Mrs. W. L. Pickard, Tifton, Georgia. My Dear Cousin:-

The Chaplin family, of the seaccast of Beaufort County,

8. C., have been settled there, certainly as far back as 1766, and
probably as far back as 1715 or 1720. That inference is drawn
from facts as hereinafter stated; they have generally, and I
believe always, borne good reputations as citizens and patriots.

my knowledge of their history is, however, mainly based on family tradition in part; and partly on the case of Adams, et al, vs. Chaplin, et al, reported in Hill's Chancery Reports, Vol. 1, page 265.

The family tradition, that the Chaplins have always been ready and active in performance of public duty, in war and in times of peace, is supported, I believe, by the historical records, but they are not available to me just now. But it is cortain, that they were as patriotic in the war with the Tomassee Indians, when their power was broken in the great battle, near Yemassee, S. C. as they were in that of the Revolution and in the war between the States.

I used to hear from the lips of my father, Stephen G.
Ellis, my uncle, Thomas B. Ellis, and my half-brother, Wilson E.
Hall, who were members of the Seaufort Volunteer Artillery, that there were about a dozen Chaplins in that Company during the War of 1861-5; and that they made good and faithful soldiers. The B. V. A. above mentioned was almost exclusively composed of persons born and raised around the old town of Beaufort, S. C. It was an organization

as old, or older probably than the 19th Century.

" I have, with one exception, never known personally any Chaplin by that name: (of course, I have known a number with Chaplin blood, being one myself). I knew Prankie Chaplin, a boy of about my own age, with whom I attended for three months, the school kept by a first cousin of my father, Miss Caroline DeTreville. At the end of the three months, the school was indefinitely suspended. The town was taken and everybody left for terms of indefinite length, after listening all day, of the 7th November, 1861, to the reverberation of our guns at Fort Walker and Beauregard. and the much heavier guns from the fleet of Admiral DuPont, the most formidable fleet, up to that time that had ever assembled in American waters. I was a small boy, not yet eight years old. But, I had just previous to our Hegira, been attending the session of the school of my father's cousin, Miss Caroline DeTraville. I suppose, that I had commenced about the lat or middle of August, and had been at school about three months up to the fateful 7th of November. 1861. And, at that school, older by one or two yours, was Frankie Chaplin, of course a kinemen; but how near I do not know. I suppose, that it could not have been a mearer kinship than 4th or 5th cousin. But I remember, that he was of good looks and engaging manners. He and his first cousin, Hellair Fripp, always came to school from the same house. I presume that their parents lived together. I do not know what ever became of those boys. The war and its results scattered and separated us widely apart. I think that Prankie Chaplin was probably nearly related to John F. Chaplin and Samby Chaplin, Sr. and Jr., worthy citizens of Beaufort and vicinity; and without doubt, related to us.

The records of Charleston County probably would throw some light on the Charleston genealogy, as Besufort was in the Charleston jurisdiction in early times. But after Beaufort was established as a County or rather District (Counties in South Carolina were established after the Civil War) recording was not done for Beaufort in Charleston any more. All the records were in the Court House at Cillisonville, the County Seat of Beaufort, at the time that Sherman's troops burnt it in 1864; and all of the records were consumed with the Court House.

I return new to the facts, as to our immediate lineal ancestry, as based on the Report of the Case of Adams, et al. vs. Chaplin, et al., above referred to.

Benjamin Chaplin, Sr., lived on his plantation in Saint Helena Farish, which is now a part of Seaufort County. The Farishes were established in Colonial times, before the Revolution, and were limited by certain boundaries; and all of the people within these boundaries were taxed to support the Church within the same, whether they were members of that church or not. That was before the Revolutionary War. Afterwards, on the establishment of our independence, Church and State were separate; the Episcopal Church was disestablished; and was supported so the churches of all other Denominations were supported, by the free and voluntary contributions of its members. Before the Revolution, all the inhabitants of st. Helena Parish were taxed for support of Saint Helena Church (Church of England) in Beaufort, S. C. where it has been located since 1712, although the church building was not creeted until 1724.

Benjamin Chaplin above referred to, the grand-father of our grand-mother, Mrs. Martha Baynard, (noe Chaplin) was taxed, of

member. I think that the presumptions are, that he was a member of the Baptist Church. His grand-daughters, our grand-mother and her two sisters were; Judge Preceley, his grandson, was: and I think it may be safely declared that he and his descendents were Baptists. Now, my father's people, the Bilis's were members of Saint Helena Church from the time of its establishment until my grand-father, Richard Bilis, married Mice Sarah Witter, the daughter of one of the descens of old Euhew Church (Baptist) at Grahamville, S. C., to wit, Mr. Jonathan Witter.

The said Benjamin Chaplin, our (i.e., yours and mine) great, great grandfather, was evidently a man of substantial means for those days. His home place, on Jericho Greek, was six hundred sares, more or less, in extent. He devised the Home Place on Jericho Greek to one of his sons. But he had four (h) children. He must have devised to each one, an equal portion. His landed property, therefore, was about twenty-four hundred acres in extent.

Benjamin Chaplin, the elder, aforesaid, had three sons and one daughter; Benjamin Chaplin, Jr., William Chaplin and John Chaplin, and Ann Adams, (noe Ann Chaplin). Benjamin Chaplin, the first, died after 1766 but before 1776. He made his will, dated in 1766. There were three witnesses to his will, Martha Barnwell, "H.M." and John Barnwell. In the litigation that arose about 1832, as to the construction of that, and also the will of John Chaplin, Sr., his son, it was developed that the witness who signed her name "E.M." was Elizabeth Ellis (nee Capere), the wife of Edmund Ellis, my grand-father's grandfather. She was a collateral ancestress of

Bishop Ellison Capara. Willalm Chaplin, son of Benjamin Chaplin, or., died previous to the year 1791, leaving no children.

John Chaplin. Er., con of Bonjamin Chaplin, Gr., sade his will in 1776, and died soon after, say, in 1776 or 1777. John Chaplin, Sr., left one son, John Chaplin, Jr., who sled in 1826, unmarried.

Benjamin Chaplin, Sv., or the second, was the eon of Henjamin Chaplin, Sv., or the let, and he was the father of our grand-mother, Bre. Earths S. Baymord, of Benjamin S. Chaplin, of Lavinia (Chaplin - Oswald) Duncan and Gecilla (Chaplin) Ussald.

grandmother's family) her daughters, however, I would remind you, were Sarah Calder Haynerd, who married your father's uncle, br.

James Stoney Lawton; Juliana Sophio, who married Stephen C. Milis, my father; Cacilia W., your mather; Milisabeth Harths, the mother of Mrs. Thosbe Malone and others of the Willingham family, who live chiefly in Macon; Florence, who married W. J. Willingham, and lives, I have been credibly informed, at Tavares, Florida. The sons were two, Thomas Stapleton Baynard, who left one daughter, Mrs. Julia W. Medes; and Neverend Calder Archibald Baynard, who left no children. All have passed every of Mrs. Martha Carsh Baynard's children, except Mrs. W. J. Willingham, (Aunt Florrie).

desving for the present, the line represented by the descendents of our grand-mother's father, Senjemin Chaplin, Jr., the second, we will return to his sister, Am Cabilin, who married adams, sometime before the year 1791. She died cometime before the pear 1791. She died cometime before the pear 1891, the case of Adams, at al. we. Chaplin, at al. were her children. But what the cames were

et the children of Ann Adema (nee Chaplin) the aunt of our grandmother Deputed. I am not sare, except as to one: that one was
Jane Adema, who married Mr. Pressley. Jono (Adems) Pressley was
the author of Jenjamin Chaplin Treasley, who was for many years,
one of the most eminent lawyers of the Charleston Bar, and was
Judgo for 10 or 15 years of the Pirst Circuit of Jouth Caroline.
The accumulated a considerable forume, and when he dealined reexpointment as Judgo, he lived in retirement at Supporting R. C.

The family of Judge Freezley, on his father's side, the Cressleys, cettled around Due West, in Abbeville County, for a number
of generations; were "suid light" Presbyterians of the most
pronounced type; and probably Judge Proceley would have been one
slee, if his father cad not married Jane Edmas. However, whether
it was his mother's influence or his can independent investigation,
that produced the result, Judge Prescley, himself, was one of
the main pillers of the First Baptist Church in Cherisaten,
organised in 1692 - the eldest in the South. But afterwards, he
was a member of the Citadel Aquara Church. He wrote one or
more logal text books, "Freezley's Law of Magistrates" being one,

I am not sure stat were the messe of Jane Adems's brothers.
On the census list of 1790, there were five Adems recorded for Desufort County. It may be that the two named John Adems and Henry Adems were her brothers. The two named David and Michard.
I know, were not.

David Adams and Richard Adams were the sons of David Adams, who married Slisabeth Ellis; Elizabeth Ellis Adams died in 1785; and her cons above named were collaboral kinsmon of my father, but not of my mother; and, so they were not the Adams stock who were descended from Ann Adams, the sunt of our grandmother Baynard.

. Orandaother's two sisters were Levinia Chaplin and Cecilia .. Chaplip. Lavinia and Cecilia Chaplin were twin sisters, one year older than Grandwother Baynard. Lavinia Chaplin married, first Robert Oswald, and secondly Hav. Heasford Dado Duncan. The children of her first marriage (there were none, of the second) were, so far as I know, Caroline, Adelaide and Anna, daughters, and one son, Robert Oswald. What I know of "Aunt Duncan", as she was known to us, is not much. As a child living in Begufort, I used to hear mother and grandupther Baynard speak of Aunt Duncen living at Bernwell Court House. Grandwother, having two married daughters, (Willingham) living at that time in Bernwell County, about 22 and 27 miles from the Court House, used to make one or two protracted visits each year to the "up-sountry", as her visits to Barnwell were called. I remember the impression made on my mind by that phrase the "up-country". My idea was that the journey involved the elimbing of a steep dangerous and elmost perpendicular grade; none of us had made that visit, except Aunt Florrie, my eldest sister, Julia, and my younger sister. Martha, next to me, and named for Grandmother. And when Martha at that time 4 or 5 years of age. returned safe and sound. I considered her as a sort of heroine returned from a wonderful and dangerous journey, like the porilous journeys of Livingston into the heart of "darkest Africa."

after our family refugeed to the up-country, we were alth relatives at Lawtonvillo for a few days, ear from November 8th to about November 15th (the relatives at Lawtonville were the family of our mother's first cousin, Mrs. Hery (nee Ostald) Holombe and her most excellent husband, who was a 2nd or 3rd cousin of my father; and the family of Cousin Mary Holcombe's brother, John 6. Gewald) Then, your father and mother would have us to colourn with them at the Smyrne Plantation, near toyone Church (a few miles from Allendale. 5. C.) until our cettlement could be had in a rested house. We stayed at Cayrna until about January let. 1862. about 6 or ? weeks, when we succeeded in renting a house at Lawtonville, where we stayed during 1862. We moved to what is now known as Martin. 8. C., or in that meighborhood, about 12 miles above Allendale. 9. C., and resided there during 186); and were back in Lastonville for the wost of the year 18th; and in the Pall of 18th, we refugeed egain. sheed of therman's army, to the seme neighborhood, near the present Martine. S. C. where we have been since. This relation of the movements of my immediate family during the Civil Ver. I have stated mainly to furnish a pos upon which to hang a few incidents concerning Aust Levinia Duncan and others. When we were in the vicinity of the Flore or Station now called Merting, in 1863, grandmother Daynard took mother and eister Julia to Darnvell to see Aunt Duncan. Orandmother, during the war pariod, visited her every once in a while; but I think that, that was the only time during the war or afterwards that mother any Aunt Duncen. During the war, grandmother kept a capplego and horses; but we, being stripped refugees, our means of transportation were limited. But in 1867 in the spring, I, myself, went with grandmether on my first visit to Bernwell. We spent two nights at Aunt Duncan's. It seems that she had written to grandmother that there would be a sort of reception at her house on the night of our arrival. I think that perhaps it was in honor of Gousin Anna Same' recent marriage to Mr. Thomas B. Hagood. I know that he and she were there that night, a recent birdal couple. I was a boy of 12 years of age.

I pass over any detailed statement of the persons in attendance there that evening, except to say, that I remember Capt. Wm. A. Wertin and wife, Judge A. F. Aldrich and others; including also quite a number of young people, among the latter Rivers W. Harley, and, that the conversation among the older ones touched on the recent death of Professor Edwards, of Purman University, and the great loss to the Institution; Uncle Duncan, who was much interested in Purman, leading the conversation in that direction, I do not flatter myself that the impressions of a boy of 12 years are of much value; but, nevertheless, I will state them. Aunt Duncan, for one of her age was strikingly like Cousin Caroline Sams, her daughter, who afterwards lived near Erwinton, S. C.; much more so than to Grandmother Baynard; although the general contour of her figure and features were sufficiently similar to grandwother's, for a stranger to easily pronounce them sisters. Their faces were of the Martha Washington type. She was of very gentle deseasor, and her piety was of a sincere and uncetentatious kind.

I remember, that Grandmother in anticipation of going to Barnwell, and in order to contribute towards Aunt Duncan's entertainment
had commandeered the services of your mother's old cook in slavery
times, (my recollection may be defective, but was not her name
Rebecca Jenkins? Her husband's name was Ben Jenkins + a good
colored man. Cousin Maggie Wood, no doubt, remembers,) who was

Supero in her art, and the beautiful cokes elicited Uncle and Aunt Dancan's unstinted praise; it asses that at that time a good cook was difficult to get in Dancall; and she sold to grandmother, when Mr. Duncen was lamanting, that the prospect of good entertainment for our expected guests was not bright, I told him that the Lord would provide; and sure enough He has." Her husband, hev. Heneford Dade Dancan was a venerable looking pentheman. His conversation was gental and delightful, even to the toy of 12 years. When efter two nights and a day, grandmother and I bade them farewell, he gave we a book, which I preserved for several years.

That farovell was the last for me. I never can them again.
The bouse in which we were entertained is still standing; it is only
two doors from me. sorese the street.

Aunt Duncan is buried in the old Daptist Cemetery, about two hundred and fifty yards from where I am writing. The inscription on her tembetone is as follows:

"MOTHER.

TWIFE OF ABV. E. D. DUNGAR.

DEED APRIL 5, 1968,

AGED 64 THARS."

(That shows, that she end her twin eleter, Cecilia, were born in 1804.)

The stone is very wach surrounded by briars and brambles. The above was on the only side of the upplicht atoms that I could get observation of.

The family tradition is, that Aunt Levinia Duncan and her eleter. Cocilia, carried two brothers, Caraldo. Aunt Levinia's first husband

vas Bobert Javald; and her cloter's husband's none was Benjamin devald. Later, I expect to make inquiry, as I can and furnish the information obtained.

Aunt Duncan's children of her first warriege. (there were none! of her lest marriage) were, according to the best of my knowledge. Robert, Cercline. Ann end Adeleide Oswald. Robert married Miss Anna Laston, a daughter of Col. Robert Laston of Seriven County. Go. They had several childrens among then were Rebert and Dado Oswald. Cousin Carolizo married Mr. Wilos Browton Some. Hor obildren were Abbert, Lawie, Merion, A. Monry, Duncan, Erms, Anna, Adoleido, Brewton and Caroline Some. The two last newed died in early life. Cousin Robert home. a "grand old man" past elabt. Lives at Caffrey. S. C. He has a number of children. I think he married three sisters. Misses Roberts - his last wife is still living. He has a number of children and grandchildren. Levis acquired a fortune, and died unnappled. Marion married Mise Parler of Overgeburg, who died, and he married egain. But he has passed ever, leaving a number of children, one of whom is a Methodist preschor! - H. Henry Same married Wice Mamie Maner, an excellent woman. She died leaving several children, who ere all married. Senry lives in Spartenburg. S. C.

Parcen Sems merried Hise Carrie Lewton, a Cauchter of Dr. Senjemin W. Lawton, and a niece of Nev. Joseph A. Lawton, She died leaving three daughters. Only one of them survives. The surviving daughter recently married and is now living in Greensboro, N. C. Dancen, her father, lives cometimes on his ferm at Sreicton, and scentimes in North Carolina.

Coucin Name Same never warried. She to nearly CO years of ego. She lives about among her relatives. She to a splendid woman. Cousin Anna Sams married Tom Hagood. She is the one I referred to, as a recent bride above. Her husband is dead; he was
a first cousin of General Johnson Hagood of the Confederate States
Army, and afterwards Governor of South Carolina; and a first cousin,
once removed, of Johnson Hagood, the present Major General of the
regular U. S. Army. Cousin Anna Hagood is still living among her
children, but chiefly with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Bostick at
Switzerland, on the R. R. from Charleston, S. C. to Savannah, Georgia.
She had four children, one of whom, Laida, married J. Forter Clark,
but is now deceased; her son, Miles Brewton Hagood, is a prominent
and successful marchant and farmer at this place; and one son, Lewis
Sams Magood, married and is living in the Eastern part of the State.

Cousin Addie Sems married Soule Lawton, a son of Mr. Maner
Lawton, whose plantation was about 7 or 8 miles South of Lawtonville,

3. C. towards Rebertville. She has several children; one of them
is a Methodist minister, Nev. Robert Oswald Lawton, a professor in
Lander Pemale College at Greenwood, S. C., a Methodist Institution.
The Maner Lawton family were all "dyed in the wool" Methodists.
Only one was a Septist, Thes. O., who married your Aunt Mamie W.
Soule Lawton, however, was not particularly plous, although a very
good man indeed. He was telling Alfred Aldrich, another worldling,
a familiar friend of his (that used to be in his life-time, a resident
here) about what a promising son he had in his boy, Robert O.-Aldrich
remarked "that he was not surprised at it, when he considered what a
women the boy had for his mother." Soule replied "Yes, but you must
remember, that his daddy is no slouch!"

Aunt Dumean's daughter, Adelaide, sister to Cousin Caroline Same, married Mr. Henry Chovin. They lived near Lawtonville during the war.

Cousin Adeleide Chovin was a noble woman. Our family (I mean my mother's family,) should never forget her kindness to us when we arrived in the up-country, as refugees from Beaufort. I remember that when we were returning from Martin, S. C. to Lawtonville, in the early part of January 1864, she very hospitably entertained us for several days, until we could be comfortably settled in our rented house. After we left her home, it was not but a short time when three members of the family had passed away - herosif, her small son, Robbie, and her nephew, Brew Same, who, with the other members of the Sam's family were also refugees sojourning temporarily with the Chovins. I remember, that although a small boy at the time, how shooked I was when the sad news was received. Cousin Adelaide left several children; one was Mattie, and smother was Duncan Chovin. I have not kept in touch with them. Duncan, however, married a daughter of Captain William M. Bostick.

There is only one left to be mentioned of the children of Aunt Duncan (nee Chaplin, afterwards, Mrs. Robert Oswald, and then Mrs. Lavinia Duncan, wife of Rev. Hansford Dade Duncan.) That one of her daughters (Aunt Duncan's) that I now refer to was Miss Ann Oswald. She married Mr. Richard Reynolds a gifted and polished gentleman, who, I heard my father say, was one of the most interesting and instructive conversationalists that he ever met. He was a gentleman of considerable wealth. Unfortunately, he and his wife both died about the commencement of the Givil War; and the negroes being swept away (by the capture of the town and Island, freed) and the lands confiscated, 7th November, 1861, the children of Cousin Ann Reynolds were left orphans, dependent on their relatives. There were three girls and one young man, Richard Reynolds, Fr. Their ages, at the commencement of the war, were

when I went with Grandmother to Aunt Duncan's at Barnwell in the spring of 1866, I found them all there except one, Richard.

She, the grandmother, had taken the place of the mother. Six years, of course, had passed end they were correspondingly older. I remember that Cousin Addie, who was about my age, got me to assist her in working her sums. They were amiable and friendly girls. I used to see a good deal of them in Beaufort, as small children; our families visiting each other from time to time. But I never not them after our parting at Aunt Duncan's. I can, however, recount a few particulars, concerning them, derived from hearsay. Carroll married a first cousin of your father, Ned Peoples. She is not now living, nor her husband; but she left some children, who, I presume are living in Estill, S. C., or its vicinity.

Cousin Addie merried Mr. Judson Lawton, son of Nev. Winborn Asa Lawton, Pastor of the old Lawtonville church, for about 40 or 50 years. I suppose she is still living in Beaufort, and has a number of daughters, some four or five. But her husband died 2 or 3 years ago.

Cousin Livie married Milton Buckmer. She is a widow with 12 or 13 children. She resided, I understand, in Savanneh, Georgia. She had a hard time after the death of her husband, but I think that she is now faring well, her children, most of them being grown and selfsupporting.

There are now lost three of the children of Senjamin Chaplin, Jr., 2nd, Senjamin S. Chaplin who might be called Senjamin, 3rd, Mrs. Cecilia Cawald and grandmother Sgynard, a brother and two sisters. Aunt Lavinia Duncan (Lavinia Chaplin-Cawald-Duncan) being the fourth. When their Adams cousins brought suit against the four just mentioned, the brother Sanjamin S. Chaplin, disclaimed any interest in the Jorisho

treet. so that the judgment in favor of the defendants, rendered about the year 1832, imped to the benefit of the three elaters alone. Bro. Laviale Coveld (efterwards Duncan) Erc. Cecilia Oswald. mother of Cousin John Oswald, Cousin Bon Oswald and Gousin Mary Roleanho. The reason for their brother Benjamin S. Chaplin's discipled was, that in 1815, often the interests of John Chaplin. the variance, who died unparried in 1826, to the Jericho plantation had edt .mid tenlege actuoese tan taompbul volue bloe 2061 at need said John's older brether, Benjamin, fether of the aforesaid Benjamin 6. who had bought in the property of Cheriff's Cale. deeded the property in trust to the basefit of his times daughters, sisters of Penjamin D., who were oftenwards the two Bro. Cowalds and Bro. Martha 5. Baynard. It speaks well for our grandmother's father. Benjamin Chaplin, that, after buying in the property in 1806, he parmitted his bachelor brother. John, to remain in postession for 29 years afterwares, until John died in 1826. It was after John's death, that the Adems's brought their suit for one-half interest in the Joricho plantation. But the Adams's lost out. I have heard that afterwards the state of facility was not corded between our grandwother a laundings family and their first cousing, the Adams funlly.

Maving disposed as best I could of Aunt Duncen's Femily. I now turn to the family and descendents of Aunt Cecilie Oswald, mother of Gousin John 5. Oswald. And I will take up first, Cousin Johns. his mother, Aunt Geeilie Gesald, cled before I can resember; and her death, therefore, must have consured before the year 1858. Gousin John married a first cousin of your fether's, Mics Whoshe Posples. and efter his marriage, he end his wife settled at Lawtonville, near

her father, and were there when we (my father's femily) refugeed from Begufort to Lawtonville in 1861. They treated us with hespitality and kindness. His sustances at that time was farming and merchandising. In or about the year 1963 he purchased a plantation in Barnwell County, near Johnson's Landing. He lived there nearly all of the rest of his life. Chartly before his death my impression is that he was living (with his wife) in Allendale with his children. His wife survived him several years. She died about the year 1910. He died in or about the nimetics of the last century: to be more exect, about the year 1901.

I have not kept up with the bistery of his carviving family closely. His sen, Edward H. Oswald, is President of the Alloudale Bank and cens a good deal of the stock. Willie B. Oswald is sice living in Alloudale, and is fairly well-to-do." James L. Oswald, enother son, is said to be one of the wealthlook men there, and there are other descendents. Jos Oswald, and the children of a deceased con, John S. Oswald, Jr. and several daughters. One daughter, Lettic or Charlotte, married B. Wanning Mirk; one married a Mr. Lightsey; one married Ashley Duch; and she is now a widow with children. Edward H. Capra married, let Wish to the core. James L. O. married law, Miss Wilson; End, Wiss Syran; and he children married and otherwise.

The only other can of Aunt Coollis Caseld, one Chaplin, clater of grandmother Daymerd and Aunt Duncan, was Sen Caseld. About him centers a story, edventurous, singular, and with a tinge of remance. In some respects he was "the product con" of the family. About the year 1855, he left South Caroline for the Western country; at that time it was in truth the "cild and woolly" West. He was unmarried when he went away; he continued to write to the members of his family for one or two years.

and then ble letters ceased; his family never heard of him and concluded that he was sumbered with the doed. The Confederate War came and passed; the events of Recemetricition were a part of history; his younger brother, Cousin John Caraid, was a gray-headed man, and was living at his home between Johnson's Landing and Mertin's Station, on Fort Soyal Reilroad. His sons above referred to. Bd and Jim Oswald, were in bast ses and living at Allendale. Thirty-seven years from the time he left South Caroline, there landed from a vessel that benched at Port Royal, an old man. He had all the characteristic marks of the tweep. He was unkempt and reased: the walked the cross-time from Port Royal to Allendele; evrived at Allendale, he inquired whether any Oswalds were living there; he was directed to Jim Oswald's tore, he there told his emening story, that he was Jim's Unole Ben, who had not been beard from for about 37 years. The word of the wanderer was not at first believed; but, on being clearly questaned his answers dissipated all doubt. Jim first took him to a berder and having renovated him thoroughly and provided him with an entire out-fit of clothing, put him on the train for Mertin's Station, where his brother John Lived. the fether of 50 and Jim Coveld. The feelings of Cousin John can be better imagined then described when he volcomed to his home the long lost prodigel. He told some wondrous tales of edventures how for instance, he was within hearing of the sounds of the battle of "Nounded Ense" when Custor and his entire command were exterminated (with the exception, I believe, of one or two. who escaped. In about 3 months, be become restless; and wanted to be moving on. He said, that during the time of his absence, he had married, that his tife bad died, but that he had a married daughter living in Figridal and that he must go and see her. Cousin John told him, that at this time of life it was measures to be moving about with no settled home; that he must every there with him; he would furnish him a home as long as he lived. Nothing would satisfy him, however, and on being told, that Cousin John would not send him to the station, he started out on foot. Cousin John than corried him to the station, bought a ticket for him to the paint that he said he desired to so to. And from that time until now he has been as completely lost to his relatives as he was before. He has never been heard from or of again.

Bouldes the two cons. John and Ben, there were two daughters of Aunt Cocilia Oszald, Cousin Wary Rolcombo and Enrogeret Carvin. The former married Er. Gustavus Holoombe, an eminent teacher of his day. and a most excellent contlemen. He use in charge of the Lawtonville Academy whom we (my mother, brothers, eleters and myself) ervived in Lewtonville as refugees on Sevender 7th. 1861. We rented a house in Lawtonville and resided there during 1862. Our social interchanges with the Holoanbes were most pleasant. He made himself delightfully attractive, even to the small boy of eight years, that I was. I never ear him egain efter 1862. He left to cottle classiave as teacher. He had three daughters and two sens. Ocusin Tolle married Mr. doods while they were in Lestenville. My impression of Mr. Gods from that little I am of him was that he was a refired and intalliant continuan. Courin Tolle was left a widow with one or two children. the and har children came to South Caroline on a vicit 6 or 7 years after the war. I have no information so to her subsequent distory.

Mer slater, Gruein Megle Holombe was a handsome woman. Simmarried. I have beard the name of her husband, but have forgation its and the same might be said about Comein Regio. The third daughter.

The two sens were Marry and Nobert Helcarbes "Bobble" as he was asiled by his femily, and friends. When we were in Lawtenville in 1362. Henry Holombo was in the service of the Confederate States. Robble was not old enough in 1962, but he joined in 1863 or 1864. Bobble Holosebe, after the ver, within a few months after its close, was killed accidentally in some saw-will work in which he was encased. Neither of them parried. Heary Helocabe was in business for several years about Lawtonville after the war! and then went to Florida. I do not know of his subsequent corresp enything at all. He was a recklean ly brave man, as the following incident will show: A few miles out from Lawtonville there was a femily of "old issue" free megroes, named Augest. By "old issue". I went the close of negroes that had been in come way, or by some process free for constations before Lipcoin issued the Emenotration Proclamation of 1963. The Gold issue measure. es a close very good, harmless people. Occasionally, there would be an exception, and sol Suscell of the family above referred to. was on exception to the rules he was a great burly stant. an outless, and was constantly steeling livestock and committing other outresse. Hovevor, there was a warrant found for his arrest for one of his leries, acts and the warrant was placed in the Constables hands for service. The C netable followed by a rations of ouricalty applicate. went out to Sol August's places but when they arrived. Augustl was in his front door, some distance from the front fonce, with a sun in his hands, threatening to five on any one coming within the enclosure. The grown stayed outside, the Canadable as well as the cost, none venturing within. Such was the estuation, when Renry Nologube havianed to pass. There was a mass of low absulbory, atunted onk bushes, between the fence out the house, the only onen view balan

along the path between the gate and the front door of the building. As soon as Holcombe saw that Russell was defying the "posse" and that matters had reached an impassee', he crossed the fence where Russell could not see him, wound his way through the low growth of underbrush and emerging at the door jumped on the door-sill suddenly before Russell knew what was happening, Rolcombe had him grasped around the waist, and they fell together out of the door on the ground. Russell on top. Russell's son, a boy of about 15 years, at the command of his father, was seeking to strike him with an axe: but Russell being of gigantic proportions, and Holcombe a man of much smaller size, he could not well do so without striking his father. At that critical moment, rode up Cohagan, who had been a noted Confederate scout in the then recent war. He saw the tense struggle of the two men, and the boy endeavoring to strike. He leaped from his horse and shouted a volley of represents to the growd for not going to Holcombe's assistance. as he passed on towards the struggling men. Just before he reached them. Holosmbe had managed to draw his pistol, and he shot Russell just before Cohagan reached him. And Sol Mussell was no more.

Reynolds, a grandson of Aunt Duncan. I said something above of his sisters, the Reynolds girls, and mentioned his name merely; but nothing further. I write now of his early and tragic end. He was a high-spirited boy, and having in his blood the patriotic Chaplin strain, as soon as he was 16 or 17 years old he would not be persuaded to remain at home until he was of the age to enter service, but left home for the military encompment of the Neaufort Volunteer Artillery. He had not yet, I understood, been accepted as a member of the Company, the sutherities hesitating on account of his youthful age. While waiting

for enrollment one morning, he was passing along the street between the rows of tents, when Henry D. Ellistt, from the opposite side of the street, accosted him. The latter was older than he perhaps, by two or three years, but they knew each other well, having grown up in Beaufort, together.

Biliott had a pistol in his hands, that he thought was empty.

His idea was to have some fun, and he presented the pistol cocked,
saying, "Look Out "Dyches" (a nick name among his boy companions in
Beaufort) "I am going to shoot you:" at the same time pulling the
trigger. At the explosion Richard Reynolds staggered a step or two,
and fell dead. I well remember my mother's expression of horror
when my half-brother, Wilson Edward Hall coming home on furlough in
the spring of 1863 narrated the circumstances, which had occurred only
a few days before. Henry D. Elliott belonged to one of the best
families of Beaufort. Although he survived the war many years,
afterwards being sheriff of Beaufort County, he never got over the
shock of it entirely to his dying day.

I now return to the last one of the children of Aunt Oswald, nee Chaplin, sister of grandmother (except one, the brother Benjamin S. Chaplin). The said remaining sister of cousins, John Oswald and Mary Holcombe, was Mrs. Margaret Carvin, whose husband, Wm. W. Carvin, seems to have been very much of a drunken desperade. The was his second wife, and is said to have died of a broken heart from his cruel treatment, after one or two years of married life. Carvin was wealthy and well connected. The complained about his treatment of her, to her relatives when she had the opportunity of visiting them. They advised her to leave him. The replied that if she did, such was his vindictive disposition, she felt certain that he would kill her. I have seen her

tombstone, which is, or was some years ago, visible from the highway in Allendale County, near Matthews: Bluff; it is on the old Carvin Plantation. She was probably married to W. W. Garvin, widower with several children about 1848 or 1850; and died probably about 1851 or 1852. If he caused her death by cruelty, it was not long before Neresis was on his path. Some time in the fifties, having a grudge against one Gooper Cone at a public gathering, under the influence of liquor no doubt he presented a pistol close to the breast of Cone, who grasping it, had turned it in the reverse direction, at the moment that it was discharged. At the inquest and before the Grand Jury, it was claimed for Cone that it was Garvin's own hand that pulled the trigger. No bill seems to have been found against him.

Advertising now to Senjamin S. Cheplin, brother to the 3 Chaplin sisters, not such is known of him by the present generation. In the suit that was brought by the Admss against him and his sisters he disclaimed any right to the Jericho Tract in dispute. He was living when that suit was commenced, that is about 1832. But as his grand-nephew, our Cousin Robert C. Sams, who was born September 14, 1841, writes me, that he does not remember ever having seen him, he probably died comparatively young; and probably unmarried, for there is no record or remembrance of any descendents.

As to our great-grand-uncle, Benjamin S. Chaplin, I have been informed by Cousin Emma Same, that he married and had several children; but an estrangement arose between him and his wife, and they separated. He went West, and returned once or more than once to see his children. He probably died out West; but no one seems to know when or where.

My mother was seven years old in the year 1832: if he had lived much beyond that period, I think I would have heard her speak of him. I have no recollection that I ever did.

You and I are of the 5th generation from Benjamin Chaplin who made his Will in 1766. There are quite a number of the 5th generation still living. I have purposely refrained from going into details concerning the members of the 5th generation; or ever mentioning the names of the 6th, 7th and 8th generation. It would make this writing too voluminous; and, besides, I know next to nothing of those beyond the 5th generation.

But there was one of the 5th generation whom I would commemorate in this record; and who being my-half-brother might seem to be having undue partiality over the others of the 5th generation. If so, I beg pardon. Let it be ascribed to the glamour of passionate love and hero-worship with which I always, as a child, regarded him. He was possibly more attentive and partial to me as child than to the others of my brothers and sisters. He was born in the Fall of 1845; his father was Rev. Wilson Hall, the great-grandson of that Capt. William Hall, who commanded the flotilla of 2 or 3 vessels mentioned in McGrady's History of Nouth Carolina. He captured several British vessels after a sea-battle, just outside of Charleston Harbor. Several of the Halls were sent to St. Augustine as prisoners during the Revolution. And Wilson Hall my half-brother, was entitled as the descendant of an officer of the Revolution to empollment in the ranks of the Cincinnati-Wilson Hall, with the patrictic blood of the Hells and Chapling, insicted on joining the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery, before he was 15 years old. My mother did what she could to hold him at home, but as he was nearly 16 years of age and she saw that he was determined to so, she yielded; he participated in all the engagements of that Company during the four years of the war, Bay Point, Posotaligo, and a number of others, including Honey Hill until the Company went to North Carolina, and joined Joseph E. Johnston's Army paposing Wm. Tecumseh Sherman.

At Averyaboro, he was ordered to place his our in position up the read towards the front. His chim end compade, Marger Magood, told me that so he started up the road, in a gallap, his parting word, substantially. "Herper we are going to give them Helifer today!" It was not many minutes before his foot was taken off by a shot or enell, and he lay where he fell for several hours. When the Federale reached him, he sue taken to the nearest hospital and assutation performed. But he had lost so much blood, that his system was permanently weakened; ead when he was attacked by tuberculous he was not able to resist the attack which carried him away in the Fell of 1873. He went to footh-west Scargle soon after the ver and married there. Visc Tille Robert. despiter of Dr. Lewrence Robert. who was of the hobert family of Robertville. V. C. His wife's mother was a Miss Polhill. elster of Mrs. Dr. Benj. W.Laston. They had anly one shild. of the time of their deaths, (the wife followed the humbers in a few months.) This child was taken in hand and reared by her Aust. Hrs. Jemnio Robert Stewert; the child grew up. became wro. Willie Lazarquists the has saveral children. Her son Prodevick Engarquist, some months ego, was elected President of the Macon, Gorgia "Junior Chamber of Commorce.

Cur Cousin Robord C. Jame had furnished no some of the facts becaused one thing that brought back to my mind, what I ned heard my mother may in 1863, that one of the Chaplin blood, and a relation of ours, had married a Robert of Robertville or its violaity. Cousin Robbie stated enother thing, that was news to so, and I was glad to learn it, that my mother, who had been for four years the widow of Rov. Wilson Hall, had married my father. Stephen C. Bills in and from the hore of his mother.

Cousin Caroline, wife of that pure and good gentlaman. Mr. Miles Browton Gazs.

I shall here close: I would add something in relation to your immediate family, the Willinghame, but you are better qualified than I to do that; and, if you do, kindly favor we with a copy.

Your affectionate Cousin.
Alchard A. Billio.

"OSWALD"

William Oswald, born April 26, 1763, died April 25, 1802 his wife

Mary Oswald, born April 25, 1757, died Feb. 12, 1821. They had two sons.

First

William Senjamin Oswald, born Jan. 17, 1790, died Warch 10 1831, aged 41 years 1 month 21 days.

his wife

Cecilia Chaplin, born Oct. 30, 1802, died Sept. 13, 1831, aged 28 years 10 months 13 days.

(She was a twin sister of Lavinia Chaplin Oswald)

They were married Oct. 22, 1818 on St. Helenas Island, S. C. We have never been able to find their graves.

They had four children.

Benjamin Chaplin Oswald, John Shorten Oswald, Mary Oswald, and Hargaret Oswald. Second

Robert Cawald, born July 23, 1793, died Feb. 12, 1834, aged 40 years 6 months 20 days

his wife

Lavinia Chaplin, born Oct. 30, 1802, died April 5, 1869, aged 66 years 5 months 6 days. They were married Oct. 22, 1818 on St. Helenes Island, S. C. and he must have been buried there on the island. They had 7 children.

Caroline Cawald, Martha Cecilia Cawald, Adeline Cawald, Ann Mlica Cawald, Robert Cawald Jr., Adelaide Cawald, William Benjamin Cawald Jr. After the death of Rebert Oswald his wife Lavinia Chaplin Oswald married Rev. Hansford Dade Duncan of Barnwell S. C. They had no children. She was buried in Barnwell Cometery by the side of her husband the Rev. R. D. Duncan, who died Tuesday Jan. S. 1876.

This William Benjamin Oswald and Robert Oswald were named for their Breat-great uncles at Walterboro, S. G. Dr. Robert Oswald and Ceneral William Oswald, who lived there before the Revclutionary War. I think they were emigrants. Oswald Coat of Arms in Burke's Peerage, Charleston S. G. Library. A Scotch and 1 Irish. We understand that they were Welsh originally.

John Shorten and Phebe Peeples Oswald (IMPORTANT DATES AND STATISTICS)

John Shorten Oswald (W) Phebe Sarah Peeples Oswald (Peb. 24, 1853)	BIRTH Peb. 14, 1830 Apr. 23, 1839	DEATH Sept. 18, 1901 Feb. 11, 1910
I. Edward Hardin Oswald	Oct. 15, 1855	Dec. 31, 1931
(W) Helen Maria Louisa Laughlin Oswald (Dec. 16, 1875) Samuetta Oswald Edward Chalmers Oswald (W) Annie Lou Dunbar Oswald (May 18,1904) Edward Hardin Oswald, Jr. (W) Louella Hutto Oswald (May 19, 1928) Annie Lou Oswald (W) Bonita Browning Oswald (Peb.21,1937) Bonita Browning Oswald John Council Dunbar Oswald	Approx. 1840 Oct. 25, 1878 Jan. 12, 1881 Oct. 6, 1881 June 16, 1905 Sept. 2, 1906 May 31, 1929 Feb. 25, 1912 Apr. 10, 1947 Dec. 28, 1908	Apr. 7, 1903 Sept. 27, 1885 June 16, 1881 Sept. 26, 1920
(W) Sudie Juanita Godfery Oswald (July 7, 1938) John Council Dunbar Oswald, Jr. Edward Hardin Godfrey Oswald Baby Oswald Laura Phebe Oswald Godbold (H) Cash Ellerbe Godbold (June 23, 1932) Cash Ellerbe Godbold, Jr. Dunbar Oswald Godbold	June 21, 1915 Sept. 22, 1939 Sept. 16, 1941 Aug. 5, 1947 Feb. 1, 1912 July 16, 1907 Aug. 22, 1935 Sept. 10, 1937	*
II. William Benjamin Oswald	Jan. 16, 1858 Dec. 20, 1873	Aug. 31, 1937
(W) Lucille Miller Oswald(June 12, 1895) Winfred Barrie Oswald Jessie Wano'a Oswald Hubert Lyonell Oswald (W) Elizabeth Murray Oswald (July 10,1934	June 12, 1896 Apr. 12, 1898 Aug. 24, 1900	Oct. 3, 1897
Phebe Carolyn Oswald Losey (H) Ralph Peter Losey (July 31, 1935)	Apr. 2, 1905 Apr. 14, 1893	Jan. 29, 1948
III. James Lawton Oswald	Nov. 14, 1860	Sept. 25, 1942
(W) Mary Jane (May) Wilson Oswald (May 10, 1893) Mamie Oswald Phebe Oswald Schenk	Dec. 12, 1870 Feb. 12, 1894 Feb. 13, 1898	May 22, 1904 Sept. 28, 1898
(H) Leonard Herman Schenk (June 28, 1922) Leonard Herman Schenk, Jr. (W) Mary Sheely Little Schenk (June 16, 1948)	May 22, 1923	Apr. 19, 1936
Edward Herman Oswald	Sept. 15, 1899	
(W) Vivia Peeples Oswald(Nov.15, 1927 (W) Constance Rackley Whitehurst Oswa (Jan 7, 1939)	July 17, 1896	
(W) Elizabeth Ann (Bessie) Bryan Oswald (Aug 2, 1905) Elizabeth Oswald Johns	Oct. 20, 1878 July 20, 1906	
(E) Homer Gassels (June 26, 1925) Elizabeth Ann Gassels	Sept. 30, 1926	
(H) Wilson Ralph Johns		
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Levrence Berbot Hellilan. dr.	June 28, 1930	·
Richard Devald McHillem	Sept. 18, 1912	
Jervie Wingfield McWillen	0ot. 18, 1934	
VI. Thomas Seynard Oswald	Aug. 31, 1867	Gat. 16, 1869
VII. Geollia Lavinia Oswald Williamo Genetic Williamo	Nov. 8, 1869	_
(Dec. 14, 1892)	Apr. 18, 1869	
Esther Camillo Villiams Phous (U) James Thompson Theus	Dec. 3, 1893	May 1, 1941
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Hory Catherine Baker	May 30, 1947	
(0) Virginia Los Fitts	Ann. I IOAR	
(May 1, 1987)	Aug. 1, 1905	
VIII. Mary Mlizabeth Cowald Bush	Jan. 0, 1873	
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(June , 1920) Edward Ashley Buch	Sept. 26, 193b	
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(8) David Stanley Brown	_	
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Barbara Gail Brown	Dec. 16, 1936	
Cynthie Stenley Brown	Jan. 5, 1948 June 6, 1989	
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Elisabeth Ann (Berty) Bush	Jan. 19, 1935	
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IX. Margaret Cordella Oswald	980. 49, 49()	Sept. 30, 1934
X. Joseph Calder Gauld	Dec. 18, 1876	
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Homer Peoples Oswald. Jr.	Jan. 23, 1922 Aug. 14, 1946	- Aug. 12, 1948
(W) Evelyn Viola Johnston Oswald (June 17, 1923) Sarah Margaret Oswald Jennings	Aug. 23, 1899 Oct. 4, 1924	
(E) William Bryant Jennings (Feb. 29, 1944)	Nov. 14, 1923	
Evelyn Jennings Joseph Galder Oswald, Jr. Pauline Johnston Oswald MacDowell	Jan. 4, 1947 July 29, 1926 Mar. 12, 1928	
(H) Marion St. Pierre MacDowell (Oct. 26, 1946) Pauline Bayard MacDowell	Mer. 1, 1925	
Lottie Louise Oswald II	Aug. 7, 1947 June 3, 1930 Dec. 19, 1931	
Kruger Johnston Oswald John Nathan Oswald Minnie Sue Oswald	Apr. 20, 1934 Jan. 3, 1936 Oct. 3, 1940	Aug. 19, 1947
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XI. Ines Stoney Oswald Lightsey (H) William Frederick Lightsey (Sept. 19, 1900)	Aug. 7, 1879	Oct. 31, 1944
William Norris Lightsey, Jr. (W) Nell Feeples Lightsey	Sept. 19, 1876 June 25, 1901	Nov. 19, 1940
(Sept. 6, 1927) William Norris Lightsey, Jr. Nell Peoples Lightsey	Nov. 4, 1903 Mar. 6, 1929 Apr. 12, 1930	May 1, 1929
Margaret Oswald Lightsey Edward Oswald Lightsey	July 13, 1934 May 5, 1912	
(%) Louise Cleland Lightsey (June 14, 1934) Louise Cleland Lightsey	Sept. 30, 1910 Oct. 18, 1937	
Lillian Ines Lightsey Claudia Norris Lightsey	Oct. 17, 1940 Peb. 14, 1948	
XII. Phobe Peoples Oswald Kearse	Peb. 13, 1882	
(H) George Benjamin Kearse (June 18, 1901)	June 7, 1874	
Gladys Virginia Kearse Carey (E) Patrick Andrew Carey, Jr. (Dec. 26, 1933)	Dec. 8, 1911 July 13, 1910	
Patrick Andrew Carey, III	Dec. 17, 1935 Jan. 19, 1937	
Phobe Cornelia Carey Helen Dianne Carey	July 29, 1946	
Gladys Virginia (Ginger) Carey Helen Kearse Wagoner (H) Leroy HeDonald Wagoner	oct. 15, 1914 oct. 15, 1914	
(Feb. 3, 1938)	Har. 3, 1907	

(Note - Designates Death at Birth)