

**Culture & Heritage Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 25, 2023
6:00 PM
Museum of York County**

Person Presiding: Penny Sheppard

Members Present: Penny Sheppard, Ed Stewart, David Duncan, Margaret Parson-Willins, Annie Laurie Wheat, and George Feindel

Members Absent:

Ex Officio Members Present: Katie Rutland and Eddie Lee

Ex Officio Members Absent:

Staff Present: Richard Campbell, Dabney Scholler, Sarah Lewis, and Jillian Bingham

Others: Michelle Totherow

Call to Order

- Penny Sheppard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- Penny Sheppard presented the minutes from the June 27th meeting and asked for changes or corrections.
 - No corrections to be made, minutes are accepted as written.

Calendar Review

- Upcoming Institutional Plan in October
- Code of Ethic renewal in November

Reports and Presentations

- Director's Report
 - *Presented by Richard Campbell*
- Visitation
 - CHM site-wide visitation for the month of June was seven thousand, forty-six, with a year-to-date total of sixty-six thousand, six hundred twenty-three.
- School Groups
 - For the month of June, school group visitation totaled seven hundred fifty-one students, with a year-to-date total of twelve thousand, three hundred sixty-nine.
- Membership
 - Membership has increased by one hundred five memberships with a total revenue of \$7,925. Year-to-date the CHM has membership sales totaling one thousand, eighty-eight and a revenue total of \$80,985.
- Past Events

- Independence Day
 - Our annual Living History Saturday Independence Day celebration took place on July 1st and saw an attendance of one hundred fourteen. This event featured special programming about celebrations during the mid-19th century in the Carolina Piedmont.
 - The Battle of Huck's Defeat
 - This annual living history event took place on July 15th and July 16th at Historic Brattonsville. Six hundred seventy-seven visitors were in attendance this year. There was some rain on Saturday afternoon but activities were not seriously affected.
 - Upcoming Events
 - By the Sweat of Our Brows
 - Historic Brattonsville will be hosting the annual By the Sweat of Our Brows event on September 9th and will focus on the daily lives of the enslaved and the stories of their present-day descendants.
 - Teddy Bear Tomfoolery
 - Also on September 9th, visitors at the Main Street Children's Museum will enjoy the story of Corduroy as well as a teddy bear march around the museum.
 - Stream Stewards
 - This event will take place at Museum of York County on the same day. Attendees will visit our steam and learn what it takes to keep our steams healthy.
 - CHM Project Updates
 - Ice Age Exhibit
 - Diagnostics were run on the Ice Age Hall to help determine the cause of the humidity issue. We have lowered the thermostat settings and if this improves the issue, it will be maintained year round. Once the issue is solved, permanent repairs to the vinyl will be scheduled.
 - Lowry Family Theatre
 - Bennett Preservation Engineering continues to prepare the construction documents for the roof repair. We received the 95% documents on July 7th and expect to receive the 100% documents by July 31st.
 - \$2.5 million was approved for the McCelvey Auditorium Project through the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Bill through the South Carolina State Senate. The South Carolina Department of Archives and History will administer the funds. Paperwork will be sent out for completion ahead of any release of funds.
 - Colonel Bratton and Homestead Houses Preservation Projects
 - Midwest Maintenance continues preservation work at the Colonel Bratton and Homestead Houses. Roof repairs continue on both houses.

Floor and ceiling boards are being installed on the Homestead portico and a new front porch has been reconstructed on the Colonel Bratton House.

- McConnell House Re-roofing Project
 - AllPoint Group LLC will be installing a new shake roof on the McConnell House and they have estimated that the project will be complete by mid-July.
- Main Street Children's Museum Wall Repair
 - CHM Preservation has begun the repairs to the plaster wall in the stairwell of the Main Street Children's Museum, with hope that this section will complete in the coming month. Monitoring the moisture movement in this area will be ongoing.

[Note: A full copy of the Director's Report is attached to these minutes as Addendum A]

Committee Reports

- Collections Committee
 - *Presented by Jillian Bingham*
 - TC380.1
 - .001- Top hat of beaver skin, in excellent condition
 - .002- Original top hat box
 - Donor Name: Joe Johnson
 - TC380.2
 - .001- Handmade quilt featuring nine identical squares in red, light brown, and white; pre-Civil War
 - .002- Handmade quilt made of red and yellow printed fabrics; pre-Civil War
 - Donor Name: Anne Ferguson Barnwell
 - TC382
 - Invoice from *Yorkville Enquirer* for advertisement to T.B. Butler of Gaffney, SC dated June 19, 1908
 - Letter from J.N. McGill's Sons Co. (General Merchants and Planters) Hickory Grove, SC to Mr. W.S. Hall, Attorney at Law, of Gaffney, SC. Dated October 19, 1923 regarding re-appraisal of property
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 - Letter from the Judge of Probate of York County, W.H. McCorkle, January 20, 1904 regarding court case involving debt in May B. Lumpkin vs. J.C. Hayden, Guardian (CCP Box 73A 3647) case dated 1905

- Donor Name: Dennis Amos
 - TC384
 - 001-19th to early 20th century cast iron stove top lifter
 - Donor Name: Timothy Childers
 - TC385
 - 3 (.001- .003) bi-facially pieces of worked quartz; “preforms” for a projectile or a quick-edge cutting tool that was made out of readily available material
 - 2 (.004-.005) projectile points with partial stems, with the possible Murrow Mountain classification, dating them to about 7,100 to 6,500 years ago
 - Donor Name: Dale Gould
- David Duncan made a motion to accept the following items; TC380.1, TC380.2, TC382, TC384, and TC385 to the Collection.
 - Annie Laurie Wheat seconded the motion.
 - Penny Sheppard called for a vote, vote was taken, and the motion passed.

[Note: Copy of the above Recommendations for Accession are attached to these minutes as Addendum B]

- Finance Committee
 - *Presented by Ed Stewart*
 - Everything looks good, we still need to move money from the Foundation of the Carolinas, which we have talked about in the past.
 - Michelle Totherow said that we were still wrapping up the last fiscal year but will move the funds.
- Governance Committee
 - David Duncan said that Governance will be discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session

- David Duncan made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Directors Annual Review
 - Annie Laurie Wheat seconded the motion
 - Penny Sheppard called for a vote, vote was taken, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 6:26pm.

Reconvene to Open Session

- Open session reconvened at 7:50pm
- No action was taken during Executive Session
 - Penny Sheppard entertained a motion to table the remainder of the Executive Session until August.
 - George Feindel seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- No new business

Commission Member New/Non-agenda Comments

- None

Adjourn

- Penny Sheppard made a motion to adjourn at 7:51pm
 - Ed Stewart seconded the motion
 - Penny Sheppard called for a vote, vote was taken, and the motion passed
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Prepared by: Dabney Scholler

Submitted by: Ed Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer

**Culture and Heritage Museums
Director's Report
July 25, 2023**

Mission: to communicate and preserve the natural and cultural histories of the Carolina Piedmont, inspiring a lifetime of learning.

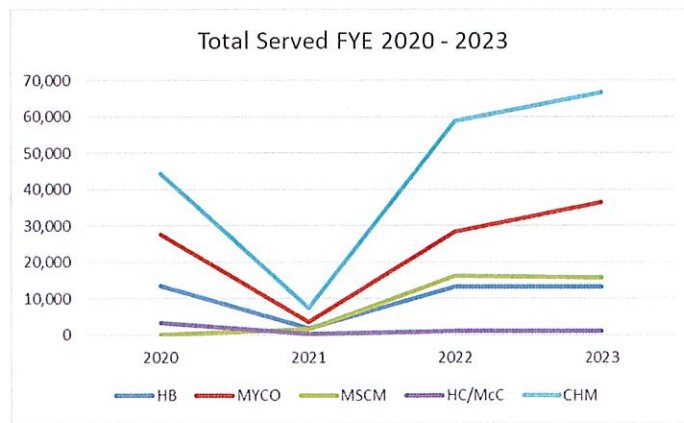
Visitation – June 2023

- Total visitation: 7,046
 - Museum of York County: 4,356
 - Historic Brattonsville: 817
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 1,829
 - Historical Center of York County: 44
- Total year-to-date: 66,623
 - Museum of York County: 36,555
 - Historic Brattonsville: 13,263
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 15,701
 - Historical Center of York County: 1,104

School Groups – June 2023

- Total school group visitation: 751
 - Museum of York County: 558
 - Historic Brattonsville: 131
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 62
- Total year-to-date: 12,369 students
 - Museum of York County: 7,721
 - Historic Brattonsville: 3,986
 - Main Street Children's Museum: 662

CHM's annual total numbers served on a rolling four-year basis beginning in FY '20 which is when my tenure as CHM Executive Director began.



Membership – June 2023

- New memberships: 105
- Membership revenue: \$7,925
- Year-to-Date membership sold: 1,088
- Year-to-date membership revenue: \$80,985
- Total Memberships: 1,401

Past Events

Independence Day (HB)

- Our Living History Saturday event occurred on Saturday, July 1st and featured special programming about the celebration of Independence Day in the Carolina Piedmont during the 1850s.
- 114 visitors attended the event.

The Battle of Huck's Defeat (HB)

- The two-day event took place on Saturday, July 15th, and Sunday, July 16th at Historic Brattonville.
- Historic interpreters and volunteers led the living history reenactment centering on the Battle of Huck's Defeat and the nature of the American Revolution in the Carolina Piedmont.
- 677 visitors attended the event.

Upcoming Events

By the Sweat of Our Brows (HB) – September 9th

- Our annual special event where African-American and white Bratton descendants, historic interpreters, and volunteers lead a living history event demonstrating daily life and work for enslaved Africans on the Bratton Plantation and stories of their descendants through the 21st century.

Teddy Bear Tomfoolery (MSCM) – September 9th

- Museum visitors will grab their favorite teddy bear and join staff for a fun time celebrating our softest friends by singing songs and reading Corduroy.
- After the reading, there will be a "Teddy Bear March" around the museum for all those who wish to participate.

Stream Stewards (MYCO) – September 9th

- Visitors learn what it takes to keep our streams healthy.
- Attendees will visit our stream on the museum's trail to learn how to test water quality, identify macroinvertebrates, and explore the variety of life in the stream.

CHM Project Updates

Ice Age Exhibit (MYCO)

- The HVAC vendor who installed the units serving the Ice Age Hall ran diagnostics on the unit to help determine the cause of the humidity issue.
- The thermostats are pre-set to 70 F, preventing the units from cycling enough to help with the humidity issues.
- The recommended short-term fix is to lower the thermostat settings from the current 68-70 F range down to 66-68 F.
- If our data loggers show a decline in the humidity, but the relative humidity still isn't low enough, then we will follow the recommendations and reduce the temperature another degree.
- If that solves the problem, we will maintain the new temperature setting year-round and schedule permanent repairs to the vinyl.
- Though the vendor seemed very optimistic that we would notice a change in relative humidity with the adjustment of the temperatures, we are developing contingency plans that would include the installation of a commercial dehumidifier and a number of other less likely causes.

Lowry Family Theatre (McC)

- Preservation Engineering Update:
 - Bennett Preservation Engineering of Charleston, SC (BPE) continues to prepare the construction documents for repairing the roof structure of the auditorium.
 - A revised construction estimate based on the 95% construction documents was received on July 7th from BPE and is under review by CHM Preservation.
 - 100% construction documents are expected by July 31st.
- 2023-2024 General Appropriations Bill – South Carolina State Budget
 - \$2.5 million was approved for the McCelvey Auditorium Project through the SC state budget. SC Department of Archives & History (SCDAH) will administer the funds.
 - A preliminary meeting with SCDAH was held on July 6th to learn about the funding administration process.
 - Next Steps: SCDAH and other state agencies will be forwarding paperwork for completion ahead of the release of any funds.

Col. Bratton and Homestead Houses Preservation Projects (HB)

- Midwest Maintenance (MMI) continues preservation activities at Col. Bratton and Homestead Houses.
- MMI is working to procure the materials needed to install a wooden shake roof on the Col. Bratton House and a metal-plate roof on the Homestead House.
- Floor and ceiling boards of the Homestead House portico are being installed by tradesmen.
- The front porch of the Col. Bratton House has been reconstructed, including the laying of new floorboards.

- County Council has approved the change order for repairing the additional decay observed in the northwest and southwest corner posts of the two-story section of the Homestead House, as well as the sills of the north and south wings.
- Staff finalized the issue with the Homestead roof which should not equal a change in cost for us. Unfortunately, the lead time for metal roofing is 7 months.
- The metal roof fabricator had material in stock at the time of the initial bid but they are now out of stock, and it will take time to produce.
- Final Metal Roof Tech told MMI that it will take 2-3 months to get the materials and another 2-4 months to manufacture and paint the material.

McConnell House Re-roofing Project (HB)

- AllPoint Group, LLC of Charlotte will be working to install a new shake roof on the McConnell House.
- Work will not start until the double-split shakes have been produced by the manufacturer.
- AllPoint estimates that production will be complete in mid-July.

Main Street Children's Museum Wall Repair

- CHM Preservation has started repairs to the plaster wall in the stairwell leading to the mezzanine.
- We are optimistic that this section will complete in the coming month.
- Preservation specialists will continue to monitor the moisture movement in the section of the wall near the back hallway.



RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

| Temporary Custody ID: | Collection Type: | Method of Acquisition: |
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| TC380.1 | History | Gift |

Name of Donor:
 Joe Johnson

Description of Accession:
 .001-Top Hat of beaver skin, in excellent condition
 .002- Original Top Hat Box

Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection

Top Hat will fit in an archival hat box on a shelf while the acidic, original box sits out on the shelf next to it. It is important to store the two separately so the acidity of the box does not further deteriorate the hat.

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 3 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

The donor, Joe Johnson bought the top hat at Coleman’s Trading Post which was located at 29 N Congress Street in Downtown York, SC. Coleman’s was owned and operated by Emma Nivens Coleman and her husband, Harper Porter Coleman from 1947-2005, only closing after the passing of Emma at the age of 93. In 2019 their daughter Nancy Coleman reopened the store for a short while before it permanently closed.

Emma Nivens Coleman (c.1903-2005) was born in York to Benjamin Massey Nivens (1885-1962) and Bessie Curry Nivens (1888-1977). Both of Emma’s parents worked as merchants. Benjamin worked at a mercantile business on Charlotte Street in York for over 50 years and was considered one of York’s oldest retired merchants. Bessie worked as a saleslady. Emma graduated from Winthrop College. She married Harper Porter Coleman in January of 1933.

Harper Porter Coleman (c.1905-1992) was born in Union county. He moved to York c. 1930 and worked at the York Furniture Company for several years. He was also a funeral director of York Funeral Home from 1940-1945. He was a charter member of the York Chamber of Commerce and the York Rotary Club.

Joe Johnson (c. 1942-present) is the current owner of Dunlap-Johnson Chevrolet in York. In 1968, he left his job with General Motors Parts Division in Charlotte after marrying into the Dunlap family. The dealership was originally founded in 1930 by T.C. Dunlap as York Chevrolet Co. with the name later changing to Dunlap Chevrolet. After Johnson bought 50% of the company’s stock in 1972 and the remaining 50% in 1980, the name was changed to its current name of Dunlap-Johnson Chevrolet. In 1980, Joe and the dealership were selected by Chevrolet to be featured for 4 minutes of a film about the car company’s quality dealer program.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

The hat and box can be used for research, exhibition, or loan on various topics such as: 1800's fashion, use of animal fur for things other than natural history research, everyday life in the Carolina Piedmont, Downtown York businesses, and more broadly, consumerism in the 1800s.

Restrictions:


None

Unusual Costs:

None

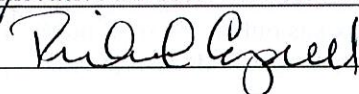
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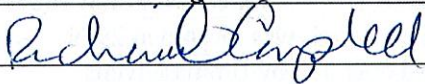
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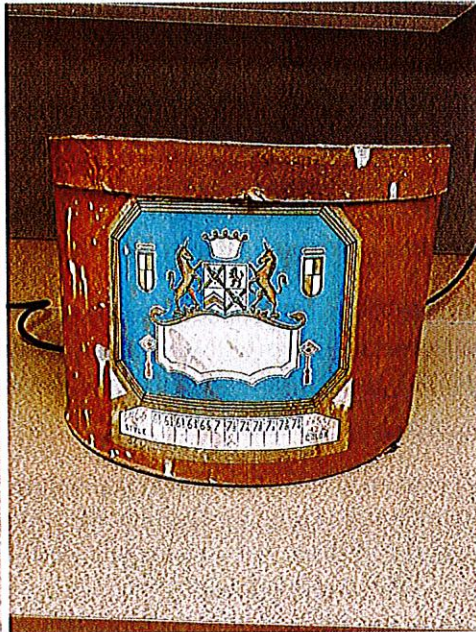
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Executive Director Signature:

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RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

| Temporary Custody ID: | Collection Type: | Method of Acquisition: |
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| TC380.2 | History | Gift |

Name of Donor:
Ann Ferguson Barnwell

Description of Accession:
.001 – handmade quilt featuring nine identical squares in red, light brown, and white; pre-Civil War
.002 – handmade quilt made of red and yellow printed fabrics; pre-Civil War

Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection

Both quilts are about 75" x 75". They can be folded individually into a large textiles box or, once supplies are purchased, rolled and stored in the textile closet with other high provenance quilts.

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

Both quilts were given to the donor by her paternal grandmother, Bessie Hambright Ferguson (1883-1968) and were made by Hambright family members prior to the Civil War.

Bessie Mae Hambright was born and raised in York and died in her home at 211 E Jefferson Street, in 1968. She is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. She married William Wade Ferguson in 1906. Bessie was the great-great-granddaughter of Lt. Col. Frederick Hambright (1727-1817), a prominent militia officer of the Revolutionary War, commanding the Lincoln County (NC) troops in the Battle of King's Mountain in October 1780. During that battle, Hambright was severely wounded in his thigh. He returned to the area after he recovered and built the Hambright homestead not far from the battlefield, where he lived with his wife until he died.

In addition to their Revolutionary War connections, the quilts also have a unique story tied to the Civil War. Family tradition says that both quilts were buried in the ground, along with other valuable items, as a way to protect them from getting into the hands of Union troops. During the war, General William Sherman gave permission to his troops to steal food from civilians. In addition to food though, the troops were also stealing valuables, such as silver and jewelry.

While the story about the offered quilts being buried cannot be confirmed, there are at least two documented instances in York and one documented instance in Spartanburg where family possessions were buried to prevent Union Soldiers from taking them. In fact, one of the Yorkville/York instances lead to a case brought before the General Sessions Court in March 1870, where the State was charging three men for grand larceny. The men were taking advantage of this Union Army practice and seen stealing the buried property of Mrs. William H. Barnwell and then trying to take the items to Charlotte, NC to sell (General Sessions, Box 24, Case 1277, March 1870 Term).



Though CHM has about 100 quilts in its permanent collection, most of them are part of the Sifford Textile Collection (1991.024) with all of the quilts being tied to the Smith-Sifford Family. The recommended quilts will add nicely to the overall quilt collection with them being made by a different family from York County.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

Though the quilts are in fair condition, showing their age and use, they are still strong candidates for loan, research, and exhibition on themes related to quilt making, the Revolutionary War and Battle of Kings Mountain, and civilian life in York during the Civil War.

Restrictions:

None

Unusual Costs:

None

Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

[Signature] DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS 7/12/2023

Executive Director Recommends (Signature):

Date:

[Signature] 7/12/2023

Approved by York County Culture and Heritage Commission on:

Executive Director Signature:

Date:

[Signature] 7/25/2023



RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

| Temporary Custody ID: | Collection Type: | Method of Acquisition: |
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| TC382 | Archives | Donation |

Name of Donor:

Dennis Amos

Description of Accession:

- Invoice from *Yorkville Enquirer* for advertisement to T.B. Butler of Gaffney, SC dated June 19, 1908.
- Letter from J. N. McGill's Sons Co. (General Merchants and Planters) Hickory Grove, S. C. to Mr. W. S. Hall, Attorney at Law, of Gaffney, SC dated October 19, 1923 regarding re-appraisal of property.
- Note on letterhead, undated, from the Sheriff of York County Hugh G. Brown regarding serving witnesses in court cases involving debt for Nannie B. Allison vs. S.A. Robinson (CCP Box 87A 4143) and M.J. Robinson vs. S.A. Robinson (CCP Box 87A 4144), both cases dated 1911.
- Letter from the Judge of Probate of York County, W. H. McCorkle, January 20, 1904 regarding court case involving debt in May B. Lumpkin vs. J.C. Hayden, Guardian (CCP Box 73A 3647) case dated 1905.

Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection

Will fit into letter size acid free folders

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

The donor acquired these 4 historical documents from online sources. All of these documents have a connection to people, places, businesses, and events in York County.

Thomas B. Butler was a lawyer and politician who served as the 72nd Lieutenant Governor of SC. His 1908 advertisement in the *Yorkville Enquirer* was announcing his candidacy for Congress - 5th District. According to his obituary, Lt. Governor Thomas B. Butler was born in Union, January 11, 1866, the son of Dr. P. P. Butler and Arsinoe Jeter Butler. He attended Union county schools and the University of South Carolina. In 1896 he moved to Gaffney and began practicing law. He married Miss Annie Wood, of Gaffney in November 7, 1899, she died in 1926. He served as alderman at Union and mayor of Gaffney. He served in the house in 1901-1902, in the senate 1903-1907 and from 1919-1926; and was elected lieutenant governor in 1926, being inaugurated on January 18, 1927. He had announced he would be a candidate for governor in 1930 but ill health kept him from entering the race. He died in office following a stroke on January 5, 1931 in Union, SC.

Yorkville Enquirer was established in Yorkville (York), South Carolina by Lewis Grist with the first issue being printed on January 4, 1855. He turned over management of the paper to his sons in the



1890s and it remained a family business until the Grists sold the *Enquirer* in 1943. The *Enquirer* then merged with another local publication, the *Clover Herald*, in 2007.

William Stuart Hall (1869-1938) was born in Chester, S.C. and was the son of William Stuart Hall Sr. and Anna E. Holmes. After graduating Wofford College, he became the first superintendent of Gaffney, S.C.'s new public school system and then went on to practice law. He married Anna B. Caldwell in 1894 and together they had four sons and one daughter. In 1908 he was elected to the house of representatives and then served as a state senator from 1910-1914. During the 1916 and 1920 presidential elections, Hall acted as an elector for South Carolina.

John Newman McGill (1850-1918) was the son of Thomas McGill (1813-1903) and Louisa Galloway McGill (1817-1885). Around 1874 he married Margaret Jane Whitesides (1849-1905), the daughter of Thomas Whitesides (1798-1874) and Margaret Brown Whitesides (1808-1857). The couple had six children that lived to adulthood—two sons and four daughters. He lived in Hickory Grove and operated a store, J.N. McGill & Sons, which was rebranded as J.N. McGill's Sons Co after his death.

J.N. McGill's Sons Co. was operated by Thomas Grier McGill (1875-1938) and James Meek McGill (1878-1966). A May 12, 1922 article from the *Yorkville Enquirer* describes the company with "headquarters at Hickory Grove, it had built up a flourishing and wide-flung business extending throughout the surrounding county across the river into Cherokee county and far out toward Chester and Gaston county lines, and everywhere has a reputation for good goods, low prices and fair dealings."

Hugh Gordon Brown (1864-1925) was the son of William Lawson Brown (1814-1873) and Jane Jackson Brown (1829-1893). In November 1902 he married Alma R. Ferguson and they had eleven children. He served as York County sheriff from 1904 to 1916 and then became county supervisor in 1921. Due to poor health, he retired from the supervisor position in 1923. Both he and his wife are buried in the Kings Mountain Chapel Cemetery in Filbert, S.C.

Born in York County, **Col. William Hart McCorkle** (1821-1904) was the son of Stephen McCorkle (1793-1857) and Jane Hart McCorkle (1802-1824). He was married twice, first to Margaret Leslie Robinson (1822-1853), with whom he has one child, and then to Elva Grier Dixon (1834-1884), with whom he had two children. In 1855 McCorkle was elected colonel of the Thirty-fourth South Carolina militia. During the Civil War, he was shot in the knee during the second battle of Manassas, which contributed to his death years later. He worked as a merchant with several different businesses in Yorkville and was elected probate judge for York County in 1888—a position he held for the rest of his life. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

All of these documents have a connection to people, places, businesses, and events in York County. The 4 documents are useful to researchers interested in the court system, politics, newspapers, merchants, and history of stationary.

Restrictions:

None



Unusual Costs:

None

Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

Nancy Sambets, Director of Archives 7-12-2023

Executive Director Recommends (Signature):

Date:

Kirk Campbell 7-12-2023

Approved by Culture & Heritage Commission on:

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R. Q. Gould 7/25/2023



RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

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| Temporary Custody ID: | Collection Type: | Method of Acquisition: |
| TC384 | Archaeology | Gift |

Name of Donor:
Timothy Childers

Description of Accession:
.001-19th to early 20th century cast iron stove top lifter

Overall Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection
Will fit in an archaeology box with comparable items

Significance/Ownership History **Mission Rating:** 3 (Scale of 1 – 5; 5 matches mission 100%)
Donor found lifter about 40 years ago when he was a child while walking through the enslaved cemetery site at Historic Brattonville. At the time that the donor found the item, the property did not belong to Historic Brattonville or CHM. The cemetery land was acquired in the early 2000s when it was purchased from Sam and Carolyn Mendenhall.

Historic Brattonville was established around 1766 by Col. William Bratton, whose exploits include the Patriot victory at the Battle of Huck's Defeat which occurred on July 12, 1780. The cemetery lays within a five-acre patch of woods on Historic Brattonville. Archeology conducted in 2023 suggests that this is the final resting place of more than 46 individuals.

This piece will add to our HB Archaeology collection as a piece of material culture from the Bratton Family and their functioning plantation.


Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan
The lid lifter can be used for research, exhibition and loan on topics such as Brattonville, life in the early 20th century, and life in the Carolina Piedmont.

Restrictions:
None

Unusual Costs:
None

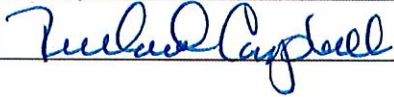
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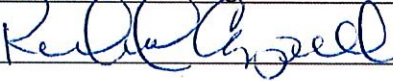
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RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCESSION

Table with 3 columns: Temporary Custody ID (TC385), Collection Type (Archaeology/History), Method of Acquisition (Gift)

Name of Donor: Dale Gould

Description of Accession: -3 (.001-.003) bifacially pieces of worked quartz; "preforms" for a projectile point or a quick-edge cutting tool... -2 (.004-.005) projectile points with partial stems... All artifacts were found on donor's property in York on S. Parham Road

Overall Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair [] Poor

General/Comparable Size of Collection

Largest: 2.25" x 1"
Smallest: 2" x 1"
All items will fit in small individual baggies that can be stored in a small box with other miscellaneous archaeology

Significance/Ownership History Mission Rating: 5 (Scale of 1 - 5; 5 matches mission 100%)

All items were found by the donor, Dale Gould, on his property at 3011 S. Paraham Road, York, SC 29745. The property consists of 21 acres of land which features a creek running through it. The donor and his wife purchased the property in 1995.
While the bifacially worked quartz pieces are unable to be dated, the Murrow Mountain projectile points can be narrowed down to a date range. According to CHM Staff member and trained archaeologist Carey Tilley, the Murrow Mountain point is a Middle Archaic Projectile Point / Knife that is a fairly expedient tool (made quickly) but is still distinct to a specific period in time. Archaeologists typically assign a date of the Middle Archaic period in the Southeastern US of 8,000 to 5,000 years ago. More specifically the Morrow Mountain points range roughly from 7,100 years ago to 6,500 years go). These points are generally common in this area and throughout the region, especially with quartz. The similarities of all five tools in size and material from the same general area (along with the absence of other types) make them interesting. More research of the donor's property would need to be done to determine if there is a larger Middle Archaic site present.
While we have hundreds of projectile points in the Anthropology Collection, there is very little to no information about where they were collected. Those that have information are not from the Carolina Piedmont, but rather Tennessee and other states. The recommended projectile points in this collection have high provenance to York County, given that they were unearthed/found in York by the donor over the course of the last few years. Though he does not have specific information that could be useful for

archaeological research, they do provide concrete evidence of the presence of indigenous people in York County and the Carolina Piedmont

Potential Uses: Research Exhibition Loan

Given the lack of useful research information on the projectile points from an archaeology perspective, they are suitable for exhibition and research pertaining to York County's pre-history. They could be shown in history exhibits where we briefly discuss human presence prior to European contact or used for research on the material culture of indigenous people of the Carolina Piedmont.

Restrictions:

None

Unusual Costs:

None

Staff Recommendation (Signature & Title):

Date:

Jim Bright DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS 7/11/2023

Executive Director Recommends (Signature):

Date:

Richard Appell 7/25/2023

Approved by York County Culture & Heritage Commission on:

Executive Director Signature:

Date:

Richard Appell 7/25/2023

