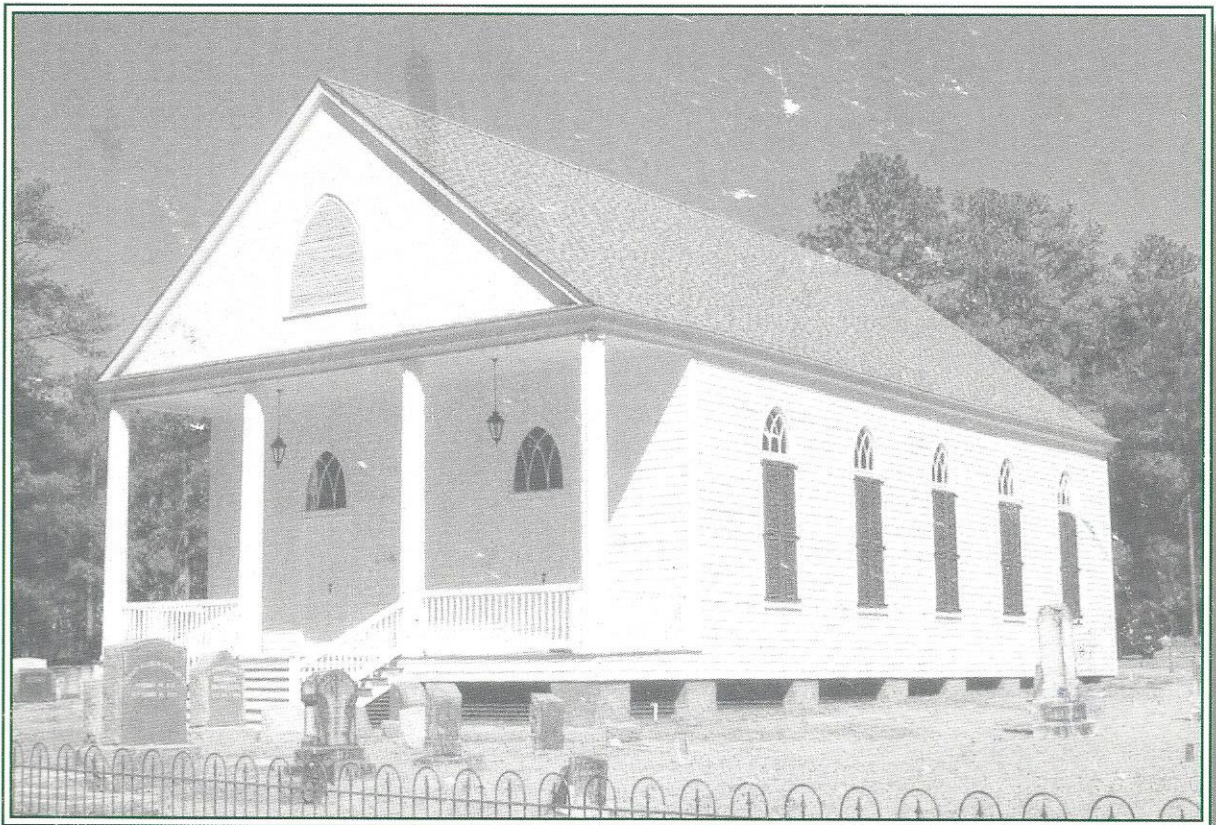


Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland,
McMillan & Moye

91st
Anniversary
Reunion



and the seventeenth
Mizpah United Methodist Church

Homecoming

at Buford's Bridge, South Carolina
October 14, 2012

Mizpah Church



- ❧ Prior to 1819 Methodists in the area worshiped in a log house on the property of Joseph Brabham, Sr.
- ❧ In 1819 Baptists and Methodists alternated worship at Kirkland school house,
- ❧ In 1826 the two groups built Philadelphia Meeting House to be used as a union church.
- ❧ In 1832 Mizpah Church was built on a lot given by Robert C. Kirkland, a mile or so from Philadelphia.
- ❧ In 1856, two miles west of the 1832 structure, present Mizpah Church was built at Buford's Bridge.
- ❧ The only church ever built in Buford's Bridge, it is the remaining vestige of the town burned by Federal troops in 1865.

2012 Mizpah Reunion & Homecoming



91st Anniversary
of the

Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion and the
Seventeenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming



October 14, 2012 * 11:30 am

Prelude:	How Firm a Foundation
Meeting Call To Order	Wesley Peel
Invocation and Welcome	
Poem: "The Sprit of Buford's Bridge"	
Hymn.	Take the Name of Jesus with You
Approval of 2011 Minutes and Treasurer's Report	(Printed in Book)
Election of Officers.	Ched Kearse
Recognition of Family Members Present	
Recognition of Youngest, Oldest, Farthest Traveled, First-time Attendee	
Offertory: "O Worship the King"	Organ and Piano
Introduction of Speaker.	Wesley Peel
Speaker.	George Moye Dickinson III
Hymn.	Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Benediction and Blessing	

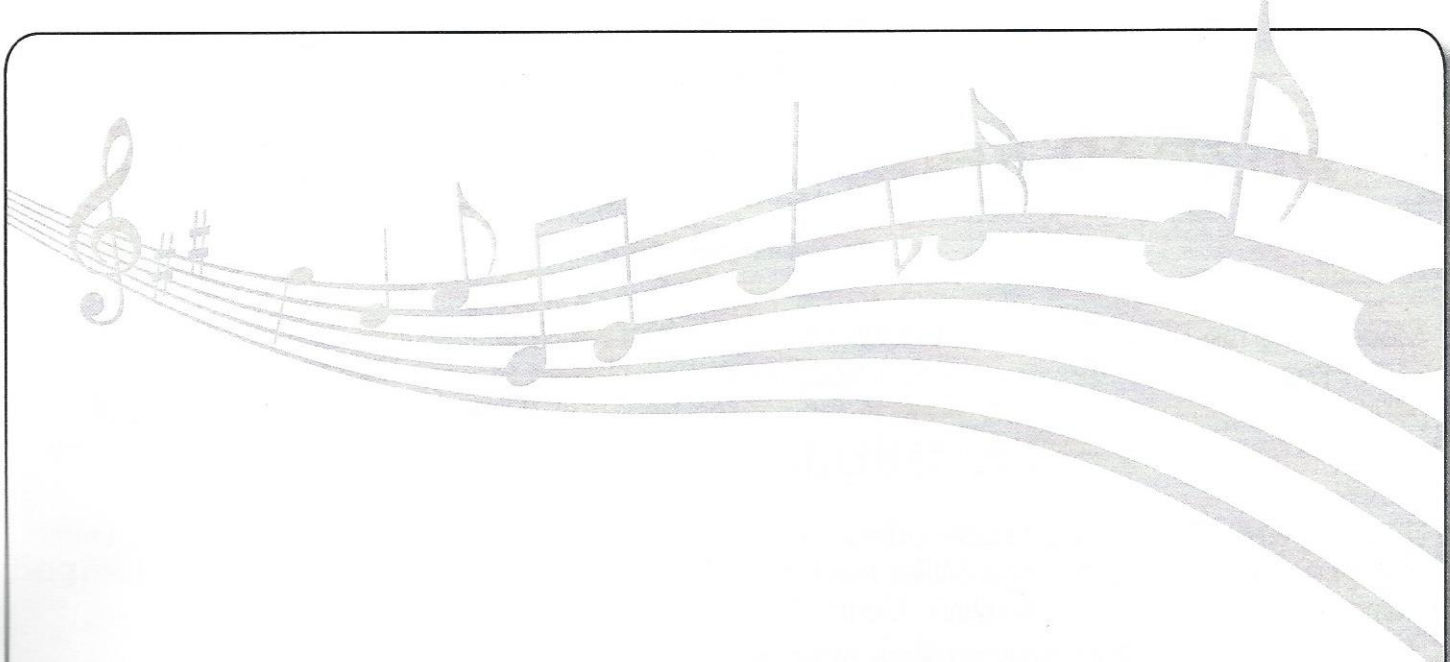


Take the Name of Jesus With You

1. Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you
Take it, then, where'er you go.
2. Take the name of Jesus ever,
As a shield from ev'ry snare;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy Name in prayer.
3. O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When His loving arms receive us
And His songs our tongues employ!
4. At the name of Jesus bowing,
Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him,
When our journey is complete.

Chorus:

Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.



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.

2011 Minutes

Mizpah Reunion & Homecoming



Members of the Brabham, Kears, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye families met October 9, 2011 for the 90th Reunion and current members of Mizpah UMC convened for their 16th Homecoming. After a period of visiting on the church grounds, the service began at 11:30 a. m. The prelude "God of Our Fathers" was offered by musicians Mary Carolyn Watson (pianist) and Claudia Kirkland Sandifer (organist).

Reunion President Bernard Kears called the meeting to order, and Rev. Edward Stiltz (Olar charge) offered the invocation. Betty Jane Miller read the poem "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge," which has become an annual tradition. A hymn, "Come, Christians Join to Sing" followed.

The minutes of the 2010 meeting were approved as printed in the 2011 program, and the Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed in same.

Cal Watson offered a slate of officers for the 2012 year, which was accepted by acclamation: President - Wesley Peel (Moye family); 2013 president - Evelyn McCully; Treasurer - Laurence Wells; and Secretary - Carol B. Varn.

While the oldest attendee was 94, the youngest was seven-week-old Daniel Winston Williams Jr., son of Daniel and Shanna Williams of Graniteville, SC. First-time attendees were recognized and given a special tag to wear.

The Family Count was won by the Kears family with 57 attendees, followed by Kirkland with 35, Brabham with 23, Moye with 14 and McMillan with 8. Attendees this year travelled from as far away as Boise, Idaho.

President Bernard Kears introduced the speaker, his brother Phillip Kears. Rev. Kears was graduated from Yale Divinity School, served in the SC United Methodist Conference, other areas of United States and Manchester, England. He lives in Idaho.

Rev. Kears noted that this was third time he had preached at Mizpah Reunion. He chose to speak about the common bonds which unite us, which give us a sense of community. The history of Mizpah is about real people, who knew disasters and rose above them, and created community. He concluded that common leads to community, and community leads to the divine. He asked each person as they left the church to pick up two small black stones, then go to one grave you know and one you don't, and leave a stone on each. We are together in this life and the life to come.

The meeting ended with the congregational singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and a benediction and blessing by Rev. Stiltz. Dinner was served on the grounds, with time for visiting and renewing common bonds.

Sincerely,

Carol B. Varn
Secretary

2012 Mizpah Church Families Association

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

August 31, 2011 – August 31, 2012

Beginning Balance as of August 31, 2011 \$10,243.63

Receipts:

2011 Reunion Collection	\$854.00
Interest	1.80
Cash Deposit	5.00
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	\$860.80

Expenditures:

Lemonade	110.00
Paper Products	71.00
Helen's Florist (Church Flowers)	64.20
Sun Incorporated (Programs)	588.50
Bank Fee	24.00
Harland Checks	64.86
Miscellaneous	46.80
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	\$969.36

Ending Balance (August 31, 2012) **\$10,135.07**

Steve Kemmerlin (Treasurer - August, 31, 2012)

Memorial Flowers



Vance Wells Brabham, III
June 30, 2012



Kristal Quinn Gilmore
March 24, 2012



Lucia Brabham Bishop
May 3, 2012



Edward Monts Rast, Sr.
July 23, 2012



Lucy Elizabeth Brabham Padgett
June 8, 2012



Wilbur Kirkland Hayes
April 28, 2012



Mark Tod Gardner
February 8, 2012



Edith Lewis McMillan
February 27, 2012



Elizabeth (Pert) Kearse Thompson
October 22, 2011



Estelle Sandifer Hughes
March 15, 2012



Evelyn Killan Kearse
February 13, 2012



Sandra Jo Proveaux Lee
June 14, 2012



Maude Smoak Rice
December 14, 2010



Lawrence R. Wells Jr.

BAMBERG



June 18, 2012 12:01 am • By Al Somervell



Laurence R. Wells Jr., 81, of Bamberg, died unexpectedly Saturday, June 16, 2012, at the Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2012, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Bamberg, with the Rev. Robert Cannon and the Rev. Carol Cannon officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, Orangeburg. Honored to serve as pallbearers are Raymond Wells, Steve Sardell, Bob McCardle, Steve Kemmerlin, Hal Kemmerlin and Sandy Bryant. Honorary pallbearers are the Joy Sunday School Class of Trinity United Methodist Church, L.P. Thackston, Hank Mirmow and Ray Jones. The family will greet friends one hour prior of the service at the church.

Born on Nov. 14, 1930, in Orangeburg, Mr. Wells had been a resident of Bamberg for the past 11 years. He received a bachelor's degree in business from the Presbyterian College. He was retired from East End Motor Company as a salesman, with over 25 years of dedicated service. Mr. Wells served as treasurer of

Mizpah Reunion, The Lobster Club, and the Joy Sunday School Class of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Men's Club of Trinity United Methodist Church, and the Bridge Club. Mr. Wells and his wife also served as volunteers with Meals on Wheels.

Survivors are his wife of 11 years, Betty Kearsse Kemmerlin Wells of the home; a daughter, Sarah "Anne" Wells Sardell and her husband Steve of Hilton Head; a son, Laurence "Ray" Wells III and his wife Kay Kay of Pawleys Island; a stepdaughter, Robin Courtney and her husband Mark of Lexington; two stepsons, Steve Kemmerlin and his wife Terri of Varnville, and Hal Kemmerlin of Bamberg; a sister, Sally McCardle and her husband Bob of Columbia; grandchildren, Mary "Crayton" Wells and Laurence "Raymond" Wells IV both of Pawleys Island; a step-grandchild, Cassie Kemmerlin of Varnville; a niece and nephews, Sarah Datt, Robert and Stephen McCardle. Mr. Wells was predeceased by his wife, Mildred Wells and a daughter, Susan Wells.

Memorials may be directed in Laurence's honor to the Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 335, Bamberg, SC, 29003.

Mizpah Church News



✿ Maude Smoak Rice, 97, of Bamberg, S.C., died December 14, 2010 at her home. She was born December 13, 1913 to the late Newton Pinckney Smoak and Alice Kearsse Smoak. She was predeceased by her husband Richard Herman Rice and is survived by her daughter Carol Rice Gravetter and grandson Justin Jung Gravetter of Brockport, New York. She was a graduate of Columbia College and a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bamberg. She is best remembered as an advocate for the Bamberg Public Library where she served as librarian for 20 years and was instrumental in the construction of a new library to replace the original one-room building. Maude came to the Mizpah reunion many years. Thanks to Nan O'Neal Campbell for bringing this to our attention.



✿ Sandra Jo Proveaux "Sandy Lee" died 14 June 2012. Sandy was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Lowman Proveaux {Kearsse}

✿ Lawrence Wells, husband of Betty K. Wells died 15 June 2012.

✿ Rev Stiltz retired the middle of August after faithfully serving the Olar charge for 15 years. We welcomed Rev. Keith Steward as he began serving the Olar charge the 19th of August. He comes from St. John's Methodist Church in Aiken, SC. We are pleased to have him and his family with us.

✿ Maintenance was required on several plots in the cemetery. Two headstones were reset and one half of the coping of the Neeley square was replaced. Work remains to be done on several squares.

✿ We should recognize all veterans buried here, do you know one we missed, please respond.

Mizpah Church News



June, 1997 Rev. Edward J. Stiltz came to the Olar charge having retired from the US Air Force and the Methodist Conference, Rev. Stiltz continued to serve his master.

At that time Olar charge consisted of four churches; Bethel, Kearse, Mizpah and Salem. The churches had few members and those few were determined to remain serving their master. Rev. Stiltz and the churches struggled with the eroding congregation. The few remaining members met their obligations. Rev. Stiltz understanding the churches plight never once asked for a salary increase. He rarely asked for travel expense. He continued to tithe and support his churches.



Thank You! Ed + Wynette

Rev. Stiltz, and his greatest supporter, Mrs. Wynette, served the charge with great care and devotion. She attended services every Sunday with a smile on her face. Rev. and Mrs. Stiltz and Kimberly reside in Norway.

Rev. Stiltz enjoys photography and gave the churches a number of his prints.

We remember him with the Bible verse, *Well done thy good and faithful servant.*

2012 Brabham Family News



Births:

John Irby Hudson, IV, son of John Irby III and Tiffany Gail Hudson of Opelika, AL, was born on September 23, 2011. He is the grandson of John Kenneth and Gail Brabham Miles and the great-grandson of the late Robert F. and Inez Brabham.

Peter Warren Brabham, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Brabham, was born August 14, 2012. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. A. Mckay Brabham III.

Deaths:

Vance Wells Brabham III of Greensboro, North Carolina (son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Vance Wells Brabham, Jr. of Orangeburg, SC) died Saturday, June 30, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane, and two sons: Dr. Vance Wells Brabham IV (Greensboro, NC) and Ralph Golden Brabham, Esq (Washington, DC) and two grandchildren, Hayes Wariner Brabham and Vance Wells Brabham V.



Lucia Brabham Bishop died Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the age of 94. She was born May 20, 1917 in Richmond, VA and touched many lives during her 94 years as a teacher and friend. Lucia was preceded in death by her husband of over 65 years, William Griffith Bishop, Jr. and their son, William G. Bishop, III "Bish". Surviving are Nancy and Dave Stott, Allen Bingham, Mary Bishop, 5 grandchildren and their spouses, 14 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Lucy Elizabeth Brabham Padgett, 98, of Williams, SC died June 8, 2012. She was the wife of the late Clarence Earl Padgett. She was born in Williams on October 5, 1913, the daughter of Robert Cornelius and Eliza O'Quinn Brabham. She was church organist for more than 75 years at Williams United Methodist Church. She is survived by daughters Cheryl P. Smith (Hugh) of Orangeburg and Anne P. Farish (Bill) of Williams; three grandchildren, Mark Farish, Paige Bates and Courtney Rouse and seven great-grandchildren: Cameron and Alexis Farish, Brittan, Will and Anne Garrett Carter, and Lucy and Claire Rouse.

Mark Tod Gardner, son of Samuel William Gardner III and Janice Redeker and grandson of the late Samuel W. Gardner, Jr. and Phronsie Brabham Gardner, died in Sumter, February 8, 2012. Born in Sumter on April 15, 1960, he is survived by his wife, Tammy Hemming, and their four children: Joshua Tod, Jared Christopher, Jordan Matthew, and Jessica Kristen. He was a graduate of St. Jude Catholic High School and the University of South Carolina. He worked as a quality engineer.

2012 Brabham Family News



Marriages:

Jennifer Brabham, daughter of Joseph Eugene and Frances Langley Brabham of Georgetown, SC married Chadwick David McCracken in Florence, SC on November 12, 2011. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert F. and Inez Brabham of Sumter, SC.

Sara Elizabeth Brabham, daughter of Joseph Eugene and Frances Langley Brabham and granddaughter of the late Robert F. and Inez Brabham, married William Stephen Stuckey, Jr. on April 28, 2012 in Hemingway, SC.

Rita Gail Lacey, daughter of James Harold Lacey, Jr. and the late Corrine Brabham Lacey, married Ronald Eugene Manley, Jr. on April 9, 2011 in Nelson, GA. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert F. and Inez Brabham.

Robin Michelle Lacey, daughter of James Harold Lacey, Jr. and the late Daisy Corrine Brabham, married Jody Brookshire on Valentine's Day 2012 in Lawrenceville, GA. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert F. and Inez Brabham.

Dustin Chandler McCully, son of Clarence Brabham McCully and Cynthia Chandler McCully, and Lindsey Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clifton Hall, Jr. of Aiken, SC, were married July 14, 2012.

The bride is a maternal granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Herman Phillips of Aiken and a great granddaughter of Mrs. Irma Gray Renew of Aiken. She is a paternal granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kesler Kneece of Aiken and the late James Clifton Hall of Aiken.

The groom is a maternal grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Leroy Sniffin of Denmark and Bobby Carroll Chandler of Olar. He is a paternal grandson of Ms. Virginia Brabham McCully of Bamberg and the late Robert William McCully of Bamberg. He is the great grandson of the late Clarence Melvin Brabham and Virginia Nettles Brabham.



2012 Kearsse Family News



Items of Interest:

James Chatham Harris, son of Stephen and Lynne Kearsse Harris, received his FAA Private Pilot License in July 2012 at the University of North Dakota. He is currently a sophomore and working on his instrument ratings. He plans to double major in Commercial Aviation and Unmanned Aircraft. In August 2012, he completed Civil Air Patrol's Cadet Officer School to obtain the rank of Lt. Colonel.



Cassie Kemmerlin, the daughter of Steve and Terri Kemmerlin of Varnville, was chosen Miss Wade Hampton High School in February. Cassie also participated in the United Methodist Church's Salkehatchie Summer Service in Summerville and was a Melon Belle for the Hampton County Watermelon Festival. Cassie is the granddaughter of Betty Wells and the late Harold Kemmerlin and Laurence Wells of Bamberg.

Steve Kemmerlin, the son of Betty Wells and the late Harold Kemmerlin, retired from education in June after 34 years. Steve earned his 500th baseball coaching win during the 2012 season.

Births:

Henry and Amanda (Mandy) Morris Gallivan are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Lillian Jean Gallivan on February 17, 2012. She was born in Greenville Hospital and weighed 7 pounds 5 oz. Mandy is the daughter of Philip and Debra Morris of Chapin, and granddaughter of Amanda P. Morris, also of Chapin. Henry and Mandy are both attorneys in Greenville, SC.

Deaths:

Elizabeth (Pert) Kearsse Thompson died on October 22, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband Waddy Thompson. She is survived by her daughter Anne Thompson of Bamberg and her son Waddy Thompson of New York City.

Evelyn Killan Kearsse died on February 13, 2012. She is survived by her son Robert Kearsse (Ricky) and was preceded in death by her husband Robert Kearsse, Jr. and son Mackay Kearsse.

2012 Kears Family News

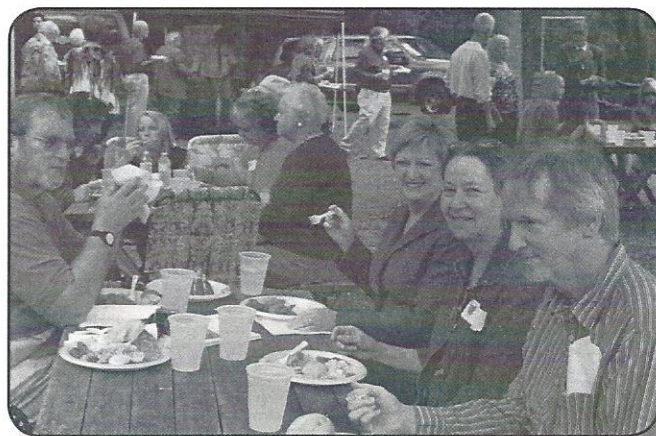


Weddings:

Sally Ann McKinsey - daughter of Tim and Pamela (Craven) McKinsey and granddaughter of Bill and Lois (Kearse) Craven - married Christopher Andrew Sisk on August 4, 2012.

The wedding took place at First Presbyterian Church in Aiken, SC. Sally Ann's wedding gown was the gown worn by her grandmother in 1951 and by her mother in 1982.

The bride is a graduate of Aiken High School and Furman University with a degree in Art. She is a Master of Divinity student at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. The groom is a graduate of Wade Hampton High School and The Fine Arts Center (Greenville). He is a graduate of Furman University with a degree in Art and Asian Studies. He is employed by EM2 in Atlanta, GA as a graphic designer.



Lauren Stevens Kearse married Daniel McGuinn at Luray Caverns, Virginia on May 4th, 2012. Lauren is the daughter of Richard Kearse Jr. and granddaughter of June McMillan Kearse and Richard Kearse Sr.

Carrie Clark married James Anderson in Richmond, Virginia on August 4th, 2012. Carrie is the daughter of Amy and Rick Clark and granddaughter of the late Lorraine Kearse Clark and Fred Clark.

2012 Kirkland Family News



Births:

Conrad Tatum Watson was born on October 7, 2011, in Ankara, Turkey, where his father is serving with the World Health Organization. He is the son of John and Donna Watson, grandson of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson and great-grandson of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

Marriages:

John May Tatum IV and Jenny-Gray Childs were married in October 2011 in Columbia. John IV is the son of John III and Mary Laney Tatum, grandson of John, Jr. and Mary Risher Tatum, and great-grandson of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

Carey Edward Frick, Jr. and Brittani Cooley were married June 9, 2012. He is the son of Carey and Mary Bamberg Frick and the grandson of Henry Bamberg III and Lillian Kirkland Bamberg.

David Paul Clayton and Ashley Nicole Seigler were married on July 4, 2012 at Colston Branch Baptist Church. Paul is the son of David Luther and Sue Clayton, grandson of Liz and David S. Clayton, Jr. and great-grandson of Bessie Kirkland Clayton and D. S. Clayton, Sr.



Jesse Clark Rast and Megan Whetsell were married in Columbia, SC. He is the grandson of Jessie Clark Rast and Jim Rast of Cameron, SC and great-grandson of Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark.

Deaths:

Kristal Quinn Gilmore, wife of Greg Gilmore, died unexpectedly on March 24, 2012, at the young age of 29. Kristal was the wife of Greg Gilmore who is the son of Bill and Ellen Gilmore and the grandson of Harriet Kirkland Gilmore.

Edward Monts Rast, Sr. of Cameron, SC died on July 23, 2012 at his home. He was the husband of Jeanne Clark Rast who is the daughter of Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark of Cope, SC.

Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill, SC died on April 28, 2012. She was the daughter of Benjamin Brown and Evelyn Kirkland, and the widow of Judge Robert Wesley Hayes. Surviving her are her son Senator Robert Wesley "Wes" Hayes, Jr., daughters Ruth Hayes Bruner and Betsy Hayes Stanton, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. On May 1, 2012, on motion and unanimous consent, the South Carolina Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill.

2012 Kirkland Family News



Items of Interest:

Edward Monts Rast, Jr. ("Monty") was named "Best Farmer of the Year" of South Carolina this year. He is now contending for the "Best Farmer of the Year" for the Southeast. "Monty" and his wife Kathy live in Cameron, SC.

Betty Jane Barker Miller was honored by the SC Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in convention, September 24, 2011, by presenting her the Judah P. Benjamin Award and Certificate. Given at Surfside Beach, SC, the citation read: "Mrs. Miller, resident of 1798 Barnwell District, SC—now Barnwell, Allendale, and Bamberg counties---has been a volunteer extraordinaire, with her talents and time as a speaker, editor, storyteller, researcher, and history preservationist, enhancing the lives of children and seniors. She has helped secure national and 15 state recognitions for her area and is a frequent keynote speaker to SCV Camps and other groups in South Carolina and Georgia."



Ellen Gilmore, daughter-in-law of Harriett Kirkland Gilmore, was a Republican candidate for Troup County Board of Commissioners. Her husband, Bill Gilmore, is the current Chairman of the Troup County Republican Party and Ellen is the Troup Party Secretary. Both were elected delegates to the Georgia State Republican Convention in May.

Mell Kirkland Rizer, daughter of John Eldon and Annie Lou Kirkland, and widow of Earle Rizer, is now a resident of the National Health Care Malden, Room 118, 850 East Butler Rd., Greenville, SC 29607. Mell and Earle were very active participants in the Mizpah Reunion as long as health permitted.

Melanie Katharine Day of Charlotte, NC, graduated from North Carolina State University in May, 2011, with a degree in Marketing. Melanie is the daughter of Walt and Mary Day, granddaughter of Mildred Kirkland and Harry Day and great-granddaughter of the late William C. Kirkland, all of Charlotte, NC.

Cooper Fritz has enrolled in the Professional Science Master's program in Natural Resources and Environmental Science at the University of Idaho. He will specialize in Water Resources Management. Cooper is the son of Mary Beth Watson Manheim, grandson of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson, and great-grandson of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

Tatum Pottenger of Durham, NC, is studying in Berlin, Germany at Humboldt University for fall semester 2012. She is a junior at Davidson College. Megan Pottenger is a sophomore at Durham Academy, plays softball and is in the fall play. Tatum and Megan are daughters of Dave and Sara Tatum Pottenger, granddaughters of John and Mary Risher Tatum, and great-granddaughters of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

2012 Kirkland Family News



Items of Interest:

Sarah Elizabeth Strickland, daughter of Emily and Dale Strickland, and granddaughter of the late Glenn and Betty Tatum Bell, graduated cum laude from Eastside High School in Taylors, SC. A Palmetto Fellow, Sarah is attending College of Charleston Honors College this fall on a Presidential scholarship.

Mike Watson, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, is serving on the Volunteers in Medical Missions Board located in Seneca, SC. Mike and his wife Tammy have enjoyed going on medical mission trips, the latest one being to the Dominican Republic. Tammy is now working for Pharmaceutical Product Development in the Research Triangle Park near Raleigh. Mike will be starting a new job as Medical Director of Paired Health, a new company which will attempt to reduce hospital admissions for older Medicare patients by using in-home physician services. Mike is the son of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson and grandson of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.



Cal Watson is serving as Treasurer of the South Carolina Bar this year. His wife, Cathy, is serving on the Converse College Alumnae Board. Catherine graduated from AC Flora High School with honors in May and is now attending Wofford College. Jay swims on the AC Flora Swim team, has completed two half marathons, and is actively involved in the scouting program. Bess plays on the AC Flora Junior Varsity tennis team and enjoys piano and singing. Catherine, Jay and Bess are children of Cal and Cathy Watson and grandchildren of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson.

Aurelia Watson Nelson is in her 14th year as a staff physician at University Health Services at Boise State University, Boise, Idaho. Her husband, Joe, is a Quality and Reliability Manager with Micron Technology Inc. Sam, a senior at Boise High School, with four classmates represented Boise High School and the state of Idaho when they performed "The Hole" at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland in August. The Edinburgh Fringe Festival is the largest performing arts festival in the world. This year at Boise High, he will perform lead roles in "The Pink Panther Strikes Again" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Sam enjoys singing, and, in April, was chosen to be a member of Opera Idaho's Resident Company. Sydney, an 8th grader at North Junior High School in Boise, plays clarinet and has performed with the Boise All City Honor Band the past two years. She is also on two Boise area basketball teams and led her 7th grade Girls AAU team to the Boise Valley Championship. Sam and Sydney are children of Aurelia and Joe Nelson and grandchildren of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson.

2012 McMillan Family News



Deaths:

Edith Lewis McMillan, 85, of 282 Carlisle St., Bamberg, died Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. She was born June 10, 1926, in Lamar, the daughter of the late Henry Bryan Lewis and the late Julia Rebecca Crawford. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and visiting with her children and grandchildren. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, First Baptist Church Ladies' Mission 3 church group, a past Sunday School teacher and Children's Mission group.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 1, at First Baptist Church in Bamberg, with the Rev. Charlie Lucas and the Rev. Kelley Shanks officiating. Burial was in South End Cemetery.

Her descendents are: Harriet (Don) Railsback (of Summerton, SC), Paula (Scott) Golberg and Richard (Daniela) McMillan; grandchildren, Jolie (Michael) Lindley, Jason (Greta) Railsback, David (Jennifer) McMillan, Miriam McMillan, Kristen McMillan, David (Amanda) Goldberg and Rebecca (Shane) Floyd; great-grandchildren, Anne Marie, Sarah and Grayson Lindley, Sloan and Shelton McMillan, and Sam Goldberg; a special nephew, J. Banks (Jo) Scarborough; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Francis McMillan; a brother, Harry B. Lewis; and two sisters Francis McInnis and Pauline Scarborough.

Estelle Sandifer Hughes, 89, passed away March 15, 2012 at the River Oaks Nursing Home in Beaufort. Funeral services were held Monday at Spring Branch Baptist Church. Mrs. Hughes was the widow of the late James Laneau Hughes. She was born in Bamberg County to the late Quillie H. Sandifer and Clara Estelle Sandifer. She was a Sunday school teacher for over 40 years at Portside Baptist Church of North Charleston and Remount Baptist Church. In her early childhood, she was born and raised in Spring Branch Baptist Church. She was in a choir and a trio with two of her daughters for over 18 years. She was retired from the Naval Shipyard with the U.S. Government. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She will be missed by many.



Graduations:

Addie Hughes (daughter of Nancy and Clark Hughes, grand-daughter of Julia and Wenzell Hughes of Bamberg, SC) graduated from Savannah Arts Academy on June 12, 2012. She plans to attend Columbus State University.

Lane Walling (son of Kelly Hughes and Walling Parker, grand-son of Patti and Roger Hughes of Bamberg, SC) graduated from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School in June 2012.

2012 McMillan Family News



Engagements:

Joe Hughes (son of Juliana Hughes, grandson of Julia and Wenzell Hughes of Bamberg, SC) is engaged to Jennifer Engel of Atlanta, GA. They plan to be married on November 17, 2012 on St. Simons Island, GA.

Jennifer Hughes (daughter of Shawn and Kenny Hughes, grand-daughter of Julia and Wenzell Hughes of Bamberg, SC) is engaged to Dan Zaudtke of Rockville, MD. They plan to be married on October 13, 2012 in Rockville.

Marriages:

Missy Wilson Jeffcoat married Floyd McGee on February 11, 2012. Missy is the daughter of Wilma and James Wilson of Bamberg and the grand-daughter of Nell and Arthur Roy Hughes of Bamberg.

Christy Hughes DuCharme married Chris Williams in June 2011. Christy is the daughter of Patti and Roger Hughes of Bamberg and the grand-daughter of Annie and Floyd Hughes of Bamberg.

Caroline Boineau married Chris Lacey on June 26, 2011. They live in Charleston, SC. Caroline is the daughter of Sheryl and John Boineau from Adams Run, SC and grand-daughter of Myrtle Hughes and Carol Boineau of Adams Run.

Births:

Peyton Nichole Hughes was born on January 21, 2012 in Bamberg. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Stephen Hughes and the grand-daughter of Patti and Roger Hughes.

Taylor Elizabeth Lacey was born December 28, 2011. She is the daughter of Caroline and Chris Lacey and grand-daughter of Myrtle and Carol Boineau.

Jaylinn Kay Farren was born June 3, 2011. She is the daughter of Jessica Farren and grand-daughter of Kay and Keith Farren. She is the great-granddaughter of Shawn and Kenny Hughes from Bamberg.

Lane Walling, son of Kelli Walling and grandson of Roger and Patti Hughes of Bamberg, graduated from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School in June. He played soccer and is attending TriCounty Technical College in Pendleton.



2012 Moye Family News



For a number of years the Moye clan has been the smallest in number of the Mizpah families. The members of the current generation ; Scott, Chad, Ben, Whit, Becca, Gracie, Chandler, Caroline, Luke, John, Turner, Sam, and Charles, all of whom are great-great grandchildren of G. Moye and Minnie J. Dickinson would like to warn the rest of the families that they are coming on strong!

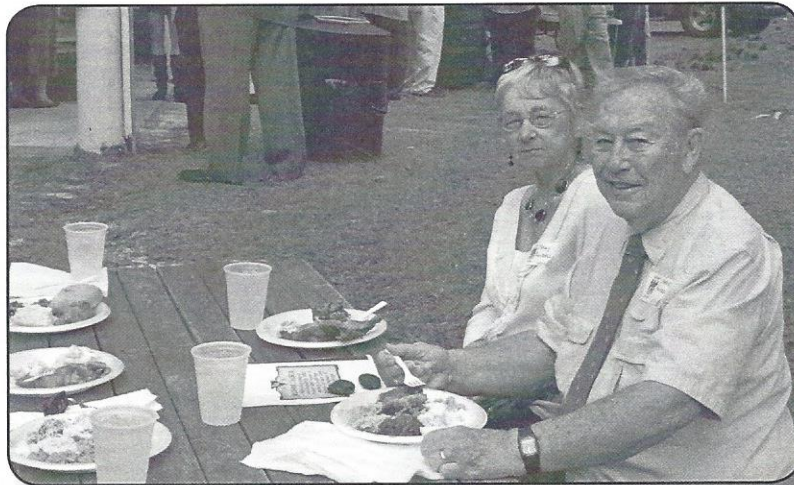
Graduations:

Michael Scott Swindell, Jr. graduated from Chapin High School this spring and is enrolled at Newberry College. Scott is a member of the wrestling team at Newberry.

Items of Interest:

Chad Swindell has been invited to tour New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii as part of a wrestling team during the summer of 2013.

Ben Swindell spent seventeen days in China as part of the PEOPLE TO PEOPLE program during the summer of 2012. All three boys are the sons of Paula and Michael Swindell.



1931 Family Reunion



July 23 - 1931
Host Office

Name		Father's Name	Mother's Name
73.73. Kirkland	Columbia	73.73. Kirkland	M. D. Duncan
Evelyn	"	E. B. Correll	B. C. Wark
Evelyn Bennett	"	73.73. Kirkland	Evelyn Kirkland
Ethelma Geiger	Swansea	"	"
Elsie Kirkland	Columbia	"	"
Willow	"	"	"
Martha	"	"	"
H. F. Geiger	Swansea	H. L. Geiger	Leola Geiger
Ray Corbett	Columbia, S.C.	A. V. Bennett	Evelyn. D. Wark
W. H. Corbett	Reservoir	Geo. H. H. H. H.	Herman H. H. H.
W. H. Corbett	Abbeville	W. H. Corbett	W. H. Corbett
Esther L. H. H.	Bombay	W. H. Corbett	W. H. Corbett
Theresa W. H.	Abbeville	"	"
Rebecca A. H.	"	"	"
Lillian	"	"	"
E. F. Gibson	Kilmorie	J. M. All	Malissie M. Miller
H. L. Dickinson	Gliners S.C.	H. L. Dickinson	Lophia Dickinson
Daisy Brabham	Dabzell S.C.	B. F. Brabham	Martha Brabham
Evelyn Branch Bonds	Blackwell S.C.	J. C. Branch	Lue Brabham Branch
Sadie Brabham	Olar. S. C.	J. C. Brabham	Ella H. H. H.
Alvinia Keane	Olar. S. C.	"	"
Hannie Brabham Proctor	Ninety Six, S.C.	"	"
B. F. Proctor	Ninety Six, S.C.	"	"
Maude Brabham	Ninety Six, S.C.	"	"
Maggie Brabham Dinan	Ninety Six, S.C.	"	"
Maude Brabham	Ninety Six, S.C.	"	"
Walter Proctor	"	"	"
Th. J. Proctor	Olar. S.C.	"	"
H. B. Keane	Olar. S.C.	"	"
W. H. Keane	Olar. S.C.	"	"
H. B. Keane	Olar. S.C.	"	"

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		Father	Mother
J. Carou Missom	Charleston	W.H. Missom	Hannah Quinella
Anabel B. Kease	Shirhardt	William Hays	Emma Kease
H. Angus Kease	"	Joe J. Kease	E. Mildred Kease
Loraine Kease	"	H. A. Kease	Andel Hays
Richard Kease	"	"	"
Brody Kease	"	"	"
Benjamin Kease	"	"	"
Chas. Brabham	Alendale S.C.	H. Brabham	Adelle Jennings
Caroline Brabham	"	Chas. Brabham	Mary Brabham
Jessie Brabham	"	Chas. Brabham	Connie Brabham
Elizabeth Missom	Charleston S.C.	P.H. McCarthy	Mary Howell
Mary H. McCarthy	Little Rock Ark.	W.C. Howell	Elizabeth Howell
Andy L. McMillan	Varinville S.C.	Duffy McMillan	Annella McMillan
Jake " Jones	Ashton S.C.	"	"
J. N. Jones	"	Joseph H. Jones	Mollie M. Jones
J. A. McMillan	Bamberg S.C.	J. C. McMillan	A. Bamberg
Louise McMillan	Bamberg S.C.	J. A. McMillan	Annie Mae Kease
Emeline Jones	Ashtondale	W. E. Hiers	Alberta Bishop
Carroll Jones	Ashtondale	Frank Jones	Lola Jones
Joe D. Brabham	Columbia, S.C.	J. Brabham	Eva Kease
Mable Brabham	"	B. A. Rapp	Delores Eargle
Mary E. Swales	Meggett S.C.	J. S. Missom	Caroline Brabham
L. Swales Jr.	Meggett S.C.	L. Swales Jr.	Mary E. Missom
Polly Swales	Meggett S.C.	D. D. Swales Jr.	Mary E. Missom
Emil Swales	Meggett S.C.	J. D. Swales Jr.	Mary E. Missom
Sara B. Starr	Wallerboro	L. A. Brabham	Carrie Ayer
Salome Bailey	Ellenton S.C.	L. A. Brabham	Carrie Ayer
Josephine Bailey	Ellenton S.C.	W. A. Bailey	Salome Brabham

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Mary B. Collins	Shinnock	J. M. Brabham	Hattie Brabham
Minnie O'Neal	Olar, S.C.	J. H. Litzinger	Martha Howell
Edna O. Kearse	Olar, S.C.	J. J. O'Neil	Minnie Litzinger
Paul O. Kearse	Olar, S.C.	J. S. Kearse	Lizzie Best
Minnie O. D. Best	Olar, S.C.	J. J. D. Neal	Minnie Litzinger
Margaret M. Best	Charleston, S.C.	J. H. D. Neal	Lizbeth M. Best
Joe Raffield	Dalzell S.C.		
Bladys Johns	Olar, S.C.	Clarence Johns	via Breeland
Mary Johns	Olar, S.C.	R. C. Johns	via Breeland
Annie Lee Rich	Olar, S.C.	Julius Fack	Agla Rush
Elizabeth M. Miller	Decatur, Ga.	Clara M. Miller	Ross Drew
John M. Miller	Decatur, Ga.	" "	" "
J. Fowler Jr	Medford, N.C.	J. Fowler Jr	Enid Russell
James Norman Gibson	Kline, S.C.	J. E. Gibson	E. J. All
Bennie F. Gibson	"		
Mrs. J. H. Best	Olar, S.C.	Mrs. Henry Lee	Mrs. Lillian Lee
Annie Mae Gibson	Kline, S.C.	W. A. Moody	Minnie Connelly
Chas. K. Barker	Olar, S.C.	J. B. Kearse	Laura McMillan
R. L. Kearse	B. Berry	J. B. Kearse	Laura McMillan
Mr. R. L. Kearse	Bamberg, S.C.	W. P. McMillan	Mamie Kicken
Louise Kearse	"	R. L. Kearse	Bessie McMillan
Elizabeth	"	"	"
Elinor	"	"	"
Laura	"	"	"
Bobbie	"	"	"
Betty Martin	"	"	"
Margaret Wright	"	R. D. Wright	Hessie Jennings
Lara E. Fincher	Olanta, S.C.	G. D. Fincher	Ether Smith
Louise Platts	Brunson, S.C.	Bellie Platts	Rosa Dowdridge
Evelyn Platts	Fairfax, S.C.	Eddie Platts	Pearl Loadet
Jack Wiley	Brunson, S.C.	Ed Wiley	Minnie Caplan
Freda Irwin	Waynesboro, Va.	F. S. Irwin	
Ada Kearse	Olar, S.C.	L. B. Kearse	Laura McMillan
W. H. Hagan	North Augusta, S.C.	C. S. Gorman	Umarah Williams
W. H. Hagan	Bamberg, S.C.	J. H. Hagan	Mr. M. H. Hagan
W. H. Hagan	Bamberg, S.C.	J. H. Hagan	Mr. M. H. Hagan

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Charles L. Lumber	Bamberg S.C.	J. C. Lumber	Mrs. Davie Lumber	9
Sara B. Starr	Walterboro S.C.	J. A. Brabham	Carrie Ayer	
Clara H. Kears	Char, S.C.	J. W. Hurling	Elizabeth Kears	
Clyde Kears	Char, S.C.	J. B. Kears	Laura M. Millan	
James M. Kears	Wilmington S.C.	J. M. Muggs	P. J. Johnson	
C. A. Gray	Char, S.C.	A. P. Gray	Carrie Kears	
Carrie M. Kears	Char, S.C.	H. J. Kears	Alice M. Millan	
Alma B. Brabham	Char, S.C.	H. B. Brabham	Carla Kears	
Hattie Brabham	Danmark S.C.	C. L. Brabham	Cornelia Brabham	
Louise Kears	Char, S.C.	H. H. Kears	Bessie Chitt	
Early Kears	Charlotte N.C.	J. G. Brabham	Eva Kears	
Gladys Kears	" "	Early Kears	Gladys Brabham	
Mary D. Kears	" "	Duffie McMillan	Amanda Ayer	
Laura Kears	Char S.C.	George Brabham	Jane Rice	
Mittie Kears	" "	J. H. Brabham	Lena Kears	
Ruth Kears	" "	" "	" "	
James	" "	" "	" "	
Mark Duffie	" "	" "	" "	
Amanda	" "	" "	" "	
Joseph	" "	" "	" "	
Thelma Brabham	" "	R. M. Kears	Mrs R. M. Kears	
R. L. Walker	" "	Dr. Henry Kears		
William Walker	" "	W. M. Walker		
E. R. Kears	" "	G. G. Priest	Mrs G. G. Priest	
Emily Brabham	" "	H. S. Brabham	Mrs H. S. Brabham	
Elizabeth Brabham	" "	" "	" "	
Edwin Brabham	" "	" "	" "	
Marion Brabham	" "	" "	" "	
Marion Brabham	Bamberg S.C.	P. Frank Brabham	Laura F. Kears	
Sara Kears	Char, S.C.	" "	" "	
M. M. Brabham	Char, S.C.	S. E. Kears	Marie Kears	
J. E. Kears	" "	H. G. Brabham	Marie Kears	
Mattie Lee Kears	" "	S. E. Kears	M. S. Kears	
Lucile Kears	" "	W. J. Kears	Carrie Kears	
J. K. Hartzog	" "	C. F. Kears	Carrie Kears	
" "	" "	Henry S. Hartzog	Carrie Kears	
" "	" "	L. J. Hartzog	Carrie Kears	

Mizpah Reunion & Homecoming





The Spirit of Buford's

'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



Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland
McMillan and Moye
90th Anniversary Reunion