## HISTORIC SHRINES OF ANDERSON COUN Reproduced the Essays, Written by Two Members of This Year's Graduating Class of The Anderson High School, Which Tied for the Gold Medal Offered Each Year by Robert E. Lee Chapter, U. D.

Article From a Member of the High School Graduating Class on Some Local Historical Subject.

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Shrine is a word not very generally used in everyday life in connection with history. A shrine is a place or object hallowed from its history and association. A historical shrine is-a place or object hallowed from its history and association.

Indians until late in the eighteenth About 1778 General Andrew century. Pickens obtained it from the Indians by the "Treaty of Hopewell." This This section was made a part of the dis-trict of Ninety Siz. This new region 1827 the Pendleton Female academ, just opened up attracted settlers not only from the other sections of this State, but also from Virginia and

convenience of the courts, this district was divided, and the upper part was called Washington district, with of Anderson was located on the cor-its county seat at Pickensville. In ner of Towers and West Market Washington district was divided streets. It was built in 1831 and at-two parts, the upper part was tended by boys and girls. In 1834 the ed Peudleton district, of which school was moved to West Whitner dieton was the county seat. In street near the First Presbyterian into two parts, the upper part was called Peudleton district, of which called Pendleton district, of which Pendleton was the county seat. In 1826, the legislature created Anderson and Pickens judicial districts out of old Pendleton. It was then that the county seat of the proposed city of Anderson was selected. A year or two later the name of county was substituted for district. In the early history of this county

Rock Mills was a thriving little village. At this place Maverick and Lewis opand besides this mill there were a saw mill, shoe shop, spindle factory and wagon factory located there, Plows were made from steel which had already been manufactured for that purpose.

Centerville was located about five or six miles west of Anderson by Mr. Elias Earle for manufacturing pur-Guns were made here under poss. Guins were made here inder contract of the United States govern-ment by Mr. Earle for the war of 1812. Vc<sup>-w</sup> large machinery was used in this factory. The iron used was mined in this section, and the

the handsome residence of this secduring the early days. [General]

 Inter the second to grammer in th The first church to go out from his mountain home in brice and various other offenses. In 1785 Ninety Six district was di-tied and the portion which is now in-cluded in Anderson county, was plac-ed in Washington district. And four years later, Washington district was divided and Anderson county became a part of Fendleton district was divided into two d'tricts, one of which became Anderson county with its present boundariss. When Pendleton district was first After months of work a complete pictorial history of their tribe has been worked out by the Bischfeet Indians in the Glacter National Park Reserva-tion in Montans. The story covers approximately a half mile of canyas on which the curious drawing have been executed with hundreds of poinds of bright-colored pairs from mineral ma-terials taken from a nearby moun-tain. ton was for s tong time, the center of wessih and culture, of the upper section of this State. In fater years many famous stock farms were locat-ed in and around 'Pendleton: The Pendleton Manufacturine company, situated on Twenty Three Mile creek, was located so far away from Pendleton, that when it became ner essary to establish a freight depot and postoffice there it was called Autun. This is one of the old manu-facturing places that has lived to the present time and is still pro-greasing. Among asweral more smaller places are many others who have helped to build our shrines, great and good Anderson constry with the present construction of the form of the present of the product of the present of the pr tain. "The history," says an illustrated nien whose names are honored for the valiant services rendered to cur county, State and nation. when Pendleton district was first came ministers of the Gospel. Among "The history," says an Illustrated article in the June Popular Mechanics Magazine, "deals at length with the time when the tribe was powerful and ranged the country north of the Mis-sonri river to the Sastatchewar along the slopes of the Rocky mountainy. Some of the incidents which are porthe 'present time and is still pro-gressing. Among several more smaller places to be mentioned here is Storeville, 'Midway and Varennes were two which was on the general's road to augusta, and was settled by the Thomgsons. Near here was an old Indian grave rard in which the sourch is now called Mt. Zion and is indians cleaned of once a year for several years after this r.gion be-came the home of white people. At figh Shoals was located McFalls' mill which was the entrol mill it was possible to operate in 1846, or the dry year, also the first electric power defined with electric energy was jo-Anderson county is today one of the most promising counties of the State It is situated in a very fertile section of the Pledmont belt. The county has several railroads and electric lines through it which gives the best of services. The county seat has modern public utilities, such as wat or, electric lights, street cars, gas sale for commercial purposes. The other more important towns of the county have some of these public utilities. The banks, cotton railing and other industries, and its newsesible to operate in 1846, or the dry at, also the first electric power and built to supply the city of An-thon with electric energy was lo-ted here; but this was later moved abers, show that this is a commer-stal as well as an agricultural coun-y. The many buildings that have ust been erected, and those that are being building that are membership established the Central Presbyterian church of this city, and now they have here two prosperous churches. Ebenezer, how Bandy Springs Methodist church, organized about 1800, was noted for their great camp meetings. Providence, situat-ed in the westlern part of the county, was also noted for its camp meet-ings. St. John's Methodist church of this city was located at the end of West Benson street before 1840, when it was moved to fis present sits, and is now one of the progressive church-es, and has can of the handsomest buildings in the State. Big Creek, located about one mile east of Wil-hamston, organized about 3788, and Shilok, housed about 12 of 14 miles neutrivost of Anderson, organized about the same time ware two of the oldest Baptist churches in the county. The Prest Baptist church of this city was organized about 1521 mear the pres-ent site of the Orr cotton utilits, and or was moved to bits present he pres-Presbyterian church of this city, and to Portman, on the Seneca river, where a large dam was built and electric energy was sold to the city of Andergon for camercial purposes also. At the completion of this enaving growth and development of county. The churches and whools are keeping pace with the development of the county. The bondificient onstitutions that stand as a monument to the charity of our peo-ple, and a blessing to suffering hu-manity. The public fibrary, opera-house and Anderson college mark new era in higher education. But let us remember that all of this was accomplished under great trials and difficurities. Let the lives and char-acters of the has who founded our hools are keeping pace with the relopment of the county. The also. At the completics of this sta-terprise this was the longest trans-mission power plant in the world. Varences, Evergreen and Craylon-ville were, in the days gone by, little states with a few ptores, and radiug places with a few stores, and dwellings, and sometimes a church and school youse. In 1551 Mr. West A Williams, who at that time owned must of the land in the present town of Williamston, discovered the value of Williamston mineral spring, which was on his had, and because difficulties. Let the lives and char-acters of the men who founded our institutions and spent their lives in-boring to improve and partect them, inspire as to achieve greater things for our county; so that the prosper-ity, the gloty, and the honor of our county, shall not wane while it is in our hands. ed in his t of the m dicinal va i decount of the medicinal value of w water from the spring, he decoud is spring to the town for the public so, and a fow acres of land sur-munding the spring for a park or year that Anderson county was form-od, by the the "Farmers society" men and teachers save gone out from which was organized in 1815. As in-teresting relic of this ball is a weath-sr wors sun dist which was donsted ent site of the Orr cotton mills, and was moved to its present location in

public recreation ground, all to be 1833. This church has grown to be free for public use The first manual labor school was the county. Reverend John L. Kenfounded by nedy about 1830. This school was about five miles east of Pendleton. The school was noted for the high

classical attainments of its students, but did not last long because there was an epidemic of typhoid fever, and The northwestern section of this the boys could not stand to work in State was the home of the Cherokee ithe hot sun. A few years after this the hot sun. A few years after this, Mr. Kennedy established Thalian Mr. Kennedy established section. academy in the Slabtown section. About 75 to 100 boarding students from all over this State and other States attended this school. In about was established in the town of Pendleton.

The Williamston Female college North Carolina. On account of the was established in 1872 at Williams-increase in population, and the in- ton. At this time there was also a ton. At this time there was also a male academy in Willimston.

The first school in the present city church into a two story brick build-ing. Later this school was divided, this Whitner street building being used for the circle school and being church at the corner of River and fouth McDuffle, streets. Johnson's Famile seminary was opened in 1847 with Prof. J. Scott Murray and Miss paign

A few years later it became a university and was moved into a hand-some building on University Hill. The university soon became famous, and had about 200 students at the beginning of the War Between the States. The university did not reopen after

the Civil War, but about 1870 Prof. W. J. Ligon, who spent his life time teaching in this community, taught a private school in the same building. The Carolina Collegiate Institute blast furnace was built on the banks furnace are now covered by the backwaters of Portman dam.

darkwaters of Portman dam. Andersonville was located at the junction of the Tugaloo and Seneca rivers. A woolen, cotton, flour, and corn mills, were established and op-the purpose of making arms for the war of 1812. There was a tanyard and shoe shop, and an old sash gaw mill which sawed the lumber for all the handsome residence of this sec. years. In 1886 Colonel Jno. B. Pat-rick established the Patrick Military Frank Harrison, after the war, op-Frank Harrison, after the war, op-corn mills for a number of years, Also a tanyard, shoe shop, and blacksmith shop. The cotton mill manufactured each day three hun-dred pounds of seed cotton into yarn. And the shorty after the death of Col. Jno. B. Patrick. This was cheat school to use the old univer-tick and the shorty after the death of Col. Jno. B. Patrick. This was cheat school to use the old univer-tick and the shorty after the death of col. Jno. B. Patrick. This was cheat school to use the old univer-tick and the shorty after the death of col. Jno. B. Patrick. This was cheat school to use the old univer-

the largest and strongest church in Several years ago a memorial assoclation was formed in this city to erect a monument to the brave fal-len Confederate soldiers of this coun-(y) Miss Leonora Hubbard was the president of this organization. Through the untiring efforts of the president, and the members of this association the monument which now stands on the Plaza, was placed there a few years ago by this association. Old Reformer, which should now be beside the monument, instead of be ing in a closet at the city hall, has several legends about it of which the following is one: The Howard battlel-ion sent a letter to the governor of the State in 1814 demanding a cannon, to be used in the yearly "encampment on the general muster ground. With this they also included

powder and balls and made a special request for three gallons of rum. They sent Luke Hanks after the cannon, who picked out "Old Reformer," or just happened to get that one. Old Reformer probably belonged to the English during the Revolution, a: was one of the finest guns of its day. It is not known exactly what part it had in the War Between the States, but one thing for which this cannon about the treasured is the important part it played in the Hampton cam-

About 1828 the Pendleton Farmer's society was organized. It is the old-est society of its kind in the United States, still existing, except the one in Philadelphia, organized one or two years before this. The old Pendleton county or district court house is now being used for the meeting place for this society, the ground floor of which is being used for the Pendleton postof the old fashion city clocks in the shape of a sun dial which is placed on the public square in front of the postoffice. John Miller published in Pendleton in the early part of the nineteenth centry, "Miller's Weekly Messenger.' In 1806 the name was changed to "Pendleton Messengor."

in which paper all of Calhoun's apeeches, were printed.

here and larger boys wond chang the bouts of the matter here for one week every year and learn to drill and fight. This was an important factor in military disci-hold their bown, in the new country. important factor in military pline for the State before m

schools were organized. Hatton's ford, on the Tugaloo river was noted as a dueling ground where the famous duel between Perry and Bynum was fought.

The prosperity and glory of most of these little places have departed long ago. In some places there is nothing to mark the spot of a former

(By Carrie Moore.)

A great many historical events year. It was the first to be organized have taken place to make up the his-in the South, and the second in the tory of Anderson county. Each has United States. Through it the people tory of Anderson county. Each has United States. Through it the people a separate and individual history of learned of the best farming methods its own, and in relating them it is hard to consider one as being more the soil so as to make the true in every particular case or not it is a fact known to historians of An-1 derson county that the route now in the county that were marked by the Blue Ridge railway manufacturing centers.

marked by the Blue Ridge railway manufacturing centers. Urack was once an Indian trail that ran from Keowee to Charleston. It i/ well known that a number of the pub-lic highways, in the county, also were once paths, traveled by the In-were once paths, traveled by the In-glians. The Wilson ferry road, three miles east of Anderson court house, was one that ran across the center of the county, from a point on the Ba-luda river to the Savannab. Another luda river to the Savannah. Another is followed by the "Old Trail" road, corn ground, and some from a great-which runs across the eastern corner or distance would have to camp for of the county. It was part of the Indian trail which led from Alabam. several days. to Virginia.

Other things remind us of the original inhabitants of this country be-fore the white man took possession Arrow heads found in old fields and Generostee, and Seneca," which will At Shirlev's mill, on Little river always stand as monuments to their war the Abbeville county line there memory.

'It was some time before the Revo. lutionary war when the first venturesettle in what is now Anderson coun-ty, was a family by the name of "Smith." They built their home near what is now Honea Path, or Broad-mouth di er. Soon afterwards, the Indians massacred the whole family and ans massacred the whole family ty, while a mouth it of the solution of the so

cated about one and one-half miles south of the city of Anderson. The bome, and while there extended the rulned south of the city of Anderson. The home, and while there gathered up men and larger boys would camp the bodies of the murdered ones and

military military in spite of dangers and difficulties, were Samidel, Eliab and William Moore, three brothers who came ad where down from Virginia and settled on Rocky river near High Shoals. Samuel and Eliab became officers in the patriot army in the Revolution, and after the war Eliab, was the first senator in the State senate, from Pen-

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and implements, and how to prepare hard to consider one as being more the soil, so, as to make the largest important than another. But taking yield. At a meeting of the society in them in the nature of a whole, there 1866 Thomas C. Clemson read c pa-are many places, characters, and me-morials, which because of history tablishment of Clemson college. In and associations, are very interesting all probability the influence of this to the students of the present time. largest to the students of the present time. society led to the ...tablishment of the county those directly branched about 200 girls attended this some across the river in Georgia. In time about 200 girls attended this the county those directly branched school which did much for the ad-every railroad track follows the path ty where the farmers met for the pur-frage in every particular case or not it tereasts of the la agricultural interests of their respective localities.

> went there to have their wheat and Centerville, six miles northwest of

Anderson on Six and Twenty creek, was a small manufacturing center. A gun factory was early established there, and also a factory for making men's hats. During the War of 1812 along creek banks, graves which are said to be those of Indians, and the words "Saluda, Cherokee, Savannah, Generostee, and Seneca," which will At Shirley's mill, on Little river river

was another iron foundry, which at There were two mills and a forge at Intionary war when the first venture-some ploneers began coming into this part of South Carolina. The first to settle in what is now Anderson coun-ty, was a family by the name of "Smith." They built their home near what is now Hones Path or Broad.

vengeance on the savages and drove or, it has long been a bealth and sum-them far back into the mountains, mer resort. It was also a center of intellectual activity for some years. Lander college, which is now at Greenwood, originally begun there, under the direction of its founder, Dr.

Lander, one of the most successful of our educators. The ploneer settlers, in the county,

the pioneer settless, in the county, chose places of worship, in the early lagianing of their settlement. There is record of organizations of all the Protestant denominations. On the eastern side of the county

not far from Saluda river, and about a mile southeast of Williamston, stands Big Creek Baptist church whose history dates back to the year 1788. It is called the "Mother" of churches, because from it branched out directly or indirectly of the

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erests of their respective localities. There were several early villages of these churches were Reverends in the Beytist church cemetery. In the county that were important 'ooper Bennett, James Burriss, Bry-nanufacturing centers. In the Beytist church cemetery. In Anderson county are still to be seen many of the old ante-bellum houses. Near ihem and where others

came almost equally divided on a and heroines buried in them. Annie certain subject, they argued until they were almost ready to fight, and left the church late in the afternoon left the war Between the States In this part of the county was es-tablished in 1789 two Presbyterian churches. Roberts church on the road from Andersonville to Anderson court

these churches and became their pas-tor. He occasionally supplied old Stone church, and that congregation stone church, and that congregation Carolina, was the "movement of "76."

churches and schools were establish-

ed. on Savannah river, was another Baptist church, Shockley's Ferry, which was organized about the same time as was Big Creek. It was the 'Medication' of all the Baptist parsonage time as was Big Creek. It was the cated where the Baptist parsonage "Mother" of all the Baptist churches on that side of the county and of the founder and president. At one

Holland, Jacob Burriss, and James Crowther. houses, Near them and wher, others have been, almost without exception,

Crowther.. Shockley's Ferry, after it had sent is to be found the family burying out so many churches, was broken ground. Most of the graves are mark-up by the subject of missions, and a ed but some of the inscriptions are few years later reorganized under the name of Bib Generostee. A remarkable coincidence is told of this church. One Saturday when the members be-cause of the Revolutionary herces One Saturday when the members be- cause of the Revolutionary heroes

when they returned next morning for services, they found the house had "literally split open"—the roof had fallen in. They looked upon this as a warning from God and the fulfilment of the Scripture which says, "a house divided against itself shall not stand." Their quarrel was quickly forgotten and the church repaired. teers. Other companies did gailant service under General M. L. Bonham, General Ripley, and General Ker-shaw. Many who shed their blood, lost their lives, or fought in this

Following the war, an event of far for. He occasionally supplied old Stone church, and that congregation with Carmel once called him to be the pastor, but he declined the invitation and served Good Hope and the beerts and a monument with an inscription marks his grave. Rev. David Humphreys was for a long at ime another beloved pastor of these are. David Humphreys was for a long at ime another beloved pastor of these two churches.
Agother aldophaeoof worship is the sent to all parts of the State, and the Generostee A. R. P. church on Litter for the gave a large tract of land for its located upon this property, but has located upon this property, but has bout been rebuilt more than once.
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