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The following pages were sent to me by

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Some of the Watson people listed in these pages are her ancestors. She could not remember from what publication the information came, but the sheets looked to me as if they were out of a religious publication of some kind, perhaps the Southern Christian Advocate (see bottom of p 2.)

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ELIHU WATSON of South Carolina

p 41 When ELIHU and Permelia WATSON joined the Church the entire family was consecrated to God. "He and all his were baptized straightway." The four children—two boys and two girls, aged 7, 5, 3 years, the babe—were all dedicated to God in holy baptism, and each succeeding child was likewise consecrated to God.

During the seven years that followed their conversion, their house was the preacher's home. And after their removal to Cokesbury many a weary servant of God found in their home a retreat where he could rest and recuperate.

The educational opportunities afforded in the early days of this century were meagre indeed, but both husband and wife had availed themselves of their opportunities. They had learned to read write and cipher, and the husband had mastered the science of surveying. After marriage they kept abreast with the educational spirit of the age and by reading profitable books they secured a good mental training. How many times my grandmother read her Bible through is not known, but she was as thoroly conversant with the Scriptures as most preachers are. She read Clarke's Commentary on the entire Bible. He was her authority on any disputed passage. She was also well versed in theology, understanding the great doctrines that differentiated Methodism from other denominations. Much of her Bible was committed to memory and when by reason of age her eyesight failed she would comfort her heart by repeating passage after passage from both the Old and the New Testaments.

From their lack of thorough school training they learned to know its value. One great object, kept ever before their eyes, was to give their children every possible educational advantage. Cokesbury was fast becoming prominent as an educational center, and the determination was made to move thitherward. Accordingly, in January, 1839, the change was made. The results of that change cannot be fully estimated this side of eternity.

At Cokesbury the family was reared. The home was governed by the strictest rules of religious life. There was no yielding to the blandishments of worldliness, no compromise with evil in any shape or form. The Sabbath was kept holy. The word of the parents—and especially that of the mother—was law and woe to the child who dared to go contrary to their commands. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" was a maxim often quoted and to it was almost added the weight of inspiration. Sometimes, doubtless, the children thought "Mother" was harsh, but every act and every rule was prompted by a desire to develop the highest manhood and womanhood of her children. During the twenty years succeeding the move to Cokesbury the lights and shadows of life followed each other in rapid succession. Fourteen children were borne by Mrs. Watson. Of these, a son and a daughter did not even open their eyes upon the beauties of this world; two died in infancy; and ten were reared to maturity. Only two survive the father and mother.

November 4 1859, Elihu Watson passed over the river. December 23, 1894, he was followed by his wife. For thirty-five years and more, she had walked the lonely path of widowhood, yet in all these years her trust in God never faltered. One by one her children were taken from her. The reverses of fortune just after the war of secession left her with barely a home and in after years even that was lost, but of a home beyond she was ever confident. Five of her sons entered the Confederate service, one was slain in battle, two came home and died from illness contracted while in camp, one was wounded and honorably discharged from the service of his country that he might the better serve the country by serving the Church, and one served throughout the war, surviving the dangers of battle and the rigors of imprisonment.

To the writer of this sketch she has been a mother in all but name. She reared me from my early childhood, I not being quite four years of age when my father and mother were taken from me. To her training, under God, I am chiefly indebted for whatever character I may possess. One of the fondest hopes of her life was realized when her "boy" consented to preach.

The influence of her life and her prayers has been wonderful. Of the twelve children who have died we have a well grounded hope of salvation of each. The two living are striving to lead Christian lives. Not a single grandchild has died without hope and of those living nearly every one of sufficient age is a member of the Church. The same may also be said of the great-grand-children.

For several years past her home had been with her daughter, Mrs. M. F. Johnson p 42 in Abbeville Co. That her strength was failing became more noticeable last summer, but about the 1st of December it was evident that the end was near. She was ready for the summons. For more than sixty years she had been living in view of that hour when she should be called to give an account of the deeds done in the body. For then years she had been wondering why the messenger so long delayed his coming. She was impatient to be gone. One morning not long before the end, as her daughter came to her bedside, she said, "I thot I should have gone shouting home to glory before this morning".

On Sunday morning Dec. 23, 1894, at 2:30 O'clock, the summons came, and without a struggle or a moan she calmly fell to sleep, and she was gone to worship "in the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens". On Christmas eve we laid her body to rest in the graveyard at Andrew's Chapel, near Cokesbury, where rest the remains of so many of her loved ones, Bro. Price conducting the simple yet beautifully sublime services of our ritual.....

ASBURY OLIN WATSON

Asbury Olin Watson, son of Elihu and Permellia W. Watson, was b April 17, 1841. His name indicates Methodist ancestry. The home training manifested its influence when, in July 1853, the boy of 12 yrs. united with the Methodist Church. Attending the Cokesbury Conference School he prepared for Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., where he prosecuted his studies until the civil war began. Leaving College, he entered the Confederate service as 1st Lieut. k Co. F, Holcombe's Legion. He was made a prisoner in May 1864. The writer well remembers his return from prison and his arrival at the old home. He bravely struggled with adverse circumstances and altho never gaining worldly wealth lived a life characterized by eminent Christian virtues.

Feb. 26, 1868, he was md to Miss S. A. Humbert of Laurens. Cokesbury, Greenville, Newry, witnessed his untiring efforts to secure a livelihood for his loved ones. On Wed., Feb. 13, 1901, he gave up the wearing struggle and went to his bed. On Friday evening he told the watching circle that he was prepared and ready to die, that all was well with him and his Lord. At 6 o'clock Saturday morning, Feb. 16, the weary toiler entered into that "rest which remaineth for the people of God", leaving a wife and 4 children to mourn their loss and follow him even as he followed Christ....

G. P. Watson

Mrs. MARY FLETCHER WATSON JOHNSON

Mrs. Mary Fletcher Johnson was born in Laurens co., Apr. 2, 1831. When 9 yrs. of age, her parents moved to Cokesbury, then Abbeville Co. When quite young she was md. to the late Capt. Leroy J. Johnson, with whom she lived a happy life, in the Sharon community, near Abbeville. For the past few yrs. her home was with her children. On Jan. 19, 1914, when God called her to her eternal home, she was with her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Hook, Tatum, S. C. Her remains were brot to Sharon, her church that she loved so well, and tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery. She is survived by one son, Joe L. Johnson, two daughters, Mrs. D. L. Haddon and Mrs. M. W. Hook, besides a number of grand children and great grand children. Few women have accomplished as much for the Master as she.... She joined the Methodist church when a girl... She was making a quilt for the parsonage, when her last illness came.....

W. H. Murray.

(Southern Christian Advocate, Feb. 12, 1914)

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The author of the obituary sketch above did not know Mrs. Johnson so intimately

and affectionately as did members of her own family. She was a woman of great character and of marked talent. As expressed by her nephew, Dr. E. O. Watson, "she was a woman of charming personality, beautiful in person, alert in mind, bright and cheerful in conversation, a gifted pianist and a teacher of piano of unusual ability in developing the talent of the others". She was the last of the children of Elihu Watson and Permelia Wright Miswanger Watson.

Elihu Watson's School Contract

Copy of interesting document bearing date of Feb. 16, 1820, and giving Rules for governing a school, form of contract furnished to Elihu Watson by G. S. Warren and John N. Golding, and on reverse side under date of Aug. 27, 1820 a map of Twp. # 20 in Range 17 of Tennessee river addressed to Mr. Elihu Watson and bearing the name of Robert Cox:

The document is in fine old fashioned script and is here copied verbatim as to spelling, punctuation, etc. It was among the papers of the late Mrs. L. J. Johnson, nee Mary Fletcher Watson, dau of Elihu and Permelia Watson of Cokesbury, S. C., and is now in the hands of Prof. E. O. Watson, of Greensboro (N. C.) Female College, the great grandson of Elihu and Permelia Watson.

Rule 1st Every scholar Shall attend School With his or her face and hands Cleanly Washed that hair Neatly combed and Shall not Waste thar time Coming to or Going from Scholl and Shall pass all persons Met by them With respect by bowing and Speaking to them---

Rule 2nd Each and Every Scholar Shall pay due respect to thar teacher as he is Thar Omediate head and teacher they are also to pay respect to all persons Who Shall at any time come to Said School as a visit, by rising & modestly bowing thar bodies & Emediately return to their Steadies and Stick close to the Same During his her or thar Stay & at thar departure they Shall All arise & Again modestly bowing thar bodies-----

John N. Golding

Rule 3rd No Scholar Shall Indulge tham Selves in Wrestling Climing Trees rioting fighting telling lies Swearing Calling Nick names but shall prudently calling every person by thar proper names

Rule 4th No Schollar Shall be permitted to carry Disagreeable news From Such As Will produce Strife Amongst any party of Sd School.

Rule 5th If any person not under the Jurisdiction of parents or Gardeens Shall Subscribe to said School and Will not conform to thees rules laid Down by me Shall be Expeld from Said School and Pay All the Subscription Money etc--

Rule 6th and Last Any Purson or Scholar Violating Said rules shall receive such Corporal punishment as the teacher may deem Fit etc etc Feb. 16th day 1820 Elihue Watson

My most worthy friend I have Give thees rules to you as I have them But I Charge you Not to fail in one point from the first Day if you want to have Satisfaction never fail at the Start but fulfill your rules and after they find out you are as good as your Word they will mind you and it will be an easy life to you & honor I Wish may follow you and Success My Friend E. Watson

G. S. Warren

John N. Golding

Facing the above on sheet is the following agreement:

North District) Articles of Agreement made and concluded on by Elihue Watson of the one part and the under Subscribers of the other part--Witnesseth, I, the said E. Watson do propose the Teaching of A School Five days in each week for the Space of Six Months which will consist of Reading Writing and Arithmetic We the under-Subscribers for his Service & Good performance Do Promise to Pay to the Said E. Watson for Each Scholar Annexed to our Names Six Dollars to be paid in hand the last day of the School. I, said E. Watson, do promise to pay due Respect to Each and Every Scholar Without Partiality & To forward them in the fore mentioned Sciences of learning as fas as thar talants Will Admit of. I, the Said E. Watson, Promises to keep Good rule & order in School Attend as Sd School At all Regular School hours & make up all my lost Time only holidays Excepted. This the 9th Day of 1820 A. D.

Camp Gordon's Brigade
Aug. 29th 1863

To His Excellency
Hon. J. Gill Shorter
Montgomery Ala

Governor-

I desire to bring to your attention the claims which worth always establishes, of my friend Sgt E.W. Watson of Montgomery- a member of the 6th Ala Regt. He entered the service a private in that Regt. at the beginning of the war. He was afterwards while I was Col of the Regt appointed Sgt Major & has since served in that capacity. As 8000 Troops are being raised in the State I am satisfied that the good of the service would be promoted by conferring on Sgt Watson a Commission with at least the rank of Captain. He is a gentleman of fine cultivation, & a soldier of the first Order. He has been with his Regt. in all its trying marches and battles always discharging his duties with the utmost courage in the latter. I know of few young men from our state of equal claim to promotion who have never received it. He has the qualifications to make an excellent Field Officer, sensible, courageous & firm. If the appointment of officers for these troops is a part of the duty of the Governor I hope the claims of Sgt. Watson will be favorably considered. His experience too, well fits him for such a position. Any position you may be able to give him Governor will be filled with credit to himself & state and duly acknowledged.

by Yours Very Respectly

J.B. Gordon, Brig. Genl.

Reply of GOVERNOR SHORTER

Executive Dept.

Montgomery Ala Sept. 7th 1863

Brig Genl J.B. Gordon
Camp Gordon's Brigade
Army of Northern Virginia
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ult, recommending Sergt E.W. Watson for position under the late call of the Presidents. A recommendation by one so competent to judge of military merit would be conclusive to my mind, if the power of appointment rested with me. But as you are aware, volunteers elect their own officers, and the militia are officered by laws from their own body.

Another obstacle presents itself in the reluctance of the Superior Officers of your Army to transfer men from that service to the limited service required for State defense. This might prove insuperable even if Sergt. Watson could secure an election by a volunteer company.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Gill Shorter, Gov of Ala.

ANCESTRY of ELIHU WATSON

The family name Watson derives from Walter. A Teutonic name, it is called. In Domesday Book, (list of names made up about 1080 A.D. of residents of Eng. on the order of William the Conqueror), we find Walterrus and from this came Waterson, Watt, Watts, Watterson, Watson, Wattson, Watkins, Watkinson, also Waller and Walerson. Watson was not known as a surname until after the Norman conquest, according to genealogists.

p 45 Coming from Eng., Watsons were early settlers in both New Eng. and in the South, from early records. As would be expected Watsons were found in Scotland, in Wales and in Ireland tho originally the ancestry of these must be considered English. They came from various parts of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales to America.

An interesting fact is the similarity of names in early Watsons in N. England and in the South. Elijah seems to have been a favorite name in both sections of the country, and also William, John and James. In Engl, the Watsons in several English counties had coats of arms. There was no one coat of arms for all the Watson family,

however. The Watson families of Surrey in Eng. had a coat of arms described as "blazoned:ermine, on a chief, gules (red) a sun, or gold". No crest or motto was given with this coat of arms. It was granted Sept. 8, 1596. Burke's Peerage blazons arms for Watsons of Bedford, Cambridge, Cumberland, York, Suffolk, Hampshire, Kent and London and for Watsons of Scotland and Ireland in addition to the one for the Watsons of Surrey. One of the Watson coat of arms had this motto "Mea Gloria Fides-Fidelity is my glory". Not a bad motto for all of them. One genealogist says that judging from the simplicity of the coat-armor, the Watsons have borne arms since the founding of heraldry.

However, it is not easy to link up the various Watson families in America with their Watson ancestors of the "old country" as we refer to any part of Europe from which emigrants to America came. The pioneers did not keep up the written record necessary.

Watson settlers in S.Car. may be divided roughly into 2 classes, as with almost all others, viz; those who came into the colony thru the port of Charleston sailing directly for that place from some European port; and 2d, those who landed first in Penna. or Va. and then migrated south, stopping in the Piedmont section usually to become residents of S.Car. A majority of the first settlers in the Piedmont came down from Va. and quite a number of these had come from Penna. before they stopped in Va.

There are at least 5 main groups of pioneer Watson settlers in S.Car., viz: the Watsons of the Pee Dee, practically all descendants of Isham and Mary Watson. Isham Watson was a son of Barnabas Watson who came into the State from Maryland. The descendants are numerous.

The Edgefield and Saluda Watsons are descendants of 5 brothers, William, John, Arthur, Archie and Richmond who came first to Penna., then to Va. and then to S.Car. They settled first on Cloud's Creek. Also many descendants of these now.

The Laurens co. Watsons appear to have connection with these.

Edward Watson and his wife Margaret Watson, from Va., were among the first of the name in what is now Abbeville.

The Anderson Watsons, quite a large group, are descendants of Jonathan Watson who came from Virginia.

In York and Chester counties the Watson group appear to be descendants of Watsons from Virginia.

There are also Watsons in Greenville co. and the name is noted there in early days. Prominent among these was James Watson, believed to have been a native of Scotland, by his descendants.

Voluminous notes on the Watsons of Va. compiled by the late Judge Walter Allen Watson are published in the Va. State Library Bulletin for Sept. 1925. But no one of these can be positively linked up with S.Car. pioneers.

The first Watsons in Laurens co., from land grants appear to have been William Watson, John Watson and Edward Watson. If related to each other the fact cannot be now established. No doubt they were connected and also with Watsons in adjoining cos.

Elihu Watson, as said in the sketch of him in the body of this pamphlet, was a son of John Watson and Mary Cox Watson. The date of Elihu Watson's birth is Jan. 5, 1798. His parents, as previously stated are believed to have been married "about 1790" possibly a few years later than 1790.

John Watson, the father of Elihu, d at his home in the Waterloo section of Laurens co. in Aug. 1848, the date being arrived at by the fact that the petition for letters of administration on his estate were filed on Sept. 2, 1848 in the office of the Ordinary for Laurens district by his son John Watson Jr. The widow of John Watson Sr., Mary Cox Watson, survived him some yrs. The exact date of her death is not known. Both John Watson Sr., his wife Mary and their son John Watson Jr., his wife and 2 sons, and possibly other ch. of John Watson Sr., are buried in the Waterloo cemetery. Their graves are not marked but the graves of 2 sons of John Watson Jr. are marked and the family plot is believed to contain the others named above.

p 46 If John Watson Sr. had reached the age of 75 at the time of his death in 1848, this would make the yr. of his birth 1773 and he was probably no older than that. He would have been a lad of 14 at the close of the Revolution. He could not have taken part in the fighting. Until his father's name can be established, his Revolutionary service, if any, cannot be proved. Mary Cox Watson, the wife of John Watson Sr., of Laurens co., survived him a few yrs. She was probably about the same age as her husband.

The parents of John Watson Sr. are not known positively. There is ground for

belief that the name of his father was William Watson, and there is reason to believe that the family was the same as that of the Watsons who for many years lived in the Mudlick creek section of Laurens co. and in and around old Milton and not far from Cross Hill. There are many Christian names, unusual similarity, in common. The names Elihu, Elijah, William, Adolphus, Allen and a leaning toward Biblical names, so-called, in general that both families have suggest this connection. These same names are noted in the family of Watsons who were pioneers of the name in old Edgefield co., settling on Cloud's Creek in what is now Saluda co. It is probable that they were all connected.

Much time has been given to searching official records in Laurens co. and also in Newberry co. to find out something about these early Watsons. It requires both time and patience to explore these dusty and scanty records of 100 and more yrs. ago. And yet the few grains of solid wheat that have been found in this search are pleasing reward for the effort.

It seems at the moment that the father of John Watson Sr., the father of Elihu Watson, may have been named William. John Watson Sr. and his wife, Mary Cox, were md. "about 1790" according to the family Bible of Elihu Watson. The census of 1790 gives the heads of families only... In this census, in S. Car., Laurens co., 96th district, it is noted that there were 3 "William Watsons" and 3 "John Watsons" in Laurens co. in 1790. There was also an "Elijah Watson", a "Mrs. Watson" listed and a "Benjamin Watson".

One of the 3 William Watsons was William Watson, who with his wife Ann lived on lands granted him in the Milton community. And Elijah Watson named above was his son, who continued to live in that section and had a son, Dr. Elijah Watson. William Watson and his wife had another son, descendants believe, by the name of William. This might be the father of John Watson Sr. One of the 3 William Watsons in this census lived in the vicinity of what is now Waterloo, to judge from the names of neighbors, names still found in that community, and as John Watson Sr. and his wife Mary lived in this same section, this might be the father of John Sr. if his name was William. This William Watson in 1790 had 2 sons "under 16" living with him but apparently no daughters, as there is only one "white female" listed. He had 3 slaves and this was rather significant. The only other Watson in Laurens co. listed as owning slaves was a "John Watson" who owned 2. William Watson and his son Elijah are listed one right after the other, showing they lived close to each other.

This appears to be all that is possible to give on the father of John Watson, Sr.

John Watson, Sr. md Mary Cox a dau of Allen Cox, of Newberry district. A brother, Lewis Watson, also md. a dau. of Allen Cox and her name was Rutha Cox. Other daus. of Allen Cox were, Mrs. Zebulon Savage, Mrs. Henry Hazel and Mrs. George Gothard (now spelled Goddard). These are afterwards noted as neighbors of John Watson Sr. and Lewis Watson. There will be further reference to the Allen Cox family later.

It is clearly established then that John Watson Sr. and Lewis Watson were, brothers. Lewis Watson was the father of a number of children, many of whose descendants have been located. John Watson Sr. appears to have had at least 2 other brothers than Lewis, one named James and one named Jared. The evidence that he had a brother named James is from a letter written to H.L. Watson in 1911 by Mrs. Mary Fletcher Watson Johnson. Mrs. Johnson thought James Watson was the father of Berry (evidently correctly "Barry") Watson who was a first cousin and brother-in-law of Elihu Watson, but the records of the settlement of the estate of Lewis Watson in the Judge of Probate's office in Laurens show that the father of Berry ("Barry") Watson was Lewis. His name is spelled "Barry" in the family Bible owned by a descendant, Mrs. C.T. Summer of Newberry.

In the settlement of the estate of Jared Watson, it is noted that the petition for letters of administration were signed by Lewis Watson and the bond was signed by himself, Zebulon Savage and Henry Hazel, brothers-in-law of John Watson Sr., and Lewis. The appraisers were Jacob Niswanger, father-in-law of Elihu Watson, Zebulon Savage, Zachariah Arnold and Jeremiah Warren. Jared Watson d. in Sept.

p 47 1815 and the petition for letters of administration were filed on Oct. 9, 1815. Jared Watson's estate was small, the principal items being "crop of corn, one rifel Gun, one mare, one saddle and bridal" and similar items. The buyers at the sale of this personal property were John Watson, James Watson, Lewis Watson, Henry Hazel, Samuel Anderson and Willis Watson. Willis Watson bot the "rifel Gun". He was a

son of Lewis.

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These 4 brothers, John Watson Sr., Lewis Watson, James Watson and Jared Watson form the ~~starting~~ starting point of the known ancestry of Elihu Watson, son of John Watson Sr. Jared Watson left no children, it appears from the record. If he ever married it is not known. Nor can there be found any trace of descendants of James Watson.

This brings us down to the 2 known, remaining brothers, John Watson Sr., and Lewis Watson. The latter will be taken up first tho he seems to have been younger than John.

Lewis Watson, brother of John Watson Sr., md Rutha Cox, a sister of his brother John Watson Sr.'s wife. Lewis Watson appears to have been a man of considerable property for his time. He d. in Jan. 1827 and his widow, Rutha Watson, was named administratrix on Feb. 10, 1827. Her bond was signed by herself and by her sons Barry (Berry) and Willis Watson. The appraisers were John Watson, James Crocker and Samuel Freeman.

By the returns of the administratrix in 1832 it is noted that the ch. of Lewis Watson, deceased, and his wife, Rutha, in that year were:

Phoebe Watson who md. G. Owens (Owings).

Barry Watson (Berry Watson) who md. Sarah (Sallie) Niswanger Golding. She had md. 1st

Richard Golding and after his death she md. Barry (Berry) Watson.

Willis Watson. He seems to have been living in "the Fork" in the Mt. Gallagher section of Laurens co. in 1833; He sold a lot there to a "Methodist church" in that year. Nothing more is known of him.

Nelly Watson who md. Hutson Butler.

Rutha Watson who md. James McPherson.

John Watson, Lewis Watson and Wade A. Watson. Nothing further is known of these sons of Lewis Watson and Rutha Watson.

In the list of buyers at the sale of Lewis Watson, in addition to the names of his widow and children are, Allen Watson, Elihu Watson, William Watson and Capt. John Watson. Who this Capt. John Watson is cannot be stated but it may have been John Watson Sr., the father of Elihu.

The father of John Watson Sr., the father of Elihu Watson, will now be taken up.

John Watson Sr., as previously stated d. in 1848 and if he were 75 yrs. old this would put the yr. of his birth as 1773. His wife Mary lived a year or so after his death, the exact year not being known. They lived near Waterloo. If he owned any slaves the fact is not revealed in the settlement of his estate, with the sale of personal property. W. P. Pinson, of Greenwood co., owns an old account book which seems to have been used by John Watson Sr., or John Watson Jr., who lived in the Waterloo community. It is headed "Cross Road Hotel" and it seems to be a book of accounts of amounts due the "Cross Roads Hotel" in 1837. Whether this was an establishment owned by John Watson Sr., or his son John Watson Jr., cannot be stated. Numerous names of neighbors and of members of the family appear in it. Mr. Pinson is a grandson of John Watson Jr.

The wife of John Watson Sr., as already stated was the dau. of Allen Cox, of Newberry District. In Deed book D, p. 288, in Newberry co. there is a reference to a deed of land from certain heirs and legatees of Allen Cox, deceased. The names of these follow: James Cox, Allen Cox, Robert Cox, Henry Hazle, George Gothard (Goddard), Lewis Watson, John Watson, Zebulon Savage, and Daniel Cox. The land, 100 acres, was sold and conveyed by them in 1799 to Thomas Chappel, and it was described as being on the N side of Saluda river in Newberry co. and was a part of a royal grant made to "Andrew Cocks" (Cox) on the 21st of Mch. 1768. There is a record of 3 other grants to him. So Andrew Cox was probably the first of the name in this part of the world. From a letter written in 1827 to Elihu Watson from Allen Cox, one of the above heirs, from Pickens co., Ala., it is learned that most of the above named sons of Allen Cox had removed to that part of Ala. What became of them or their descendants is not known. This letter mentions the brothers James and Robert and some sisters.

Allen Cox Sr. may have been a son of Andrew Cox the first settler in Newberry co. Allen Cox, as previously mentioned is listed in the census of 1790 as a resident of Newberry co. He d. before 1799 to judge from the date of the deed from his heirs and legatees.

p 48 His dau. Mary who md John Watson Sr., lived until some date after 1848. Their son, Elihu Watson, in a letter to his brother Lewis Watson, under date of Sept. 18, 1845, then living in Wharton, Tex., tells him that "Father & Mother are both living and enjoying tolerable health at present" and adds, "they are most always under some complaint but works hard as ever".

The children of John Watson Sr. and Mary Cox Watson follow, tho not in order of their ages, for this order is not known:

1. Elihu Watson, who md. Permelia Wright Niswanger Watson, Their descendants have already been named.
2. John Watson Jr. who md. Elizabeth Ann Funk, of Va. They lived near Waterloo and had 8 ch. These are listed in a separate sketch below.
3. Wiley Watson. Nothing is known of him other than the name. A grandson of John Watson, Jr., Lewis Clayton Watson, who was still living near Louisville, Ky. in 1923 says he had never heard of him, but his name was given in a list of brothers and sisters of Elihu Watson by Mrs. Mary Fletcher Watson Johnson years before her death, and he was also named as one of the heirs of John Watson Sr. in 1848. He may have removed to Ala. with other relatives.
4. Pleasants Watson. He was md. to Elizabeth Redden in Apr. 1845 and she d. 5 weeks later on June 2, 1845. Pleasants Watson continued to live with his father and mother and from the settlement of the Estate of John Watson Sr., he looked after whatever farming was done and at the sale of his father's property he bot most of the farming implements. He d. apparently in the latter part of 1860 as his brother, John Watson Jr. was named administrator on Jan. 20, 1861. He must have married a 2d time as Lewis Watson, of Louisville, Ky., as above, stated in 1912 that Pleasants md. "Thura Redden" and the name of "Thursa Watson" appears in the list of buyers at the sale of his property, so he may have married the sister of his first wife. No children so far as known.
5. Daniel Watson. Lewis Clayton Watson of Louisville, Ky. said of him in 1912 that he was killed by persons unknown. He was living in 1848 as his name appears in the list of heirs of his father.
6. William Watson. Nothing much is known of him. He was living in 1848 as his name appears in the list of heirs of his father John Watson Sr. Elihu Watson, in the letter to his brother Lewis above mentioned, says, "William, Daniel, Elizabeth and Pleasants are all living with them (the father and mother) at this time" - Sept. 18, 1845. He was living in 1848 as he was listed as one of the buyers at his father's sale.
7. Allen Watson. Evidently died single. Lewis Clayton Watson says of his uncle Allen: "He died at my father's", John Watson Jr. Elihu Watson told his brother Lewis in the same letter of 1845 that "Allen was in Mississippi the last time I heard from him". Probably he came back and died near Waterloo and was buried in the family plot there.
8. Lewis Watson. Went to Wharton, Tex. about 1834 or later. He was there in 1837 as shown by a letter from him to Elihu Watson. Commissioner of the Tex. Land office writes H. L. Watson, under date of Aug. 29, 1931 that he had found a certificate for 320 acres of land issued to Lewis Watson on Sept. 1, 1845, that the certificate states that Lewis Watson had proved that he had arrived in the Republic of Tex. previous to the first of Jan. 1842 and that he was a single man. This land was in Colorado co., Tex. He was also given a smaller grant later. He seems to have acquired considerable property for after his death in Tex. some time in 1860, his brother John Watson Jr. was writing to lawyers in Galveston, Tex., trying to get payment for a claim of \$1900 against one firm of brokers. In one of these letters John Watson Jr. mentions that there were some minor children of heirs then living in S. Car. but who these were is not known as he did not name them. Lewis Watson's Tex. property was, like thousands of others, lost sight of during the War Between the States. Lewis Watson was never married.
9. Rebecca Watson married Tyre Walker. They moved to Mississippi near Memphis before 1845. Nothing is known further about them.
10. Temperance Watson married Elisha Butler. What became of them is not known. Removed to Ala. or the West in all probability.
11. Elizabeth Watson. So far as can be ascertained she never married. She bot quite a number of things at the sale of her father's personal property in 1848 and must have lived on with her mother after her father's death in the home at or near Waterloo.
12. Hezekiah Watson. No mention of him is noted in family letters but in the Laurens co. records it was noted that John Watson Jr. was named adminis-

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