

Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland
McMillan and Moye
87th
Anniversary Reunion



and the
Thirteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming
at
Buford's Bridge, South Carolina
October 12, 2008



Photo by Clyde Kearsse

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

2008 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING
87th Anniversary

of the

Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion

and the

Thirteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming

October 12, 2008

11:30 am

Prelude	Mary Carolyn Watson
Meeting Call To Order	J. Gordon Walling Jr.
Invocation and Welcome	Rev. Edward Stiltz, (Olar Charge)
Poem (The Spirit of Buford's Bridge)	Betty Jane Miller
Hymn	"Amazing Grace"
Approval of 2007 Minutes and Treasurers Report	(Printed in Book)
Old Business/New Business	J. Gordon Walling Jr.
Election of Officers	Cal Watson
Recognition of Family Members Present	
Recognition of Youngest , Oldest, Farthest Traveled, First-time Attendee	
Offertory	Mary Carolyn Watson
Introduction of Speaker	Ched Kearsse
Speaker	Rev. Donald Loadholdt
Hymn	"Bless Be the Tie that Binds"
Benediction and Blessing	Rev. Edward Stiltz

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,

or 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.

Amazing Grace Lyrics

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

2007 Minutes

Mizpah Reunion and Homecoming

The 86th anniversary of the Mizpah Reunion of the Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Families and the 12th Homecoming of Mizpah United Methodist Church were held on October 14, 2007, beginning at 11:30 a.m. President Michael Swindell (Moye Family) called the meeting to order. An invocation and welcome were offered by Rev. Edward Stiltz, pastor of the Olar Charge, which includes Mizpah United Methodist Church.

The highlight of the day was the unveiling of the newly updated, Mizpah: A Family Book. President Swindell gave a special thank you to Philip Morris for preparation of the book, as well as for the programs produced each year by Sun Printing. Morris noted that updating the Mizpah book had taken three years of hard work, and that many people had contributed. The books are numbered, and Morris made a special presentation, giving the first copy (#001) to Clyde Kearsse, to whom the book is dedicated for "his tireless work restoring Mizpah." Printers proofs of the book were given to those who served as family coordinators: Gene Jarrell, Becky Swindell, Betty K. Wells, Micky Brabham, Linda Stevenson and Laurie Robinson. Book sales were brisk.

The treasurer's report and the minutes of the 2006 Reunion were approved as presented in the 2007 program booklet. Ched Kearsse reported for the Nominating Committee with a slate of officers for 2008. Gordon Walling was elected the 2008 Reunion president, while Laurence Wells will continue as treasurer and Carol Varn will continue as secretary.

The Kirkland family "won" the family count for most members present with 71. Other family counts were: Kearsse - 64; Brabham - 55; McMillan - 10; and, Moye - 43. The youngest family member present was three-month-old Thomas Griffin Harris (Kearsse family), son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Harris, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Proveaux, and great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Kearsse Proveaux Sr. At 93, Jim Rhoden was the oldest present, followed by Fred Clark at 92. First-time attendee James Patterson traveled the greatest distance, from Brazil.

Reunion members were pleased to welcome the Moye Family Singers, who shared their singing talents for all to enjoy. Singers included this year's Reunion president Michael Swindell. Mary Carolyn Watson (Kirkland family) shared her musical talents by offering several piano selections during the service.

In what has recently become a Mizpah tradition, Betty Jane Miller recited "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge," a poem written by T. Benton Young (Moye family).

President Swindell introduced the speaker, Rev. Charles L. Price, who described Mizpah as a place where lives are changed. Following the traditional hymn, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds," Rev. Stiltz provided the benediction and blessing. The congregation then gathered in the picnic area of the historic church grounds for dinner and a time of fellowship. All enjoyed the sunny, warm day with a touch of fall in the air. The 2008 Reunion will be on October 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Varn, Reunion Secretary

Mizpah Church Families Association
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 31, 2007 - August 31, 2008

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2007 \$ 8138.00

Receipts:

Interest \$ 7.00

Reunion Collection - October 13, 2007 for Families Association 1125.00

Total Receipts \$ 1132.00

Expenditures:

Lemonade for Reunion \$ 110.00

Mel Rizer - Paper Goods 210.00

Helen's Florist - Flowers for Church 63.00

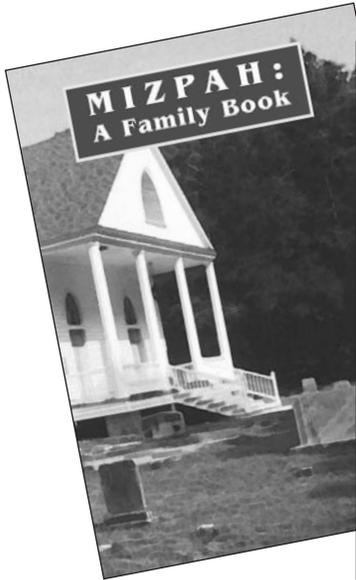
Sun Incorporated - Printing Program Books, etc. 728.00

Total Expenditures \$ 1111.00

Total in Bank August 31, 2008 \$ 8159.00

Laurence R. Wells
Treasurer
8-31-08

Mizpah United Methodist Church MIZPAH FAMILY BOOK COMMITTEE



Philip Morris presenting the first copy of the Mizpah: A Family Book (#001) to Clyde Kearse.



Book Committee
Left to right: Jerry Jarrell, Becky Swindell, Betty K. Wells, and Linda Stevenson

Memorial Flowers

by Mizpah Church Reunion Association



Frances and Jim Wroten

Lusher Tyler

January 2008

John David Johnston

September 16, 2007

Frances Langston Brabham

February 27, 2008

Minnie Baston Ehrhardt Sojourner

October 10, 2007

John McDuffie (Mac) Proveaux

April 5, 2008

Robert F. (Bobby) Brabham

October 21, 2007

Phronsie B. Gardner

May 12, 2008

Colonel Stanley R. Roberts

December 6, 2007

Vance Lyn Brabham, Jr.

May 30, 2008

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

The Youngest and Oldest of 2007



Thomas Griffin Harris
Kearse family-youngest

Jim Rhoden
Moye family-oldest



MIZPAH CHURCH NEWS

Mizpah, has church services each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

There were no deaths in the congregation this year.

We sold 104 Mizpah Family books. Some are available.

We completed the Cemetery fence restoration and expanded the east side by 20 feet.

Due to vandalism in the neighborhood, we placed a metal grate with locks, over the HVAC unit and began having the ADT system monitored.

Clyde Kearse
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Olar, SC 29843
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BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Susannah Butler Frail was born on July 3, 2008. Her parents are Douglas Joseph Frail and Oliver Cantey Traywick Frail. Her grandparents are J. Donald Frail and Miriam Elizabeth Butler Frail of Winston Salem, NC, and Thomas Tatum Traywick, Jr and Tanne Mouzon Brabham Traywick. Oliver and Doug live in Hendersonville, NC. Oliver is a partner in business with her father in Brevard, NC. Tom and Tanne Traywick are enjoying the mountains and their new home near Brevard.

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Audrey McKalynn was born November 16, 2005 and Bo Martin was born September 15, 2007 to Martin Franklin Brabham and Mandy Moore Brabham. They are the grandchildren of Harry M. Brabham, Jr. and Janice Brabham.

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Caroline Waverly was born August 1, 2008. She is the daughter of Benjamin McKay Brabham and Joanna Kay Stafford Brabham. She is the granddaughter of Harry M. Brabham, Jr. and Janice Brabham.

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Camille Bishop was born July 29, 2007. Her parents are Robert and Mandi Bishop of Bedford, New Hampshire. She is the great-granddaughter of Lucia Brabham Bishop of Stockbridge, GA.

MARRIAGES:

Tiffany Gail Miles and John Irby Hudson were married on May 17, 2008 at her parent's home. She is a nurse and is the daughter of Gail Brabham Miles and John Kenneth Miles of Valley, AL, and a grandchild of the late Robert F. and Inez Brabham.

DEATHS:

Minnie Baston Ehrhardt Sojourner, 89, died October 10, 2007. She was a resident of Sandpiper Rehab and Nursing Center, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Mrs. Sojourner was born February 24, 1918, in Augusta, Georgia, the daughter of the late Julius Frederick Ehrhardt and "Bessie" Elizabeth Marie Baston Ehrhardt Copeland. Her step parents were the late Samuel W. and Ruth Ehrhardt Copeland. She was raised in Ehrhardt, S. C., and graduated from Ehrhardt High School and business school in Augusta, Georgia. Mrs. Sojourner's great grandfather, Conrad Ehrhardt, a German immigrant, was founder of her hometown, Ehrhardt, S.C. and the Ehrhardt Memorial Lutheran Church. She was married to Robert Edward Sojourner, son of Edward Paul Sojourner and Janie Wright Brabham.

She was a resident of Charleston since 1950 and was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and South Carolina State Employees Association. She was retired from the Medical University Hospital of S.C. as Grants Administrator. Second to her faith and family, flowers were her love and passion, and she was known affectionately at the Sandpiper Village as "our Flower Lady." Survivors are her two sons, Fred E. Sojourner and his wife Caroline of Irmo; Robert D. Sojourner, Sr. and his wife Paulette of Charleston; grandchildren, Allison S. DeYoung, Paul F. Sojourner (Tory), R. David Sojourner, Jr.

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

(Christina), Katherine M. Sojourner, and Caroline Ingram; Great Grandchildren, Joshua DeYoung; Hunter, Kaitlin, Will, Walker, and Julianna Sojourner; a sister: Betty Copeland Senn of Columbia; step-sister: Ruth Jane Holly of Charleston, S.C. and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Sojourner is predeceased by step-sisters Louise C. Derrick and Maude C. Ross and step-brother Cecil E. Copeland.

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Vance Lyn Brabham, Jr., 75, died Friday, May 30, 2008, after an illness. He was born in Florence, SC, a son of the late Vance Lyn and Cynthia Waters Brabham. He graduated from Florence High School in 1951, where he played on the State Championship football team in 1951 and played in the 1951 Shrine Bowl. He attended Clemson University for one year and played football under Frank Howard. He continued his education and football career at Wofford College and graduated in 1955. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was self-employed as a contractor with V. Lyn Brabham General Contractors. Mr. Brabham was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. He was an avid golfer and was a member and two-time golf champion at the Florence County Club. Survivors include his wife, Winn Reed Brabham; a son, Vance Lyn Brabham, III, of Mt. Pleasant, SC; a sister, Marilyn Lyles Wise of Hampton, VA; two step-sons, W. Patrick Donelan of Myrtle Beach, SC, and James David Donelan of Columbia, SC; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, John Risher Brabham.

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Frances Langston Brabham, 90, died February 27, 2008, in Savannah, GA. Her husband, Matthew Moye Brabham, Sr., who died in 2004, was an elder brother of Bobby Brabham and Phronsie Gardner. Born in Dalzell, SC, she was a daughter of the late Samuel Joseph Langston and the late Pauline Cummings Langston. For many years, she was a member and Sunday school teacher at the Dalzell United Methodist Church and later joined High Hills Baptist Church in Statesburg, one of the oldest Baptist churches in the state. She is survived by a son, Matthew Moye Brabham, Jr., and his wife, Nelda, of Orange Park, FL; by two daughters, Mary Riley and her husband, Hubbard, of Savannah, and Ida Pauline "Polly," and her husband, Eric, of Fairbanks, Alaska; and by four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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Robert F. (Bobby) Brabham, 91, died October 21, 2007, in Georgetown, SC. Born in Bamberg County on July 9, 1916, he was one of eleven children of the late Robert F. and Daisy Brabham. He lived in Sumter County most of his life and graduated from Hillcrest High School. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the 24th Infantry Division in the Pacific. After the war, he operated his own independent insurance agency and later sold insurance for Connecticut Mutual and Colonial Life. He was an active participant in his church, Crosswell Baptist, and was a member of Post 15 of the American Legion for 62 years. He always looked forward to the annual reunion and attended almost every year from 1947 to 2002. He is survived by a daughter, Gail Miles and her husband, John Kenneth, of Valley, AL, and by two sons, Robert F. (Robin) Brabham and his wife, Edla, of Charlotte, NC, and Joseph Eugene Brabham and his wife, Frances, of Georgetown. He is also survived by six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and by a brother, James H. Brabham, of Rembert. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Inez White Brabham; his daughter, Corinne Brabham Lacey; and five brothers and three sisters.

BRABHAM FAMILY

Phronsie B. Gardner, 93, widow of Samuel William Gardner, Jr., died May 12, 2008, in Sumter, SC. She was born on June 15, 1914, in Bamberg County and was the last surviving daughter of the late Robert F. and Daisy Brabham. She graduated from Hillcrest High School and Dorns Business College and worked as a bookkeeper for the R. L. Brabham Mercantile Store, owned by her oldest brother Lemacks, and as a clerk in the Dalzell Post Office. She was an active member of the Dalzell United Methodist Church. She is survived by a son, Samuel W. Gardner III and his wife, Janice, of Stateburg; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, James H. Brabham, of Rembert. Bobby and Phronsie's ancestors include two sons of Joseph Brabham and Flora McPhail--John and Joseph, Jr.--three of their grandsons--William Rice, Robert Cornelius, and Hampton--as well as a son and a daughter of Reuben Kirkland--Robert Cornelius and Sallie--and Matthew Moye and his sister, Martha.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Brian Emory Kinard will be attending Harvard Dental School. He is an honors graduate of the University of South Carolina in Columbia and is a great grandson of Essie Polk Kinard, a descendant of William Rice Brabham.

NEWS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF OLLIE BRABHAM

BIRTHS:

Lania Simone Platts was born in August. She is the daughter of Sheila and Eric Platts and is the granddaughter of the Mrs. Grace and the late Deacon Ervin Brabham.

DEATHS:

Lusher Tyler died in January 2008. She was the granddaughter of Ollie Brabham.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Charles Bennett Jr. graduated from Allendale Fairfax High School and is attending St. John's River Community College in St. Augustine, Florida. He is the son of Deacon and Mrs. Charles Bennett Sr.

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Tiffany Huggins graduated from Orangeburg Wilkinson High School and is attending Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, enrolled in the Nursing program. She is the granddaughter of Mayor Carrie Simmons.

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Elaine Brabham Sanford is a social worker with her Bachelors and Masters degrees and has a license to teach in the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

BRABHAM FAMILY

Debbie Brabham Mceeleven has a Masters degree in social work and also works in real estate.



Sharmaine Brabham Lamar is an attorney for Swarthmore College and also works in real estate.



Pella Brabham Parker is a registered nurse.



Diane Brabham Fauntleroy is the pastor of Soul Set Free Deliverance Center, is the owner of Family 1 Cleaning Services and is also the owner of Décor Candle and Fragrance line called “Me Time” for Women of Distinction.



Tara Sanford has a cosmetology license is the owner of her own shop.



Tammy Sanford has a degree in Mental Health and has been promoted to a supervisor at her place of employment.



Mary Carlton Loll



Dad and Betty Sojourner

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Merritt Ansley Covington was born July 16, 2008. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Josh Covington of Columbus, Georgia. Merritt is the great granddaughter of Laura Kearsé Kirby of Bamberg.

DEATHS:

John McDuffie (Mac) Proveaux, 82, of Denmark died Saturday, April 5, 2008, in the Bamberg County Hospital.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Friday, April 18, at the First Baptist Church of Denmark, with the Rev. Andy Hunter officiating. Burial was held in Denmark Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews and family members, Trent Proveaux, Williams Proveaux Jr., Kevin Rhoad, William Proveaux III, Steve Proveaux, Gerald Hobby, and Paul Hightower.

Mac was born May 17, 1925, in Bamberg County, to the late Alena Kearsé Proveaux and the late Griffin Webster Proveaux. Two brothers, James Griffin Proveaux and Joseph Lawton Proveaux, preceded him in death.

Mac Proveaux graduated from Olar High School. He studied air conditioning and refrigeration at the S. C. Trade School. Mac was a retired security guard of 32 years at the Savannah River Plant. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Denmark and a member of the Denmark Masonic Lodge 246. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Betty Zorn Proveaux of Denmark; a son, Ellerbe Hightower and his wife Linda of Santee; a brother, William Proveaux and his wife P.J. of Bamberg; a sister, Ruth Proveaux McMillan of Bamberg; and his twin sister, Amanda Proveaux Morris of Chapin; twin grandchildren, Sonya and Paul Hightower; and two great-grandchildren, Kaye Marie and Austin Hobby.

Mercer Funeral Home of Denmark was in charge.

MARRIAGES:

Philip L. and Debra H. Morris proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, Amanda Jean Morris to Henry Mills Gallivan, junior of Greenville, SC on August 23, 2008 at Boyce Chapel, First Baptist Church in Columbia. An enjoyable reception followed at the Columbia Museum of Art. Amanda is presently employed as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Roger Couch in Spartanburg. Henry is employed by Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP of Greenville. They reside in Greenville. Amanda (Mandy) is the granddaughter of Amanda Proveaux Morris of Chapin.

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Robin Elizabeth Kemmerlin and Mark Allen Countney were married on June 28, 2008, at the Corley Mill House in Lexington, SC. Robin is the daughter of Betty K. Wells and the late Harold

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

Kemmerlin. She teaches in the Lexington School District and Mark is a computer Programmer. The couple lives in Kleckley Colony in Lexington County.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Cassie Kemmerlin, daughter of Steve and Terri Kemmerlin, participated in the Miss South Carolina Pageant as a Palmetto Princess of Miss Coastal Empire–Hampton County, Jamie Hardison. She received an award for over 100 hours of community service performed during the year. During pageant week in Spartanburg, Cassie participated in classes on etiquette and performed in the dance routine each day of competition.

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Chatham Harris the son of Stephen and Lynne Kearsé Harris and grandson of Clyde and Joyce Kearsé. Completed 30 hours of ground school flight instructions at Midland Tech.

Air Force Weather Agency Familiarization Course 2008. Civil Air Patrol Cadet CMSgt Chatham Harris attended the AFWAFC course at Offutt AFB in Omaha, NE in June 2008.

Air Force Space Command Familiarization 2008. Civil Air Patrol Cadet CMSgt Chatham Harris attended the AFSCFC course at Patrick AFB and NASA in Cocoa Beach, FL in late July 2008.

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Wilbur K. Milhouse was recently named associate dean for research at the University of South Florida College of Public Health. Wilbur will lead a team of public health researchers and general faculty members and will oversee the college's multimillion-dollar research and training facilities.

Before joining South Florida, Wilbur was research coordinator for the Military Infectious Disease Research Program and chief science officer at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Maryland.

Wilbur is the son of the late Madison Neeley Milhouse and Wilma Kearsé Milhouse of Olar. He is also the grandson of Wilbur Manning Kearsé and Lozelle DeMolliens Kearsé.

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Amanda Jean Morris, daughter of Philip L. and Debra Hughes Morris of Chapin, received her Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May 2008. She is the granddaughter of Amanda Proveaux (Kearsé) Morris of Chapin.

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Joshua M. Morris, son of Philip and Debra Morris, has been diagnosed with a relapse of Hodgkin's lymphoma and will be undergoing treatment and a stem cell transplant at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He has been fighting this disease since his original diagnosis at age 16, and he is now 22. Your prayers for his complete recovery are much appreciated by all his family.

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS



Ched Kears, Amanda Morris, and Mrs. Wynette Stiltz (back row)



Chester and Jane Kears



Jennings Morris, Laura Kirby, Betty Wells and Lawrence Wells



William K. Proveaux and Ruth P. McMillan



Joyce Kears, Brian Waltz, Debbie Waltz, and Lynn Harris



Jenny Harris, Debbie Proveaus, Griffin Harris and Steve Proveaux



Steve Proveaux, Jenny Harris, and Will Proveaux with Griffin.
Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Proveaux
Great grandparent William K. Proveaux, Sr.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Peter M. Brenner, III, was born in Virginia, the son of Jamie Reese Brenner. Peter is the great-grandson of Jane Hartzog Reese of Santa Barbara, CA and great-great-grandson of the late Inez Kirkland Hartzog of Bamberg.

MARRIAGES:

Wes Worsham and Kimberly Underwood were married on July 19, 2008 at Summerall Chapel in Charleston, SC. Kim teaches school in Charleston and Wes recently completed Law School. Wes is the son of John and Margaret Kirkland Worsham of Clemson, SC.

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Mildred and Harry Day of Charlotte, NC, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 22, 2008. Their son and his wife, Walt and Mary Day, celebrated their 30th anniversary on September 23, 2008. Mildred is the daughter of the late C.W. (Will) Kirkland of Charlotte.

DEATHS:

Colonel Stanley R. Roberts died December 6, 2007. He and Evelyn resided in Plantation Estates, Charlotte, NC. Evelyn is the daughter of John E. and Annie Dickinson Kirkland.

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John David Johnston of St. George, SC, died September 16, 2007. He was the son of Jennie Kirkland Johnston and is survived by his wife, Anne, a son and a daughter and their families.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Anne Johnston, widow of John David Johnston, is serving as mayor of St. George, SC.

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Jimmy Tatum has taken a new job with Summerville Communications, writing for three newspapers: The Goose Creek Gazette, The Berkeley Independent and The Summerville Journal Scene. His wife, the former Holly Joy Parrot, R.N., is still working at the Kershaw County Hospital, but expects to join him in the next few weeks.

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Mike, Jr. and Tammy Watson will be relocating from Raleigh, NC to Florence, SC in October of this year. Mike has accepted a family practice position with Black River Health Care, a community health center serving the uninsured. Black River has clinics in Olanta, Kingstree, Timmons ville, Greeleyville, and Manning. Mike will practice at the Timmons ville site. 2008 marks Mike's 18th year of serving patients in the community health center setting. He is the son of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson of Bamberg.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Hayes Kirkland Stanton of Hartsville, SC, has started the Practice of Law at Myrtle Beach, SC. He is the grandson of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill, SC.

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Creighton Hayes of Rock Hill, SC, is attending the University of South Carolina Law School. He is the grandson of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill, SC.

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Somers Bregg of Columbia, SC, graduated from the University of Georgia and is now working in Atlanta, GA. She is the granddaughter of Anne Johnston of St. George and the late John David Johnston.

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Kent C. Kirkland, Jr. is attending law school at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is the son of Kent and Kelsey Kirkland of Barnwell, SC.

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D. Kelsey Y. Kirkland has joined Kirkland Law Firm, LLC of Barnwell, SC.

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Cooper Fritz, son of Mary Beth Watson-Manheim of Chicago, IL, graduated from Northwestern University with a BA in Political Science in June 2008. He has accepted a job as Development Communications Coordinator with the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyoming. Cooper is the grandson of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson of Bamberg.

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Russ and Julie Kirkland are starting their second year in Shanghai, China. He works for Scan Global Logistics and is Business Development Manager. Julie does consulting for a restaurant group and is the volunteer editor of the American Women's Club newsletter. Russ is the son of Margaret Kirkland Worsham and grandson of the late Norman Kirkland of Bamberg.

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Holland and Michelle Worsham recently moved to St. Louis, MO, where he works for Fluor. Holland is the son of John and Margaret Kirkland Worsham.

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Christy Tatum has taken a job at Nationwide Insurance in Columbia, SC, as a claims adjuster. Johnny Tatum works in sales for Shakespeare, a division of Pure Fishing Corporation. Christy and Johnny are the daughter and son of John M. Tatum, III and Mary Laney Tatum of Beaufort, SC.

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Mary Risher Tatum, now residing at Croasdaile in Durham, NC, will play in an 8-hand piano concert there on November 15th and 16th.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Melanie Katharine Day, granddaughter of Mildred and Harry Day, is a freshman at North Carolina State University where she is on the dance team. Ashley Ann Neal, granddaughter of Kitty Kirkland Bradley, is a senior at Appalachian State University. Both girls are great-granddaughters of the late C. W. (Will) Kirkland.

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Melanie Williamson, granddaughter of Lou and Jan Odom, entered the University of Alaska, Anchorage in August. Melanie is the great-granddaughter of the late lone Kirkland Odom. Lou and Jan of Flat Rock, NC, will be spending the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in Pacifica, CA with daughter Bethe and family.



Bill Johnson, Sarah Kathryn Johnson, Jan Johnson, Louis Odom, Harriett Northcutt, Jan Odom, Ellen Gilmore, and Bill Gilmore

Cathy Watson, Catherine Watson, Cal Watson, Jay Watson, and Bess Watson (Standing in front)



KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS



William K. Proveaux and
Ruth P. McMillan

Four generations, descendants of John Daniel Kirkland



Row 1:

Kate Kirkland Blount, Betty Clayton Boyd, Ruth
Clayton Frye, Christie Harrison Gregg

Row 2:

Gene Jarrell, Joyce Kirkland Williams, Darlene
Blount, Brenda Blount Harrison, Judy Jarrell

Row 3:

Caleb Cone, Len Williams Cone, Neal Blount

Row 4:

Gary Wesley Cone, Carson Alexander Cone, John
Lawrence Williams, Josh Blount

MOYE FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Jonathan and Emily Peel were delighted to welcome Samuel Watson Peel to their family on Oct. 4, 2007. Little Sam joins big brother Turner to make this a happy foursome. Sam is the grandson of Chandler and Martha Moye Dickinson Peel.

DEATHS:

The Moye family is saddened by the loss of Frances and Jim Wroten of St. Simons Island, Ga. Frances was 83 and Jim was a few weeks short of his lifetime goal of 94 years. Jim was the oldest attendee at the 2007 reunion.

MARRIAGES:

Rebecca Dickinson, daughter of George Moye and Lynn Dickinson attended the University of Kent, England , and brought home more than knowledge. After graduating from the University of South Carolina in May of 2008, she and Thomas Piscopo, a University of Kent graduate, were married on May 14, 2008. Tom is originally from Peterborough, England, but is enjoying living in Fort Mill. This is his first Mizpah reunion.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Martha Moye and Chandler Peel moved into their new home in Hartsville. They divide their time between that home and the vacation house at Land's End.

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Doug and Karel Keel drove their new motor home the entire east coast of the U. S.A. and part of Canada from Key West to Nova Scotia. They enjoyed many beautiful sights and lots of good food. The 40-foot tides at the Bay of Fundy were especially fascinating.

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For a number of years, Lynn Dickinson has coached mock trial teams at Fort Mill High School. Her teams have won top state awards. She has been selected by the State Department of Education to participate in a joint partnership program with German schools to set up law-related education and mock trial programs.

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Scott, Chad and Ben Swindell, sons of Michael and Paula Swindell are recipients of academic and athletic awards. Ben was a straight A student at Lake Murray Elementary during the school year of 2007-2008. Scott was named a South Carolina Scholar by the Governor's Office. He also won gold medals at 140 pounds in wrestling for Chapin Middle School and in AAU wrestling at the same weight. Chad took the AAU gold in his weight class of 135.

MOYE FAMILY NEWS

George Moye and Thomas Dickinson participated in a Salkehatchie summer mission program. Thomas is in the tenth grade at Fort Mill High School.

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Peggy Babineau, daughter of Charlie and Becky Swindell, owns a 19-hand Percheron named "Tiny". He is the largest horse in the southeast. He and Peggy have participated in a number of events in and around Aiken, where they live. In the "Arts in the Heart of Augusta" parade, Tiny pulled the carriage with dignitaries from Ireland who were the parade marshalls and he was the half -time entertainment at the Aiken round of the Gold Cup Triple Crown for polo. He is well known in Aiken and the children love him!

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Peggy's husband, David Babineau, has accepted a position in Monasque,Provence, France. He will be leaving in early December and Peggy, Whit and Becca will follow at the end of the school year.

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Marion Moye Smoak and her large family enjoyed their yearly Garden City Beach reunion in June. Twenty-four (24) family members enjoyed the wonderful week together.

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Marion is anxiously awaiting her 6th great grand child due in February. Beverly Smoak Robinson's son and wife are expecting a baby girl. They all live in Clemson, SC.

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The family of Marion Moye Smoak have purchased a river house just 10 minutes from Bamberg. Every holiday (and in between) finds the group enjoying being together there.



Becca Babineau, Becky Swindell, Michael Swindell, Chad Swindell, Ben Swindell, Scott Swindell, Martha Moye Peel, Peggy Babineau, Whit Swindell, Doug Keel, and Rebecca Dickinson

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Moye Family
Special Music



Jane and Frances Wroten



Mac Felder (Brabham) and Mr. & Mrs. David Sojourner



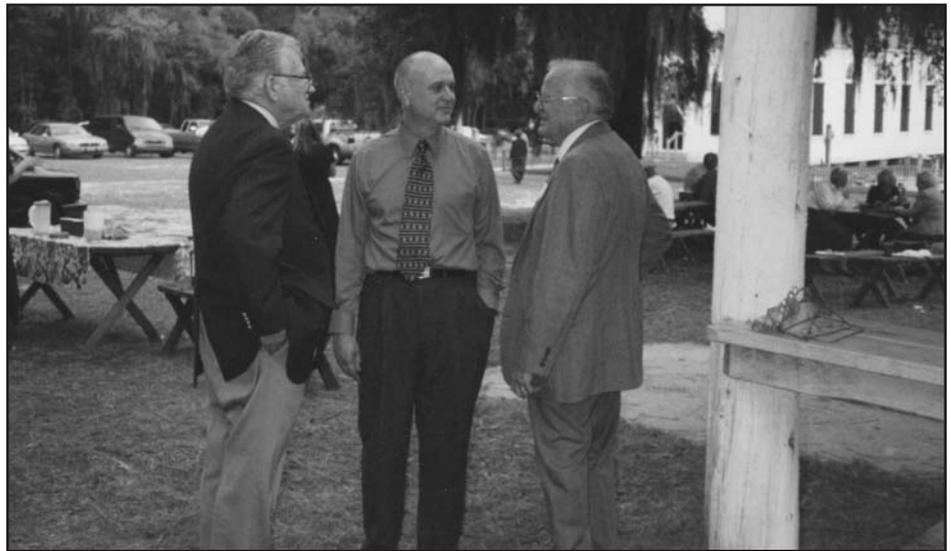
Michael Swindell calls the
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Mizpah Reunion, 2001
The Kearses Family

Mizpah Reunion
Left to right-Laurence
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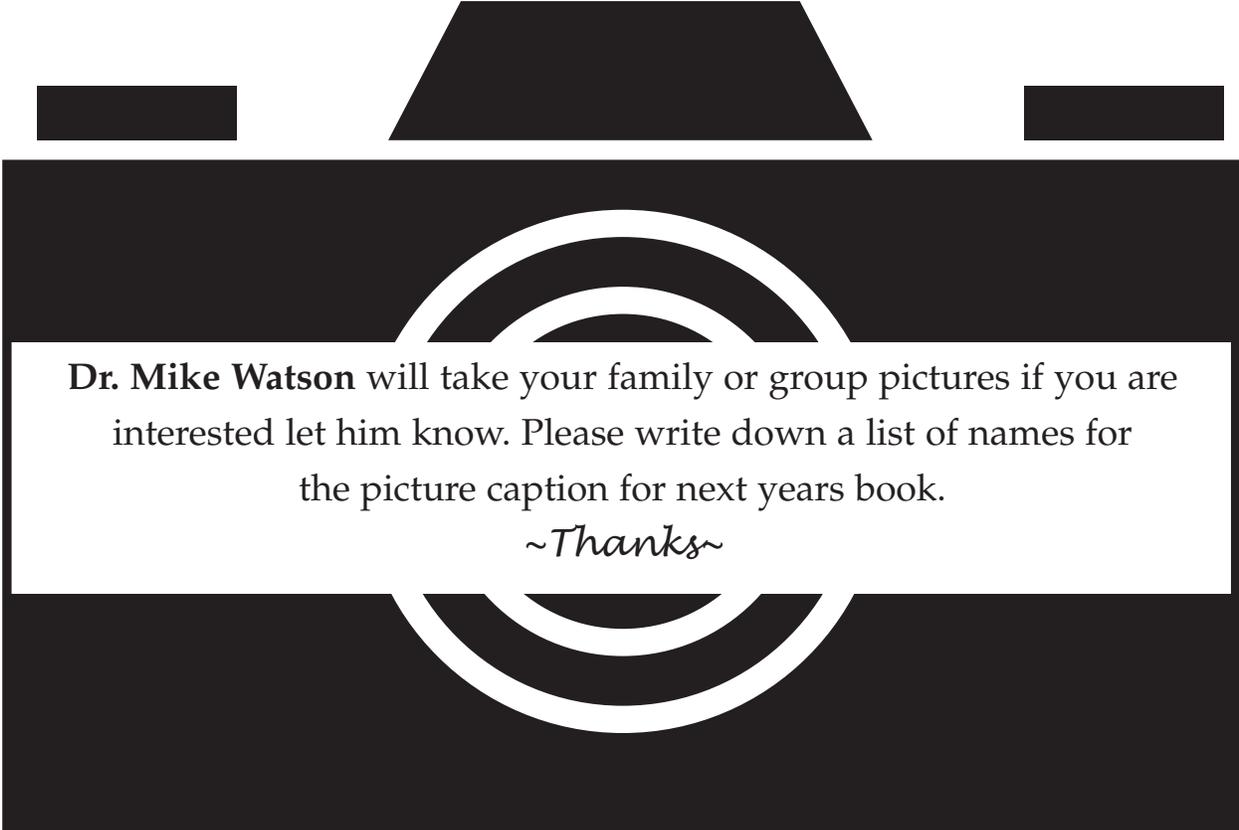
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established by 1832.
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