

23 Augusta Court
Greenville, SC 29605
22 Sept. 1981

Dear Robert,

After reading in the July 1981 issue of SCHM a paragraph about my g-g-g-grandmother, Mrs. Ann Mew, in an article titled 'Getting Uncle Sam's Dollars' telling how loyal-to-the-Union southerners applied for and received payment for property taken by Sherman's Army in mts sweep through the Coosahatchie-Gillisonville area of Beaufort Co., I requested a photocopy of her entire file at the National Archives which I recently received. First, I was aghast at what I had to pay for the photocopying and mailing, and secondly, I was aghast that I had a loyal-to-the-Union southern g-g-g-grandmother!

The file contains testimony among others of two of Ann Mew's daughters who were present at the home on the day the property was taken, Rebecca Dewitt, "widow of John Dewitt", and Harriet Elizabeth McDonald, "widow of James K. McDonald who had died in 1853". A number of others gave testimony both as to Ann Mew's loyalty-to-th-Union and as to items of prperty taken. Really some good first-hand history! And I don't regret a nickel I spent!

You wrote once of your interest and maybe your relation or your wife's relation to Rebecca and John Dewitt. Did you ever connect up? In the 1850 Beau. Co. Census Rebecca is living in home of her mother and is aged 20. In the 1860 Beau. Co. Census Rebecca Dewitt, aged 33, is living in home of her mother as are her children, William Dewitt aged 5 and Mary Dewitt aged 1. In the 1870's in a suit for partition of Ann Mew's estate, Rebecca is called "Rebecca Anderson." I don't know if any of this will help you or your wife, but thought I'd pass it on.

My best to you both!

Sincerely,

"Betty"

Elizabeth Teague Davis

Do you have anything on or can you find anything on 'Cypress Creek Church', probably in the area of Coosahatchie-Gillisonville?

Mew - Ann

Anderson - (2) Rebecca Mew (1) - John Dewitt
1850 cen. 20 yrs. with mother
1860 aged 33 yrs still ✓ ✓ William c. 1855
Mary c. 1859