The Riley Family of Orangeburgh District and Denmark, SC.

Gene Henriksen

In the earlier days since our forefathers came to the lands of America and settled in the then back country, there were few facilities for recording various happenings of people, and many of the few records which were kept have now perished by war, fire, and perhaps neglect and lack of interest. The information contained herein has been obtained from many sources and it is believed that the same is essentially correct. It contains the best information which is now available to the writer.

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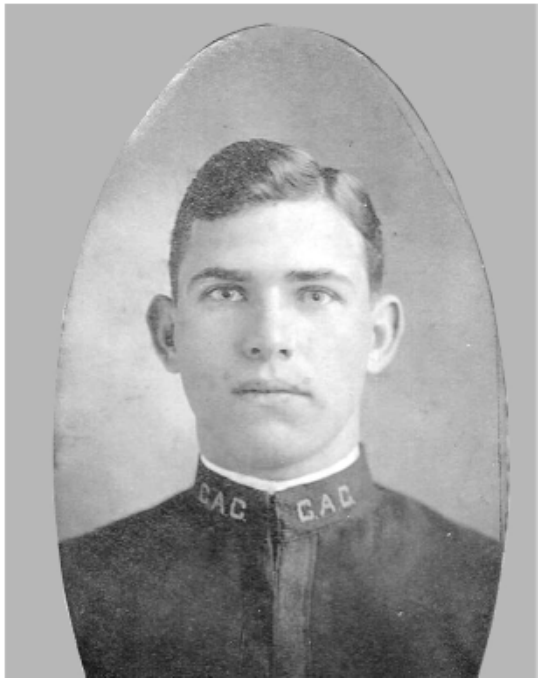

James Alvin Riley while attending Clemson Agricultural College

The first Riley of the line which is being considered here is George Riley who came to America from Germany at the age of four years in company with his mother and stepfather, John Houslighter, most probably about 1735 or shortly thereafter. This family settled in what is now Orangeburg County in what is called the Limestone community. Information indicates that the old John Houslighter place was located four or five miles west of the present location of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church.

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Seated: Caroline Riley Brodie
Standing: Martha Riley Turner, Marion Riley Mayfield, Alvin Riley

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German Pioneers to Pennsylvania

Passenger Ships' Lists

THE SNOW LOUISA

NOTE: List C is the only list for this ship.

[List 194 C] At the Court House at Philadelphia, Wednesday, 8 November 1752.

Present: Edward Shippen, Esquire

The Foreigners whose Names are underwritten, imported in the Ship **Snow Louisa**, Captain John Pittcairne, from Rotterdam, and last from Cowes, did this day take the usual Qualifications. No. 71.

Michael Deeg
Franc (+) Carel Von Campe
Matthäus Kepster
Hanns Jerg Hausser
Hans Jerg Reisch
Christoph Kurtz
Jacob Holder
Johan Hermann Rosenblatt **
Johann Conradt Kopp
Ulrich Meyer
Johan Christian (F) Friess
Johanes Feiller
Johann Martin Holder
Johannes Meyer
Johannes Ulmer
Johann Michael Geiger
Casper Krieger
Adam (XX) Probst
Hans Gerg Lantzer
Georg Michael Schmidt
Chs. Hofman
Davidt Mellinger
Jacob Hoffman
Albrecht Michelfelder
G. Friedrick (X) Hottenbacher
Willhelm Fordtenbacher
Johannes Geiler
Conradt Schindler
Georg Philipp Bock
Hans Michäll Schmidt
Jacob Hag
Georg Michael Müller
Johan Michael Späth
Johannes Bader

Conradt Schindler
Hans Adam (X) Stahll
Johann Philipp Odenwalt
Johann Georg Koch
Johanes (X) Romig
Frantz Schmid
Johann Petter Schöll
Konradhr Psoh[?]
Johann Georg Sturm
Georg Baltzer Schelling
Balsatzor (X) Sholl
Peter Diem
Georg Gobel
Christoph Gülberth
Johann Georg Gilbert
Johan Jacob Rukhen
Johann Jost Bauer
Johann Georg Laubinger
Andreas Gilbert
Jac. Baltsatzer (++) Volcampe
Joseph Beyrer
Hans Görg Kautz
Johan Philipp Schwartzländer
Tobias (X) Stahl
Christian Ruff
John Philip (XX) Welsh
Johannes Schneider
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Fridrich Schrade
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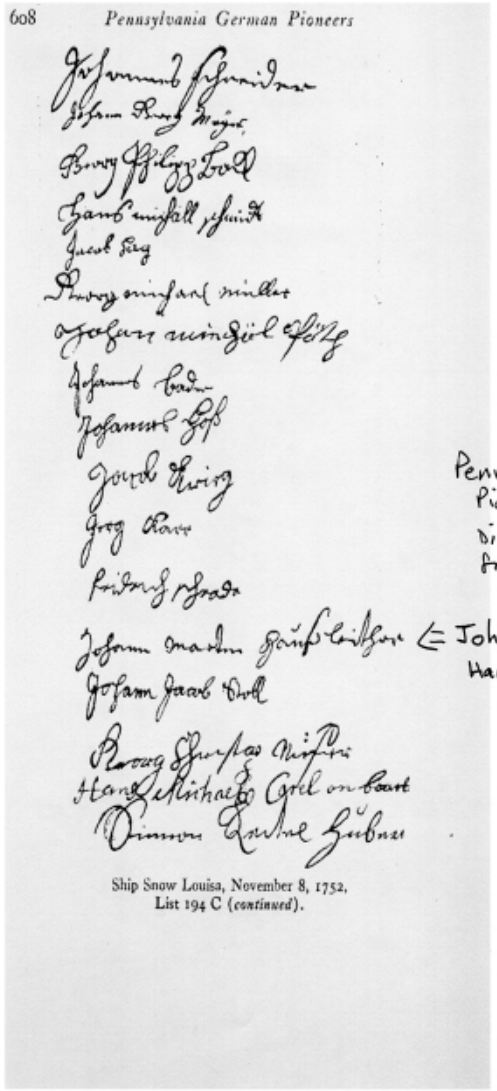
Johann Jacob Stoll
Georg Christop Nieser
Hans Michael ( ) Carel,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Ship Snow Louisa, November 8, 1752,
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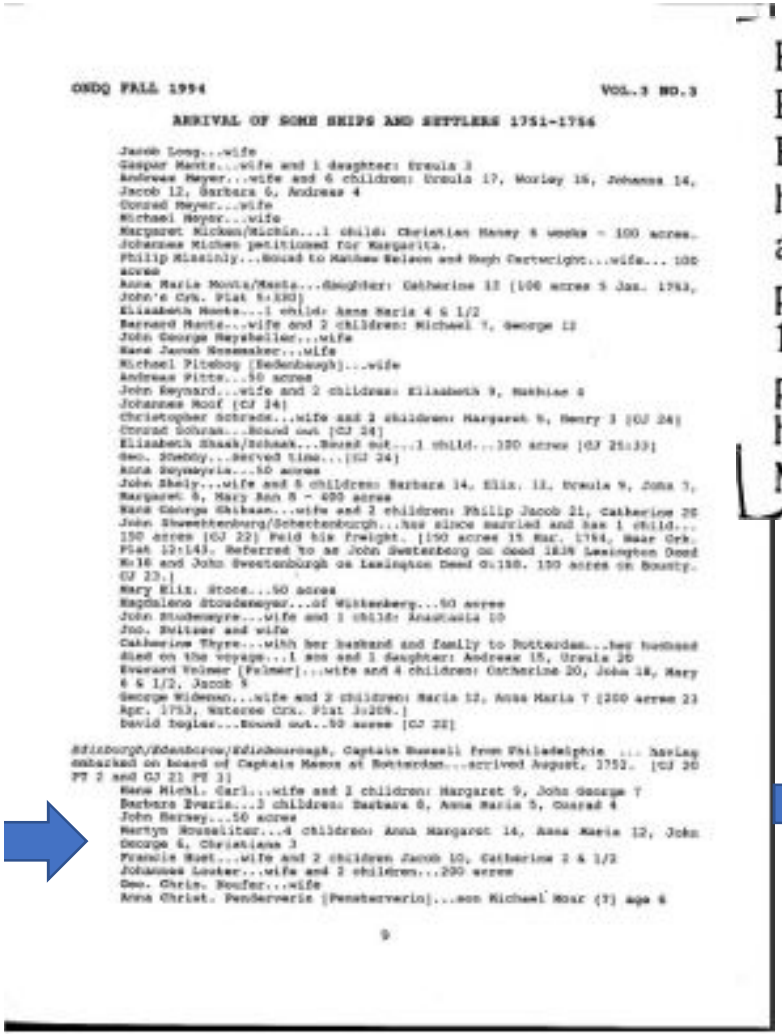
Johann Martin ⇐
Hausleither



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ARRIVAL OF SOME SHIPS AND SETTLERS 1751-1756

Jacob Long...wife
Gaspar Mantz...wife and 1 daughter: Ursula 3
Andreas Meyer...wife and 6 children: Ursula 17, Morley 15, Johanna 14, Jacob 12, Barbara 6, Andreas 4
Conrad Meyer...wife
Michael Meyer...wife
Margaret Micken/Michin...1 child: Christian Haney 6 weeks - 100 acres.
Johannes Michen petitioned for Margarita.
Philip Misslnly...Bound to Mathew Nelson and Hugh Cartwright...wife... 100 acres
Anna Maria Monta/Manta...daughter: Catherine 12 [100 acres 5 Jan. 1753, John's Crk. Plat 5:130]
Elizabeth Manta...1 child: Anna Maria 4 & 1/2
Bernard Mantz...wife and 2 children: Michael 7, George 12
John George Meyeheller...wife
Hans Jacob Nonemaker...wife
Michael Pitsboy [Sedenbaugh]...wife
Andreas Pitts...50 acres
John Reynard...wife and 2 children: Elizabeth 9, Mathias 6
Johannes Roof [CJ 24]
Christopher Schrade...wife and 2 children: Margaret 9, Henry 3 [CJ 24]
Conrad Schram...Bound out [CJ 24]
Elizabeth Shaak/Schaak...Bound out...1 child...100 acres [CJ 25:33]
Geo. Steddy...Served time...[CJ 24]
Anna Swyaeyris...50 acres
John Sheily...wife and 5 children: Barbara 14, Eliz. 12, Ursula 9, John 7, Margaret 6, Mary Ann 5 - 400 acres
Hans George Shikaan...wife and 2 children: Philip Jacob 21, Catherine 20
John Shweetterburg/Schertenburgh...has since married and has 1 child...150 acres [CJ 22] Paid his freight. [150 acres 15 Mar. 1754, Bear Crk. Plat 12:143. Referred to as John Swetzberg on deed 1838 Lexington Deed M:38 and John Sweetenburgh on Lexington Deed O:158. 150 acres on Bounty. CJ 23.]
Mary Eliz. Stoce...50 acres
Magdalene Stoudemeyer...of Wittenberg...50 acres
John Studemeyre...wife and 1 child: Anastasia 10
Jno. Switzer and wife
Catherine Thyre...with her husband and family to Rotterdam...her husband died on the voyage...1 son and 1 daughter: Andreas 15, Ursula 20
Everard Volmer [Palmer]...wife and 4 children: Catherine 20, John 18, Mary 6 & 1/2, Jacob 5
George Wideman...wife and 2 children: Maria 12, Anna Maria 7 [200 acres 23 Apr. 1753, Wateree Crk. Plat 3:208.]
David Bogler...Bound out..50 acres [CJ 22]

Edinburgh/Edenborow/Edinbourough, Captain Russell from Philadelphia ... having embarked on board of Captain Mason at Rotterdam...arrived August, 1752. [CJ 20 PT 2 and CJ 21 PT 1]
Hans Michl. Carl...wife and 2 children: Margaret 9, John George 7
Barbara Everin...3 children: Barbara 8, Anna Maria 5, Conrad 4
John Berney...50 acres
Martyn Houseliter...4 children: Anna Margaret 14, Anna Maria 12, John George 6, Christiana 3
Francis Huet...wife and 2 children Jacob 10, Catherine 2 & 1/2
Johannes Louter...wife and 2 children...200 acres
Geo. Chris. Noufer...wife
Anna Christ. Penderverin [Pensterverin]...son Michael Mour (7) age 6

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Page 266: The Petition of Martyn Houseliter humbly setting forth That the Petitioner came Lately into this province in the ship Edinburgh from Rotterdam on the Encouragement given here to Forreign Protestants. He and his great Family are free of their Freights as appears by the Certificate annexed of Mr. John McCall, and is Desirous to Live in the province. The petitioner has four Children viz Anna Margaretta aged 14 years, Anna Maria 12, John George 6 and Christiana 3 years and never had any Land in this province, prays to lay out 250 acres of Land free of Charges and that he may have his Majestys Bounty. Cha's Town, the 19th day of Feb'y 1753. John Martyn Houseleter. The prayer thereof was granted.

Meeting of Friday A.M. 23 February 1753
Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Journals, Vol 3: 1752-1753, Brent Holcombe

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Where was John George's mother as Alvin Riley mentioned?

I wrote to Joop Giessendanner in the Netherlands and asked if there were records of passengers leaving for the colonies. It is possible that she sailed and died at sea. No records were kept of deaths.

"Unfortunately there are no records in Holland on departing foreigners to the Americas in those days. They were not very welcome here, they came with thousands and had nothing, no money for the passage, no money to stay alive. Only English ships (we lost a War against the English) were allowed to take these refugees to America, captains would take them and "sold" them as workers to real estate owners in SC.)"

Joop Giessendanner

Events in the lives of the Houselighters

- On Thursday April 11th In Orangeburgh Church. Hans Emanuel, Son of John Martin and Ann Margaret Hossleiter: born March 18th 1754.
- John Michael, Son of John Martin and Anne Margaret Hossleiter born March 17th 1756
- On Friday Oct 15th died and on Saturday Oct 16 was Enterred on the plantation of John Martin Hossleiter of Orangeburgh Township the Body of Hans Emanuel son of the said John Martin and Anne Margaret Hossleiter aged 2 years 7 months
- On Sunday May 20th In Orangeburgh Church Hans Paul, Son of John Martin and Ann Margaret Hossleiter; born April 7th 1759.
- Received on Whitsunday June 3rd the following new Communicants after proper instruction viz

  Christiana Hossleiter

- - The History of Orangeburg County South Carolina, Salley, various pages

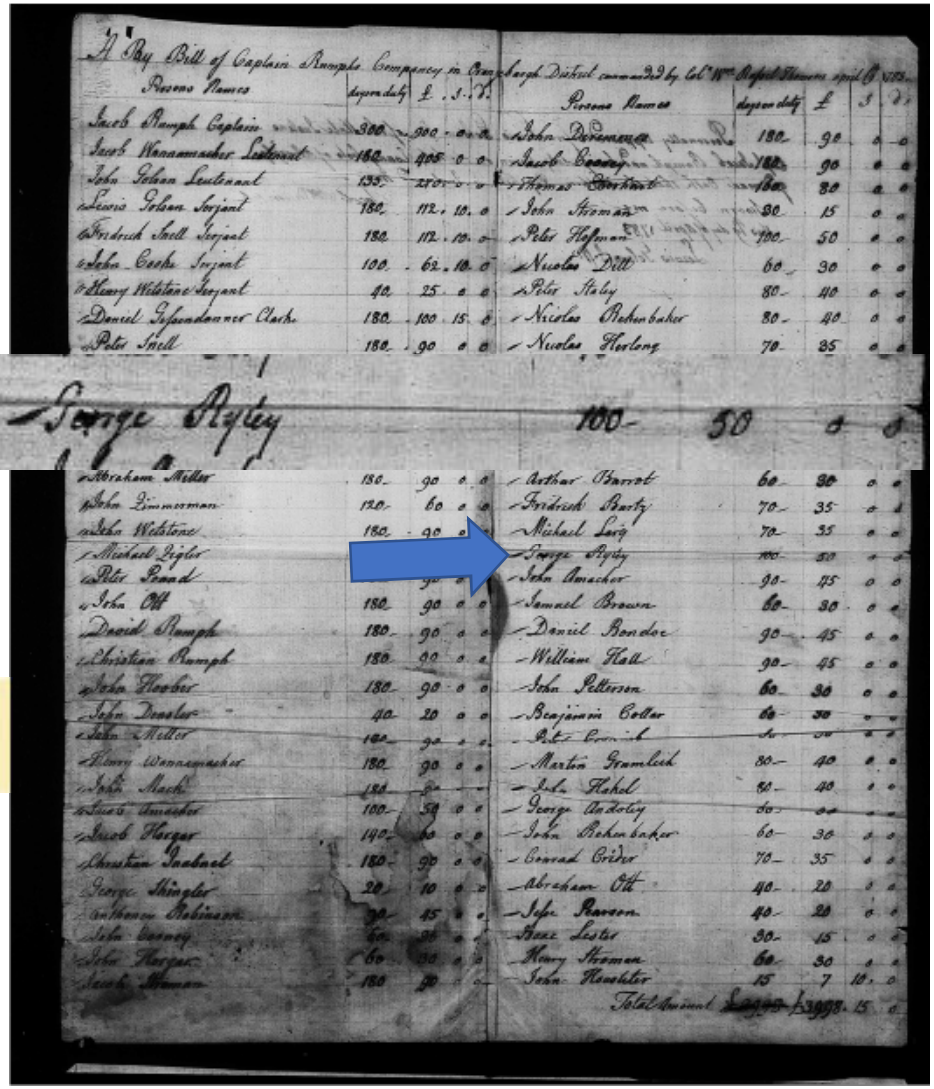
be also probably mixed Wm Russell Thomson up with Wm. Thomson, his father.

Jacob Rumph, Captain

Jacob Wannamaker, 1st Lt.	Lewis Golson Sergeant
John Golson, 2nd Lt.	David Gisendanner, Clerk
Frederick Snell	Jesse Pearson
John Cooke	Jacob Amaka
Henry Whestone, (Whetstone)	Jacob Hoegar, (Horger)
Peter Snell	Christian Inabnet
John Moorer	George Shingler
John Ditchell	Anthony Robinson
Paul Stroman	John Cooney, (Cooner)
Jacob Riser	Jacob Stroman
Abram Miller	John Deremns, (Deramus)
John Lemmerman, (Zimmerman)	Jacob Cooney, (Cooner)
John Whestone, (Whetstone)	Thomas Aberhart
Michael Zigler, (Zeigler)	John Stroman
Peter Pound	Nicholas Dill
John Ott	Peter Staley
David Rumph	Nicholas Rickenbacker

George Ryly, (Riley)

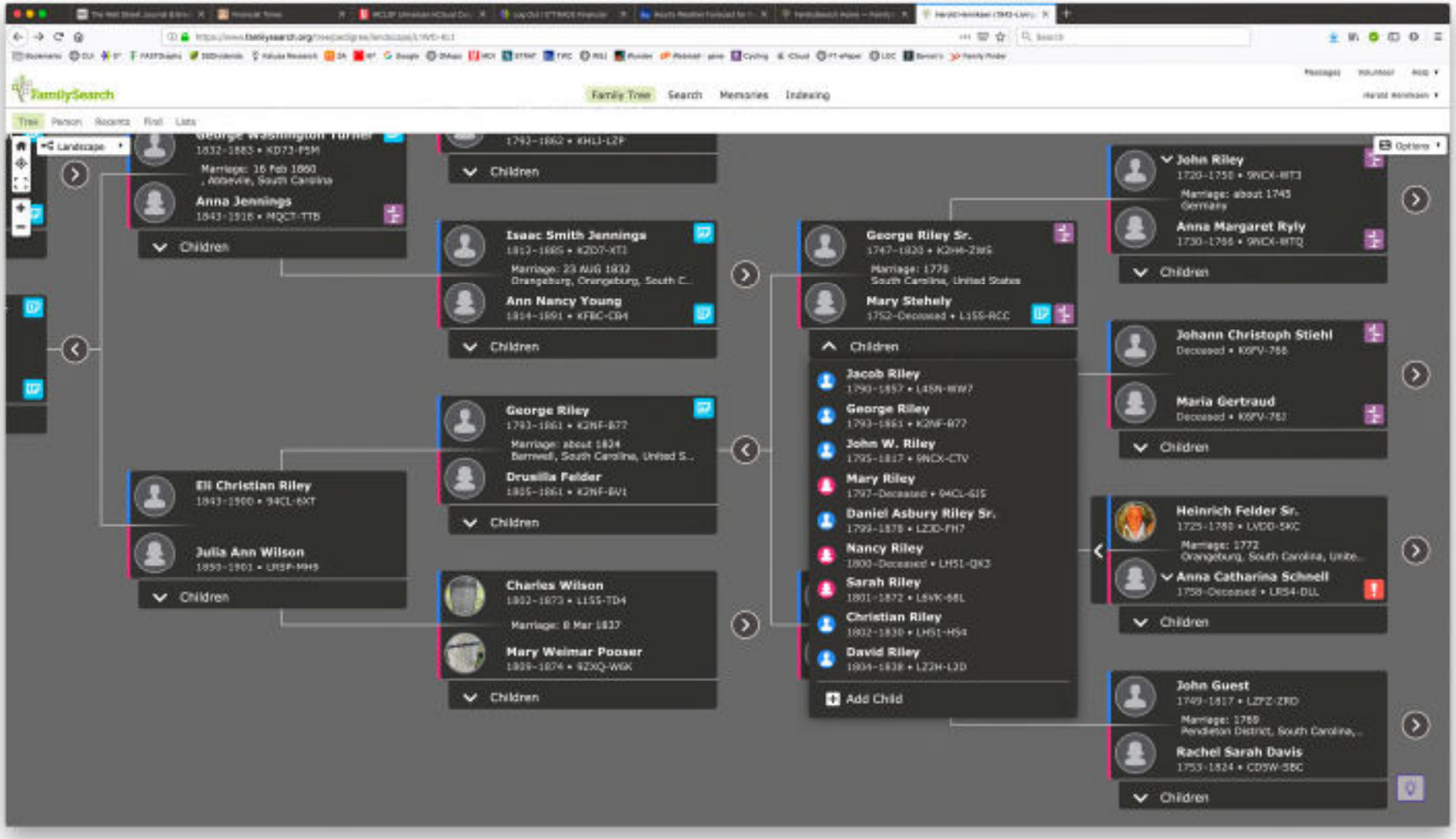
John Amaka	Arthur Barrot
Michael Larey,	Frederick Burtz
George Ryly, (Riley)	, (Crook)
John Amaka	Martin Gramblk
John Brown	John Dudley
Daniel Bowden	John Rickenbacker
Wm Hall	Isaac Lester



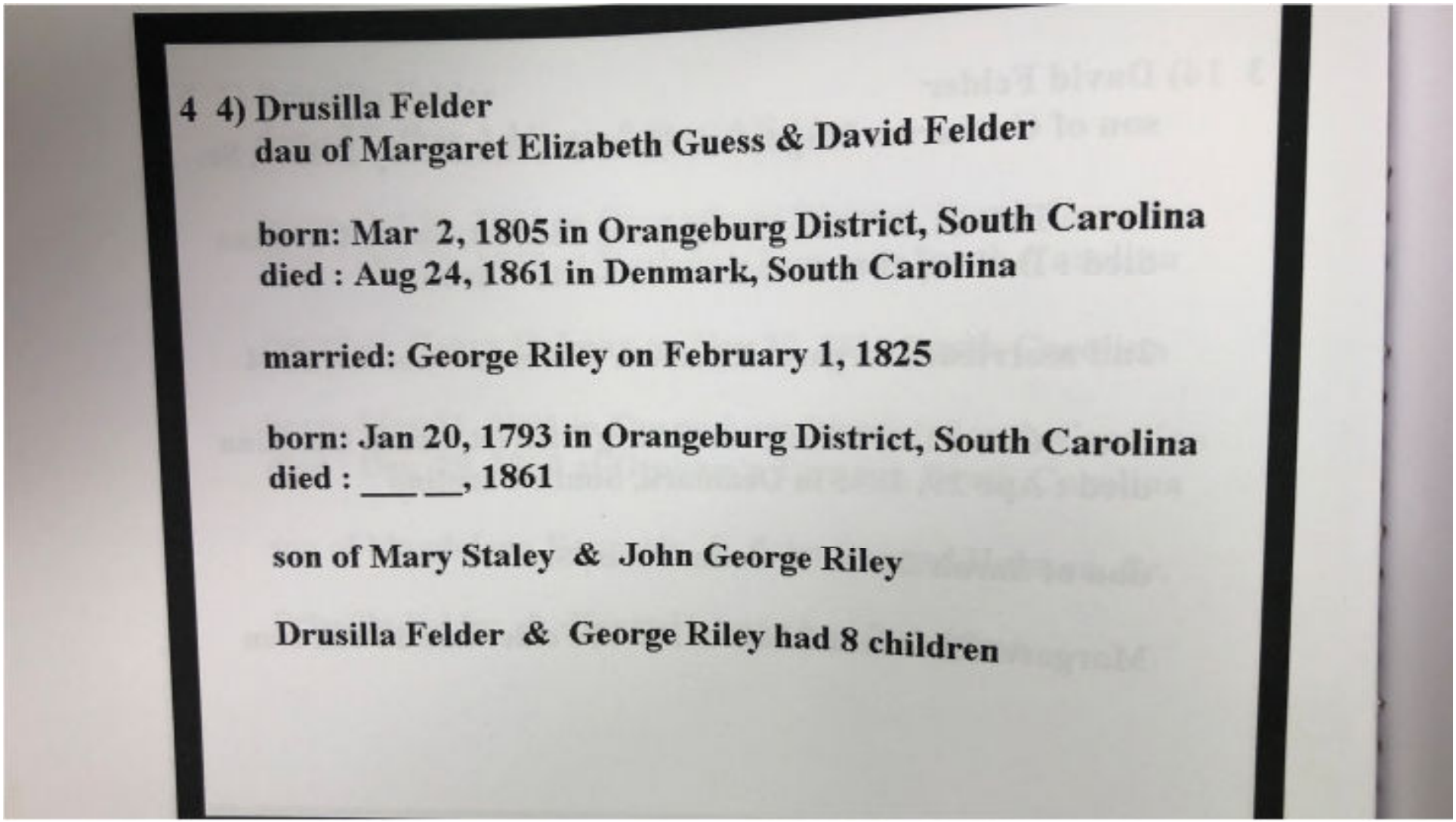
John George Riley married a Miss Staley

- “George Riley grew up here and married a Miss Staley (perhaps spelled Stahley). This Miss Staley had a brother who was named Lewis (or Louis) Staley.(Could this have been Peter Staley in Capt. Rumph’s Company?) George Riley and his wife raised a family of several children who will be more fully described later.” – James Alvin Riley
- There were plenty of Staley women. I found 3 named Mary: one married Caspar Ott in 1752, another was born in 1752 and a third was born in 1768 which would have been correct based on the dates of children’s births.
- They had several children including George born in 1793

The Problems with Internet Data



- No documentation of John Riley or Anna Margaret Ryly
- Anna Margaret's birthdate v. birth of 1st child (1738) plus death in 1766
- Mary Stehely having children into her 50s
- George and Mary having no children for the first 20 years of marriage



4 4) Drusilla Felder
dau of Margaret Elizabeth Guess & David Felder

born: Mar 2, 1805 in Orangeburg District, South Carolina
died : Aug 24, 1861 in Denmark, South Carolina

married: George Riley on February 1, 1825

born: Jan 20, 1793 in Orangeburg District, South Carolina
died : ___ __, 1861

son of Mary Staley & John George Riley

Drusilla Felder & George Riley had 8 children

Copy from Charlie Felder's book on the Felder family

Barnwell County Marriages Implied in Probate Records

MAN	WOMAN	BUNDLE	PCK	LIVED
Riley, Charles	Judith Mitchell (widow of Dempsey Mitchell)	102	6	1853
Riley, Darley B.	Martha R. Tindal	152	5	1861
Riley, George	Drucilla Felder	101	7	1847
Riley, W. L. W.	_____ Ray	*181	1	1864
Ritter, Josias	Ann Mary Breland (widow of Thomas Breland)	101	5	1851
Rivers, _____	Charlotte O'Neal	106	1	1851
Rivers, A. W. L.	Susan Carson	*182	2	1869
Rives, Samuel H.	Jerusia A. Robert	165	4	1865
Rizer, T. P.	Mary O. Breland	111	5	1868
Robert, _____	Frances Jane Bailey	151	1	1859
Roberts, _____	Martha Jeter	89	6	1846
Roberts, _____	Margaret Jones	103	11	1854
Roberts, Danl	Mary A. Creech	30	6	1827
Roberts, J. T.	_____ Jeter (Geter)	78	9	1840
Roberts, Job T.	_____ Jeter	77	4	1840
Robeson, _____	Amelia Ann Bates	155	5	1878
Robi(n)son, _____	Elizabeth Hair	166	11	1866
Robinson, Ezekiel	Mary Williamson	70	3	1841
Robi(n)son, Lemuel				

Putting the family's lives into perspective for the Years of 1829 through 1857

- Jacob Riley b. 06-12-1829 d. about 07-01-1829 (less than 3 weeks)
- Rachel Olivia Riley b. 02-21-1846 d. 07-02-1849 (almost 2 1/2 yrs)
- David Andrew Riley b. 04-19-1826 d. 05-23-1852 (26 yrs)
- James G. Riley b. 10-01-1827 d. 09-09-1857 m. 10-03-1855
    - + Caroline Elizabeth Moss b. 06-05-1836 d. 11-29-1914
    - Both are buried in the Norway Cemetery, Norway, SC

    - James G Riley pictured at right

Putting the family's lives into perspective for the Year of 1861 Deaths from Typhoid Fever

- Joseph Asbury Riley b. 07-19-1841 d. 07-13-1861 (20 yrs and unmarried)
- Was sent home from the Army in Orangeburg to be nursed by his family

Putting the family's lives into perspective for the Year of 1861
Deaths from Typhoid Fever

- Drucilla
  Felder Riley
  b.05-02-1805
  d.08-24-1861

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- Benjamin Darley Riley b. 11-10-1832 d. 11-26-1861 m. 11-08-1855
  - + Martha R. Tindal b. 10-10-1832 d. 05-28-1921
  - Both are buried in the Norway Cemetery, Norway, SC

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- John Fletcher Riley b. 06-16-1839 d. 12-06-1861 (22 yrs and unmarried)

Putting the family's lives into perspective for the Year of 1861 Death from unknown cause

- George Riley b. 06-20-1793 d. 12-30-1861
- George was unconscious when Drucilla died
- In the 1860 Census he was listed as "Dumb" under the column for Deaf, Dumb, Insane, Idiotic, Convict.
- Possibly throat cancer, stroke or neurological disorder

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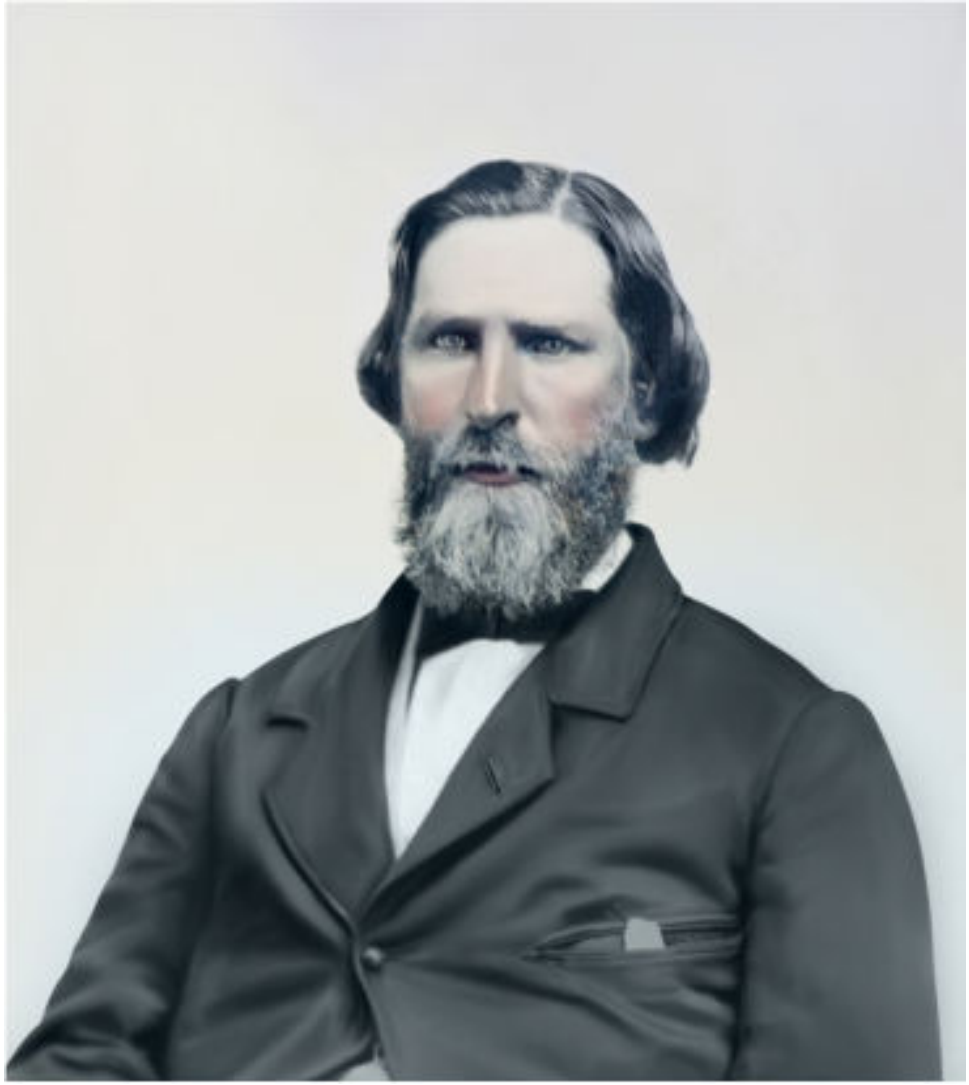
1862 and the Battle of Secessionville

- Daniel Ira Riley was killed in combat and buried in a mass grave.
- The picture to the right was labelled as either Daniel Ira Riley or Benjamin Darley Riley. The labels were typed on a manual typewriter, apparently by Alvin Riley. These men would have been his uncles.

1865 and Death in the Hospital

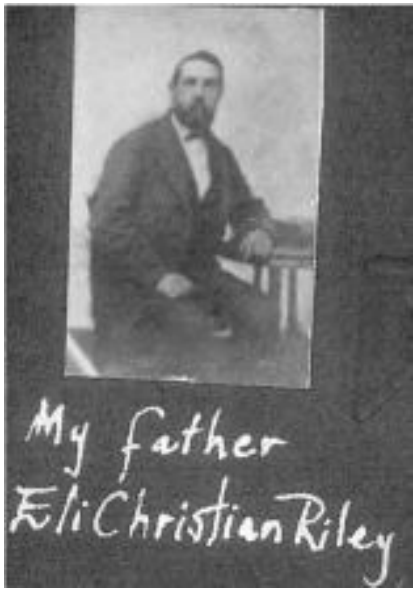
- George S. Riley died in the Confederate Hospital in Richmond, VA of “chronic diarrhea”.
- He was the 7th of 8 adult sons to die and the 5th since 1860.



April 1865 and the end of a very un-Civil War

The sole male survivor of George and Drucilla's 8 adult sons, Eli Christian Riley, marched or trudged wearily home from Greensboro where he had surrendered and been paroled on April 26, 1865. He had served in the 2nd SCVA in Elliott's Brigade.

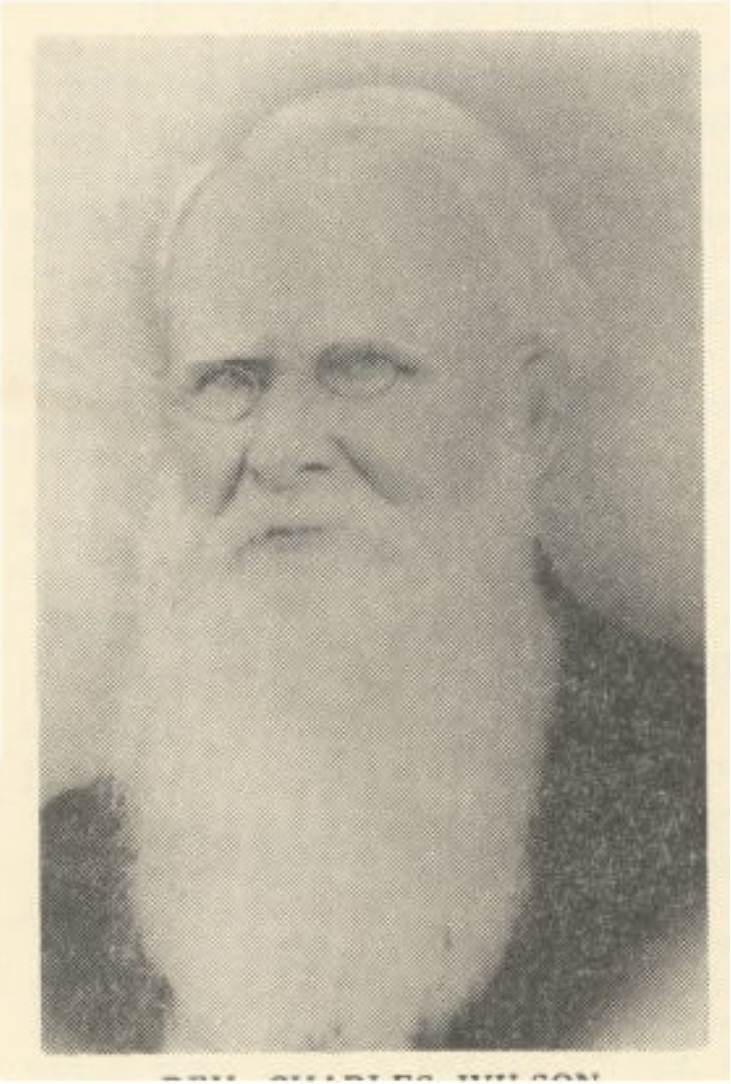
He returned to a devastated countryside, his family devastated by deaths, and 1866 was a year of drought.



Eli Christian Riley through the Years: age 14; 17 or 18 at Citadel; 18 in Confederate Army; and as a young man and as a mature man

Eli Riley married Julia Ann Wilson 12/04/1870

- Eli marries Julia, daughter of the Reverend Charles Wilson who was serving in Bamberg. He later served at the White House Methodist Church near Orangeburg where he and his wife are buried.
- Perhaps his piety atoned for the sins of his fathers.



REV. CHARLES WILSON
1802-73
Admitted in 1831
43 Years a Noble Circuit Rider
Born in Barnwell County

Children of Eli and Julia Riley

- Catherine Olivia “Kate”
- Charles Wilson
- Drucilla Felder
- George
- Mary Caroline “Carrie”
- William Lewis
- Gertrude Wilson
- Sarah Eliza
- Annie Elizabeth
- Julia Christine “Teenie”
- Martha Darley “Mot”
- Star of Heaven
- James Alvin
- Marion Edith

Note the change in ratio of males and females: George and Drucilla had 9 male, 2 female, Eli and Julia had 4 male and 8 female. This trend continued.

Riley/Felder land

Riley Homestead, probably that of Eli Riley

Eli Riley's Daughters, left photo perhaps around 1900, top photo probably in the 1960s. The log cabin was built by William Lewis Riley overlooking the South Edisto at the Denmark Country Club adjacent to Binnicker's Bridge. The cypress logs were from W.L. Riley's land. The cabin is still there and as Philip Troy described it, one step above survival school.

Left photo taken during the Depression (note lack of paint) with Edward and Caroline Riley (Carrie) Brodie on the left and Fred and Martha Riley Turner on the right.

Top picture is the current state of the home now owned by the Episcopal church to the left of the house.

Left photo: line of people for food at the July 4, 1989 picnic at the Denmark Country Club. Spruce McCain, a cousin, said if I went back 3 generations, I was kin to about half of them, but if I went back 5 or 6 generations I was kin to most all of them.

Right Photo: The Pavilion at the Country Club (now has a porch on this side). The lumber to build it came from the trees cut from the property and milled by my great uncle John Daniel Turner.