

**Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland
McMillan and Moye
89th
Anniversary Reunion**



and the
**Fifteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming
at
Buford's Bridge, South Carolina
October 10, 2010**



Photo by Clyde Kearsse

The Spirit of Buford's Bridge

*'Neath mossy oaks and stately pines,
Old Mizpah Church still stands;
Its heritage, today, reminds
The five assembled clans...
Here, each year, one day to pause,
In tribute to their forebears' cause*

*Where the Swamp Fox fires
Burned for Marion's men,
Brabhams, Moyes and Kirklands
Fought in those ranks so thin,
And there with Kearses and McMillans
Sought to vanquish Tarelton's villains.*

*When war was done and freedom won,
And Buford's Bridge was home,
Then for father as for son,
The toil was not alone,
For able wives then shared their lives
And families tree were grown.*

*Peace would last as decades passed,
But war would come again;
North and South, their troops amassed,
To know both death and pain;
Scourging troops burned Buford's down,
And only Mizpah stood its ground.*

*Though many died, the families tried,
To keep their own together;
Upon new grounds they built their towns,
And strength was with them ever;
Years have seen them far and near,
But always Mizpah Church was dear.*

*'Neath Mizpah's trees of oak and pine
Gather now the clans,
To join in song of ties that bind,
And clasp the friendly hands;
Here, one feels and sees and hears
A spirit that survives the years.*

*T. Benton Young, Jr.
Moye Family
October 13, 1968*

2010 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING
89th Anniversary

of the

Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion

and the

Fifteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming

October 10, 2010

11:30 am

Prelude: "God of Our Fathers"Organ: Claudia Kirkland Sandifer
Piano: Mary Carolyn Watson

Meeting Call To OrderBill Gilmore

Invocation and WelcomeRev. Edward Stiltz, (Olar Charge)

Poem: "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge"Betty Jane Miller

Hymn..... "How Firm a Foundation"

Approval of 2009 Minutes and Treasurer's Report(Printed in Book)

Old Business/New BusinessClyde Kearsse

Election of OfficersChed Kearsse

Recognition of Family Members Present

Recognition of Youngest , Oldest, Farthest Traveled, First-time Attendee

Offertory: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"Organ and Piano

Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Introduction of Speaker.....Bill Gilmore

Speaker "Why in the World Does the World Need the Church?"Rev. John Hipp

Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Benediction and BlessingRev. Edward Stiltz

2009 Minutes

Mizpah Reunion and Homecoming

The 88th anniversary reunion of the Brabham, Kears, Kirkland, McMillan and Moyer families and the 14th Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming convened October 11, 2009 at the historic church.

The service began with a piano prelude "I Love to Tell the Story" by Mary Carolyn Watson. President Juliana Hughes (McMillan family) called the meeting to order, noting that though she lives in Atlanta, her heart is in Bamberg, and she was "proud to be here."

Rev. Edward Stiltz (Olar Charge) offered the invocation. Betty Jane Miller read Benton Young's poem, "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge," which was followed by the congregational singing of "Bless Be the Tie that Binds."

The 2008 Minutes were approved as printed in the 2009 program book, and the Treasurer's Report was accepted. Cal Watson offered a slate of officers which was approved by acclamation: Bill Gilmore (Kirkland), president; Bernard Kears (Kears), president -elect for 2011; Laurence Wells, treasurer; and Carol Varn, secretary.

The "Family Count" was as follows: Kirkland - 60; Kears - 48; McMillan - 23; Brabham - 17; and, Moyer - 12. Attendees ranged from 7 months old to 87 years.

Clyde Kears reported on the Mizpah foundation and Mizpah 1856.org. Bernard Kears urged the group to work to save our area's history. Bill Craven reported that he and others had been interviewed by "Sandlapper" magazine for an article about Mizpah Church to appear in the winter issue. Dr. Watson asked everyone to participate in a group picture on the front porch of the church after the service. Also, anyone willing to share their own Mizpah photographs should contact Philip Morris (for next year's program) or Clyde Kears (for the website).

Ched Kears introduced the speaker, Dr. Michael C. Watson, calling him a true son of Mizpah (by marriage) and a true leader in the Methodist Church, where among other things he started the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission program. Watson's topic was "What do you want most out of life?" He spoke of his life as a rural physician in Bamberg, which gave him the opportunity to make many wonderful friends. He said when he puts his feet on the floor in the morning, he knows he is blessed to be able to help someone today.

The service ended with the congregation singing "God of our Fathers." The benediction and blessing were offered by Rev. Stiltz. Following the service the congregation enjoyed dinner on the grounds, which was catered for the first time by Cheryl Hoffman of Bamberg.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol B. Varn, secretary

Mizpah Church Families Association
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 31, 2009 - August 31, 2010

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2009 \$ 7882.00

Receipts:

Interest \$ 7.00

Reunion Collection - October 11, 2009 for Families Association 539.00

Total Receipts..... \$ 546.00

Expenditures:

Lemonade, Paper Products for Reunion 228.00

Helen's Florist - Flowers for Church 72.00

Sun Incorporated - Printing Program Books, etc. 589.00

Total Expenditures.....\$ 879.00

Total in Bank August 31, 2010 \$ 7549.00

Laurence R. Wells
Treasurer
8-31-10

Memorial Flowers

by Mizpah Church Reunion Association



Robert W. McCully Sr.
March 11, 2010

David C. Vega
June 16, 2009

Martha Brabham Hodge
November 20, 2009

Brenda Youra
January 5, 2010

Charles R. Whitlock
December 22, 2009

Buddy Sandifer
May 20, 2010

**Daisy Adeline
McMillan Mazyck**
April 4, 2010

Marion Moye Smoak
October 21, 2009

Patricia Lynn Hiers
May 27, 2010

Lu F. Ellis
April 25, 2010



*The flowers on the piano
are placed in memory of*

Harriet Kirkland Gilmore
August 29, 1913 - July 26, 2004

*by her children,
Harriett Gilmore Northcutt
and William G. Gilmore, Jr.*

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid:

I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

All Hail the Power of Jesus' name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

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December 2009 ~ Sandlapper Magazine winter edition 2009-2010 published a well written article on Mizpah entitled, The Tie that Binds

December 2009 ~ Mizpah was on the Bamberg County Chamber of commerce tour of homes.

February 27th ~ Mizpah was host to the South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference, Historical Society. Mrs. Betty Jane Miller spoke of the early History of Buford's Bridge. A Power Point presentation was given on the restoration of Mizpah church. Refreshments were served. Following the program Mrs. Miller presented Mizpah with a copy of the signed Ordinance of Secession. Major Joseph Josiah Brabham one of the signers of the document is buried here.

All Veterans (29) were honored July 4th 2010

Mr. Don Rizer donated an Organ to Mizpah; Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rizer, (Kirkland family)

Funerals this year, July, Mr. Lyle Bennett Tucker, who formally lived in Olar before moving to North Carolina was buried here.

Mizpah continues to have services every Sunday at 10: AM

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BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

William Hutto Brabham II, son of Dr. and Mrs. William W. (Will and Margaret) Brabham of Charleston, S.C. was born April 13, 2010. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. (Mickey) Brabham of Columbia and is named for Mickey's brother, the late William Hutto Brabham. The family calls the baby Liam.

MARRIAGES AND ENGAGEMENTS:

Christopher Lull and Erica Buffett have announced their engagement. Christopher is the son of Mary Carlton O'Neal Lull of Berkeley, California and the late Rev. Dr. Timothy F. Lull. He is grandson of the late Clarice Brabham O'Neal and Robert E. O'Neal. Erica is the daughter of Peter Buffett of New York City and Mary Buffett of Los Angeles, California. They will be married in November in San Francisco and will live in Berkeley, California. Chris is currently leading the project to implement a new patient accounting system for the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center.

DEATHS:

Robert W. McCully Sr., father of Robert McCully Jr. and Clarence Brabham McCully, died March 11, 2010 after an extended illness. Bob was a civic and business leader in Bamberg, S.C. and a long time friend of the Mizpah Reunion.

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David C. Vega, husband of Joyce Talley Vega of Charleston, died June 16, 2009. He was the son of Theo Brabham Vega and Frank Vega of Charleston, S.C.

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Martha Brabham Hodge, wife of Wallace A. Hodge, died November 20, 2009 in Charleston, S.C. She was a graduate of the High School of Charleston and had retired from Bell South. In addition to her husband she is survived by her sister Elizabeth F. Brabham, nephew Timothy B. Roberts (Cindy) and great-niece Heather A. Roberts. She was the daughter of Otis Benjamin and Frances Fender Brabham and granddaughter of Lee Hendrix and Martha Morris Brabham. She was buried at Live Oak Cemetery in Charleston.

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

GRADUATIONS AND HONORS:

Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brabham McCully (Brab and Cindy), graduated from Bamberg Ehrhardt High School. He will attend the University of South Carolina at Allendale.

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Madason Pressley McCully was the youngest to attend the 2009 Reunion at 7 months and 10 days old. Parents are Jason and Misty McCully, grandparents are Robert W. McCully Jr. and Evelyn McCully and great grandparents are Robert W. McCully and Ginger McCully.

NEWS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF OLLIE BRABHAM

Chixavier Dominique Darryl Jumper – great grandson of Ollie Brabham: 2010 graduate of White Knoll High School, Lexington, S.C. He is attending South Carolina State University, majoring in Physical Education

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Yvonne Brabham Kelley – granddaughter of Ollie Brabham: 2010 graduate of the National Division of Evangelism Explosion

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Caroline Brabham Edmunds – granddaughter of Ollie Brabham: received Outstanding Performance award from the University of South Carolina; completed Administrative Professionals Certification from Midlands Technical College; received 10 year service pin for more than 10 years of faithful and dedicated service to the University of South Carolina.

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Samuel Andre Sojourner – great great grandson of Ollie Brabham: graduated December 2009 from South Carolina State University, Cum Laude with a BS Degree in Biology.

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He received a STEM Fellowship to get his Master's in Biological Science at Delaware State University.

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Marcus Dusan Sojourner – great great grandson of Ollie Brabham: made the Dean's List at Moorehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

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Tiffany Huggins – great great granddaughter of Ollie Brabham: made the Dean's List at USC Aiken and is a Woodlands Scholarship recipient.

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

Martin J. And The Rest Of His Family As recorded by Daniel Winston Williams

On August 17th 2009, an e-mail circulated between me and a longtime friend Alice Allen, which would forever change how my family thought about our past. She had just given me the news of her marriage and I called to congratulate her on the family. We talked about her new hobby of grave marking and Genealogy and I explained that I had been unable to find information about some of my family. I gave her the name of Hallie Benjamin Brabham and by August 20th she had tracked my Brabham ancestors back through the Civil War, The Revolutionary war and into Scotland as so many of the Mizpah family are familiar.

On September 28 of 2009 I was the proud father of my first child, Ansley Marie Williams. In the next few days and months more information poured in about the old Brabham name of which we had not previously known anything about. The search for my family included meeting many wonderful people and visiting many interesting places.

For as long as my Grandmother had been alive no one knew anything about her Grandfather Martin Brabham, or even what his name was. She was born in the small community of Seigling just outside of Allendale on the Concord Church road. She didn't know her Grandfather or her uncle "Jim" and she had little knowledge of her Aunt Tillie Elkins. This all changed with the many week's of research my friend did. We were able to find this information thanks in great part to the various family members who had the foresight to write books like "Mizpah" and record other facts about the family.

Since starting this search I have taken my Father, Sister and two of my Aunts to see the graves of the family patriarchs. I only wish I could have done this for my Grandmother.

I lived with my Grandparents, until their death and often asked about the family with answers of little more than a few amusing stories. I would ask about the "Good-ole-days" and in time I realized they were anything but good. Life was very hard for them and so many others of their time. Perhaps that hardship kept the family in the dark about their ancestors but now, thanks to the help of so many people like Alice, Betty Jane Miller, Clyde Kearse, and the Proctor family, more of my family can appreciate the discovery of our extended family and preserve this information for years to come.

Our recorded lineage begins with Joseph and Flora McPhail Brabham, the first Brabham to come to America. It continues with Joseph and Sarah Clarke Kirkland Brabham and on to their ninth child, Martin James Brabham, who was recorded in the Mizpah book sometimes as "John Martin" after the lawyer who represented his father in a court case. It continues with Martin's

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second son Hallie Benjamin Brabham. As I mentioned he was the only person we had any knowledge of on the Brabham side of the family.

There was talk of "Jim" Brabham but it really was only talk that Hallie had a brother. I have since seen his grave at Allen's Chapel and his full name is James Medicus Brabham.

Hallie was married first to Atlos in 1909 and had two children, Clio and Cora. When Atlos died he married Clara Elizabeth Ferguson and they had seven children. Three of his children are still alive, their names are; "Nora" Riley of Barnwell, Verna Proctor of Warrentville S.C. and Shirley Johnson of Augusta, Ga.

My grandmother, Edna Brabham, died in May of 2002 but while she was married to Alton Williams of Graniteville; they had two sons, Billy Albert Williams and Alton Winston Jr.

Bill married Lois Folk and had two daughters Letitia and Joane and a son, Billy. He operated the Folk funeral Home in Williston until his death in 2000. The business is still owned and operated by his three children and their families.

My father, Alton Winston Jr. recently retired from the Hardware industry. I work as a Sergeant in the Augusta Fire Department. My younger sister, Andrea Michelle Williams, has an MBA in education and teaches third grade at Byrd Elementary school in Graniteville.

There is a lot of work yet to be done on the family tree as more information is needed about Jim, Hallie, and Tillie Brabham, but I keep hoping that, like panning for gold, the next big strike will uncover the information I need. I'm proud to call myself part of the Brabham family and I look forward to the coming months and years when I can meet more Mizpah Family members. We have a rich history to nourish the many branches of our family tree and I am excited to do my part to continue its Christian heritage.



Mr. and Mrs. David Sojourner, Sr.



Hallie Benjamin Brabham, son of Martin J. Brabham and Sara Darlington

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Miles Lee Youra was born July 2, 2010 and is the son of Greg and Katie Youra, grandson of the late Brenda Youra and Garrick Youra, great-grandson of Laura Kearsse Williams Kirby.

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Charlotte Ann Rushing was born on June 1, 2010, in Arlington, VA. Her proud parents are Kristen Bosch and Jason Rushing. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Chuck and Judy Rushing and the great granddaughter of Fred Clark and the late Lorraine Kearsse Clark.

DEATHS:

Brenda Youra of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin died January 5, 2010. She was the daughter of Laura Kearsse Williams Kirby and W. Kirby and the late Col. Albert Williams.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Stephen (Steve) Kearsse Kemmerlin, son of Betty K. Wells and the late Harold Kemmerlin, was the Parade Grand Marshal/Speaker at the Watermelon festival in Hampton this past summer. Steve resides in Varnville with his wife, Terri and daughter Cassie. He is a member of the Hampton United Methodist Church.

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Amanda Bullington received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of South Carolina in May of 2009. Amanda is the daughter of Gwen Kearsse Bullington and Joe Bullington and the granddaughter of the late Grady and Lula Kearsse.

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James Chatham Harris, son of Stephen W. and Lynne Kearsse Harris and grandson of Clyde and Joyce Kearsse, has been appointed Cadet Commander of Lexington Composite Squadron of the U. S. Civil Air Patrol for a second consecutive year. Chatham has been certified as a mission scanner, and he is nine hours away from his private pilot's license. Stephen Harris, husband of Lynne Kearsse Harris and son-in-law of Clyde and Joyce Kearsse, was appointed Squadron Commander of the Lexington Composite Squadron of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol. He was also named Deputy Commander of Cadets of the year for the South Carolina Wing. Lynne Kearsse Harris received her National Board Teacher Certification.

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In August 2009 Fred Clark, husband of the late Lorraine Kearsse Clark, moved to the Hermitage retirement home in Richmond, VA. In November family and friends joined him at the home of Rick and Amy Clark to celebrate Thanksgiving, and in June 2010 another gathering of family and friends occurred there to celebrate his 95th birthday. During his birthday celebration he was introduced to his 4th great granddaughter, Charlotte Ann Rushing, who was 3 weeks old.

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Ben Kears, Amy and Rick Clark, Dot and Van Hastings, Gwen and Joe Bullington, Gordon Kears



Kears Family



Gordon and Ben Kears, Amy and Rick Clark, Dot Hastings, Gwen Bullington, Bernard Kears, Evelyn and Douglas Kears, Mary C. Kears



Joyce Kears and Amanda Morris



Dr. and Mrs. Michael Watson and Ched Kears

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS



Fred Clark with children Judy, Rick, and Dot, on his 95th birthday, June 2010 in Studley, VA



Grandson Jason Rushing introduces Charlotte Ann to her greatgrandfather, Fred Clark, June 2010



Fred Clark and family, Thanksgiving 2009, Studley, VA



Bernard Kearse



Mrs. Bernard Kearse, Max and Anneliese Bernat with Presenters

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Elizabeth Anne Worsham was born March 25, 2010 in Ft. Worth, TX. She is the daughter of Kim and Wes Worsham and granddaughter of John and Margaret Kirkland Worsham. Kim, Wes and Elizabeth Anne now live in Ludsy, MD.

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Maris Adele Chumley was born April 14, 2010 in Dallas Texas. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Helen Wehner Chumley and great-granddaughter of Carolyn Kirkland Wehner and Henry Otto Wehner, III. Maris Adele Chumley had the Sacrament of Infant Baptism on September 19, 2010 at the Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

MARRIAGES:

William Gregory Gilmore, son of Ellen and Bill Gilmore and grandson of William and Harriett Kirkland Gilmore, was married to Kristal Quinn August 1, 2009 at Moody Gardens Aquarium in Galveston, Texas.

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William Allen Northcutt was married to Susan Howard last August on Cape Cod. Allen is the son of Harriett Gilmore Northcutt and grandson of Harriett Kirkland Gilmore.

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Rebecca Marion Rast was married to Kenneth Joseph Perfido of Goose Creek, SC on November 21, 2009. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Jessie Clark Rast of Cameron and great-granddaughter of the late Winfield and Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark of Cope, SC.

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Ansley Marie Rast was married to Madison Turnblad of Columbia, SC on September 4, 2010. She is the granddaughter of Ed and Jeanne Clark Rast of St. Matthews and great-granddaughter of the late Winfield and Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark of Cope, SC.

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Hayes Kirkland Staton and Molly Brown were married on October 2, 2010 in Milledgeville, GA. Hayes, the grandson of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes, practices law in Myrtle Beach, SC, and the couple will live at Murrells Inlet, SC.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

DEATHS:

Mary Pinckney Koonts, sister-in-law of Harriet Kirkland Gilmore died August 18, 2009. Mary was born in Columbia, SC on June 28, 1920 and was a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She was a longtime resident of South Bend, Indiana, the home of her late husband, Harold Koontz.



Buddy Sandifer, husband of Claudia Kirkland Sandifer, died in Bamberg on May 20, 2010. Services were held on May 22 at First Baptist Church, Bamberg.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Don Rizer of Greenville, SC, has given a Baldwin organ to Mizpah United Methodist Church and to the Mizpah Reunion in memory of his grandmother, Annie Lou D. Kirkland. Ms. Kirkland of Ulmer, SC, attended the Mizpah reunion for many years and played the piano for services at Mizpah on Sunday afternoons. She was the organist for the Great Salkehatchie Baptist Church in Ulmer. Don's mother, Melle Kirkland Rizer, is the daughter of the late John Elden and Annie Lou D. Kirkland.



Ruth Hayes Bruner, daughter of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill, has been elected mayor of Gainesville, GA.



Ellen Gilmore, wife of Bill Gilmore was certified as a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, date of admission March 15, 2010, upon the record of her Great-great-grandfather Private Flemming Parker, Company E, 2nd Regiment, Georgia Infantry, State Line Brigade, C.S.A. Ellen is a proud member of the Nancy Hart Chapter 121 in LeGrange, GA.



Bill and Ellen Gilmore attended the annual Sons of the Confederate Veterans Reunion in Anderson, SC, in July 2010. Bill Gilmore is a SCV member upon the record of his ancestor, 2nd Sergeant John Cornelius Kirkland, Co C, 1st Infantry Regiment and buried here at Mizpah Methodist Church. Bill is a member of the Colonel David Lang Camp #1314 and is honored to serve as Chaplain for his SCV Camp.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS



Bob and Gary Mallory (Bob is the son of Sarah Kirkland Gary) have been fortunate enough to continue their retirement goal of taking two nice cruises a year. Last year after the reunion, they spent a week in Italy with 7 friends and then got on a ship to sail for two weeks back to the US. This spring, they went the other way, sailing from Florida to England.



Carolyn Kirkland Wehner and Henry Otto Wehner have a son, Nick Kirkland Wehner, who has Cerebral Palsy and many family members have asked how Nick is. He is now 59 years old, living in Marianna, Florida at Sunland Training Center and is doing quite well and is very happy.

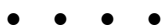


On May 8, 2010, at the Confederate Memorial Service in Barnwell, the 8th Brigade of the South Carolina Sons of the Confederate Veterans honored Mrs. Betty Jane Miller with a plaque from the Brigade because of her efforts in constantly telling "the true history of the South". It was presented by the 8th Brigade Commander Mark Humphreville of Springfield. Because Mrs. Miller is an Honorary member of Rivers Bridge Camp 842 she in turn presented it to Rivers Bridge Camp. "When one member of the Camp is honored, the entire Camp is honored."

Carey Edward Frick, Jr., graduated from Clemson University in May 2010. He is the son of Carey and Mary Lillian Bamberg Frick.



Mary Katherine Bamberg won the overall trophies in sporting clays and skeet and trap shooting in her division at Orangeburg Preparatory School. Mary Katherine plays tennis for OP and has won many matches in her division.



Rebecca Bamberg is busy cheering to victory the Junior Varsity football team at OP. Rebecca volunteers at MAMAS, the animal shelter, in Bamberg. Mary Katherine and Rebecca are daughters of Henry, IV and Kitty Bamberg. Edward, Mary Katherine and Rebecca are the grandchildren of Henry, III and Lillian Kirkland Bamberg.

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Tatum Pottenger, daughter of Sara Tatum Pottenger and Dave Pottenger of Durham, NC, entered Davidson College in Davidson, NC, as a freshman in August 2010.

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Christy Tatum, daughter of Mary and John M. Tatum, III of Beaufort, SC, is in the Masters of Social Work program at USC in Columbia, SC. Christy and Tatum are the great-granddaughters of the late John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Caroline Nicholson Watson and James Risher ("Jimmy") Tatum, both grandchildren of the late Elizabeth ("Bess") Kirkland and John May Tatum, were recently involved in the publication of a book entitled "The Medal of Honor, Our American Heroes." Caroline, daughter of Mary Carolyn Tatum and Mike Watson, is the Editor. Jimmy, son of Mary Risher and the late John May Tatum, Jr., is the creative writer. Caroline interviewed a majority of the Medal holders (only 87 recipients are living today) and Jimmy wrote childhood stories about them. The book is intended to educate the public—and especially our nation's youth—about the Medal of Honor, its significance, and its values. Caroline is a member of the South Carolina Military Department and was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

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Mary Beth Watson Manheim was awarded a Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Scholarship for 2009-2010. She was affiliated with India Institute of Management in Bangalore, India from September 2009-February 2010. During that time, she conducted research on globalization in the information technology (IT) workplace.

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Mike and Tammy Watson of Raleigh, NC, participated in a medical mission trip to Ecuador in July, 2010. The trip was organized and sponsored by the Cary Church of God in Cary, NC. The entire team included over 100 volunteers who served in various areas (medical, dental, child, evangelism, prison ministry). Mike served as a physician on the team and Tammy as a nurse. Over 200 patients were seen and treated daily. They are planning another medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic in January.

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Cal and Cathy Watson, and children Catherine, Jay and Bess live in Columbia. Catherine is a junior at A.C. Flora High School where she is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program and is serving as Treasurer of the student body. Jay is an eighth grader at Crayton Middle School and has enjoyed taking part in several school musicals and plays, as well as the AC Flora tennis and swim teams. Bess is in the fifth grade at Brennen Elementary and enjoys soccer and church choir.

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John Watson is an epidemiologist with the World Health Organization (WHO) and lives in Geneva, Switzerland. His work involves going to scenes of disaster to try to prevent epidemics. This work recently carried him to Pakistan which is suffering from severe flooding.

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Joe Nelson, husband of Aurelia Watson Nelson from Boise, Idaho has recently started his own consulting business. "Lean Matters, Inc." Their daughter, Sydney, after rigorous testing, obtained her 3rd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo at age 11 (the youngest age possible). Aurelia is a physician with Boise State University Health Services. Mary Beth, Mike, Cal, John and Aurelia are all grandchildren of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Sarah Elizabeth Strickland was principal flute with the Carolina Youth Symphony when they traveled to New York City and performed at Carnegie Hall in March of 2010. Sarah was first chair flute in the Greenville's All-County Honor Band and was named to the All-State Honor Band as well. Sarah is the drum major of the Eastside High School Band in Taylors, SC. The EHS Band traveled to Jacksonville, FL, in December 2009 to celebrate the New Year by performing at the Gator Bowl and the Gator Bowl parade. Sarah is the daughter of Dale and Emily Bell Strickland, granddaughter of Glenn and Betty Tatum Bell and great-granddaughter of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.



Lee and Mary Kirkland, Andalusia AL

McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Stephen and Jennifer Hughes of Bamberg announce the birth of their son, Dean Mclane Hughes on August 5, 2010 in the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg. He weighed 6 lbs. and 10 oz. Maternal grandparents are Ronnie and Peggie McGee of Elloree. Paternal grandparents are Roger and Patti Hughes of Bamberg. Dean was welcomed home by his sister, Kaylee Zeigler. (from the Advertizer Herald, Bamberg, SC August 11, 2010)

DEATHS:

Daisy Adeline McMillan Mazyck of Goose Creek died Sunday, April 4, 2010. She was 83. Mrs. Mazyck was a devoted wife, mother, sister and grandmother, and was devoted to her church family and friends. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched. Born March 9, 1927 in Charleston, she was one of seven children of Thomas Ambrose McMillan Sr. and Elma Lillian Fischer McMillan. She was a graduate of Chicora High and earned her LPN from Roper Hospital School of Nursing. She was retired as an LPN from Roper Hospital and was a longtime member of St. John's Catholic Church. Mrs. Mazyck is survived by her husband of 64 years, LeRoy A. Mazyck Jr. of Goose Creek; a son, LeRoy A. Mazyck III of Goose Creek; daughters Adeline M.L. Tucker and her husband Kenny of Ridgeville, Sarah M. Wade and her husband John of Summerville, and Anna M. Weissinger of Chattanooga, TN; grandchildren Christopher Smith, Charlotte Reikofski, Justin Lovvorn, Evan Tucker, Melissa Rhea, Johnathan Wade, Alex Weissinger, Amanda Weisinger, Hanna Mazyck and Hailey Mazyck; great-grandchildren Lily Smith, Lucy Smith and Kailey Rhea; a brother, Sherod O. McMillan and his wife Linda of Summerton; a sister, Betty M. Varner of Eutawville; a son-in-law, Bryan B. Smith and his wife Pam of North Charleston; sisters-in-law Louise McMillan and Sara McMillan, both of Charleston, and Veda McMillan of James Island; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol M. Smith, in 2001; and four brothers, Thomas A. McMillan Jr., William F. McMillan and his wife June, George B. McMillan,



Daisy Adeline McMillan Mazyck

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and Robert E. McMillan. The Liturgy of Christian Burial was held at St. John's Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 7 at 11 a.m. Prayers of Final Commendation and Farewell were held at Carolina Memorial Park. The active pallbearers were her grandsons and honorary pallbearers were her granddaughters.

Charles R. Whitlock of Spartanburg, SC, died December 22, 2009. The widower of Sarah McMillan Whitlock, he was also predeceased by a son, Charles Whitlock. Survivors include daughter Pam W. Frost, son Carlisle Whitlock, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a retired business owner in Spartanburg and alumnus of the Citadel.

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Patricia Lynn Hiers of Johns Island, SC, died May 27, 2010. She was the daughter of Charles William Hiers, Jr. and Ruth Nunamaker Hiers of Charleston, and granddaughter of the late Charles and Helen McMillan Hiers. Survivors include her parents a brother Chuck and his wife, Jill, a niece and nephew. Patricia was a civil engineering technician with the Naval Weapons Station.

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Lu F. Ellis of Jacksonville, Fla, died April 25, 2010. She was the daughter of James M. and Miriam E. McMillan and the late Martin Ellis. She was a legal office assistant and an active volunteer fundraiser for Legacy of Care in Jacksonville.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Harriett (McMillan) and Donald Railsback's son, Jason, is married to Greta and both are stationed overseas in the Army. Jason's tour in Kandahar, Afghanistan will be over in Jan. 2011 & Greta's tour in Baghdad, Iraq will be over March, 2011.



Juliana Hughes

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BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Lauren) Wetter, Jr. of Salisbury, NC announce the birth of a daughter, Cameron. Mrs. Wetter (Lauren) is the daughter of Nancy Smoak Penley and the late Dick Penley of Salisbury, NC, and the granddaughter of the late Marion Moye Smoak and the late Laurie C. Smoak Jr. of Bamberg, SC.

DEATHS:

Marion Moye Houck Smoak, 79, widow of the Late Laurie C. Smoak Jr., died October 21, 2009.

Mrs. Smoak was born Nov. 30, 1929, in Bamberg, a daughter of the late Frank Moye and the late Frankie Folk Moye. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Bamberg. She graduated from Columbia College and taught in Bamberg Public Schools. She was a member of Mozelle Smoak Circle, Dirt Dabblers Garden Club, American Red Cross, Friday Afternoon Book Club, Delta Kapa Gamma and Bamberg Cemetery Association.

Together, Marion and Laurie raised nine children. Lynn Houck of West Columbia, Beverly Robinson of Seneca, Nancy Penley of Salisbury, N.C., Brenda Sommerville of Beaufort, Linda and Terry Weiuland of England and Cindi and Billy Wallace of Winder, GA.; two sons, Clint and Stacy of Bamberg, and Jack Smoak of New Orleans; 11 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, She was predeceased by her husband and one son, Lewis B. Houck.

2009 Mizpah Reunion



Old Town, Buford's Bridge

Probably the oldest community in Bamberg County is Buford's Bridge which was once a thriving little village. Major William Buford's bridge over the Saltcatcher, as the Salkehatchie River was then known, is mentioned as early as 1792 in legislative journals. The settlement grew as the result of the bridge crossing the nearby river, and its position at the intersection of the road from Walterboro area to Barnwell Court House, and the road from Orangeburg to the Savannah River. It was first known as the Crossroads.

The early settlers in and around the village were the Kirklands, Brabhams, McMillans, Kearses, Moyes, Dickersons, Barkers, Hayes, Ayers, Best, Brelands, Ritters, Priesters, Grimes, Harleys, Wilsons, Knights, Rushs and Rileys. In the first US census taken in 1790 are shown in the area five Kirkland families, one McMillan, two Brabham, and two McPhails. On Mill Atlas 1818 designated home sites are those of M. Moye, the Ayers family, A. Breland, and a Mrs. Hews living near the bridge.

Lewis Malone Ayer, signer of the Ordinance of Secession and member of the South Carolina House of Representatives 1848-1842, was born in 1821 at "Patmos," his father's plantation near Buford's Bridge. Mr. Ayer was also elected to the U.S. Congress but the Confederate War intervened.

The first church in the community was Philadelphia Meeting House, built by the Methodists and Baptist to be used as a union church. In 1832 the two denominations disagreed and Philadelphia was given to the Baptists, and a Methodist church, the first structure of Mizpah, was built on land given by Robert C. Kirkland. In 1856 a new building was erected for this church two miles westward of the original location.

The Barnwell Baptist Association records Philadelphia church as being originated in 1827, and disbanded by 1901.

The school, Philadelphia, obtained its name from the church and stood opposite the branch bearing three names: Alligator Branch, having its source in Alligator Bay, The School House Branch, and Kirkland's Mill Creek which ran North to South and emptied into Salkehatchie River.

By 1880 the community numbered 1,567 persons, of whom 430 were white, and 1,137 were black. Though the community was well established by the late 1700's the village was not incorporated until 1889 and the area included was within one mile and in every direction of the crossroads near the bridge.

Buford's Bridge loss of population is attributed to many of the families moving nearer the railroad junctions as they were established, and to Sherman's devastation of the village. Mizpah alone stands in mute testimony to the glory of the past.

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MIZPAH CHURCH

Methodist Church
established by 1832.
Present 1856 house of
worship is all that
remains of pre-Civil
War settlement of
Buford's Bridge.

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