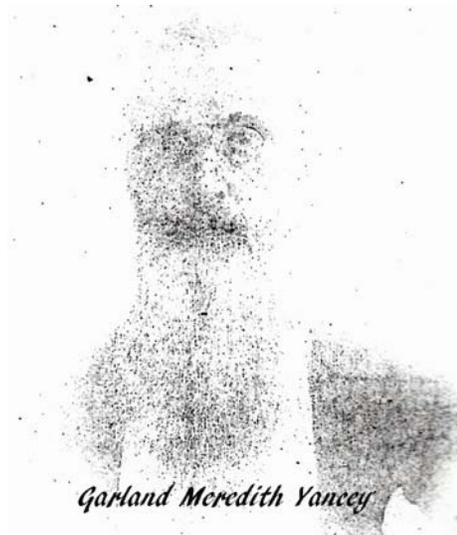


WILLIAMS & YANCEY
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This journal was written by
Sallie Yancey, the daughter of
Garland Meredith Yancey
&
Sarah Caroline Williams Yancey



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Sallie Williams Yancey was born in 1873 and died in 1957. She was the daughter of Garland Meredith Yancey and Sarah Caroline Williams. Garland and Sarah were married 24 December, 1861 and a few days later he enlisted in the South Carolina Confederate Army.

In this journal Sallie gives many details of her ancestors, both Williams and Yancey, and relates information about her parents and siblings. My favorite story is that of the family moving from South Carolina to Florida in 1884-85. The two oldest sons, Willie (my great grandfather, Paul Williams Yancey) and his younger brother, Tom, were left in South Carolina to close up the farm and join the family later in Micanopy, Florida. They were only about 14 years old at the time.

I had the great pleasure of receiving a copy of this journal many years ago and several years ago I shared it with Dennis for the Yancey website. I've asked several of my distant cousins, if they knew where the original journal was and we thought it was lost, but I received call today from a cousin, letting me know it was found while cleaning out her father's house. She has donated the original journal to Tulane University's Special Collections and it will be made available online soon. I am so happy to know it is not in a Louisiana landfill.

If you are researching any of these families, I would love to hear from you.

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The name Williams is of English and Welch descent. This family of Williams came to the colonies early in the first colonial days and settled in Carolina around Charleston. As the family grew, of course more land was needed and about 1700 the father of James A Williams settled in Colleton Parrish or District. James A Williams was a young man during the revolution, but we have no definite _____ as rendered by him except he (James A Williams) and his brother Thomas Williams were in the battle of Guilford Court House. They were separated there and Thomas was never heard of since. We know that he, James, was a planter and it required much hard labor to regain his destroyed lands – however from old land papers we have the record that he owned large tracts and was rather land poor. With all such difficulties he raised a large family all of _____ possessed in _____ of Christian habits. One son James Allen Williams settled about 10 miles from Branchville, S.C. and continued his father's vocation of planting. He had a large track of land and with that of his wife's portion from her family, there was an estate of large and worthy proportions. He gave his children not only his own ----- of God and the Christian faith but the best schooling then to be had. Of course it was all of a private school nature as public schools were few and far between. After the elementary school was finished, he sent them to an academy; the boys and girls separate for then it was the custom for boys and girls to be separately educated after 13 or 14 years old. He did not have much opportunity to acquire book learning as he was the eldest and bread and meat had to come first then ---- there was much disturbance with the Indians and school facilities were left ---- until the great necessities were supplied. Then his own marriage entailed more responsibility so he labored diligently to gain his own lost opportunities for his boys and girls. His son Paul Allen Malcomb Williams was a most diligent student both in books and nature. Early in life he was converted and felt called to the faith of the Gospel of J. Christ as expressed in the Methodist Church. He spent all time possible acquiring of special knowledge of the Bible and became the best speaker of ministers of his time. After his conversion in 1830; he attended special conference sessions and in 1837 about 19 years old he was admitted on trail into the conference. In 1838 was appointed to Edgefield circuit – now a full fledged circuit rider. His father gave him a _____ saddle horse and pair of saddle bags; he started off over rough mountain roads – swimming creeks _____ dense forests. He carried a change of clothes in one side of bags and Bible and other manuscripts in the other. Wherever _____ took him there he was _____ Since _____ a fine in an _____ and blue heaven above for a shelter while the _____ grass. Every house was an invitation for rest and hospitality and he never failed to hold some kind of service where there was one or more gathered. Then we see a real f _____ preacher of the old type only remembered now (1921) either in book or tradition. There sturdy men of God laid the foundation for those to follow; left in the real gospel. Can do as much for those coming after? What does it cost?

(Note from Bob Williams Jan. 2007 Branchville, SC is in modern Orangeburg County and is about 10 miles from the cemetery Paul Williams was buried. The town itself did not exist in the late 1700's when the Williamses settled in that area. One of the first railroads in the United States was built between Charleston, SC and Hamburg, SC(modern North Augusta, SC). The construction of the railroad led to the creation of Branchville about 50 years after the Williamses made their home near the Edisto River. In SADDLE SOLDIERS, we learn William Stokes received his mail via Branchville.)

(Note from Bob Williams Jan 2007 Edgefield is west of Columbia, SC. It was the home of Strom Thurmond.

The SC Department of Archives has an 1846 document, a petition by citizens of Abbeville

District against incorporating Liberty Church. Paul A. M. Williams' name is on the document. Abbeville District was next to Edgefield District.)

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During these circuit rider days he worked among the Indians assisting in a camp meeting with them. There were very few real church houses in the outer regions of civilization as meetings were more often held in private homes. In the summer especially as large crowds would gather and sit under the trees while he stood on a stump or the steps of a front porch. Word was sent on by neighbors that the preacher was coming and would stop for a prayer meeting. Often time he would be met at some cross roads by two or three parties asking him to come spend the night in their home and hold meetings in their community. He was often gone for 6 to 8 weeks holding some type of service nearly every day; now we know he was truly a man in earnest. He met a most lovely young woman Eliza Ann Barnes at one mission near Rockingham and in 1840 they were married. Now he had to labor not only for the church but was permitted to assume the duties of husband and father. From his saddle horse he was promoted to a _____ a small black two wheeled vehicle with a _____ in the rear to carry a small box. He had this box which did service for a number of years. Kept his clothing and Bible dry. The box is still in the family and known as the Tin band box. Just below is a _____ copied from his wife's album; showing the ideas of desires of his ----- woman hand – especially a wife.

To Mrs. E. A. Williams

My Dear Eliza, You have placed yourself in a high and responsible station-one which will not be coveted by the _____ world _____ one that will test fully your faith and patience, and you will need much grace to help you in the discharge of those duties which from the very nature of circumstances will necessarily _____ upon you. You are now the wife of an Itinerant Methodist Preacher, and as such will be called to pass through various scenes, and changes; mingle with different classes of mankind, meet with severe trials and (perhaps none more sever or better calculated to wound deeply the feelings that the sacrifices of long lived, and dearly cherished friends) and experiences many enjoyments in the service of God, and the church. Buy you must not forget the object you expect to accomplish in all this, ig, to do and get good. The promise of the master is; “verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or fathers, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospels; but he shall receive a hundred fold now in this time, houses and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children and lands, with persecutions; and in this world to come eternal life “and” lo I am with you, _____, even unto the end of the world.” Let these two precious promises comfort, and cheer your heart, as you pass through this lonely vale of tears. Permit me further to drop a word of console. 1. As it regards your spiritual character: pray much, prayer is said to be the breath of our spiritual life. Set apart as much of each day as possible for reading, meditation, and prayer. Examine your heart closely-often-prayerfully to see its wants, and to relieve it necessities. Cultivate a spirit of prayer and it will soon become your chief delight. Read your Bible every day and meditate upon it; peruse ever good work such as memoirs, journals, etc of ministers, and other pious persons. In your private devotions remember yourself particularly0 your husband, specially –the church –the world, and last through not least of all your friends and relations at home, and abroad. 2. As it regards your external appearance; study plainness, neatness and simplicity in dress; wear no super _____; follow not the _____, and foolish fashions of the world; for they accomplish no valuable purpose. Let your whole admiring be such as _____ the gospel of Christ.

3. In your intercourse with the world maintain a strict and cons_____ regard for religions, especially the doctrine and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Let your deportment be serious – dignified-yet affable, and agreeable. Seek not to be admired, but loved and respected, and try to impart some spiritual benefit to all and then your presence will be a “savor of life unto life, and not of death unto death.”. 4. Observe closely the habits and customs of families with whom you stay or with whom you associate, and do not, for the life of you speak evil or repro---fully of any. Bear in mind that well known, and time-honored remark “mind your own business; let this be deeply enground upon your heart and your will loose nothing by it. 5. Be not hasty in the choice of intimate companions; let time, and circumstance fully develop their character, and then prudence will guide in the selection. 6. Study economy in all things at home, and abroad. Never spend money for anything that is not really necessary for comfort and use. In all you do, or say, act with an eye single to the glory of God. And may his blessing be upon you through life-in death, and through out a glorious and happy eternity. P.A.M.W.

Georgetown, S.C.

Nov. 27th. 1840 A.D We see that he was now fully in earnest about his life work and expected his wife to share all hardships and blessings that were the common lot of poor Methodist preachers. After serving such stations as Edgefield Circuit, Cokesberry circuit, Winnsboro circuit, Round O missions...." and several others he was made Presiding Elder of Orangeburg District, 1860. then after serving the Walterboro Circuit was retired and lived at his own residence, Forest Home, till his death. For a number of years he was Conference Secretary and in 1855 was presented with a beautiful silver sugar dish and spoon by the Conference. During his farm life, he still did active service in the community although his health was delicate. He took especial interest in maintaining a school for the neighborhood and more than once held school himself for the children of his community. He gave his children the benefit of his own learning and as they grew up, sent them off to college. He was much loved by all who knew him and often wrote for the paper then published by the Methodist Church. His home was always open and the lowly man just as welcome as the more distinguished. His last few years were rather sad on account of the Civil war and bad health; but his family were a comfort and blessing of love. His faith in God was reflected upon all who knew him intimately. _____ we see a life of service in the man who loved and feared God. After a year of paralysis, being almost helpless, he died Jan. 4, 1863. Although not an old man he had been a full man and his influences is still being felt. His burial was attended by many from far and near although during the war. The time was so strenuous that his old faithful slave John made a plain pine box coffin and a friend of the family gave a piece of black cloth to spread over it; no style or _____, -but just as he lived-he died and was buried. After the war and times were more settled, a plain stone with dates was placed at the grave. _____ one of God’s noblemen awaits the last call of our t _____.

Eliza Ann Barnes wife of Paul Allen Malcomb Williams was born 1818 and died June 22, 1881. She was a woman of real strong ideas-high ideals and lofty character and pristine in her manner. At the time of her marriage, he lived with her married sister as her own parents were dead. She had five children, reared four to maturity; the three daughters were all married having families but only

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Sallie Caroline Williams left any heirs-the other children dying in infancy. She was constantly teaching the children _____ house keeping-sewing-gardening and also some of the literary studies. As a neighbor, none surpassed her. She was always at the bedside of the sick and in trouble or sorrow as ready with sympathy and encouragement. She had a natural talent for art and drew and painted well from nature. Early in her Circuit rider days she often arranged flowers for art study work. All her daughters were ready and useful with the needle and this more artistic phases of life as well as being well trained in the real every day house hold duties. She was closely related to French Huguenot ancestry and the virtue of economy asserted itself on all sides in her life. She was especially fond of gardening being successful with flower, fruits and vegetables. Her _____ was authority on sees-forestry and fruit trees of all kinds. She was a constant rea _____ with all such duties and attended to such church and community duties and problems as needed solving. She lost her husband and grown son early in the war, so the task of 3 daughters and a large farm rested on her. Once when the enemy's army was making a raid in that neighborhood she sent her daughter to refuge in the mountains of N.C. with relative and with just old faithful John, she hid her stock in the _____ - buried her meat and provisions, also buried her silver _____ (the silver sugar dish) in the old family burying ground and then called all her slaves together for prayer and divine worship. Much damage was done to all farms and houses around, the Yankees went about 5 miles all around her place leaving everything intact. Once several stragglers approached the house and she met them at the front door asking them their business. One of the men made a rather rude remark and she stepped back reaching for the shot gun – leveled it on the man and said “I have treated you as a gentlemen, but I see you are not one so if you attempt to enter my house I'll let you have this.”. The other men relieved the situation and asked her pardon saying they were hungry. She had them sit on the front steps and a servant to bring breakfast.. All the time she gave them a lecture on mankind and the teachings of the Bible. Needless to say, they went on quietly and she always after such occasions called the family and servants together and held prayer. During the latter part of the war her only sister-in-law died, leaving 5 small children-an infant among them. She cared for the baby and helped with the other children and when things were more settled, he married Dr. Peter Stokes, the father of these children. They were our blood relations – His wife being sister to Paul Allen Malcomb Williams. She made a good step mother, a hard place to fill and Dr. Stokes made a good step father for her daughters. She reared his children, thus being mother to 2 sets of children besides grandmother to 7 _____ grandchildren and several step grand children. She lived a useful God fearing life giving out joy and strength of mind-some _____ heart of all possible and getting in return mush spiritual life and a knowledge of the deep needs of humanity. We see these virtues still living in life about us and tho long since dead in body , she still lives in the hearts and lives of step children,- grand children and their descendants. She is buried by her husband in the old family burying round in S. C. about _____ miles from the little town of Branchville. Let us imitate her virtues and life will be more abundant for ourselves and those about us.

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Sallie Caroline Williams Yancey was born Jan 24, 1844 in Georgetown, S.C. Daughter of Paul Allen Malcomb Williams and Eliza Ann Barnes. She was of course reared in a Methodist minister's family with such religious training and plain economy ideas of life in general and the real character virtues much emphasized in those days. She was a delicate baby and child, but with good care and prudence made a successful woman and mother. Her early life was spent in the family, there being 5 children in all. Her father gave her exclusive teaching in literature and natural science; her mother instructed her in

art, needlework and the house hold duties. About the age of 15 years, she with her sister was sent to Spartanburg Female College in S.C. After completing the required courses she graduated with honor in the summer of 1863. During her attendance at college, she met Garland Meredith Yancey at a reception at the residence of Dr. Shiff. Their acquaintance r_____ into friendship and then later into marriage. At her father's house, Forest House in Colleton District she was quietly married Dec. 24, 1863. Just the family and other relations of the community and a few intimate friends being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Appleby. Several days after her marriage, her husband was called to the Colors of the Confederacy thus leaving her just as a war bride to contend with life under strained relation not of her own selection. She had united with the Methodist Church early in Childhood and had early learned to love and trust God, so her greatest comfort during the dark days that followed was God's guidance and special blessings that daily descended upon her youthful life. She remained with her parents, helping and caring for the sick father; she was the last one to relieve her mother, feeding him a spoonful of water just before his last. After the war, she and her husband moved to N.C. the home state of the Yancey family and there opened a school, he teaching the advanced grads and she teaching the intermediate and primary work. But others _____ work soon presented itself into the raising of Garland Meredith Yancey Jr., and the school room duties were laid aside for the nursery and motherhood. She had 5 children and reared them all to maturity. Her husband continued in his profession of teaching and from time to time --- there was need of teachers to assist, she would help out until a more definite plan was organized. She led a very busy diversified life-home-church and school all claiming her attention. The profession of her husband naturally called him into different states and _____ localities, thus she almost continued their itinerant life that her parents led for a number of years. In the year of 1884, they moved to Micomopy, Fla. From Branchville, S.C. on account of the poor health of her husband, after assisting her husband in school work over the central portions of the state, they located in Orlando, Fla. She took much interest in the little home place, planting flowers, fruits, garden and having poultry. Thus we see that teachings of her mother asserting itself in the home life of industry early in middle life, grand children blessed her home and for about 12 years there was always a baby and often one or more other children in the home. She gave each one care and training, always trying to impress the virtues of

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high character and the precepts of the Bible teaching upon them daily. She was never known to be idle either reading, sewing or some duty attracted her attention. As a neighbor, she was much respected and loved by many. Although small of stature, she was considered beautiful in her _____ and youth. She had bright black eyes, black hair and a good fresh complexion and always appeared in attractive dress, the simple and _____. She was left a widow in 1903 and she arranged to spend the major part of her time with her 3 remaining children. P.A. Yancey of Orlando, FL. W.P. Yancey of Tampa, Fla., and Sallie Yancey Brooks of Birmingham, Ala. In each of these homes she was a welcome member of the family and tried in every way possible to help with the care of the house hold, sewing-mending and darning were her especial tasks. She always attended church taking such interest as was possible even though a stranger in the community, for a while and the making friends of all whom when met; thus she touched many in her small humble way. In January of 1913 she was taken seriously ill at her home in Tampa, FL. With skillful treatment she recovered sufficiently to make her accustomed visits. In March 1914 in Orlando, Fla., she had a relapse of the severe kidney trouble and recovered sufficiently to travel. April 31st she arrived in Birmingham, Ala. There was a slight improvement for a while, but June 17th, she had a mild stroke of paralysis. She now knew life was shore and begun to make such arrangements as she thought would add to the comfort of the family after her death. Details of burial

and disposition of personal effects were discussed just as one would speak of everyday affairs. With every possible thought to save trouble and sorrow she began her journey into the greater life beyond. She often spoke of childhood days and of the father and mother son and daughter gone on before; of the 4 infant grand children she nursed and help bury; of the one great grand child then living and for who she often cared at her son's in Orlando, Fla. _____ the beautiful summer days glided on and on and every one who visited her went away with the feeling that life and death was only preparation for a better world beyond. About July 1st she sustained a more severe stroke of paralysis which rendered her helpless and speechless. For about 3 weeks she lingered and July 16th – 2:30 P.M. she died. A most beautiful smile covered her face just as she breathed her last, thus removing out all traces of sickness and suffering. On Sunday afternoon July 19th, 1914, she was buried from the Methodist Church in Orlando, Fla. Many friends were present and flowers were placed most _____ - _____ on her grave. She lies between her husband and _____ youngest daughter, Mrs. Lidie Yancey Camfin. Let us _____ on such a life and fashion our own character after the greatest one she followed, Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. In this little family lot lie her eldest son, Dr. Garland Meredith Yancey, her 4 infant grand children – husband and daughter as stated. Close by another son, Thomas Allen Yancey sleeps.

Note from Robert Williams January 2007 Sarah Caroline Williams was born in SC but where? If her mother shared her father's hardships, Sallie may have been born near Edgefield.)

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Paul Williams Yancey was born March 10, 1869 in Colleton District S.C. at his grand mothers house. As a baby he was rather delicate and when about 5 years old had measles along with the other children. Complications set up and the disease settled in his eyes and for several months they despaired of his eye sight. He had to be left in a dark room and wear a bandage on his eyes By careful attention from the Dr. and careful nursing by his mother, he recovered almost entirely. He attended school with the other children and at an early age developed a love for horses, always taking every opportunity to ride or _____ one. During his life on the farm in S. C. near Branchville, he developed those sturdy traits of character and economic virtues that made him responsible. He early learned to use fire arms and was considered one of the best shots in the community for his age. Times were what one would call hard now and there were no foolish useless things in their lives – only the most essential. His father's health was poor and the boys had to care and work of the farm only having an occasional field hand. The latter part of 1884, his father moved to Fla. On account of his poor health and Willie (as he was called) with his younger brother was left to close up the farm affairs and follow as soon as possible. Early in 1885; after disposing of all business left to his care he and his brother Tom started to Fla. They had a double buggy, two horses, a few clothes, 2 fire arms, some horse feed, a little money, some _____ and last a great amount of self independence and trust in God. They encountered no special accident, none they could not over come either with a twine string or an argument?? Every one with whom they stopped along the journey treated them well and very seldom were they charged anything for lodging, food or horse feed. So different now!!! Once they were detained by some good people as runaways, these people sent a telegram to their father in Micanopy, Fla. About the boys. They received a ready response to let the boys go which they did with kind words and deeds. They went through Savannah, Ga. and they had never been in a real city alone before, did not miss an opportunity to sight see. The soon found that city life changed country _____ so they were perhaps prio---dentially led to the docks; _____ old sea craft took a fancy to them, showed them where they could put ----- the horse then took charge of them free of charge – let them eat any _____ on his boat. The city of electric lights. It was a

great sight for two little country boys to behold such modern lights when a ---- or candle or light wood torch had been their artificial light. They tested the power of the light by writing and reading of their own.

Hand writing and letters received at _____ post office, because the parents in Fla. and the boys enroute kept up a regular correspondence . Some times they were delayed on account of high water – being the spring of the year. Once they had to go around the high water and cross in a ferry boat. Willie was some what frazzled as to the charges. The money was getting lower and they had to cross several rivers yet so he hesitated. The brother Tom said , “don’t ask any price but go on and get across the river and then ask” They did and the ferry man was very considerate as all others had been. He too had a tender feeling for two so call runaways. All along the route they encountered a great deal of real natural human natures, not to be despised especially now. The whole trip was a great experience and well worth the time. Now adays such an experience would cost too much money and would out weigh a year in any university. After several weeks, a month or more, they arrived safe and well in Micanopy, Fla. Of course their clothes were much worse for the war but their hearts and minds were very much enlarged. It soon was voiced about that the Yancey boys had come; and not long after they greeted the _____, a concourse of boys all sizes appeared asking all kinds of questions and looking upon them boy as heroes. Boys are always the same. “Men are only boys grown tall, hearts don’t change much after all. During their residence in Micanopy, he went to school a little, but it was hard as his eyes and nerves so worked on a truck farm and clerked some in a store. In the summer of 1885, his father bought a farm in Levy, Co. all the family moved out there for a few months and arranged for Willie to have a small grove, stock etc while the oldest brother taught school near by and the rest of the family moved to Waldo; his father being appointed to take charge of that school. He spent some night time in study and the following year attended a little country summer school and prepared to take a teachers course. The farm duties pressed closely upon his time and early in the following spring he was attending the farm work when a neighbor rode by and told him his woods were afire and that he would have to fight to save his fences as the wind was coming that way. All day he fought fire and with little help succeeded in keeping the fences safe. He had a bucket of water and as he would get thirsty would drink a little and wet his head. He was very tired and sat down to rest under a tree. The next morning a Negro man, Oliver Black, found him all burned where he had crawled over the burning ground (hunting wast supposedly) and all raging with high fever. At once people were notified and hew as cared for at his house by neighbors; the Dr. summoned and his family sent for. He had a most sever case of brain fever. _____ and during his convalescent days developed a taste for drawing and painting. It had lain dormant all

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these years. But time could not then be spent in a so called luxury and after sufficient recovery he went back to the farm and took up the work that had lain idle. In the spare moments – rainy days and night he applied himself to his text books and by persistent effort at a small summer school prepared to teach that fall. His first school was out near Gulf Hammock – a very rural community but a splendid opportunity to help the boys and girls to get the fundamental book learning so needed. He was much liked and the rural –almost frontier life had that charm that awakens hope and calls forth the best _____ in the human. He closed a successful term then, went back to the farm and put it in order for good renting and then went to join his family in Orlando, Fla. That following fall and winter he taught near Orlando at Cherry Hill and closed with the best years work that had ever been done in that community. Just about this time the older brother had moved to Orlando also and they all decided to

enter the mercantile business, which they did and were successful. The older brother did not care for commercial life so withdrew to enter the profession of dentistry and the business was dissolved and Willie located in St. Petersburg, Fla. In the same line of work. After 2 years of such work he went to Tampa, Fla. And accepted the management of the Tampa Steam Laundry. There he met and married Philomenia Augusta Oakes. They were very quietly married by the Catholic Priest and went at once to house keeping. He remained position building and enlarging the _____ for about 8 years. He bought his home and lived on Grand Central ----- near the plant and then soon one by one the family grew till he decided the boys needed more room for gardening etc. They sold and moved out of the city proper and the children were engaged in work around the city. By now he had conceived several real inventions and among them was the present day automobile tire with the _____ to avoid skidding. Several other mechanical _____ were added to the engine department of the laundry plant and ----- long he found that mechanical engineering was his especial talent. He built a nice large home near the ----- line still in the suburbs and _____ the family still enjoy life. So he continued in the engineering line and almost the time the world war broke out, he was a very worth while man in character and also his line of special mechanical engineering.

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His work frequently called him into other localities _____ other states and after the U.S.A. declared war, he was ---- in South Carolina doing special work. He was very much devoted t his old birth state and after seeing the need of such sacrifices as war always demands he felt that perhaps he could be of service although he was not called to register at that time. He was in Charleston, S.C. and conferred with the authorities as to regiment needs-etc and there learned that his line of work-engineering – was much under normal compared to other departments. He felt that he could be of service to his country and at once offered himself as a volunteer. Aft the proper examination, etc. he was referred to Fort S ____ Ga. And Nov. 17, 1917 was at that place officially enlisted in the U.S.A. service as an ordinary private or in rank _____ - Buck Private. He did not remain long at Fort Sc ____ and soon promoted to 1st class private and transferred to Fort Meyer, Va. There he was under Capt. Da ____ . The he was again transferred _____ Capt Geiger was his head officer; under him he was twice promoted although still a non com officer. The later part of Feb, he left University Camp D.C and after several days of so called _____ leave taking they at last _____ - to the station and took special train for the fort at Jersey City. He was now one of the men of Co. D.30 Engineer –2nd Battalion . After hasty embarkation on the aggem____ (Kaiser William _____ of the enemy's) he assumed the real duties of soldiers sailor. Helped do guard duty and was on the look out post when they were fired on by a submarine. They all began at once to prepare for the worst sear _____ on the rafts. No such luck thou. He had a final laugh as a young lieutenant who was upholstered in 2 life preservers instead of 1 and the others _____ all had to wear these preservers all the time and it was tiresome at times – but think of 2!!! He had strapped to him in ---- pocket a bottle of olive oil for food in the water should it be needed. With good weather and only slight scares from the enemy, they landed without the loss of a man (about 6000) at Brest-France. Sunday-March 10, 1918. the entire voyage lasted 15 days. The next day March 11, they landed and _____ tol old French Barracks used by Napoleon. During the stay in the harbor, he amused himself seeing the French women and boys come out to the boat begging from the Americans. The boys would throw them fruit- _____ -- - tobacco etc. He saw one little boy with his old mother who had not been fortunate enough to catch any gifts so he had an apple in his pocket left over from breakfast and after getting the boys eye, pitched the apple and the child caught it-oh-such a

beam of pleasure in both faces and he saw them at once begin to enjoy the catch too!!! Many words were

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in harbor all were allowed to write a card home talking of their safe arrival over seas. Just that much was eagerly read by the home fuller although only the name of sender was the only handwriting – the other a _____ printed form given by the Red Cross. 2 days were spent at the old Pontenezzea Barracks in Brest. He was to begin real war fare now. Only the most meager necessities being allowed and it was raining so much too-no fire except just enough for coffee and _____ to be cooked. They washed their dishes either by holding under the eaves any catching water and rubbing with their hands or if no rain, then taking a hand full of dirt rubbing out vessels and polishing with hand and coat tail? They entrained the 3rd day and after 3 days halted at Langres an old walled city on the mountain walls were over 40 feet high on outside at some points – then they marched to the village of He----- where they were billeted for several weeks before going near the “front” thence to Char _____ General D _____ and camped at the village of La Ville any Bois (English -----). From this village he was sent to Hanlan Field to install machinery for machine shop. Part of his time there he had charge of filling shells with high explosive and later while opening a German shell for experimental purposes was _____ -- by the accidental explosion-gassed-and sent to Hospital #15 at Charmont. His treatment consisted mostly of inhaling a hot potion from a bowl filled with water etc. Before this injury he had a furlough to Paris and while there stopped at the Burgundy Hotel near Madelene square. He visited the tomb of Napoleon-the Royal Palace of Versailles--- Fontambleau, also cathedral of Notre Dame where Napoleon was crowned and the church where the shell of Big Bertha killed nearly 100 person on Good Friday 1918. After treatment and some inf _____ - at Charmont, he was transferred to hospital #6 at Bordeaux. His stay here was more of recreation as he visited the city and at times assisted in slight service to those more disabled than himself. He left Bordeaux middle of ---- 1919 and landed at Hoboken Jan 26th coming the nearest route by Azores Island. He was quite sick after landing and sent to Camp Merrit and late to Café Ma ___ #5 Hospital. There he took a course in lip reading and other courses to help him overcome deafness and complications caused by gassing. Later he was given a furlough and visited the City of Philadelphia – also Nashville while at Nashville he visited the Hermitage – old home place of Andrew Jackson, on his way back to New York he visited _____ Ky. Later he was transferred to Hospital #41 Fox Hills-Staten Island and from there was given an honorable discharge Sept. 17 1919. Just a little over 2 years in the actual serve and war. He went to his home place –Tampa, Fla. And now cot _____ as private citizen trying in every way to uphold law and order and advance the cause of Peace though rig _____ Although broken in health he has strong live spirit and active intellect which is a source of contentment and- pleasure.

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Paul Williams Yancey better know as W.P. Yancey, Jr. was born in Orlando, Fla at his grandfather's, G. M. Yancey on Division St, March 27, 1892. He was a normal baby and as the second grand son that year, there was almost a baby show at the Yancey home for the next few months. His grand mother Yancey became so attached to him that after their return home she was lonely for the baby and soon

welcomed him back _____ of the summer. That winter he spent entirely with his grandmother and learned to walk and say a few words. The following summer another baby brother came to his _____ and he felt keenly the finger of jealousy so grandmother just kept him regularly. He went back and forth to see his parents but always when a few weeks at home, he would announce that "I am ready to go back to mama's now. He was fond of sweets as in natural so grand ma used to keep lump sugar for the boys and at least twice a day, Willie would go to his grandma and say "dama-dama-_____ sugar. She always gave him 4 lumps- 2 in each hand. His little cousin Tom Allen lived next door and they were great chums. Once while they were discussing affairs the Sunday School teacher came up for criticism and then the Supt. Who was a small man named Howard. He was known as little Mr. Howard and the subject of finances came up for these two young men to solve – they spoke of the pennies that were collected every Sunday from the children and then Willie said "is that all Mr. Howard gets to live on?" Tom Allen spoke up and answered "Yes and half of that has to go to the brethren." Once again a party was to be had for the S.S. class and these two boys were going with their Aunt Lidie. Willie always liked books and took much interest in spelling new words also in trying out spell his cousin Tom Allen which was not hard to do. This afternoon Tom Allen had come over all ready to go to the party – his Aunt was not quite ready so there was a wait. Willie got his book and began to challenge Tom to spell cat – dog and other words. To his disappointment he did not get a word too hard for his cousin so he struck a new plan. He selected a new word one neither had learned – the word "that". He went to his Aunt Sallie and got her quietly to teach him the word and then with all confidence out he came where Tom Allen was fidgeting to go and said "Tom I bet you can't spell "that". Of course he had the best of him. Tom then ----- at once Tom Allen spoke up and said "Cousin Willie I am in no spelling condition. I am going to the party. The spelling match broke up then. One afternoon the two boys had been out chunking at trees etc, and Tom Allen could not chuck his cousin so after it was even and they separated Willie came in and sat quietly awhile then was cleaned up with a nice white waist on and told to keep clean. He decided to practice up on chunking and went out in the yard and then to the streets. It had rained in the morning and a little muddy place remained near by so Willie was attracted to investigate. He also decided to take a back handed blow as he called it and chunked at the top of the tree near by; he lost his balance and fell into the muddy place. As he arose the whole side of his clean waist was covered in the muddy dirt. He at once came running to the house

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asking for Aunt Lidie and as he arrived in her presence exclaimed "Oh Aunt Lidie I am in a perfect condition" He meant a perfect mess and he was. The beautiful days glided on and weeks passed into months and months into years and at last he was about 8 years old. There were other children at his father's house now and he felt a tinge of pride in being the special _____ at grandma's but it was best for him to go home and be a regular older boy. He attended school and for awhile worked in a drug store on Saturday's and after school. When about 14 years of age he felt the desire for some life work and decided to enter the Catholic training for the Society of Jesus. He was placed in such a school at Macon, Ga. and for several years continued his course. Then he taught in connection with his work at Woodstock, MD and St. Charles College, Grand Coteau La. During 1918 he decided that a life of such seclusion was not best for him and that he would rather be out in the world and enter another field of work-so after proper deliberation and such conference with those in authority he resigned from the order and stepped out in the world of busy active men and affairs. One of the first natural acts committed was that of marriage. Jan 26, 1919 he married Lydia Cenac of St Patrick's Church.- New Orleans, La, in the presence of a few friends. For awhile he identified himself with the drug business, but the call of

heritage was supper most and the line of teaching appealed to him as it had done back in the family for over 3 generations. He was well fitted to take up such work and now that he had the world to choose from he at once placed himself in a "Boys College" and went again to the family calling – teaching. He had tried out both lives in his preparatory course- _____ of literary – so _____ line was really not new. With vigor and self reliance he entered this school in Davenport, Iowa and at present is satisfactorily giving his time and attention to work.

Lydia Cenace-wife of W.P. Yancey, Jr., was born Feb 8th, 1897 at the little town of Houma, La. She was educated at St. Francis de Sales Academy until 14 years of age and then attended the Terriborn High School – completing two yeas of the work and then entered a training school for nurses in 1917. She continued in her training , doing also active work up to the date of her marriage Jan. 26th, 1918. Lydia Cenace is of French descent her father and mother's parents were born in France and came to America in youth. Jean Pierre Cenace born in France am came to America at 20 years of age, married Victorine Fang----- who was also French. They were farmers and reared 14 children, 8 boys and 6 girls. One boy is Albert Cenac, father of Lydia Cenac Yancey. Elphege Michael married Aspezie Provean (both French) and reared 11 children. One is a girl Delphine Micahel – Mother of Lydia Cenac Yancey. Machanical engineering was the occupation of grandfather Michael Albert Cenac. Albert Cenac and Delfhine Michael have 13 children. Lydia Cenac born Feb 8, 1897. Lucile (girl) born Jan 31, 1890. Alphonse Joseph (boy) born March 3rd 1899. Arthur Robert (boy) born June 28, 1900. Cecile Clair (girl) born Naov. 5th, 1901. Louise Marie (girl) born May 5, 1903. _____ (boy) born Oct 18th, 1904. Jules Henry (boy) born May 12th, 1906. Alfred & Wilfred Frank (boy twins) born June 12th, 1908. Audette Leonard (girl) born Jan. 18th, 1911. Earnest Albert (boy) born April 5th, 1914. Francis Anette (girl) born Nov. 12th 1918. Albert Cenac born May 28th, 1867 and married Delphine Michael May 11th, 1896. Delphine Michael was born July 1877. _____-present Albert Cenac lives at Houma, La. and is engaged in the Fish and Oyster industry. Two of their boys Alphonse Joseph and Arthur Robert served in the World War. Alphonse in the Navy U.S.S. South Carolina and Arthur Robert in Navy U.S.S. Vermont. Patrick Henri Yancey brother of W. P. Yancey was born in Tampa, Fla. Oct. 20, 1893. He attended School with his older brother and also entered the same religious order as did Willie. He studied at Macon, Ga and out _____Hilly and Washington State, then placed at Spring Hill College near Mobile,. Ala to teach and continue his work.

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At present he is busily engaged teaching boys in that college. Alphonsus Meredith Yancey brother of Henri and Willie was born in Tampa, Fla. Feb 22, 1901. He attended the school with his older brothers and at the age of 16 went to work at various mechanical shops about the city. Early he showed the talent for such things and as a small boy used to amuse himself with toy elect_____ apparatus made at home. Once he installed a wireless fl_____nt and used to get and give much fun in the running of it. At present he is interested in garage work although he has a good talent and opportunity to develop himself into a real electrical engineer. Time will prove what he does with the talent. Philomenia Augusta Yancey sister of the boys _____ was born in Tampa, Fla. July 5, 1904. She is attending school and of course assisting in the house hold duties. She likes music and studied some along that line Time will also tell what she does as a life work. Another brother who died in infancy was Garland Edward Yancey born in Orlando, Fla. June 14, 1893 at his grandparents home. When about 18 months old, he was out

with a little Negro nurse girl near the house in Tampa, Fla. The nurse went near the R.R. and did not notice the child and a fast rain approached while the child was on the track. The engineer did not see the baby in time to stop his train and the baby was killed instantly. They buried the little baby in Orlando, Fla. He sleeps with his grandparents and 2 uncles, 1 aunt and 3 little baby cousins.

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The Yancey Family

The first trace we have of the family is that four Welshmen (some say five) Charles, William, Joel, Robert and John Yancey came to Virginia in 1642 with Sir William Berkley, afterwards Governor, and settled in the James River region and prospered. From one of these descended Lewis Davis Yancey who settled in Culpepper County about 1710 and married Mildred, daughter of Charles Kavanaugh. Mildred's father owned a track of 40,000 acres in that county around Muddy Run, Poor Town and Gibson's Mill on Mountain Run, a portion of this land was bequeathed to Mildred and this land has never been out of the Yancey family, and is still owned by Benj. M. Yancey, a great grandson of Lewis Davis Yancey and by Jas. Wm Yancey a great grandson of the _____. Lewis Davis Yancey lived and was buried on the estate of the latter – place "Arlington". Now John Yancey had several children – Charles-Leighton who moved to R----- County and Bartlett who moved to North Carolina.

Charles married Millie Durman and their children were 1st Capt. Charles (1741-1841) of Louisa County and he married Mary Crawford. 2nd Rev. Robert who was ordained by the Bishop of London July 20th 1768 as an Episcopal minister; there being no bishop in this country at that time. On his return from England, he was the first to preach in that section of the country the doctrine of universal redemption. He married Ann Crawford the daughter of David Crawford. They had 1st Betsy 17756 and 2nd Charles 1770-1857. This Maj. Char. Moved to Buckingham County and was known though out the state as the "Wheel Horse of Democracy and also had the sub _____ of "Duke of Buckingham". He married Nancy Spencer and reared a large family – in fact all the Yanceys had large families. Lewis Davis Yancey a son of the original who married Mildred Kavanaugh had nine (9) children. John, Richard, Charles, Philip, Robert, James, Lewis, Nancy and another daughter. His son James was a Maj in Gen Greens army in the Revolutionary war; after the war he settled in _____ S.C. and practiced law. He married Miss Cudsworth of Charleston. Their children were Benj.Cudsworth Yancey, who married Caroline Bird, daughter of Col. Wm Bird of Warren Co, GA and William Lowden or Wm L. Yancey was their son. He was known as the "fire eater" of _____ days. There were other children. Now it seems as if John Yancey was the fore father of the North Carolina branch. If so is fits in very naturally and

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we can be proud as such ancestry. John was a much used name in the family. Almost the entire Yancey family of men _____ learn showed talent of mind – the professions were _____ rather than the trades _____ There were several with Engineering ability. The _____ life did not seem to appeal to them as _____ and only have known of two (2) who have developed that talent. One was our great uncles, John Yancey, Constructed the first Rail Road through North Carolina.

Garland Meredith Yancey was born in Opelousas, Louisiana, Oct. 12th 1836. His father died the same year just a few months before his (Garland's) birth. His father was born about 1800 – we do not know the exact date and have not the record (it was lost) of his given name. He married Miss Elizabeth Allen of North Carolina and did as many others about that time –went to seek new homes in the newly acquired territory in the South West. There were children – Harriet – Mary and Garland. Harriet married Capt. Freeland of Durham N.C. Mary married Mr. Bobbitt of Oxford, N.C. After the death of their father, Mrs. Elizabeth Allen Yancey moved back to her old home state. They made the journey by wagons and one two horse carriage. It took about 2 months and they encountered trouble more than once with the Indians. Later on the mother moved to Chapel Hill N.C. where the children were educated and Garland graduated with honor. Then he took a post graduate course at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C. The daughter, Harried who married Capt. Freeland died early in life – she left one child – Lula Freeland – who married Mr. Bryan, a Baptist Missionary to China. There were 4 children of their marriage. 2 whom (girls) are married and reside in the U.S.A. and ---- son and one sister remain with their father in Shanghe China. While Garland Meridth Yancey was attending school at Wofford College he met Sallie Caroline Williams at a reception held at Dr. Shiff's residence. A friendship was formed that grew and ripened into a real attachment and later on in marriage. The were quietly married at her father's home-Forest House, S.C. Dec -24-1861. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Appleby.

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Garland Meredith Yancey graduated with honor from Wofford College S.C. (Spartanburg) in July 1861. He at once began to take special interest in the all absorbing question of the times – “The secession of the south”. In a short time he felt called on to take an active field part and then join the confederacy in the struggle. Before taking of the last step, he gained consent to marry and Dec. 24-1861 he and Sallie Caroline Williams were very quietly married at Forest Home – S.C., her father's residence. Only a few friends and the family being present. The Methodist minister, Rev. Appleby performing the ceremony. Just a few days after this event, Garland Meredith Yancey joined the Colors under Col. William Stokes Battalion of Calvary stationed at Hardyville, S.C. Gen Walker was then commanding. Part of the time his service consisted especially of being of a courier. He had a very fine animal named Beauregard I honor of that famous General. More than once did old B----- get captured by the enemy but just as soon as he was left loose he took to the woods and found his way back home at Forest Home. Once a very important message had to be send by word of mouth as the lines of the enemy were to be crossed. One dark rainy night Beauregard and his master set out from Charleston S.C. to Orangebery. Several times they lost the road and finally the rider so wet and cold decided to trust his horse and so patting him on the neck and giving him to understand that he must go home, he let him have the rein. Early that morning of about day the family at Forest Home were aroused by the dogs and then heard the friendly whinny of a horse. Beauregard had brought his rider and the message safely through the enemy lines and over hills and through the wilderness and the _____ all about 60 miles. A noble beast. Once again the rider and Beauregard found themselves within the enemy lines near Bluffton, S.C. the gun boater had run _____ the river and shell and shot were falling thick and fast – great Virginia oaks and tall pines were being demolished in their

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_____ All at once safety had to be sought so the rider patted his horse and dismounted, leaving of him to fare as best as possible while he (rider) took refuge on the ground behind an enormous oak.

Beauguard looked it over and calmly decided to do likewise. What was good enough for his master was good enough for him, so he very knowingly st--- right behind his master and in the best possible manner. He _____ himself long ways behind the tree and not just cross ways – then the greatest possible advantage was secured. After the din of battle had ceased, both horse and rider betook themselves rapidly out of the danger gone – several volleys were fired after them but to none effect. The required information had been gained and on their way back to head quarters they galloped. Often times Beauagard fared better than his master. Corn meal was the principal diet and of there was no food for the beast except grass. Beauaguard would always rub his master at such times as much as to say “I am so hungry” and he would always be rewarded with the rider’s share of Corn meal. The argument was “the horse can’t travel and carry me if he does not get enough to eat.” I can go hungry till I get elsewhere” This noble animal served all though the war and after peace was declared he responded to the field and made the same g----- horse that he made as a war charger. The fidelity and devotion of a noble animal to his master under such adverse conditions is worthy of notice and should serve to lead mankind into a greater field of love and duty both to his God and fellowman. If the dumb beast can understand to love his master and serve, then cannot man, the noblest creation, love and serve his master – God – equally as devoted? Why Not?

Note from Robert Williams Jan. 2007 – Forest House was between two towns, Orangebuery was about 30 milse to the NE and Charleston over 50 miles to the east.

Buffton is near Hilton Head and as shown in Saddle Soldiers, William Stockes’ command spent much of 1862 near Bluffton. Hilton Head was occupied by Federal forces. Bluffton on the main land was patrolled by Confederates.

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My Dear Friend Garland Accept this book as a memorial and emblem of my true and long continued friendship and highest regards for you and be assured that I love and esteem you higher than I do any one else, or than any one esteems you. And think not that I exaggerate or am at all excited on the subject when I tell you that my whole life has been almost exclusively devoted to your interest and will be in the future to the happiness of both you and your beloved and gentle hearted Dulcemia and may your future life be unruffled by the blighten ing sorrows and sad disappointments of this world is the prayer of your friend. July the 1st 1860.

G. M. Yancey
Of Chapel Hill
N.C.

James E. Williams
Colleton Dist.
So. Ca.

Class of 60-61

Preston Literary Society
Sweetheart E.E.H.

Motto

The Secession of South Carolina

Profession medicine

May the remembrance of the association of Wofford College afford in after life a pleasant theme for reflection in your leisure moments.

Nov. 1860

The name is Annie E. Williams. Annie is shown as 4 years old, a member of Paul Williams' household in the 1850 census. She is 34 years old in the 1880 census, living in the household of her stepfather Peter Stokes, her mother's second husband. Peter Stokes' first wife had been Annie's aunt, E. E. Anna Williams. One researcher indicates Annie married a George W. Tucker.

The statement at the bottom of the entry for Annie, concludes, "...that leads our souls to REALMS where moontide brings no close of day." Besides Sarah Caroline Willimas, Annie had another sister Mary W. Williams Mary is shown as one year old in the 1850 census. It is believed she married Jefferson Warren.)

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Annie E. Williams

Colleton District
S.C.

Class - 1860- 1863

De Steal Literary Society

Motto – Be deligent

Sweetheart

May angels ever guide thee friend and keep thee in the narrow way that leads our souls to realms above
where moontide brings no close of day

Sallie C. Williams
Colleten District
S.C.

Class of 1860-1861

De Stael Literary Society

Motto – Labor _____

Sweetheart

“Joys be many, cares be few;
Smooth the path thou shalt pursue
And heavens richest blessing shine
Ever on thee and thine”

“Garland M. Yancey, entered Junior, Jan 27, 1860. Graduated July, 1861. Good on all, 1 sh---le on the languages.”

(Dr. A. M. Shipp was president of Wofford at that time. The “1 sh---le on Languages means that he was approximately first grade on his language studies)

Page 29 newspaper clippings about William P. Yancey

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Page 6 Notes taken from the Autograph Album of Sally Caroline Williams (at this time 2015 this Album is at the home of Marsha Richardson (see 2nd page of transcription)

Sallie Caroline Williams Yancey attended college at Spartanburg, S.C. While there she not only met her husband – Garland Meredith Yancey, but made a large number of friends. It was the custom then of having autograph albums and in after years we find a real report of life often time a history of pleasing and almost sacred remembrance of those whom were loved. So we find in her old album lines from several person she must have e_____ and even loved.

My Dear Child

Our connection will soon be dissolved. Your course since you came to college has been one of the least exceptional. If you continue to “walk by the same rule and _____ the same things” your future teachers will not fail to love you, and point to your conduct as a _____. May our Heavenly Father ever keep and p_____ you by His _____ and may we meet at last in glory.

Your Teacher

July 5, 1859

Jos. Cross (?)

To My Sister

“Remember me – not I entreat
In scenes of festal week day joy
For them it were not kind or meet
Thy thoughts thy pleasures should alloy
But on the Sacred Sabbath day
And dearest on thy bended knee
When th--- for those thou lovest doth may
Sweet Sister, then remember me.”

A Brother

Page 7 (also from Sally's Album)

A Fathers Wishes

May angels guard thee with special care and every blessing fall to Sallies share; Through peaceful
_____ ----- securely may she tread.
By Fortune followed and virtue lead,
Late may she feel the softest stroke of dath as roses droop beneath the Zephyr's breath. Then gently
rest beneath the Tomb and rise to flourish in immortal bloom.

Forest Home, S.C.
Sept. 28th, 1859

Paul A.M. Williams

Sky; when all the past ----glet angers but continued, lasting of _____, When foes at once made
 friends, now foes again, He _____ on his head reproaches _____ and _____ and kindles in his
 heart _____ f _____; When sickness and disease _____ his fr _____, and burning fences
 his proud beast inflame Tis woman's love, her voice, her tone so sweet, Her magic power, her counsels
 so discreet, Her love – bespeaking eyes, her smoothing hand, Her joy – inspiring tongue that speaks so
 bland, Tis these, all these that drive away his care. Clothe him with joy, that he was want to _____-,
 Disp---- the –ews of sorrow from his brow, Uplift his spirit from despair deep slough. Her sorrow –
 stricken tears, her morning cry, For which the world doth live, the world would die. Has rul'd does
 shape the destiny of man, as well in every age, as every land. Tis woman's love that breaths into his
 heart Sweet comfort, while crowding -----depart. This woman's love to his own love addressed that
 drives all evil passions from his breast. Tells him from giddy earth to look away, To lift his heart unto
 his God and pray. To look to him who'll even be his Friend, To seek the pleasure which will never end,
 To lay up all his treasurer high above, Whose all in peace, and happiness, and love, The all-consoling
 truth leaves him to know Though man has many troubles here below, Though many _____ he must
 on earth endure Earth gives no pain that Heaven cannot cure”

June 12th, 1860

Garland