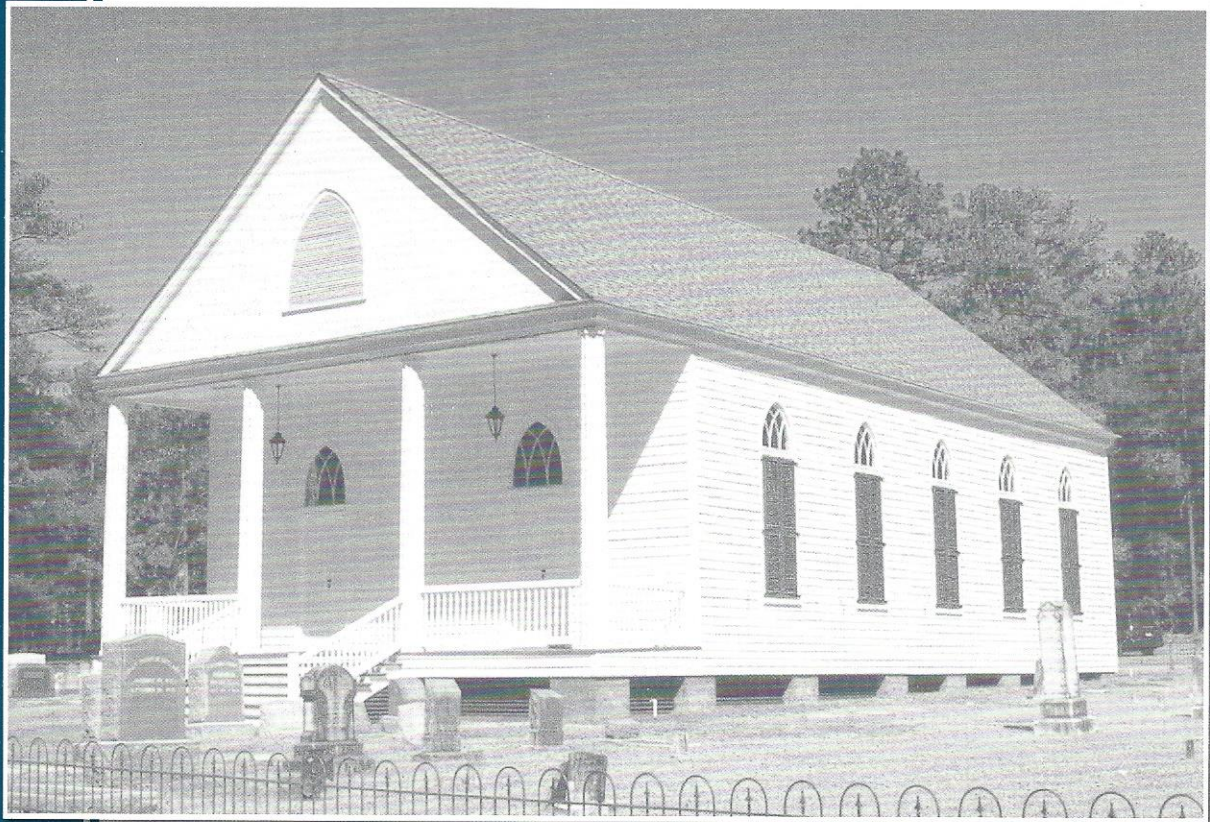


BRABHAM, KEARSE, KIRKLAND,  
McMILLAN AND MOYE

90TH  
ANNIVERSARY REUNION



AND THE SIXTEENTH  
MIZPAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
HOMECOMING  
AT BUFORD'S BRIDGE, SC  
OCTOBER 9, 2011



# **2011 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING**

## ***90th Anniversary***

*of the*

***Brabham, Kears, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion***

*and the*

**Sixteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming**

**October 9, 2011**

**11:30 am**

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

Meeting Call To Order .....Bernard Kears

Invocation and Welcome .....Rev. Edward Stiltz, (Olar Charge)

Poem: "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge"

Hymn ..... "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

Approval of 2010 Minutes and Treasurer's Report .....(Printed in Book)

Election of Officers .....Cal Watson

Recognition of Family Members Present

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

Offertory: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" .....Organ and Piano

Introduction of Speaker .....Bernard Kears

Speaker .....Phillip Kears

Hymn ..... "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Benediction and Blessing .....Rev. Edward Stiltz



# 2010 Minutes

## Mizpah Reunion and Homecoming

The 89th reunion of the Brabham, Kears, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye families at historic Mizpah Church and the 15th Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming met October 10th, 2010, at 11:30 a. m.

Claudia Sandifer (organ) and Mary Carolyn Watson (piano) offered a prelude, "God of Our Fathers." This service was the first where the Baldwin organ given by Don Rizer of Greenville in memory of his grandmother, Annie Lou D. Kirkland, was used.

Bill Gilmore, reunion president, welcomed the crowd and the Rev. Edward Stiltz (Olar Charge) invited those present to attend every Sunday. Betty Jane Miller recited the poem "The Spirit of Bufords Bridge." The hymn was "How Firm a Foundation."

The 2009 minutes were approved as presented in the program and the treasurer's report was accepted as presented in the program. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers which was accepted by acclamation: 2011 President - Bernard Kears (Kears family); 2012 President - Wesley Peel (Moye Family); Secretary - Carol Varn; and, Treasurer - Laurence Wells.

The Family Count was: Kirkland (48); Kears (46); Brabham (30); McMillan (9); and, Moye (10). The youngest attendee was three-month-old Charles Bridges (Moye family). The oldest attendee was 91-year-old Nora Riley (Brabham family) who was attending her first Mizpah Reunion. Aurelia Watson Nelson (Kirkland family) of Boise, Idaho, traveled the greatest distance to attend.

President Bill Gilmore introduced the speaker, Rev. John Hipp, the district superintendent of the Orangeburg District, United Methodist Church in South Carolina. He chose as his topic "Why does the world need the church?" He noted that the restoration of Mizpah Church is indeed a sign and symbol of the faith.

The service ended with the traditional singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the benediction and blessing by Rev. Stiltz. The group then gathered on the grounds of the church for a covered dish dinner.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Carol Bell Varn, Reunion secretary*



# *Mizpah Church Families Association*

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### *August 31, 2010 - August 31, 2011*

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2010..... \$ 7549.00

#### **Receipts:**

Gift from friends of Mizpah Foundation ..... \$ 2681.00

Interest ..... \$ 8.00

Reunion Collection - October 10, 2010 for Families Association ..... 948.00

**Total Receipts**..... \$ 3637.00

#### **Expenditures:**

Lemonade, Paper Products for Reunion 264.00

Helen's Florist - Flowers for Church 64.00

Sun Incorporated - Printing Program Books, etc. (325) 589.00

**Bank Fee** .....\$ 24.00

**Total Expenditures**.....\$ 941.00

**Total in Bank August 31, 2011** ..... \$ 10,245.00

Laurence R. Wells  
Treasurer  
8-31-11

# *Memorial Flowers*

*by Mizpah Church Reunion Association*

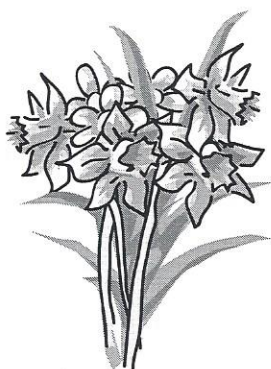
Alton Winston Williams, Jr  
*January 19, 2011*

Maxwell Earle Rizer  
*September 4, 2011*

Frederick Whiting Clark  
*June 7, 2011*

Kate Kirkland Blount  
*September 7, 2011*

Lucile "Bo" Kirkland  
*August 30, 2011*



*The flowers placed in the church are in memory of:*

**Mary Alice Kearse Morris**  
by Luther S. Morris

**Fred and Lorraine Clark**  
by Family



# COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

# 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.

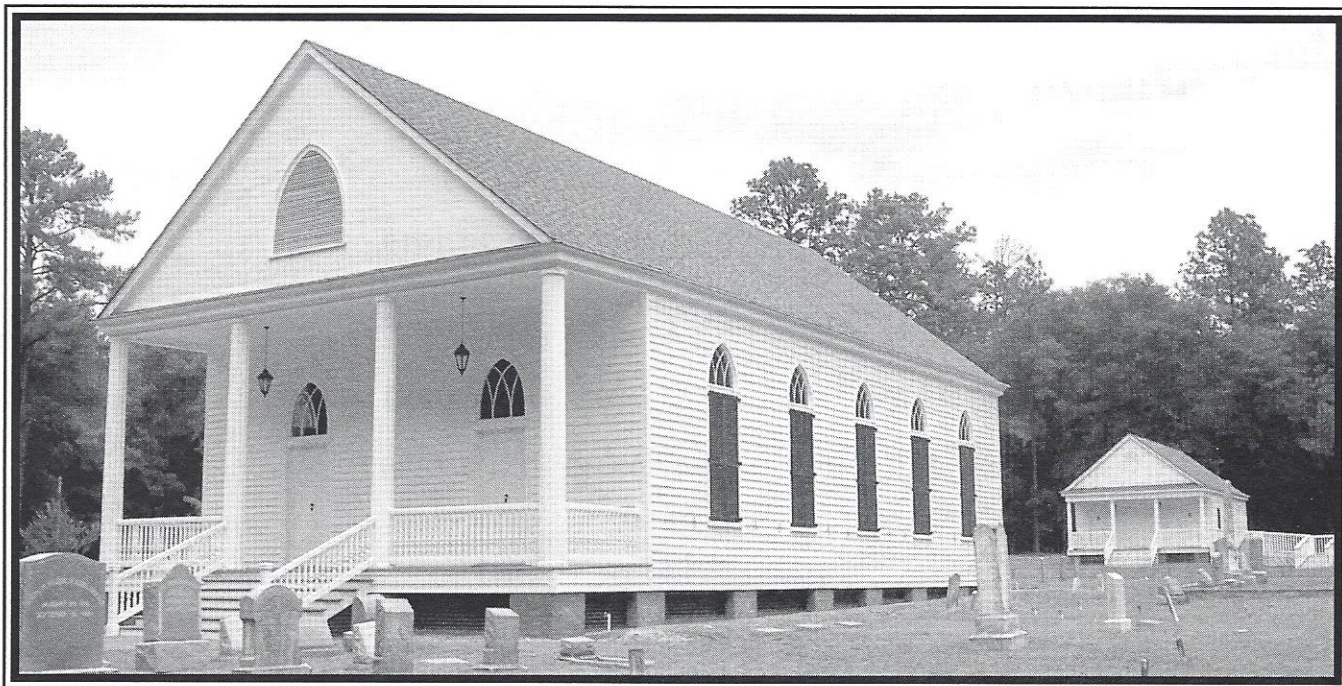
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

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.



# MIZPAH CHURCH NEWS



There were two Burials at Mizpah this year. Mrs. Marjorie Kearse Klinck and Maxwell Earl Rizer (Kirkland).

There are 31 veteran grave sites in Mizpah cemetery, American flags were purchased for all. Three live oaks were planted this year.

Thanks to Mr. Ira L. Beach we learned there were seven graves of Confederate Veterans in the cemetery that did not have CSA grave markers. Markers were purchased from Rivers Bridge Camp 805 and placed at their graves.

A USDA Soil and Conservation Engineer will visit Mizpah October 12, 2011 to study the erosion problem around the back of the church.

We continue to have service each Sunday at 10:00 am.

We give thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Stiltz for their devotion to Mizpah.

Clyde Kearse  
15417 Low Country Hwy., PO Box 805  
Olar, SC 29843  
Phone: 803-368-8863 ~ jckearse@gmail.com





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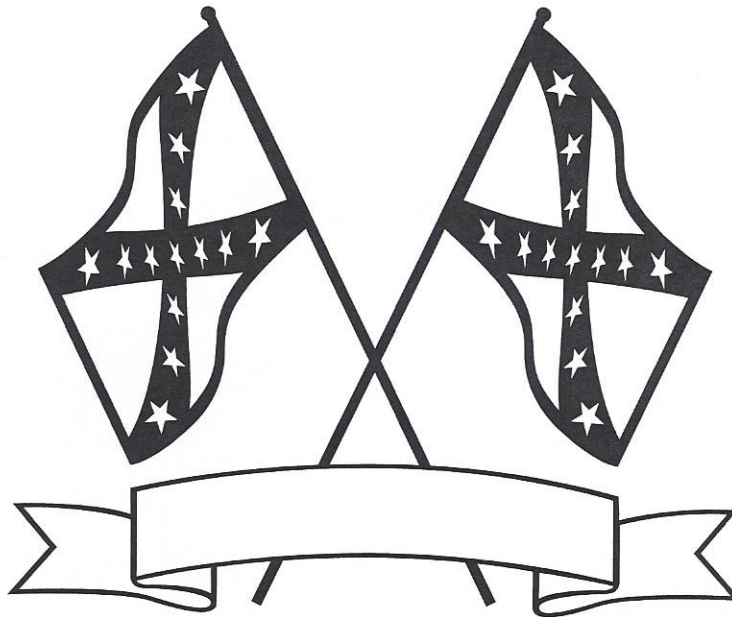
*There are sixteen Confederate Veterans buried here.*

Name	DOB	DOD	CO.	Unit SC	Service
James E. Main	01-5-1845	02-29-1912	K	11	Infantry
wife	cross				Private
Chirry A. Main	01-30-1835	02-05-1898			
Hampton Brabham	09-11-1812	12-08-1881	D	2	State Troops
wife					Private
Harriet Elizabeth Kirkland Brabham	03-18-1818	07-09-1888			
<i>burial in Robert C Kirkland cemetery</i>					
Allen Hampton Brabham	1848	1891	C	8	Inf Reserves
wife					1 St. Sargeant
Ann Josephine Barker Brabham	1845	1881			
William C. Best	03-18-1841	02-17-1913	K	1	Inf Hagood's
wife					Private
Jane Kirkland Best	12-28-1842	12-24-1906			
Needham Franklin Kirkland	01-27-1831	09-26-1920	F	3	Calvary
wife	cross				Asst. Surgeon
Jenney Lawton Kirkland	09-14-1838	05-15-1907			
James Andrew Kirkland	12-31-1848	11-10-1906	I	1	Inf Hagood's
					Private
James B. Kearse	07-31-1848	11-19-1925	G	2	Infantry
wife	cross				Private
Laura A. Kearse	12-02-1858	12-24-1952			
Martin H. Rodt	05-26-1821	04-01-1887	G	17	Infantry
2nd husband					1st Lieutenant
Suannah E. Rodt	05-27-1827	09-18-1889			
Joseph Josiah Brabham	09-06-1817	07-08-1883	I	1	Inf Hagood's
<i>Signer of Sucession Ordinance</i>	cross				Captain
1st husband					
Susannah Elizabeth Brabham Rodt	05-27-1827	09-18-1889			
John Fletcher Brabham	05-18-1835	02-05-1882	I	1	Inf Hagood's
wife	cross				Captain
Julia Amelia Brabham	10-24-1846	09-03-1930			
John Martin Weekley	05-07-1837	01-25-1932			General Staff
wife					Asst. Surgeon
Alice Z. Johnson Weekley	05-10-0837	07-24-1932			



# MIZPAH CHURCH NEWS

Name	DOB	DOD	CO.	Unit SC	Service
James Medicus Brabham	1845	1895	I	1	Inf Hagood's
wife	cross				Private
Janie H. Brabham	1853	1935			
Martin J. Brabham	01-12-1826	07-09-1888	D	3	Cavalry
	cross				Private
James Miles Brabham	09-07-1810	05-16-1895			Capt Kirk's
wife					Private
Elliott Brabham	09-11-1817	07-10-1900			
John C. Kirkland	01-31-1831	04-13-1881	D	3	Cavalry
wife	cross				Private
Sarah Cornelia Kirkland	04-21-1840	04-13-1881			
Berry Jefferson Brabham	11-01-1835	03-21-1907	A	3	Cavalry
wife					private
Martha Sease Beard Brabham	04-02-1853	10-22-1911			



# *BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS*

## **BIRTHS:**

Vance (Van) Wells Brabham V was born April 4, 2011. His parents are Dr and Mrs Vance Wells Brabham IV (Katie and Wells) of Greensboro, NC and his grandparents are Mr and Mrs Vance Wells Brabham III (Jane and Van) of Greensboro, NC. This is the second child of Katie and Wells. Sister Hayes Wariner Brabham, 2 years old, was born July 27, 2009.

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Oliver (Nolly) McNamara Frail, daughter of Oliver and Douglas Frail, was born June 6, 2011. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Tanne Brabham Traywick. Oliver and Doug moved from Hendersonville, NC to Winston Salem, NC the first of August with the new baby and their daughter, Susannah, who just turned 3. Oliver is moving her business to Winston Salem and Doug is starting a new business there.

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Hunter Carlton Buffett Lull, son of Christopher Robert Carlton Lull and Erica Buffett Lull, was born April 14, 2011 in San Francisco, California. Hunter is the great-grandson of Clarice Brabham O'Neal and Robert Emmett O'Neal and the grandson of Timothy F. and Mary Carlton O'Neal Lull. Chris is leading the Hospital Billing Implementation of the University of San Francisco's Electronic Medical Record Program. The Lulls live in Berkeley, California.

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Daniel Winston Williams Jr. was born August 17, 2011 at University Hospital in Augusta, GA. He is the son of Daniel and Shanna Williams of Graniteville, SC and the great-great great grandson of Martin J. Brabham. D. Winston Jr. has an older sister, Ansley Marie Williams, who was born September 28, 2009.

## **MARRIAGES:**

McLeod Williamson and Lindsay Fleege were married on August 12, 2011. McLeod is the son of Julie and Harvey Williamson, grandson of the late Jackie Felder Bridges and great-grandson of the late Inez Brabham Felder.



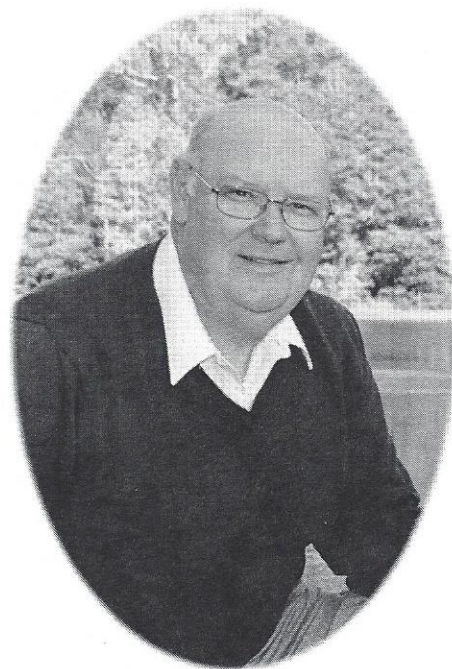
# BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

## DEATHS:

Alton Winston Williams Jr., 64, a native of Graniteville, SC, passed away on January 19, 2011. This wonderful Christian, husband, father and loyal patriot was laid to rest in the Graniteville SC cemetery next to his mother, Edna Brabham Williams. He was the great grandson of Martin J. Brabham. He attended the Mizpah reunion for the first time in 2010 and it was a high point in his life to have finally known where his ancestors were buried. Winston is survived by his wife, Connie H. Williams; two children, Daniel and Andrea and two grandchildren, Ansley and D. Winston Jr. Winston was a graduate of Newberry College, and a U.S. Army, Vietnam Veteran. His humor could light up a room, and his sage advice was revered by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed and not forgotten.

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Lucile ("Bo") Kirkland, widow of "Buck" Kirkland, died on August 30, 2011. She lived on Colston in Bamberg County and was buried at Pleasant Hill UMC Cemetery in Ehrhardt, SC. Surviving her is a daughter, Jeanette Kirkland Simpson of North Augusta, SC.



The three surviving granddaughters of Martin Brabham are in the middle. Left: Verna B. Proctor, Middle: Nora B. Riley, Right: Shirley B. Johnson



# KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

## MARRIAGES:

Carrie Lorraine Clark, daughter of Rick and Amy Clark of Richmond, VA and granddaughter of the late Fred and Lorraine Kears Clark of Barnwell, SC, married James Thomas Anderson on June 7, 2011 in Long Beach, CA aboard the Coast Guard Cutter George Cobb.

## DEATHS:

Frederick Whiting Clark (June 19, 1915 – June 7, 2011)

Frederick W. Clark, 96, of Barnwell, SC passed away peacefully on June 7, 2011. He and his wife of 63 years, Lorraine Kears Clark, were great supporters of the renovation of the Mizpah United Methodist Church and the annual Mizpah family reunion. Fred was very proud to represent and be a part of the Kears Family where he was considered a brother by H.A., Richard, Grady and Ben and a member of the "Outlaws" which included the brothers' wives Esther, June, Lula and Sadie.

Fred graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1938 with a degree in electrical engineering and stayed a devoted fan for the rest of his life (the Tech fight song, Ramblin' Wreck, was played at the end of his interment). He worked for J. B. McCrary Engineering of Atlanta and was involved in bringing electricity to rural South Carolina through REA during which time he met and married Lorraine. They were married on November 22, 1941 at Mizpah United Methodist Church. Fred was an Army veteran of WWII, retiring from the Army Reserves as a Lt. Colonel. After the war, he returned to J.B. McCrary Engineering and later was a partner of Engineering Associates in Atlanta. After his retirement in 1984, Fred and Lorraine returned to Barnwell where they attended Barnwell United Methodist Church. Fred lived independently in Barnwell until he was 94. After suffering a serious fall, he moved to Richmond, VA in August 2009 to be closer to family.

Fred was a devoted father and father-in-law to Rick and Amy Clark, Judy and Chuck Rushing and Dot and Van Hastings, proud grandfather of Colin and Jason Rushing, Robby and Jonathon Hastings and Will Clark and Carrie Clark Anderson and great-grandfather of Rachel and Charlotte Rushing and Celia and Zoe Hastings. He was an avid and talented gardener, served as president of the Southeastern Dahlia Society and hybridized a dahlia he named "Lory" in honor of Lorraine. Fred is buried next to Lorraine at Great Salkehatchie Cemetery in Ulmer.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Chester Kears Jr. was named a "Fellow" of the Society of American Foresters in June of 2011 for outstanding contributions to the Society and the forestry profession.

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Elizabeth Lightsey Kears (Lib), daughter of Mary Clare and Bernard Kears, has just completed a Masters in Social Work from the University of Texas in Austin. She is looking for a job in Texas and would prefer to settle in either Austin or Dallas. Katherine, our older daughter, and her husband live in Dallas with 3 beautiful little boys. The boys, Parker, Will



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and Cameron, all have Fall birthdays and in the next few weeks, they will be 6, 4 and 2. Katherine is a stay at home Mom and Brian is a vice president with a private equity firm in Dallas.

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As a Cadet Major in the U.S. Civil Air Patrol, Chatham Harris served as the Cadet Commander of the Aerospace Flight during the 2011 South Carolina Wing Summer Encampment. Also, he completed his second year as the Cadet Commander of the Lexington Composite Squadron. In August, Chatham began his freshman year at the University of North Dakota in the Odegard School of Aerospace. He plans to study Commercial Aviation and Aviation Business. Chatham will also continue his involvement in the U.S. Civil Air Patrol with the North Dakota Wing. Chatham is the son of Stephen and Lynne (Kearse) Harris of Lexington, SC and the grandson of Clyde and Joyce Kearse of Olar, SC.

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1SG Charles E. Hancock, Jr. is serving his second tour in Iraq . Charles is the son-in-law of Donnie and Judy Ayer. Charles and Brenna have two daughters, Jocelyn 6 and Ariana 10. Charles is scheduled to return from deployment in April 2012.



# KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

## BIRTHS:

Carson Story was born in January, 2011. He is the son of Crystal McKettrick Story and the great-grandson of the late Laura Kirkland McKettrick.

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Mae Elizabeth Bruner was born May 19 to David and Jesi Bruner of New York City. She is the great-granddaughter of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes.

## MARRIAGES:

Hayes Kirkland Stanton of Hartsville, SC, was married in October 2010 to Elizabeth Louise Brown of Milledgeville, Georgia. Hayes is the grandson of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes.

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Jeannie Kathleen Godwin and Zachary Keith Moore were married on September 2, 2011. Jeannie is the granddaughter of Jeanne and Ed Rast and the great-granddaughter of the late Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark.

## DEATHS:

Maxwell Earle Rizer died on September 4, 2011 at his home in Denmark, SC. He is survived by his wife, Mell Kirkland Rizer of the home, two sons, Don Rizer of Greenville and Frank Rizer of Bamberg, and one grandson, Kirkland Lee Rizer of Bamberg. Services were held on September 6 at Bethel Park UMC with interment at Mizpah UMC.

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Kate Kirkland Blount, daughter of John Daniel (Tuck) Kirkland and Ersula Walker (Shug) Kirkland died September 7, 2011 at her home in North Charleston. Kate was the widow of David W. Blount, Sr. Surviving are three sons: David Wyatt Blount, Jr.; John Wayne Blount; A. Neal Blount; and one daughter Brenda Blount Harrison. She had four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her funeral was at the Carolina Memorial Park in North Charleston on September 10, 2011.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

William Wesley McKettrick, the grandson of the late Laura Kirkland McKettrick graduated from the University of Georgia in May with a Bachelor of Science Degree in



# KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Computer Science. He has accepted a job with E-Trade in Atlanta.

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Creighton Hayes, grandson of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes, graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May.

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Elizabeth Geiger Wilkes and her husband of 54 years are now living in Fernandina Beach, FL. They had a wonderful trip to Minnesota visiting their 4 children and 9 grandchildren in July. This year they published their fifth photography book, this one about Amelia Island, FL. Their website is [www.elizabethwilkesphotography.com](http://www.elizabethwilkesphotography.com). Elizabeth is the daughter of Katherine Kirkland Geiger.

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Rob Galloway, son of Evelyn Geiger Galloway, has decided to leave the family printing business and pursue new challenges. At the top of the list is to take steps for a commercial pilot's license and to enjoy his music. Rob is the grandson of Katherine Kirkland Geiger.

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Kent C. Kirkland, Jr. (Clint) graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law at Fayetteville on May 21, 2011. Clint is the son of Kent and Kelsey Kirkland of Barnwell.

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Betty Jane Miller was honored by the Town of Ehrhardt when she served as Grand Marshal of the Schuetzenfest Parade on August 20, 2011. She will be in Dallas/Fort Worth October 30 - November 8 as delegate from Bratton-Jenkins UDC Chapter, Ehrhardt, to the General Convention UDC.

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Melanie Williamson is in her third year at the University of Alaska-Anchorage and Sam Battalio is in his first year at Seattle University, Seattle, WA. Melanie and Sam are great-grandchildren of Luther A. and Ione Kirkland Odom. Their great-great-grandparents are James Hamilton and Ione Toney Kirkland.

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Henry and Kitty Bamberg's daughter, Mary Katherine, won the girls' state championship competition in sporting clays (skeet shooting). Mary Katherine was the overall winner in

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the Independent Schools Association and the S.C. Youths Sporting Clays Competition. The boys and girls of Orangeburg Preparatory School were the state champions of the Independent Schools Association. Rebecca was a member of the girl's team. Mary Katherine and Rebecca are the granddaughters of Henry and Lillian Kirkland Bamberg.

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Anne Johnston of St. George, SC, has just begun her second term as mayor of St. George. Anne is the widow of John David Johnston and the daughter-in-law of the late Jennie Kirkland Johnston.

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Tatum Pottenger, daughter of Sara Tatum Pottenger and Dave Pottenger of Durham, NC, is a sophomore at Davidson College in Davidson, NC. Megan Pottenger is a ninth grader at Durham Academy in Durham, NC. Tatum and Megan are granddaughters of John and Mary Risher Tatum and great-granddaughters of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Sarah Stickland, daughter of Dale and Emily Bell Strickland of Greer, SC, was selected for the 2011 All State Band as well as the All State Orchestra, Sarah is the principal flute in the Carolina Youth Symphony for the 2011 fall season. Sarah represented Eastside High School at Palmetto Girls State and was named a Furman Scholar. She was a Junior Marshall at Eastside's graduation ceremony this year. Sarah often plays flute at her church, Memorial United Methodist Church in Greer. Sarah is the granddaughter of Glenn and Betty Tatum Bell and the great-granddaughter of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Mike and Tammy Watson of Raleigh, NC, participated in a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic in January, 2011. The trip was sponsored by Volunteers in Medical Missions located in Seneca, SC. Mike and Tammy worked in five different clinics located in the western part of the country near the Haitian border. They plan another mission trip to the Dominican Republic in January of next year.

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In January 2011, Caroline Nicholson Watson was presented the Palmetto Patriot Award, the highest award presented by Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, in a ceremony at



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the State House. She was also honored to receive the 2011 Public Relations & Media Sate Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), S.C. Chapter. A recipient of the S.C. National Guard's Meritorious Service Medal, Caroline has been promoted to Grants Section Chief of the Joint Services Detachment, S.C. Military Department.

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Bess Watson is a sixth grader at Crayton Middle School in Columbia, SC, and enjoys tennis and piano. Jay Watson is a freshman at A.C. Flora High School where he was recently elected Vice President of the Freshman Class. Jay is a member of the Flora swim team and has played on the varsity tennis team for the past two seasons. Catherine Watson is a senior at A.C. Flora High School, serves as Treasurer of the Student Body, and was a 2011 recipient of the "Spirit of the Falcon" award. Parents, Cal and Cathy Watson are serving as the 2011-2012 Presidents of the Flora PTSO.

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John Tatum Watson and his wife Donna Weagel are living in Ankara, Turkey, and are expecting a child in late September. John is working with communicable disease control for the World Health Organization in Turkey.

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Joe Nelson, husband of Aurelia Watson Nelson, began work as a Quality and Reliability Engineer with Micron Technology, Inc. in Boise, Idaho in March 2011. Micron is one of the world's leading semiconductor companies. Joe and Aurelia, a physician with Boise State University Health Services, are the parents of Sam (16) and Sydney (13).

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Cooper Fritz, son of Mary Beth Watson-Manheim, 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 great-grandson of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum. Mary Beth, Mike, Caroline, Cal, John and Aurelia are children of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson and grandchildren of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Linda Stevenson has shared an interesting bit of news. A book, "Kirkland The Novel" by Anthony J. Ziebol, is now available. His web site is [www.richardkirkland.com](http://www.richardkirkland.com) and his email address is [ziebolaj@hotmail.com](mailto:ziebolaj@hotmail.com)

# *McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS*

## **MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS:**

Jennifer Hughes of Alexandria, VA (daughter of Kenny and Shawn and granddaughter of Wenzell and Julia Hughes of Bamberg) became engaged to Dan Zaudtke on July 4, 2011, The proposal of marriage was accepted at Lake Tahoe in California and the marriage will take place October 13, 2012 in Rockville, MD. This has been an exciting year for Jennifer as she also received a Masters Degree in Humanities from Marymount University, Arlington, VA on May 8, 2011.

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Christie Hughes of Bamberg (daughter of Roger and Patti, granddaughter of Floyd and Annie Hughes of Bamberg) remarried during the year before June, 2011.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Joe Hughes of Atlanta, GA (son of Juliana and grandson of Wenzell and Julie Hughes of Bamberg) earned his commercial pilot license in July.





# MOYE FAMILY NEWS

## GRADUATIONS:

George Thomas Dickinson, son of George,III and Lynn Dickinson, graduated from Fort Mill High School in June. He is attending York Technical College.

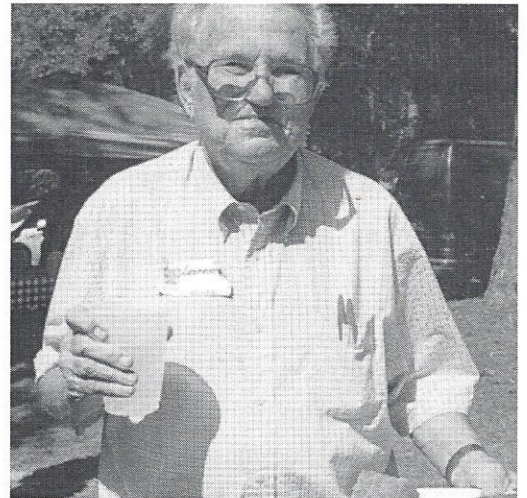
## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

The grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of G. Moye Dickinson, Sr. and Minnie Johnson Dickinson enjoyed a wonderful family reunion and picnic at Dreher Island State Park in June. Swimming, tubing, "catching minnows", talking and eating good food kept all the cousins, young and old, occupied and happy for many hours. The extended family hopes to make this an annual event.





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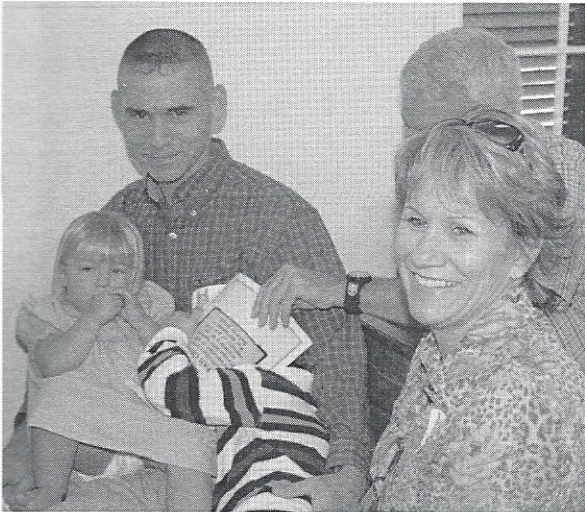
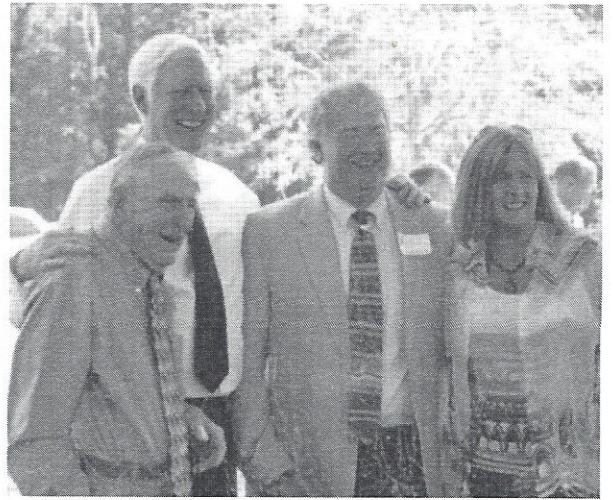


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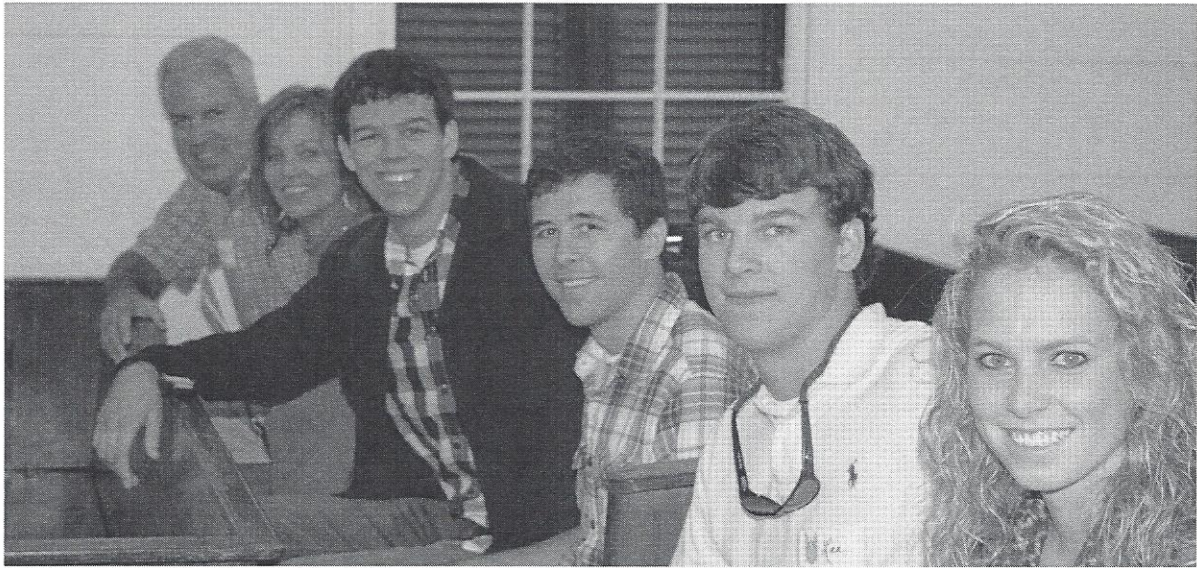


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# Reunion July 24, 1930

L. Harry Mixson, President.

Herbert Dickinson, V. Pres.

J. Gordon Brabham, Sec'y & Treas.

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Name	Post Office	Father	Mother
Otis Brabham	Alendale, S.C.	H. J. Brabham	Adelle Jennings
W. B. Kirkland	Beaufort, S.C.	W. B. Kirkland	Jane Gaston
Geo. Kirkland	Wicketville S.C.	B. B. Kirkland	Margot Dunbar
J. M. Mixson	Ulenew.	J. O. M. Mixson	Mary Carr
L. Harry Mixson	Charleston	L. H. Mixson	Hannah Quinalls
J. Gordon Brabham	Char, S.C.	Joe J. Brabham	S. L. Somner
Sarah Brabham Starr	Walterboro	Leura A. Brabham	Carrie Ayer Brabham
Lawrence Mixson	Charleston	L. Harry Mixson	Elizabeth M. East
Minnie K. McMillan	Bamberg S.C.	R. Frank Kirkland	Sarah Falk Kirkland
Herbert L. Dickinson	Ulenew S.C.	Harry C. Dickinson	Lophet Dickinson
Marion C. Mixson	Charleston	L. H. Mixson	Elizabeth M. East
Denny Starr	Walterboro S.C.	D. J. Starr	Margaret P. Starr
Orrie P. Dickinson	Ulenew S.C.	John H. Dickinson	Anna J. Correy
John H. Keane	Crocketville, S.C.	J. F. Keane	Mary Keane
Bessie M. Mixson	Bamberg S.C.	W. P. Mixson	Mamie Kirkland
Robt L. Keane	" S.C.	James B. Keane	Laura M. Mixson
Robt L. Keane Jr.	"	Robt L. Keane	Bessie M. Mixson
James Keane	"	"	"
Eleanor "	"	"	"
Elizabeth "	"	"	"
Laura "	"	"	"
Betty "	"	"	"
Hina Riley	Orangeburg S.C.	Rosa Pauline Parkes	M. A. Riley
Lola M. Mixson	Asheville S.C.	J. O. M. Mixson	Annanda Ayer
Frank N. Jones	"	W. B. Jones	Mary M. Jones
" " Jr.	"	F. N. Jones	Lola M. Jones
J. W. Jones	"	"	"
Robt. M. Jones	"	"	"
Chris M. "	"	"	"
Cecil "	"	"	"



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James M. M. Jones	Ashten, S.C.	J. N. Jones, Sr.	Lela M. M. Jones
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William Walker	Waltham S.C.	J. H. Meccat	Ella J. Meccat
William K. Meccat	" "	Max P. Walker	Robert L. Meccat
Wm. H. Walker	" "	Edmund Keane	Elizabeth R. Keane
Young Brathman	" "	" "	" "
Carlson	" "	Lucie H. Brathman	J. Brathman
Anabel Keane	Chrhadt S.C.	" "	" "
H. A. Keane Jr.	" "	W. R. Boynton	Emma Sander
William Keane	" "	H. A. Keane	Anabel Boynton
Lorraine	" "	" "	" "
Richard	" "	" "	" "
Grady	" "	" "	" "
Benjamin	" "	" "	" "
Ed M. McMillan	Vernonville S.C.	Henry P. Weekley	Lillian A. Weekley
J. McMillan	" "	J. H. McMillan	Angela McMillan
Jill McMillan	Wheeler	W. K. McMillan	Lila K. McMillan
Grady Best	" "	G. A. Best	Mac Best
Wm. Kirkland	" "	R. O. Kirkland	Anna L. Kirkland
Anna K. Keer	" "	W. C. Best	Janie Best
Lavie P. M. McMillan	Caulbury S.C.	W. P. M. McMillan Jr.	Marie Kirkland
Edna A. McMillan	" "	Fletcher H. Anderson	Ella R. Pearson
W. H. Kirkland	" "	Ashley L. Kirkland Sr.	Carrie Brathman
Chas. H. Barker	Oliver	James B. Keane	Laura McMillan
J. J. Barker	Demopolis S.C.	Wm. H. Barker	Ely H. Barker
William H. Barker	Oliver S.C.	R. H. Kirkland	Emma Barker
J. Barker	Ulmers S.C.	S. E. Miller	Mary Kirkland
Maie Brant Best	" "	W. M. Best	Jake Kirkland
Myrtle Best	" "	G. F. Brant	Emma Barnes
Leta Brant McMillan	Ulmers S.C.	G. A. Best	Maie Brant Best
William M. McMillan	Columbia S.C.	George H. Brant	Molly Brant Brant
Mary Emily Myerson	Mequitt S.C.	James C. McMillan	Mary Lane McMillan
Myrtle Taylor	" "	J. S. Myerson	Caroline Brant
	" "	Frank Taylor	Frank Taylor



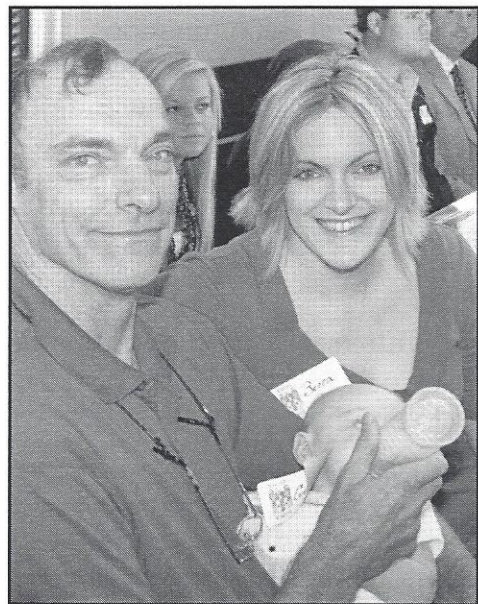
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Louise W. Fincher	Atlanta, S.C.	Tom L. Wiggins	Hattie Brabham Wiggins
Sybil E. Fincher	Atlanta, S.C.	John W. Fincher	Louise W. Fincher
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Emnestine Price	Bamberg, S.C.	E. B. Price	Burling B. Price
Evelyn Kirkland Bennett	Columbia, S.C.	Ben R. Kirkland	Evelyn E. Bennett
Evelyn Rose Bennett	" " "	A. D. Bennett	Evelyn C. Kirkland
Albert Howell	" " "	" " "	" " "
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Janie Luskman	Reaham Place S.C.		
Backus Brabham	Bamberg S.C.		
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Min Cathman	"	B. B. Kirkland	Enya Kirkland
" Martha "	"	"	"
" Wilbur "	"	"	"
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Eugene Kearse	Eschward S.C.	D. E. Kearse	Wally Kirkland
Constance Brabham	Columbia S.C.	J. L. Brabham	" "
Stephen Hies	Olar S.C.	Stephen Hies	Halsee Creek Hies
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Blanche Brabham	" "	H. M. Brabham	Lura Johnson
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Joe Lowles	" "	" "	" "
Alma Gibson	Ravenel S.C.	R. S. Gibson	Max Rodgers
Monnie O. Brabham	North Augusta S.C.	Allen H. Brabham	Josephine Brabham
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Alice Black	Millittville S.C.	Paul D. Black	Randine Kirkland
Ruth Snelling	Millittville S.C.	Jack J. Snelling	Cornelia Black
Katherine Black	Millittville S.C.	Samuel C. Black	Carrie Dunbar
G. Victor Kearse	Olar, S.C.	Mrs L. May Kearse	Olar S.C.
Grace Kearse	" "	Des. Victor Kearse Jr.	" " "
P. A. Williams	Allendale S.C.	Leonard Williams	Allendale



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Cecilia Black	Millettville S.C.	E. J. Black	Caroline Lissone
Ada Kearse	Olar S.C.	J. B. Kearse	Laura A. Kearse
Annie H. Murphy	Orangeburg S.C.	T. J. Hartley	Della B. Hartley
D. Clifton Murphy	"	J. C. Murphy	Addella Lissone
Effie Lissone	Orangeburg S.C.	A. P. Lissone	Henrietta Rutland
Miss Mrs. D. Sanders	Fairfax, S.C.	G. G. Kearse	Mildred, Bamberg
Mildred Sanders	Fairfax, S.C.	Mr. D. Sanders	Mildred, Kearse
Wendie Sanders	"	"	"
Wanda S. Sanders	"	"	"
Hattie S. Pettit	Bamberg S.C.	J. G. Smoot	Ella A. Lissone
Julius E. Harris	Fairfax S.C.	D. H. O. Latta	Rosa E. Lissone
Chas. S. M. MILLAN	C. H. P. Lissone	J. C. M. MILLAN	Mary C. A. Lissone
Felix W. Kearse	Bamberg, S.C.	J. J. Kearse	Mildred Bamberg
Frank Lissone	Olar, S.C.	J. E. Keelley	Wendie Kirkland
Ida Thomas	Allendale, S.C.	Wm. Thomas	Virginia Harvey
Sadie Breland	Olar, S.C.	J. C. Breland	Sarah Ella Kinard
Mrs. John M. Lissone	Hartsville, N.C.	A. L. Kirkland	Carrie Breland
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Q. Kene Lissone	Yorkburg, S.C.	R. C. Lissone	Alvinia Breland
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Mary Hazel Lissone	Jacksonville, Fla.	J. D. Pettit	Fozelle Lissone
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Rafa M. O'Neal	Olar S.C.	J. J. O'Neal	"
Minnie C. O'Neal	Olar S.C.	"	"
Mrs. J. H. Kearse	Olar S.C.	J. C. Breland	Sarah Ella Kinard
Cecil Kearse	Olar S.C.	J. N. Kearse	Alvinia Breland
H. C. Johns	Olar S.C.	R. C. Johns	"
Annie Brabham	Spartanburg, S.C.	M. M. Lightsey	Eliza, Lyness
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John D. Lissone	Millettville S.C.	John Lissone	Louise Ann Brabham
Wallace Kirkland	Olar, S.C.	Henry Kirkland	Emma Lissone
Marian D. "	Olar, S.C.	O. C. Duke	Elizabeth Lissone
Samford Duke	Blytheville, S.C.	O. C. Duke	Elizabeth



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R. Ope Cartwright	Denver, Colo.	J. T. Smith	Mary Hamilton
Mrs. M. O. C. Duke	Blythe, Wood, S.C.	Father - unknown	Mr. Wallace Kisher
Kease, J. H.	Char. S.C.	Maj. Henry J.	Alice McMillan
Kease H. A.	Char. S.C.	J. H. Kease	Mildred Amberg
G. A. McMillan	Bamberg, S.C.	G. A. McMillan	Adeline Bamberg
Maxwell M. McMillan		G. A. McMillan	Amie May Kease
Mrs. R. C. Zeigler	Bamberg, S.C.	A. L. McMillan	Doula Farns
Richard Zeigler		R. C. Zeigler	Laura McMillan
Henry G. Hickland	Char. S.C.	John G. Hickland	Corolla Barker



### Oldest Attendee

91 years old

**Nora Riley**

Brabham Family

### Greatest Distance Traveled

from Boise, Idaho

**Aurelia Watson Nelson**

Kirkland Family

### Youngest Attendee

3 months old

**Charles Bridges**

Moye Family



## Old Town, Buford's Bridge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*author unknown*





Photo by Clyde Kearsse

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## The Spirit of Buford's Bridge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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# MIZPAH CHURCH

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

ERECTED BY  
MIZPAH METHODIST CHURCH  
1942