

Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland
McMillan and Moye
88th
Anniversary Reunion



and the
Fourteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming
at
Buford's Bridge, South Carolina
October 11, 2009

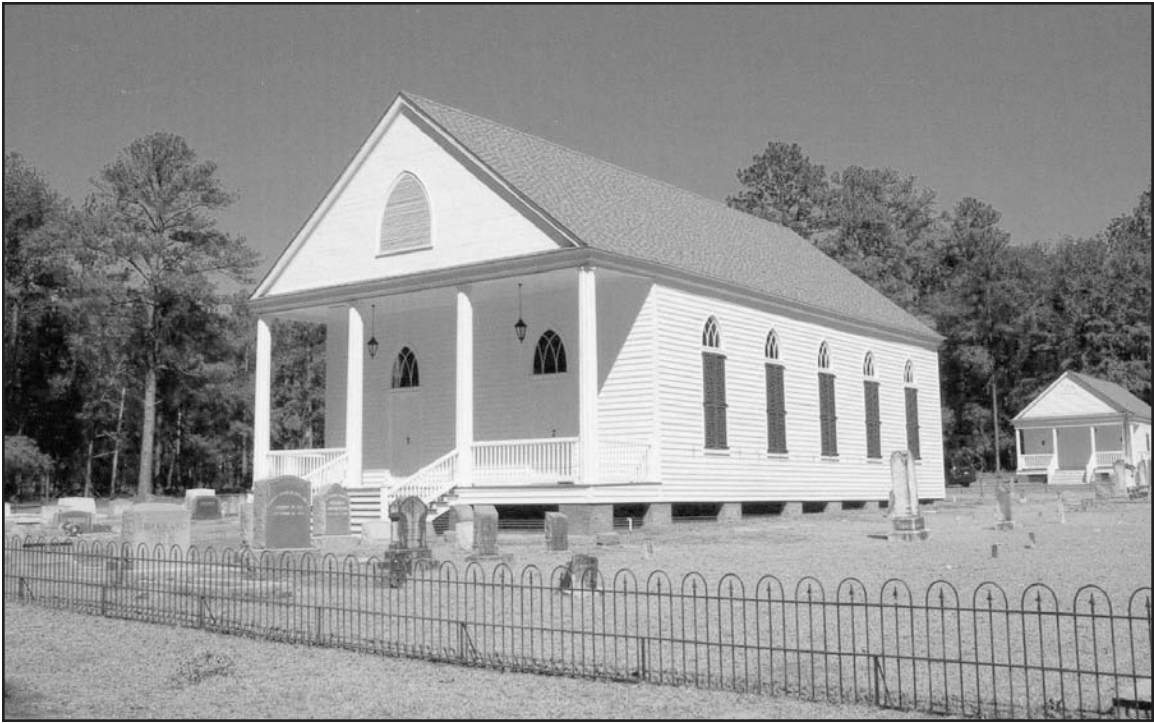


Photo by Clyde Kearsse

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

2009 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING

88th Anniversary

of the

Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion

and the

Fourteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming

October 11, 2009
11:30 am

PreludeMary Carolyn Watson
Meeting Call To OrderJuliana Hughes
Invocation and WelcomeRev. Edward Stiltz, (Olar Charge)
Poem (The Spirit of Buford's Bridge)Betty Jane Miller
Hymn "Bless Be The Tie That Binds"
Approval of 2008 Minutes and Treasurer's Report(Printed in Book)
Old Business/New BusinessClyde Kearse
Election of OfficersCal Watson
Recognition of Family Members Present
Recognition of Youngest , Oldest, Farthest Traveled, First-time Attendee
OffertoryMary Carolyn Watson
Introduction of SpeakerChed Kearse
Speaker "What do you want most out of life?"Dr. Mike Watson
Hymn "God of Our Fathers"
Benediction and BlessingRev. Edward Stiltz

2008 Minutes

Mizpah Reunion and Homecoming

The 87th Mizpah Reunion and the 13th Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming convened October 12, 2008, in the historic church. Originally located in the pre-Civil War town of Bufords Bridge, the church is near present-day Olar. Families gathered early to visit prior to the service. The 11:30 meeting was called to order by Reunion President J. Gordon Walling, Jr., following a piano prelude by Mary Carolyn Watson.

Rev. Edward Stiltz, pastor of the Olar Charge, welcomed Mizpah Church members and the Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moyer clans. In what has become a tradition in recent years, Betty Jane Miller read Benton Young's poem, "The Spirit of Bufords Bridge."

On motion by Ched Kearse, second by Cal Watson, the 2007 minutes and treasurer's report were accepted. Cal Watson offered a slate of officers for 2009: Julianna Hughes Craig (president), Bill Gilmore (president elect), Laurence Wells (treasurer) and Carol B. Varn (secretary). On motion by Bill Craven, the slate was accepted by acclamation.

The Kearse family had the most members present with 50. Others were: Kirkland-43; Brabham-22; McMillan-15; and, Moyer-3. Attendees ranged in age from 2 - 93, with several first-timers present. Mary Carlton Lull (Berkeley, CA) traveled the greatest distance.

President Walling presided as two new items of business were discussed. Becky Swindell suggested that as more people come from greater distances it might be easier to have a catered dinner instead of the traditional covered dish. The group voted to try this for one year in 2009. She will coordinate the dinner. President Walling also recognized Bernard Kearse who discussed the expansion of the church cemetery and the formation of a cemetery association. He also noted that in our mobile society, it is important to honor our "roots" and to continue to produce fruit for future generations. He asked that family members share their e-mail addresses to create an environment to communicate with each other. Mizpah now has a website: www.Mizpah1856.org (<http://www.Mizpah1856.org>).

Ched Kearse introduced the speaker for the day, Rev. Donald Loadholdt, who said he grew up "across the Salkehatchie (river)" from Mizpah. Rev. Loadholdt, a minister for more than 50 years, lives in Rock Hill. He discussed the love, commitment and dedication of families, noting that "family is worth the effort."

The service ended with the congregational singing of the traditional hymn, "Bless Be the Tie that Binds," and the benediction and blessing offered by Rev. Stiltz. Dr. Mike Watson asked everyone to convene on the church's porch after the service for a group photograph. Then everyone enjoyed a traditional covered dish dinner on the church grounds. The Reunion will re-convene on October 11, 2009 at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol B. Varn, Reunion Secretary

Mizpah Church Families Association
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 31, 2008 - August 31, 2009

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2008..... \$ 8159.00

Receipts:

Interest..... \$ 7.00

Reunion Collection - October 12, 2008 for Families Association..... 1008.00

Total Receipts..... \$ 1015.00

Expenditures:

Guest Speaker \$ 300.00

Lemonade for Reunion 110.00

Mel Rizer - Paper Goods 90.00

Helen's Florist - Flowers for Church 64.00

Sun Incorporated - Printing Program Books, etc. 728.00

Total Expenditures.....\$ 1292.00

Total in Bank August 31, 2009 \$ 7882.00

Laurence R. Wells
Treasurer
8-31-09

Friends of Mizpah Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 21, 2009

The Board of Directors of Friends of Mizpah Foundation met Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, by teleconference, at 10:00 AM. Clyde Kearsé presided.

Attending: Clyde Kearsé, Bernard Kearsé, Chester Kearsé, Jr., David Sojourner, Sr., Michael Swindell, Anne McMillan Biggers, Kirk Bell, Philip Morris.

The proposed Articles of Incorporation of Mizpah Foundation, Inc. and Bylaws of Friends of Mizpah Foundation, Inc. had been mailed to each member for review.

Motion to accept the documents as presented was made by Bernard Kearsé, seconded by Philip Morris, and approved unanimously. Discussion included terms for each Board member with the following proposals and agreement by each to serve: 4 year term: Clyde Kearsé (Mizpah), David Sojourner, Sr. (Brabham); 3 year term: Michael Swindell (Moye), Anne Biggers (McMillan), Philip Morris (Kearsé); 2 year term: Chester Kearsé, Jr. (Kearsé), Kirk Bell (Kirkland).

Election of Officers: Nominations for office, with agreement to serve from each nominee, were made with approval by acclamation:

President: Clyde Kearsé, Jr
Vice President: Philip Morris
Secretary: Anne Biggers
Treasurer: Chester Kearsé, Jr.

Budget Discussion:

Cemetery income is from donations and purchase of plots. There was a major expense for fence expansion and repair paid during past year. Annual expenses are for grounds upkeep and cleaning of grave plots, including some grave sites in the wooded area. The cemetery fund is separate from the church budget and funds. Clyde Kearsé will prepare and present more information for a budget plan.

Members identified the need to provide maintenance of other related cemeteries including the Moye Cemetery located across the road from Mizpah, the old Brabham Cemetery on the farm property, and the Reuben Kirkland Cemetery which is on private property. (Need to identify and contact owner of that property).

Goals of the Foundation will include raising funds to meet the needs of the budget.

Mizpah United Methodist Church and property status in the event of the church being closed by the UMC Conference was discussed. Church members and David Sojourner will continue to seek information regarding policy of the UMC. Michael Swindell will research need for legal advice re. real estate. The property was deeded to Trustees of Mizpah Methodist Church prior to association of UMC.

The articles of incorporation and by-laws for Friends of Mizpah Foundation, Inc. will be presented to the Mizpah Family Association Reunion and Mizpah Foundation by Clyde Kearsé at the annual meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2009.

Bernard Kearsé and Michael Swindell will confer Oct. 11, 2009 at the reunion regarding legal considerations, along with other Board members available. The Board of Directors will meet two to three weeks following the annual reunion.

Motion to adjourn was made by David Sojourner, Sr, seconded by Clyde Kearsé, Jr. Adjournment at 11:10 AM.

Anne Biggers, Secretary

Memorial Flowers

by Mizpah Church Reunion Association



Diane Brabham Davis

April 10, 2009

Joyce Kirkland Williams

August 24, 2009

James Hampton Brabham, Sr.

April 25, 2009

Richard Francis McMillan, Sr.

July 22, 2008

John Malcolm Brabham, III

July 23, 2009

Sarah Wilma (Moye) Young

March 6, 2009

Rae Bennett Hedgecock

December, 2008

William B. "Billy" Thames

November 25, 2008

Laura Ann Kirkland McKettrick

June 28, 2009



Mr. and Mrs. Grady Kears

Given By

Children and Grandchildren

Mary Alice Kears Morris

October 18, 2009

Given By

Luther Morris and children



*The flowers on the piano
are placed in memory of
Sarah and Denton Young
by their children,
Susan McClure and Tom Young
and families,
and by Sarah's sister, Marion Moye Smoak and all the families.*

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.

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all
the starry band. Of shining worlds in spendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee
our lot is cast; Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay, Thy
word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our
ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy
bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toil-some way, Lead us from night to
neverending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace Divine, And
glory, laud and praise be ever Thine.



MIZPAH CHURCH NEWS

12 Oct. 08 ~ Bill Gilmore gave a Maple Tree in honor of his mother, Harriett Kirkland Gilmore. It was planted outside the fence near his mother's grave.

27 Nov. 08 ~ Robert (Bob) Gray, a member of Mizpah died. He was buried in the Star Cemetery.

24 Feb. 09 ~ Planted 8 Magnolias, five D.D. Blanchard and 3 Claudia Wannamaker's on the west side of the Cemetery. Thanks to Donnie and Branon Ayer, Ched Kearse, Wayne Gohagan, George Smith, Joyce and Clyde Kearse and contributors to the cemetery fund.

22 May 09 ~ Luther (Buster) Morris and family, gave a Live Oak in memory of Mary Alice Kearse Morris. Tree with stone marker is located in front of church (West side).

Sandlapper Magazine visited Mizpah for an article in the autumn edition.

The Aug. 21 edition of *The Times and Democrat*, ran an article about Mizpah.

The Mizpah web site is running, although still not complete. www.mizpah1856.org
The idea for the site is for news of Mizpah and the Families of the Association.

Clyde Kearse

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BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Madason Pressley McCully was born February 24, 2009. She is the daughter of Misty and Jason McCully of Ehrhardt, SC. Her grandparents are Robert W. McCully, Jr. and Evelyn McCully. Ginger Brabham McCully and Robert W. McCully are her great grandparents.

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Hayes Wariner Brabham was born July 27, 2009. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vance Wells Brabham IV (Katie and Wells). They live in Greensboro, NC where Wells is a vascular surgeon.

MARRIAGES:

Elizabeth Anne Kinard and Patrick Myers were married August 1, 2009 in Antigua, British Leeward Islands. A reception was held Saturday, August 8, at Lenora's Santee Resort in Summerton, SC. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Essie Polk Kinard and is a descendant of William Rice Brabham.

DEATHS:

James Hampton Brabham, Sr., last surviving child of Robert F. and Daisy Ida Brabham, died on April 25, 2009, in Rembert. Born in Sumter on May 8, 1920, he served in the 11th Airborne Division during World War II and participated in the rescue of over 2,000 civilian internees at Los Banos, a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines. He also served in Korea. In addition to his wife, Virginia Beard Brabham, he is survived by four sons, James Hampton Brabham and his wife, Mary Anne, of Sumter; Richard Beard Brabham and his wife, Louise, of Bishopville; Randolph Thomas Brabham of Rembert and John Jerold Brabham of Rembert; one daughter, Jenny Brabham Bullock of Dalzell; and 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers; four sisters; and two sons, Robert (Bobby) Glen Brabham and Lemacks Franklin Brabham.

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William B. "Billy" Thames, 63, son of Jeremiah and Martha Mildred (Mell) Brabham Thames and grandson of Robert F. and Daisy Ida Brabham, died on November 25, 2008, in Sumter. He was a U. S. Army Vietnam veteran and the owner and operator of Billy's Auto. He is survived by his wife, Jo Drnjevic Thames of Dalzell; daughter B. J. Thames Reed and husband Jeff of Sumter; brother Robert Thames and wife Evelyn of Rembert; two grandchildren, Luke and Josie Reed; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marty; and a brother, Gerald.

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John Malcolm Brabham III died on July 23, 2009, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born April 29, 1993, in Sumter, he was the son of John Malcolm Jr. and Susan Spencer Brabham. He was a rising junior at Wilson Hall School, where he was named best-all-around player on the 2008-09 junior varsity basketball team. Surviving are his parents of Sumter; his younger brother Spencer Thomas Brabham; his grandmothers, Mary Ann (Mac) Curtis of Sumter

BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

and Louise LeNoir Brabham of Dalzell; three aunts and uncles; and five first cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Thomas Rhett Spencer and John Malcolm Brabham, Sr.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Carol Guess, daughter of Mrs. Harry Guess and the late Dr. Harry Guess, has had her fifth book published. It is a collection of prose poems titled *Tinderbox Lawn*, published by Rose Metal Press.

NEWS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF OLLIE BRABHAM

BIRTHS:

Zavier Osby Brabham was born on March 13, 2009 to Dwayne and Kimberly Brabham. He is the grandson of Mrs. Grace and the late Deacon Ervin Brabham.

MARRIAGES:

Charles Brown, Jr. and Erica Bennett were married on July 17, 2009. Charles is the grandson of Allen Brabham.

DEATHS:

Diane Brabham Davis died on April 10, 2009. She was the daughter of the late Allen Brabham and granddaughter of Ollie Brabham.

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Catherine Lee died on May 02, 2009. She was the granddaughter of Rev. Consee Brabham.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Dusan Sojourner graduated from Spartanburg High School. He is now attending Morehouse College. Dusan is the grandson of Carrie Sojourner Simmons.

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Carrie Sojourner Simmons retired as mayor of the city of Denmark, SC. She is the granddaughter of Ollie Brabham.

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Aigner Parker graduated from Berkely School of Fashion Merchandising in Manhattan, New York. She is the granddaughter of Diane Fauntleroy.

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Diane Fauntleroy opened a "me time" boutique in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in February 2009. She is the granddaughter of Ollie Brabham.

KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Kendall Jane Youra was born April 18, 2009 and is the daughter of Ben and Jennifer Youra, granddaughter of Brenda Youra, great-granddaughter of Laura Kearsse Kirby.

DEATHS:

Mary Alice Kearsse Morris, age 83, of Forest City, North Carolina, died on October 18, 2008, at the Rutherford Hospital, Rutherfordton, NC.

She was born on July 11, 1925, in Schofield, SC to the late Wilbur Manning Kearsse and Pauline Lozell Demolliens Kearsse. She graduated from Olar High School and Winthrop College. She received her master's degree in Learning Disabilities from Appalachian State University and taught for twenty-nine and a half years before retirement due to disability.

She was also a recipient of the Jerry Sanford Award of North Carolina for creativity and innovation. The award was presented to her by the North Carolina Education in 1973. She was also named Women of the Year by Forest City Junior Women's Club in 1975. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Forest City and the Asbury Sunday School Class.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Kay Morris.

Survivors include her husband of 6 years, L.S. "Buster" Morris of the home, two sons, Michael Morris and his wife Carolyn of Loganville, GA, and Gregory Morris and his wife Michelle of Winterville, NC, and a brother, Chester M. Kearsse of Fairfax, SC. There are four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Chatham Harris, Cadet 1st Lieutenant, was appointed in August, 2009 as Cadet Commander of the Lexington Composite Squadron SC wing of U.S. Civil Air Patrol. Chatham is the son of Stephen and Lynn Kearsse Harris and grandson of Clyde and Joyce Kearsse.

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Gregory Morris received his Doctors degree in Pharmacy from Florida University. Gregory is the son of L.S. "Buster" Morris and the late Mary Alice Kearsse Morris.

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Amanda Morris Gallivan, daughter of Philip and Debra Morris, granddaughter of Amanda Proveaux Morris has started her new career as an assistant solicitor in Spartanburg County. Amanda (Mandy) and her husband Henry Mills Gallivan, Jr. are both attorneys and reside in Greenville, SC.

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For thirty years, Mary Beth Harris endeared herself to students and colleagues as teacher, counselor and friend. The first teacher hired in 1974, she was according to alumness Jeff Hyman

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'79, "a beacon that drew us all in." Her classes in English literature and Shakespear are remembered with fondness and gratitude by the alumni she taught. At the close of the 2008-09 school year, she retired and messages poured in from Alumni. Colleagues honored her at the year-end faculty luncheon.

Mary Beth is the daughter of Laura K. (Williams) Kirby and the granddaughter of the late Mrs. and Mrs. Robert L. Kearse and the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams.

Mary Beth and her husband, Jim Harris, reside in Tampa, Florida.



Betty Wells, June Kearse, Laura Kirby



Ginger McCully and family



Mary Beth Harris (far left), Anne Thompson and Jim Harris

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Sophia Frye, daughter of Richard Clayton and Ashley Frye, was born on March 2, 2008, in Florida. Sophia is also the granddaughter of Ruth Clayton Frye of Bamberg and great-granddaughter of Bessie Kirkland Clayton and D.S. Clayton, Sr.

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Elina Grace Skelton, daughter of Ashleigh and Duncan Skelton, was born at Carolinas in Florence, SC on May 26, 2009. Ashleigh is the daughter of Tom and Penny Kemp of Turbeville, SC.

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Carolina Wells Kemp, daughter of Tripp and Jenny Kemp, was born on June 29, 2009, in Orangeburg, SC. Welcoming her home was her big brother, Thomas. Grandparents are Tom and Penny Kemp of Turbeville, SC. Tom Kemp is the son of the late Thomas Edward Kemp and Annie Mae Hughes Kemp who were descendants of Reuben Kirkland and Hugh McMillan.

MARRIAGES:

Robert Wesley Hayes III and Mary Dell Amick were married in Columbia in February. He is the grandson of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill.

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Benjamin Joel Stoudenmire and Kristen were married in Greenville in May. He is the grandson of Martha Kirkland Stoudenmire.

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Natalie Suzanne Olliff and William Christopher Wilson were united in marriage May 24, 2009. They were married by Kristopher Olliff, brother of the bride. Natalie is the daughter of Kirk and Frances Boyd Olliff, the granddaughter of Earl and Betty C. Boyd and great-granddaughter of Bessie Kirkland Clayton and D.S. Clayton, Sr.

DEATHS:

Rae Bennett Hedgecock of Columbia died last December. She was the granddaughter of Benhamin Brown Kirkland.

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Laura Ann Kirkland McKettrick died on June 28, 2009. She was the daughter of the late Claude and Aileen Kirkland of the Colston Community

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Joyce Kirkland Williams died in Raleigh, NC, August 24, 2009. Joyce taught in the North Carolina public schools and most recently at Northern High School in Durham where she coached the school's first women's volleyball and basketball teams. She was the daughter of Alice Helper and James Lawrence (Red) Kirkland and granddaughter of John Daniel (Tuck) Kirkland. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

James Creighton Hayes is a second-year student at the University of South Carolina Law School in Columbia. Margaret Mellan Hayes is a sophomore at the College of Charleston. They are the grandchildren of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill.

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Betty Jane Barker Miller graduated from Newberry College, January 1959. On October 10 she attended her 50th Class Reunion at Newberry. On Labor Day, September 7, Betty Jane attended the 275th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Salzburger to Georgia with services at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Ebenezer, Georgia.

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Julie and Russ Kirkland have moved to Seattle, Washington, after two years in Shanghai, China. Russ is the son of Margaret Kirkland Worsham and the grandson of the late Norman Kirkland of Bamberg.

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Jim Mallory ran a half-marathon up Pike's Peak in August finishing 5th overall, and then the next day he ran a full marathon up and back down, having the 3rd fastest time overall. This fall, Kirk Mallory reached his goal of climbing all of the 1,000 tallest peaks in Colorado. Lyn Mallory competed in a triathlon in Hiawassee, GA in August. This included swimming 8/10 of a mile, riding a bike for 23 miles and then running for 4 miles. She came in 6th in her age group. Jim, Kirk and Lyn are the children of Robert P. Mallory and grandchildren of Sara Kirkland Gary.

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John M. Tatum IV works as a Sales Executive for Pure Fishing Company in Columbia, SC. Christy Tatum works for the Department of Social Services and is attending graduate school at the University of South Carolina. John and Christy are the children of John and Mary Laney Tatum, grandchildren of John and Mary Risher Tatum and great-grandchildren of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Tatum Pottenger is a senior of Durham Academy in Durham, NC and sister, Megan, is in the 7th grade there. Both had busy summers including, for Tatum, a trip to Mexico and Montreat and UNC music camp (choral), and, for Megan, an urban mission trip to Charlotte and a church youth camp for Megan. They are the daughters of Sara Tatum Pottenger and Dave Pottenger who is manager at Mortan Stanley Smith Barney. They are also grandchildren of John and Mary Risher Tatum and great-grandchildren of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Sarah Strickland, daughter of Dale and Emily Bell Strickland of Greer, granddaughter of Glenn and Betty Tatum Bell, and great-granddaughter of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum, has been selected Drum Major of the Eastside High Schol Band in Taylors, SC. Sarah plays the flute in the band and also in the Symphony Orchestra of the Carolina Youth Symphony, which will perform

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

at Carnegie Hall in New York this spring. Dale Strickland has just completed his term as president of the Associate group of the Carolina Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Association.

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Mary Beth Watson-Manheim, associate professor of information and decision sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago has been awarded a Fulbright Nehru Scholarship grant to study the global information technology workplace in India during the fall semester. She will be associated with India Institute of Management in Bangalore.

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Dr. Mike Watson, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, currently is employed by Alliance Medical Ministry. Alliance is a medical practice providing primary care to the working uninsured of Wake County (Raleigh, NC). It is supported by various grants, private donations, and more than 200 churches in the county. Mike's wife, Tammy, is employed as an RN by Garner, an internal medicine practice in Garner, NC.

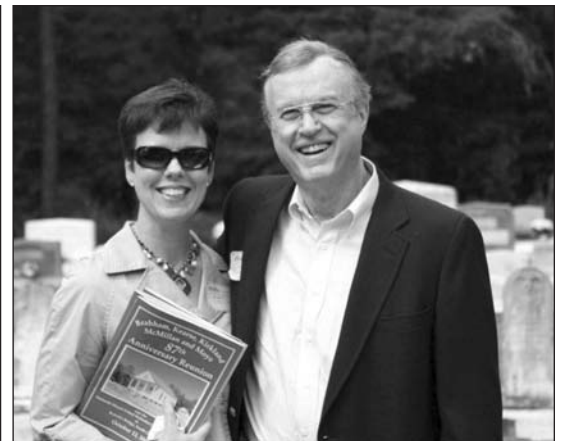
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Cal Watson of Columbia was installed on the South Carolina Board of Governors in May for a three-year term as one of two representatives from the Second Judicial Region. He is also finishing up a two-year term as President of Historic Columbia Foundation. Cal and his wife Cathy have three children. Catherine, a sophomore at A.C. Flora High School, serves as Sophomore Class Treasurer and is on the A.C. Flora tennis team; Jay, a 7th grader at Crayton Middle School is active in Boy Scouts and swims on the A.C. Flora swim team (along with teammate and cousin, Georgia Kirkland); and Bess, a 4th grader at Brennan Elementary School, enjoys piano lessons and singing in the children's choir at Shandon UMC.

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Harold & Eldine Kirkland, Mell & Earle Rizer



Cathy Watson and Bill Gilmore

KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Dr. John Tatum Watson and his wife, Donna Weagel, live in Geneva, Switzerland. John is employed by the World Health Organization as a medical epidemiologist, working in the area a communicable disease control. John, Cal, Mike, and Mary Beth are children of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson of Bamberg and grandchildren of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.



Pam Hutto, Ginger & John Sanders,
Joyce & Kirk Bell, Carol Varn



Cathy Watson, Bess Watson,
Catherine Watson, Caroline
Watson



Watson family

McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

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DEATHS:

Richard Francis McMillan Sr., 89, of 282 Carlisle St., Bamberg, died Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at Bamberg County Hospital and Nursing Center. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Bamberg, with the Rev. Dr. Aubry Floyd and the Rev. Kelly Shanks officiating. Burial was in the South End Cemetery.

Mr. McMillan was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Bamberg, a son of the late Richard Frank McMillan and the late Jassie McMillan McMillan. He was married to Edith L. McMillan. Mr. McMillan was a member of First Baptist Church in Bamberg. He graduated from Bamberg High School and Anderson Aviation School in Nashville, Tenn. He was a retired mechanic from the Savannah River Site for more than 30 years.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and visiting with his children and grandchildren. He was a member of the Lion's Club, Men's Garden Club, the American Legion, past Sunday school teacher and Deacon.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Harriet M. Railsback and Don of Santee and Paula M. Goldberg and Scott of Conway; a son, Richard F. McMillan Jr. and Daniela of Bamberg; seven grandchildren, Jolie Lindley and Michael, Major Jason Railsback and Captain Greta, David S. McMillan and Jennifer, Miriam E. McMillan, Kristen M. McMillan; five great-grandchildren; a number of nephews and one niece.

His wife, Edith, now resides in Summerton with her daughter, Harriett, and son-in-law, Don.

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Harold L. "Lindy" Fonvielle, Jr. died June 29, 2009, in Lumberton, NC. Lindy was the son of the late Harold L. Fonvielle, Sr., and Miona K. Fonvielle of Tabor City, NC and grandson of the late George A. and Annie Me Kearse McMillan of Bamberg, SC.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Jennifer Lynn Hughes, daughter of Shawn and Kenny Hughes, graduated from Marymount University in Arlington, VA on May 10, 2009. She graduated magna cum laude with an undergraduate degree in History. She will persue a graduate degree in the fall at Marymount.

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McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS

Gregory Chance Hughes, son of Nancy and Clark Hughes, graduated from Jenkins High School in Savannah, GA on June 15, 2009. He started classes at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA on Aug. 17.

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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.

Important Information

Each year we depend on the news that you send to make this book a record for our families. Please remember to send the information to your family reporters or email it to us. We also appreciate any photos you might want to share with us. I know you enjoy the book each year, but without the information and pictures you share with us, it would not be possible.

Make sure you also send in information for the new website, (<http://www.Mizpah1958.org>). We are trying to place as much information there for you to access as we have. If you are interested in helping the cause in any way, please contact me and I will get you plugged in.

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MOYE FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benton Young IV of Ashaway, R.I. announce the birth of a son, William Charles Young in September 2009. Mr. Young (Ben) is the son of Thomas Benton Young III of Westerly, R.I. and the great-grandson of the late Sarah Moye Young and the late Benton Young of Raleigh, NC.

MARRIAGES:

Stacy Infinger of St. George and Lawrence Clinton Smoak, III of Bamberg were married on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Bamberg. Pastor Webb Belangia performed the beautiful ceremony. Clint is the son of Marion Moye Smoak and the late Laurie C. Smoak, Jr. Stacy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony L. Infinger, Sr., of St. George.

DEATHS:

Sarah Wilma (Moye) Young of Raleigh, NC passed away on March 6, 2009. She was 89 years old. She had two children, Tom and Susan. Sarah was married to the late Benton Young. The poem "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge" read each year at Mizpah, was written by Benton Young, her husband. Marion Moye Smoak of Bamberg and Sarah Wilma Young were sisters.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Lynn Houck (daughter of Marion Moye Smoak) is living in West Columbia, SC and is in Management for Walgreens.

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Sarah Moye Young's daughter, Susan McClure is looking forward to soon becoming a grandmother again. Her daughter, Patricia and husband Mike Delfin, are expecting their second child on October 4, 2009. Susan and her husband, Wes are planning to be in Brooklyn for the birth. Susan and Wes McClure live in Raleigh, NC.

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Marion Moye Smoak and her large family are looking forward to the wedding on the 7th of November of her granddaughter, Lauren Penley to Michael Wetter, Jr. The wedding will take place in Salisbury, NC where the couple reside. Lauren is the daughter of Nancy Smoak Penley and the late Dick Penley of Salisbury, NC.

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Lynn Dickinson's mock trial team that she coaches at Fort Mill high school showed their expertise by winning the state competition in 2009. This was the second win in three years and they competed on the national level in Atlanta.

Lynn and George Moye Dickinson's daughter, Rebecca, and her husband Tom live in NC and Rebecca is a reporter with the Newton/Conover, NC newspaper.

MOYE FAMILY NEWS

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Martha Moyer and Chandler Peel toured Ireland last spring with a group from Hartsville. The Peels have six grandchildren and three of them share the same birthday!

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Doug and Karel Keel drove their motor home 12,000 miles this past summer while touring Alaska, the Yukon and the Canadian Rockies. Some of their photographs are absolutely breathtaking.

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Peggy and Dave Babineau with their children, Whit and Becca, are living in Provence, France while Dave works with an international consortium pursuing nuclear fusion. They report wonderful experiences living in an international community. Peggy is the daughter of Charlie and Becky Swindell.



Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Clinton Smoak, III



Ramsay Abernethy, Becky Swindell, Charlie Swindell

2008 Mizpah Reunion



Mr. & Mrs. David Sojourner

Dan & Carolyn Smith, Marilyn & Kenny Godwin,
Mrs. Mary Carolyn Kearse Fanning



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In order to help us with future family news please use the following format for reporting your news items to your family representative:

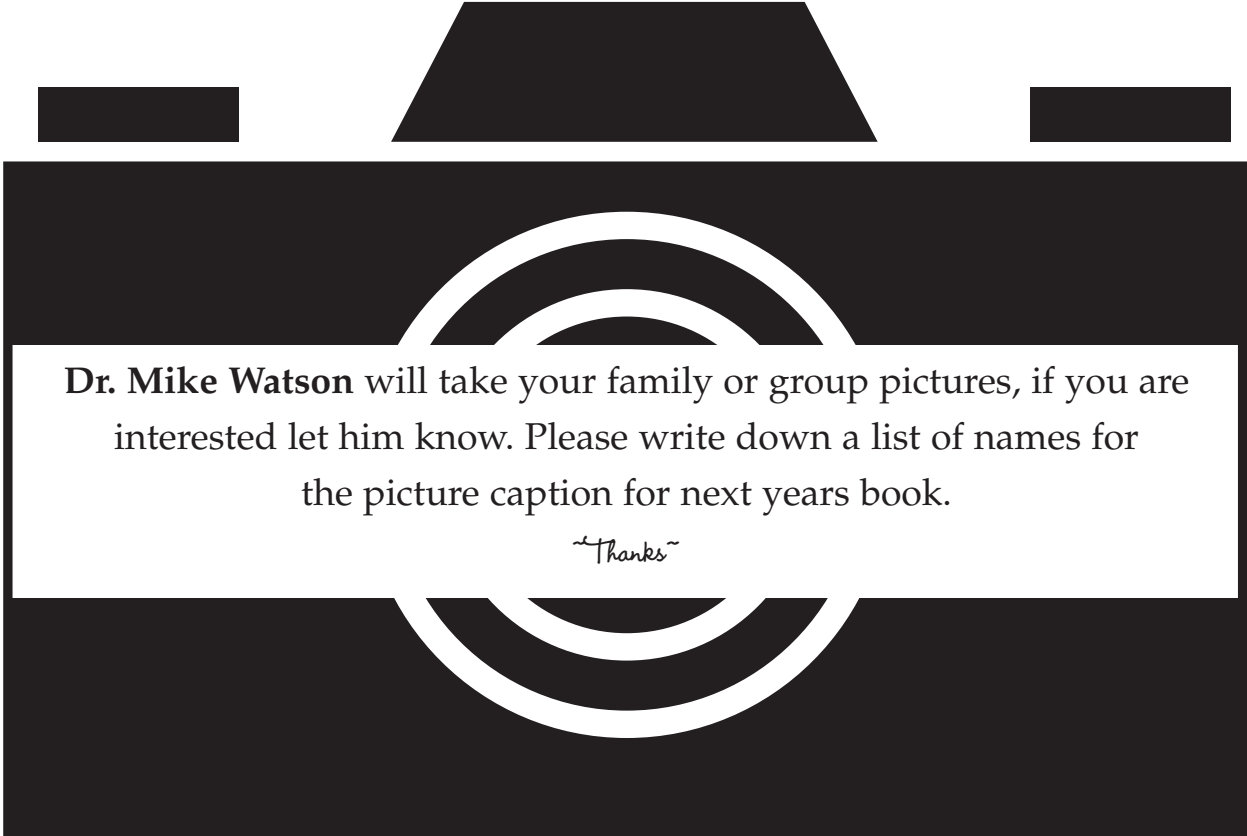
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It is also very important if you're providing pictures to be included in the book to write names of the people on the back of the photograph as you would like them to appear. If you want any items returned be sure to include a request as well as the address to which they should be returned. Special news items should be summarized and edited.



Dr. Mike Watson will take your family or group pictures, if you are interested let him know. Please write down a list of names for the picture caption for next years book.

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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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