

OKTOBERFEST 2013 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013

A. S. Salley Archives open for research.....	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Registration – Church of the Redeemer.....	4:00 – 5:45 PM
Family tables.....	4:00 – 5:45 PM
President’s Dinner (reservation required).....	6:00 PM
The Reverend Dr. Frank E. Larisy, Rector, Church of the Redeemer	
<i>The History of the Church of the Redeemer</i>	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

Registration (coffee & pastries).....	8:30 AM
Annual Business Meeting	
Vote on by-laws change.....	9:00 AM
<i>Orangeburgh District DNA Report</i>	
Margaret Waters	9:30-9:45 AM
<i>First Families of Orangeburgh District</i>	
Pam Johnson.....	9:45-10:15 AM
<i>Faith on the Frontier: Religion and Community in Early Orangeburg</i>	
Lynn Teague.....	10:15-10:45 AM
Break	10:45-11:00 AM
<i>Some Sources for Vital Records in South Carolina</i>	
By Brent Holcomb.....	11:00-11:30 AM
<i>The Internet: Surfing for Genealogy.....Without Wiping Out</i>	
<i>Learn to read the waves of bad information and finish on top of your family history.</i>	
Eric Powell.....	11:30-12:00 PM
Lunch (*reservations required).....	12:00 PM-1:00PM
Family Tables.....	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Vendor Tables.....	9:30 AM – 3:00PM

(Some vendors may not be available for entire stated time)

*Meal reservation deadline October 14, 2013,

*Note: program is subject to last minute additions and changes

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S VITAL RECORDS
AND SUBSTITUTES FOR THEM

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OUTLINE

I. Birth Records

- A. State level
- B. Birth records of some towns/cities
- C. Church records

II. Death Records

- A. State level
- B. Charleston Death records (beginning 1820)
- C. Other towns/cities
- D. Church records
- E. Newspaper obituary notices

III. Marriage Records

- A. State level
- B. Some county/district records prior to 1911
- C. Church records
- D. Newspaper notices
- E. Published abstracts and "implied marriages"

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REPORTS
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*For the defendant, it was urged, that the finding of the jury ought to be held conclusive. The question, whether the damages in the action of trover, were given for the same injury, the same cause of action, was a question of fact for their determination, and which they had rightly decided according to evidence. That those damages covered the trespass in question; for in trover the jury have a right to consider, and award damages for attendant aggravating circumstances, in the tortious taking of property. The presumption is they did so in this case. Cited 3 Wils. Dyer. 4 Bac. Abr. 117. 2 Vent. 169. 1 Com. Dig. 154. Cro. Car. Cro. Eliz. 667. Show. 126. 2 Mod. 100, 319.

BAY, J., delivered the opinion of the court, May 4th, 1810, in substance agreeing with the argument of the defendant's counsel.

Motion rejected.

NOTE. See page 349. Cook v. Cook, 5 Bos. and P. 476. Woodward v. Wilton. 3 Wils. 18. 1 Ld. Raym. 274.

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JAMES VERNON'S Administrator v. MARGARET INABNIT.

(Constitutional Court, Columbia. May, 1810.)

[Deeds §120.]

A man cannot, by a deed of gift, carve out a life estate for himself, and limit over the remainder of a slave to another. The whole vests in the remainder-man, or the remainder is void.

[Ed. Note.—Cited in Crawford v. McElvy, 2 Speers, 227, 230; Chancellor v. Windham, 1 Rich. 168, 42 Am. Dec. 411; Alexander v. Burnet, 5 Rich. 197; Jagers v. Estes, 2 Strober, Eq. 369, 370, 373, 378, 49 Am. Dec. 674.

For other cases, see Deeds, Cent. Dig. § 380; Dec. Dig. §120.]

Motion for a new trial. The action was trover, for the conversion of four negro slaves, tried in Orangeburgh district, before Smith, J. The plaintiff claimed the negroes by virtue of a deed of gift from John Vernon, senior, to his three sons, Richard, John, and James, dated in October, 1788, which deed was not recorded till April, 1804. The said deed gives to the plaintiff's intestate a wench, of whom the negroes in question are the issue, or offspring. It appeared that John Vernon, senior, departed this life in the latter part of the year 1805; and that his son, the intestate, died in March, or April, 1793.

A witness for the defendant testified, that about the year 1788, the donor, John Vernon, senior, made and executed a bill of sale to Samuel Inabnit, for a valuable consideration, of the negro wench in question. That he, the

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witness, drew the bill of sale, and witnessed the execution of it. That Samuel Inabnit afterwards married the daughter of John Vernon, senior. It did not appear what had become of the bill of sale. The defendant alleged that it was lost, or destroyed; and

gave evidence to shew, that Samuel Inabnit was a careless man, without any permanent place of residence. That his papers were very negligently kept by him.

It appeared that Samuel Inabnit died about the year 1797, leaving his widow, the defendant in possession of the negro wench in question, who had been in his possession since the date of the bill of sale, i. e., from the year 1788. The evidence of the bill of sale, was objected to on the part of the plaintiff, and was held by the court to be incompetent, on the ground that the loss, or non-production of that instrument had not been sufficiently proven, or accounted for. And the court refused to admit parol evidence of a sale of the wench in question, by John Vernon to S. Inabnit, as evidence had been given of the existence of a bill of sale. It appeared in evidence, that James Vernon, the intestate, was killed in the year 1793, a minor, and that he left neither wife, or child. It further appeared that the deed of gift to the three sons of the donor, was conditional, that the donor should keep possession of the negroes given during his life, and that after his death they should pass into the possession of the donees, respectively. It further appeared, that provided this deed of gift was valid, and vested the property of the wench in question, in James Vernon, that the present action would be saved from the operation of the limitation act, by reason of the minority and death of the donee, and the condition of the gift.

The verdict was for the plaintiff.

The argument on the motion for a new trial took place in November, 1809.

In support of the motion, Nett and Stark, for the defendant, contended, that the deed of gift under which the plaintiff claimed, was fraudulent, and ought to be so considered, under the circumstances of the case. That the evidence of a sale to Inabnit ought to have gone to the jury; and that the plaintiff was barred by the operation of the act of limitations, which had been pleaded. He cited, in the course of his argument, 1 New York Cases in Error, Appendix 27, 3 T. R. 151. Esp. Rep. 337. 2 N. Y. T. R. 365.

Hooker, contra, contended, that only the existence of a bill of sale to Inabnit was proved, but that the contents thereof were not proved; and, therefore, there was no evidence of a sale. That the plaintiff's right to recover rested on his own title, which was

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*valid in law. That the limitation act could not run against the plaintiff's intestate's right, while the donor had possession under the condition of the deed of gift; and that after his death, the administrator of the donee commenced the action in time. No proof of a conversion was given, but of a demand and refusal, just before action brought. The limitation act did not attach until then. 4 Bac. Abr. Tit. "Limitations of Actions."

OKTOBERFEST SURVEY 2013

1. Have you attended Oktoberfest before?
2. What do you like best about Oktoberfest?
3. What do you like least about Oktoberfest?
4. Were the speakers interesting and informative?
5. What kind of speakers would you like to have?
6. Were the meals satisfactory?
7. Were the vendors satisfactory?
8. Were the family tables satisfactory?
9. Was the venue satisfactory?
10. Would you like to see more tours? If so what type? If not what kind of activities would you like to see at Oktoberfest next year?
11. Are you interested in volunteering to help next year?
12. Are you interested in volunteering for a committee?
13. Please give us your comments, suggestions and concerns below.

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ABOUT US



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