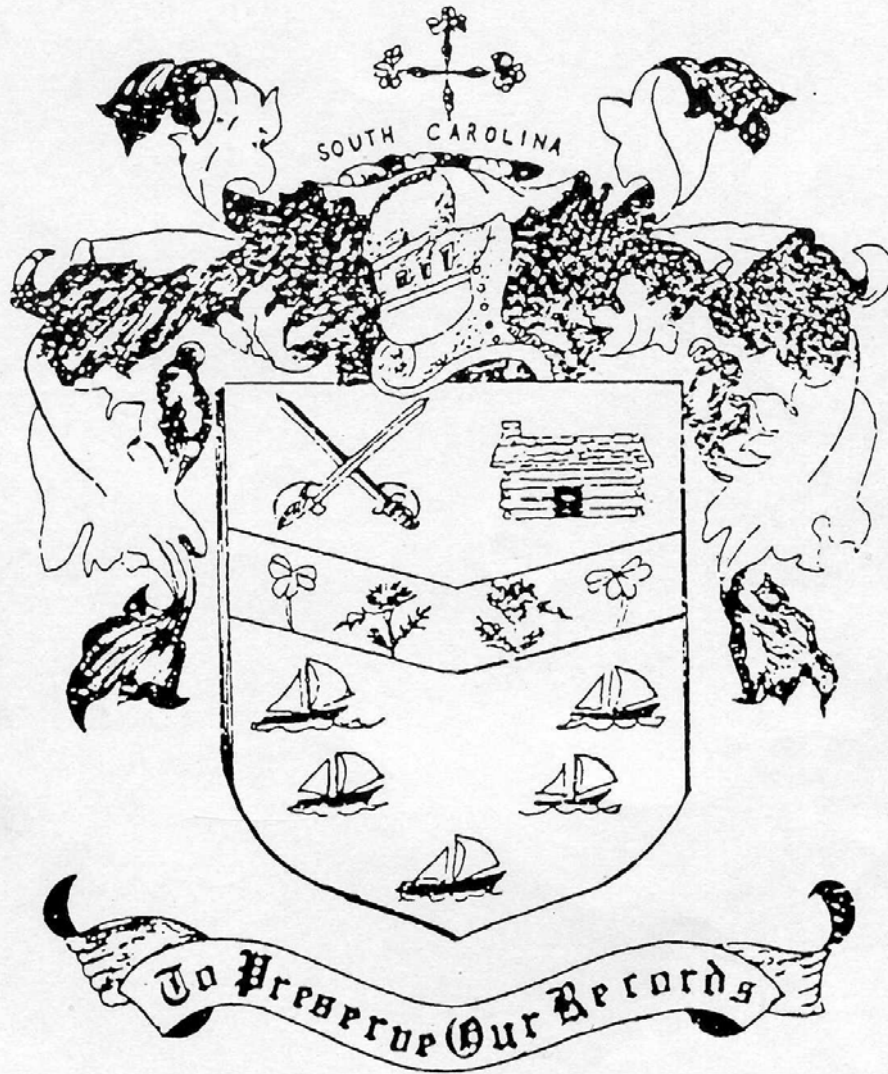


*Records of DR. WM. PATTON*

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THE RECORDS OF DR. WILLIAM DATTON, 1765-1872

The original of these records, now owned by descendants in Alabama and Tennessee, are contained in a three-volume set of *John Bunyan's Works* in which Dr. William Datton wrote on blank pages, fly leaves, and margins. They were transcribed and annotated in 1952 by his great-granddaughters, Mabel (Datton) Morrison and Anna Dora (Datton) Harper, with additional notes added in 1979 by Florence (Swinyard) Underwood McCoy, the widow of Colonel Herbert Datton Underwood. The transcriptions were placed into chronological order by Robert J. Stevens in 1997 after receiving the material from Mrs. Underwood McCoy, thus creating numerous duplicate dated entries. Additional information in brackets and endnotes was added at the same time by Stevens, after which a copy was sent to William B. White, Jr., an authority on the Datton family, who added some few notes. The result was then sent to Linda S. Crissinger for further notes and editing. For anyone wishing to verify the transcriptions, photocopies are in the Eutaw and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Libraries. Nearly every person included in the records can be traced to Union, Spartanburg, York, Laurens, Chester, and Newberry Counties, South Carolina. It is not often that we find such detailed information of South Carolinians who "went west." The sudden emigration to North Mississippi was caused by the opening of Indian lands obtained in the 1833 Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek.

THE RECORDS

Thomas Patton was born June 3, 1765, in South Carolina and departed this life October 1, 1819, aged fifty four years and four months, wanting two days.<sup>1</sup>

Margaret Ross was born June 12, 1775, in South Carolina and departed this life October 26, 1818 in Indiana aged forty three years, four months, and fourteen days.<sup>2</sup>

Thomas Patton and Margaret Ross were married December 6, 1792.

William Patton their son was born October 2, 1794.

George Ross Patton their son was born January 9, 1797.

Eloisa Jane Patton their daughter was born February 18, 1800.

Edwin Leroy Patton their son born December 11, 1803.

Thomas Adison Patton born September 11, 1808. Died August 4, 1809.

Margaret Patton. Deceased October 26, 1818.

Doctor Thomas Patton. Deceased October 1, 1819.

In the state of Indiana, Davies County, about three hundred yards from White River where Slate Creek empties into it, there on a lonely eminence those venerable and affectionate parents repose in solitude, far away from the land of their nativity, far away from their children. Yet their free and holy spirits have often been guardian angels to their wandering children.

My parents have told me that I had a sister born October 1793, but died soon after birth and my mother was near unto death. I had a brother, Thomas Adison Patton, born September 11, 1808, and died August 4, 1809, with dysentery or cholera infantum one month sick he was taken with convulsion fits. I well remember he was a pretty child.

George Ross Patton was born in South Carolina, Newberry District, January 9, 1797. Removed to Union District in the winter of 1798. Removed to Indiana State October 1817.

*Simpson d/o Thomas + Mary (Simpson) Davidson*

Returned to South Carolina and married Mary S. Davidson in July 6, 1819. Removed to East Tennessee, Rhea County, March 1821. Removed to Greene County, Alabama, October 1821.

Peggy Ross Patton their daughter born October 3, 1820.

Thomas Monroe Patton their son born August 14, 1822.

Juliann Patton their daughter born September 2, 1824.

Edwin Leroy Patton (II) their son born September 21, 1826.

William Montgomery Patton their son born August 12, 1828.

Mary Isabella Patton their daughter born December 8, 1830.

Charlotte Elizabeth Patton their daughter born November 11, 1833.

George Ross Patton (Jr.) their son born August May 3, 1836.

Warren Stanhope Patton their son born August 24, 1838, and departed this life June 27, 1841.

This family started to remove to Texas September 30, 1846. Except Peggy Ross who was married to James Steele January 19, 1842. Mary, the wife of George Ross Patton (Sr.), was born December 4, 1797.

Doctor Thomas Patton removed from Union District, South Carolina, to Davies County, Indiana, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1817 started - and departed this life October 1, 1819. Margaret Patton, his wife, deceased October 26, 1818. William Patton returned to South Carolina on business April 1818, about seven or eight weeks.

The summer of 1819 Thomas Patton and George R. Patton went into South Carolina and George R. Patton married Polly Davidson. In the winter of 1819 and 1820, William Patton went into Tennessee, Maury County, and three or four weeks ride failed to find a place. May 1820, William Patton, Eloisa Jane Patton, and Edwin L. Patton started to South Carolina. Returned the 20<sup>th</sup> of July after and left Edwin there going to school to William Clowney.<sup>3</sup> March 2, 1821, William Patton, G.R. Patton, and Eloisa J. Patton, with Doctor John Storey in company, started to remove from Indiana.<sup>4</sup> Went to Rhea County, Richland Valley, Tennessee, and rented a place from Widow Brinson at the foot of Walden's Ridge and made a crop. Sold the crop in the fall and started to Alabama; crossed the Black Warrior River and stayed the night the first on Sims' Creek at John P. Archibald's. Crossed the Warrior at Storey's Ferry, came by Havannah.

Dr. John Storey removed from Indiana to Tennessee with us and continued with us several weeks after we settled on Mrs. Brinson's land. He then went to Alabama.

November 13, 1821, William and George and Eloisa J. Patton first reposed on Sims' Creek.

In the spring of 1822, William Patton returned to Indiana on business and Samuel Archibald, Esq., his uncle.<sup>5</sup> The winter of 1825 or early spring of that year William Patton and Edwin L. Patton returned to Indiana on business.

In the summer of 1825, John Higgins made a crop with George R. Patton and in the early spring of 1825 Higgins left and Edwin [E.L. Patton] went to Ia. made a crop there and took it to Orleans; he went with Legrand to Sante Fe and to the Rocky Mountains the fall of 1826 or rather the winter of 1827, and returned to Alabama State.

December 1833, [E.L. Patton] 31 years old. Went back to the mountains the spring of 1834 and returned to Ia. the fall of 1835. Got married in 1836. In 1836 went to Orleans and came by here A.B. [Alabama] on to Ia. In the spring of 1837 came to Ab. on a visit and in September of 1837 removed here and in November went to Texas and while gone son William Warren was born 19<sup>th</sup> day of December. He kept school the summer of 1838 here and started to remove to Texas the 11 day of November 1838, he then being 35 years old wanting one month. He located in Franklin Town, Robbison County, Texas, and yet is so far as known to us this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1845. Our last letter dated March 22<sup>nd</sup> instant. Samuel O. Spencer, Harvey McCracken, and Frank Adams at Edwin's in Texas the fall of 1841. Spencer returned and died the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1841 of bilious pleurisy.

	1821	
Nov 13		William Patton, G.R. Patton and family came to Sims' Creek.
	1826	
July 20		William Patton and Elizabeth Steele married by Rev. Thomas Archibald.
	1829	
Dec		William Patton and family removed west ¼ mile.
	1834	
[no date]		Esq. John McCracken deceased. Mary Brown kept school for us.
	1835	
Jan 1		William Patton began to keep a diary. Planted grape vines obtained [from] Stephen Elnis. \$3.00.
Jan 31		Lucy Lavender died T.R. Mayo Tuscaloosa.
Feb 3		Much snow lay on the ground for days.
Feb 7-12		Coldest of Alabama days we think.
Feb 12		Great freeze.
		Trussel and family murdered by Negro.
		Sold the William Archibald place to Ishael McCracken.
Feb 14		Esther Steele and George Kimbrough married.
Feb 16		Thursday night. Snow covered the ground about 1 inch.
		Saturday. Esq. Dabney McGhee, Major James White, and William Patton appointed commissioners to sell land of Esq. McCracken on 3 <sup>rd</sup> of April. Today met and altered it on April 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Feb 27		Mrs. Peggy Means, Senr., deceased. (FSU. Her maiden name was Margaret Mays. Son James Means married Dr. William Patton's sister.) <sup>6</sup>
March 27		Aaron Steele's house burnt down.
April 13		Mary Thornton got corn grain in windpipe. (MPH. David McGriffert married a Mary Thornton who was born in 1828.)

(MPH. Notes of Joseph H. McGiffert, Eutaw, Alabama. James McGiffert landed in New York from Portaferry, Ireland, in 1819. When he came to Alabama is not known, but he married Mary Dunlap, Tuscaloosa County, who lived until 1862. James McGiffert was not buried at New Hope as was Mary, but in some cemetery near Sylvan or Foster's. He was the father of Jane McGiffert Patton and David McGiffert and probably others. The family lived near Steele's Bluff.)

July 9	Lock and McCollister candidates here.
July 11	At Clinton, Pleasant H. Mays; Shortridge. Judge Lauber Garvin and candidates made speech.
July 19	R. Cunningham Senr. Rev. preached Psalm 119 v 165. <sup>7</sup>
August	Fatal sickness in Pickensville and Pickens.
August 4	Election for White. D.S. White. Robert Archibald manager. My vote Clay Gov.; Shortridge Congress; Mays, Gewin, Rix legislature; Edge tax collector.
Sept 25	James P. Means and Washington Harris here. <sup>8</sup>
October 7	Severe killing frost.
October 13	A comet 1 <sup>st</sup> seen hereabouts.
Nov 10	Mrs. Tandy and family to Texas.
Nov 14	Got books <i>Horse Shoe Robinson</i> . <sup>8A</sup>
Dec	Ben Franklin Sen's thigh broke by kick of ox.
Dec 29	Doctor Williams and Judson Reynolds here.

## 1836

[no date] John Robbert kept school on Sims Creek.  
 Jan 8 Rev. Adams asking for money for Theological School.  
 Jan 18 James Archibald bought my oxen.  
 Feb 27 Muster at Mesopotamia for volunteers for Florida War.  
 April 18 William Patton bought clock.  
 April 19 Bought clock of Evans, paid \$36.00.  
 April 22 Elizabeth Archibald dead. Daughter of Esq. Robert.  
 May 15 Sun eclipsed. Edwin L.R. Patton came here and left us for Indiana instant and on the 31 a very great storm indeed.  
 May 16 Edwin L.R. Patton visited us from Indiana.  
 June 12 William Steele died. Soldiers to Florida from here.  
 June 12 William Steele died returning from Florida War.  
 July 25 Circus and caravan at M. Knox's. I paid \$3.50 for family.  
 August 1 Election or a League. Not a free election.  
 Aug 18 A.A. Steele (Jr.) married.  
 August 18 A.A. Steele (Jr.) married to Mary Bingham.  
 Sept 29 William Salmon and Jane Archibald married.  
 October Deaths lately. J.S. White's child; Thomas Heel's daughter; James Archibald's daughter; Hinds and wife. Comm. Moses Lewis died. Apoplexy. Nights very cold and days very warm.  
 October 4 Killing frost. Cold indeed.  
 Oct 7 Colonel Moses Lewis deceased.  
 Nov 11 Mrs. Thornton, wife of Elisha, deceased.  
 Nov 12 Mrs. Elisha Thornton died on 11<sup>th</sup>.  
 Nov 14 Presidential election. White 35. Van Buren 13.  
 Dec 2 Bought boy Edward of Dr. Winbush. 10 years old. } [Obvious transcription  
 Dec 2 Bought boy Edward \$825.00 from Dr. Wingate, 74 lb. } error in one entry.]

## 1837

February 6 James Steele Archibald died. Son of JHA. (James Hall Archibald.)  
 March 19 Henry Storey, Sr., deceased, 81 years.<sup>9</sup>  
 May 5 Dr. William Mays here first time.<sup>10</sup>  
 May 14 Frost very visible this morning.  
 May 17 Frost seen on Sims' Creek.  
 May 17 Frost plainly to be seen, nothing bit.  
 May 21 E.L.R. Patton visited us and returned to Indiana June 16th.  
 June 14 Great storm, wind and rain.  
 June 15 Mrs. Mayo died 10 this morning. Consumption.  
 June 15 Mrs. Mayo deceased.  
 June 20 King William the 4<sup>th</sup> of England died.  
 July 21 Col. Dent's Negroes hung at Tuscaloosa for shooting him.  
 July 29 Charlotte Reed here the only time.  
 July 29 Cousin Charlotte Rebecca Reed visited us.<sup>11</sup>  
 August 3 Samuel Archibald married and to Texas.  
 August 11 Anthony McCracken deceased. (MPH. It was at the sale of the estate of Anthony McCracken that William Patton bought the *Works of John Bunyan in Three Volumes* in which he wrote his diary on fly leaves and margins.)  
 August 20 Capt. Yates, Clerk G.C. and C. deceased.  
 August 20 Capt. Yates, Clerk of Circuit Court, died.  
 September 4 We began to make brick.  
 Sept 19 Aunt Sophia Ross, widow of Dr. George Ross (Jr.) here.  
 Sept 21 E.L.R. Patton removed here. Visited Texas November 6th.  
 Oct 20 Circus show and caravan of animals at M. Knox.