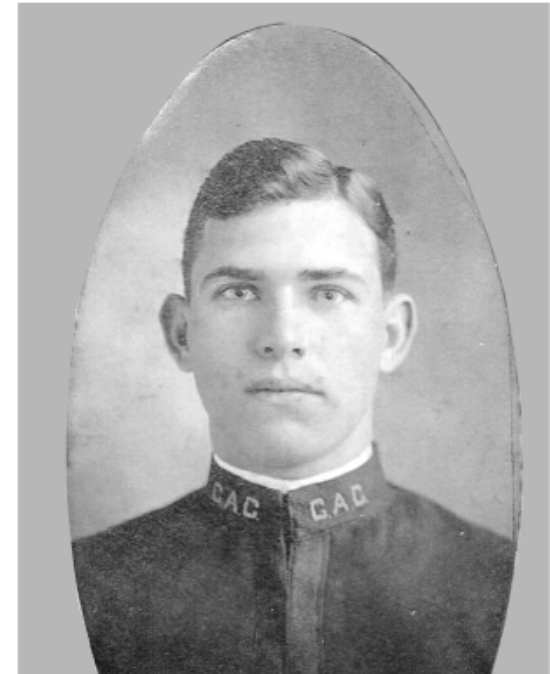


The Riley Family of Orangeburgh District and Denmark, SC.

Gene Henriksen

In the earlier days since our forefathers came to the lands of America and settled in the then back country, there were few facilities for recording various happenings of people, and many of the few records which were kept have now perished by war, fire, and perhaps neglect and lack of interest. The information contained herein has been obtained from many sources and it is believed that the same is essentially correct. It contains the best information which is now available to the writer.

- James Alvin Riley (from unpublished manuscript)



James Alvin Riley while attending Clemson Agricultural College

The first Riley of the line which is being considered here is George Riley who came to America from Germany at the age of four years in company with his mother and stepfather, John Houslighter, most probably about 1735 or shortly thereafter. This family settled in what is now Orangeburg County in what is called the Limestone community. Information indicates that the old John Houslighter place was located four or five miles west of the present location of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church.

- James Alvin Riley (from unpublished manuscript)



Seated: Caroline Riley Brodie
Standing: Martha Riley Turner,
Marion Riley Mayfield, Alvin Riley



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German Pioneers to Pennsylvania

Passenger Ships' Lists

THE SNOW LOUISA

NOTE: List C is the only list for this ship.

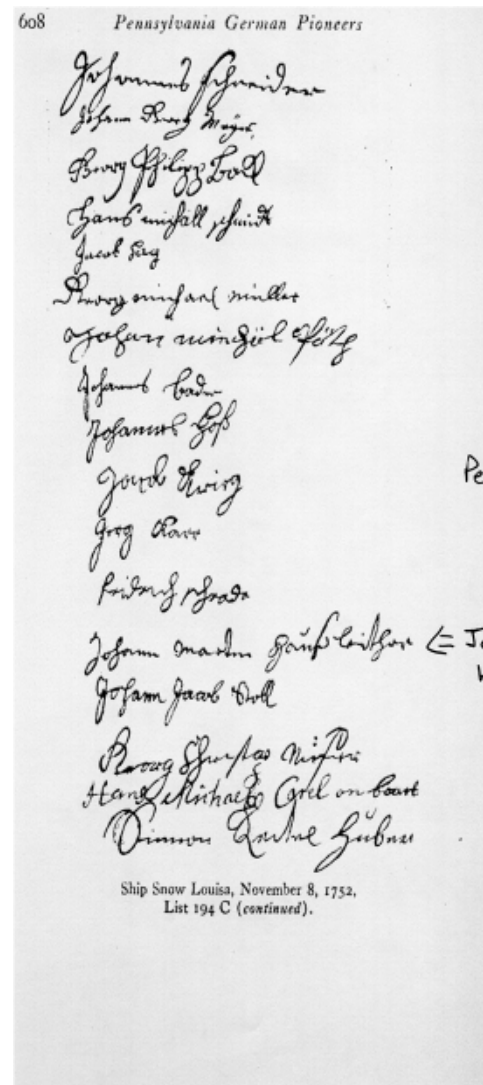
[List 194 C] At the Court House at Philadelphia, Wednesday, 8 November 1752.

Present: Edward Shippen, Esquire

The Foreigners whose Names are underwritten, imported in the Ship **Snow Louisa**, Captain John Pittcairne, from Rotterdam, and last from Cowes, did this day take the usual Qualifications. No. 71.

Michael Deeg
Franc (+) Carel Von Campe
Matthäus Kepster
Hanns Jerg Hausser
Hans Jerg Reisch
Christoph Kurtz
Jacob Holder
Johan Hermann Rosenblatt**
Johann Conradt Kopp
Ulrich Meyer
Johan Christian (F) Friess
Johanes Feiller
Johann Martin Holder
Johannes Meyer
Johannes Ulmer
Johann Michael Geiger
Casper Krieger
Adam (XX) Probst
Hans Gerg Lantzer
Georg Michael Schmidt
Chs. Hofman
Davidt Mellinger
Jacob Hoffman
Albrecht Michelfelder
G. Friedrich (X) Hottenbacher
Willhelm Fordtenbacher
Johannes Geiler
Conradt Schindler
Georg Philipp Bock
Hans Michäll Schmidt
Jacob Hag
Georg Michael Müller
Johan Michael Späth
Johannes Bader

Conradt Schindler
Hans Adam (X) Stahl
Johann Philipp Odenwalt
Johann Georg Koch
Johanes (X) Romig
Frantz Schmid
Johann Petter Schöll
Konradhr Psoh[?]
Johann Georg Sturm
Georg Baltzer Schelling
Balsatzor (X) Sholl
Peter Diem
Georg Gobel
Christoph Gölberth
Johann Georg Gilbert
Johan Jacob Rukhen
Johann Jost Bauer
Johann Georg Laubinger
Andreas Gilbert
Jac. Baltsatzer (++) Volcampe
Joseph Beyrer
Hans Görg Kautz
Johan Philipp Schwartzländer
Tobias (X) Stahl
Christian Ruff
John Philip (XX) Welsh
Johannes Schneider
Johan Georg Meyer
Jerg Karr
Fridrich Schrade
Johann Martin Hausleither
Johann Jacob Stoll
Georg Christop Nieser
Hans Michael () Carel,



Pennsylvania German
Pioneers, Vol 2
Digital Image of List C
from Snow Louisa, 8 Nov 1752

ARRIVAL OF SOME SHIPS AND SETTLERS 1751-1754

Jacob Long...wife
 Casper Meier...wife and 1 daughter Ursula 3
 Andreas Meyer...wife and 6 children: Ursula 17, Morley 16, Johanna 14,
 Jacob 12, Barbara 6, Andreas 4
 Conrad Meyer...wife
 Michael Meyer...wife
 Margaret Micken/Michin...1 child: Christian Henry 6 weeks - 100 acres.
 Johannes Micken petitioned for Margaret.
 Philip Missinly...Bound to Mathew Seisen and Hugh Cartwright...wife... 100
 acres
 Anna Maria Mouta/Mesta...daughter: Catherine 12 (100 acres 5 Jan. 1753,
 John's Crk. Plat 5:383)
 Eliasbuch Mouta...1 child: Anna Maria 4 & 1/2
 Bernard Mouta...wife and 2 children: Michael 7, George 12
 John George Neyscheller...wife
 Hans Jacob Neyscheller...wife
 Michael Pitebog (Eedenburgh)...wife
 Andreas Pitts...50 acres
 John Reynard...wife and 2 children: Eliasbuch 9, Mathias 4
 Johannes Roof (CJ 24)
 Christopher Schrade...wife and 3 children: Margaret 9, Henry 3 (CJ 24)
 Conrad Schrade...Bound out (CJ 24)
 Elizabeth Shash/Schash...Bound out...1 child...200 acres (CJ 25:33)
 Geo. Shaddy...Served time... (CJ 24)
 Anna Soywayria...50 acres
 John Shely...wife and 5 children: Barbara 14, Elis. 12, Ursula 9, John 7,
 Margaret 6, Mary Ann 5 - 200 acres
 Hans George Shikham...wife and 2 children: Philip Jacob 21, Catherine 20
 John Shwechtenburg/Schachtenburg...has since married and has 1 child...
 100 acres (CJ 22) Paid his freight. (100 acres 15 Mar. 1754, Haar Crk.
 Plat 12:143). Referred to as John Swatsburg on deed 18th Lexington Deed
 K:18 and John Swatsburg on Lexington Deed G:158. 100 acres on Bounty.
 (CJ 23.)
 Mary Ellis. Stoeck...50 acres
 Magdalena Stoudemeyer...of Wittenberg...50 acres
 John Stoudemeyer...wife and 1 child: Anastasia 10
 Jno. Switzer and wife
 Catherine Thye...with her husband and family to Rotterdam...her husband
 died on the voyage...1 son and 1 daughter: Andreas 15, Ursula 20
 Edward Veimer (Palmer)...wife and 4 children: Catherine 20, John 18, Mary
 6 & 1/2, Jacob 9
 George Wideman...wife and 2 children: Maria 12, Anna Maria 7 (200 acres 23
 Apr. 1753, Waterne Crk. Plat 10:209.)
 David Ziegler...Bound out...50 acres (CJ 22)

Edinburgh/Edenborow/Edinborough, Captain Russell from Philadelphia ... having
 embarked on board of Captain Mason at Rotterdam...arrived August, 1752. (CJ 20
 PT 2 and CJ 21 PT 1)

Hans Nichl. Carl...wife and 2 children: Margaret 9, John George 7
 Barbara Everin...3 children: Barbara 8, Anna Maria 5, Conrad 4
 John Herney...50 acres
 Martyn Houseliter...4 children: Anna Margaret 14, Anna Maria 12, John
 George 6, Christiana 3
 Francis Huet...wife and 2 children: Jacob 10, Catherine 2 & 1/2
 Johannes Louter...wife and 2 children...200 acres
 Geo. Chris. Noufer...wife
 Anna Christ. Penderverin (Penderverin)...son Michael Mour (?) age 6

Page 266: The Petition of Martyn Houseliter humbly setting forth That the
 Petitioner came Lately into this province in the ship Edinburgh from
 Rotterdam on the Encouragement given here to Foreign Protestants. He and
 his great Family are free of their Freights as appears by the Certificate
 annexed of Mr. John McCall, and is Desirous to Live in the province. The
 petitioner has four Children viz Anna Margaretta aged 14 years, Anna Maria
 12, John George 6 and Christiana 3 years and never had any Land in this
 province, prays to lay out 250 acres of Land free of Charges and that he may
 have his Majestys Bounty. Cha's Town, the 19th day of Feb'y 1753. John
 Martyn Houseleter. The prayer thereof was granted.

Meeting of Friday A.M. 23 February 1753

Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Journals, Vol 3:
 1752-1753, Brent Holcombe

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Where was John George's mother as Alvin Riley mentioned?

I wrote to Joop Giessendanner in the Netherlands and asked if there were records of passengers leaving for the colonies. It is possible that she sailed and died at sea. No records were kept of deaths.

"Unfortunately there are no records in Holland on departing foreigners to the Americas in those days. They were not very welcome here, they came with thousands and had nothing, no money for the passage, no money to stay alive. Only English ships (we lost a War against the English) were allowed to take these refugees to America, captains would take them and "sold" them as workers to real estate owners in SC.)"

Joop Giessendanner

Events in the lives of the Houselighters

- On Thursday April 11th In Orangeburgh Church. Hans Emanuel, Son of John Martin and Ann Margaret Hossleiter: born March 18th 1754.
- John Michael, Son of John Martin and Anne Margaret Hossleiter born March 17th 1756
- On Friday Oct 15th died and on Saturday Oct 16 was Entered on the plantation of John Martin Hossleiter of Orangeburgh Township the Body of Hans Emanuel son of the said John Martin and Anne Margaret Hossleiter aged 2 years 7 months
- On Sunday May 20th In Orangeburgh Church Hans Paul, Son of John Martin and Ann Margaret Hossleiter; born April 7th 1759.
- Received on Whitsunday June 3rd the following new Communicants after proper instruction viz

Christiana Hossleiter

- - The History of Orangeburg County South Carolina, Salley, various pages

Jacob Wannamaker, 1st Lt.	Jacob Rumph, Captain
John Golson, 2nd Lt.	Lewis Golson Sergeant
Frederick Snell	David Gisdanner, Clerk
John Cooke	Jesse Pearson
Henry Whestone,	Jacob Amaka
(Whetstone)	Jacob Hoegar, (Hogger)

John Amaka	Arthur Barrot
Michael Larey,	Frederick Bortz
(George Ryly, (Riley)	 , (Crook)
John Amaka	Martin Grambik
John Brown	John Dudley
Daniel Bowden	John Rickenbacker
Wm Hall	Isaac Lester

George Ryly, (Riley)

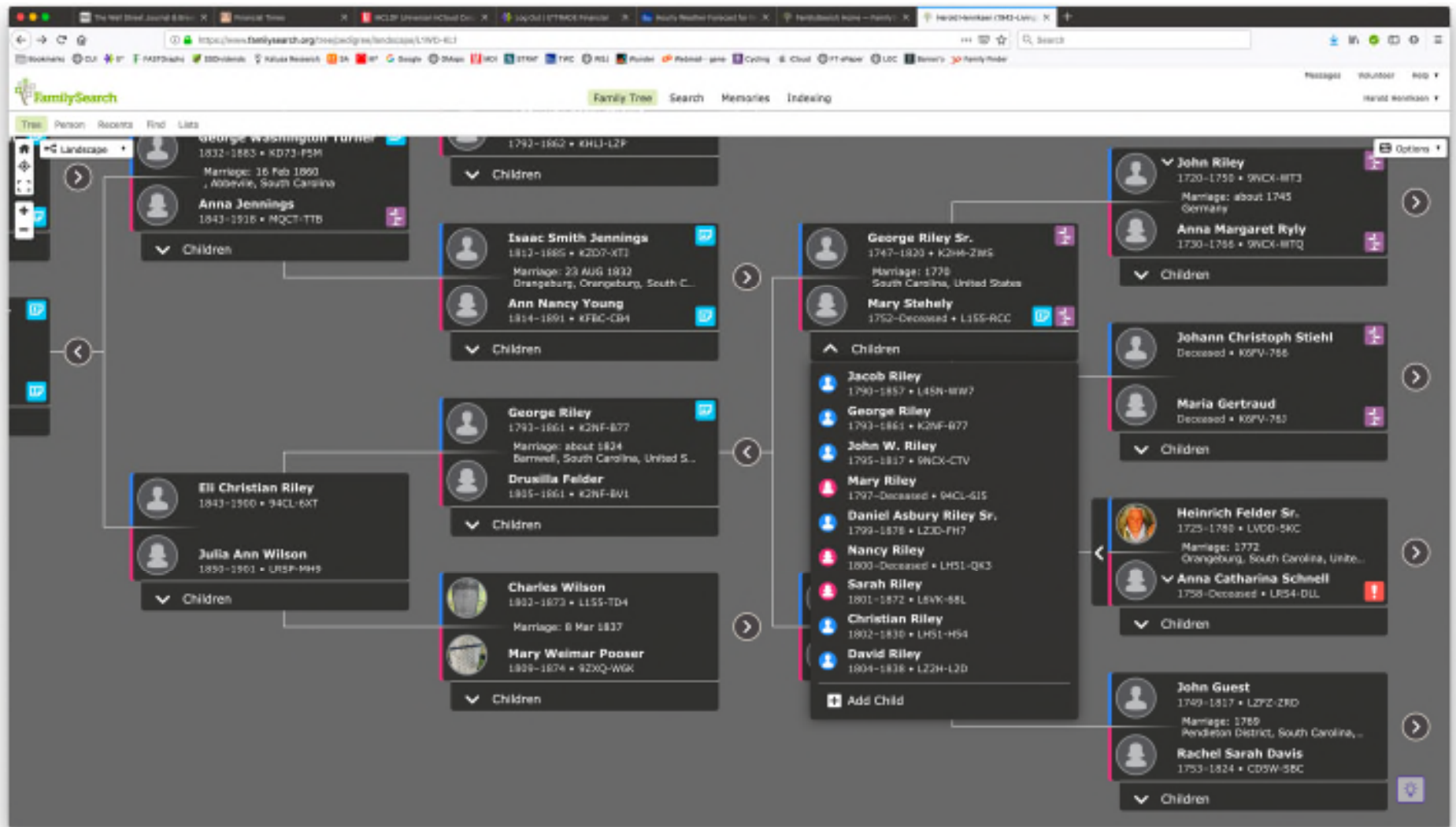
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	days on duty	£	s. d.		days on duty	£	s. d.
Jacob Rumpff Captain	300	300	0 0	John Beronessa	180	90	0 0
Jacob Wananamacher Lieutenant	180	180	0 0	Jacob Beronessa	180	90	0 0
John John Lieutenant	120	120	0 0	Thomas Beronessa	180	90	0 0
Leorio John Sergeant	180	172	10 0	John Beronessa	90	45	0 0
Wendrick Small Sergeant	180	172	10 0	Peter Hoffman	100	50	0 0
John Cuth Sergeant	100	62	10 0	Nicholas Dill	60	30	0 0
Henry Wiltshire Sergeant	40	25	0 0	Peter Rely	80	40	0 0
Samuel Spandenver Clerk	180	100	15 0	Nicholas Rohenbaker	80	40	0 0
Peter Mill	180	90	0 0	Nicholas Rohenbaker	70	35	0 0

100-		50		0	
Abraham Miller	180	90	0	0	
John Zimmerman	120	60	0	0	
John Webster	180	90	0	0	
Michael Light					
John Bond					
John Ott	180	90	0	0	
David Rumph	180	90	0	0	
Christian Rumph	180	90	0	0	
John Flober	180	90	0	0	
John Truster	40	20	0	0	
John Miller	180	90	0	0	
Henry Wannamacher	180	90	0	0	
John Bach	180	90	0	0	
John Amacher	100	50	0	0	
John Hager	140	70	0	0	
Christian Gubel	180	90	0	0	
George Shinger	20	10	0	0	
Abraham Robinson	30	15	0	0	
John Barney	60	30	0	0	
John Hager	60	30	0	0	
John Homan	180	90	0	0	
Arthur Barret	60	30	0	0	
Friedrich Bartz	70	35	0	0	
Michael Long	70	35	0	0	
George Ritz	100	50	0	0	
John Amacher	90	45	0	0	
Samuel Brown	60	30	0	0	
Daniel Brondoe	90	45	0	0	
William Hall	90	45	0	0	
John Peterson	60	30	0	0	
Benjamin Coller	60	30	0	0	
John Smith	40	20	0	0	
Martin Gramble	80	40	0	0	
John Stahl	80	40	0	0	
George Andotky	60	30	0	0	
John Schenker	60	30	0	0	
Conrad Bider	70	35	0	0	
Abraham Ott	40	20	0	0	
John Pearson	40	20	0	0	
John Lester	30	15	0	0	
Harry Hansen	60	30	0	0	
John Hensler	15	7	10	0	
Total Annual Loans					13975.15

John George Riley married a Miss Staley

- “George Riley grew up here and married a Miss Staley (perhaps spelled Stahley). This Miss Staley had a brother who was named Lewis (or Louis) Staley.(Could this have been Peter Staley in Capt. Rumph’s Company?) George Riley and his wife raised a family of several children who will be more fully described later.”
– James Alvin Riley
- There were plenty of Staley women. I found 3 named Mary: one married Caspar Ott in 1752, another was born in 1752 and a third was born in 1768 which would have been correct based on the dates of children’s births.
- They had several children including George born in 1793

The Problems with Internet Data



- No documentation of John Riley or Anna Margaret Ryly
- Anna Margaret's birthdate v. birth of 1st child (1738) plus death in 1766
- Mary Stehely having children into her 50s
- George and Mary having no children for the first 20 years of marriage

4 4) Drusilla Felder

dau of Margaret Elizabeth Guess & David Felder

born: Mar 2, 1805 in Orangeburg District, South Carolina

died : Aug 24, 1861 in Denmark, South Carolina

married: George Riley on February 1, 1825

born: Jan 20, 1793 in Orangeburg District, South Carolina

died : ____ __, 1861

son of Mary Staley & John George Riley

Drusilla Felder & George Riley had 8 children

Copy from Charlie Felder's book on the Felder family

Barnwell County Marriages Implied in Probate Records

MAN

Riley, Charles
 Riley, Darley B.
 Riley, George
 Riley, W. L. W.
 Ritter, Josias
 Rivers,
 Rivers, A. W. L.
 Rives, Samuel H.
 Rizer, T. P.
 Robert,
 Roberts,
 Roberts,
 Roberts, Danl
 Roberts, J. T.
 Roberts, Job T.
 Robeson,
 Robi(n)son,
 Robinson, Ezekiel
 Robi(n)son, Lemuel

WOMAN

Judith Mitchell 102 6 1853
 (widow of Dempsey Mitchell)
 Martha R. Tindal 152 5 1861
 Drucilla Felder 101 7 1847
 Ray *181 1 1864
 Ann Mary Breland 101 5 1851
 (widow of Thomas Breland)
 Charlotte O'Neal 106 1 1851
 Susan Carson *182 2 1869
 Jerusia A. Robert 165 4 1865
 Mary O. Breland 111 5 1868
 Frances Jane Bailey 151 1 1859
 Martha Jeter 89 6 1846
 Margaret Jones 103 11 1854
 Mary A. Creech 30 6 1827
 Jeter (Geter) 78 9 1840
 Jeter 77 4 1840
 Amelia Ann Bates 155 5 1878
 Elizabeth Hair 166 11 1866
 Mary Williamson 70 3 1841

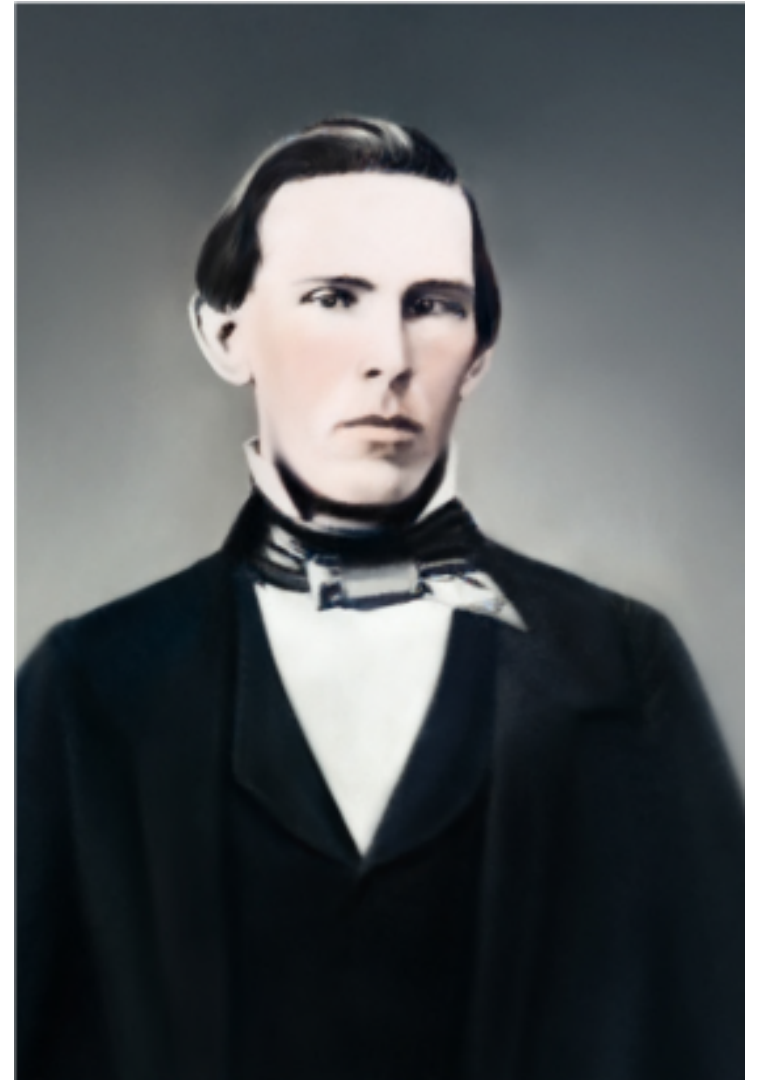
Putting the family's lives into perspective for the Years of 1829 through 1857

- Jacob Riley b. 06-12-1829 d. about 07-01-1829 (less than 3 weeks)
- Rachel Olivia Riley b. 02-21-1846 d. 07-02-1849 (almost 2 1/2 yrs)
- David Andrew Riley b. 04-19-1826 d. 05-23-1852 (26 yrs)
- James G. Riley b. 10-01-1827 d. 09-09-1857 m. 10-03-1855
 - + Caroline Elizabeth Moss b. 06-05-1836 d. 11-29-1914
 - Both are buried in the Norway Cemetery, Norway, SC
- James G Riley pictured at right



Putting the family's lives into
perspective for the Year of 1861
Deaths from Typhoid Fever

- Joseph Asbury Riley b. 07-19-1841 d. 07-13-1861 (20 yrs and unmarried)
- Was sent home from the Army in Orangeburg to be nursed by his family



Putting the family's lives into
perspective for the Year of 1861
Deaths from Typhoid Fever

- Drucilla
Felder Riley
b.05-02-1805
d.08-24-1861



Putting the family's lives into
perspective for the Year of 1861
Deaths from Typhoid Fever

- Benjamin Darley Riley b. 11-10-1832 d. 11-26-1861 m. 11-08-1855
 - + Martha R. Tindal b. 10-10-1832 d. 05-28-1921
 - Both are buried in the Norway Cemetery, Norway, SC



Putting the family's lives into
perspective for the Year of 1861
Deaths from Typhoid Fever

- John Fletcher Riley b. 06-16-1839 d. 12-06-1861 (22 yrs and unmarried)



Putting the family's lives into
perspective for the Year of 1861
Death from unknown cause

- George Riley b. 06-20-1793 d. 12-30-1861
- George was unconscious when Drucilla died
- In the 1860 Census he was listed as "Dumb" under the column for Deaf, Dumb, Insane, Idiotic, Convict.
- Possibly throat cancer, stroke or neurological disorder



Putting the family's lives into perspective for the Year of 1861

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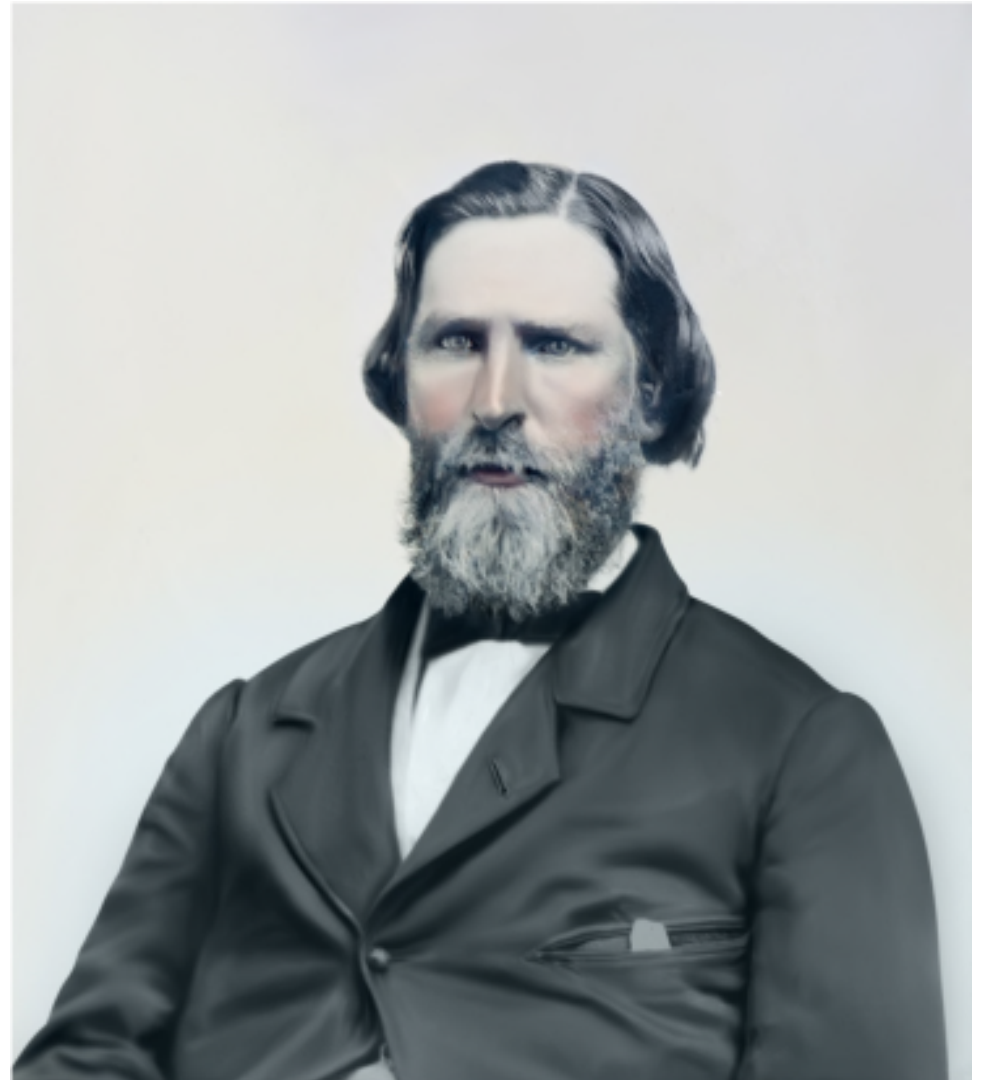
1862 and the Battle of Secessionville

- Daniel Ira Riley was killed in combat and buried in a mass grave.
- The picture to the right was labelled as either Daniel Ira Riley or Benjamin Darley Riley. The labels were typed on a manual typewriter, apparently by Alvin Riley. These men would have been his uncles.



1865 and Death in the Hospital

- George S. Riley died in the Confederate Hospital in Richmond, VA of “chronic diarrhea”.
- He was the 7th of 8 adult sons to die and the 5th since 1860.

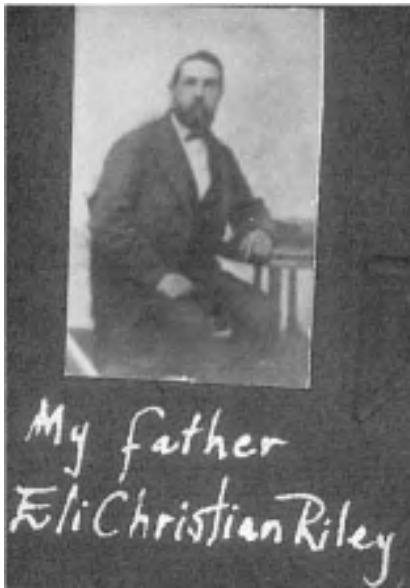


April 1865 and the end of a very un-Civil War

The sole male survivor of George and Drucilla's 8 adult sons, Eli Christian Riley, marched or trudged wearily home from Greensboro where he had surrendered and been paroled on April 26, 1865. He had served in the 2nd SCVA in Elliott's Brigade.

He returned to a devastated countryside, his family devastated by deaths, and 1866 was a year of drought.





Eli Christian Riley through the Years:
age 14; 17 or 18 at Citadel; 18 in
Confederate Army; and as a young man
and as a mature man

Eli Riley married Julia
Ann Wilson

12/04/1870

- Eli marries Julia, daughter of the Reverend Charles Wilson who was serving in Bamberg. He later served at the White House Methodist Church near Orangeburg where he and his wife are buried.
- Perhaps his piety atoned for the sins of his fathers.

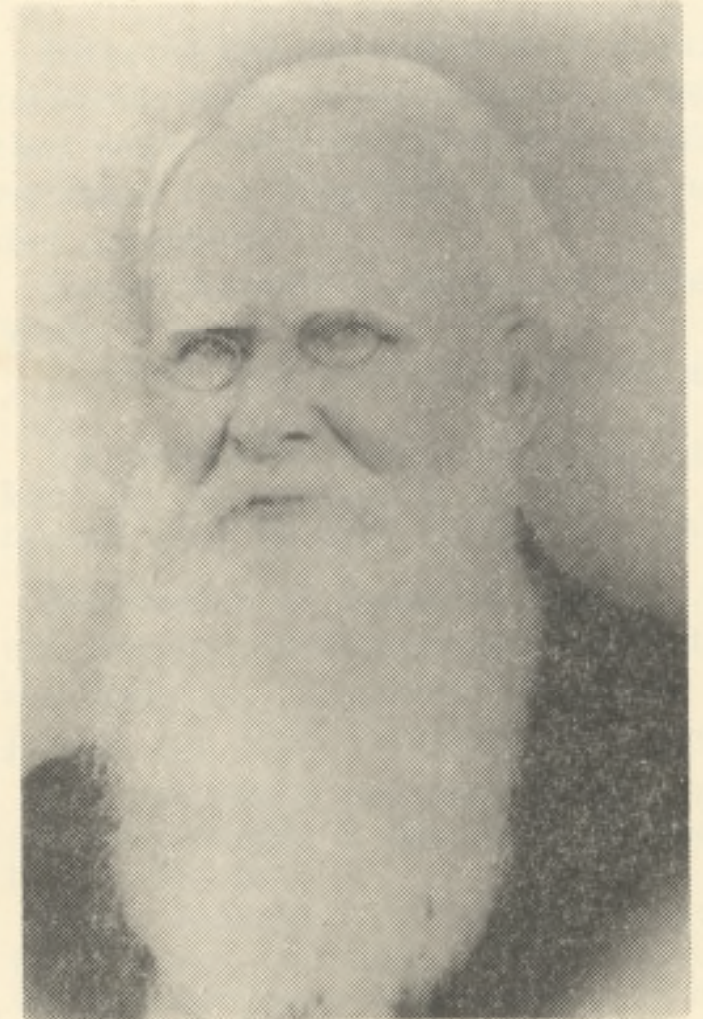
REV. CHARLES WILSON

1802-73

Admitted in 1831

43 Years a Noble Circuit Rider

Born in Barnwell County



REV. CHARLES WILSON

Children of Eli and Julia Riley

- Catherine Olivia “Kate”
- Charles Wilson
- Drucilla Felder
- George
- Mary Caroline “Carrie”
- William Lewis
- Gertrude Wilson
- Sarah Eliza
- Annie Elizabeth
- Julia Christine “Teenie”
- Martha Darley “Mot”
- Star of Heaven
- James Alvin
- Marion Edith

Note the change in ratio of males and females: George and Drucilla had 9 male, 2 female, Eli and Julia had 4 male and 8 female. This trend continued.

Riley/Felder land





Riley Homestead, probably that of Eli Riley



Eli Riley's Daughters, left photo perhaps around 1900, top photo probably in the 1960s. The log cabin was built by William Lewis Riley overlooking the South Edisto at the Denmark Country Club adjacent to Binnicker's Bridge. The cypress logs were from W.L. Riley's land. The cabin is still there and as Philip Troy described it, one step above survival school.



Left photo taken during the Depression (note lack of paint) with Edward and Caroline Riley (Carrie) Brodie on the left and Fred and Martha Riley Turner on the right.

Top picture is the current state of the home now owned by the Episcopal church to the left of the house.



Left photo: line of people for food at the July 4, 1989 picnic at the Denmark Country Club. Spruce McCain, a cousin, said if I went back 3 generations, I was kin to about half of them, but if I went back 5 or 6 generations I was kin to most all of them.



Right Photo: The Pavilion at the Country Club (now has a porch on this side). The lumber to build it came from the trees cut from the property and milled by my great uncle John Daniel Turner.