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Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find my research notes on James Kilgore, Sr. of Darlington Co., SC. I would like to submit them for use in the Carolina Herald and Newsletter. You may use what ever part of them that you find suitable for publication. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Mary McCrury

" **Husband: James Kilgore**

Born: Abt. 1760
 Died: July 27, 1829 in: DARLINGTON, S.C.
 Father: Kilgore
 Mother: Sarah

Wife: Elizabeth Linton or McDougal(?)**CHILDREN**

1 M	Name: Samuel Kilgore Born: 1785 Married: Bef. 1823 Died: January 24, 1857 Spouse: Elizabeth	in: Darlington, S.C. in: Mississippi in: Ellisville, Jones Co., Miss.
2 M	Name: Peter Kilgore Born: 1790 Married: 1817 Died: Aft. 1850 Spouse: Martha Kelly	in: Darlington, S.C. in: Yalobusha Co. Miss.
3 F	Name: Nancy Kilgore Spouse: James King	
4 F	Name: Rebecca Kilgore	
5 M	Name: John William Kilgore Born: July 15, 1793 Married: September 14, 1841 #2 Died: November 16, 1874 Spouses: Ann Duke, Charlotte Bell Deloach	in: Darlington Co., South Carolina in: MONTGOMERY CO. AL. #1 MAR. 14, 1816 in: Lillian, Johnson Co., Texas
6 M	Name: James Kilgore, Jr. Born: October 19, 1805 Married: December 27, 1827 Died: March 12, 1863 Spouse: Rebecca Bounds	in: Darlington, S.C. in: Darlington, S.C.
7 F	Name: Mary Kilgore	
8 F	Name: Fersby Kilgore	

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Notes

Royal and States Land Grant book

James Kilgore received 6 land grants in Cheraw, SC.

200 acres Book 2 p. 466 6 Aug. 1787

150 acres Book 10, pg. 161 3 April 1786

174 acres Book 33 pg. 476 3 Mar. 1788

330 acres Book 407 3 Mar. 1788

200 acres Book 3 pg. 464 6 Aug. 1787

200 acres Book 3 pg. 465 6 Aug. 1787

Note of Entry in the South Carolina Historical Soc. Magazine Vol. 7, page 220, that James Kilgore, as heir at law of his brother Henry Kilgore, did receive Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants.

James Kilgore, Private, 3rd Regiment Service April 19, 1779 to Aug. 23, 1781. He was in the 3rd South Carolina Regiment, commanded by Col. Wm. Thompson. Other than muster rolls and amount of pay due, this is about all it mentions.

March 28, 1800

Appraisers for Estate of Wm. Davis

Pro. 189

James Kilgore

John Hayes

Sherod Horn

Mac(?) Whiddon

December 6, 1800

Appraisers for Estate of Noel Holmes

Pro. 357

James Kilgore

John Hayes

Dixon Mahon

October 27, 1807

Appraisers for the Estate of Jacob Kelly, Sr.

James Kilgore

Benj. Skinner

John Gandy

January 3, 1808

Appraisers for the Estate of Jacob Kelly, Sr.

Pro. 472

James Kilgore

Thomas Davis

Wm. King, Sr.

John Gray

December 27, 1813

Appraisers for Estate of Wm. Kelly

Pro. 463

James Kilgore

Wm. King

Walter Wingate

Henry Hails

James Oates

October 1815

Arbitrators

John McPherson vs. Noah Whiddon
Slander
James Kilgore
Caid Kiven
George Bruce
Jacob Odom

c. 1820
James Kilgore -operated Bridge on Black Creek DCHC

April 23, 1829
Witnesses to Deed of Gift
K. Holloman to K. Bennett
K p. 460
James Kilgore
Daniel Morrison
Angus McCormick

Will of James Kilgore Sen.
State of South Carolina
Darlington District

In the name of God Amen, I James Kilgore Sen. of the state and District aforesaid being through the abundant mercy and Goodnefs of God though Weak in body yet of a sound and perfect memory, do constitute this my last will and testament. And desire that it may be rec.d by all such in the works following (Viz) I will and positively order that all My Just Debts be first paid, after-which I give to my Son Samuel and Sum of One hundred and fifty dollars in Cash to be raised by Selling a sufficient portion of the perishable part of My Estate for that purpose. I give to My dear and loving Wife Elizabeth Kilgore to hod as her property during her natural life. or Widowhood the house wherein I now live and all the Tract of land attached thereunto except One hundred acres to be taken off from the Upper part. also the lower-part of the tract of land Situate on the north side of Black Cree, commencing a dividing line on Black Creek Just above my Bridge, thence a long a drane to a string of bays, to Michell's Branch, thence the branch until you strike the back line of Said track also my Black smith named Ceaser and blacksmith tools and a Negro Woman named Matilda and a boy named -Dave, all the provision of every discription, that is on hand, andd all the crop that is making, all the plantation tools of every description, all the horses, all the Stock of every discription, except five Cows and Calves and all the household and Kitchen furniture (except two beds and furniture) also a waggon and cart, and after her death the above mentioned to be inherited by my Son Peter-and his heirs forever-except the Negro Woman named Matilda which I will to my Daughter Nancy and the lawful heirs of her body. [the following is marked out] I will to My Daughter Rebecca one be And [the rest is not marked out] The household and Kitchen furniture [marked out-which] I freely impower-her-to dospose of among her Children as she thinks proper. [marked out-Item] I will to my Daughter-Rebecca one bed and furniture, and a negro boy named Daniel and after her-death to the lawful heirs of her body. and if She sould die without ifsue to be divided between my sons, John, James, and Law (Sam?). I will to my Daughter Mary and the lawful heirs of her body five dollars. I will to My Daughter Fersby two Cows and Calves I will to my son John all that plantation or tract of land Situate at the head Swift Creek and a negro man named Frank-I will to my son James one hundred acres of land Situate on the South Side of black Creek taken from the upper-part of the tract whereon I now live also the upper part of the tract Situate on the North side of Balck Creek observing the line discribed above to be th edivision line. Also One bed and furniture three Cows and Calves and two Negro boys one named Jake and the other George. And I do constitute My Sons. Peter John and James executors of this My last will and testament. and Trustees for my Wife. In Witnefs where of I have hereunto Set My hand and seal this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine. and in the fifty third year of the American Independence of the United States of America.

his
James K/ Kilgore (Seal)
mark

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of
his
Jacob X Benson
mark

Q.Hillingsworth

TW.E. Hart

Interlined with the words (Estate For) in the seventh line beginning at the top, in the seventeenth line the work (the) Also with the words, (except two beds and furniture) in the eighteenth line in the Thirty Second line, (part)

James Kilgore Sen. Ordinary officer
 Record Book K pages
 Last Will and Testament 477 478 479
 I. Williams
 O.D.D.

Recorded in Will Book 7 Page 475
 Recorded 21st. July 1829
 Sheppard Williams Ordy D.D.
 Apt. !. Pkg. 471

Appraisement of Estate of James Kilgore

471 (no date)

Ordinance Office
 Recorded Book
 (Wills 7)
 K pages 480 & 481
 S Williams
 O.D.D.

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AN INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE GOODS AND CHATTELS OF JAMES KILGORE DECEASED.

Viz.

27 heads of goats at \$1.00	\$ 27.00		
33 do. of cattle at 6.00	318.00		
23 " " hogs "	30.00		
12 " " " "	4.00	48.00	
1 Sow & Six Shoats " "	9.00		
5 year old hogs not present supposed to be worth from description	7.50	4 Sows & sixteen shoats supposed to be worth	24.00
1 Chestnut sorrel mare	20.00		
1 Year old bay Filly	30.00	1 " " sorrel horse colt	35.00
1 Chestnut sorrel horse			60.00
1 Cutting Box & Knife	2.00		
1 Lot of wheat in the straw supposed to be worth			6.00
1 do. of oats in the straw			1.00
6 large juniper stands			2.00
10 Cider barrels & 1 hogshead			3.00
1 Handmill \$3.00 5 Beehives at \$2.00 each			13.00
1 Lot of bacon & lard, & vegesls (?)	20.00		
1 Still kettle capwarm & stand			10.00
2 Scythes - -			3.00
3 Spinning wheels, 1 Flax wheel &			
1 pair of cotton cards - -			4.00
1 Wagon & gear	40.00		
1 Riding chair & harness			10.00
A lot of plantation tools consisting of Ploughs, gear, & edge tools of different kinds			20.00
			778.00

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Amount brought forward \$778.00

1 Lot of corn supposed to be 60 bushels at \$.50 cts	30.00
1 Lot of pewter - -	4.00
1 do. of copperware	2.50
1 do. of Kitchen furniture	8.00

5 Jugs at 50 cents each	2.50
1 Clock \$20 1 Coffee mill \$1.00	21.00
1 Buffet \$8.00 3 Tables at 2.00	10.00
1 Side Saddle \$8.00 1 Slate .50	8.50
1 Bed, bedstead & furniture	15.00
1 do do do	30.00
2 do do do	50.00
1 Chest & 1 Trunk	2.50
1 Pair of Sheepshears	.50
2 Stands, 1 Flour barrel & 1 Looking glass	1.50
8 Sitting chairs at 25 cts each	2.00
1 Sadirow .37 1/2 cts	371/2
1 Negro Man named Caesar & Set of Blacksmiths tools	530.00
1 Negro man named Frank	500.00
1 Negro woman named Matilda	300.00
1 Negro boy named Dave	250.00
1 do do do Jacob	200.00
1 do do do Daniel	150.00
1 do do do George	100.00
3 Stacks of fodder at \$3.00 each	9.00
50 ft. of Iron at 8 cts foote	4.00
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Carried over -- --	\$3009.371/2

We the undersigned do certify that we have to the best of our judgment appraised all the property that was shown unto us by Peter and James Kilgore Executors of the last will and testament of James Kilgore Sen. deceased, which is exhibited in the above schedule

Nichlas Powers
Isham More
Nathan More

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Brot (sic) over	3009.371/2
1 Grind stone \$8 and six sideleathers \$12.00	20.00
Notes & Accounts-----	159..7
Cash-----	40.12cts.
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	\$3228.57

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Sept. 22, 1829 The following articles of the Estate of James Kilgore Sen. deceased were sold (Viz)

1 Kettle Cap Warm & Stand	\$5.00
sold to Peter Kilgore	
Peter Kilgore 1 Riding Chair	13.00
Lot	
1 Nathan Moore 2 Side Leathers	3.31/2
2. Peter Kilgore 2 Side Leathers	3.25
3. John Kilgore 2 Side Leathers	3.621/2
John Kilgore 1 Side Saddle	5.00
Peter Kilgore 50 ? Iron at 7 1/2 d	3.75
W.(?) E. Hart 1 Ox	15.00
James Kilgore 1 Speckle Barn (?) Cow	10.38
Henry Lewis 1 Red Cow	10.00
Peter Kilgore 1 Brunette Steer	7.00
Do Do 1 Speckle Do	7.00
Do Do 1 Do Do	6.75
Do Do 1 White Do	7.50
Nathan Moore 1 Wide horned Steer	7.50

The following hand written notes are in the Darlington Co. Historical Commission but are unsigned. It is my personal thought that they were written by Mr. Horace Rudisell of the Commission-mmcc.

If you ask an elderly senior citizen a life long resident of Hartsville to name the pioneer citizens of the immediate area they will say HART & KILGORE.

Milestones, the Harts Ans. Booklet makes only a fleeting reference to the family. There has never been any detailed history or genealogy written on this colorful family. The Darlington co. Historical comm. has a modest accumulation of data of various members of the family and I would like to discuss some of it.

The family was established in the Hartsville area in late 1790's by James Kilgore who appears to have here from Chesterfield. He was a substantial farmer and had the state franchise to maintain the Bridge over Black Creek formerly known as Prestwood Br. He died in 1829 leaving a widow and 9 children all adults. All but 2 of his children moved Westward during the great migration in the 1830's.

We have previously alluded to-one dau. remained in the county, Nancy wife of James King, and the son James Kilgore, Jr. who eventually acquired most of his fathers land and who went into the milling business by damming Spring Branch creating Kilgore's Mill Pond which today is still a landmark.

Apparently he built his mill about 1835 in partnership with his neighbor to the East Nathan Moore. They entered into a written partnership agreement (papers relating to this are in this County Archives). This agreement stipulated in part that the partners would "erect a set of mills namely a Grist Mill, Saw Mill and Cotton Gin and erect a Blacksmith shop with a necessary set of tools--each bearing on equal portion of the expense". And that they "purchase a yoke of oxen with a waggon suitable to the hauling of Logs--and should old and enjoy the said mills together jointly for the space of ten years and should share equally the profits arising from the same.

Kilgore's partner, Nathan Moore died five years before the expiration of the contract and it became necessary to take the matter to court to effect a settlement. The case was tried in Ordinance Court and was settled by Arbitration--the Mills were on Kilgore's land and he became whole proprietor.

This James Kilgore was married to Miss Rebecca Bounds on Dec. 27, 1827-12 ch--they had a son-in-law and two sons to die in battle during the Civil War. One of the sons was James Lewis Kilgore, who was killed in the Battle of Seven Pines Va. while serving in Capt. J.L. Coker's Co.. At the time of his death, he was only 27 years of age and was the father of three tiny children, two sons and 1 daughter. These 3 children orphaned by the death of their mother as well, were taken into the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Kilgore and reared to maturity. The little granddaughter was named Anna Jane Kilgore was born Oct. 21, 1861 just a few months before her fathers fall on the field of battle in Virgiiia on the same day as his brother, Peter.

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Mrs. Rebecca Kilgore lived to see her orphaned grand-dau Anna Jane marry in 1883 to a N. Carolinian, a photographer by trade. His name was Edward Wesley Sutton and the two of them opened a photog. studio in Darlington in the early 1890's. She learned the trade from her husband and assisted him in making photos of the Darl. Whiskey Riot in 1894 that were used nationally in papers, magazines. SHOW PICTURES After her husbands untimely early death in 1900 when only 42, she continued the photo business alone and Darlington simultaneously rearing a family of small children.

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Anna Kilgore Sutton married in 1904 to Peter Robert Rhodes, member of the extensive RHODES family of Darl. co. Her name will forever be perpetuated in the published genealogy of the Rhodes family.

The following notes are again from the Darlington County Historical Commission and I believe that they are the hand written notes of Horace Rudisill of the Commission.

The plight of abandoned cemeteries was the subject of a recent letter to the editor of a local newspaper. After reflecting on the general ill-treatment of abandoned cemeteries, he recalled a cemetery on Carolina Avenue at 9th ST that disappeared in order to build a house on the lot on in the letter written words, "when development on Carolina Ave. started at a rapid rate the tombstones were hauled away and a house built there."

Mary elderly residents of Harts(ville) remember the burial ground as the "Kilgore Cemetery" but are unsure what become of it. Titles from the Darlington County Archives provide some information on this matter. First of all, the widely-used designation of "Kilgore Cemetery" is in reality incorrect. The Kilgore family cemetery was located East of town on Highway 15 near the site of Kilgore's Mill in the mist of a huge tract owned by the Kilgore's. The cemetery in question on Carolina Avenue was actually the BOUNDS family cemetery and was situated on what was the lower 1/2 of the Bounds Plantation sandwiched between two large tracts owned by Thomas E. Hart on either side. John Bounds was born in Anson Co., N.C. in 1774 and moved to Darlington District when he was 30 years of age. During his lifetime he was married several times and had a number of children. All of them moved away from the area during the period of westward migration, including the father John, leaving only one daughter, Rebecca, in Darlington to represent the family. She became the wife of James Kilgore and she and her husband had a family of 12 Kilgore children, giving rise to the legend that the burying ground was indeed Kilgore. Mrs. Rebecca Bounds Kilgore lived until 1887, surviving her husband 24 years.

During the "War Between the States", she lost two sons as casualties: James Lewis, and Peter Alexander, as well as a son-in-law, James Robertson Davis, all members of Capt. J. L. Coker's Company. Incidentally the last named, James Robertson Davis, had his picture made during the war in full dress uniform and posing with a fierce looking pistol. The DCHC has a copy of the in its Archives and this photo was used several years ago in a National Civil War publication.

Old John Bounds who settled here in 1804 was too young for the American Revolution but his father James Bounds fought during that struggle as a member of the N. C. Militia.

Back to the cemetery, in 1947, the attorneys for the Law Estate owned all of the land, made extensive efforts to find the living descendants of Rebecca Bounds Kilgore and were successful in locating four. These four then entered into a binding legal agreement allowing for the cemetery to be removed. Some of the key phrases in the Agreement were as follows---

This concluded the handwritten notes from the Darlington Historical Archives and Commission believed to be written by Horace Rudisill. I have included them because of Mr. Rudisill's extensive knowlege of the history of the area and of the Kilgore family. He has always been very helpful to me in my quest of knowledge about the Kilgores of Darlington Co., S.C. I am very thankful that he preserved all of the information of the area for the families who would come searching for their ancestors. He has truly been a godsend to many people. Thank you, Mr. Rudisill. Copies of the document that he refers to are included in this book.
