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JOURNAL OF A VISIT TO GREENVILLE FROM CHARLESTON
IN THE SUMMER OF 1825 *

CAROLINE OLIVIA LAURENS

MAY 1825

Annotated by MRS. LOUISE C. KING **

(Continued)

[July] 8th. Walked out this morning also, and in the afternoon rode out with the Miss Hugers to see Mrs. Col. Pinckney¹⁸ who has lately lost her mother, Mrs. Izard. This farm is 6 miles from the village. The dwelling house is a large one, and from which the mountains of four states may be seen, viz. S.C., N.C., Georgia and Tennessee. The farm itself is by no means handsomely improved, but abounds in good fruit trees of every description. When we returned from our visit we were surprised to find that Mr. Laurens had got back from the mountains. He was delighted with the falls of the White Water, which is said to be twice the height of the Niagara falls. The water of these falls after precipitating themselves down the immense mass of rock, flows through the extensive and pretty valley of Jocassa forming the Jocassa River.¹⁹ Another curiosity near the valley, is a natural portico or shed, which projects 20 or 30 feet from a rock on the side of the mountain. This portico is about 100 feet in length, the highest part of which is about 20 or 25 feet.²⁰ We regretted extremely that owing to the steepness and roughness of the mountain path, it is impossible for ladies to get there. One or two persons contemplate cutting a road but I imagine many years will relapse [sic] before it can be effected.

9th. Walked two miles before breakfast. When we returned, found the gentlemen recounting their mountain adventures, and all seemed to be exceedingly merry at the expense of Mr. McClintock,²¹ who it appears

* From original in the possession of Daniel Huger of Charleston.

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¹⁸ Thomas Pinckney, Jr. who lived on the west side of Eighteen Mile Creek at Altamont, about 5 miles from Pendleton.

¹⁹ Whitewater River in Jocassee Valley. To be inundated by Keowee-Toxaway Power Complex built by Duke Power Company 1967-1972.

²⁰ Natives of the area call this Chucky Joe's Saddle.

²¹ Dr. Henry K. McClintock, master of Pendleton Male Academy founded in 1825.

so refined, by a long and intimate acquaintance with the polite world, her countenance was so dignified by serious contemplation and devout reflection, and so replete with all the mildness and complacency which are the natural results of a regular uninterrupted habit and practice of virtue and benevolence that it was scarcely to behold her without emotions of the highest veneration and respect. Her understanding, aided by uncommon strength of memory, had been so highly cultivated and improved by travel and extensive reading, and was so richly furnished, as well with scientific, as with practical knowledge, that her talent for conversation was unrivalled, and her company was sedulously sought after by all, without distinction of age or sex, who could be so happy as to gain admission unto it. Her religion was rational, liberal and pure. The source of it was seated in the judgement and the heart, and from thence issued a life, regular, placid, and uniform. . . .¹⁰

One of her pall bearers, by his own request, was George Washington. Probably he intended the gesture as a personal tribute to the Pinckney brothers, as well as to their mother, with whom he had dined on their only meeting during his trip to South Carolina in 1791. For it was not so much as a public personage but rather as a delightful human being of great worth—from the time of her fleeting resemblance to Pamela to her final role as mother and grandmother, the matriarch of one of the first families of the new nation—that Eliza Lucas Pinckney remains vivid after two centuries. But if she was a private person of memorable merit who, in Emily Dickinson's words, wrote a letter to the world, she was also of such temperament and in such a situation that the world responded. Perhaps the unique charm and significance of her letters, and of her life, is that while remaining a private person she yet expressed some of the attitudes and strengths and actions that had resulted in the new nation. Thus, it was symbolically more appropriate than Washington was perhaps aware that she should receive this final homage from the nation's first President, the nation with which she, in her own various ways, had also become identified.

¹⁰ Quoted in the *South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, XXI (1920), 159, from the *Charles Town City Gazette* for July 17, 1793.

The South Carolina Historical Society takes pleasure in announcing that the *Letterbook of Eliza Lucas Pinckney* will be published in full by the University of North Carolina Press in the spring of 1972.

made a mistake in answering a mulatto M'am, supposing her to be a white girl, however he got over his chagrin, by saying it was better to be too polite than at all rude. The best of the joke was his reproving his companions all the time at dinner for not being polite to the damsel, while he was saying, "if you please maum," "No thank you maum," "Yes Maum." and they almost aready to burst with laughter. This evening recived letters from Charleston. The News of Miss Constantia Harleston's death greatly shocked us, she was carried off in the bloom of youth by a country fever.

10th. Sunday morning went to church and saw Mrs. Calhoun [J. E. Colhoun]. She promised to come down to the village the next day, and take us to her farm.

11th. Mrs. North called to see us and brought a message from Mrs. C. saying, her daughter-in-law [Martha] was too unwell for her to leave.

12th. Mr. Laurens bought side saddles for Eleanor & myself, and in the afternoon we sallied forth, E. upon Ned, Mr. Laurens on Brandy, and I on the Grey. Mr. McClintuck accompanied us, and during the whole time of our ride, he was exerting all his powers of eloquence, to persuade us to ride his horse Florazett. We rode to Col. Lewis' farm, and also to Mr. Whitner's,²² they were both tolerably pretty, but not near as much so as I expected to see the farms in Pendleton. Returning home, we met Col. Huger's family who invited us to spend the evening with them. We made an agreement to ride out on horseback the next evening.

13th. All being well equipped we directed our afternoon's ride to Mr. Carter's place,²³ about 4 miles from the village. We were charmed with the scenery, a few yards from the house is a little river winding along the foot of a corn field, and 20 or 30 miles beyond are the mountains. The dwelling house is not completed, but appears to be a very good shell of one, it is situated on a very high hill at the foot of which is a beautifully cultivated valley, with a smooth stream flowing through it, and the distant mountains beyond present a beautiful landscape. This place has more the appearance of a comfortable farm, than any I have seen either in Greenville or Pendleton.

15th. After breakfast Mr. Laurens set out, in company with Mr. E. Pinckney, for Greenville to meet Mr. F. Rutledge who is on his way to Tennessee where he is to marry his cousin Miss Henrietta Rutledge.

²² Joseph Whitner of German origin, a surveyor, acquired much property. He owned Rusticello which was located on Hwy. 187 out of Pendleton about 2 miles.

²³ Mills map, 1820. Hopewell, house built by Gen. Andrew Pickens, lived in by Andrew, Jr. Built of logs weather-boarded over, the house stands just above Cherry's Crossing on county road S. 37.

Mr. P. I believe is to be a groomsman. In the afternoon the Miss Hegers took us to see a Mrs. Miller²⁴ who lives just a mile from the village. We had a very pretty view of the village from the house, and were very much pleased with our visit. Returned and spent the evening with the Hegers.

Sunday 17th. Before I awoke this morning Mr. Laurens was by my bedside. He had slept at Pickensville, and arose an hour before day light to begin his journey for Pendleton, 16 miles, which he accomplished in two hours. Went to church as usual; saw the vice-president Calhoun—a very ordinary looking man.

18th. Miss Hegers called to see us in the morning and promised to lend me "Patronage", a tale by Maria Edgeworth.

19th. In the morning wrote letters—early after dinner rode out to see Mr. Maverick who lives about three miles from the village.²⁵ This gentleman is a remarkably clever & industrious farmer—he received us very hospitably—and produced wine of his own manufacturing equal to Frontinac. After refreshments were handed which consisted of fruit, cake, and wine, he conducted us to his vineyard, which covers an acre or more of land—thence to his orchard, which is also very extensive. The pear trees were loaded from top to bottom. The old man seemed very desirous that his neighbors should try the cultivation of the vine; he said that he thought this as good a country for grapes as the South of France, and he had no doubt that in a few years wine will be as lucrative a commodity as cotton—he recollects, he said, "when the first parcel of cotton we shipped to Liverpool in small bags (about 35 or 40 years ago) then they could not separate the seed from the cotton without an immense deal of trouble, having no machine for the purpose. The cotton they shipped was thought nothing of, and it was said to be a useless article. It has now become one of the staple commodities of the State.

20th. Dined at Mr. J. L. North's²⁶—spent a very agreeable day, although the weather was oppressively warm. This place is one of the prettiest I have seen, tho' no more improved than others about. Saw the Merino sheep—they differed in colour very much from the idea I had

²⁴ Probably the wife of John Miller II who married Jane Gray of Charleston and lived at Mile End near Eighteen Mile Creek.

²⁵ Maverick came to Pendleton from Charleston in 1800, married Gen. Robert Anderson's daughter. His home Montpelier is 3.3 miles from Pendleton on S. C. 88. The first house burned; the present house was built in 1850.

²⁶ John Laurens North, law partner of Langdon Cheves in Charleston moved to Pendleton in 1807. North bought Rusticello from Joseph Whitner.

of them. I thought they were perfectly & beautifully white, but were quite the contrary, being a dingy cream colour. Mr. North had some excellent wine at dinner which Mr. Laurens relished so much that he drank five glasses. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Huger arrived from Charleston last Monday 19th. We were quite disappointed that they brought nothing from Charleston for us.

21st. Drank tea at Mrs. Whitner's and returned home by moon light. After we got home we called to see Mrs. Benson,²⁷ who lives opposite to Mrs. Lorton. Her mother, old Mrs. Blassingham [Blassingame]²⁸ was there, whom we found a very agreeable woman.

22nd. In the afternoon Miss Whitner and her Brother called on horseback for us to accompany them on a visit to Miss Martha Dart. She was not at home when we first got there, but soon came in, very much heated from the fast walk she took to get to the house before we should go. This exercise gave her a beautiful colour, her cheeks were almost perfectly crimson. When we returned home it was past 8 o'clock. Heard that Mrs. Calhoun had come down to take us to her seat. She left word saying we must go and spend the next day with her.

23rd. In the afternoon set out on horseback to pay Mrs. Calhoun a visit, but were overtaken by rain and obliged to return.

24th. Sunday morning went to church as usual, saw Mrs. Calhoun [J. E. Colhoun] & her daughter the vice-presidentess. Mrs. C. invited Eleanor to go & spend the night at Clergy Hall²⁹ so they all went off together from church. Mr. Maverick asked us to go up to his farm after dinner and eat melons. We went and carried John with us. The old gentleman gave us some fruit to bring home with us. The weather for the last week past has been excessively warm & the thermometer as high as 8 [sic].

25th. Mrs. Calhoun called this morning and brought Eleanor home, invited us all to go up to her farm tomorrow to dinner.

26th. Dined at Clergy Hall in company with the vice-president, John C. Calhoun, and his family, Mr. & Mrs. John E. Calhoun [Colhoun] & James Calhoun [Colhoun]. I was very much pleased with the appearance & manners of the vice-president. He has a son two years old who bears a striking resemblance to my son John. Eleanor is to sleep at Clergy Hall & Mr. & Mrs. J.E.C. invited us to go tomorrow & carry John to dine

²⁷ Mrs. Enoch Berry Benson, wife of a leading merchant and one of the founders of Pendleton Factory.

²⁸ Wife of Col. Blassingame and sister of Col. John Easley.

²⁹ Four rooms of Fort Hill, Clemson University Campus, built in 1802 as manse for Old Stone Church, called Clergy Hall.

with them. When we returned home we heard that Frederick Rutledge has arrived & brought up a basket of kisses and a little whip for John, that his grandmama Laurens sent him—he was delighted with the whip & began to go “cluck cluck” directly.

27th. Carried Frederick Rutledge up with us to Col. J.E. Calhoun who resided at a beautiful seat situated on a very high hill.⁸⁰ The dwelling house is a large & a very handsome one—has two piazzas, one above & one below; they extend round two sides of the house. We crossed a small river just in front of the house. When the water is low it may be forded but it was so high today we went over in a flat. The vice-president & his family spend their summer at Col. Calhoun’s. Mrs. Calhoun [J.E. Colhoun] (once Martha Davis, the celebrated bell of Columbia) carried us to take a walk to the spring, where we found several crystals—returned home by moonlight.

28th. Mr. Maverick called to see us this morning & requested our company at dinner tomorrow. In the afternoon we rode out on horseback with the Miss Hugers & Mr. E. Harleston who was very attentive to Miss Annabella.⁸¹

29th. Col. & Mrs. Calhoun [Colhoun] & the vice-president & his lady called to see us & go in company with us to Mr. Maverick’s. We all set out at one o’clock. The party consisted of about 20 persons, and all being well acquainted with each other made it very agreeable. Mr. Harleston & Miss A. Huger were there and appeared to enjoy themselves extremely. Dinner was announced a little after three o’clock, and after dinner we were invited to partake of the dessert which was spread out on a table in the piazza. After this course fruit of all kinds was produced & in greatest abundance. We spent a very pleasant day and had the full moon to return home by.⁸² This evening commenced reading astronomy.

30th. Rode on horseback in the afternoon to see the Miss Whitner’s, spent a very pleasant evening. There was an old piano in the house, which E. played upon & Mr. Newton Whitner played upon the flute very sweetly. His sisters displayed their musical talents, they sang some of Moore’s sonnets.

⁸⁰ Col. Colhoun’s home was called Keowee. Located on S. C. 133 about 2½ miles from Clemson.

⁸¹ Anna Isabella Huger became the second wife of Edward Harleston Jan. 26, 1826.

⁸² “He entertained his friends at very formal and elegant dinners . . . a tall slave, Margaret, brought in things served from carved silver covered dishes . . . gorgeous blue china—must have been old wedgewood; the figures on the plates so real, so deeply, darkly blue.” R. M. Green, *Samuel Maverick—Texan*, p. 407.

31st. Sunday. Went to church in the morning and spent a very pleasant evening at Col. Huger's.

August 1st. Took a ride to Mr. Carter's place to get pears, but they were all gone. We picked a few peaches which were very sour and good for nothing. Mr. North sent to invite us to dinner with him tomorrow.

2nd. Dined at Mr. North's—a very large party, Col. Huger's, Col. Calhoun's & the vice-president's family. Col. Pinckney & his beautiful daughter Miss Celestina, Julius Pringle, Edward Harleston & ourselves were also of the number. Took a walk after dinner down to the spring from thence up a very high hill, returning I slipped into a small stream of water in attempting to jump over, however only my shoes got wet.

3rd. Took a ride on horseback in the afternoon to see the Stone Church, which is now in ruins.³³ This church is about two miles & a half from the village. The yard contains several fine monuments.

5th. Walked in the village to look at the stores &c. We went into four very nice dry-good stores, one of them contained a pretty good collection of books.³⁴

6th. Rode to Mr. Maverick's in the afternoon. Miss Maverick treated us only to some watermelon; the old man was out or we should have fared better.

7th. Sunday attended divine service and received the Sacrament.

9th. Went to Mrs. North but she was out, however as we were returning we met her going home & she invited us take tea with her tomorrow.

10th. Just before dinner Mr. Simkins and his daughter arrived from Edgefield. Miss Simkins I understand is a great belle both in Edgefield & Columbia—but I can't think her entitled to the appellation. This day the weather has been warm to a distressing degree & the earth so thoroughly baked that it took until eleven o'clock P.M. to cool.

11th. The weather has been as warm to day as ever I felt it any where and the earth parched for want to rain.

12th. Rode on horseback with the Hugers to pay a visit to the Miss Whitners.

13th. Miss Whitners & Miss Smith³⁵ called to see us after breakfast

³³ After the Pendleton Presbyterian Church was built in 1823 services were discontinued in the Old Stone Church.

³⁴ The three stores were those of E. B. Benson, John S. Lorton, John B. Benson. The fourth was the William Anderson Store which listed medical, theological, and historical books.

³⁵ Sarah North Smith, only daughter of Benjamin and Mary Eliza North Smith. They lived at Rivoli adjoining Rusticello.

as soon as they were gone the Miss Tollevers [Taliaferro]⁸⁶ came & gave us a very friendly invitation to go and eat grapes at their house.

14th. Sunday the weather excessively warm, however we went to church. News arrived from Greenville of the death of Miss Mary Johnson, eldest daughter of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of that village—her death was owing to lock jaw occasioned by the extraction of a tooth.

17th. Rode to Clergy Hall in the evening and took tea with Mrs. Calhoun. We promised to call & take her up on our way to Col. Colhoun's [sic] where we are to dine.

18th. Left the village about 1 o'clock, were overtaken by rain as soon as we took the turn off to Clergy Hall. When we got there the front seats were completely wet & the rain pouring as hard as could be. We staid until it was over, then set out for our dinner visit, & arrived in good time, not later than three o'clock.

19th. This morning a party from Col. Colhoun's [sic] stopped here on their way to the Table Rock, it consisted of the vice-president & his lady, Col. Simkins & daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Huger called to see us.

20th. Very rainy all day. In the evening E. & myself played two games of chess & made an agreement to play every night during our stay at Pendleton, as one of the boarders, a Mr. Foster, has politely lent us his chessmen.

21st. Sunday. Went to church, heard a very excellent discourse.

22nd. Rode on horseback to see Mrs. North, spent a very pleasant evening & Eleanor learnt the Russian Dance in less than five minutes, just from hearing Mrs. North play it. We had a beautiful night to return home by.

23rd. Early this morning about 6 o'clock we set out on horseback to breakfast at Clergy Hall.

25th. Cleared up quite warm. This afternoon went to see Mr. Maverick, and he treated us to some delightful watermelon just from the spring house almost as cold as ice. This morning I commenced reading Griscom's "Year in Europe" find it extremely entertaining, it is in two thick octavo volumes 500 pages each. After supper Eleanor & I took our seats in the piazza to play chess by moon light—the moon was very bright and just gibbous.

26th. Before sunrise I awoke with a tooth-ache, which pained me so much after breakfast that I sent for a dentist, who burnt it with sulphuric acid, but to no purpose, it still aches, and is swelling more and more every minute.

⁸⁶ Three daughters of Lawyer Zachariah Taliaferro who resided at Mt. Jolly about 3½ miles from Pendleton on the present Hwy. 88.

27th. My face swelled to an enormous size, but the pain almost gone.

28th. Sunday could not go to church on account of my swelled face.

29th-30th. Received letters from Charleston in which mention is made of the death of Gen. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, who departed this life of the 16th ult. It was a day of general mourning to the inhabitants of Charleston. There was a great deal of military parade at the funeral. I believe he was upward of 80. This afternoon rode to Mr. Tolliver's³⁷ [sic] accompanied by Dr. Davis. One of the Miss Tol played on the piano while her father sang the tune "Ould Lang Sign" [sic] but the words were adapted to La Fayette.

31st. Played a game at chess with Mr. McKlintuck who considers himself a good player, however I won the game—very warm weather.

The 9th month Sept. 1st. Dined at Mr. Tolliver's [sic], he gave us a specimen of the countryman's life—came home with a fine parcel of fish, which he had caught himself. His daughter told me whenever her father had company to dinner he always caught fish for them. Directly after dinner the old man rose from table observing that he never could learn a fashion in his life, with that he jumped upon the bed, which was in the eating room, lay down and talked to us while we were at table. We came away at five o'clock leaving Eleanor to spend the night. This gentleman's daughters are as genteel in their manners as he is uncouth—there are three single, and all under twenty, very pretty and interesting looking girls.³⁸

Sept. 2nd. On Eleanor's return home the horses took fright at something in the road & ran nearly a quarter of a mile.

Sunday 4th. Went to church in the morning and after supper called to see the Hugers. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Huger, Annabella Huger & E. Harleston mentioned they were going to take a trip to the Table Rock and from thence to the State road—the weather is delightfully cool and if it continues so they will have a pleasant time.

5th Grand sale in the village. I went to buy cloth to make a pr. pantaloons for John to wear on his birthday which I intend to surprise his father with.

6th. Eleanor went to sleep at Mrs. North's this evening and I promised to dine with her tomorrow.

³⁷ Zachariah Taliaferro was born in Virginia in 1759. He fought in the American Revolution; and practiced law in Virginia. He moved to South Carolina, and settled near Pickensville until the Washington District was divided in 1800. He then moved to Mt. Jolly, 3 miles east of Pendleton, and practiced law until 1828 when Pendleton District was divided.

³⁸ Sarah A. Taliaferro married Dr. O. R. Broyles and lived at Ashtabula, 3 miles east of Pendleton. Margaret married Major R. F. Simpson.

7th. Dined at Mrs. North's & came home early the evening.

8th. Went into the village to get a winter supply for John & myself—the weather becoming very cold.

9th. 10th. Wrote three letters in the morning—in the afternoon rode up to Col. Calhoun's and as they were just going on a Muscadine frolic we joined them and made a pleasant party. We went up Keowey [Keowee] River and landed upon a large rock. After walking about a little while we reentered the flat and poling up near the shore gathered some very fine grapes. We all were so much pleased with the frolic that Col. Calhoun invited us to dine with them on John's birthday, when he would get a good sailing boat and take us up to see the rivers in his neighborhood.

12th. Early this morning rode to Clergy Hall to breakfast. When we returned Mr. L. went to review, which was by order of Governor Manning who is on a visit to Pendleton.

13th. Our carriage was borrowed for the governor to take a ride in. Today a dinner was given to his excellency, immediately after which, he set out for another part of the District.

14th. Last night a pretty severe thunder storm—the weather quite warm again. This afternoon the Whitners and ourselves rode on horseback to Carter's beautiful place. We went down to the water's edge, and as we were gazing on the landscape presented to our view, a little boat suddenly issued from one bank of the river guided by a female who pushed it to the opposite side—jumped out—chained it to a tree—and disappeared. It reminded me of the "Lady of the Lake"—

"A little skiff shot to the bay"

16th. John's birthday, exactly a year old. After breakfast I dressed him up in a pair of pantaloons. It was quite a surprise to his father and all the gentlemen. They said it improved his looks very much.

17th. This morning we called for the Miss Witners to go to Camp Meeting and arrived on the ground in time to hear two sermons and to see a female converted. She had every appearance of being in a fit & upon the whole was a very disagreeable place. We walked down to the Springs,³⁹ they are two in number. The water is delightfully cool limpid and remarkably pleasant tasting. The number of persons on the ground was computed to be about 1,000.

18th. Sunday. Before day this morning John was taken sick, which prevented my going to church.

³⁹ "Sandy Springs got its name from a beautiful spring surrounded by snowy sand. For many years the wonderful camp meetings held there drew people from far as well as near." L. A. Vandiver, *History of Anderson County*, p. 221.

19th. John continued very sick—has a singular looking eruption all over his face & neck, the doctor gave him two grains of calomel.

20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd. John still being sick and the physician called away I was obliged to send for another. He ordered three grains of calomel which I gave to him with fear and trembling.

24th. John had a good nights rest, and appears a little better. This afternoon Dr. Davis came home and after seeing John, prescribed one of James' powders, and said he thought he could soon set him to rights by the next day, which I hope may be the case. He thinks the eruption on John's face is very like the swine pox.

Saturday night—it is now about 12 o'clock, or Sunday morning. Eleanor & I made an agreement to sit up until the comet rises, which will be about one or two o'clock.

25th. Sunday. John is too sick for me to leave to attend church service. After sitting up last night until one o'clock, we looked in vain for the comet—the atmosphere was too dense.

26th. -7th. -8th. -9th. John is getting a little better. He is very much reduced, and is extremely weak.

Eleanor and I made a determination to sit up the whole of this night to see the comet. 12 o'clock we walked out into the yard to look for it but nothing but the moon & stars were visible. We returned into the house and took our seats by the fire side. Nancy Lorton & Mr. Foster also sat up, but the latter soon got so sleepy that he was obliged to go to bed. About three in the morning we took another look at the heavens, but no comet appeared. The morning star Venus had just risen, the moon was full and shone beautifully, not a cloud could be seen. Half past 5—the sun had almost risen above the horizon so we thought it time to go to bed—and the next morning breakfasted at 12.

October 1st. John recovers very slowly. His disorder was owing to worms and teething. The doctor lanced his gums in several places which seemed to be of service to him.

2nd. We take John to ride every morning after breakfast, it seems to revive him a little.

9th. Sunday. Immediately after breakfast Mr. Roper & Patsy drove up to Mrs. Lorton's gate. We ran out to meet them and found them looking extremely well after their travels. The weather being bad, added to the joy of meeting friends, prevented our going to church.

10th. Rode to see Mrs. North & met her just going to meet a society in the village, so she begged us to come and take a family dinner with her the next day. When we returned home Miss Taliaferro or Tolliver called and invited us to tea, they said they wished to have a dance and

that we must stay all night but we could not agree to that, so came away at 10. It was as dark as possible, we were obliged to walk it the whole way and were thankful when we got safe home.

11th. Spent a pleasant day at Mrs. North's and returned home in good time.

12th. After breakfast Col. Huger and his daughter called to see us and invited us all to take tea at their house in the evening. They spoke of the exhibition of different articles which is to take place on the 14th—the anniversary of the Farmers Society—and asked us to go in company with them.

14th. Went to Farmers Hall where there was a variety of domestic articles exhibited. A very pretty homespun made in imitation of gingham struck my fancy so I bid for it. As is usually the case it was bid up very high, they say to encourage domestic manufactures. I went as high as a dollar and obtained it.

Thursday 20th. Left Pickensville and returned to Pendleton to dinner. Found Patsy quite unwell, but Mrs. John Calhoun (at whose house she stayed during our visit to the Table Rock) took good care of her and insisted upon her return home with her for the purpose of staying a day longer.

21st. Last night Dr. Davis was sent for to Patsy who was taken very sick about 10 o'clock. Mr. L. and I rode up to Col. Calhoun's in the afternoon to see her and found her much better.

22nd. Patsy so much better she took leave of the Calhouns and returned to Mrs. Lortons.

Sunday 23rd. Went to church in the morning. After dinner the Mrs. Calhoun came to see us and politely offered to supply us with bread butter & other good things to carry on the road with us.

26th. The first thing I heard this morning was Mr. Laurens calling for this pantaloons which he declared he had left the night before on a chair by the door. On looking farther, he found that not only his pantaloons, but coat, waistcoat, drawers, cravat and all his clothes which he had worn the day before were taken away. He dressed himself and went down stairs and mentioned the circumstances which surprised the whole household. After this state of suspicion had lasted about a half an hour, in came one of the servants with a bundle of clothes in his hands, my prize frock among the number. I had never missed it in the alarm so I was saved some unpleasant feelings. The clothes were put on and we hastened to get ready for our departure. The thief was found about an hour after. 11 o'clock bade farewell to Pendleton and got to the seat of Gen. Earl at 2; were hospitably received. Dr. Davis

was to have accompanied us but just a few hours before our departure he was called to attend a sick person so we had to leave him.

27th. It rained so hard this morning we were obliged to stay until it shall have cleared up. However, as we are with such agreeable people it does not distress us at all. The miss Earls, Sarah & Chary, are extremely pretty and Mary would be thought handsome, any where. They have always been living in the country and have never been in a city, yet their manners are pleasing and extremely refined. Tonight the sky looks remarkably clear and we expect to get to Scuffletown tomorrow.

28th. Left Gen. Earl's after breakfast and reached Scuffletown at sunset; had miserable accomodations.

29th. Set out to day for Mr. William Campbell's place and arrived in time for a nice lower country dinner. Mrs. C. received us with great hospitality, she said Mr. Campbell was expected every moment. He went on an expedition to Columbia last week with a few of his neighbors. They attempted to go down the Saluda river in a boat loaded with 20 bales of cotton, but the river being unusually low they came upon a shoal & were obliged to leave the boat and proceed to Columbia on foot, where they made a great many complaints of Mr. Blanding who undertook to make the river navigable, but after receiving an enormous sum of money only (?) failed in this undertaking, not because it cannot be navigable, but all through negligence, which makes the planters on the Saluda extremely angry.

30th. This is my wedding day & Mrs. C. in honour of it had a very nice dessert after dinner. It is now two years since my marriage, but time has gone so rapidly it appears to me only one.

31st. Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham have dined with us today. We were quite pleased with both of them and promised to dine at their seat tomorrow.

November 1st. Patsy was not well this morning so Mrs. C. & Nellie stayed at home. We crossed a ferry on Saluda River and proceeded to the seat of Mr. Cunningham about 5 miles from Mrs. Campbell. I was surprised at the elegance displayed at the gentleman's. Every thing went on without the least bustle or confusion so frequently seen in the country. The house is a very nice one & handsomely papered and furnished. I conceived myself in a city. We took leave early, on account of the ferry we had to cross, but made them a promise to dine with us again tomorrow.

2nd. Cap. & Mrs. Cunningham dined with us. Mrs. C. had on a very pretty worked cap which we all admired very much & as she thought we would like to have the pattern, she took it off her head & lent it to us.

3rd. This morning took leave of Mr. Campbell & his wife and set out for Newberry. Crossed a ferry over the Saluda and arrived at Newberry just at candle light. The roads were fine, the distance 35 miles. Stopped at Fernandi's tavern, a fine three story brick house & well kept.

4th. Had an early breakfast and set out for Mr. Davis' ten miles from Columbia, & arrived at sunset. Ate supper and boiled sugar candy. Went to bed at 10 o'clock.

5th. Left Mr. Davis' and arrived in Columbia in time for dinner. Immediately after we all set out to visit the different public buildings. First went to the State House where the members of the House of representatives & Senators meet. It is a wooden building large but not very handsome. We walked all over it & even went into the cellar where the money is kept, but were not permitted to open the iron door where the cash was. Then we proceeded to the College, but unfortunately the Librarian was out & the Laboratory was not in order so it was not opened. We went into the Chapel, the Euphradian & Clariosophic Halls. There is an observatory placed in the garden, but we had not access to that. After seeing what little we did, we went to the water works. This machine appears to be more simple than one would suppose. The spring is about 100 feet from the machine. It is covered over with a slab to keep it free of trash. A large tube is fixed into the spring & runs along to the works. The water is then taken up in another tube and conveyed to the basin on Taylor Hill, thence to any part of the town. As we had time before sunset we proposed going to visit the Asylum for the Insane. It is really a splendid establishment, at a distance it resembles a large fortification. We walked all over it. The keepers suite of apartments are very handsome. The building is fireproof. It has a cupola on top from which is an extensive view of the town. Returned home to supper, met Mrs. Simson (?) and son who called to see us & begged that we would call after supper and spend the evening with her. We did so, but returned extremely fatigued with our days excursion.

Sunday 6th. Went to the Episcopal Church, heard Mr. Folker preach. There was a very good organ in the church, and as there was no regular organist, the ladies took it by turn to play. After service we paid a visit to Mrs. Blanding. Saw Judge de Saussure who begged us very hard to stay Monday to take a look at Mr. Van Muxen's [Vanuxem] collection of minerals & to take tea with him in the evening. We consented to the former, but rejected the later. After dinner Mr. Pickens, Butler, Deck, Gart and all our own party took a ride on horseback to the Canal, and a bridge which extends over the Congaree. We were very much gratified, and our beaux were extremely agreeable. No sooner had we returned from our visit to the Canal than we had to hasten on in another direction

as we were engaged to take tea with Mrs. Jesse Taylor, who lives about a mile from town. We spent a pleasant evening returned early rather fatigued.

7th. Judge de Saussure called directly after breakfast to take us to the college. When we arrived Mr. Van Muxen [Vanuxem] was introduced to us & requested to show us his drawers of mineralogy. He was very polite & not only produced his minerals, but brought out a large collection of ancient coins, now termed medals. Some were of the reign of Augus. Caesar, Tiberius, Nero & several other Roman Emperors. Mr. V's collection is chiefly taken from different parts of the United States, and we saw several precious stones which he found in South Carolina.

As soon as we returned from this interesting visit we began to pack up for traveling. We left Columbia about one and got to Mrs. Scott's at sunset. Distance 16 miles, but the road excessively sandy.

8th. Left Mrs. Scott's at sunrise & took breakfast at Hoffman's about 9 o'clock. Distance 8 miles. Arrived at Felder's just at candle light.

9th. Got up very early in the morning. Set off before breakfast and arrived at the Eutaws at 10. Ate some cold sausage & potatoes, set off immediately after this repast and arrived at Mepkin at 7 o'clock. Left Mr. Roper & Patsy at a turn off as they intend to stop for the night at Maj. Porcher's. Edward and Henry were at Mepkin to receive us, and tell us the news.

10th. Dined at Mepkin.

11th. Left Mepkin for Charleston.

CORRECTIONS

"Journal of a Visit to Greenville from Charleston in the Summer of 1825", *SCHM*, July, 1971, page 164, note ¹, Caroline Olivia Laurens was the wife of John Ball Laurens (1799-1827). On page 167 the governor referred to was not Lemuel but evidently Joseph Alston of South Carolina.

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MARRIAGE AND OBITUARY NOTICES FROM THE
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(Continued from July)

Married on Thursday last by the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, Xerxes H. Cushman, Esq, one of the editors of this paper, to Miss Jane Dinkens, of Mecklenburg, N. C. (Saturday, Oct. 29, 1825)

Married in Rutherford, N. C. on Tuesday evening last by the Rev. Mr. Moore, Dr. Edmund Jennings of this village, to Miss Mary Burchett. (Ibid.)

Married in Mecklenburg, N. C. on Thursday evening 18th instant by the Rev. Mr. Roper, Mr. Washington Morrison to Miss Mary Dinkens. (Ibid.)

Died on Saturday, 22d instant, Martha Caroline, infant daughter of Mr. Ephraim A. Crenshaw of this village. (Ibid.)

Married in Salisbury, N. C. on Tuesday 1st instant by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Mr. William C. Beatty of Yorkville, to Miss Nancy Yarborough of the former place. (Saturday, Nov. 5, 1825)

Married in this District on the 24th instant by the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, William C. Penick, M. D. of Virginia, to Miss Elizabeth Narcissa Byers. (Saturday, Nov. 26, 1825)

Died on the 27th ultimo at the seat of Dr. John Scott, about 3 miles from Salisbury, Mrs. Eliza Scott, wife of the Doctor, in the 27th year of her age. (Saturday, Jan. 14, 1826)

Mr. John S. Fox of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, aged about 25 years, a member of the Medical Institution of this city, walked off the bridge at the Ferry, foot of Barclay Street this morning and was drowned. . . . The body of the deceased was found about four hours after the accident occurred.—*New York Evening Post*, Jan. 5. (Saturday, Jan. 21, 1826)

Married on the 19th ultimo by the Rev. J. S. Adams, Mr. J. B. Patterson of Lincoln, N. C. to Miss F. C. McCully of this District. (Saturday, Feb. 11, 1826)

Married on Thursday the 2d instant by the Rev. Josiah Harris, Mr. I. N. Sadler to Miss Mary W. Litle, all of this District. (Ibid.)

Married on Thursday last by the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, Mr. J. H. Suggs, to Miss Tabitha Youngblood, all of this District. (Ibid.)

A coroner's inquest was held upon the body of John M. Galligher, which was found dead in the road about five miles east of this place on Monday evening last. . . . The inquest returned a verdict that the said John M.

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