

Merritt Notes

Walter B. Metts, Commissioner of Equity, York District, Deed to W. T. Campbell....in case of Sarah Merritt and others vs. Newell Merritt, 15 Oct 1860...tract on land on east side of Catawba River, known as the "Lanier Tract," adjacent to lands of A. Graham and others, beginning on Johnny Town Branch, 120 acres...\$3 per acre." (York County Clerk of Court as Register of Mesne Conveyance, Book S, p. 561).

William Merritt's estate papers are in Case #21, File 868, York County Probate Papers which are on microfilm in the York County Library. He died in 1868, A. M. Kee, administrator. Sarah Graham Merritt was the widow of William Merritt. Named as legatees were: Samuel A. Merritt (wife Sara Laura); Newell Merritt; daughter married R. S. Warren; Robert Merritt married Mary Ann ----; Thomas Merritt married Rebecca ----; Margaret married a Bruce; Nancy Merritt; Bowman Merritt married Samantha Belew; Andrew Merritt; James Merritt. Archibald Merritt, deceased, is mentioned.

Henry Merritt was married to _____Philips. This evidence is in Case 78, File 3819, and the date 1854 is attached to that. In fact that same case and file number contains information about these people also: _____ Philips m. A. Graham; _____Philips m. Robert Mitchell; Cynthia Philips m. Nathaniel Thomasson; Martha K. Philips m. John J. Stewart and Pheriba Philips m. John Starnes. (all dates are 1854 or 1855) No Philips who might have been the father was listed in "York County Marriages 1770-1869 Implied in York County, S.C. Probate Records" by Barbara R. Langdon which was the source of the above.

Pleasant Hill Methodist Cemetery, Indian Land, Lancaster County, SC:
Clarence H. Merritt (1903-1983)
Earl W. Merritt, Sr. (1905-1984)
Gertrude K Merritt (1916-)
Polly Merritt (no dates)
Timothy E. Merritt (1959-1988)

Buried at Flint Hill Baptist Church, north of Fort Mill, SC:

Bowman Merritt, Sr. (26 Oct 1841-17 Nov 1924) CSA
Samantha Ballue [Belew] Merritt (10 Dec 1845-12 Dec 1918)
Thomas Merritt, died 30 Nov 1904, aged 78 years 11 months. CSA
John Merritt, Co. B. 6th SC Inf CSA
Robert Merritt, Co. B. 6th SC Inf CSA
Matthew Merritt (16 July 1812-Nov 1906). Soldier.
Lucrecy, wife of Matthew Merritt, died 17 June 1894, aged 82 years, 5 mo., 4 days.
Martha Merritt, married Faris, died Aug 1845.

Andy H. Merritt, Soldier.
R. A. P. Merritt, Soldier.

Unity Cemetery, Fort Mill, SC:

Mary Ann Merritt, consort of Robert Merritt, died 21 Jan 1870, aged 28 years, 10 days.

Miles M. Merritt and Elizabeth (her X mark) Merritt were heirs to the estate of Zaccheus Adkins, 13, Dec 1834, Henry County, GA. (Deed Book M, York District SC, p. 47).

1810 Census, Indian Land of York District:

John Merritt, 1 male aged 0-10; 2 males 10-16; 2 males 16-26; 1 male over 45; 3 females, 16-26; 1 female over 45.

John Merritt and wife Tabitha, widow of Randolph Mitchel, received her share of Mitchel's estate, \$1524, on 4 May 1820. Her sons were Asa Mitchel, Dawson Mitchel, Allison Mitchel, and Robert Mitchel. (York County Records Book E).

Andrew Merritt celebrated his birthday October 16. Only three survive of 13 children, his brother Bowman and sister, Mrs. Louisa Melon, were with him. Three brothers were slain in 1864 battle: Henry, William and Newell, along with W. H. Merritt, a nephew raised with them. (Fort Mill Times, Oct. 19, 1916)

Blandie Merritt married S. P. Johnston. She died October 8, 1913. She was the mother of Annie (Mrs. Joseph Fant) Lee, Mrs. Martin Wolfe, Mrs. Wm. Orr, Mrs. R. A. Johnston, Miss Vallie Johnston, and Samuel Johnston (Fort Mill Times, Oct 16, 1913)

Henry R. Merritt died at home of son, J. E. Merritt, in upper mill village, Fort Mill, member of Flint Hill church, one sister, Mrs. N. J. Moore of Pineville (NC), brother R. A. P. Merritt of Fort Mill.

Lt. Herbert L. Merritt and wife sent back to Phillippines for 3rd time (Fort Mill Times, Oct 9, 1919)

Miss Lucy Merritt m. Farley Huey. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Heyward Merritt. (Fort Mill Times, Oct 23, 1919)

John Merritt of Elza, Ga, visiting father, A. H. Merritt (Fort Mill Times, Aug 7, 1919)

B. Frank Merritt died of pneumonia (Fort Mill Times, Apr 9, 1914)

Mrs. Samantha Merritt died, aged 72, born 10 Dec 1846. Married Dec 20, 1865 to Bowman Merritt, CSA veteran. Children: T Heyward Merritt, Bowman Merritt, Coker Merritt, Leroy Merritt, Mrs. J. E. Bailey of Shelby, NC, A. E. Merritt of California (Fort Mill Times Dec 19, 1918)

1870 U.S. Census, Fort Mill:

- #179. Bowman Merritt, 28, Samantha Merritt, 24; Brevard, 3; Thomas, 1.
- #180. Samuel Merritt, 34; Rebecca, 30; Monroe, 11; Blanda, 8; Louise, 7; Francis, 3; Dorcus, 1; George, 15.
- #253. John Merritt, 44; Mary 33; Chess?, 13, male; Robert, 11; Henderson, 10; John, 8; Samuel, 5; Rook?, 3; Elza, 7/12.
- #308. Lucretia Merritt, 49; John, 19; George, 16; Margaret, 14; Archy, 12; Martha. 9
- #315. A. H. Merritt, 25; Sarah 23; Ella, 1; Sarah, 68; Margaret Bruce, 38.
- #398. Thomas Merritt, 71, overseer, b. NC; Mary, 29; Adeline, 28; Matthew, 24; Morgan, 18; Mary, 15.
- #419. Thomas Merritt, 45; Rebecca, 43; Mary, 21; Hannah, 17; Charles, 14; Bowman, 11; Matthew, 8; Alexander, 5.
- #445. Matthew Merritt, 63; Cynthia, 57; James, 25; Julia, 22; Clara, 18; William, 15.

1880 U. S. Census, Fort Mill:

- #162. Sam N. Merritt, 45; Rebecca, 42; Blandy J., 17; Ida, 14; Lindsay D., 11 (dau.); Dora, 10; Sam, 8; Emma, 3; Eddie, 1.
- #163. Monroe Merritt, 21; Blandy, 20.
- #160 George Merritt, 25; Lorena, 30; Anna, 3; Dovy, 1.
- #157. Lucretia Merritt, 54; Janie Merritt, 18. Jackson Merritt, 21, Lucy C., his wife, 18.
- #155. Miranda Merritt, 56; Elizabeth, 54, sister; Mary, 52, sister.
- #156. Marshall Merritt, 10, living in household with blacks, John Patterson and wife Rena.
- #140. Frank Merritt, 23, runs sawmill-boarder of Robert T. Bailes.

Rebecca Merritt, wife of Sam N. Merritt of Fort Mill, about 70 years, died of smallpox. Buried at Flint Hill. Died Feb. 16, 1902

Mrs. Gertrude Kimbrell Merritt, 78, of 107 Bozeman Dr. Apt. D died March 5, 1995, at Piedmont Medical Center. Burial at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery. Mrs. Merritt was a Mecklenburg County native and a cafeteria worker for Lance in Charlotte. The widow of Earl Merritt, she was a daughter of the late Fred and Pearl Kimbrell. Survivors are her son, Earl Merritt, Jr. of Rock Hill, a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Bowman Merritt, aged 74 years. He was a veteran of the War Between the States having served in Co. B, Sixth South Carolina Volunteers. Interment was in Flint Hill cemetery on Tuesday, following funeral services conducted by Rev. R. L.

Keaton, pastor of Fort Mill Methodist church of which the deceased was a member. Six children survive as follows: T. H. Merritt, Rock Hill; Roy Merritt, Salisbury, N. C.; Mrs. Connett Bailey, Belmont, N. C.; Bowman Merritt, Fort Mill township; Koker Merritt, Charlotte; A. Merritt, California.

Yorkville Enquirer, Nov. 25, 1924.

Mrs. Bessie Felts Merritt, 78, of Fort Mill buried at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. She was the daughter of the late John Wesley and Octavia Patterson Merritt of Fort Mill. Her husband was the late Andrew Hill Merritt who died in 1954. Survivors: 3 daughters--Misses Louise and Maude Merritt of the home and Mrs. Mary Freeman of Fort Mill; 3 sons, Clarence, Elliott and Earl Merritt, all of Fort Mill...3 sisters, Mrs. L. V. Jennings, Mrs. S. W. Merritt and Miss Loma Felts, all of Fort Mill; and one brother, Emmett Felts of Fort Mill.

FAMILY BIBLE OF

ANDREW H. AND SARAH ELIZABETH (FARIS) MERRITT

(Thanks to Allan D. Thigpen, 2481 Deborah Dr, Sumter, SC 29153 for sharing the following from his gr-gr-grandfather's Bible. He is seeking photographs and is also researching the families of Faris (Farris), Lindsay and Blackwelder.

Marriages

A. H. Merritte and S. E. Faris	November 10th 1868
E. A. Merritte and Minnie Graham	Dec. 26th 1893
A. H. Merritt, Jr. and Bessie Felts	Dec. 21th 1901
E. M. Graham and Ella Merritt	Dec. 25th 1901

Births

Ella T. Merritte	Nov. 10, 1869
Elijah A. Meritte	May 16, 1872
Andrew H. Merritte	May 17, 1875
Etta S. Merritt	Sept 8, 18--
William Kell Merritt	Oc. 12, 1879
Laura A. Merritt	July 4, 1882
Lilly Bleaker Merritt	Aug 29, 1884
Bulah May Merritt	January 3, 188-
John Newel Merritt	Aug 7, 1890

Marriages

Boman Merritte & Samantha Billue ¹	Dec. 20, 1865
B. C. Millen & Sarah L. Merritte	Jan 14, 1869

Births

¹ There are many spellings for this name found in records. Among these spellings: Billieu/Belieu/Beliew/Belue/Beelow/Billew/Belew/Balew/Billue/Bellew/Billoo/Billu/ Ballou/Bilue/Blue. At this time Blue is the most common spelling.

Brevard Merritte son of Boman & Samantha Merritte was born Dec 7, 1866
 Thomas H. Merritte son of Boman and Samantha Merritte was born Dec 7, 1866
 Mary A. Merritte daughter of B., S [Bowman & Samantha] was born Sept. 27, 1871
 W. H. Merritte son of B & Samantha Merritt was born November 22nd 1875
 Samuel O. Merritt was born October 14th 1875
 Conney Merritt was born february 17 1878
 Leeroy Merritt was born April 21, 1881
 Boman Merritt was born April 8, 1883
 Coyer Merritt (March?) B 31, 1886
 Samuel J or T Merritt
 Elisabeth L. Millen was born March 7th 1870
 Margaret A. Millen was born Sept 16th 1871
 John C. Millen was born July the 31, 1876

Births

Sarrah Graham was born April the 21, 1803

Deaths

Sarah Merritt departed this life January 15th 1875
 Margaret [Merritt] Bruce died January 27th 1891
 W. H. Merritt son of B & Samantha Merritt died August the 23, 1874
 Brevard Merritt died Sept 2, 1889
 Samuel Osker Merritt died May 5th 1890
 Bulah May Merritt died December 18, 1887
 Sarah Merritt died January the 7, 1893
 William Kell Merritte died Jan 23, 1902
 Ella Graham died Mar 6, 1931
 Etta Merritt died Feb 4, 1934
 Lillie Bleeka Merritt died Mar 11, 1937

Died—Tuesday afternoon at his home in Fort Mill, after several years of failing health, Andrew H. Merritt, in the 80th year of his age. His body was interred in the cemetery at Flint Hill on Wednesday afternoon following funeral services conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. L. Keaton. The deceased was a native of York County having been born in Fort Mill township, October 11, 1844. He served in the War Between the States as a member of Co. 2, Sixth South Carolina Regiment. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Faris to whom he was married November 10, 1868. The following children survive: Mrs. Ella Graham, Miss Etta Merritt, Mrs. Laura Capps, Miss Bleeker Merritt, E. A. Merritt, A. H. Merritt and John Merritt. (Yorkville Enquirer, June 20, 1924.)