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James Douglass Matheson
Camden Chronicle
July 21, 1911

Former Camden Citizen Died at His Home in Florida
Mr James D. Matheson, who will be remembered by the older citizens of Camden, died on Tuesday of last week at his home in --?--Florida. We reproduce the following sketch clipped from a Gainesville paper.

Alachua county is again called upon to mourn the loss of one of its most beloved citizens and officials in the death of Mr J. D. Matheson, County Treasurer since January 1, 1909.
He had been in poor health for a year or more.
James Douglass Matheson was born at Camden, SC on January 7th, 1836, consequently was in his seventy-sixth year. He graduated from the SC College in the early 50's and during the great conflict between the States entered the Confederate service the first year of the war, enlisting in the Seventh SC Calvalry and was soon made a commissioned officer in his regiment. He surrendered at Appomattox court house with Lee's army. In writing of his war record a few years since, a friend of the deceased--one who had been a life-long acquaintance--used this language: "When Richmond was evacuated, Mr Matheson was

given thirty men and placed in charge of a certain part of the lines with instruction to hold it untill the last man was dead, if necessary. This he did until the last regiment had crossed the James river and every bridge burnt but one. On this bridge he

and his men the last of our army, crossed and then burnt it and then rejoined his command. It is well known that General Gary's was the last command that surrendered aat Appomattox, consequently J.

D. Matheson was among the very last to give up the fight."
The war over, Mr Matheson removed to Florida, locating in Gainesville in 1865 and on June 2nd he united in marriage to Augusta W. Steele, with whom he lived happily until the day of his death. Mr Matheson was Senior Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville and for thirty years was Treasurer of the Suwannoo ---?---. Being a true patriot, a

consistent Christian, a good citizen and manly man, he will be missed in the

State, the county and the community.
Deceased is survived by his wife and one son, Mayor Christopher Matheson, one brother, Mr W. C. Matheson and one sister, Mrs S. M. Adamson, all of whom reside here and were with him during his last hours.

W. S. Marshall
Feb. 15, 1915

Mr Marshall Dead
Mr W. S. Marshall, an aged citizen of the northern section of the county died at his home near Bethune on Wednesday, Jan.

27, after an illness of some length, he having suffered a stroke of paralysis sometime ago. Mr Marshall was 78 years of age and served in the War Between the Sections. He leaves a wife and two children; Mrs Bessie Waters and Mrs Annie Catoe.
The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. F--?-- at --?-- Hill Baptist church the following day.

George Washinton Moseley
Camden Chronicle

Aged Citizen Dies at Home of His Son Here
George Washington Moseley, long time resident of this county died at the home of his son, J. Luther Moseley on Monument Square, this city Wednesday morning following a long decline in health, in his 83rd year. Mr Moseley, was a native of

Spring Hill, where he was born MFarch 18, 1846. He always followed the vocation of farming. In 1861 he was married to
Miss Laura Barnes and to this union nine sons were born--four of whom survive him: Messrs G. A. Moseley, J.L. Moseley, R. L. Moseley, of Camden and J. H. Moseley of Bishopville. He is also survived by one brother, Mr J. Madison Moseley, of Camden. Mr Moseley was a Confederate veteran, having served over two years in the War Between the States as a member of Company G. 20th South Carolina Regiment. He served his country in the lower house of representatives from 1890 to 1894. His colleagues at that time being Thomas J. Kirkland and W. F. Russell, with the late James R. Magill as senator. He was of the Baptist faith and funeral services were held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. T. W. Munnerlyn of Columbia officiating. Mr Moseley was a member of the Masonic fraternity and the funeral was in charge of the Masons, with W. F. Nettles, W. H. Haile, C. H. Yates, R. S. Williams, J. H. McLeod, and R. M. Kennedy, Jr. acting as pall bearers.

July 7, 1905
Death of Rev. Robt. Mickle
New Orleans Times, July 2
Rev. Robert A. Mickle, chaplin of Raphael Semmes Camp No. 1, United Confederate Veterans, an of the Se'men's Beth?, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock at his residence, 13 Montauk Av. Rev. Mickle was ill only a few days and his demise was unexpected and prove a shock to the community. He was born Sept. 8, 1831 in Camden, SC and with his family had resided in Mobile for many years, where he was respected by a host of people who knew him for his Christian qualities. He was twice appointed a chaplain in the Confederate Army, the first time being unable to serve because of ill health, His commission was the Nineteenth Georgia Regiment. His record was that he never surrendered and only took the oath of allegiance long after the close of the civil war. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Prof. R. A. Mickle, Jr., of this city and Frank Mickle of St. Louis, and two daughters, Mines Odel, and ?? Robertson of Bessimer, Ala.

March 10, 1922
Mr March is Dead.
Mr Alfred March, a well known citizen of the Mt Zion section of the county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs J. S. Brown, after a short illness. The old gentleman was in Camden only a short time ago and will have hundreds of friends throughout the county who will regret to learn of his death. He was about 85 years of age and was a brave soldier of the Confederacy. His wife died several years ago, he is survived by a number of relatives and several sons and daughters. He was the father of Mrs. W. L. Stokes of Camden. The funeral and burial was held at Marshall's church near where he resided. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H(?) Hodges at the Methodist church of Camden.

Feb. 15, 1915
Methodist Minister Dead
Rev. J. K. McKain, an aged Methodist minister, died at his home at Gray Court Thursday last. John K. McKain was born in Abbeville county, February 22, 1829. He enlisted in the Confederate army in August 1861 in Company K. Fifteenth regiment, Kershaw's Brigade and was severely wounded in the second battle of Manassas, August 28, 1862.

Death of Mr Daniel McLaurin
June 10, 1904
Mr Daniel McLaurin, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Bethune, died on the 2nd inst. aged 63 years. Several days ago while fishing he got a fish hook fastened in his finger and the hook was cut out with a pocket knife which caused blood poison and resulted in his death. Mr McLaurin was a gallant soldier in Lucas Company, Seventh South Carolina Battalion in the Confederate army, during which time he was badly wounded at Cold Harbor and Battery Wagner. He has been a member of the county board of control for several years.

Alex S. McKenzie
Camden Chronicle
Friday, July 3, 1931
Alex S. McKenzie 87 years of age, one of the few remaining Confederate Veterans of this county, died at an early hour Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs Luke Davis, near the Kershaw - Lee county line. He had been complaining for some time, but had retired as usual and early in the morning asked to be assisted to his chair on the porch when he expired as he sat down. Mr McKenzie was a native of the Stokes Bridge section of then Darlington county, born June 8, 1844. At an early age he entered the war between the states and saw continuous fighting until its close. His body bore numerous wounds of that great conflict. He served as a member of Kershaw's Brigade, 7th South Carolina Regiment. Officers and
comrades alike attested to his bravery. Returning home from the war he found his home ravaged by invading armies and like many young men of that time was deprived of an education, but he set about with that Scotch stearness to succeed and engaged in merchandising, farming, and real estate.

He was first married to Miss Mary Henrietta DuBose, of the Cypress section of Darlington county and to this union was born L. B. McKenzie, of Ocala, FL. W. M. McKenzie of Bonanza, Ark, Israel J. McKenzie and Mrs Luke Davis of Camden, all of whom survive him.

His last marriage was to Miss Josephine Daniel of Laurens County. There were no children by that marriage.

In 8881 Mr. McKenzie moved to the Cokesbury section and resided therefor twenty years and during that time was a steward in the Methodist church there. In later years he has made his home with his son and daughter here and was a member of the Lytleton Street Methodist church where he was a regular worshipper as long as his health would permit.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Hebron Methodist church near his old home and the burial was in the McKenzie burial plot nearby. Services were conducted by Rev. Warren G. Ariail assisted by Rev's Smith and Christmas. The funeral arrangements were in charge of the Evans Funeral Home of this city.

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W. D. McDowall
Camden Chronicle
Nov. 28, 1913

Good Citizen Dead
Mr. W. D. McDowall Succumbs to Operation at Columbia Hospital

Our community was very much saddened and grieved on Tuesday morning last to learn that Mr W. D. McDowall had died that morning. Few knew of his illness for only a few days ago he was seen on the streets apparently in good health. His death occurred at the Columbia Hospital where he was carried Sunday afternoon to undergo a surgical operation.

Mr McDowall was about 68 years of age and lived at Knight's Hill about 6 miles north of Camden, He was the son of Mr W. D. McDowall, Sr. and leaves surviving him his widow, three daughters and one son besides two sisters. Mrs Lawrence Whitaker of Camden, and Miss Sue McDowall of Columbia and one brother Mr J. Douglas McDowall of West Virginia. Mr McDowall was one of the few remaining survivors of the Confederate War. He was a member of Company "K", 7th South Carolina Cavalry. No higher tribute could be desired than paid Mr McDowall yesterday by one of his old comrades in arms when he said: "No better man could have been found in the Confederate Army than "Boots" McDowall". He served with marked fidelity throughout the entire war.

Mr McDowall exemplified by his pure and honorable life the teachings of the golden rule and unfailingly evinced a practical piety that will long be remembered as the best of professions. There was a daily beauty about his life which won all hearts, In temperament he was mild, concillitory and candid. He gained confidence when he seemed least to seek it. He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He believed that the man who scatters flowers in pathway of his fellowman, who lets into the dark places of life the sunshine of human sympathy and human happiness is following in the footsteps of his master.

The funeral services were conducted at the Camden cemetery at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, the following gentlemen acting as pallbearers:

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John J. McKain
April 25, 1862

Death of Lieut. John J. McKain

It is with feelings of deepest sorrow we record this sad event. The melancholy tidings reached here on Thursday afternoon of last week, but not until after our paper had gone to press. So sudden and unexpected it fell upon the community with stunning effect to his immediate family was a terrible shock. Truly have we lost a valuable citizen, a warm hearted friend and an ardent patriot who has fallen a martyr to his country and her dearest rights. Lieut. McKain was amongst the first to render his services to our state and with his company, The Camden Volunteers, was on Morris Island when Fort Sumter surrendered: from there he proceeded to Virginia: was in all the active service of that company and the 2nd Regiment-the memorable retreat from Fairfax to Bull Run, under fire-when the enemy was repulsed on the 18th of July participated in the glorious victory of Manassas which he passed through unscathed. After all his exposure and faithful discharge of duty with a cheerfulness and buoyancy which was the life of his comrades on the morning of the 15th inst. before leaving picket with the stealth of hyena and the shout of the savage indian his valuable life was cut off by a
minie ball from the rifle of our detested cruel invaders. After receiving the best medical treatment from his fellow townsman
and personal friend, Dr. T. W. Salmond, and the warmest attention of his captain and brother officers and fellow soldiers-as
one of them, in his letter expressed himself, if prayers and tears could have spared his life he would not have died-but alas,
after bearing with the greatest fortitude his
intense sufferings, caused by the amputation of his right leg above the knww it pleased God to release his spirit on Thursday
morning 17th inst. His remains were sent on for interment here, in charge of Mr J. W. P. McKagan and P. E. Woons and
reached our depot on Sunday afternoon, where they were met by a large concourse of people from
whence they were conveyed to his last resting place, by the side of his departed father and
mother. The funeral services were performed by Rev. Mr. Hay of the Presbyterian church.
His remarks were beautifully appropriatae and the tribute paid to his friend met an echo in the hearts of those present.
Mr McKain was no ordinary man. Though young in years, not having reached his 26th year, he manifested a character much
more matured than is generally shown at that age.
Left when quite a youth, an orphan, he acted the part of a father to his now bereaved brother and sisters-most nobly did he
discharge his duties to them and his loss irreparable.
To his widowed wife and two young children, who have lost their earthly parent and natural guardian, it is an affliction
deeper tahn language can express. May he who feeds the young ravenes when they cry be their God and their guide;
although all is dark and mysterious to our short sight, we bow with reverence to the will of Him who does all things well.
"Though clouds and darkness are round about him-justice and judgement are
the habitation of his throne"

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Angus Outlaw
Camden Chronicle
January 22, 1904

Death of Mr Angus Outlaw
Mr Angus Outlaw died last Tuesday morning of pneumonia. His death occurred at the Belshaw dairy farm at which he had
recently gone to carry on Maj. A. S. White's business there. Mr Outlaw was a good citizen and rendered valuable service to
the State as a gallant Confederate soldier.

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November 20, 1925
Newspaper not known

Retired Divine Was Father of Camden Man
Greenwood, Nov. 15:
The Rev. John D. Pitts, 84, retired Baptist minister, died early this afternoon after an illness of three weeks, which was
brought on by a fall and broken hip. He had been in declining health for several years. Dr. Pitts was pastor at the Laurens
Baptist church for more than 30 years and all told, had
served the ministry for over 50 years, retiring about a year ago. He served churches at Fountain Inn, Blackville and other
places during his life. Dr. Pitts was a native of Newberry county and a graduate of Trinity college, now Duke university.
Immediately after being graduated from Trinity, he entered the Confederate Army and served until the end. He was with a
North Carolina company for a time, later being transferred to a Newberry company and still later to Hampton's command.
He was with Stonewall Jackson when that gallant officer was killed. Surviving are his widow and the following daughters
and sons: Mrs C. C. Featherstone, of
Greenwood, Mrs Claude Fuller of Akron, L. D. Pitts of Rock Hill, and Reuben Pitts of Camden.

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March 8, 1918
Death of Mr Player
Mr John Player, a resident of the eastern section of the county died near Antioch on February 28th. Mr Player was 82 years
and nine months old and was one of the first that entered the War Between the States from this section. He served through
the entire struggle and was one of those who were fortunate enough to escape without being
wounded. He is survived by six sons: W. T. Player, H. C. Player, L.Z. Player, and F. B. Player, J. B. Player, W. W. Player:
two daughters; Mrs Stokes and Mrs Amerson of St. Charles. The funeral and burial occurred at Antioch Baptist church of which church he had been a member for fifty-odd years.

November 11, 1898
Robert Jackson Phillip's was born May 8th, 1838 and died Oct. 20, 1898. He married Miss S. H. Bradley in 1869 and was the father of six children all of whom survive him. He served four years in the late war and was a good soldier, a true husband and loving father and good neighbor. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church for 29 years and was always loyal to his church, but he has left the church Militant and gone to the church Triumphant. While we miss his loving kindness we can bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well. And while we are weeping for our dear departed loved one we weep not as those who weep and have no hope. Truly a good man has gone, but our loss is eternal gain. .....(couldn't read) .....
looked in all the downstairs rooms but did not see Mr Riddle in the bath room as a screen had fallen on top of him. It is
was a mass of flames the hose had to be turned on these places before a further search was made and men with flashlights
was married to Miss Sallie Emma Cauthen of this community and to them were born four children, Wardlaw F. Russell, Jr.,
Kershaw county loses one of its oldest and most highly honored citizens. Judge Russell was known to nearly every man,
In the passing of William Ferguson Russell at his home on East Dekalb street, this city, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock,
William Ferguson Russell
Camden Chronicle
November 14, 1930
Kershaw County Loses Honored Old Citizen
In the passing of William Ferguson Russell at his home on East Dekalb street, this city, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock,
the room that he was forced to get out of the
burning building. The first intimation that something was wrong was noticed when the odor of smoke was smelt. A few
minutes later the fire and smoke were seen and Mr Ferguson rushed into the burning home. When Mr Ferguson saw that the
room where Mr Riddle slept was ablaze in all sections he rushed out into the hallway and found an old overcoat which he
wrapped about his head. Protected with this coat he hurried into the
room and called loudly for Mr Riddle and was answered by cries of "Come here, Come here quick". He was unable to locate
the place from which the call came as Mr Riddle had evidently gone into the bath room. In the darkness Mr Ferguson was
unable to discern the fact that a bath room was adjacent to the sleeping room and he kept searching the bedroom. He was
forced out of the room when the coat which he had about his head caught fire and the leg of his trousers also started to burn.
He suffered some burns about
the hand where he held the coat about his head. When firemen arrived upon the scene they also sought to locate Mr Riddle
but the flames were making such headway that they had no success as the stairway and the room in which Mr Riddle slept
was a mass of flames the hose had to be turned on these places before a further search was made and men with flashlights
looked in all the downstairs rooms but did not see Mr Riddle in the bath room as a screen had fallen on top of him. It is
believed that Mr Riddle could have been saved if he had sought to escape from the building by going out the door that leads
into the hallway instead of going into the bath room. The door of the bath room had to be knocked down before an entrance
could be made to the porch. Firemen Pierce Horton and Walter Davis finally found the old gentleman by lifting up the
screen which had fallen on him. He was found with his head resting against the lavatory and his legs were badly burned
while the upper part of his body was almost natural. His appearance indicated that he had on but scant clothing at the time he
was trapped by the fire. While firemen and others made frantic attempts to find the man as the upper part of the building was
engulfed in flames it is not believed that he could have been saved unless he had been rescued immediately after the
building caught fire. He was a Confederate veteran, having joined the army when he was but seventeen years of age and he
saw four years of hard fighting. He was a member of Company E, 2nd South Carolina regiment. He later served as a
member of a military staff in this state and acquired the title of major in this manner. He was an ardent church
worker throughout the greater portion of his life, being a member of the local Methodist church. For a number of years he
was the editor and publisher of the Lancaster Review of this city. Deceased is survived by two sons, John Riddle of this city
and James M. Riddle of Chicago. He is also survived by three daughters, Mrs W. H. Reed of this city, Mrs R. G. Mackorell
of Miami, Fla., and Mrs Sallie Canfield of Washington, D. C.
William Ferguson Russell
Camden Chronicle
November 14, 1930
Kershaw County Loses Honored Old Citizen
In the passing of William Ferguson Russell at his home on East Dekalb street, this city, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock,
Soon after the close of the War Between the States Judge Russell was elected Trial Justice of Flat Rock township and it was through his service in this office that he acquired the title of "Judge". In 1890 he was elected as a member of the house of representatives, Kershaw County then having three members, and he served with his colleagues, Thomas J. Kirkland and the late G. W. Moseley. The late James R. Magill was the senator from this county for that term. As well as we can recall Judge Russell has the distinction of having succeeded four men claimed by death while serving in office. He was appointed by the governor to succeed the late John Drakeford as auditor. He was defeated for re-election by the late P. T. Bruce. He afterward succeeded the late W. G. McCreight as auditor by appointment.

He was defeated for re-election by the late Mannes Rabon and by appointment served out his unexpired term. He was later elected to this office and held it continuously until defeated in the primary of 1922. At the death of Coroner Dixon in the Cleveland school fire, Judge Russell was appointed by Governor Thos. G. McLeod to fill out his unexpired term and was twice re-elected in the primaries and died as he had wished---in harness.

Judge Russell was a former member of Hickory Head church at Westville but after moving to Camden, moved his membership to the Camden Baptist church, where he had worshipped continuously until his health would not permit.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock, with his pastor Rev. J. B. Caston, officiating. The active pallbearers at his request, will be members of the various court offices, which will include: Sheriff J. H. McLeod, Clerk J. H. Clyburn, Auditor B. E. Sparrow, Probate Judge W. L. McDowell, Treasurer S. W. Hogue and Master W. L. DePass, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the James Leroy Belk Post of the American Legion. Also, at his request four of his former co-workers in the Auditor's office will place the flowers on his grave. They will be Mrs S. N. Nicholson, Mrs Hubert Reese, Miss Lena Lineberger and Miss Emmie Alexander. The burial will be in the Quaker cemetery in this city.

The death of Judge Russell removes an honorable, high-toned citizen, always loyal to his friends and the news of his passing away will bring genuine sorrow to all who knew him.

William Robinson
Camden Chronicle
Aug. 29, 1924

Death of Mr Robinson
Our community was saddened by the death of Mr William Robinson, "Uncle Billie" as he was affectionately known by his many friends, which occurred at the home of his son, W. L. Robinson, Saturday morning at about 10 o'clock. He was one of Wateree's best citizens with a record that would be a credit to any man. He was born in Lancaster county 88 years ago, where he spent the first 25 years of his life, moving to Kershaw county over 50 years ago. He has lived here the rest of his long and useful life.

His good wife, Louisa Horn Robinson died about 26 years ago, but he is survived by four children, W. L. Robinson, Ernest Robinson, Arthur Robinson and Mrs A. D. Hurst and one sister, Mrs Harriett Newman, all of Camden, SC.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Co. E, 12 Div. South Carolina Volunteers, under Capt. Charley Hinson, serving the entire time from 1861 to 1865. From the first gun fired at Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861, until his discharge at Appomattox Court House on April 9th, 1865, he gave himself unreservedly to the cause of the Confederacy. He united with the Baptist church in his boyhood and was a loyal member and Senior Deacon of the Wateree Baptist church at the time of his death. His funeral was conducted in his church on Sunday morning and his body laid to rest in the cemetery at Wateree.

Hundreds of sorrowing friends followed his casket to the grave, and many kindly remarks were made in regard to his splendid life by numbers of those who attended his burial.

Truly a good man has gone from us.

Shelby B. Pittman - Webmaster and Editor for Catawba Wateree Genealogical Society and Confederate Corner

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