diploma of Nursing from Southern Union State Community College in the Health Science Division, in August 2002. She is working at Lanett Memorial Hospital in Lanett, Ala. Jennifer Brabham, daughter of Gene and Frances Brabham of Georgetown, S.C., received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Medical University of S.C. on the Frances Marion Campus in Florence, S.C., in May 2002. She works in the Neo Natal Unit at McLeod Hospital. Two grand daughters, Robin and Rita Lacey, of the late Corinne Brabham Lacey, graduated from South Forsyth High School in Cummings, Ga., and grandson, Jamie Lacey and his wife, Jennifer, and two-year old Nicholas welcomed a daughter, Madyson, into the family on August 8, 2002.

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Robert E. (Bob) and Clarice Brabham O'Neal of Columbus, Ga., were honored May 26, 2002, at a Founders Day Reception of the Muscogee Genealogical Society for their support and promotion of local history and genealogy. On February 14, 2002, the Oglethorpe Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented to Clarice Brabham O'Neal, a pin and certificate for 50 years of Dedicated Service to the NSDAR. An Honorary Life Membership in the National Association of Retired Federal Employees was bestowed on Robert E. O'Neal in May 2002. He is the retired District Administrator of the Social Security Office in Columbus, Ga. Bob and Clarice's daughter, Mary Carlton Lull and her husband, Dr. Timothy Lull, were in Germany and Poland this summer. While in Europe, Tim led seminars on Martin Luther. Their two sons, Christopher and Peter, have new jobs this year near their homes in Berkeley, Cal. Christopher is Senior Technical Writer, Clinical Information Systems, for Kaiser Permanente, and Peter works for SEVA Foundation, an organization that aims to supply sustainable health care to developing countries.

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Vernon Brabham of Marietta, Ga., wrote asking for other Brabham relatives to contact him if they are interested in participating in a project to clean, mark and maintain the graves of Joseph Brabham, Sr., his wife and son, Joseph Brabham, Jr. The graves are located on farmland near Buford's Bridge. Vernon wrote, "This man (Joseph, Sr.) fought in the Revolutionary War and was wounded at Briar Creek in Georgia. I am seeking to have his gravesite cleaned up, fenced and cared for. I believe he should be recognized as a Revolutionary War veteran." Needed are monetary contributions and some volunteers who live close enough to make arrangements for the care of the graves. To get involved, contact: Vernon Brabham, 3012 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta, GA 30068 or by email vbrabham@mindspring.com.

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Robert Jason McCully, son of Robert William and Evelyn McCully, Jr., graduated with honors from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College in May. Jason earned an Associate Degree in Industrial Electronics Technology and received the Outstanding Student Award for the Industrial Technology Division. He also was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the only intentional honor society in two-year college.

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

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Jason's wife, Misty (Doremus) McCully, is currently in her fourth year of Nursing studies at South Carolina State University. Jason's mother, Evelyn McCully, is in her last year of Nursing studies at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Jason is the great grandson of the late Clarence Melvin Brabham and his late wife, Virginia Lee (Nettles) Brabham, and the grandson of their daughter, Virginia Nettles (Brabham) McCully and Robert "Bob" William McCully, Sr.

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Dustin Chandler McCully, David Brabham McCully and Martin Lee McCully, sons of Clarence Brabham "Brab" McCully and his wife, Cynthia McCully, attended the second session of The Citadel Summer Camp in July. During graduation exercises at the Charleston campus, Dustin received the coveted Mark Clark Award, presented to campers who best exhibit excellence in sports, physical fitness and sportsman like conduct.

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Earlier in the year, the three boys gained a new little sister when Brabham and Cindy adopted Miranda Joy McCully, now eight. The children are also great grandchildren of Clarence Melvin and Virginia Lee Brabham and grandchildren of Virginia "Ginger" Brabham McCully and Robert W. "Bob" McCully.

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Margaret Brabham

Mrs. Brabham, 80, died Thursday, September 26, 2002 at her home. Born in Hilda, she was a daughter of the late John Henry and Lottie Fail Dyches, She had retired from the Sunbeam Corp. and was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church of Olar. Surviving are her husband, E.A. Brabham, Jr. of Olar; daughter, Donna B. Priester of Summerville; sons, Ewart Arthur Brabham, III of Hendersonville, N.C., Steve Alan Brabham of Olar; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by a son, John Timothy Brabham.

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If you did not receive a letter this summer asking for items to be included in the Brabham News, your name is not on the mailing list, or your address is incorrect. To be included on the mailing list, please contact (Nan O'Neal Campbell, 1262 Steele St., Denver, CO 80206 or by email at nanoneal2000@yahoo.com.



Benjamin Joseph Brabham (5 weeks old), Brian Joseph Brabham (Father), and Melanie Morris Brabham (mother.)

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Courtney Owen, daughter of Louise Williams Dodd, has been serving on a Mission Team in South Africa for over a year. She is currently serving in the ministry of sports - from clinics for kids to coaching at different schools. In a recent e-mail to her family, Courtney writes - "I have slept in the slums of Africa, I have held the priceless lives of Aids children in my arms, I have learned how to communicate somewhat effectively in several different languages and lived in the midst of twelve different nationalities. Often times, I feel that I may not be equipped for this tremendous challenge, but when I see the excitement on these young faces and the joy in their hearts, I am reminded that I am indeed equipped." Courtney has a wonderful sacrificial attitude and is totally dedicated to her mission work. Even though her family misses her very much, we know that she is happy serving God in this most worthy capacity. Courtney is the granddaughter of Laura Kearsse W. Kirby and the late Colonel Albert Williams. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kearsse, Sr.

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Laura Kearsse W. Kirby, Harriet W. Williamson, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Williamson and two young sons of Orangeburg, enjoyed a seven day cruise recently to the Caymen Islands and other ports of interest in the Carribean.

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Walker Gregory, Jr. and his wife, Yvonne, have moved into their beautiful new home in Hamlin Plantation in Mt. Pleasant. Walker and Yvonne are associated in Real Estate and Interior Decorating. Walker is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Walker S. Gregory, Sr. and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kearsse, Sr.

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Betty Kearsse K. Wells and her husband, Laurence, enjoyed a Carnival cruise to the Bahamas this past January. They left from Port Canavaral, Florida, docking at Nassau. Before returning home, they toured Cape Kennedy and other places of interest. Betty and Laurence have just recently attended a wedding in New Orleans, along with a host of Bamberg friends. They not only enjoyed the wedding festivities, but enjoyed sightseeing in this beautiful, historic city.

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Allen Kearsse is a Junior at Newberry College. He is the son of Ricky and Robbie Kearsse and grandson of Evelyn Kearsse and the late Bobby Kearsse.

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Jim Kearsse, son of Bonnie McMillan Kearsse and Mackay Kearsse, graduated from B-E High School this past June. He is now a Freshman at USC-SALK. Jim is the grandson of Evelyn Kearsse and the late Bobby Kearsse.

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KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

Elizabeth (Pert) Kearse Thompson and daughter, Anne, are attending the Thompson-Clarkson family reunion in Charleston this week-end (October 11-13). The gathering of family members is being held in an old family home of the Clarkson family, which is currently owned by the College of Charleston.

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Richard and Steven Kearse, graduated from Hayfield Secondary High School in Alexandria, Virginia this past June. Richard is a Freshman at East Carolina University in Greensboro, N. C., and Steven is a Freshman at James Madison College in Harrisburg, Virginia.

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Lauren Kearse is a Sophomore at Spring Valley High School in Columbia.

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Richard, Steven and Lauren are the grandchildren of June M. Kearse and the late Richard M. Kearse.

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Fred and Lorraine (Kearse) Clark's family of 3 children (Rick, Judy & Dot), 6 grandchildren, 3 friends, and 5 in-laws gathered for the annual "beach reunion" at Garden City Beach, SC, during the first week of August.

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The Clarks in Richmond, Va., (Rick, Amy, Carrie & Will) visited ground zero during the spring break. One of Rick's business associates was lost in the attack. They took advantage of being in New York, and took in several Broadway shows. Rick and Amy again supported the Venture Crew in the James River Bateaux Festival. Amy began her term as Vice President of World at Work, a national compensation association. Rick has been elected as an Elder in their church and continues to enjoy retired life. Carrie made the honor roll at Towson University, then in September transferred to Randolph Macon Woman College in Lynchburg, Va., where she is already much happier and has become more involved than at Towson. She has a part in the school's annual Greek Play. Will is a high school senior and he has continued his involvement in theater to the extent of parts in four productions. He is still very active in the Venture Crew where he has received his Ranger Award, and been named its Vice President. He has developed a keen interest in Photography, and since this is his senior year of high school, he is busy looking at various colleges.

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The Rushings in Vienna, Va., (Judy, Chuck, Colin, Ashby, & Jason) finally made it to the period of being empty nesters, since Jason has received his Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering from Virginia Tech, and employed by Parsons Corp. in Fairfax, Va. Jason has moved into an apartment not too far from Judy and Chucks' home. Colin is still working hard, day and night, with the legal firm he joined several years ago. Ashby no longer teaches middle school English, but is a research assistant at George Washington University, while working on her Doctorate in education.

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

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MARRIAGE:

Richard M. Kearse, Jr. and Beth Coffee of Columbia, SC, were married at the University of South Carolina Chapel on December 28, 2001. The reception was held at the home of Tim and Cindy Kearse Segars in Lexington, SC.



L to R: Joe, Amanda, Gwen Kearse Bullington, and Grady Kearse in front of the Church.



L to R: Sandy Sanders, Michael Scott Sanders, great-grandson of Sandy; John Sanders, granddaddy of Michael, and Ginger Sanders, grandmother of Michael.



L to R: Grady Kearse, Lorraine Kearse Clark, and Ben Kearse.



Left: Amanda Proveaux Morris, Margaret and Frank Hiers (2nd and 3rd from right).



June and Chester Kearse

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS



On Right: Harriet Kirkland Gilmore



L to R: Jonathon Hastings, Robby Hastings, Van Hastings, Tricia Hastings, Dot Clark Hastings, Fred Clark, Lorraine Kearsse Clark and Rick Clark.



L to R: Myra Johns Mayfield-90, oldest; Belva and Cecil Kearsse - brother of Myra.



"Lemonade Crew" 2001



Clyde Kearsse, Clint Smoak (President 2001)



Francis "Mike" Kearsse



Rest Rooms



KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS

Taylor Joseph Green was born on June 25, 2001. He is the great-great-grandson of C.W. (Will) Kirkland great-grandson of Kathryn (Kitty) Kirkland Bradley, and grandson of Sherry Neal Green.

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Maven Rose Busby was born on September 17, 2001, to Mary Beth and Nick Busby. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Bessie Kirkland Clayton.

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Joanne Lauren Crowe was born on February 15, 2002, the daughter of Lynn and Frank Crowe. She and her 19-month old brother, Jac Crowe, are grandchildren of Alex and Alma Jennings.

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Jason and Stacy Peek are the proud parents of a son, Colyn Jason Peek, born in February. Jason is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Kirkland and the son of Frank and Cathy Kirkland.

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Robert and Kathleen Brunson announce the birth of their daughter, Kathleen Clarke, born on June 14, 2002. Mrs. Brunson is the daughter of Reverend Harold Kirkland and granddaughter of the late John Eldon and Annie Lou Dickinson Kirkland. They live in Mt. Pleasant where Robert is a senior partner with Nelson, Pruett, Riley and Scarborough.

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Evan Steedly Ridenhour, son of Melanie and Jason Ridenhour of Mt. Pleasant, was born June 24, 2002. Evan was welcomed home by his sister, Anna. Melanie is the daughter and step-daughter of Billy and Carol Bell Varn of Bamberg

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Lyn and Scott Unnold welcomed their first child, Kayla Faith, on July 22, 2002, in Gainesville, GA. Lyn is the daughter of Garry and Bob Mallory of Lilburn, GA, and the great-granddaughter of Sara Kirkland Gary of Tampa, FL.

MARRIAGES

Andrew Chumley and Julie Bland were united in marriage on June 17, 2001, in First Methodist Church in Paragould, Arkansas. Andrew is the son of Helen Wehner Chumley and Douglas Chumley of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and grandson of Carolyn Kirkland Wehner and the late Henry O. Wehner, Jr., of Port Orange, FL. The bride and groom graduated from the University of Tennessee and Andrew will enter seminary in Dallas, Texas, in January, 2003.

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KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Dawn Kirkland, daughter of Mr. John Franklin Kirkland and the late Carol Key Kirkland, married John Edward Strickland December 8, 2001.

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Mary Kristen Godwin of Cheraw and Rodney Kirk Miller of Pageland were united in marriage on June 22, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Cheraw. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Monts Rast of Cameron (Jeanne Clark) and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Godwin of Cheraw (Mary Ann Rast).

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Harold Norman Kirkland and Uldine Allen Shockley announce their Life Commitment. The Christian Celebration was directed by Reverend Phillip C. Bryant, minister of the French Huguenot Church, Charleston. Reverend Kirkland is the son of the late John Eldon and Annie Lou Dickinson Kirkland.

DEATHS

Carol Key Kirkland, wife of John Franklin (Buddy) Kirkland, died in 2001.

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Albert Derrell Bennett, Jr., of Columbia, S.C., died November, 2001. He was the grandson of the late Benjamin Brown Kirkland.

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Tommy Godowns of Cope, S.C., died April 5, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Aubrey Clark Godowns, three sons, one daughter, one brother and two sisters. He was buried in Old Union Cemetery, Cope.

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Jack Delacy Snelling of Savannah, GA, died July 3, 2002. He was born in Millett, SC, and was the son of the late Cornelia Black Snelling and Jack Snelling. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Brown Snelling, a son, a daughter, and a sister, Ruth S. Lindley of Columbia.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Henry O. Wehner, III, and his wife, Sherri, of Ormond Beach, FL, left on October 6 for a two-week stint as volunteers for a medical mission to the Amazon in Brazil. "Hank" is a registered pharmacist at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, FL. "Hank" is the son of Carolyn Kirkland Wehner and grandson of the late Ione Toney Kirkland and James Hamilton Kirkland.

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Kent C. Kirkland of Barnwell obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina in December, 2001. He now practices law in the 14th Judicial Circuit (Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper and Beaufort counties) as an Assistant Solicitor.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

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Clint Kirkland of Barnwell, son of Kent and Kelsey Kirkland, was a Palmetto Boys State delegate. He was elected to the House of Representatives and Supreme Court.

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David Bruner of Gainesville, GA, graduated from Florida State University in April, 2002. He is the grandson of (Mrs.) Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill.

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Russ Walker Kirkland graduated from Clemson University. He is the son of Margaret Kirkland Worsham and the grandson of the late Norman and Eloise P. Kirkland.

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This year Betty Jane Miller has done the work for two State Historical Markers: 1) Macedonia Baptist Church, Blackville, Barnwell County's first African-American Baptist Church; Marker paid for by Barnwell County Museum and Historical Board. 2) Buford's Bridge; paid for by Rivers Bridge Camp 842, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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Rev. Jimmy Kirkland recently accepted the call to be the pastor of First Baptist Church in Dillon, SC. He, his wife, Donna, and daughters, Brittany and Brooke, are now making their home in Dillon.

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William G. Gilmore, Jr. (Bill) of Tallahassee, FL, is now a proud member of The Sons of the Confederacy. He and his wife, Ellen, have been attending re-enactments all over the South. Bill is the son of Harriett Kirkland Gilmore of Hendersonville, NC.

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In April of this year, Louis and Jan Odom moved into their new home at a new residential community near Highland Lake in Flat Rock, NC. In July, their daughter, Bethe Battalio and her family, visited from Pacifico, CA, for two weeks. Louis is the son of the late Ione Kirkland Odom and grandson of the late Jaynes Hamilton and Ione Toney Kirkland.

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Garry and Bob Mallory have completed their home at Highland Lake in Flat Rock, NC. They look forward to retirement there in a few years. Bob's mother, Sara Kirkland Gary of Tampa, FL, had a bad burn to her arm in May. She is still under a doctor's care with daily dressings.

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Edward "Ed" K. Walker from Tallahassee, FL, optometrist, and his wife, Dr. Judy Ann Clay, are still practicing – he for a little over 52 years. He is the son of the late Eloise Kirkland and Carl Walker of Tampa, FL.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

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Kiley Reese, granddaughter of Jane Reese-Wilson of Santa Barbara, CA, and great-granddaughter of the late Inez Kirkland and Wistar Hartzog, graduated from Marquette and has moved to Boston. She will be enrolled in graduate school at Boston College.

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Sara Tatum Pottenger was selected and ordained in September as a deacon in her church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC. Susan Tatum has been promoted to Team Leader for Substance Abuse Outpatient Services for the City of Alexandria, VA. Jim Tatum of Beaufort, SC, was awarded two first places and one second place for news articles and features for the *Beaufort Gazette*, Beaufort, SC. Sara, Susan and Jim are the daughters and son of Mary Risher Tatum and the late John M. Tatum, Jr. and grandchildren of the late Bess Kirkland and John May Tatum.

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Mike Watson, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, is working in two clinics in the Raleigh area. One is a Community Health Center serving rural and Hispanic populations and the second is run by the Public Health Department in Louisburg, NC. John Tatum Watson is employed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and has been assigned to the Chicago Department of Public Health for two years. Mike and John are sons of Mary Carolyn and Mike Watson, Sr. and grandsons of the late Bess Kirkland and John May Tatum.

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L. E. (Gene) Jarrell of High Point, NC, (email <gator60@triad.rr.com>) has sent a website that lists many cemeteries in the Allendale/Bamberg/Barnwell Counties ("Old Barnwell District"). The information contained on this website was compiled by volunteers. This is an ongoing project, and anyone who can add information would be welcomed to do so by contacting Lem Lancaster. The website, which includes Mizpah Methodist Church and the Robert C. Kirkland cemeteries as well as a total list of 51 cemeteries, is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~scbarnwe/Cemeteries/Cemeteries.html>.



Bill and Ellen Gilmore of the Kirkland Family.

McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

DEATHS

Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" McMillan Tiner of Printer, Kentucky, died October 25, 2001. She was the daughter of the late William Preston and Alberta Kearse McMillan. Dot is survived by a daughter, Sally Utsey, of Lakeland, Florida and a granddaughter, Heather Gay, of Ponte Vedra, Florida. She is also survived by sisters, June M. Kearse, of Fairfax, SC, Carolyn M. Worrix, of Allen, KY, and Margaret M. Hiers, of Ehrhardt, SC.

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Mrs. Evelyn Whitten McMillan died August 5, 2002. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles P. McMillan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William P. McMillan.

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Mrs. Mary Simmons McMillan died January 20, 2002. She was the daughter of the late Kistler Simmons and Genie Crosby Simmons of Walterboro. She is survived by her husband, Douglas Ray McMillian, and son, Douglas Ray McMillan, Jr. and a grandson of Walterboro, SC.

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Mrs. Jeanette McMillan Jeffords, daughter of Mrs. Ellis McMillan and the late Ellis McMillan died January 2002.

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James Vernon McMillan died in November 2001. He was the son of the late Vernon and Thelma Priester McMillan of Hampton, SC.

MARRIAGE

Ashley Elizabeth, daughter of Lynn and Randy Stumbo of Cynthiana, KY, graduated from Georgetown Baptist College in May and was married June 1, 2002, in Cynthiana. She is the granddaughter of Bradley and Carolyn McMillan Worrix of Allen, KY.

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Holly McMillan Whitlock and Burton Eberle Moore III, both of Mount Pleasant, SC, were married Saturday, May 4, 2002. Holly is the daughter of Nancy Carol Springs of Mount Pleasant, SC, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Whitlock of Durham, NC, and granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Holmes Springs of Myrtle Beach, Charles Whitlock of Spartanburg, SC, and the late Sara McMillan Whitlock.

McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Nikki, daughter of Lynn and Randy Stumbo of Cynthiana, KY, graduated from Cynthiana High School in May and is now a Freshman at Eastern Kentucky State University in Richmond KY. She is the granddaughter of Bradley and Carolyn McMillan Worrix of Allen, KY.

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Vickie McMillan Bueno, DDS was accepted as a partner in a large dental office in Virginia Beach, VA. She is one of eight partners. Vickie is the daughter of Joe and Joyce McMillan of Bamberg, SC, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lee McMillan.

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Mrs. Hermine McMillan (Mrs. Perry Lee McMillan) celebrated her 94th birthday, August 10, at the home of her grandson with immediate family. She is residing at a convalescent home in Ehrhardt, SC.

MOYE FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sarah Moye Young moved in May to Springmoor Life Care Retirement Center in Raleigh, N.C., and reports much satisfaction and joy in being there. Her daughter, Susan Y. Young, and her family live in the Raleigh, just 5 minutes away, so there is much family time together.

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Tricia McClure, granddaughter of Sarah Young and daughter of Wes and Susan McClure, is enrolled at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland. It is the oldest art college in the United States of America and is 175 years old with only 1000 students allowed. As a high school senior, she graduated at the N.C. School of Art in Winston-Salem, N.C., in visual art, which includes art, sculpture, graphics, photography, design and other areas and will continue in college at MICA.

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Marion Moye Smoak will be attending the wedding of her granddaughter, Ashley Robison to Derek Ramsey in Charleston, S.C., this weekend (12th of October). The wedding will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church. The large family will all attend this happy occasion.

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Marion Moye Smoak was honored in September by her church (Trinity United Church in Bamberg). She was selected as U.M.W. (United Methodist Women) "Woman of the Year". She was honored September 8th at her church and on September 21st at the District Meeting in Orangeburg. Marion is very active in church work but also in club and civic groups in Bamberg.

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BIRTHS

Wesley, Julie and Chandler Peel welcomed Caroline Elizabeth to their family on January 8, 2002.

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MARRIAGE

Jonathan Turner Peel and Emily Rae Watson were married on September 14, 2002, in Kalmia Gardens, Hartsville, S.C.

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Wesley and Jonathan are the sons of Martha Moye and Chandler Peel and grandsons of the late G.M. Dickinson, Jr. and Hortense Sandifer Dickinson.

MOYE FAMILY NEWS



Donnie Ayers, Philip Morris, Betty Jean Miller, Ann McMillan Biggers holding Anna Elisa.



Genie Hiers, Marian Moyer, Clint Smoak (front row); Amanda Morris, and Delores Harris (second row).



Donnie Ayer, Philip Morris and Clyde Kears and Chatham Harris



Philip Morris



Marion Moyer Smoak and Bill Craven



Sara Moyer Young and Marion Moyer Smoak

REUNION 2001



Betty and Larry Wells

Andrew and Kathy Chandler, Dr.
Mike and Mrs. Mary Carol
Watson, and Carolyn Watson



REUNION 2001



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Rev. and Mrs. Ed. J. Stiltz and Kimberly



Back of Church



Wynette and Kimberly Stiltz

REUNION 2001



Sanctuary of Mizpah 2001 Reunion



Mizpah Pulpit after Restoration 2001 Reunion Flowers

THOSE WE REMEMBER



Bobby Kears, Mrs. Vera McMillan Kears, Harold Kears. (deceased)

L-R , H.A. Kears, Harold Kears, Mrs. Chester Kears, Ethel Kears (Center) (deceased)



Gray Kears and Wm. Maxwell Kears (deceased)

THOSE WE REMEMBER



Maude Rice, McKay Brabham (deceased), Charles Kirkland, Clarice and Robert E. O'Neal.



Mel Rizer, Annie Lara Kirkland (deceased), and Mrs. Annie Lou Mobley



Mrs. Marguriete Neeley, Norman Kirkland, Mrs. Inez Hartzog, and Mrs. Sadie Cooner (deceased)



Laura Mae Breland, Edwin Breland (deceased), Sarah Seabrook and Lorraine Clark.

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