

Carthage, N.C.
May 7, 1960

Dear Barbara,

Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, President of Brown University, in an address called 1960 Weil Lectures at UNC- said only last Thursday night relative to the study of History "Study History to get suggestions about judgment, but not 'proof'. History is elusive."

Ever since I got your letter, I have ignored his advice in seeking proof, but I concur in his opinion that History is elusive.

This search has been my sole object every minute that I have not been at work. I have talked, read, walked, searched, and scratched down on my knees in the dirt. There have been countless trips-and repeated ones-to the Clerk of Courts office, Register of Deeds office, cemeteries, and homes.

Where to start? It's hard to tell, but I hope this will help you-so here goes!

Relative to "a small book" listing the family names-neither Mrs. McPhail-nor Marvin Muse's family-have any knowledge of such. However, the "Bound Files" of The Pilot, Southern Pines newspaper carries a complete, comprehensive history given by Mrs. W.F. Seawell, Sr. (Ella McNeill, granddaughter of Fanny McNeill-sister of Charles) (wife of H. F. Seawell, Sr.-considered an able lawyer) on August 27, 1925.

Minute Book A-Aug. 16, 1784 to Nov. 18, 1785 is in the hands of the State Archivist at Raleigh for copy; so, this is not available to me.

Mary Glasscock (I notice two S are used most of the time) was six weeks of age when Dr. Glasscock was murdered by a negro, presumably an employee of Philip Alston (You will see reference to Alston and Allstones later from the DAR papers of Ella McNeill Seawell).

(I soon found out that there was plenty of reference to W.R. Muse Adm. of Jesse Muse in all the records, but these were not considered)

Jesse H. Muse (known in these quarters as Crippled "Jess") did indeed live past twenty one years of age. There is plenty of evidence of him in-principally in Mortgages- in the Courthouse in conjunction with his mother, Catherine Jackson Muse-second wife of Jesse F. Muse. Jesse H. Muse has a daughter living here now-and two sons in Aberdeen. They know that their grandmother, Catherine, is buried in an unmarked grave in what is commonly called the Timberlake (a name associated with Jesse H. in the courthouse) Cemetery, on a farm that Wesley Lee Caviness owned before his death-right below the present Carriage Fabrics mill. I had hoped that if I found Catherine Jackson Muse's grave, I would also find Jesse F.'s-but that was not so-and I suppose that it is understandable that the grandchildren would not know since Jesse F. died in 1872 (as you shall see later). According to the 1870 census-Jesse H. was 2 years of age (but his birthdate was given as 1862 on his marker at Union Church); but his daughter said that Jesse H. had related that Jesse F. and Catherine Jackson, his parents, were married two or three years after the Civil War, so there must be a mistake in his marker-and 1868 is perhaps his birth year. Catherine had a daughter, Flora Jackson only seven years of age in 1870 census; so she was still married to---- Jackson in 1862. And this substantiates your theory that Mary Glascock, 1st wife of Jesse F., died after 1860. Jesse H. died in 1937. I found no documents associating Jesse F. and Jesse H. in the courthouse. Will, deeds, or admn.

In regards to burial places-Listen to this!
Robinson's History James Muse, Sr-then James Muse, Jr-then this Jesse first record 1784 (This was Jesse F, 1st/father of Jesse F. 2nd-the man we are hunting-, father of James B., father of Daniel H., father of a daughter who married Brinkley Phillips) married to Joyce Hill. Near McLendons Creek at a place now leased to a Paper Co, for long range pine growth is a place owned by Dr. C.G. Spenser (Hon. Degree of Forestry)

called presently "The Cagle Place". This place was "bull-dozed" about two years ago for "re-setting"; so, you can imagine what shape an old graveyard would be after the "stones" were knocked over, and crushed by huge machines, but on a hunch (and the association of McLendens Creek with the Muse name) and one of the many visits to old graveyards within a radius of ten miles of here - and after three trips out there - This morning I began to find "mashed evidence of tombstones. After losing a nail digging in the dirt with my hands (I had no tools - had not anticipated this) I put together the fragments of enough "stones" to have Jesse F. Muse Died Oct. 18th day 1820, Joice (Joyce) Muse Died Oct. 1825, Sarah Phillips ---, Jesse (apparently named after grandfather) Phillips Born March 18, 1821 - died 11th June, 1829 (These were without a doubt the small children of Jesse F. & Joyce Hill Muse's daughter who married Brinkley Phillips.) So here I had found the Father, Mother, Niece, and Nephew of "Our" Jesse F. Muse (2nd). It is my opinion that here known only to God are Jesse F. Muse (2nd), his wife Mary Glasscock Muse, his son Charles C. Muse - and his wife Mary McLeod. ✓

It is obvious that Mary Glasscock Muse, and her son, Charles C. Muse both died during the Civil War, and with so much privation in the South, along with the confusion, anything could have happened. It is reasonable to believe that Jesse F. was buried with Mary Glasscock (Since Catherine was so much younger than he - and died many years later), and that Mary McLeod Muse is buried with Charles C., since Henderson Muse was married once before, and once after.

Talked to Kenneth McKenzie (from Emaline McKenzie) (daughter of Henderson Muse) yesterday and he relates that Henderson Muse is in an unmarked grave in the Carthage Methodist Church Cemetery - and that he attended the funeral - (They - Kenneth - showed me a photo of Henderson) He is perhaps beside his first wife Cole as his third wife, Eliza Black is buried at Culdee.

It is apparent that the three sons at home with Jesse F. Muse during the 1840 Census were Haywood, Lemuel, and Charles. (Charles was 29 in 1850 Census)

So I've found everybody but Jesse F. (2nd), Charles - and the two wives we are interested in.

Viz:

	Buried
- Jesse F. (1st) & Wife Joice (Joyce) Hill	- Cagle Place
- Son, James B. 1785-1864, Wife Elizabeth, 1785/1864	- Muse Cemetery (Geo. Glascock)
(Julius Glasscock & wife son of Geo. Glasscock, and brother of Elizabeth & Mary, wives of James B. & Jesse F. who admn. his estate) Muse	"

*2nd 1820
1825
1829*

*Bros
Sister
Charles*

Haywood Muse & Wife Flora 1824-1878 1824-1874	Carthage Methodist Cemetery
Lemuel Muse & Wife Patience 1827-1897	"
Fannie/McNeill-1814-1900 Muse	"
John McNeill (Fannie's Husband)	Muse Cemetery (Geo. Glascock)

*Charles
Charles*

John A Samuel Jones David C. Mary Ann (Fry) Effie Jane (Caviness)	} } <i>McNeill</i> } <i>McLeod</i>	Laurinburg Cross Hill (Carthage) Cross Hill (Carthage) C. Meth. Cemetery Center
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Carthage, N.C.
May 9, 1960

Dear Barbara,

Yesterday, I talked for two hours, or rather listened most of the time, to Rassie E. Wicker at Pinehurst. He is one of the authorities in Robinson's History of Moore County. He probably has more knowledge of this county than any other living person. Of course, he is a member of The Moore County Historical Society. By profession (mostly retired now) he is a surveyor, but by avocation he is a Historian—and you can see how beautifully the two would fit on local history. He has microfilmed all of the original Land Grants for Moore County—both in Cumberland and Moore County records—and he has made plate of most of these. He tells me that I found Jesse Muse 1st—and his wife, Joice Hill, on the Hiram Hill place from those records. This Jesse Muse is mentioned in "Robinsons" from the History of the Sandy Creek Association—so since he was Baptist—perhaps his son Jesse 2nd could not be proselyted into the Methodist Church by the Glascock. So, I shall try to find a copy of this Baptist History by Purefoy. I think maybe I can get a copy of Methodism in Moore County by Judge W.J. Adams from some of his relatives. Mr. Wicker told me that he had indexed a copy of Minute Book A—and returned both to the Clerks Office here. That indexing would help. However, he says that he suspects that we should take the later Minute Books and read meticulously all of them because he has garnered a wealth of material by such action—among such the complete History of "The House in the Horseshoe" property. These readings would not be easy—as I notice the entries are in a florid style of Old English type characters. He suggested going over the Deeds of Lemuel Muse in detail in the hopes of getting a relationship by description of the 150 transaction from Charles. There could be a settlement from the Jesse F. 2nd place somewhere there, too. Mr. Wicker clarified some other details relative to Dr. Glascock the Courthouse fire here in 1889, The Cornwallis Tale, etc—but these are other stories which I shall relate to you at a later date if you care to hear them.

My mother is asking a John Wadsworth (80 yrs. old) in Charlotte for information on Charles' burial place. Mother says that she remembers where Charles lived when "Grandpa" Caviness married Effie Jane. Once again excuse the errors in typing. I have had a busy day since 2:30 A.M. (now five P.M.) Hope to "hunt" more this weekend.

Regards,

Wesley

P.S. Would like to have the data on your children—and grand children too. In case you are interested at least write to our present grand children
Jesse F. Muse, Jr. - B. Oct. 5, 1982 W-

Jesse Franklin Muse, Sr. B. 4-24-1759
D. 10-18-1820

Joice Hill Muse B. 10-17-1768
D. 10-22-1825

Jesse Franklin Muse, Jr. B. 10-5-1792/93 ^{(1790)?} 1782
D. 1870

Mary "Molly" Glascock - B. 1787
D. 1862

Carthage, N.C.
May 13, 1960

Dear Barbara,

This afternoon I "toured" Old Bethesda Cemetery in Aberdeen. There was nothing of significance relative to our search, but I did see the grave of "Preacher" Herman Caviness' father-and one of Jesse H. Muse's sons.

Also, I visited with Dr. J. D. Ives, retired Wake Forest Professor, at Pinebluff where we discussed the Baptist History (He is writing a late one), and I found the 2nd Hundred Years of the Sandy Creek Association in his library. Reference was made to the First Hundred Years of The Sandy Creek Association by George Purefoy from 1768-1868 (Mentioned in Robinson's -and mentioning Jesse Muse). It was our opinion that this old copy could be found at The Baptist State Association (or N.C. State Library) in Raleigh, or at Wake Forest College Library in Winston-Salem.

Miss Bess Stuart gave me a copy of Methodism in Moore County by her uncle, W. J. Adams - Associate Justice of The State of North Carolina Supreme Court. This carried only reference to one Glascocks. This first two mentioned books could be used if necessary to corroborate the information already on hand, but I don't see how it could be necessary as it occurs to me that the evidence is already overwhelming.

Did I correct (?) the spelling of Glascock to one S. That was Rassic Wicker's interpretation, but now I find it both ways.

And my presumption that Mary Glascock, and her son ~~Charles~~, Charles Muse died during the Civil War (which I "tempered" by adding "period" to make it Civil War Period) - It is established now that Mary Glascock died in 1862 - and Charles C. Muse died in 1861.

Mother called a few minutes ago, and she related that she remembered when Samuel Muse (half brother of Effie Jane) died that one of his sons came in from Alabama (and this son was named Charles, too as so many were after their grandfather Charles) to attend the funeral. Grandfather Caviness did not attend his brother-in-law's funeral; and when Charles - from Alabama - came to visit him while at home, he (Henry Caviness / and I remember him as being capable of such /) was downright hostile to Charles of Alabama - because Effie Jane's half brothers had "cheated" her out of her share of her father's estate. So there may be part of the answer to no estate settlement - hence no record. Also to the Jesse F. 2nd estate, since he died eleven years after his son, Charles.

This is what one finds when "shaking family trees - a monkey hits one in the head with a coconut" - and while I'm at it (and for your information only - because I wouldn't want to be "hung", or sued for Defamation of Character by Blue-Blooded survivor Lawyers, etc) Our "Distinguished" late cousin (the son of Fanny McNeill), A. H. McNeill - past Clerk of Court (and found - as you have noticed - in so many legal transactions) is credited with having a convenient fire in the Court House (with incriminating records destroyed, and non-incriminating ones saved to cover discrepancies. So, there could have gone what we are seeking.

In spite of all the preceding, I feel that you have plenty of factual evidence on hand to accomplish the end you are seeking.

Now, I shall try to get to the "meat" of this subject as I see it, and let me know if you agree. While in the "lower end" of the county this afternoon, I checked the "Bound Files" of The Pilot in Southern Pines, and as I had said before Volume 5 - Number 41 of Friday Sept. 4 - 1925, Pages 1 & 7 carried a comprehensive account of the History of The Muse family from Jesse F. Muse, 1st & Wife Joyce Hill through their sons, Jesse F. 2nd - and James B. (who both married Glascock sisters) down to, and including Effie Jane, as well as, all other descendants. These copies of "The Pilot" are on entry in The State Library in Raleigh; and, as such, are considered factual - and historical.

"Copy Days" in the Register of Deeds Office are Tuesday and Thursday Thursday is ordinarily my shortest work day; so, I plan to get a copy of

(or rather three copies) of the Charles Muse-Lemuel Muse deed, which is witnessed by Jesse F., on that day. They can get that copy there all right. There is some question about being able to get Mrs. McPhail's scrap book in position under the machine; e, I may have to get it (where the same history of the Muse family as clipped from The Pilot) micro-filmed in the Clerk's office-and wait on reproductions. The only way I could get a copy from The Pilot (they do not allow files to be removed, and it is not hard to understand why) would be to take a secretary to copy-and a Notary to authenticate. This I will do as a last resort. (Incidentally, there ~~are~~ parts of three pages involved in the deed record

Is this correct? (From such information as you now have)

Name	Reference
Jesse F. Muse 1st- Died Oct 13, 1820	Purefoy History Sandy Creek Ass'n- 1s Hundred Years, Robinson's History of Moore County, N.C. State Library, Files The Pilot, etc. -Tombstone-
His wife, /	N.C. State Library, Files-The Pilot, DAR Papers Ella McNeill Seawell, and references, Census 1850, Book D18-P319-Register of "Deeds, Moore Co., N.C.
Joice (Joyce) Hill Muse Died Oct.-1825	"
Their son	"
Jesse F. Muse 2nd, Born 1790 Died 1872	"
His wife/ Mary Glascock Muse, Born 1787 Died 1862	"
Her Father/ Dr. George Glascock Born 1740 Died 1787	"
His wife / Married 1763 Martha Howard Glascock Died 1824	"
(Dr. Glascock, son of Ester Ball Glascock)	"
Charles C. Muse (Son of Jesse F. Muse 2nd, & Mary Glascock Muse) Born 1820 Died 1861-June 22nd	Census 1860 & 1850, -DAR-Papers Ella McNeill Seawell, Files-The Pilot, State Library of N.C., History of Effie Jane Muse Cavir & T. Henry Caviness Family, Book D18-Page 319-1847-Register of Deeds, Moore Co., N.C.
His Wife /	" , & Census 1870
Mary McLeod Muse Born 1826 Died 1873-May 30th	"
Their Dau. /	"
Effie Jane Muse Caviness Born 1851-Dec. 1 Died 1896-Oct. 2	Census 1860 & 1870, Files -The Pilot, State Library of N.C., His Caviness Family, Tombstone
Her Husband / Married Dec. 17, 1868	"
T. Henry Caviness (Confederate Veteran) Born 1845, Dec. 28 Died (You have this)	Census 1870, Files-The Pilot, St Library, Hist. Caviness Family, Tombstone, Confederate Veteran Files & Pension List.

You, no doubt, know there is more references in lots of places on some of these subjects; and I believe you said that you have from Effie Jane 'til now.

Hoping to get these two items copied-and to you-soon/and to fill other "gaps" if necessary, I remain

Sincerely,

Wesley J
Wesley J

This is copied from the DAR papers of the late Ella McNeill Seawell-

Dr. Glasscock was born in Virginia-Died at Cross Hill, Carthage, N.C.
Aug. 1787; Place of residence during Revolution-Carthage, N.C.

Fanny McNeill was the daughter of

National Number 225684

(Note: Here you would need of course Charles C. Muse was the son of)

Jesse F. Muse 1790-1872

Mary Glasscock Muse 1787-1862

Mary Glasscock Muse, Daughter of
Dr. George Glasscock Oct. 1740-1787

Martha Howard Glasscock -1824 Married 1763

Dr. George Glasscock son of-Ester Ball Glasscock

George Glasscock-Patriot

furnished supplies

Surgeon Revolution-Guilford Court House

Revolution Ancestor-Martha Howard, Virginia

Mary Glasscock Muse 1787---

Jesse F. Muse

Julius Glasscock

Lizzie

Three other daughters

John Milton

Polly Cook

George, Jr.

Three other sons

References:

Alstons and Allstones of N.C. & S.C. p139-1790

Census N.C. P42 Patsy Glasscock & family in Fayetteville,

District Moore County

Bransons Moore County Business

Wheeler's Reminiscences p298 (Raleigh, N.C.)

N.C. State Records Vol 18, P32.

North Carolina Historic Commission-Dept of Archives & History

To George Glasscock

for provisions

72.00

Nov. 1780

Deeds & Mortgages

Henderson Muse & wife Mary to A.H. McNeill

Book D63-Page 20 -1871

James B. & Jesse F. Muse Exs. Est Julius Glascock, 22nd April, 1862

Book D 14 Page 540

Heirs of C.C. Muse-

Geo.S. Cole adm. to A.H. McNeill

D14 Page 541 - 1873

Deed 100 acres

(This is the orders & Decrees-Book 1

(Does not list heirs)

Page 129 you referred to. When I asked

for the disposition # 190 ,it was missing. Here is where the heirs would have been listed. This entry was found in R/ of Deeds)

/Explains necessity of sale to satisfy debts./

Charles C. Muse to Lemuel Muse

D 18 Page 319 -1847 150 acres

(This document is signed by Jesse F. Muse, Wm.R. Cole, and

1776; D. Stuart, N.C. Historical Society, Daugherty, N.C. American Period, 1776

Charles C. Muse . Perhaps the reason Jesse F. signed was that Lemuel must have been only twenty at the time. This deed mentions the Jesse F. Muse home in at least two instances, it mentions lands of Fanny McNeill (and Jesse F.'s brother James B.) and it describes a portion of fifteen acres set aside to the Common School-Also, reference is made to land of the poor adjoining; so, it is not hard to pinpoint the location as being across the road from the present Cross Hill Cemetery. Later Lemuel kept the County Home there (Lemuel & his wife, Patience, are all over the records of the courthouse).

These deeds, and a lot of the papers, are ones that were re-recorded after the courthouse fire here in 1889. It is fortunate that some of the books were in attorneys offices at the time, or more would have been lost. As late as 1941, however, the late Sam Hoyle-an attorney-had several books, and papers in his office which created further loss-as he was a "paper" lawyer, who suffered total loss in an office fire. The Bureau of Vital Statistics was created in 1913 in North Carolina; so, there is no wealth of Birth, Death, Marriage, etc. material of "old" value.

It is common knowledge, and acceptable, that Charles C. Muse was the son of Jesse F. Muse. Miss Eula Blue still has the genealogy charts prepared by her late mother, Miss Evaline, and there are clippings (such as the Pilot Bound File) in abundance. John A. Muse, son of Charles, had a son named Charles after his grandfather, who for years was Register of Deeds in Scotland County. The wife of this Charles is still living, and she has a son named Charles Muse. (Might be some information left there somewhere as the late John A. was one of "the Wheels" of the Muse reunion for years.) Mallie Muse is trying to help me by writing to a sister in South Carolina, but I do not know if she will have any documentary proof as we need. One of Marvin Muse's sisters lives in S.C., and Bess Muse Lawhon is going to contact her, but I am informed that she is senile. I have the local McLeods working on the Mary McLeod angle. You have the birth year of Charles from the census, and I had hoped to fill in the death date.

Doesn't Uncle Herman Caviness, or Aunt Edith Harrelson, have any knowledge of their grandparents (Charles & Mary McLeod Muse) burial place?

Maybe the references from Ella McNeill Seawell might help, but I have Bransons M.C. Business-and it mentions Fanny McNeill-and back.

If it occurs to you that this feeble attempt has any future value, I would appreciate your having it copied, as I have nothing except scribbled notes-and memories.

I have foregone the photostats until I have further reaction from you and the needs of this effort.

Best regards to yours-and as Dr. Keeney said "History is elusive", but isn't it fascinating?

Sincerely,

Wesley
Wesley Caviness

P.S. Apologies for the errata.

W. -51c