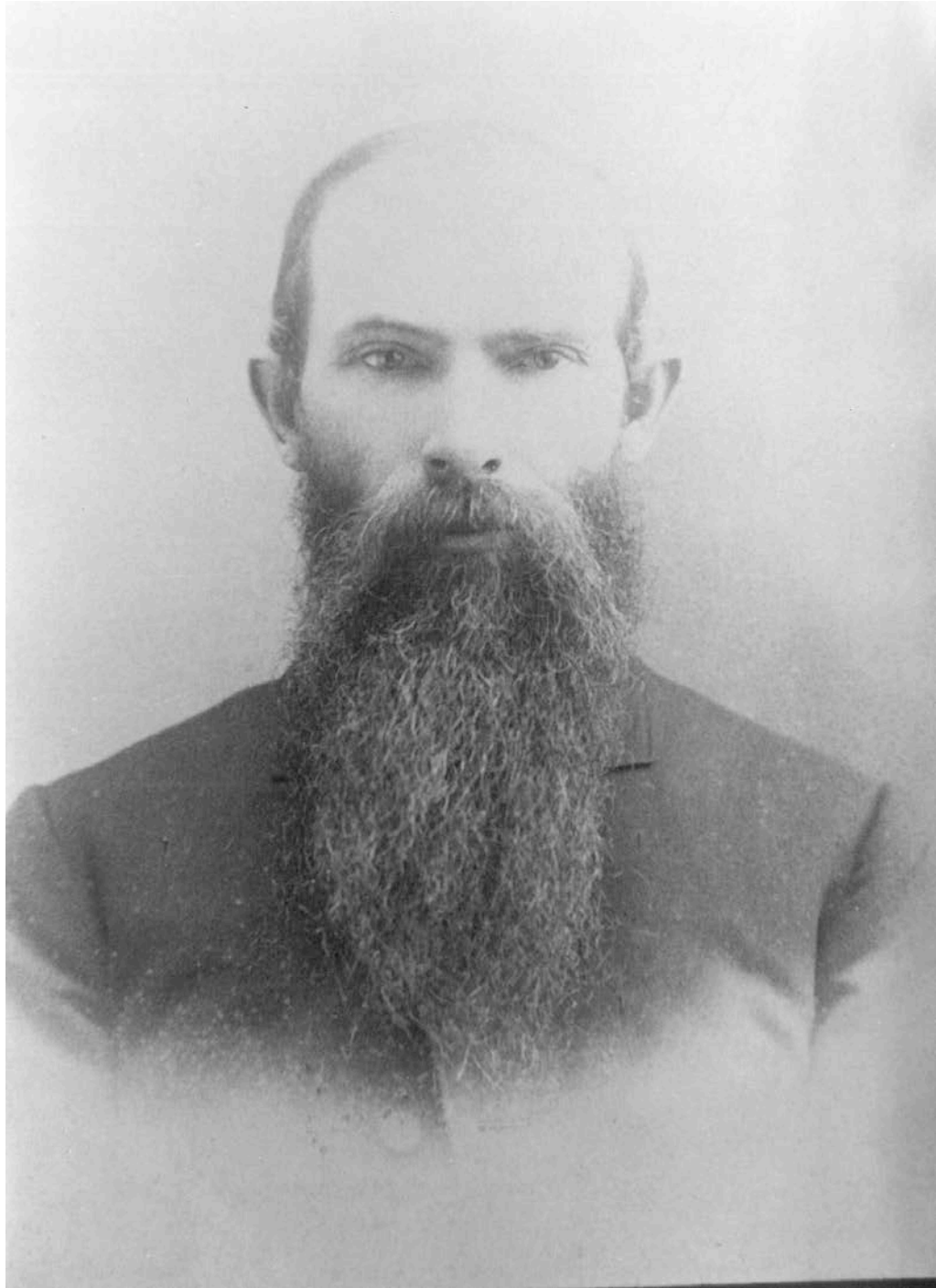


Chapter Eight

John Robert Patrick

July 26, 1821 – October 28, 1905



John Robert Patrick. We do not know the year. I think it is the earliest picture our family has of any Patrick. My guess is that it was taken in the 1860s or 1870s.

THE FEDERAL CENSUSES 1850 - 1870 IN YORK COUNTY

1850 Federal Census of S C, York County – S C Archives Microfilm no. CN 40, page 242B –(info dated Oct 9th, 1850 --Listing for John Robert Patrick)

John B B Patrick (This was John Robert) – 25, male, Farmer, value of real estate owned = \$1470

Sarah N. Patrick – 23, female

Robert A Patrick – 1, male

Note concerning **Slave Schedule of 1850** – John R B Patrick is listed as having one slave, eight years old, male, M color (probably mulatto)

1860 Federal Census of S C, York County, S C Archives Microfilm Roll CN 57, pages 445A, 446A,446B

John Patrick 38, male, farmer, value of real estate= \$2208, value of personal estate = \$5678

Sarah Patrick 36, female, domestic

Robert Patrick 11, male

Thomas Patrick 9, male

John Patrick 7, male

Samuel Patrick 2, male

Eliza Patrick 8/12 (probably means 8 months), female

Slave Schedule of 1860- SC Archives Microfilm Roll CN 613.

John Patrick, 1, 39, male, black, - 1, 10, female, black

1870 Federal Census of S C, York County – S C Archives, Microfilm # CN 89, page 455

Patrick, John R 47, male, white, farmer, value of real estate=\$3500, value of personal estate=\$ 3561

Patrick, Sarah N. 43, female, white, house keeper

Thomas 19, male, white, farm laborer -- (T G)
John 16, male, white, farm laborer -- (John Blair)
Samuel 12, male, white, farm laborer -- (Samuel Ross)
Eliza 9, female, white
William M 7, male, white
Sarah E 4, female, white
Eliza 50, female, white (Note that Eliza was now living with J R)

Also present: Listed as Farm Laborers

Edward Boyd – 15, male, black
Calvin Boyd - 14, male, black
Unreadable - 16, male, black
Ed Sullivan - 18, male, black

Note: I take the listing of the four blacks to mean they were living on the property at the time of the Census (probably as “Sharecroppers” or “Tenants”)

Civil War

August 31, 1863 – John Robert Patrick joined Confederate Army in Company B, 5th Regiment, South Carolina State Troops as a Private. His Captain was J G Lowry.

October 3, 1863 -Discharged from Army by Surgeon’s certificate due to pulmonary disease and dyspepsia. A letter in his file states that: “he was born in York District, in state of South Carolina, is 42 years of age, six feet high, brown hair, blue eyes, dark complexion and by occupation a farmer when drafted”. He was discharged from Charleston, SC.

These records were found by Robert Mackintosh. The records were in the “National Archives- Compiled Service records of Confederate soldiers from South Carolina”. They were found at S C Archives- Micro film Roll C W 735.

John Robert never returned to service after his discharge.

Below is a paper that describes the value of the men that did not go to battle in service to the South, but remained at home for some reason.

(This paper, without title, was written originally by "Granny" (Mrs. S. E. Thompson) about 1920. The original had become very dim and Mike Patrick, with the aid of a magnifying glass, deciphered the statements and wrote them down in the hope that her thoughts would be preserved. After she put her thoughts on paper, she read them to Mike -- and in fact, mentioned some of the ones to whom she referred by name -- but Mike, being a young boy of about 15, does not recall these names.)

A paper I will be glad to have read to the Catherine Ladd Chapter of the U. D. C.

I have often wondered when I see and hear so much said about the women and the service they rendered during the War and the monument to be erected and all the other honors shown them, if the noble men who stayed at home had been entirely forgotten and all their sacrifice and labor never mentioned. They certainly do not deserve to be thus treated. While not in active service, they were doing a grand work at home looking after the families of the soldiers--some of them poor and needy. Looking after and taking care! Oh! what a comfort it would be to have these noble men drop in and talk over the news from the battles and help us in any way that they could. They were not idle. They had to look after so many things: crops, leather to make shoes for so many colored people and ourselves, too. There was a great deal for them to do. I won't attempt to mention all I could that they did. I only want to bring to the attention of all of us those neglected men. They have been (neglected) and to ask that in the future to remember them as men who had honored duties to perform and who were true and faithful in the discharge of the heart-rendering service required of them.

Let us not forget them and the noble work they did for they were not without their faithfully performed duties. No, they were not idle -- they were heroes in the strife.

This was signed: Sarah Thompson.

Land Deeds of Patricks in York County

1835 John Blair to Thomas Patrick
75 A Turkey Creek (Gift)

1840 through 1850 - No Land Purchases

(Tract A) - 1854 Deed from Alexander, Eliza, Samuel T to John R Patrick for \$1400, 98.5 Acres on Turkey Creek. (Note: \$14 per acre was a lot to pay for land at the time. It is guessed that there was some building on the property and a further guess is that John Robert and Sarah lived on that property until they bought the McNeil property.

(Tract B) - 1854 Deed from Saml T, J R and Elizabeth (Eliza) Patrick to Alexander Patrick for \$700-- 102 Ac on Turkey Creek

(Added to Tract B) - Alexander bought another adjacent tract.

1854 James Robinson to Alex Patrick - 9.25 Ac on Turkey Creek

Note: Tract A and B were probably land given by Will of John Blair- 197.8 Ac

1854 Samuel T, Alex and Elizabeth Patrick to John R Patrick for \$1400
Turkey Creek Tract- 95 Ac

1865 G L McNeil to J R Patrick- 176 Ac on Bullock Creek and Turkey Creek for \$1750 (This tract and house became John Robert's and Sarah's Home Place- see photo of his house)

1866- J L Dowdle to J R Patrick - 96.75 Ac on Crowder Cr for \$380

1868 -Marg. Dowdle(by Shrf) to J R Patrick - 160 A for \$630

1868 - J R Patrick to Samuel Feemster 73.5 +35 Ac for \$325

1869 -Samuel Feemster to J R Patrick- 84 Ac for \$325

1870 -J A Thomas to J R Patrick 119 AC for \$595

1870 -J R Patrick to R A Patrick 108 Ac on Bullock Creek for \$500

1872 -Robt A Black to J R Patrick 450 Ac at auction for \$2070

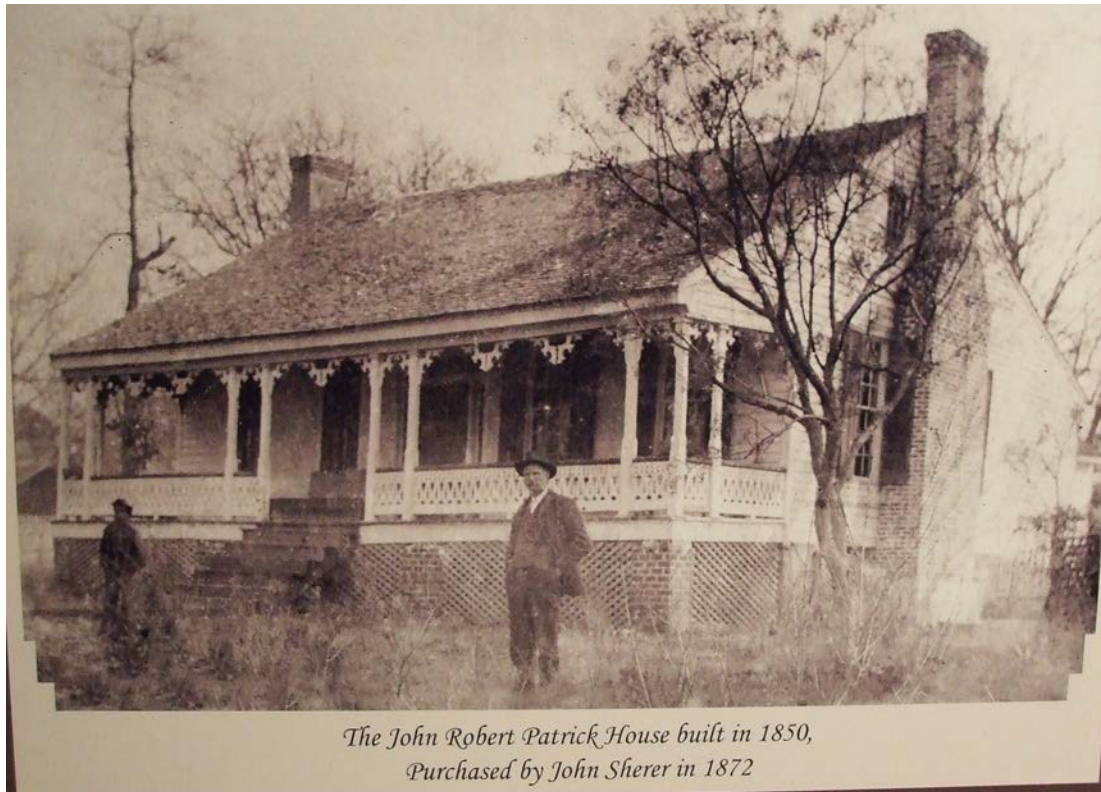
1874 -D H Carroll etal to J R Patrick- 1/3 interest in 200 Ac for \$351

1874- R A Patrick to John Sherrer - 158 Ac on Bullock Creek for \$2000

1875 -John R Patrick to R M & D H Carroll 52.25 Ac on both sides of Pinkney Rd for \$390 (Part of land in Robert A Black Place)

1875 -John R Patrick sold to R A Patrick- 119 Ac for \$595

1878 - John R Patrick sold to T W Erwin 425 Acres on Turkey Creek and Bullocks Creek for \$5100 (??Thomas' Home Place, plus other land).



On the next page it is stated that John Robert Patrick built this house in 1850. This is not believed to be true. John Robert bought the land and house in 1865. Deed -1865 G L McNeil to J R Patrick- 176 Ac on Bullock Creek and Turkey Creek for \$1750 (This tract and house became John Robert's and Sarah's home until they moved to White Oak, SC in 1874). The house must have been built by Mr. McNeil. I did not look into the deed dates before John Robert bought the house from Mr. McNeil.

Note the black boy, china berry tree, ornamentation of porch, and the height off of the ground. The man is thought to be John Sherrer, who bought the house from Robert A. Patrick, after John Robert had sold it to R. A..

THE PATRICK HOUSE

This house was originally owned and built by John Robert "Bob" Patrick (1824-1905). It was a one-story structure of axe-hewed sills and sawed lumber and was built about 1850. The house had a hallway running down its center with a large parlor to the left and a "sitting room" on the right which also served as a bedroom. The house had a wide veranda across the front and chimneys at either end.

In 1872, the house was sold to John Miller Sherer (1826-1914) and the Patrick family moved to White Oak, South Carolina. Mr. Sherer was a veteran of the War Between the States and had lost his right leg in that war. He opened a small country store about one hundred (100) feet to the left of the house and continued its operation until his death in 1914. Mr. Sherer's daughter, Mary (1854-1959) married Kelly Inman (1857-1929), the son of Elias Inman, and they lived here until their deaths. Mr. Inman continued the operation of the store until at least 1915 and then closed.

A small garden was planted to the right of the house with a sun dial as a focal point. The base of the dial was built of stone and mortar by Mr. Ernest Dowdle in the 1930's. The sun dial was stolen when the house remained vacant, but the base was given to the writer and it now stands in the garden at the rear of his home. The little garden was filled with periwinkle, bridles wreath, crepe myrtles, peach almond and various kinds of lilies. The entire front of the house was flanked by a picket fence designed and cut by John M. Sherer and the posts were cut and notched from cedar hearts and presently are used as deck railings at the home of the writer.

In the early 1970's, the house was sold to a Mr. Stokes of North Carolina and was used to film a movie entitled *White Lightning*, an inexpensive film of little quality using the elements of a gory murder and moonshine operations. In April of 1976, the authorities of Kings Mountain State Park dismantled the house and removed all usable materials to the park to recreate an early Carolina farm.

John Robert "Bob" Patrick married Sarah Narcissus Hayes and is the son of Thomas (1784-1820) and Mary (Gilfillian) Patrick. She was born in 1790 in Ireland and died in 1843.

John M. Sherer, in 1850, was living with Rev. W. B. Davis, Pastor of Bullocks Creek Presbyterian Church, as farm manager. He married Catherine Amanda Carroll, daughter of Elijah and Cynthia Henshaw Carroll of Bullocks Creek community.

This excerpt from A HISTORIC SKETCH OF PEOPLE, PLACES, AND HOMES OF BULLOCKS CREEK, S.C. BY Jerry West.

Site is .7 mile from intersection
of 322 + 49 at Bullocks Creek, S.C.
Site on right going EAST.
Road with chain across entrance.
Bricks + Stones all that is left.

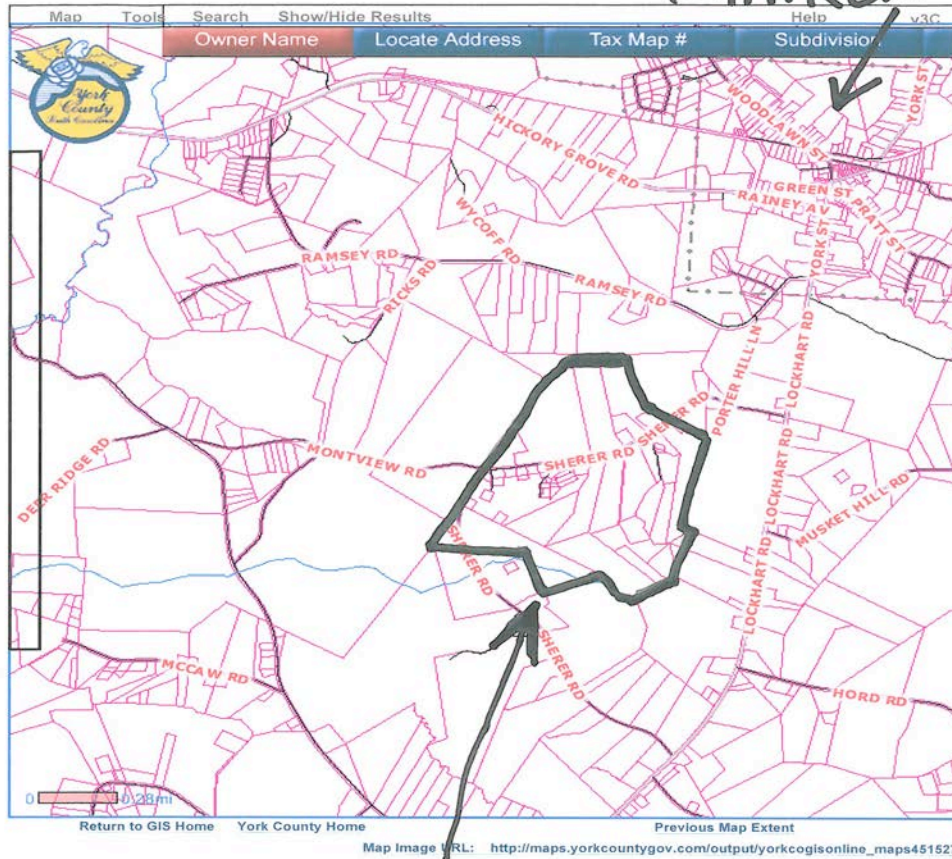
Earle Barron 7/23/92

This is the letter from Jerry West to Earle Barron in 1992, with Earle's note on the location.

THE BLACK PLANTATION

York County GIS

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PLANTATION

<http://maps.yorkcountygov.com/gisonline/default.asp>

4/30/2010

In 1872, John Robert bought a tract of land near Sharon. Robert Mackintosh, Jr. summarized the Deed as follows - Deed Book X (because it was sold by Sheriff), pages 519 and 520. February 5, 1872, Deed from J S R Thompson & T.S. Jeffreys, the assignees of the bankrupt estate of Robert A. Black, for 450 acres of land lying on the Pinckney Ferry Road for \$2070.00 (\$4.60 per acre). This land was advertised in the Yorkville Enquirer for 20 days and

then was sold by the bankruptcy court in a public auction to John Robert Patrick.

Described as “lying on Pinckney Ferry Road bounded by lands of Elijah Carroll, Estate of J.M. Hope, Wm. Hope, J.C. Mitchell and by others”.

John Robert was proud of the land and called it “The Black Place or the Black Plantation”. He kept the land, even after he moved to White Oak, for the rest of his life. He left the land to some of his children. It is of interest to see what happens.

From his Will:

“I give bequeath and devise my estate and property consisting of one plantation in the state of South Carolina County of York containing Four Hundred and one acre (he had sold 49 acres to the Carrolls) more or less known as the Black Place. One seventh interest to R A Patrick, One seventh interest to T G Patrick, One seventh interest to J B Patrick, One seventh interest to S R Patrick, and three seventh interest to W M Patrick. The additional $\frac{2}{7}$ is given to make up for depreciation in value of lands deeded to him at \$10 per acre. To settle with my daughters E J McDowell & Sallie E Smith they having desired money instead of real estate, I therefore omit their names in willing this plantation intentionally to equalizing former transactions but before W M Patrick can claim said $\frac{3}{7}$ interest in said Black Place in York county SC he must pay or cause to be paid one note given by him to E J McDowell in 1897 also one note given by him to Sallie E Smith in 1896.

And it is further my will that the $\frac{1}{7}$ interest willed to J B & SR Patrick in said Black Plantation in York Co SC their $\frac{1}{7}$ interest each interest to be applied to any unsettled amount on bond & mortgage given by them to T G Patrick as follows J B Patrick bond & mort date Jan 1, 1891 amount \$1615.08 with interest. And S R Patrick Bond and Mort date Jan 2, 1893 amt \$1200 with interest. The above bond and mort was given (by) T G Patrick at my request to make equal divisions in former settlements. And I further give and bequeath to my wife Sarah N Patrick all rents or increase derived from my place in York Co SC to collect for her support.

I give and bequeath to my son W M Patrick all my interest in all house hold goods and furniture.

Any remaining money & c to be divided equally between all children named in this will. And lastly I do nominate and appoint my said sons Robt A Patrick and W M Patrick to be the executors of this my last will and testament. 31 May 1897”

Of interest also is that one of the witnesses to the Will is S D Patrick, White Oak, SC. I take this witness to be Samuel David Patrick, orphaned son of Samuel T B Patrick, John Robert’s brother.

John Robert Patrick Died October 28, 1905. The Estate was closed on March 15, 1913. Sarah, John Roberts' wife died December 22, 1908. She was receiving income from the property and that could be one reason it was not sold until 1911.

There was a peculiar situation with the sale of the Black Plantation. On November 6, 1911 the lands were sold at Public Auction by the Clerk of Court. This occurred because W M Patrick, as plaintiff, brought "complaint" against the other beneficiaries, which now included the children of John Blair Patrick, who had died. The Judge ruled that the land was to be sold at public auction. Why such a thing happened I do not know.

It is possible that agreement could not be reached on actually selling the land. It might have been that a price could not be agreed upon. Maybe some wanted to sell and others wanted to keep the land. Maybe they could not agree on an equitable way to divide the land. John Robert died in 1905 and the auction was held in 1911, or six years afterward. It is easy to sense that there was some discord in the process.

The tract of land was divided into six parcels and sold separately with the following results:

Parcel 1 – J H Saye bought 58.75 acres for \$1850
Parcel 2 – S M Sherer bought 55.80 acres for \$ 1841
Parcel 3 – R H Sherer bought 42.8 acres for \$954
Parcel 4 – E B Hunter bought 87.4 acres for \$ 1748
Parcel 5 – W L Hill bought 100.4 acres for \$ 2033
Parcel 6 - S A Mitchell bought 45.75 acres for \$ 915

For a Total of \$9341 or \$1334 for 1/7th interest

The total acres were 390.9 or an average price of \$23.90 per acre, as compared to the \$4.60 in 1872.

Matthew W. White

From a family history write-up by Uncle Mike Patrick, it was proclaimed by Mike that John Robert Patrick had used money from the Estate of Mr. (unknown first name) White. Mike wrote -“Grandpa became the administrator for the estate of _____? White. The estate had about \$20,000 cash. Messrs. John and Tom White’s father. He used this money to buy the White Oak property.”

I asked Robert Mackintosh to see if he could find out who Mr. White was and how John Robert could have possibly gotten \$20,000 from the Estate. What Mike wrote did not sound right. Review of the documents lead me to conclude that Mike was mistaken in his ideas about John Robert’s use of the money from the Estate. John Robert was the administrator of Matthew White’s Estate. The paper work to the Probate Judge is very precise and shows clearly the fees paid to the Administrator. What Mike said is not correct, however. John Robert sold some of his York County land to T W Erwin in exchange for the White Oak land.

Mr. Mackintosh found out that it was the Estate of Mr. Matthew W. White of York.

1860 Census Information on Matthew White

M White, 33, male, his occupation is listed as “merchant and farmer”. Value of his Real Estate was \$2500. Value of his Personal Estate was \$17,825.

Catherine White, 23, female, “Domestic” is listed as his wife’s occupation.

Lillian White. 3, female

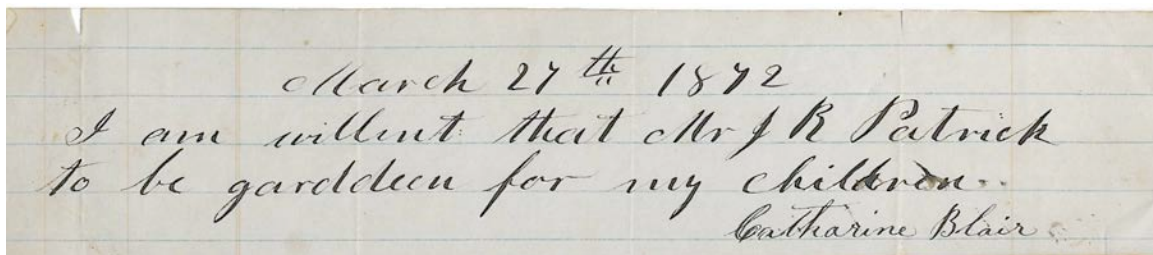
William Y White, 1, male

In the York County, Office of the Probate Judge, Mr. Mackintosh found the probate estate papers (Case 53, File 2368) on Matthew White. In the file was the Will of M. White. It said, in part, that Mrs. White was to receive “all my estate both real and personal for the purpose of raising maintaining and educating my said children from the same ---?--- and if my wife should marry then my will and desire is that all the property be sold - to my wife one fourth part, the balance to be equally divided between my children.”

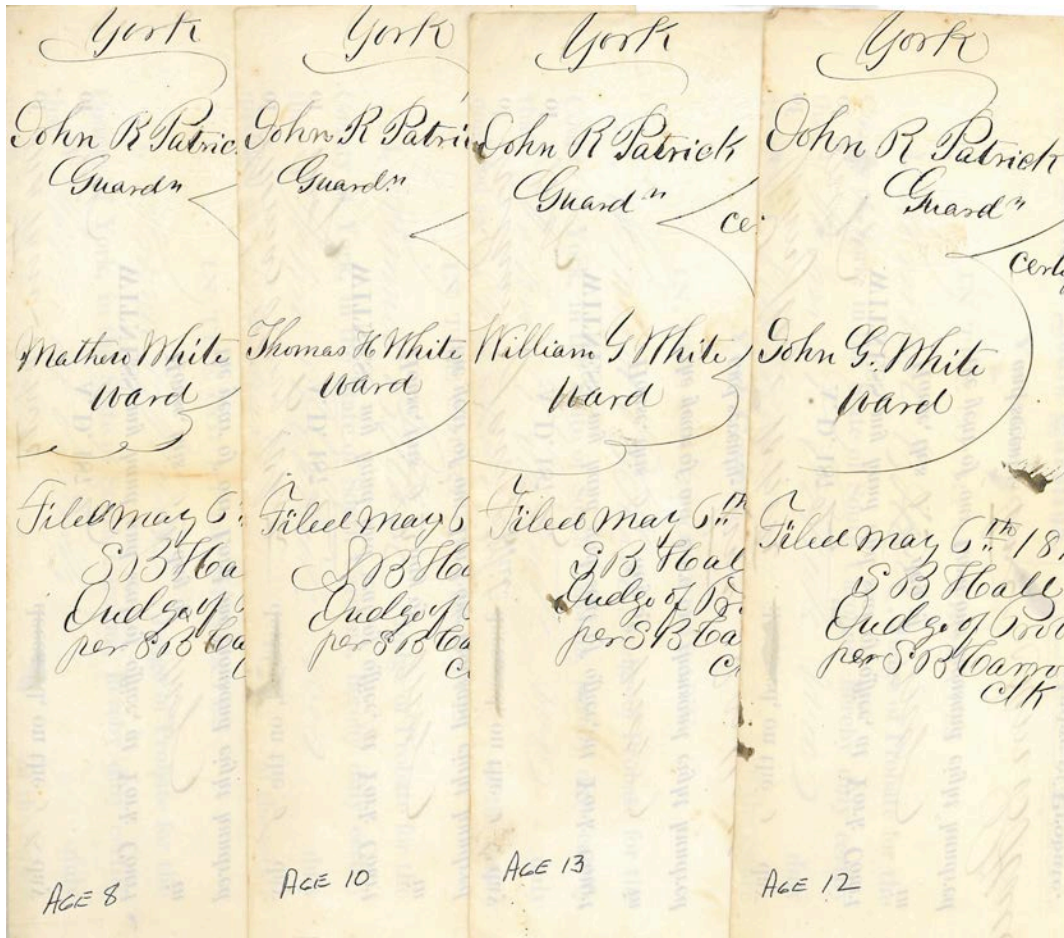
Mr. White did die in 1865 and Mrs. White administered the Estate for six years.

Mrs. White did remarry to James P. Blair in 1872 and she at that time wrote to the Probate Court asking to turn the administration of Matthew White's Estate over to John Robert Patrick. John Robert was to be her "true and lawful attorney". For those services, he "shall and be entitled to the commission, which, by law, I would have been entitled for the like services, as Administrator". The land and personal property was sold for \$5269.27. This is considerably less than the \$20,000 value listed in the 1860 Census (this might have been where Uncle Mike got his idea of \$20,000). I am sure that the loss by The South of the Civil War had a substantial negative impact on the value of the Estate. John Robert's commission would have been 2.4% of \$5269 or \$126.45. Not much for all of the detailed accounting he had to supply to the court over about 8 years of Administration.

The case took another surprising turn when Mr. Mackintosh found Probate Estate Papers, Case 82, File 4027, which showed – "Letters of guardianship were issued May 6, 1872 to John R Patrick for the four minor children: William Young White, age 13; John George White, age 12; Thomas Henry White, age 10, and Matthew White, age 8. This appointment made at the request of Catherine (White) Blair.



March 27th 1872
I am willing that Mr J R Patrick
to be guardian for my children.
Catherine Blair



These papers again show extensive accounting for the money received and distributed to each boy. The accounting does show a payment to John Robert Patrick, on May 15th, 1872, of \$1224 for being their Guardian.

It is hard for me to understand the circumstances that would cause Ms Catherine White Blair to turn her children over to John Robert Patrick. She obviously had great trust in John Robert Patrick. The accounting leads me to believe that the children were sent to boarding school in Chester and then later to school in White Oak. Two of them attended Erskine College.

Mr. McAlily ran the Boarding School in Chester. Tuition was \$9.00 per year and board was \$90 for the year. After The White Oak Academy opened, the boys went there and boarded with John Robert.

1881 As to estate of Matthew W White			
Nov 5	Balance (see returns)	1265 58	
1880 Feb 11	Paid Dr G B White ac		34 00
Nov 25	" Mathew White Board		93 00
	" Dr Patrick & Co ac		9 30
1883 Jan 1	Int. on \$1,129.28	91 34	
" "	Dr Hart & Hart Atty		2 50
" "	" J H McLean Offus		1 10
" "	Comm on \$91.34 recd		2 28
" "	" " 139.90 paid		3 49
" "	Amts	1356 92	145 67
" "	Deduct	145 67	
" "	Due M W White.	1211 25	

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief
 Sworn to before me Jan 1883

The above is an accounting of funds to Matthew W. White, Jr.. Poor fellow had dental problems. Above you can see a payment to Dr. G B White, Dental Surgeon in Chester for a Bill for \$34 when he filled 16 teeth. Two years later he charged \$20 for two sets of teeth for Matthew.

I have little knowledge about William Young White. He was under J R Patrick's care for nine years. There was Final Settlement with W. Y. White on Nov 5, 1881, at which time he received \$346.75, the remainder of his inheritance. This settlement did not come as easily as W Y White wanted.

I have letters from Witherspoon and Spencer, Attorneys at Law in Yorkville, SC which declare that they had been hired by W Y White to determine what he was owed and to procure the same. I do not know why there was contention. John Robert filed a Return for all of the boys and W Y got his Final Settlement.

Thomas H. White got \$132.10 as a Final Settlement on April 22, 1884.
 Matthew W. White, Jr. got \$339.35 as a Final Settlement on April 3, 1886

A handwritten receipt on yellowed, lined paper. The text is written in cursive and includes a monetary amount, a name, a date, and a signature. There is a purple stamp in the center of the page.

\$339.35. Rec'd of J. R. Patrick, guardian three hundred and thirty-nine ^{35/100} dollars, and one cent on final return.
Yorkville, S. C., Sept 3, 1886.
M. W. White

John George White also apparently left after attaining the adult age of 18. I do not have his Final Settlement papers. Uncle Mike referred to him as if he still lived in the White Oak area.

All of the above information came from the York County Office of Probate Judge, Probate Estate papers for the Estate of Matthew White. Case 53, File 2368 (S C Archive Microfilm Roll C 2050) or from York County Office of Probate Judge – Guardianship papers – Case 82, File 4027 (SC Archives Microfilm Roll C 208).

I also had a packet of papers that were the year to year documents and receipts for expenditure on the boys over the years. These papers were wrapped in a cover that showed Uncle Mike was giving them to my father.

Mike writes about his grandfather below.

“John Robert inherited one hundred acres of land from his uncle John Blair on Turkey Creek in York County, South Carolina. It was very rocky and not too productive. They were yeoman farmers and raised all they ate. Grandpa was a good machinist and he soon put his talent to work. He bought and made machinery to do custom work for his neighbors and was able to accumulate enough money to buy a better farm. He continued to do custom ginning and threshing. S. R., his fourth son, usually took the machinery around. Papa (William Minter Patrick) went when he could. He soon became the toll (collecting payment for the services rendered) collector. He enjoyed this kind of work very much more than in the field. The custom was that the man for whom they last worked would haul the machinery to the next job, thereby eliminating the need for tying up the mules necessary to make the move. They (Papa and Uncle Sam) usually stayed one night and ate with the family of the person they were working for.”

TAX DUPLICATE RECORDS

Date: October 19, 2011 1:17:54 PM EDT

Dear Jody,

Thank you for your e-mail and question regarding York County tax duplicate books. The answer is **yes**, they do exist for the years 1869 - 1895, and 1897 to 1920, on 80 microfilm rolls, with one year of 1868 Auditor's return of taxable real property filmed with the 1869 tax duplicate book. Because most counties, such as York County, have all of their post- 1865 deeds, these duplicate books are probably the most neglected of all of the records **not consulted by genealogists!** In fact, when I recently questioned Brent Holcomb about them, he confessed that he rarely ever used them. Jody, it would appear that concerning John R. Patrick of York County, who first purchased land in Fairfield County in 1874, this would mean that he may very well appear (and should appear) in the 1868 book and in the c. 1869 - 1875 period York County Tax Duplicate Books.

Now regarding Fairfield, which would be your next logical question about tax duplicates, the answer is that **some of those records have survived but only in part as follows:** For the Auditor's Office, the Tax Duplicate Books of Fairfield County exist for 1902 - 1905, 1908 - 1920, and 1922 on 17 microfilm rolls. However, the County Treasurer has one Tax Duplicate Book for **1882**, then a large gap until **1921**, then a run of tax books from 1923 to 1973 all on 53 microfilm rolls.

I hope that helps to answer your question regarding the tax duplicate books.

With best regards,

Robert

Date: December 4, 2011 6:54:20 PM EST

Dear Jody,

a total of 14 years. I al It was a great pleasure to be able to talk with you this past Tuesday and I was very glad to be able to tell you of the successful discovery of John R. Patrick and William M. Patrick in the York and Fairfield County tax duplicate records. I was at the S. C. Archives from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and was able to check the records from 1868 to 1902 which leaves the remaining records to be investigated as the Fairfield County tax records form c. 1903 to 1933 for William Minter Patrick. Also, I was very happy to be able to tell you in our phone conversation of the visit to the S. C. Archives of Mr. Jackie Whitmore who is a descendant from a black family that once lived and worked on True Blue Plantation when it was owned by the Wienges family and earlier under the Singletons. Later in this e-mail, I will describe the commemorative church book that he has just completed and which he wanted us to have.

First, regarding the information on John R. Patrick - I was able to find him every year in the **York County Auditor's Tax Duplicate Books** in Bullocks Creek Township from **1868 to 1881** - so added to the photocopy order form the tax year of 1882 which shows that John R. Patrick is no longer present in that area but still remaining are - Samuel D. and J. B. Patrick and other Patricks that were living in Bullock's Creek Township.

In 1882 in the **Fairfield Treasurer's Tax Duplicate Books**, I found Thos. G. Patrick, Robert A. Patrick and John B. and John R. Patrick all living in " G Grove No. 3" or "G Grove No. 3 **TS**" which I take to mean Township. Next, John R. Patrick appears in the surviving books of 1886 and 1887 as living in Brice Township No. 2. After a gap in time, the next year of the duplicate books that survives is 1897, and there is a John B or John R (difficult to tell - but could be John B.) and Wm. Patrick listed with other Patrick's as living in No. 3 White Oak. In 1899 & 1900, both F. G. and W. M. Patrick are listed in No. 2 White Oak Township, and W. M. Patrick appears also in the 1902 tax list. In all, thus far I have been able to find some 23 tax duplicate records in both York and Fairfield Counties on microfilm - records consisting of 45 pages those records will all be mailed directly to you and hopefully very soon.

Date: December 11, 2011 7:46:18 PM EST

Dear Jody,

I hope that you are all doing well! This past Friday I was able to return to the S. C. Archives to continue the work on William Minter Patrick. Before making that trip I was able to do preliminary work on an anticipated 5 page order form which covered the years c. 1903 to 1933 for Fairfield County Tax Duplicate Books for those years. This preliminary work allowed me to complete that entire research visit in 2 hours at the S. C. Archives as all of the rolls of film were checked and then the line number and page numbers filled in without the additional work of filling out the County name, record group, etc. on the order forms. The S. C. Archives had filmed a combination of surviving Auditor and Treasurers Tax Duplicates (which are identical) for each year from 1903 to 1933, and W. M. Patrick appeared in School District 2, White Oak Township for every year within that time frame plus 1934 as " estate of W. M. Patrick" .

Jody, this last visit should complete the follow up work on John R. & William M. Patrick for York and Fairfield County Tax Duplicate Books, but if I think of anything else in regards to them for those counties I will certainly let you know, though I think that as it looks now, I will not be able to return to the S. C. Archives until sometime in January. I realize that you may still be on your vacation, but upon returning you should find the copy order of Nov. 29, 2011 for 45 pages of Tax Records from York and Fairfield Counties (cost of \$22.00) , from 1868 to 1902, and soon should receive the copies from this latest round of research of Dec. 9th. That last trip produced 64 pages of tax records for William M. Patrick from 1903 to 1934 (cost of \$31.60). Also, hopefully you should have already received the book by Mr. Whitmore on the True Blue Baptist Church.

I hope that you and Mrs. Patrick will have a very Merry Christmas and that 2012 will be a great year for the Patrick family! It has been both an honor and privilege this past year to conduct research work for you at the S. C. Archives on both the Wienges family, the title to True Blue Plantation, and to once again revisit and research the Patrick family in both York and Fairfield Counties. I hope that your book on the Wienges family progresses well as the new year arrives, and if I think of any other material that may be of help to you in that project I will certainly contact you. Please let me know how the book progresses!

With best wishes and regards,

Robert

CONTENT OF RECORDS:

The above e-mails are to give you insight into the Tax Duplicate Records. They give us an interesting snap-shot of John Robert's wealth and property during his York County era. They were created to determine a household's wealth for the purpose of raising taxes for the county and state. Certain points of interest will be pointed out. The actual records were continuous across one big page. For ease of viewing, the one page was divided into one page for his Personal Property and a second page for his Real Estate.

Some points of interest from the records:

Arable Land would designate the land upon which crops would be planted. We do not know the different kinds of crops raised. Most likely there was a good bit of cotton grown and the other crops probably was of a subsistence nature, whether for people or for the animals.

The mixture of land types are of interest as well as the number of buildings.

John Robert averaged over the years, about 5 horses, 14 cows, 5 mules, 12 hogs, and a few sheep and goats. All of these would have needed some grazing. Why there was an inconsistent reporting of "meadow land" is not known.

His watch, no piano, and dogs are all of interest.

Apparently, in 1874, he bought some type of farm machinery and depreciated it over the next five years.

"Value of money" is taken to mean what he had in cash or in the bank and "Value of Credits" is taken to mean what people owed him.

In 1872, 73, 74, & 75 he is listed as an "Agent". This is believed to be his being the Administrator of the Matthew White Estate, which began in 1872. The timing and value of the Estate are consistent with the tax records.

His peak years of wealth are shown as 1873 and 1874. He owned 1036 acres in York County. We know he moved away to White Oak about this time. These records only reflex the York County wealth. His reported wealth in 1874 totaled \$15,266. In today's dollars that would be about \$1,000,000.

The amount of his State and County taxes are of interest also.

Real Estate Not in Cities, Towns, or Villages:

1868 Arable or Plow Lands: John Robert Patrick, in 1868, is shown to have 190 acres in this category, which he assigned a value of \$950 (\$5/ac)

Meadow and pasture Land: No acres shown under this description

Wood, Uncultivated and Marsh land: He is shown to have 434 acres in this category, which he valued at \$954 (\$2.20/ac)

Buildings: He shows 1 Building valued at \$300

Total Value of Land: 624 acres valued at \$1,904

valued at Total Value of All Taxable Real Estate: 624 acres + 1 building \$2,204

1869 NOTE: New Categories are added to the Tax Record

HORSES: John Robert Patrick has 4 horses, valued at \$285.

COWS: John R has 8 valued at \$160

MULES AND ASSES: John R has 6 valued at \$525

SHEEP AND GOATS: John R has 21 valued at \$31

HOGS: John R has 29 valued at \$60

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES: John R has 1 valued at \$50

PIANOFORTES, MELODEONS or CABINET ORGANS: none

PLEASURE CARRIAGES: John R has 2 valued at \$150

VALUE OF ALL OTHER PROPERTY: John R states a value of

\$300

TOTAL VALUE of ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY: John R's total is

\$4295

were John Robert goes on to show the same acreage and values as shown in 1868.

TOTAL VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY: John Robert's is

\$8,153

TAXE OWED:John Robert owed \$24.46 County and \$40.77

State



John Robert Patrick
Born: July 26, 1821
Died: October 28, 1905

Married April 1 1847

Sarah Narcissus Hays
Born: February 28, 1827
Died: December 22, 1905

Seven children:

Robert Alexander (May 18, 1849), Thomas Gilfillan (Sept 19, 1851), John Blair (Feb. 27 1854), Samuel Ross (Feb. 19, 1858), Eliza Jane (Dec. 26, 1860), William Minter (Dec. 25 1863), and Sarah Ellen (May 11, 1866).

John Robert married Sarah Narcissus Hayes on April 1, 1847. Her family history follows:

MINTER FAMILY

John Minter and wife, Frances, came from Wales and settled in Virginia, about the year 1680. They had a son, William Minter, born July 5, 1736. He married Martha Millhouse in 1768. They had ten children, one of whom was Sarah Narcissus Minter, born December 17, 1785. She married Robert G Hays on December 8, 1814 and they had a girl, Sarah Narcissus Hays, born Feb 18, 1827, who married John Robert Patrick.

HAYS FAMILY

Robert G Hays was born Aug 10th, 1786, married Sarah Narcissus Minter and had a daughter, Sarah Narcissus Hays (See Minter family above).

JOHN ROBERT AND SARAH'S FAMILY

John Robert and Sarah stepped up upon the “foundation” built by Thomas and Mary Patrick of York County, and built the “structure” of the modern day Patricks of White Oak, SC.

John Robert and Sarah produced quite an impressive family of two daughters and five sons. They were as follows:

Robert Alexander – born May 18, 1849
Thomas Gilfillan- born September 19, 1851
John Blair – born February 1, 1854
Samuel Ross- born February 19, 1858
Eliza Jane- born December 26, 1860
William Minter – born December 25, 1863
Sarah Ellen Patrick- born May 11, 1866

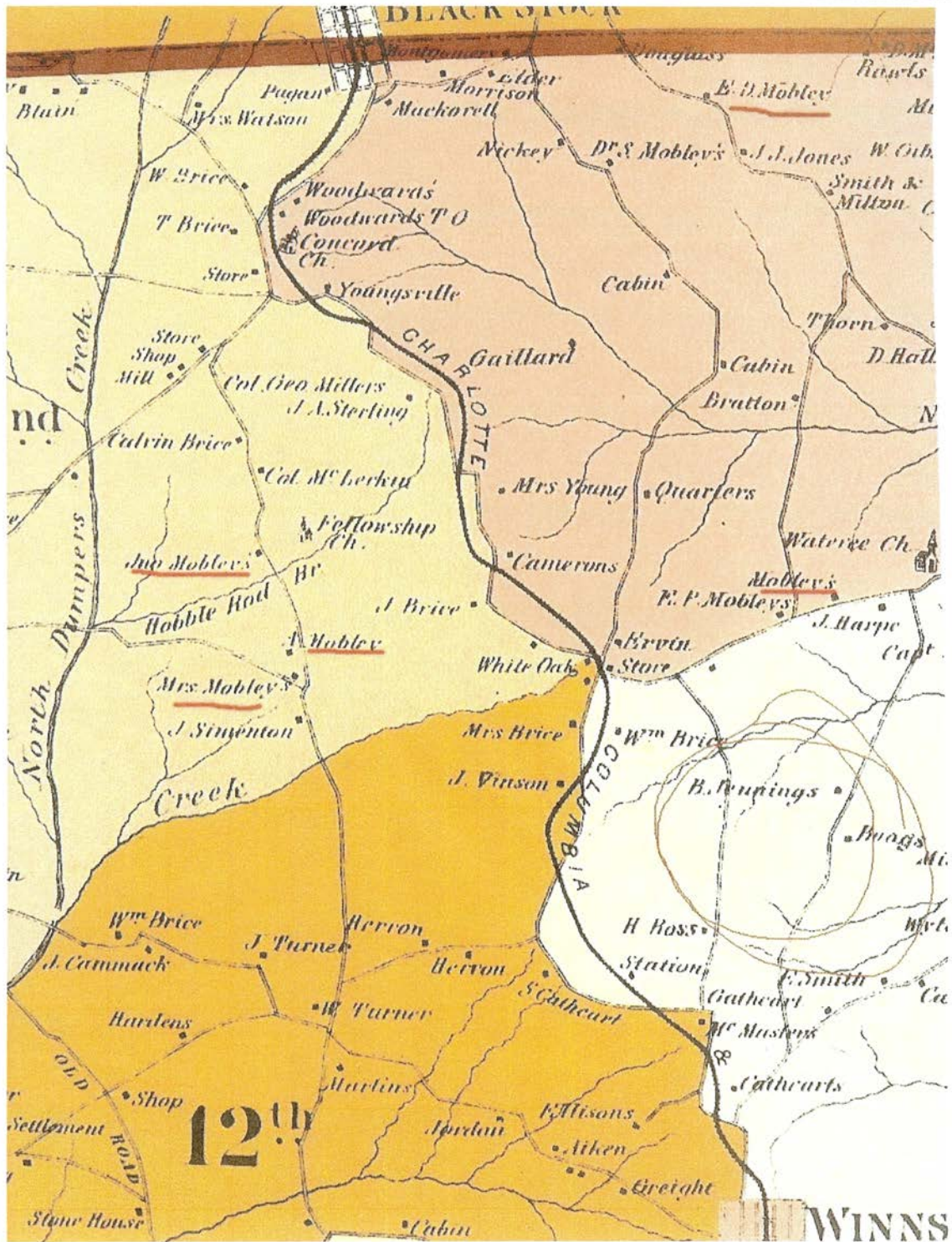
JOHN ROBERT MOVES TO WHITE OAK

Family lore has it that T G Patrick was the first to come to White Oak to operate a country store and be Post Master. He reported to John Robert and his brothers that better land was available in White Oak than they had in York County. They agreed and an exodus began.

The first land purchased in Fairfield County was by John Robert from Reverend T W Erwin.

Feb. 20th, 1874

Three tracts of land from T W Erwin to John Robert Patrick.
Land "on the waters of the north and south fork of the Wateree Creek, a tributary of Wateree River for \$9,200.00
The first tract of 416 acres, being part of the Gaillard land and the other two tracts 229 A and 6 A, being part of the Cockrell land. Recorded 3/2/1876

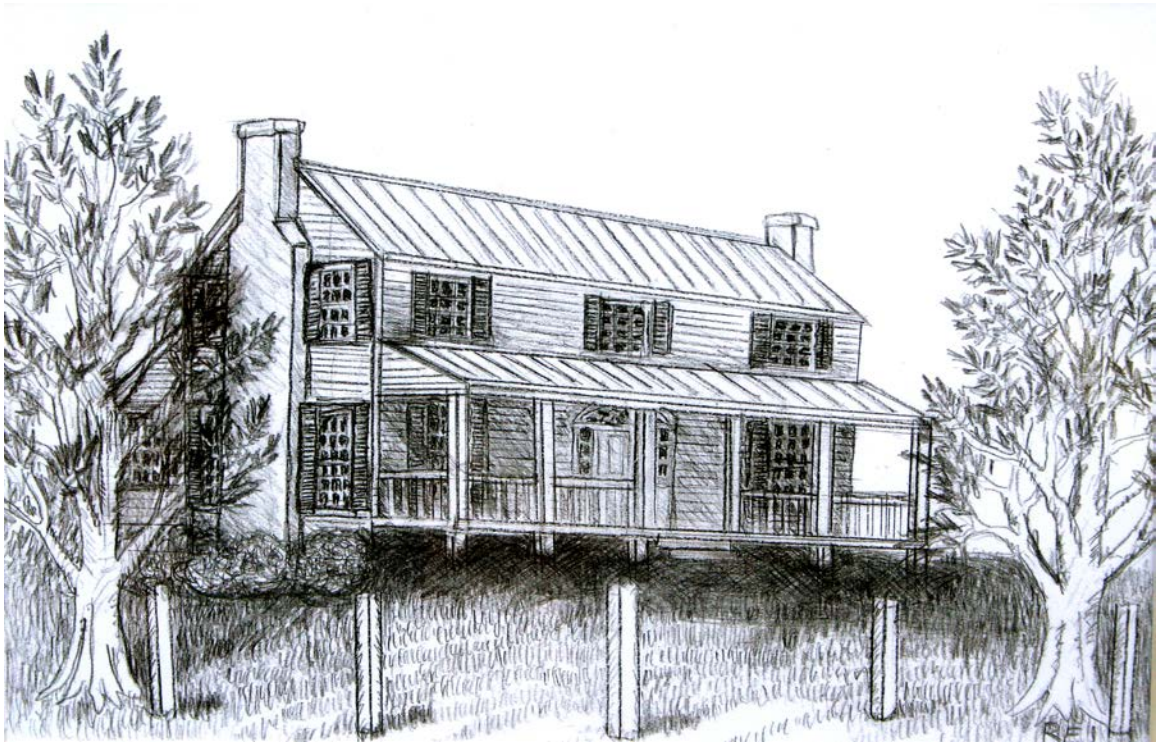


1876 Map of White Oak and Woodward Area

From Mike Patrick- *“Rev. Ervin who was the pastor of Concord and Wateree Churches turned real estate dealer after the War in 1865 and he was showing Grandpa the White Oak place and Grandpa said he would like to own the place if it had a decent house on it. Mr. Ervin’s reply was, “Mr.*

Patrick, if that is all it will take to make a deal I can have a house on the place ready for occupancy in 2 months time. And he did. He moved the house that collapsed in 1985 from the Renfo Place 8 or 10 miles away east of Winnsboro.

The house had a shed behind the 2 story part of the house that was the master bedroom, the dining room, kitchen, etc. It had a metal roof.”



John Robert and Sarah’s White Oak Home

(The upright post are granite post, between which scalloped wooden fencing hung. It was said to have been a beautiful fence. Boxwood hedges were in front of the house.) Their home was located at the driveway leading to Harmon and Elizabeth Patrick’s present home.

If Thomas and Mary were the “foundation” of the Patricks and John Robert and Sarah were the “structure” of the Patricks, then the children of John Robert and Sarah have to get credit for building “The House of Patricks of White Oak”. They did a good job of filling that house up with descendants.

Sarah Patrick Obit

Died at her home at White Oak, S. C., Dec. 22nd, 1908. Mrs. Sarah Patrick, wife of the late John R. Patrick, aged 81 years, 10 months and 4 days. The subject of this notice was born and reared in York County, in Sharon neighborhood, but the later part of her life was spent at White Oak in Fairfield County. The last few years of her life were years of affliction, due to a fall which so disabled her several years. She was unable to walk. This was a severe affliction to one who had been so active and energetic, but her spirit of submission was beautiful. It was the writers privilege to see her often, but never did he here a word of complaint escape her lips. She was a woman of strong character and great energy. Though she was unable to walk for years, she rolled herself through the house in a rolling chair, looking after her domestic affairs. In her rolling chair she was brought regularly to church and it was very seldom that she was absent. She loved the house of God and was faithful to the end, is doubtless reaping the reward of the faithful. We are reminded of King Lemel's description of a good woman and quote as follows: "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her own works praise her in the gates."

JNO. A. W.

John Robert Patrick.

Winnsboro News and Herald Nov. 1: Mr. John R. Patrick died at his home at White Oak on Saturday morning last after several months of failing health. He was about 84 years of age. He was born and raised on Bullock's Creek in York county, where he married and raised a large family. His widow, five sons, R. A., T. G., J. B., S. R. and W. M. Patrick; and two daughters, Mrs. J. J. McDowell of White Oak and Mrs. Jno. A. Smith of Monticello, Ark., survive him. He moved from York county to White Oak about thirty years ago. He was a devout member of the A. R. P. church, of which he was a ruling elder for more than forty years. He was a true Christian, a devoted husband, a fond parent and a kind friend.

No one that knew him need be told, A warmer heart death never made cold.

His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery here on Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Jno. A. White, of Blackstock, and Rev. C. E. McDonald of Winnsboro. The casket was borne from the residence to the church by his five sons and one son-in-law.

The sympathy of the entire community is with the sorrowing ones.

A soldier of the Cross, a father in Israel, a pillar of the church, has passed over the river and is resting till the resurrection morn, when he will rise up and say, "My beloved Master, my staff and my comforter." J. H. N.



Conclusion:

John Robert inherited a good deal of his wealth. It is also clear he made money farming and renting machinery to other farmers. He benefited from John Blair's Will, from Alexander's Will in 1859, and his sister Eliza's Will in 1883. Some of the wealth they had could be directly attributed to John Blair. I point this out to identify further that we, the descendants of John Robert were Blessed by John Blair and his generosity. John Robert Patrick was quite a man also. He demonstrated his Christian love, his business sense, and his family leadership through out his life.

The York County Era's central events seem to be about death. It is sad. A lot of this has to do with the records we had to available to us. The Probate records seem to dominate so much of the book. The tragedy of Samuel T B Patrick's family lays heavy on the whole era and the remaining family.

We are missing the family stories and the writings of someone like Mike Patrick, telling of people, places and events in the daily lives of the people in the area -- the good times, the fun times, the proud times. I wish I had that kind of information available. It was not found.

We do know for a fact that the White Oak Era brought better times. Death did not step in and end lives at an early age. No children of John Robert and Sarah died young, they all married, and all but Eliza Jane produced children - some more than others.

R A Patrick – two wives and sixteen children

T G Patrick—eight children

John Blair Patrick – three wives and nine children

Samuel Ross Patrick—Six children

Eliza Jane Patrick McDowell – no children

William Minter –two wives and twelve children (seven adults)

Sarah Ellen Patrick Smith – five children

Our Patricks made it through the Great Depression with strong Christian values that could not be bankrupted. The Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, Ireland, York, and Fairfield all get credit for the foundation of Faith they provided our family. We have been Blessed in many ways!