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PREFACE

This monograph--Historic Structure Report, Robert Scruggs House, Historical Data--has been prepared to satisfy the research needs as outlined in discussions with Superintendent Ben Moomaw of Kings Mountain National Military Park, Archeologist Jack Walker of the Southeast Archeological Center, and Historical Architect Hugh Miller of the Division of Park Historic Architecture. All available sources, both published and manuscript, have been examined and pertinent material extracted. Members of the Scruggs family and neighbors, familiar with the house, have been interviewed. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett the house was examined by Messrs. Miller, Walker, and the author. The data gathered has been compiled into a report designed to provide architects with a structural history of the Robert Scruggs House and grounds; museum curators with data useful in preparation of a furnishing plan; and interpreters with information on the cultural and social history of the Scruggs family and the community.

Many persons have assisted during preparation of this report. A special note of thanks is in order for Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett--granddaughter of the builder, Robert Scruggs--who was born in the house in 1894 and has lived in it for almost 80 years. She welcomed us on numerous occasions, cheerfully sharing with us her recollections and family papers.

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the family, and community: Mesdames Ruth Scruggs Hatchette, Lillie Martin Scruggs, Leona Martin Jolley, Jessie Scruggs Ellison, and Vaud Scruggs Jolley, and Mr. James W. Scruggs.

Local historians--Mrs. C. M. Moser of Shelby, North Carolina; the Honorable Sam Manning, State Representative from Spartanburg County; Professor Bobby Moss of the faculty of Limestone College; and Jack Blanton of Gaffney--shared their information.

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Dr. Harry Pfanz and Barry Mackintosh of the Division of History read the draft manuscript and made valuable comments. Jack Walker of the Southeast Archeological Center and Hugh Miller of the Division of Park Historic Architecture visited the area and shared their extensive knowledge of vernacular architecture.

Barbara Hudson of the Denver Service Center spent many hours typing this report, and George Hedricks prepared the accompanying line map of the Scruggs Farm in 1907.

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

A. Name and Number of Structure

Robert Scruggs House, Structure No. 1, Cowpens National Battlefield. This structure is of Third Order of Significance.

B. Proposed Use of Structure

The exterior of the structure will be restored to reflect its appearance ca. 1900, while the interior will be rehabilitated and refurnished to interpret the way of life of Robert Scruggs and others who lived in this section of the Carolina Piedmont in the 1850s.

C. Justification for Such Use

The Robert Scruggs House, erected about 1828, is a form of vernacular architecture that is rapidly disappearing from the region. Unless the Service takes measures to preserve and protect structures of this character, there will soon be none. Private organizations and individuals are generally interested in preservation of the more pretentious homes of the great planters and the wealthy, and have shown little interest in preservation and interpretation of structures such as the Scruggs House, which were typical of the region and a way of life.

D. Provision for Operating Structure

The restored Robert Scruggs House will be refurnished and employed to interpret life in the Carolina Piedmont in the 1850s.

E. Cooperative Agreement, if any, Executed or Proposed for Operating Structure

No cooperative agreement will be required to operate the structure.

F. Brief Description of Proposed Construction Activity

To restore the exterior of the Scruggs House to its appearance ca. 1900 will require: (a) replacement of the sheet metal roof with a shingle roof; (b) reconstruction of the north dormer; (c) stabilization of the west chimney and stabilization and partial reconstruction of the east chimney; (d) removal of the kitchen ell; (e) reconstruction

of the full-length south shed porch; and (f) replacement of deteriorated fabric where necessary.

To restore the interior of the structure to its appearance ca. 1850 will require the replacement of deteriorated fabric where necessary and elimination and replacement of fabric incompatible with the period.

Restoration of the grounds would involve: (a) relocation of the well to its historic site; (b) reconstruction of the privy and selected outbuildings; (c) restoration of the Scruggs Road as a historic trace; and (d) reestablishment of the Scruggs garden and orchard.

G. Estimated Cost of Construction

The cost estimate form will be a part of the architectual data section written by the historical architect.

II. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert Scruggs House, ca. 1828, is characteristic of the type of homes constructed in the Piedmont during the nineteenth century by yeoman farmers. These people and their way of life were more important politically and economically in the South than the great planters with their mansions and slave gangs.

The Scruggs House, as built, was a one-room log cabin with a loft and chimney and fireplace in its east elevation. As his family grew and he became more affluent, Robert Scruggs enlarged and framed in his log cabin. A second chimney and fireplace were erected at the west elevation of the addition. Changes to the house in the last 50 years have been minimal; thus it is an excellent example of a type of vernacular architecture which is rapidly disappearing from rural America.

Although built almost half a century after the Battle of the Cowpens, the Robert Scruggs House has long been associated with the battleground. From 1849, when Historian-Illustrator Benson J. Lossing stopped and chatted with Robert Scruggs, until the 1970s, students of the battle have paused at the Scruggs House to get directions, discuss the battle with the occupants, and orient themselves.

The Scruggs family, which moved to the Cowpens area from Rutherford County, North Carolina, in the first decade of the nineteenth century, have been community leaders for almost 175 years.

III. RICHARD SCRUGGS I: TRYON COUNTY PIONEER

A. His Land Transactions

Richard Scruggs I, progenitor of the Scruggs families which settled in the Cowpens area of Spartanburg District, South Carolina, in the first decade of the nineteenth century, was a descendent of Richard Scruggs, gentleman. Richard Scruggs, gentleman, a resident of Bedfordshire, England, had emigrated to the New World in 1655. He settled in Virginia, where he acquired several thousand acres in James City and New Kent counties, and fathered two sons of whom we have record--Henry and Richard. Richard Scruggs I was a descendent of the second son of Richard Scruggs, gentleman.[1]

Richard Scruggs I, who was born before 1745 and married Prudence Hicks, was living in Tryon County, North Carolina, by 1774, the year before Concord and Lexington.[2]

On July 21, 1774, Richard Scruggs I and John Goff secured a patent to a Tryon County tract on Broad River.[3]

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1. Scruggs Genealogy, with a Brief History of the Allied Families Briscoe, Dial, Dunklin, Leake and Price (New York, 1912), p. 22.

2. Personal Interview, Mrs. C. M. Moser with Bearss, Dec. 5, 1973. Mrs. Moser, regent of a local DAR chapter, has researched the Martin, Scruggs, and Ezell family histories. She kindly shared with me her knowledge and documents. Mrs. Moser lives at 713 West Graham, Shelby, N. C.

3. Rutherford County Deed Book 7-9, Rutherford County Courthouse, Rutherfordton, N. C., p. 52. On July 5, 1794, Richard Scruggs sold to Thomas Morrow for £10 the grant he and John Goff had received on July 21, 1774. The tract conveyed was to begin at a red oak on the second line 190 poles from the second corner of the old tract; then South 14° East 120 poles to the riverbank at a willow oak, marked for a corner by consent; then down the river 30 poles to the east corner of the old tract below the mouth of the creek; then North 14° West 120 poles to a pine, one of the old corners; and then along the old line 30 poles to a marked red oak, the point of beginning.

In 1778 the North Carolina Assembly enacted legislation dividing Tryon County into "two Distinct Counties by the names of Lincoln and Rutherford." The line separating the two new counties was to begin "on the South Carolina line, near Broad River, on the dividing ridge between Buffalo Creek and Little Broad River, then along the said ridge to the Burke County line." Upon the division and dissolution of Tryon County, the court records for Tryon County were secured by Lincoln County. Until 1781 officials of Lincoln County continued to use these books, following the Tryon County proceedings with those of newly constituted Lincoln County. The first county court for Rutherford County was held in April 1779 at Col. John Walker's residence north of Broad River.[4]

The area of Tryon County in which Richard Scruggs I lived was, upon the dissolution of the old jurisdiction, included in newly constituted Rutherford County. In October 1782, 22 months after the Battle of the Cowpens, Scruggs purchased from the State of North Carolina for "fifty shillings for every hundred acres," a 150-acre tract in Rutherford County. The subject tract was on the north side of "Main Broad River in the forks between Main Broad River & Second Broad River, including his own Improvements." Marking the boundary, the surveyor began at a gum on the riverbank and ran a line North 19° West 160 poles to a pine; then North 71° East 150 poles to a post; then South 19° East 160 poles to a black oak; and then to the beginning. The grant was signed by Alexander Martin, governor, captain-general, and commander-in-chief.[5]

The statement "his own improvements" in the deed leads to the conclusion that Richard Scruggs was already living on the 150 acres in 1782, when he secured from Governor Martin fee title to the tract. If so, he was probably residing here on January 17, 1781, when the Battle of the Cowpens was fought, 7 miles to the southwest.

Family tradition is that Richard Scruggs I was at home on the day of the fight and heard the sounds of the battle. If the wind were from the southeast and atmospheric conditions were favorable, this would have been possible.

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4. Clarence W. Griffin, History of Old Tryon and Rutherford Counties, North Carolina, 1730-1936 (Asheville, 1937), pp. 42, 45.

5. Rutherford County Deed Book A-D, p. 246.

In June 1804 Richard Scruggs I added to his Rutherford County acreage by purchase of a 100-acre tract for £10 from William Berry of Lincoln County. The Berry tract was on the west side of Second Broad River. Running the boundary, the surveyor began at a spanish oak and took a bearing South 18° East 30 poles to a pine; then North 72° East 180 poles to a hickory; then North 18° West 90 poles to a stake; and then South 72° West 180 poles to the beginning.[6]

B. His Revolutionary War Service

Richard Scruggs I served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the North Carolina militia.[7]

C. The Scruggs Family: 1790-1810

Richard and Prudence Scruggs had a large number of children. In 1790 the enumerator for the First Census for Morgan District of Rutherford County called at their home on Second Broad River. He reported that the household numbered ten individuals, five free white females, three males under 16, and two males 16 or older, one of whom would have been Richard Scruggs I.[8]

One of the neighbors was Will Dobbins, whose daughter Mary would become the wife of Richard Scruggs II. The father, like a number of the Scruggs boys, would move to the Cowpens area of Spartanburg District, where he purchased a farm adjoining on the south one owned by his son-in-law.[9]

Ten years later, when the enumerator for the Second Census called in the summer of 1800, nine persons composed the Richard Scruggs I household. There were two persons, a male and a female, 45 and older--Richard and Prudence Scruggs; two females, 16 to 26; one female, 10 to 16; two males, 16 to 26; one male, 10 to 16; and one male under 10.[10]

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6. Rutherford County Deed Book 27-28, p. 208.

7. Griffin, History of Old Tryon, p. 99.

8. First Decennial Census, Rutherford County, N. C., National Archives.

9. Ibid.

10. Second Decennial Census, Rutherford County, N. C., National Archives.

Richard Scruggs II by 1800 had married Mary Dobbins and had established his own home. Three children, two boys and a girl, all under ten, were living with Richard and Mary Scruggs.[11]

In the summer of 1810 the enumerator for the Third Census in Rutherford County made his rounds. The number of persons living in the Richard Scruggs I household on Second Broad River had shrunk in a decade from nine to five. In addition to Richard and Prudence Scruggs, there were three males in the household--two between 26 and 45 and one 16 to 26.[12]

D. Richard Scruggs I Makes His Will and Passes On

Richard Scruggs I drew his last will and testament (see Appendix A for a copy of the subject will) on October 16, 1816. On doing so, he bequeathed to his wife, in her lifetime, use of all his land and personal property. On the death or remarriage of Prudence Scruggs, the land was to be divided among his surviving sons Richard, John, Ellis, Robert, and Jesse. His personal property on the death or remarriage of his widow was to be divided equally among his five sons and five daughters--Elizabeth, Martha, Prudence, Rozamond, and Sarah. Sons Richard and Robert would be executors of his last will and testament.[13]

Richard Scruggs I probably died in October 1819, as his will was recorded in that month. By that year at least two of his sons, Richard II and Robert, had moved to South Carolina and were living near the Cowpens battleground.

In 1820, when the enumerator for the Fourth Census called, Prudence Scruggs was the head of the household. Her son Ellis and his family lived on the adjoining place.[14]

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11. Ibid.

12. Third Decennial Census, Rutherford County, N. C., National Archives.

13. Richard Scruggs, Last Will and Testament, Rutherford County Will Book C, Clerk of the Probate Court, Rutherford County Courthouse, Rutherfordton, N. C., p. 129.

14. Fourth Decennial Census, Rutherford County, N. C., National Archives.

IV. RICHARD SCRUGGS II: 1769-1855

A. Richard and Robert Scruggs Move to the Cowpens Community

1. Richard Scruggs Acquires 800 Island Creek Acres

In 1790 there were no Scruggses living in the Cowpens community of Spartanburg County, which was included in Capt. Leonard Adcock's militia district. Residing in the community in that year and reported by the enumerator for the First Census were these families: the Will, Solomon, and Matthew Abbetts, Aaron Templeton, William King, William and Marah Murray, William Pool, John Kirklin, George Martin, and the Archibald Harrises. All told in Captain Adcock's district there were 90 free white males 16 and older, 77 white males under 16, 197 white females, 7 slaves, and 4 other persons.

Captain Daniel McClaren, who in January 1803 acquired title to 2,000 acres including the Cowpens battleground, was in charge of the militia district adjoining Adcock's on the east.[1]

By 1800 the population of the area was increasing, and the settlers, taking notice of this, were securing title to the land on which they dwelled. Heretofore most had held the land as squatters. Among the settlers counted by the enumerator for the Second Census in that year were these households: William Abbett, George and Edward Williams, James Knox, William Morrow (Murray), and Drury Scruggs.[2]

Drury Scruggs was probably a brother of Richard Scruggs I. He settled to the north of the battleground, near the state line, and sired a number of children. One of his sons was the Reverend Drury Scruggs, born ca. 1806.[3]

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1. First Decennial Census, Spartanburg County, S. C., National Archives.

2. Second Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

3. History of State Line Baptist Church, Constituted in 1794, compiled by committee (n.p., n.d.) pp. 64-65. Drury Scruggs was licensed to preach in 1832 and ordained in 1833. He served as pastor of the State Line Baptist Church from 1834 to 1854 and again from 1858 to 1863. In 1864 he moved from South Carolina to Tennessee, where he organized the Concord Baptist Church. The Reverend Drury Scruggs took as his wife Elizabeth Price Wilkins, and to the couple were born 13 children, 9 boys and 4 girls.

During the first decade of the nineteenth century, Richard Scruggs II and his brother Robert bought land near the Cowpens battleground in Spartanburg District. On March 3, 1803, Richard Scruggs for $80 bought from John Parris his 100-acre plantation on the "east side of long branch of Island Creek."[4] Three years later, in January 1806, he bought from Joel Blackwell for $40 the 100 acres Blackwell owned at the upper end of the George Williams Grant.[5]

Purchase of these two tracts gave Richard Scruggs II possession of 200 acres of the George Williams Grant. In 1808 Matthew Abbett, who had been living in the area for more than a score of years, recorded a deed to 350 acres of George Williams's Island Creek Grant.[6] Richard Scruggs II now owned 200 acres, more or less, on either side of the "long branch of Island Creek," while Abbett held title to "350 acres" off the lower end of the Williams survey of "500 acres." No legal action was filed by either Scruggs or Abbett to resolve this difference, so we may assume that Vardry McBee, in running the metes and bounds of the original Williams survey in August 1796, had measured 550 rather than 500 acres.

The Matthew Abbett deed represented a transaction that had taken place a number of years before, because on March 26, 1804, Abbett had sold "a certain plantation of 290 acres" to Will Dobbins, Richard Scruggs's father-in-law, for $200. The plantation conveyed was part of the land granted George Williams on January 2, 1797, "lying on both sides of Island Creek." Situated on this property was an "old house and a small improvement." Richard Scruggs II witnessed the deed for his father-in-law.[7]

On April 11, 1808, Abbett sold to Dobbins for $3 a 60-acre tract on both sides of Island Creek. This was the residue of the "350 acres" purchased by Abbett from George Williams, and it adjoined the 290 acres on which Dobbins and his family were living.[8]

Will Dobbins, by the early 1840s, had passed his 75th birthday. Deciding to retire, he divided and sold his farm: to Richard Scruggs II, his neighbor to the north, he sold 129 acres on both sides of the

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4. Spartanburg County Deed Book I, Spartanburg County Courthouse, Spartanburg, S. C., pp. 457-58.

5. Spartanburg County Deed Book K, pp. 519-20.

6. Spartanburg County Deed Book H, pp. 20-31.

7. Spartanburg County Deed Book I, pp. 268-69.

8. Spartanburg County Deed Book L, pp. 228-29.

"long branch of Island Creek";[9] to James H. Ezell for $10 he sold "the 213-acre" Island Creek plantation on which he lived;[10] and to his son-in-law John Hicks he sold 30 acres on the southeast side of Island Creek.[11] Having divided and sold his land, Dobbins moved in with his daughter Elizabeth Hicks and her husband John.[12]

Meanwhile, Richard Scruggs II had purchased from William Gist of Richland District part of the acreage granted Daniel McClaren in 1803. On November 11, 1817, he bought for $10 a 25-acre tract adjoining the Cowpens battleground. The subject tract was bounded by lands owned by Scruggs, Hainey, Earle, and Williams, and was part of the 100-acre tract purchased by Gist's father from McClaren in 1811.[13]

On January 15, 1827, Gist sold 200 acres, more or less, on the waters of Island Creek to Richard Scruggs II for $10. This tract included all the Gist land east of the Bulow Brothers' line, held in Daniel McClaren's right, and bounded by property belonging to Richard Scruggs, Williams, Blackwell, Drury Scruggs, Earle, and Wilson Nesbitt.[14]

Richard Scruggs by 1842 had acquired more than 530 acres on the "long branch of Island Creek" adjacent to and southeast of the Cowpens battleground. In addition, in 1821 he had acquired 267 acres, the northern five-eighths of the Will Abbett Grant.[15] This was on Island Creek about 2 miles southwest of the battleground, and may have been the site of the cowpens, which gave their name to the battle.

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9. Spartanburg County Deed Book I, pp. 458-59.

10. Spartanburg County Deed Book Z, pp. 171-73.

11. Spartanburg County Deed Book CC, pp. 51-52.

12. Seventh Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

13. Spartanburg County Deed Book R, p. 42.

14. Spartanburg County Deed Book Y, pp. 368-69.

15. Spartanburg County Deed Book R, pp. 45-46, 358-59.

2. Robert Scruggs Acquires More than 1,500 Acres

Robert Scruggs, Richard's brother, in August 1810 commissioned surveyor Henry Turner to survey for him a 230-acre tract "on the waters of Horse Creek a branch of Broad River," bounded by a line running southwest by Forester's land, southeast by the Bulow Brothers' property, north by Earle's land, and southwest by Drury Scruggs's land. Paralleling but outside the east boundary of the triangular-shaped tract was the road to Island Ford.[16]

Fourteen years later, in November 1829, Robert Scruggs hired Joseph Camp to survey for him 793 acres in Spartanburg District, "on the head waters of Suck creek & horse creek." The subject tract, which was on the watershed dividing the Suck and Horse Creek drainages, was northeast of the Cowpens battleground. The 793-acre rectangular tract was bounded on the east by land entered in the names of A. Earle and Wofford, on the north by Camp's property, northwest by Parris's land, west by Drury Scruggs's, and south by land owned by the Bulow Brothers and R. Scruggs. The Coulter's Ford-Island Ford Road crossed the tract from southwest to northeast.

Richard Scruggs II and Robert Martin witnessed the survey and attested to its accuracy.[17]

In October 1835 Robert Scruggs, Sr., employed P. Quinn to survey for him a 334-acre tract on "the branches of Buck Creek, waters of Pacolet River." This tract, some distance northwest of the battleground, was bounded on the east by Daniel Cantrell's land, on the south by Mrs. Owens's, on the west by --- Cantrell's, and on the north by William McKinney's and land included in Robert Scruggs's 1810 survey.

Crossing the tract from north to south was the road leading from McKinney's plantation to Coulter's Ford, and from east to west was the Green River (Cowpens) Road.[18]

Sixteen months later, in February 1837, Robert Scruggs had P. Quinn survey for him 326 acres on the "branches of Horse Creek

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16. Spartanburg County Plat Book B, Spartanburg County Courthouse, Spartanburg, S. C., p. 53.

17. Spartanburg County Plat Book B, p. 355.

18. Spartanburg County Plat Book C, p. 38.

emptying into Broad River." The subject tract was several miles northwest of the battleground, and its north boundary was the state line.[19]

B. Richard Scruggs II Builds a Home on Island Creek

Richard Scruggs II moved from Rutherford County to the Cowpens community in the first decade of the nineteenth century. He was probably living on the land he bought from John Parris by March 1804, when he witnessed for his father-in-law the deed to the 290 acres purchased from Matthew Abbett.

In 1811 Richard Scruggs erected a log house, with a large rock chimney, on the south side of the "Long Branch of Island Creek." His new home was about one-half mile southwest of the Green River Road and about the same distance northwest of his father-in-law's home. Here he and his wife, Mary Dobbins Scruggs, lived until their deaths in the mid-1850s.

The Richard Scruggs House stood until about 15 years ago, when it was destroyed by fire. The handsome rock chimney and foundation remain to identify the home site of this community pioneer and his family.

Longtime residents of the community recall the Richard Scruggs home: a log house, with a "built-on kitchen" attached to its north elevation. The huge rock chimney was at the west elevation of the log house. A shed porch was attached to the south elevation of the Richard Scruggs House.

In the early years of this century, Fayette and Daisy Scruggs Martin framed and boxed in the log house, and added a large frame addition to the east elevation. Fronting the addition was a frame shed porch. The addition was used by the Martins as a kitchen and dining room. After Fayette Martin's death, his widow moved into the new section of the house and rented out the old part of the home to the Pritchards. Mrs. Martin and the Pritchards were living in the historic old house when it burned in the early 1950s.[20]

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19. South Carolina State Plat Books, Second Series, vol. 51, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C., p. 328.

20. Personal interviews, Mesdames Rosa Scruggs Garrett, Lillie Martin Scruggs, and Leona Martin Jolley, and Mr. James W. Scruggs with Bearss, Nov. 11 and Dec. 5, 1973; and Mrs. Vaud Jolley with Bearss, Mar. 20, 1974.

One of Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett's nephews, Allen Hina, has in his possession a stone he removed from the rock chimney of the Richard Scruggs House. Etched into the stone is this inscription: "RS ◻ 17 1811." This date for construction of the Richard Scruggs House is corroborated by documentary data found in the Spartanburg County deed books.

C. Richard Scruggs: Citizen

Documents on file at National Archives, the Spartanburg County Courthouse, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, and in possession of descendents provide scant information on the life and character of Richard Scruggs II. We know from these documents that he must have been a law-abiding citizen. Records for the Spartanburg Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions contain only one file involving a case in which Richard Scruggs was a principal, and in that case, a civil action, he was the plaintiff. This case involved Wilson Nesbitt.

Nesbitt, a promoter and capitalist, for more than 40 years was intimately associated with the South Carolina iron industry centering in York and Spartanburg districts. In 1809 Daniel McClaren had conveyed to Nesbitt most of the 2,000 acres in his Cowpens grants on and adjacent to the battleground. Nesbitt's Cowpens property bounded Scruggs's land on the northwest and northeast.

On January 12, 1821, Nesbitt signed a note to pay Richard Scruggs $280 in labor for value received.

When Nesbitt failed to meet his obligation, Scruggs brought suit in the Spartanburg Court of Common Pleas to collect the principal and $20.08 interest on the note. Scruggs won the case, and the sheriff of Spartanburg District levied on two of Nesbitt's blacks to enforce the court's decision.[21]

Although Richard Scruggs and his family were living in the Cowpens community in 1810, they were not recorded by the enumerator for the Third Decennial Census.[22]

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21. Richard Scruggs v. Wilson Nesbitt, File 757, Spartanburg Court of Common Pleas, Jan. 12, 1821, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

22. Third Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

The enumerator for the Fourth Decennial Census in 1820 failed to record Richard Scruggs and his family. When he visited the community he listed neighbors, such as the Isaac Williamses and Will Dobbins, as well as the Jesse and Drury Scruggs families. Jesse and Drury were two of Richard's sons. In that year, the Jesse Scruggs household consisted of two males, 16 to 26; one male under 10; one female, 16-26; and two females under 10. The Drury Scruggs household included two males, 16-26, and one female, age 45 or older.[23]

In the summer of 1830 the enumerator for the Fifth Decennial Census made his calls on Island Creek. This time he visited the Richard Scruggs home. He reported that the household included one male, 60 to 70 (Richard Scruggs); one female, 60 to 70 (Mary Dobbins Scruggs); and one female, 20 to 30. Richard Scruggs by this time had become a slaveholder, owning two slaves.[24]

Ten years later, in the summer of 1840, the enumerator for the area of Spartanburg District, north of Pacolet River, called at the home of Richard and Mary Scruggs. The household consisted of the two senior Scruggses, whom he listed as between 70 and 80. Richard Scruggs reported that he owned seven slaves.[25]

The enumerator for the Seventh Census, in 1850, reported the members of the household as R. Scruggs, age 81; Mary Scruggs, 83; and John Timm, 45. Scruggs was listed as a farmer and Timm as an overseer.

Richard Scruggs, the enumerator reported, owned seven slaves: one female, 55; a female, 17; a male, 17; a female, 16; a male, 14; a female, 10; and a male, 2. This was the same number that he owned 3 years later when he drew his last will and testament.[26]

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23. Fourth Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

24. Fifth Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

25. Sixth Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

26. Seventh Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

D. Richard and Mary Dobbins Scruggs Pass On

1. Richard Scruggs Makes His Will

On June 23, 1853, Richard Scruggs II, in the presence of three witnesses, dictated his last will and testament. Referring to his slaves, his most valuable property, he bequeathed to his oldest son Jesse his "Negrow boy Materson"; to his second son Robert he gave his "Negrow boy Jefferson"; to his youngest son Drury he gave his "Negrow boy Lawson"; to daughter Sarah Yong he gave his "negrow girl Malissa during hur life not subject to the debts or contracts of hur husband but after hur death Sd Negrow girl with hur increas if any to return and be equally divided among my five children that have children"; to daughter Temperance Durham he gave "his negrow girl Lucinda during hur life not subject to the debts or contracts of hur husband but after hur death sd negrow girl with hur increase if any to be equally divided among hur living children"; to daughter Mary Durham he gave his "negrow girl Jane" subject to the same conditions as those pertaining to the bequest of Lucinda to Temperance; and to his wife Mary he gave his "negrow woman Liza to live with hur and wait on hur." At Mary Dobbins Scruggs's death, Liza was "to chose hur home among my children and that one take hur at valuation."

He willed to son Robert his "rifle gun and Smith tools he now has and Twenty five Dollars in property." Son Jesse was to "pay son Drury one hundred Dollars out of his part of the property after the division of the negrows." In addition, Drury was to have the "Smith tools" now in his possession and $50 "extra out of the balance" of the estate.

The remainder of his personal estate was to be equally divided among the six children, except for the household furniture of which his wife was to have lifetime use. If the children could not divide the property to "there satisfaction," it was to be sold and the proceeds equally divided. The land was likewise to be "equaly divided among all my children or one take it at valuation and pay the balance their part."

His three sons were nominated as executors and charged "to see that there mother has a good support and proper attenton."[27] A copy of this will is found in Appendix B.

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27. Richard Scruggs Last Will and Testament, Box 20, Package 23, Spartanburg County Will Book D, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C., p. 429.

2. Richard and Mary Scruggs are Laid to Rest

Mary Dobbins Scruggs died before her husband, passing away on October 14, 1854. Her remains were laid to rest across the road from her house in a family plot, now incorporated into the cemetery of the New Pleasant Baptist Church. According to the inscription on her tombstone, she died in her 87th year.[28]

Richard Scruggs II survived his wife of more than 60 years less than 5 months. He died on March 5, 1855, and his body was buried in the family plot, next to that of his wife. According to the inscription on his tombstone, he died in his 78th year. This is contradicted by an affidavit filed by Richard Scruggs II on September 1, 1839, in which he gave his age as 70. In the summer of 1840, the enumerator for the Sixth Census for the area north of Pacolet River had listed his age as between 70 and 80, and the enumerator for the Seventh Census in 1850 had reported that he was 81.[29]

3. The Division of the Personal Property

In compliance with their late father's last will and testament, the six children divided the personal property. A few items, however, were sold to cousins, L. D. and C. S. W. Scruggs. To insure an equitable division, the value of each item was appraised by three men (A. Bonner, Jesse Hollis, and C. S. W. Scruggs) named by the Reverend Drury Scruggs.

Before proceeding with the division of the estate, the heirs (sons Drury, Jesse, and Robert, and daughters and their husbands Isaac and Sarah Yong, Charles and Mary Durham, and Lemuel and Temperance Durham) on March 7, 1855, had bound themselves for $1,000 each to comply with the agreement to partition the undivided part of their late father's estate. Under the provisions of the will, the estate had been "partly divided and partly undivided." They therefore would divide among themselves "as far as we can agree and any property on which we cannot agree that we ask three disinterested men." Such property as could not be divided would be separated into "six lots, as near equal" as possible, and the heirs would draw for "said lots and receive our draw."

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28. Inscription on tombstone, New Pleasant Cemetery; History of State Line Baptist Church, p. 9.

29. Ibid.

If any of the heirs failed to comply with the agreement, they were to forfeit their bond.[30]

After the property had been appraised, it was divided as follows:

Robert Scruggs	one lot iron 48½ lbs at 4 cts.	$1.94
Robert Scruggs	one lot old iron	.25
D. Scruggs	one waggon & harness	45.00
Jesse Scruggs	one log chain	.75
L. D. Scruggs	one Grind Stone	2.00
D. Scruggs	one lot plank	.87½
D. Scruggs	2 axes at 50 cts. each	1.00
Robt. Scruggs	one Froe	.25
Robt. Scruggs	one Sprouting hoe	.25
Isaac Yong	one Sprouting hoe	.25
Robt. Scruggs	one mattack	.50
Robt. Scruggs	one mattack & Iron	.25
Robt. Scruggs	one old ax	.10
Robt. Scruggs	one lot old plows	.87¼
Isaac Yong	one lot sundries	.15
D. Scruggs	one spade	.25
L. D. Scruggs	one lot old Hoes	.25
C. B. Durham	one plow & stock	1.00
C. B. Durham	one plow & stock	.50
Robt. Scruggs	one lot sundries	.05
D. Scruggs	one 3 quarter augar	.15
Lemuel Durham	one 5 qr augar	.15
Jesse Scruggs	one 4 qr augar	.15
D. Scruggs	one drawing knife	.75
Lem Durham	one hammer & shares	.25
Charles Durham	one lot sundres	.50
Charles Durham	one water Buckett	.12½
Charles Durham	one drawing chair	.05
Isaac Yong	1 cutting knife blade	.25
D. Scruggs	1 cupboard	10.00
Charles Durham	1 shugar bole & picher	.11¼
Lem Durham	1 set plates	.25
Lem Durham	1 pitcher	.12

30. Richard Scruggs, Estate of, File 1303, Spartanburg County Probate Records, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C. All the heirs except Lemuel and Temperance Durham lived in Spartanburg District. Lemuel and Temperance Durham were residents of Cleveland County, North Carolina. While all the men could sign their names, the three women made their mark.

Charles Durham	1 Tea pot	.15
Lem Durham	1 set Knives & forks	.25
Charles Durham	1 set Knives & forks	.25
Charles Durham	1 lot crockery	.05
D. Scruggs	1 lot sundries	
Lem Durham	1 pair cotton cards	.25
Isaac Yong	1 pair cotton cards	.25
Lem Durham	1 lot sundries	.12½
Robt. Scruggs	7½ lbs tallow at 12½ cts.	.93-3/4
Robt. Scruggs	1 pewtor Dish	.25
Isaac Yong	1 pewtor Dish	.25
Lem Durham	1 pewtor Dish	.15
Lem Durham	1 lot sundries	.15
Isaac Yong	1 tin buckett	.05
C. Durham	1 lot sundries	.05
Lem Durham	1 pair shares	.10
Isaac Yong	1 bowl	.25
D. Scruggs	1 shoe bench & tools	1.15
D. Scruggs	1 lot sundries	.10
Isaac Yong	1 bottle & oil	.12½
D. Scruggs	1 stone churn	.15
D. Scruggs	1 half round table	3.00
D. Scruggs	1 clock	1.00
Richard Scruggs	1 wash pan	.20
D. Scruggs	1 set Scales & waits	.50
Isaac Yong	1 stone pitcher	.12½
C. Durham	1 jar & Lard	1.75
C. Durham	1 lot wool	.30
L. Durham	1 large jar	.25
D. Scruggs	1 Hackell	.15
Isaac Yong	1 small jar	.15
Robt. Scruggs	1 bottle & oil	.06¼
L. Durham	1 fire shovil	.05
Jesse Scruggs	1 lot fire dogs	.75
D. Scruggs	1 large jug	.25
D. Scruggs	1 Flax wheal	.60
Robt. Scruggs	1 sythe & cradle	1.75
D. Scruggs	1 sythe & cradle	1.00
Robt. Scruggs	2 Flour barrels & contents	.30
Robt. Scruggs	1 lot sythe finger & wheles	.10
C. Durham	1 lot sundries	.37½
L. Durham	1 spinning wheel	2.05
L. Durham	1 Box	.25
C. Durham	1 Box	.25
L. D. Scruggs	1 Reel	.10
L. Durham	10 lbs Tobacco at 8 cts. per lb.	.80
Jesse Scruggs	11½ lbs Tobacco at 8 cts. per lb.	.92
Isaac Yong	16 lbs Tobacco at 8 cts. per lb.	1.28

Jesse Scruggs	1 hogshead	.55
Robt. Scruggs	1 chert	1.00
Isaac Yong	22 yds factory cloth at 10 cts.	2.20
D. Scruggs	1 girth	.05
D. Scruggs	7 yds factory at 9 cts.	.63
D. Scruggs	1 leather apron	.80
Isaac Yong	1 Trunk	.50
Isaac Yong	3 chares at 25 cts.	.75
C. Durham	1 small chares	.05
Isaac Yong	1 chare fram	.12½
Isaac Yong	1 lot Leather	2.00
D. Scruggs	1 bridle	.90
L. D. Scruggs	1 Loom & warping bars	8.25
D. Scruggs	3 chares at 25 cts.	.75
D. Scruggs	1 chare fram	.10
D. Scruggs	30 lbs. raw hides at 10 cts.	3.00
D. Scruggs	2 barrels	.30
Robt. Scruggs	1 sheap skin	.25
Robt. Scruggs	1 read hiffer	8.25
Isaac Yong	1 cow & calf	12.00
L. Durham	1 cow & calf	11.00
D. Scruggs	1 cow	10.00
C. Durham	1 cow & calf	11.00
D. Scruggs	1 cow & yearlin	10.00
Isaac Yong	2 stears 7 Dols. Each	14.00
Robt. Scruggs	1 stear	6.25
Robt. Scruggs	1 stear	5.30
J. W. Scruggs	1 broad ax	1.50
Jesse Scruggs	15½ lbs. Iron at 4 cts. per lb.	.62
Robt. Scruggs	1 lot shucks & foder	4.00
D. Scruggs	3 hogs at $1.50 each	4.50
Robt. Scruggs	3 hogs at $1.40 each	4.20
Robt. Scruggs	1 hog at $1.00	1.00
C. Durham	2 hogs at $1.25	2.50
D. Scruggs	3 walnut pcks	.25
Isaac Yong	1 pan & lid	.75
L. Durham	1 small oven	.50
Isaac Yong	1 oven & lid	1.00
C. Durham	1 small buckett	.10
Robt. Scruggs	1 wash Tub	.70
L. Durham	1 Scvi	.15
Isaac Yong	1 Meal Tub	.15
Isaac Yong	1 hogshead	.55
D. Scruggs	207 lbs seede cotton at 1-3/4 cts per lb.	3.62½
C. Durham	1 large pot	2.12½
Isaac Yong	1 large pot & hooks	2.25
C.S.W. Scruggs	1 oven & lid & hooks	.75
J. W. Scruggs	1 large oven & lid	1.60

D. Scruggs	1 pot & hooks	1.50
C. Durham	1 Skillet	.30
D. Scruggs	1 oven & lid	.75
D. Scruggs	1 large oven lid & pan	.25
Isaac Yong	1 fire stick & hooks	.25
D. Scruggs	1 wheele	1.50
D. Scruggs	1 morter	.05
Isaac Yong	1 pewter basin	.25
D. Scruggs	1 pewter basin	.25
L. Durham	2 pewter basin	.25
L. Durham	1 bread Tray	.25
L. D. Scruggs	1 cupboard	1.00
Robt. Scruggs	1 water pail	.30
C. Durham	1 horse	40.00
Robt. Scruggs	1 picking tub	.30
C.S.W. Scruggs	1 Hogs head	.25
D. Scruggs	1 lot Salt at $1.15 per lb.	1.10
D. Scruggs	1 lot soap 50 lbs. at 50 cts.	2.50
C.S.W. Scruggs	2 small tubs	.12½
D. Scruggs	1 sorrel mare	37.00
D. Scruggs	1 pot rack & flesh fork	.50
L. D. Scruggs	1 pot rack	.50
D. Scruggs	1 barrel	.20
Jesse Scruggs	1 Negrow Lisa	100.00
C.S.W. Scruggs	1 pare harnes	.45
Isaac Scruggs	1 leather back band	.37½
D. Scruggs	1 leather back band	.11
D. Scruggs	1 barrel	.40
C. Durham	1 stack & oats	.65
D. Scruggs	2 stacks top foder	3.00
Isaac Yong	14 lbs. lard at 10 cts.	1.40
L. Durham	13 lbs lard at 10 cts.	1.30
Isaac Yong	1 meal sack	.25
Jesse Scruggs	2 bushells corn 75 per bushell	1.50
C. Durham	1 Table	.50
Isaac Yong	1 Table	.25
Jesse Scruggs	1 lb. bacon at 10 cts.	.10
Robt. Scruggs	3 lbs. bacon at 10 cts.	.30
D. Scruggs	14 lbs. bacon at 10 cts.	1.40
C. Durham	5 lbs. bacon at 10 cts.	.50
L. Durham	2 lbs. bacon at 10 cts.	.20
Isaac Yong	69 lbs. cotton at 1-3/4 per lb.	1.23-3/4
D. Scruggs	1 yearlin	3.00
L. Durham	1 yearlin	3.00
Isaac Yong	1 bed & 2 bed steads	10.00
L. Durham	1 bed & 1 bed steads	10.00
C. Durham	1 bed & 1 bed steads	10.00
Robert Scruggs	1 Tract of Land	450.00
		$925.02½

Debts due the Estate	55.25
Cash on hand	.80
Amount of corn & Bacon	123.10
Total Amount	1104.17½
8 bushels wheat at $1.00 per bushel	8.00
Total amount	$1112.17½

Additional Bill

Amount of Bacon			Amount of Corn	
Jesse Scruggs	1 lot	67 lbs.	C. B. Durham	18 bus.
Robert Scruggs	2 lot	69 lbs.	D. Scruggs	18 bus.
D. Scruggs	3 lot	80 lbs.	Robert Scruggs	18 bus.
C. B. Durham	4 lot	71 lbs.	Lemuel Durham	18 bus.
Isaac Yong	5 lot	66 lbs.	Jesse Scruggs	18 bus.
Lemuel Durham	6 lot	68 lbs.	Isaac Yong	18 bus.
by allotment		421 lbs.	by alotment	108 bus.

421 lbs. Bacon at 10 cents per lb. $42.10

108 Bushels of corn at 75 cts. per bushel $81.00

bacon 42.10

$123.10

8 Bushels wheate at $1.00 per bushel 8.00

131.10

1112.17½

Total amount $1,243.27½

State of South Carolina
Spartanburg District.

We the under signed, appraiser, of the estate of Richard Scrugg deceased, of this District, being called in, by his Executor Rev. Drury Scruggs, of this Dist. to appraise said estate & being duly sworn, do certify that the estimate of the said estate, as appears on the six foregoing pages, charging the several legatees with the sundry articles of the estate was in our opinion the customary prices of such property; we therefore agree to the within valuation.

A. Bonner, Mag.
Jesse Hollis
C.S.W. Scruggs[31]

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31. Richard Scruggs, Estate of, Inventory and Appraisement and Sale Book, Spartanburg District, 1854-1858, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C., pp. 191-96.

V. ROBERT SCRUGGS: 1800-1890

A. Robert Scruggs Establishes a Home

1. Richard Scruggs Gives His Son a Farm

Born in 1800, Robert Scruggs was the second son born to Richard and Mary Dobbins Scruggs. He was about 5 years old when his parents moved from Rutherford County, North Carolina, to the Cowpens community. Robert grew to manhood in his parents' home on the Long Branch of Island Creek. Unlike his father and mother, Robert learned to read and write.

In the mid-1820s Robert married Catharine Connel. To assist the newlyweds in establishing a home, Richard Scruggs II, on September 29, 1828, conveyed to his son Robert, "in consideration of his love and affection," a 200-acre farm on the Long Branch of Island Creek.

The boundary of the farm began at a red oak, near the forks of the road, and ran South 5° East 143 poles to a chestnut; then South 83° West 86 poles to a post oak on an old survey; then North 25° West 150 poles to a post oak corner; then West to a stake on the Bulow Brothers' line; then with the Bulows' line to or near a black oak, a corner of Aspasio Earle's land; then with Earle's boundary East 39 poles to a black oak corner; then North to a stake; then due East to Williams's post oak corner, near the head of Suck Creek; and then south with Williams's line to the beginning.

The farm included land on both sides of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road originally granted to Daniel McClaren and George Williams by the governor of South Carolina.[1]

2. Robert Scruggs Builds a Home

On his property, on the south side of the Green River Road, Robert Scruggs, probably assisted by neighbors as was customary, erected a log cabin, typical of those found in this region, and other improvements. West of the cabin was a farm road connecting the Green River and Bonner roads, and providing a shortcut to his parents' home, about one-half mile to the southwest.

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1. Spartanburg County Deed Book Y, pp. 368-69.

In this cabin, which they subsequently enlarged and boxed in by framing, Robert and Catharine Scruggs raised a large family.

3. Benson Lossing's 1849 Visit

On January 11, 1849, Benson Lossing, the historian and illustrator, while gathering data for his Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution, visited the Cowpens battleground. It was about 4 P.M., Lossing wrote, when he

> reached the residence of Mr. Scruggs. His house is upon the Mill-gap [Green River] road, and about half a mile west of a divergence of a highway [the Coulter's Ford Road] leading to Spartanburg, the capital of Spartanburg District, in which the Cowpens are situated. Upon the gentle hills on the borders of . . . [Island Creek], covered with pine woods, within a triangle, formed by the Spartanburg [Coulter's Ford] and Mill-gap [Green River] roads, having a connecting cross-road for a base,[2] the hottest part of the fight occurred. The battle ended within a quarter of a mile of Scruggs's, where is now a cleared field, on the northeast side of the Mill-gap [Green River] road, in the center of which was a log-house, as seen in the annexed engraving.[3] The field was covered with blasted pines, stumps and stocks of Indian corn, and had a most dreary appearance. In this field and along the line of conflict, a distance of about two miles, many bullets and other relics have been found. Among other things, I obtained a spur, which belonged to the cavalry of either [William] Washington or [Banastre] Tarleton.[4]

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2. The "cross-road" referred to was probably the road connecting the Green River and Bonner roads, which passes to the west of the Robert Scruggs House and to the east of the Richard Scruggs II home site. If it is, Lossing is in error in his statement that it connected the "Spartanburg and Mill-gap roads."

3. The cabin and field referred to would have been part of the William Champion farm, which bounded the Robert Scruggs farm on the northwest.

4. Benson J. Lossing, The Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution, 2 vols. (New York, 1859), 2:430-31.

It was near sunset when Lossing finished his reconnaissance of the battleground, and prepared

> to return to a house of entertainment upon the road to the Cherokee Ford, seven miles distant; for the resident there [Robert Scruggs] could not find a corner for one in his dwelling, nor for Charley in his stable that cold night "for love nor money," but generously proposed that I should send him a copy of my work when completed, because he lived upon the battle-ground! To a planter on horseback, from Spartanburg, who overtook me upon the road, I am indebted for kindness in pointing out the various localties of interest at the Cowpens; to the other for the knowledge that a small building near his house was the depository of a field-piece used by the artillery company in the vicinity, when celebrating the anniversary of the battle.[5]

B. The Robert Scruggs Family: 1830-1890

1. The Family and the Decennial Censuses

The first Decennial Census in which the Robert Scruggs family is found is for 1830. In that year the family was living on their farm in the Cowpens community of Spartanburg District. The enumerator for the Fifth Census spent several days in the community. After calling at the Robert Scruggs home, he reported that the household consisted of one free white male (Robert), 30 to 40; two boys, 5 to 10; one boy under 5; and one free white female (Catharine), 20 to 30.

Other families entered on page 263 of the returns for Spartanburg District by the enumerator were the Isaac, Edward, and Anderson Williamses, the Rachel Prices, the Nathan Byarses, etc.[6]

Ten years later, in 1840, the enumerator for the Sixth Census made his rounds. He reported that the Robert Scruggs household now included one male (Robert), 40-50; two boys, 15 to 20; one boy, 5 to 10; one free white female (Catharine), 30 to 40; one female, 20 to 30; two girls, 5 to 10; and two girls under 5.[7]

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5. Ibid., p. 437.

6. Fifth Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

7. Sixth Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

The enumerator for the Seventh Census either missed the Robert Scruggs household or failed to record it in his returns. This is unfortunate, because this was the first census to list members of the household, beyond the head of the family, by name. In addition, the age rather than age group was entered, along with occupations, value of real estate, State of birth, etc.[8]

The enumerator for the Eighth Census for the Northern District of Spartanburg District called at the Robert Scruggs home in August 1860. He reported that the household included, in addition to Robert and Catharine Scruggs, five of their children--Judy E., 26; Robert D., 18; Martha, 16; Sampson, 14; and James Augustus, 12--all of whom had been born in South Carolina.

Robert Scruggs informed the enumerator that he was 60, had been born in South Carolina, and that he was a merchant. He estimated the value of his real estate at $6,800 and his personal estate at $2,130. Catharine Scruggs gave her age as 57 and her State of birth as Maryland. Only one of the five children living at home, Robert D., listed an occupation. He reported that he was a farm laborer.[9]

Robert Scruggs reported that he owned one 20-year-old male slave, and that there was one "slave house" on his place.[10]

In 1870 the enumerator for the Ninth Census identified Robert Scruggs as a 75-year-old white male. Scruggs reported that he was currently a farmer. He estimated the value of his real estate at $1,850 and his personal property at $575. Scruggs told the enumerator that he had been born in North Carolina and that he was a voter.

His wife, Catharine, gave her age as 65 and her State of birth as Maryland. Her occupation was housekeeper.

Living with Robert and Catharine Scruggs were Mary Scruggs, 23; Alice Scruggs, 21; Monroe Scruggs, 20; Emma Scruggs, 13; Clara Scruggs, 10; Frank Scruggs, 9; Sally Scruggs, 8; George Scruggs, 7; Matilda Scruggs, 4; and Sally Pritchett, 26. Alice and Mary Scruggs listed

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8. Seventh Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

9. Eighth Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

10. Ibid. The slave may have been Jefferson, whom he had inherited from his father.

their occupations as domestic help, Sally Pritchett as keeping house, and Monroe Scruggs as farm laborer.[11]

Ten years later, in the summer of 1880, an enumerator for the Tenth Census stopped at the Scruggs home. He reported that the head of the household was 79-year-old Robert Scruggs, a farmer. Scruggs identified his State of birth as North Carolina. Both his parents, he reported, had been born in North Carolina. Catharine Scruggs gave her age as 75 and her State of birth as Maryland. Her parents were likewise Maryland natives.

Living with Robert and Catharine Scruggs were an unmarried daughter Martha, 30; a widowed daughter Susan Martin, 35; and three of Susan's children--Green, 14; Myra, 10; and Martin, 6. Green Martin, as a result of being kicked in the head by a horse, was listed as an idiot.[12]

2. Members of the Household Unidentified by Name in the Censuses

The censuses for 1830 and 1840 reveal that Robert and Catharine Scruggs were parents of several children not identified by name. Interviews with two of the three surviving children of James Augustus Scruggs--Mesdames Rosa Scruggs Garrett and Vaud Scruggs Jolley--have provided information on this subject.

These ladies, in separate interviews, identified their father's brothers and sisters as: Uncle Lemuel Scruggs of Brevard, North Carolina; Uncle Sampson, also a resident of North Carolina; Uncle Dennis, who lived across the road; Uncle John, who died in the Civil War; Uncle Richard A.; Aunt Judy Cash, who married John Cash and lived in Gaffney; Aunt Mary Parris, the mother of Swan Parris and wife of Green Parris; Aunt Martha Lawson, who married General Lawson; Aunt Sarah Roberts, who had no children but raised Charlie Roberts; and Aunt Susan Martin, who was the mother of four children (Green, Decatur, Martin, and Myra).[13]

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11. Ninth Decennial Census, Limestone Springs Township, Spartanburg County, S. C., National Archives. The persons listed as living with Robert and Catharine Scruggs, besides Sally Pritchett, were grandchildren--the sons and daughters of John Scruggs.

12. Tenth Decennial Census, Limestone Springs Township, Spartanburg County, S. C., National Archives.

13. Personal interviews, Mesdames Garrett and Jolley with Bearss, Mar. 20, 1974. A review of the Eighth Decennial Census for the Northern District of Spartanburg District shows that in 1860 Lemuel Scruggs (age 34), his wife Mary, and their two children (Ellen and Volney) were living in the community.

C. Robert Scruggs: Farmer

1. In 1849-1850

On September 16, 1850, the enumerator for the Seventh Census called at Robert Scruggs's. He questioned Scruggs about his farming operations. Scruggs stated that he had 125 acres under cultivation and 825 unimproved areas.

Tallying his livestock, he listed 1 horse, 2 mules, 3 milk cows, 7 neat cattle, 40 sheep, and 18 hogs. From his sheep in 1849 he had clipped 80 pounds of wool. He valued his stock at $367.

In 1849, the year of Benson Lossing's visit, he had raised 35 bushels of wheat, 4 bushels of rye, 400 bushels of corn, 50 bushels of oats, and 75 bushels of sweet potatoes.

He valued his farm at $1,800, his farm implements at $65, home manufactures at $37, and animals slaughtered in 1849 at $69.[14]

James H. Ezell at this time had 100 acres under cultivation and an equal number of unimproved acres, which he valued at $2,000. In 1849 Ezell had harvested 30 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of corn, and 100 bushels of oats, and had dug 15 bushels of sweet potatoes.

Ezell told the enumerator that he owned 2 horses, 1 milk cow, 7 neat cattle, 20 sheep, and 11 hogs, valued at $260. In 1849 his wife had churned 260 pounds of butter.

During the previous year he had slaughtered livestock worth $29, while he estimated the value of items manufactured on his farm at an equal figure.[15]

In 1849 Robert Scruggs's brother Drury had cultivated 150 acres out of 650. On this acreage he had raised 90 bushels of wheat, 900 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of oats, 40 bushels of peas and beans, 20 bushels of irish potatoes, and 100 bushels of sweet potatoes. On his farm Drury had 3 horses, 2 mules, 5 milk cows, 16 neat cattle, 80 sheep, and 29 hogs, worth $722.

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14. Fourth Schedule, Agricultural Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., Seventh Census, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

15. Ibid.

Drury Scruggs valued his farm at $1,000, his farm implements at $120, his home manufactures in 1849 at $40, and animals slaughtered in that year at $126.[16]

The third Scruggs brother, Jesse, reported that he had 100 acres in cultivation and 267 in old fields or woodlands. On his farm in 1849 he had harvested 75 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of corn, 70 bushels of oats, 5 bushels of peas and beans, 10 bushels of irish potatoes, and 100 bushels of sweet potatoes. He owned 5 horses, 7 milk cows, 18 neat cattle, 63 sheep, and 18 hogs, valued at $500. In 1849 Jesse had clipped 126 pounds of wool from his sheep, and had slaughtered $90 worth of livestock.

He valued his farm at $1,468, his farm implements at $50, and his home manufactures in 1849 at $100.[17]

Will Martin, who farmed the next place south of Robert Scruggs's, in 1849 had cultivated 100 acres out of 225. On his improved acreage he had harvested 18 bushels of wheat, 375 bushels of corn, 60 bushels of oats, 5 bushels of peas and beans, and 50 bushels of sweet potatoes. He tallied for the enumerator 4 horses, 2 milk cows, 3 neat cattle, 14 sheep, and 25 hogs, valued at $190. The previous year he had clipped 28 pounds of wool and had slaughtered $12 worth of farm animals for meat.

Martin valued his farm at $675 and his farm implements at $65.[18]

John Hicks, whose Island Creek farm adjoined Martin's on the south, had farmed 20 of his 60 acres in 1849. On these he had raised 18 bushels of wheat, 300 bushels of corn, 50 bushels of oats, and 40 bushels of sweet potatoes. Hicks told the enumerator on his September 11, 1850, visit that he owned 3 horses, 2 milk cows, 6 neat cattle, 37 sheep, and 4 hogs, worth $214. From his sheep in the previous year he had clipped 50 pounds of wool, while his wife had churned 100 pounds of butter from the milk given by his cows.

Hicks valued his farm at $100 and his farm implements at $40.[19]

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16. Ibid.

17. Ibid.

18. Ibid.

19. Ibid.

2. In 1859-1860

In August 1860, 4 months before South Carolina withdrew from the Union, an enumerator for the Eighth Census spent several days in the community. When he called on Robert Scruggs he learned that in 1859 Robert had farmed 117 of his 700 acres. On the acreage under cultivation, Scruggs had raised 90 bushels of wheat, 14 bushels of rye, 500 bushels of corn, 70 bushels of oats, 10 bushels of peas and beans, and 60 bushels of sweet potatoes.

Scruggs had an orchard, valued at $200, from which he had picked $15 worth of fruit. He had extracted 10 gallons of molasses from his sorghum patch.

Scruggs informed the enumerator that he owned 2 horses, 3 mules, 4 milk cows, 10 neat cattle, 30 sheep, and 31 hogs, valued at $730. From his sheep in 1859 he had clipped 30 pounds of wool.

Scruggs valued his farm at $5,600, his farm implements at $215, and his home manufactures at $105.[20]

Calling on Drury Williams, whose farm adjoined Robert Scruggs's on the southeast, the enumerator learned that he owned 190 acres, of which 30 were under cultivation in 1859. In that year he had harvested 22 bushels of wheat, 60 bushels of corn, 30 bushels of oats, 8 bushels of peas and beans, and 49 bushels of sweet potatoes. He also had an orchard.

Drury Williams reported owning 2 horses, 2 milk cows, 3 neat cattle, 12 sheep, and 4 hogs, valued at $250. He kept bees from which he had collected 5 pounds of wax and 50 pounds of honey. In 1859 his cows had produced 24 pounds of butter and his sheep 24 pounds of wool.

The value of his farm was given at $1,000 and his farm implements at $10.[21]

James H. Ezell told the enumerator that he owned 700 acres, of which 50 were under cultivation. From these acres in 1859 he had harvested 25 bushels of wheat, 450 bushels of corn, 50 bushels

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20. Fourth Schedule, Agricultural Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., Eighth Census, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

21. Ibid.

of oats, 10 bushels of beans and peas, and 40 bushels of sweet potatoes.

His livestock numbered 2 horses, 4 milk cows, 2 oxen, 6 neat cattle, 12 sheep, and 17 hogs, valued at $322. His sheep in 1859 had produced 20 pounds of wool, his milk cows 150 pounds of butter, and he had slaughtered $85 worth of livestock for home consumption.

Ezell valued his farm at $4,000 and his farm implements at $80.[22]

Jesse Scruggs, in 1860, owned 247 acres, of which he was cultivating 80. On his improved acreage in 1859 he had raised 50 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of corn, 15 bushels of oats, 45 bushels of peas and beans, and 50 bushels of sweet potatoes. From his sorghum patch he had boiled 30 pounds of molasses.

His livestock consisted of 2 horses, 3 milk cows, 1 ox, 12 neat cattle, 50 sheep, and 25 hogs. The milk given by his cows had yielded 100 pounds of butter, and his sheep 60 pounds of wool. He had slaughtered in 1859 for his table $110 worth of livestock.

Scruggs valued his farm at $2,000 and his farm implements at $10.[23]

Robert Scruggs's brother Drury had sold considerable land since the Seventh Census. Drury informed the enumerator in August 1860 that he had under cultivation 12 of his 62 acres. From this land in 1859 he had harvested 22 bushels of wheat, 200 bushels of corn, and 5 bushels of beans and peas. He reported owning one ox, one neat cow, and two hogs, valued at $26.

Drury Scruggs valued his farm at $400 and his farm implements at $3.[24]

By 1860 a few farmers on the headwaters of Island, Little Buck, and Suck creeks were beginning to grow cotton. Jesse Hammett was operating a small gin on Island Creek. Jacob Price and James Hammett each reported that in 1859 they had picked and marketed one bale of cotton. The area's economy on the eve of the Civil War was still based

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22. Ibid.

23. Ibid.

24. Ibid.

on hogs and hominy. It was not a part of the cotton kingdom, and the few slaveholders, such as Robert Scruggs, worked in the fields with their blacks.

Robert Scruggs, the subject census reveals, was one of the community's most successful and prosperous farmers.[25]

3. In 1869-1870

Five years after the defeat of the Confederacy, an enumerator for the Ninth Census visited the community on August 10, 1870. Robert Scruggs at this time reported he had 100 acres under cultivation, 435 acres in woodland, and 288 acres of unimproved acreage. The previous year he had harvested 50 bushels of winter wheat, 15 bushels of rye, 300 bushels of corn, and 35 bushels of oats.

Scruggs told the enumerator that he owned 2 horses, 1 mule, 3 milk cows, 4 neat cattle, 20 sheep, and 15 hogs, valued at $450.

Scruggs reported his farm was worth $1,850 and his farm implements $75.[26]

Drury Williams, Scruggs's neighbor to the southeast, reported that he was cultivating 12 acres, had 15 acres of woodland, and 52 acres of unimproved land. On his farm in 1869 he had harvested 8 bushels of spring wheat, 60 bushels of corn, 8 bushels of oats, and 15 bushels of sweet potatoes. Tallying his livestock, Williams listed 1 mule, 2 milk cows, 2 neat cattle, 10 sheep, and 4 hogs, worth $130. His cows had provided the family with 125 pounds of butter, while his sorghum patch had yielded 5 gallons of molasses.[27]

James H. Ezell had sold off much of his land by 1870. Replying to the enumerator's questions, he listed ownership of 158 acres--30 under cultivation, 98 in woodland, and 30 unimproved. On his cultivated land in 1869, he had raised 75 bushels of winter wheat, 5 bushels of rye, and 250 bushels of corn. His livestock included

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25. Ibid.

26. Fourth Schedule, Agricultural Census, Spartanburg County, S. C., Ninth Census, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

27. Ibid.

2 horses, 1 milk cow, 2 oxen, 3 neat cattle, 7 sheep, and 4 hogs, valued at $250. During the past year there had been slaughtered for his dining table livestock worth $10.

James Ezell valued his farm at $250 and his farm implements at $25. He had paid $100 in wages to hired help on the farm.[28]

Jesse Scruggs, like James H. Ezell, had reduced the size of his farm. He now held title to 35 acres of cultivated land, 102 acres of woodland, and 30 acres of unimproved ground. In 1869 he had harvested from his cultivated acreage 25 bushels of winter wheat, 5 bushels of rye, 250 bushels of corn, and 35 bushels of barley.

He inventoried his livestock as 1 horse, 2 milk cows, 7 neat cattle, 15 sheep, and 3 hogs, worth $215.

Scruggs valued his farm at $800 and his farm implements at $245. In 1869 he had paid $125 for labor on the farm.[29]

The past decade, the Ninth Census demonstrates, with the Civil War and Reconstruction, had not been a profitable era for the community farmers. Farm values had shrunk, while a number of the landowners had reduced the size of their holdings. The farm population of the area had increased, but the number of livestock, especially hogs, had decreased.

Although a few more farmers now raised and marketed cotton than in 1860, the community economy still rested on hogs and corn.

4. In 1879-1880

When the enumerator for the Tenth Census called on June 12, 1880, Robert Scruggs informed him that his farm was in Limestone Township of Spartanburg County. He reported that he had 50 acres under cultivation, 150 acres in woodland, and 400 unimproved acres. On his cultivated land, in 1879, he had seeded 25 acres in corn from which he had harvested 75 bushels; 8 acres in wheat from which he had harvested 30 bushels; 16 acres in cotton from which he had picked five bales; 1 acre in sorghum from which 25 gallons of molasses had been boiled; and one-half acre in sweet potatoes from which 15 bushels had been dug. Scruggs valued these crops at $350.

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28. Ibid.

29. Ibid.

Robert Scruggs had a 1½-acre orchard, containing 20 apple and 50 peach trees.

Asked about his livestock, Scruggs tallied 3 horses and 1 mule. He had 3 milk cows and 6 neat cattle. During the past year his cows had dropped 3 calves, while he had bought 1 and sold 1. From the milk given by his cows, Catharine Scruggs had churned 100 pounds of butter.

There were on the farm 15 sheep, and during the past 12 months the ewes had dropped 5 lambs. Four sheep had been sold during the year, while dogs had killed 15.

He owned 8 hogs, and his wife 10 chickens. Egg production in 1879 had been 150 dozen.

Robert Scruggs estimated the value of his improvements at $1,200, his farm implements at $50, and his livestock at $200.

In 1879 he had used $40 worth of fertilizer on his fields and paid $100 in wages for 52 weeks of labor on his farm by hired hands.

Robert Scruggs in the previous year had cut 40 cords of wood from his wood lot, worth $40.[30]

James H. Ezell, Scruggs's neighbor to the northwest, was visited by the enumerator on June 17, 1880. He reported that he had 40 acres under cultivation and 185 in woodland. In 1879, on the acreage farmed, he had planted 25 acres in corn from which he had harvested 130 bushels; and 9 acres in cotton from which he had picked four bales. From the sale of these crops Ezell had realized $367.

On his farm, he stated, there were 4 mules, 5 milk cows, and 2 neat cattle. In 1879 his cows had dropped 3 calves. One beef had been sold, while he lost 2 by straying. From the milk given by his cows, 100 pounds of butter had been churned. Other livestock included 6 hogs. Ezell valued his livestock at $140.

The Ezells had 6 chickens from which in 1879 they had collected 25 dozen eggs.

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30. Fourth Schedule, Agricultural Census, Spartanburg County, S. C., Tenth Census, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

Ezell estimated the value of improvements on his farm at $800 and the value of his farm implements at $40. In 1879 he had spent $10 for repairs to his buildings and fences and $48 for fertilizer.[31]

William Williams, whose property adjoined Scruggs's on the southeast, told the enumerator on June 12 that in 1879 he had 46 acres in woodland, 15 acres in old fields, and 46 acres under cultivation. From 12 acres planted in corn he had harvested 80 bushels, from 9 acres in cotton he had picked two bales, from one-half acre seeded in irish potatoes he had dug 5 bushels, and from his one-acre sweet potato patch he had collected 25 bushels.

Williams had a small orchard of 5 apple and 10 peach trees.

In response to the enumerator's question, Williams estimated the income from his crops in 1879 at $150.

Williams told the enumerator that he had two horses, one milk cow, and four neat cattle. His cows had dropped one calf in 1879 and had provided him with 50 pounds of butter. He reported that he had four hogs and an equal number of chickens. His wife had gathered 12 dozen eggs during the preceding year from the chickens.[32]

Two of Robert Scruggs's sons, Richard and Dennis, owned farms in Cherokee Township to the north of their parents' place. Richard's farm was 125 acres, of which 50 were under cultivation. Dennis's farm measured 95 acres, 25 of which were planted in crops. In 1879 Richard and Dennis had each harvested 100 bushels of corn. Richard's farm had yielded four bales of cotton and Dennis's six.

As to be expected, the two boys did not own much livestock. In 1880 Richard had one horse, one mule, two milk cows, two neat cattle, and no hogs; Dennis held title to two mules, one milk cow, one neat cow, and eight hogs.[33]

By 1880 cotton had replaced corn and hogs as the local farmers' money crop. Until the advent of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930s, the cotton economy dominated the Carolina Piedmont.

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31. Ibid.

32. Ibid.

33. Ibid.

D. The Robert Scruggs Plats

Among the family papers in the possession of Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett, a granddaughter of Robert Scruggs, are several unrecorded plats. These plats have been folded and unfolded hundreds of times and are difficult to decipher.

The most interesting of these plats is the one prepared for Robert Scruggs "sometime in the year 1852 by P. Q. Camp." It "represents the shape and form of 434 acres of land lying on branches of Island Creek, Buck Creek & Horse Creek including the Battleground of Cowpens."

Because of mutilation caused by too much handling, it is impossible to decipher a number of the metes and bounds. At this time Robert Scruggs's farm included much of the land which he passed on to his youngest son James Augustus. To the northwest the farm extended a short distance beyond the junction of the Coulter's Ford with the Green River (Cowpens) Road. Here the metes and bounds shown on the Scruggs plat intrude onto land claimed by James H. Ezell and Nathaniel Gist. The subject property owners, however, compromised their differences without going to court, and the northwest boundary of Robert Scruggs's farm was determined to lie more than one-fourth mile southeast of the subject junction.

On this 1852 plat, in addition to the metes and bounds, are shown the Cowpens (Green River) and Coulter's Ford roads, the Robert Scruggs House, and the trace leading to Richard Scruggs's home.[34]

A second undated plat depicts the metes and bounds of the Robert Scruggs farm, about the time Robert Scruggs drew his will in 1870. On this plat are shown five subdivisions measuring 293, 77, 41.4, 42, and 67 acres. The Robert Scruggs House is shown on the south side of a road (the Green River Road). The core-area of the farm, the

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34. 1852 Plat of the Robert Scruggs Farm, found in the Rosa Scruggs Garrett Collection.

293-acre tract, has a configuration similar to the 265-acre farm conveyed to James Augustus Scruggs by his father in 1886.[35]

E. Robert Scruggs: Postmaster and Merchant

On May 14, 1847, Robert Scruggs was appointed postmaster of the newly established Cowpens Post Office. He retained this position until August 8, 1859, when James H. Ezell replaced him.[36]

Because he listed himself as a merchant in the 1860 census, we can assume that Robert Scruggs kept the post office in his store rather than his home. Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett recalls that the family store was on the north side of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road and west of the Robert Scruggs House. She remembers the single-story frame structure which housed her grandfather's country store.[37]

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35. Undated Plat of the Robert Scruggs Farm, ca. 1870, found in the Rosa Scruggs Garrett Collection. In her collection Mrs. Garrett has two other Scruggs plats, dating to the nineteenth century. One of these is of an 870-acre tract bounded by lands entered in the names of Jesse Scruggs, Daniel McClaren, Isaac Yong, Ed. Potter, and Allen Hines. This tract is about 2 miles southwest of the battleground, with the confluence of the Long and Meadow branches of Island Creek on its eastern one-third and the Coulter's Ford Road traversing its western one-third.

The second plat is of a 198½-acre tract surveyed by H. Parris on December 28, 1878, for Robert Scruggs. This tract is northwest of the battleground, and includes the land Scruggs deeded to his daughters Mary Scruggs Parris and Judy Scruggs Cash, and to his grandson Monroe Scruggs.

36. Records of Appointments of Postmasters, S. C., National Archives, RG 28.

37. Personal interview, Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett with Bearss, Nov. 11, 1973; Eighth Decennial Census, Spartanburg District, S. C., National Archives.

The Cowpens Post Office was discontinued on September 29, 1866, and re-established on October 3, 1871, with Richard A. Scruggs, a son of Robert and Catharine Scruggs, as postmaster. The post office was now in the country store, across the Green River (Mills Gap) Road from James H. Ezell's home. Ezell, during his years as postmaster, had located the post office in this store. Richard A. Scruggs continued as postmaster until August 6, 1878, when the Cowpens Post Office was temporarily discontinued.[38]

By 1870 Robert Scruggs no longer listed his occupation as merchant. We can thus assume that by that date he had shut down his country store and focused his attention on his farm. Rosa Scruggs Garrett, while recalling the building, stated that her grandfather had closed the store many years before she was born.[39]

F. Robert Scruggs: Rough-and-Tumble Mid-Nineteenth-Century American

There were two Robert Scruggses in the community throughout much of the nineteenth century. One of them, the builder and occupant of the Robert Scruggs House, was a son of Richard Scruggs II, and the other was a younger brother of Richard Scruggs II. The younger brother, who lived near the state line, north of the battleground, was still alive in 1880. The enumerator for the Tenth Census listed him as a 97-year-old farmer.

One or the other of these Robert Scruggses, in the years between 1840 and 1851, had a number of brushes with the law. The first occasion was on March 7, 1840, at the home of Richard Turner. On that day Robert Scruggs, Sr., and John T. Owens exchanged words. Scruggs, clenching his fist, struck at Owens. After the two men were separated, Scruggs hurled a stone at Owens and threatened to "beat or kill him before night."

Owens waited almost a month before appearing before Magistrate Hicks to swear out a complaint. Hicks accordingly issued a warrant on April 2 for Scruggs's arrest. On the 6th Scruggs appeared before Magistrate Hicks, with Stobal Scruggs, and they posted a bond for "$200 each to be collected of their goods and chattels, lands, and tenements" to insure Robert Scruggs's appearance before the Court of General Sessions at its next term.

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38. Records of Appointments of Postmasters, S. C.

39. Ninth Decennial Census, Limestone Springs Township, Spartanburg County, S. C., National Archives; personal interviews, Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett with Bearss, Nov. 10, 1973, and Mar. 20, 1974.

The case against Robert Scruggs was called up at the spring term of the Spartanburg Court of General Sessions. After reviewing the evidence, the judge dismissed the case.[40]

On July 3, 1841, James T. and Jane Wiley were among those attending the annual celebration at the Cowpens. At the close of festivities they started for home. While en route, they were accosted by Robert and Hyram Scruggs. Words were exchanged, and the Scruggses reportedly pulled their knives, picked up sticks and a fence rail, and swore they would kill the Wileys.

Nine weeks after the alledged assault, Jane Wiley appeared before Magistrate A. Bonner and swore out a complaint, charging Robert and Hyram Scruggs with assault. A warrant was issued for their arrest. On October 12 Robert Scruggs appeared before Magistrate Samuel Ezell and posted a $200 bond.

The case was tried before the fall term of the Spartanburg Court of General Sessions, and the jury declared the Scruggses innocent of the charge.[41]

Bad blood between the Scruggses and Wileys had originated 8 years before. In January 1833 Jane Wiley had called at the home of Kesiah Scruggs, a widow. Mrs. Wiley inquired if Kesiah had finished her weaving. Kesiah said, "No!"

Whereupon Jane Wiley "commenced abusing her in a most indecent manner without any provocation." Exasperated, Kesiah ordered her out of her house. Jane refused to go, and Kesiah sought to put her out. A scuffle ensued. Jane hit Kesiah, and the widow snatched up a "real stick" and hit Jane over the head. This ended the altercation.

Mrs. Wiley, on returning to her home, told her husband what had happened. James promptly swore out a complaint before Magistrate Thomas Cantrell, charging that he had "good reason to believe . . .

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40. Robert Scruggs, Sr., Assault, File 2, Court of General Sessions, Spartanburg District, Spring 1840, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C. Three years later, in June 1844, Owens sold 150 acres on Little Buck Creek to Robert Scruggs for $300. Spartanburg County Deed Book Y, pp. 491-92.

41. Robert Scruggs, Assault, File 3, Court of General Sessions, Spartanburg District, Autumn 1841, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

that Kesiah Scruggs did on this day [January 3] violently assault & beat his wife . . . with a stick" while on her "lawful business without any lawful cause against the peace and dignity of the state."

Magistrate Cantrell, acting on the complaint, had Kesiah Scruggs arrested and lodged in the Spartanburg jail.

The trial was scheduled for the fall term of the court. Ten days before the trial was to begin, the Court of General Sessions received a petition from a number of the defendant's neighbors.

The petitioners pointed out that they knew Kesiah Scruggs to be "a good peaceable citizen, who we have never known to be before indicted for any offence; that she maintains a respectable stand in society; and that she had five small & helpless children, who depend on her industry for their support."[42]

Bond was set at $50, with Robert Scruggs and Dillard Scruggs sharing it equally.

The trial was held before Judge Josiah Evans on October 5, with the jury finding Kesiah Scruggs guilty as charged.[43]

Tabitha Byars, wife of Nathan Byars, on December 1, 1842, appeared before Magistrate Samuel Ezell and made a complaint against Robert Scruggs. She charged that Scruggs, 2 days before, had broken down the door to her home, had cut a limb from one of their peach trees, and had threatened to hit her with it.

Magistrate Ezell issued a warrant for Scruggs's arrest.

At the trial, held at the autumn term of the Spartanburg Court of General Sessions for 1844, the jury found Scruggs innocent of assault and battery on the person of Tabitha Byars.[44]

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42. The petition was signed by Dickson Parris, E. Parris, John Covington, Nathaniel Parris, Robert Scruggs, Jr., Isaac Williams, Drury Williams, and Isaac Yong.

43. Kesiah Scruggs, Assault, File 20, Court of General Sessions, Spartanburg District, Autumn 1833, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

44. Robert Scruggs, Assault, File 30, Court of General Sessions, Spartanburg District, Autumn 1843, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

There was trouble on January 20, 1851, between Robert Scruggs and William and Nancy Roberts. As a result, Nancy Roberts appeared before Magistrate P. W. Head on January 27 and swore that on the 20th Scruggs had assaulted and beaten her. Ten days later, her husband formally complained that Scruggs had attacked him on the same occasion.

Magistrate Head accordingly issued a warrant for Scruggs's arrest. Constable William Martin was ordered to "fetch" Scruggs "before me or another magistrate to give security for his appearance at the next Court of Sessions for the peace to be held at Spartanburg Court House, on the 1st Monday in March."

Upon being brought before Magistrate Head by Constable Martin, Scruggs was released when Barney Jolley posted a bond for $200 as assurance for his appearance in court.

The case was tried during the autumn term of the Court of General Sessions, and the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."[45]

G. Robert Scruggs Passes On

1. He Makes His Will

Robert Scruggs, in April 1870, prepared his last will and testament. After bequeathing his soul to God and his "body to the dust from whence it came," he announced his desire that his youngest son, James Augustus, have the "land which I now live on for his own use and benefit." His wife, if she should outlive him, was to continue to live on the home place, provided this was her desire. The home place, which he was willing to James Augustus, currently contained 343 acres and was bounded by lands belonging to Dennis S. Scruggs, Tench Blackwell, Drury Williams, and William Williams.

He bequeathed to daughter Susan Scruggs Martin 80 acres bounded by farms owned by Drury Williams and Willis Martin.

To daughters Mary Scruggs Parris and Judy Scruggs Cash he gave the "land lying on the other side of R. D. Scruggs', adjoining Swan Parris' and others," except for the 25 acres he willed grandson Monroe

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45. Robert Scruggs, Assault, File 5, Court of General Sessions, Spartanburg District, Autumn 1851, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

Scruggs. The grandson's acreage was to adjoin James H. Ezell's and R. D. Scruggs's, while Mary Parris's was to bound Swan Parris's, and Judy Cash's was to be next to Monroe's.

To daughters Sarah and Martha he willed 118 acres southwest of the Richard Scruggs House, "which the plat will present . . . for them to divide from the near post running across to the still house branch equally between them." In addition, Martha was "to have a cow at her mother's death if not before."

His personal property was to be divided among his children equally, with the children of his predeceased son, John W. Scruggs, to participate in the division. The subject property, however, was to remain on the home place, "during my wifes lifetime, except such as is not needed for" her use. Surplus personal property could be sold by his executors "for the benefit of their mother."

James Augustus Scruggs was charged with taking "care of his mother as it will be seen that I gave him more land for that purpose."

Robert Scruggs named as his executors Richard A. Scruggs, R. D. Scruggs, and James Augustus Scruggs. Neighbors Noah, Drury, and Isaac Williams witnessed the will.[46] See Appendix C for a copy of Robert Scruggs's Last Will and Testament.

In his will Robert Scruggs made no provision for his four older surviving sons--Lemuel, Dennis, Sampson, and Richard A. The fact that he did not leads to the conclusion that he had already provided for them.

2. He Divides the Home Place

Fifteen years later, in 1885-86, Robert Scruggs divided the home place among four of his children. To his youngest son, James Augustus, he deeded 265 acres, including the family home and the Richard Scruggs House and improvements. This, the core-area of the family farm, was bounded by lands belonging to Dennis S. Scruggs, the Drury Williams estate, Willis Martin, Martha Lawson, Sarah Roberts, Columbus Blackwell, and General Champion.[47]

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46. Robert Scruggs, Last Will and Testament, Apr. 25, 1870, Spartanburg County Will Book G, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C., pp. 321-23. Efforts to locate the plat referred to in the subject will have been unsuccessful.

47. Spartanburg County Deed Book EEE, p. 476.

To Sarah Scruggs Roberts he deeded the 59-acre tract on Mack's Branch of Island Creek. It was bounded by lands belonging to Mary Williams, Martha Scruggs Lawson, James Augustus Scruggs, and others.[48] To Martha Scruggs Lawson he deeded the 59-acre tract on Floyd's Branch of Island Creek. Martha's acreage was bounded on the east by Willis Martin's land, on the north by James Augustus Scruggs's 265 acres of the home place, and on the west by her sister's 59 acres.[49]

To his widowed daughter Susan Scruggs Martin, he deeded the northeast 80 acres of the home place. This tract was bounded on the southeast by lands of the Drury Williams estate, and on the east and northeast by property entered in the name of Willis Martin.[50]

3. Robert and Catharine Scruggs Die

Robert Scruggs, having reached the age of 90 years and 5 months, died on December 7, 1890. His body was laid to rest in the family plot, near the graves of his parents. His wife survived him. She continued to live in the family home, which she now shared with her son James Augustus and his family, until her death, at age 87, on January 2, 1892. Catharine Connel Scruggs's remains were buried beside those of her husband.[51]

4. The Liquidation of His Personal Estate

Fourteen months after the death of Robert Scruggs, the executors, in accordance with one of the provisions of the deceased's will, held a sale to dispose of his personal property. The return reveals that most of the sales were made to members of the family:

Item	Buyer	Cost
1 bureau	Richard A. Scruggs	$1.95
1 cupboard	Richard A. Scruggs	1.90
1 book case	Susan M. Martin	.75
1 bed and bedstead	Susan M. Martin	5.50
1 bedstead	Mary Parris	.60
1 table	Susan M. Martin	.55

48. Ibid., p. 546.

49. Ibid., p. 540.

50. Cherokee County Deed Book E, Cherokee County Courthouse, Gaffney, S. C., p. 754.

51. Inscriptions on tombstones, New Pleasant Cemetery. The family plot in 1889 had been incorporated into the cemetery of the New Pleasant Baptist Church.

2 chairs	Mary Parris	.30
2 chairs	Susan M. Martin	.35
2 chairs	James A. Scruggs	.60
1 sythe blade	Dennis Scruggs	.15
3 planes	J. Price	1.00
3 pair steelyards	O. Ervin	.30
1 shotgun	J. J. Scruggs	.10
1 wash pot	W. H. Champion	1.00
1 oven and lid	Dennis Scruggs	.15
1 wagon	J. J. Scruggs	2.20
1 cart & wheel	James A. Scruggs	.20
1 old buggy	Jas. Price	2.00
1 milk cow	M. Johnson	3.80
1 lot old iron	M. Johnson	.20
1 red bull	Dennis Scruggs	13.00
4 sheep	J. A. Martin	4.30
2 corn shellers	Jas. Price	.30
1 corn sheller	E. Martin	.15
3 corn shellers	G. W. Eaker	.45
1 shovel	J. V. Price	.10
1 milk cow	M. Johnson	12.50
1 old thresher & Fan	James A. Scruggs	.30
1 corn sheller	Richard A. Scruggs	.15
		$55.55[52]

52. Robert Scruggs, Estate of, File 3961, Spartanburg County Probate Records, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S. C.

VI. JAMES AUGUSTUS SCRUGGS: 1848-1923

A. The Fruitful Years

1. The Family in 1880

James Augustus Scruggs, known as "Black" Scruggs, the youngest son of Robert and Catharine Scruggs, was born in the family home on November 1, 1848. In 1876 he married 15-year-old Mary Ellen Hamer. The newlyweds began housekeeping in the Richard Scruggs house. They were living there in the summer of 1880 when an enumerator for the Tenth Census called.

Answering the enumerator's questions, Black Scruggs gave his age as 31, reported that he was a farmer, and identified his State of birth as South Carolina. His father had been born in North Carolina and his mother in Maryland. Mary Hamer Scruggs gave her age as 18, her occupation as housewife, and stated that she was a South Carolinian by birth. The Scruggses were parents of a 10-month-old daughter--Daisy. Living with the family that summer was Creasy Phillips, a 6-year-old black girl.[1]

2. A Correspondent Tours the Battleground

Having been deeded the core-area of the home place by his father in 1886, and charged with looking after his mother by his father's will, Black Scruggs probably moved from the Richard Scruggs to the Robert Scruggs House in December 1890. He was living there in the late 1890s when legislation was introduced in the 55th and 56th Congresses to establish a Cowpens National Military Park. Boundaries were described in the legislation which would have included within the park that part of Scruggs's home place lying on either side of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road and extending a short distance east of the Scruggs House.

Responding to interest generated by the proposal to establish a National Military Park at the Cowpens, a correspondent for the Gaffney Ledger visited the area on Wednesday, February 23, 1898. Stopping at Black Scruggs's, he received a cordial welcome, an excellent dinner, and feed for his horse.

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1. Tenth Decennial Census, Cherokee Township, Spartanburg County, S. C., National Archives.

The Scruggs House, he informed his readers,

> lies just on the inside of the battle ground plat. The old part [log portion] of this house was built, just a few years after the close of the Revolutionary War. In front of . . . [the] house musket balls, gun flints and other paraphernalia, necessary for an army outfit have been found in abundance from time to time.[2]

So far as the correspondent could see, not a "tree, stump or root" of the "original forest" had survived. Black Scruggs told of the many Revolutionary War relics he had found in the fields on either side of the Green River Road. He had sent a number to be exhibited at the Atlanta Exposition of 1895.

Within 100 yards of the Scruggs House was the "wolf pit." It was near the roadside. Here he was told was where a number of the British dead had been buried.

With Black and Richard A. Scruggs as guides, the correspondent spent the rest of the afternoon reconnoitering the battleground. The acreage proposed for inclusion in the park, the correspondent informed his readers, was "in a high state of cultivation, and beautiful farming land at that."[3]

3. The Family in 1900

On June 10, 1900, an enumerator for the Twelfth Census called. James A. Scruggs informed him that: he had been born in November 1848; he was 51; he had been married 24 years; and he and his father had been born in South Carolina, while his mother was a native of the District of Columbia. He was a farmer, who owned his own farm, which was currently mortgaged. He could read and write.

Mary Hamer Scruggs stated that she had been born in North Carolina in June 1861, making her 38 years old. She had given birth to 10 children, 6 of whom were living. Her father had been born in South Carolina and her mother in North Carolina. Like her husband, she could read and write.

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2. The Ledger (Gaffney), Mar. 3, 1898. As yet, efforts to locate the subject plat have been unsuccessful.

3. Ibid.

Five of their six surviving children were living with the parents. They were James A. Scruggs, 18; Robert E. Scruggs, 12; Jessie E. Scruggs, 9; Rosa M. E. Scruggs, 5; and John B. Scruggs, 2.[4]

The enumerator also called on the Scruggs's eldest daughter Daisy, who had married Fayette Martin. They were living in the Richard Scruggs House. Fayette Martin reported that he was 23, having been born in 1876; that he had been married 3 years; and that he worked as a logger for a sawmill. He reported that he was renting his home from his father-in-law.

Daisy Martin understated her age, giving it as 19 rather than 21. The Martins were parents of one child, Bessie, born in February 1899, and both were able to read and write.

Living with the Martins was 17-year-old William Scruggs, who worked as a teamster for the local sawmill.[5]

The four children born to Mary Hamer Scruggs who died in infancy were Bolivar, Nora, Carrie, and Dollie. One more child, a girl named Vaud, was born to the Scruggses. She was born in 1902 and in March 1974 was one of the three surviving children.[6]

4. The 1907 Survey

In 1907 Black Scruggs had T. E. Johnson survey and plat his 269-acre farm. On the plat the surveyor located two dwellings, in addition to the Robert and Richard Scruggs houses. One of these dwellings was on the south side of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road, several hundred yards west of the Robert Scruggs House.[7] According to Mesdames Rosa Scruggs Garrett, Lillie Martin Scruggs, and Leona Martin Jolley this frame house was built about 1900 by Black Scruggs, who used it as rental property until 1910.[8]

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4. Twelfth Decennial Census, Morgan Township, Cherokee County, S. C., National Archives.

5. Ibid.

6. Personal interviews, Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett with Bearss, Nov. 11, 1973; and Mrs. Vaud Jolley with Bearss, Mar. 20, 1974; James A. Scruggs, Inventory and Appraisement of Personal Property, Clerk of the Probate Court, Cherokee County Courthouse, Gaffney, S. C.

7. 1907 Plat of the James A. Scruggs Farm, found in the Rosa Scruggs Garrett Collection.

8. Personal interviews, Mesdames Rosa Scruggs Garrett, Lillie Martin Scruggs, and Leona Martin Jolley with Bearss, Nov. 11 and Dec. 5, 1973.

The dwelling shown on the plat between the Robert and Richard Scruggs houses probably dates to the mid-nineteenth century. When he divided his farm among his seven surviving children in 1923, Black Scruggs gave the 40 acres on which this structure was located to his eldest son James A. Scruggs. James W. Scruggs, who was interviewed on December 5, 1973, stated that he was born and reared in this house. According to family tradition, this single-story frame house had been built by Richard Scruggs II as slave quarters. His father had added to the house and had made other improvements.[9]

Several hundred yards south of the Richard Scruggs House and east of the road (today's SC11-58) connecting the Bonner and Cowpens roads, Surveyor Johnson located and identified the New Pleasant Baptist Church and the New Pleasant Schoolhouse. Besides locating the watercourses and showing the metes and bounds, Johnson identified the adjoining property owners. They were J. M. Lamb, Sarah Roberts, J. T. Scruggs, Martha H. Champion, General M. Champion, Dennis S. Scruggs, Martin Martin, W. D. Williams, H. Williams, and J. F. Martin.[10]

5. As a Community Leader

James Augustus Scruggs was a community leader. Besides being a successful farmer and devoted husband and father, he served his neighbors as magistrate for many years.

On three occasions, the first time in partnership with his father, he conveyed land to the deacons of the New Pleasant Baptist Church. On the first occasion the consideration was minimal, and on the others it was in consideration of his "love . . . for the cause of Christ & the church."[11]

B. The Twilight Years

1. He Makes His Will

Black Scruggs was stricken with cancer in his sixties, and it was apparent he would not live to the ages attained by his parents and paternal grandparents. Realizing that death was not far in the

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9. 1907 Plat of the James A. Scruggs Farm; personal interview, James W. Scruggs with Bearss, Dec. 5, 1973.

10. 1907 Plat of the James A. Scruggs Farm.

11. Spartanburg County Deed Book HHH, p. 435; Cherokee County Deed Book E, p. 228, and Deed Book 2, p. 715.

future, Scruggs, on May 31, 1918, prepared his last will and testament. Like the good Christian he was, he willed his "Soule unto God who gave it," and charged his executors to see that his body was "Decenty Berrid and all my just and honest Debts" paid.

The family farm was to be equally divided among his seven surviving children, except for James A. Scruggs, who was to receive five more acres than the others. The children were to "pay Eaqual Rents to my beloved Wife Marie Scruggs each year During her natural life or Widowhood for her support."

When the farm was divided, Daisy Martin was to take the Richard Scruggs place where she and her husband lived; Robert E. Scruggs was to have the property west of the home place where he lived; John B. Scruggs was to have the land on which he lived north of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road; Jessie Ellison and Vaud Jolley were "to hav ther Lots on the West End of my Land next to" Blackwell's line; and Rosa Scruggs was to have the home lot. The five children who were to receive improved lots (Daisy Martin, and Rosa, James A., John B., and Robert E. Scruggs) would pay Jessie Ellison and Vaud Jolley "each $10, making a total of $50 as compensation."

His widow was to have all her personal property during "her Life Time or her Widowhood and then to be sole or Eaqualy Devided among my children," as they think best.

James A. and Robert E. Scruggs were named executors.[12] See Appendix D for a copy of the Last Will and Testament of James A. Scruggs.

2. He Divides the Family Farm

Black Scruggs did not die until August 1923. On August 1, 1923, 3 weeks before his death, he gave formal sanction to the subdivision of the family farm outlined in his will of May 31, 1918.

The farm was divided among the seven surviving children, with he and his wife (Mary Ellen) reserving "life control" of the property. Mrs. Jessie Ellison, John B. Scruggs, Rosa May Scruggs, and Richard E. Scruggs received Lots 1-4 of about 35 acres each on either side of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road. Mesdames Vaud Jolley and Daisy Martin and James A. Scruggs, Jr., were deeded Lots 5-7 of 41 acres

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12. James A. Scruggs, Last Will and Testament, May 31, 1918, found in James W. Scruggs Collection, Morgan Township, Cherokee County, S. C.

each. These lots were south of Lots 3 and 4, and had their accesses on either the Scruggs Road (SC11-122) or present-day SC11-38.[13]

3. The Second Will

Convinced that he was dying, and having subdivided and deeded the family farm to his children, Black Scruggs drew a new will. In it he provided that: (a) his just debts be paid and that he have a decent burial; (b) all his personal property pass to his wife "during her natural life and Widowhood," and at her death it be divided among his children. If his children could not divide his personal property in a satisfactory manner, it was to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds equally divided among them; and (c) his sons James A., Robert E., and John B. were to be his executors. See Appendix E for a copy of the subject will.

He was too infirm to sign the document, so R. E. Scruggs and W. T. and J. L. McGinnis witnessed his mark.[14]

4. His Death

Two days later, on August 20, James A. "Black" Scruggs died. He was in his 77th year. The remains were laid to rest in the family plot, which had been incorporated into the cemetery of New Pleasant Baptist Church.[15]

James A. Scruggs's Last Will and Testament was probated on September 3, 1923. The deceased's personal property was appraised at $708. It included $210 in cash, $50 in household goods, $30 in farming implements (a wagon and tools), one-half interest in a Model T ($75), $135 in livestock, and $203 in debts owed the estate.[16]

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13. Cherokee County Deed Book 2A, pp. 356-57, 670-74.

14. James A. Scruggs, Last Will and Testament, Aug. 18, 1923, Clerk of the Probate Court, Cherokee County Courthouse, Gaffney, S. C.

15. Inscription on tombstone; the Scruggs family Bible, found in Rosa Scruggs Garrett Collection.

16. James A. Scruggs, Inventory and Appraisement of Personal Property, Clerk of the Probate Court, Cherokee County Courthouse, Gaffney, S. C.

VII. THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

A. Rosa Scruggs Garrett and the Property

Mary Hamer Scruggs and her daughter Rosa continued to live in the Robert Scruggs House on the death of her husband. In 1931 Rosa Scruggs married Pearson Garrett, and he moved into the house. For their livelihood they farmed the 35 acres deeded to Rosa by her father in 1923.

Nineteen hundred and thirty-five was a heartbreaking year for Rosa Scruggs Garrett. First her husband died and then her mother. Mary Hamer Scruggs passed away on December 30, 12 years after her husband. She was buried in the family plot in the New Pleasant Cemetery.

Rosa Scruggs Garrett, demonstrating the characteristics of her pioneer ancestors, carried on. She continued to farm successfully her subdivision of the family farm until the inflation in agricultural wages made it economically impossible for her to hire hands. She now rents out her land. To help supplement her income from the farm and to provide homes in the community for nephews and nieces, she sold seven lots off her farm fronting on the Green River (Mills Gap) Road and SC11-122. In the winter of 1973-74 Rosa Scruggs Garrett was still living in the Robert Scruggs House, in which she was born 79 years before.[1]

B. Colonel Landers's Visit

On April 8, 1928, Lt. Col. H. L. Landers of the Army War College's Historical Branch made a field study of the Cowpens battleground. He reconnoitered the field, took a number of photographs, and visited with longtime residents such as Mrs. Mary Hamer Scruggs. Colonel Landers, the War Department's expert on the nation's battlefields, had visited the Cowpens in connection with a study of the battleground made possible by legislation enacted by the 70th Congress.

When Colonel Landers's report, titled Historical Statements Concerning the Battle of Kings Mountain and the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina, was published in 1928 by the Government Printing

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1. Personal interviews, Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett with Messrs. Hugh Miller, Jack Walker, and E. C. Bearss, Nov. 11 and 28, 1973.

Office, it included as one of its supplementary illustrations a photograph of the Robert Scruggs House. The caption to the photograph, a copy of which is found in this report, reads:

> Robert Scruggs' house, where Lossing stopped in 1849. A log cabin of one room was constructed over one hundred years ago adjacent to the chimney shown in the picture. The cabin has since been weather boarded, and extensions added. The present occupant is Mrs. Black Scruggs, widow of the youngest son of Robert Scruggs.[2]

Rosa Scruggs Garrett and her mother were at home at the time of Colonel Landers's visit. When asked if she recalled Colonel Landers, she proudly displayed a copy of his report, a letter of appreciation written to her mother by Colonel Landers, and a print of the photograph of the Scruggs House which appeared in the published report.

The letter read:

The Army War College
Office of the Commandant
April 14, 1928

My Dear Mrs. Scruggs:

I am sending you a picture of your home, which I believe you will be interested in having.

I want to thank you again for your hospitality when I was going over the Cowpens battleground.

Sincerely

H. L. Landers
Lt. Col. U.S. Army
Historical Section A.W.C.[3]

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2. H. L. Landers, Historical Statements Concerning the Battle of Kings Mountain and the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina (Washington, 1928).

3. Landers to Mrs. J. A. Scruggs, Apr. 14, 1928, found in the Rosa Scruggs Garrett Collection.

On the back of the photograph, Colonel Landers had written:

Army War College, Washington, D.C.
April 14, 1928

To Mrs. J. A. Scruggs, whom I had the pleasure of meeting two weeks ago.

The Revolutionary Historian, Benson J. Lossing visited the house of Robert Scruggs in January 1849.

Your husband, Black Scruggs, was the youngest child of Robert Scruggs, and was born in the house pictured here, and which I visited.

H. L. Landers, Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Army War College
Historical Section[4]

C. Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett's Recollections of the House

1. Its Association with the Family

On November 11 and 28, 1973, and on January 15 and 25 and March 20, 1974, we spent a number of hours visiting with Mrs. Rosa Scruggs Garrett in her historic old home on the south side of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road. She told us that the house was built by her grandfather, Robert Scruggs, more than 140 years before. Continuing, she stated that her father was born in the house in 1848, as she was in 1894. She remarked that she was one of 11 children, of whom 4 had died in infancy. Living today besides herself were two sisters--Mesdames Jessie Ellison and Vaud Jolley.

Mrs. Garrett, after stating that her father had died in 1923 and her mother in 1935, reviewed the division of the family farm among the seven children. As her share of the estate, she had received the family home and 35 surrounding acres. Her mother had continued to live with her until her death in December 1935.

2. Its Structural History

Mrs. Garrett, describing the house, stated that her grandfather had first raised a log cabin, with a brick and stone chimney attached to the east elevation. With the increase in the size of the family

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4. Photograph of Robert Scruggs House, Apr. 8, 1928, found in the Rosa Scruggs Garrett Collection.

and in his affluence, he had enlarged the structure by framing and boxing in the log cabin. A second brick and stone chimney was added at the west elevation. These changes were made long before she was born, and she knew about them from heresay.

During her lifetime, changes to the fabric had been minimal. She recalled removal of the north dormer sometime before her mother's death, replacement of the shingled roof with galvanized metal, and changes to the back porch and kitchen.

The east chimney, Mrs. Garrett stated, had been damaged by high winds a number of years ago. As a widow with a limited income, she was unable to have it repaired. For this same reason, expenditures for maintenance have been minimal.

3. The Furnishings

Most of the furnishings, she stated, had belonged to her parents and paternal grandparents. In the west room, Mrs. Garrett proudly displays handsome photographs of her parents.

D. Mrs. Vaud Jolley's Recollections

1. Of the House

Mrs. Vaud Jolley, the youngest daughter of James A. and Mary Hamer Scruggs, was interviewed on March 20, 1974.

When asked about the family home, she recalled that in the years since her childhood there had been several changes in the structure. Changes recalled by Mrs. Jolley were: (a) removal of the north dormer in the 1930s; (b) replacement of the shingled roof with galvanized roofing; and (c) construction of the kitchen ell. Before construction of the subject ell, there had been a shed back porch, extending the full length of the south elevation.

2. Of the Grounds

Mrs. Jolley recalled that the family orchard was east of the house and south of the Green River (Mills Gap) Road. South of the orchard was her father's hog lot.

The family well, in the early years of the century, was near the southeast corner of the house. It was filled and the present well dug in the 1930s.

The family privy was about 30 yards south of the house.

Her mother's garden was across the Scruggs Road from the house and south of the Green River Road.

An old log barn bounded the garden on the west. North of the Green River Road was her father's new frame barn. This barn had been erected on or near the site of her grandfather's store. There was a third barn, which is extant, about 100 yards south of the house.

E. Lillie Martin Scruggs and Leona Martin Jolley Recall the House

On December 5, 1973, Mesdames Lillie Martin Scruggs and Leona Martin Jolley were interviewed. These ladies are sisters, the surviving children of Green L. and Araminta Martin. Mrs. Lillie Scruggs is a sister-in-law of Rosa Scruggs Garrett, being the widow of Robert E. Scruggs.

Like Mrs. Jolley, they recalled the full-length shed porch at the south elevation of the Robert Scruggs House and construction of the kitchen ell. They also recalled the north dormer and shingled roof and the east chimney before its damage by tornadic winds.

F. Twentieth-Century Road Relocations

In the early 1930s the Green River (Mills Gap) Road was relocated, surfaced, and redesignated SC11. The new road cut across the property of a brother (John B.) and a sister (Jessie Ellison) to the north of Rosa Garrett's farm. The historic Green River (Mills Gap) Road, which formed the north boundary of Rosa's 35 acres, was not abandoned, however, and was retained for local use and access by farmers residing on it.

To facilitate access to SC11, the Scruggs Road, which when surfaced was designated SC11-122, was extended north from its junction with the Green River Road to intersect SC11. The extension of the Scruggs Road northward resulted in a slight realignment. Where it intersected the Green River (Mills Gap) Road it was relocated farther west and no longer passed as near the west elevation of the Robert Scruggs House as heretofore.[5]

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5. Personal interviews, Mesdames Vaud Jolley and Rosa Scruggs Garrett with Bearss, Mar. 20, 1974.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RICHARD SCRUGGS I

State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

In the name of God Amen I Richard Scruggs being of sound mind & memory, but calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, and believing it to be the duty of all to settle their affairs, when they have the proper Exercise of their reason, I therefore bequeath & give my soul to God who gave it [to] me, Not doubting but that I will receive the same again, at the general resurrection returned to my body.

My body I give to the Earth, from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors.

Item first, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife prudence the full and entire use of all my Land, & personal property, during her natural life or widowhood.

Item two, I do hereby further bequeath all my lands to be equally divided between my sons that is to say Richard, John, Ellis, Robert, and Jesse Scruggs, at the death or marriage of their mother prudence Scruggs.

Item 3rd, I do further bequeath all my personal property to be equally divided between all my children, that is to say Richard, John, Ellis, Robert & Jesse, Daughters, Elizabeth, Martha, prudence, Rozamond & Sarah, at the Death or marriage of their mother prudence Scruggs.

Lastly I do hereby revoke all former wills & testaments before made & established this to be my last will & testament, and I do appoint my two sons Richard and Robert Scruggs to be my lawful Executors to Execute this will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 2nd October 1816.

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Richard X Scruggs
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Rutherford County Will Book C, Office of Probate Clerk, Rutherford County, Rutherfordton, N. C, p. 129.

Appendix B

WILL OF RICHARD SCRUGGS II

As to my Last Will and Testament I Richard Scruggs of the State of South Carolina and Spartanburg District being this day in feeble health but in a sense and memory sound and of good disposeing mind do ordain and set apart this my last will and Testament in form and manner as follows:

First I give and bequeth unto my eldest son Jesse Scruggs my Negrow boy Materson also I give to my son Robert Scruggs my Negrow boy Jefferson. Also I give to my son Drury Scruggs my negrow boy Lawson.

Second I give to my daughter Sarah Yong my negrow girl Malissa during hur life not subject to the debts or contracts of hur husband but after hur death Sd Negrow girl with hur increas if any to return and be equally divided among my five children that have children.

Also I give to my daughter Temperance Durham my negrow girl Lucinda during hur life not subject to the debts or contracts of hur husband but after hur death sd negrow girl with hur increas if any to be equally divided among all hur living children and if any of them be dead leving children that these children receive the perets distributive share of such estate.

Also I give to my daughter Mary Durham my negrow girl Jane for hur use and benefit during hur life not subject to the debts or contracts of hur husband but after hur death sd negrow girl with hur increas if any to be equaly divided among hur children and if any of them be dead leving children those children receive the parents distributive share also I give to son Robert my rifle gun and the Smith tools he now has and Twenty five Dollars in property--also I desire that my son Jesse pay to my son Drury one hundred Dollars out of his part of this property after the division of the negrows. Also I give to my son Drury the Smith tools that he now has and fifty Dollars extra out of the balance of my estate.

My desire is that the remaining part of my personal Estate be equally divided among all my children if they can divid to there satisfaction if not to be sold and divid the money as to my land my desire is that it be equaly divided among all my children or one take it at valuation and pay the balance their part.

My desire is that my wife Mary Scruggs live wher she chose and that she have a comfortable support out of my Estate and that my negrow woman Liza to live with hur and wait on hur and at the death of my wife Liza chose hur home among my children and that one take hur at valuation also that my wife have the use of my part of my Household furniture that she may wish during hur life and to be disposed of as above prescribed.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my three sons Jesse Robert and Drury Scruggs my Executors and my wish is for them to see that there mother has a good support and proper attention.

Signed sealed and published in presence of us June 28th, 1853.

A. Wray

Ira Philips

A. H. Williams

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Richard Scruggs
Mark

Recorded Will Book D p. 429

Box 20 Package 23, Spartanburg District
Recorded 30th June 1855.

Appendix C

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SCRUGGS

In the name of God Amen I Robert Scruggs of Spartanburg County and State of South Carolina, being in perfect soundness of mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God, but having the mortality of my body and but it is appointed for all such to die, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as following, viz:

The first place I do give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God of whom received it and my body to the dust from whence it came, and as touching the worldly substance it is my will and desire that my youngest son James A. shall have the land which I now live on for his own use and benefit and of my beloved wife should she be longer to live for her to remain on the said place if it is her desire . . . to do so. The land which I gave to my son James A. Scruggs, contains three hundred and forty-three acres lying and joining D. S. Scruggs' land and T. Blackwell's land and Drury Williams, William Williams.

And I bequeath to my daughter eighty acres, which is Susan Martin, and to her children to be run by Drury Williams' line and Willis Martin's square home on both ends as near as possible.

Also I give to my two daughters Mary Parris and Judy Cash all the land lying on the other side of R. D. Scruggs' adjoining Swan Parris' and others. The plat will show it, except twenty-five acres which I gave to my grandson Monroe Scruggs. He is to have his adjoining J. H. Ezell, and R. D. Scruggs; J. G. & Mary Parris is to have theirs against Swan Parris' and Judy is to have hers next to Monroe Scruggs' land.

I bequeath to them and their children said land above mentioned, also for their [illegible] from good line to R. D. Scruggs', also it is my desire that Mary Parris have a small piece of land which I have got . . . joining her land and Swan Parris' and T. Vassey's and Stovall Scruggs' in lieu.

Also I give to my two daughters Sarey & Marthey to have and hold one hundred and eighteen acres on the other side of father's house which the plat will present it for them to divide from the near post running across to the still house branch equally between them, and if any children to them to have and to hold for their own use. And I further state what I gave James A. Scruggs is to take care of his mother as it will be seen that I gave him more land for that purpose.

Also for Marthey to have a cow at her mother's death if not before.

If there be any personal property left [to] divide it between my children equally and my son John W. Scruggs' children to have their part of the personal property to remain on the place during my wife's lifetime, except such as is not needed for the use of their mother. If any more then is needed on the premises, I give my executors to have full power to sell such property as is not needed for the benefit of their mother or in any other wise such as is not needed.

Also I have gave all of my sons and children land . . ., and lastly do make and ordain this my last will and testament, renouncing and resolving all others in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this 25th April 1870. I now constitute and empower to wit R. A. Scruggs and R. D. Scruggs, and James A. Scruggs my three and lawful executors to my will to manage as above mentioned in the year of our Lord A.D. 1870, signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of:

Noah Williams
Drury Williams
Isaac Williams

The within and foregoing instrument in writing has this day proven before me in common form by the evidence of Isaac Williams, as subscribing witness to the same as and for the last will and testament of Robt. Scruggs, Decd., and ordered recorded.

Given under my hand and seal the 20th day of Jany. 1891.

Spartanburg County Will Book G, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C., pp. 321-23.

Appendix D

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES A. SCRUGGS [1918]

State of South Carolina County of Cherokee

I J.A. Scruggs of said county and state being in Sound Mind and Memory Do make my Last Will and Testament--I will my Soule unto God who give it.--Amen

1st- that my Body be Decenly Berrid and all my just and honest Debts be Paid

2- that all my Real Estate be Eaqly Devided with my seven children. My oldest Son James A Scruggs to have 5 acres more than the Rest by Reason of note and that said children is to pay Eaqual Rents to my beloved Wife Marie Scruggs each year During her natural life or Widowhood for her support

3-that my Daughter Martin to have the Lot wher she now Lives and my Son Robt. E. Scruggs to hav the Lot wher he now Lives and that my Daughter Rosey Scru hav my home Lot wher I now Live and my Son J.B. Scruggs to hav the Lot wher he now Lives and that my two Daughters Jessey Elison and Vaidy Jolley hav ther Lots on the West End of my Land next to Blackwell Line and that Dasie Martin and James A. Scruggs and Robt. E. Scruggs and Rosey Scruggs and J.B. Scruggs each one shall pay Jessie Alison and Vaidy Jolley Fifty Dollars each for unimproved Lots that is Ten Dollars for each one to p. to the said 2 girls which makes the said 2 girles 50\underline{00}$ each and that my beloved wife Marie Scruggs is to hav all my Personaly Property her Life Time or her Widowhood and then to be sole or Eaqualy Devided among my children as they think Best

4 I will that my Land be Devided and set of to my children at once or as soon as posable

I hearby apoint my two Sons James A. Scruggs and Robt.E. Scruggs Executors of this my Last Will and Testament according to the true intent and purpos of this my Last Will

Wherunto I hav set my hand and Seal this the 31st Day of May 1918

J A Scruggs (LS)

Mart Martin
Eleizzebeth Scruggs } Witness
W. T. Scruggs

Appendix E

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT [1923]

State of South Carolina }
County of Cherokee }

I, J. A. Scruggs, being of sound, disposing mind and memory, do make this my Last Will and Testament.

First, I will that all my just debts be paid and that I have a decent burial.

Second, I will and bequeathe all of my Personal property to my Beloved wife Mary E. Scruggs during her Natural life and Widowhood. Then at death to be equally divided among my beloved children, viz. Daisy L. Martin, James A. Scruggs, Robert E. Scruggs, Jessie Ellison, Rosa Mae Scruggs, John B. Scruggs and Vaudie E. Jolley.

In case my children can not agree to divide the Personal property in a satisfactory manner, then, I will that it be sold to the highest bidder and the money be equally divided among them.

Thirdly, I name my sons, James A, Robert E, and John B. Scruggs as Executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this the 18th day, August, 1923.

R. E. Scruggs Sr.

W. T. McGinnis

J. L. McGinnis

his
J A X Scruggs
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Appendix F

CENSUSES: 1790-1900

1790 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

State South Carolina Call No. Capt. Leonard Adcock's District

County	City	Page	Head of Family	Free White Males		Free White Females	All Other Persons	Slaves
				16 & up incl. head of families	Under 16	Incl. head of family		
		29	Abbit, William	2	x	4		
		29	Templeton, Aaron	1	x	3		
		29	King, William	1	x	1		
		29	Abet, Mathew	2	x	1		
		29	Murray, William	2	x	4		
		29	Murray, Marah	0	1	4		
		29	Pool, William	3	1	5		1
		29	Abbet, Salamon	1	x	3		
		28	McClaren, Daniel, Capt	3	3	6		8
		29	Kirklin, John	1	3	4		
		29	Martin, George	2	4	5		
		29	Harris, Archibald	1	1	2		

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State North Carolina Call No. Morgan District, Rutherford County

County	City	Page	Head of Family	Free White Males		Free White Females	All Other Persons	Slaves
				16 & up incl. head of families	Under 16	Incl. head of family		
	Tenth Company	118	Dobins, William	1	4	4		
			Dobins, James	1	1	3		
			Scruggs, Rd.	2	3	5		
			Davis, Jacob	1	3	5		
			Womack, Louisa	2	4	1		
			Robins, William	2	4	4		1
			Scott, Moses	1	4	4		
			McKinny, Henry	1	2	1		
			Greenwood, Hugh	3	7	4		2
			Maddin, Danl.	3				
			Sealor, George	1	1	3		
			Wren, Shadrach	2		2		
			Renois, Mary		2	4		
			McLean, Jno., Sr.	1	3	1		1
			Tomison, Jno	1		2		
			Tomison, Eliza	1	2	6		
			Draper, James	1		2		
			Shumake, Landy	1	2	2		
			Morrow, Thos.	1	1	4		

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State South Carolina County Spartanburg City _____ Call No. _____

Page	Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					All Others	Slaves	Remarks
		Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over	Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over			
7	George Williams	2	x	1	x	x	x	x	1	x	x			
7	Robert Amer	2	x	1	1	x	2	x	x	1	x			
7	William Abbett	x	1	x	x	1	x	1	1	x	1			
7	Job Solebay	5	1	x	x	1	x	1	x	1	x			
7	Justice Reynolds	3	1	x	x	1	1	x	x	1	x			
7	Samuel Turner	1	1	1	1	x	x	x	x	1	x			
7	Bazel Scott	x	1	1	x	1	1	1	1	1	1			
7	James Knox	1	x	x	1	x	1	x	1	x	x			
8	Jonathan Cudd	x	x	x	x	1	x	x	x	x	1		3	
8	Drury Scruggs	3	1	x	x	1	x	2	x	1	x		1	
8	Townsend Horton	x	x	x	x	1	2	x	2	x	1			
8	Dan Gilbert	x	x	2	1	1	x	1	1	x	1			
8	William Morrow	x	x	1	x	1	2	x	1	x	1			
8 8	West Harris	1	2	1	1	x	2	1	x	x	1		2	
8	John Noland	x	x	x	1	x	x	x	1	x	x			
8	Allen Henderson	2	1	x	x	1	x	2	x	x	1			
8	William Morris	x	x	x	x	1	x	x	x	x	1			
8	Thomas Gilbert	2	1	x	1	x	1	x	x	1	x			

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State North Carolina County Rutherford City _____ Call No. _____

Page	Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					All Others	Slaves	Remarks
		Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over	Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over			
141	George Suttle	2	1	x	1	x	2	x	x	1	x		7	
141	Richard Scruggs	1	1	2	x	1	x	1	2	x	1			
141	Bushrod Suttle	1	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	1	x			
141	Richard Scruggs	2	x	x	1	x	1	x	1	x	x			
141	Barrett See	1	x	1	x	x	x	x	1	x	x		4	

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State South Carolina County Spartanburg District City _____ Call No. _____

Page	Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					All Others	Slaves	Remarks
		Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over	Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over			
433	John Nelson	x	1	3	x	1	x	2	1	x	1			
433	Matthew Abbott	2	3	3	x	1	2	x	1	1	x			
433	Nathan Parris	3	3	x	1	x	x	1	x	1	x			
433	Aleck Nelson	x	x	x	1	x	x	x	1	x	x			
433	Richard Morris	4	x	x	1	x	2	x	1	1	x		1	
433	Leonard Edcock	x	x	1	2	1	x	x	1	2	2			
433	Ephriam Elder	3	x	x	x	1	1	1	2	1	x			
433	James Knox	3	1	x	1	x	1	1	x	1	x			
433	Samuel Bankston	x	x	x	x	1	x	x	x	x	1		3	
433	William Garrett	5	2	x	x	1	*	*	1	1	x			
433	Moses Cantrell	2	2	1	x	1	5	x	1	1	x			
433	Isaac Cantrell	x	2	2	x	1	1	x	2	x	x			
434	Mark Forester	1	x	x	1	x	2	x	3	x	x			
434	Drury Scruggs	1	1	x	x	1	x	x	x	x	1		3	
434	James Carter	1	x	x	x	1	x	1	1	x	1			
434	Edward Stubblefield	x	x	x	x	1	3	x	1	1	1			
434	John Mason	1	x	1	x	1	2	x	x	x	1			
434	Thomas Cantrell	2	1	1	x	1	1	1	1	x	1			
434	Stobal Scruggs	x	x	1	x	x								

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Page	Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					All Others	Slaves	Remarks
		Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over	Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 & Over			
427	Richard Scruggs	x	x	1	2	1	x	x	x	x	1			
437	Isaac Suttle	1	1	x	x	1	x	1	1	x	1			
437	Robert Scruggs	1	x	1	x	x	1	x	1	x	x			

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State South Carolina County Spartanburg City _____ Call No. _____

Page	Head of Family	Free White Males						Free White Females					Foreigners not naturalized	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufactures	Free Colored	Slaves	Remarks
		Under 10	10–16	16–18	16–26	26–45	45 and over	Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 and over							
12	Drury Scruggs				1		1					1		2				4	
12	Drury Scruggs				2							1		2				5	
12	Will Dobbins		2		1		1	2		2	1			4				6	
13	Jesse Scruggs	1			2			2		1				2					
13	Isaac Williams	3	1			1		3			1			2					
13	Samuel Ezell	1			1					1				1					
12	Stovall Scruggs	1			1					1				1					
13	Nathaniel Parris		3		2		1	2		1		1		6					
10	Solomon Abbett			2	2		1		1		1			5				3	
13	Ezell, James				1					1				1					
12	Ezell, James	1	1				1		1	1	1	1		2					

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State North Carolina County Rutherford City _____ Call No. _____

Page	Head of Family	Free White Males						Free White Females					Foreigners not naturalized	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufactures	Free Colored	Slaves	Remarks
		Under 10	10–16	16–18	16–26	26–45	45 and over	Under 10	10–16	16–26	26–45	45 and over							
	Scruggs, Ellis	3				1		2		1				1					
	Scruggs, Prudy						1					1		1					

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Page	Head of Family	Free White Males: Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100	Free White Females: Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100	Slaves	Free Colored	Foreigners not naturalized
263	Ezekiel Dobbins									1								1	1	1		1							
263	Lott Warren	1	1		1			1								1	1			1									
263	Jeremiah Martin	2					1												1										
263	Thomas Smith	1				1									2	1			1										
263	James Potter	1				1									1				1										
263	Robert Scruggs	1	2				1												1										
263	Jeremiah White	1	1	1			1								1	1			1										
263	Daniel Cantrell			1		1			1									1				1							
263	Seth Russell						1											1	1			1							
263	George Bone		1			1				1						1		1		1			1						
263	Peggy Loe															2	1		1		1								
263	T.& P. Stubblefield																				1	1							
263	Reuben Hunter		1				1								1		1					1							
263	Edward Williams	1	2				1								1		1			1									
263	Isaac Williams		2			1		1							1	1		1		1									
263	Anderson Williams		1			1									3				1										
263	Rachel Price				1	1											1	1		1									
263	John Price	1				1									2	1			2										
263	Patsy Bright	2	1			1														1	1								
263	Nathan Byars				1						1									1	1								
263	Polly Turner			1													1	2			1								
263	Samuel Dunaway	1			1		1									1	1		1										
263	Elijah Poole					1		1												1									
263	John Gramblain	2	1			2		1								1	1	2			1								
263	Thomas Hammett						1								1				1										

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Page	Head of Family	Free White Males													Free White Females												Slaves	Free Colored	Foreigners not naturalized
		Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100	Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100			
317	Col. Wilson Nesbitt		1				1								1	1				1								32		
317	William Lockhart					3				1								3	1			1						3		
317	William Russ		2					1							2		2			1								7		
318	John Amos	1		1	1	1			1							1	1		1			1						3		
318	John Murray								1																					
319	Richard Scruggs									1									1				1					2		
319	Whitney Hinds	1	1			1		1								1			1		1							4		
319	Henry Turner				1	1				1													1					9		
319	Mark Cantrell							1												1								3		

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State South Carolina County Spartanburg City North of Pacolet River Call No.

Page	Head of Family	Free White Males: Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100	Free White Females: Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100	Slaves	Free Colored	Foreigners not naturalized
18	Richard Scruggs										1													1				7		
18	Robert Martin	1	1	1					1						1	2	1			1										
18	Samuel Ezell					1													1											
18	Daniel Cantrell						1								1				1											
18	Joseph Glena					1									1				1											
18	Rev. A. D. Scruggs	2	2	2			1								2					1								5		
13	Elizabeth Hicks			1														2			1									
13	Robert Scruggs, Sr.	1		1				1							2	2			1		1									
13	William Scruggs	2	1	1			1								1					1										
13	Stoval Scruggs	3	2	3	1		1												1											
13	James Hammett	2	1				1									2	1			1	1									
13	James Byars	1	2	2		1				1					4	1		1	2			1								
13	James Wiley			2	1				1								1		1		1									
13	Stephen Reeves					1													1											
13	James Pares				1				1									2				1								
13	Banks Micheau	1	1			1									1				1											
13	Jeremiah White	1			1		1								1					1							6		
12	James Cantrell	2					1								2	2		1	1											
12	Jesse Scruggs			2		1		1								1	1	1			1									
12	Alfred Durberry	2					1												1											
12	Richard Jarrett			1	2				1										1		1									
12	John Hicks						1									1			1											
12	L. J. Cooly	2	1													2				1										
12	Silas Cash	1	2	1				1							1	1		1												
12	Henderson Cash			1		1														1							5		

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Page	Head of Family	Free White Males													Free White Females												Slaves	Free Colored	Foreigners not naturalized
		Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100	Under 5	5–10	10–15	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60–70	70–80	80–90	90–100	Over 100			
9	Robert Scruggs		1		2			1							2	2				1										
10	Nathan Byars											1					1					1							
10	Isaac Yong			1	1	1	1	1								1	1	1	1		1								
18	Thomas Durham	1	1					1							2	1	2			1										

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Page	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
	1292	1292	Robert Scruggs	60	M		Farmer	150						
			Nancy Scruggs	50	F									
			Nelson Scruggs	22	M		Farmer							
			Delilia Scruggs	17	F									
			Martha Scruggs	15	F									
			Robert Scruggs	11	M									
			Amanda Scruggs	13	F									
	1240	1240	James H. Ezell	30	M		Farmer		S.C.					
			Artemissa Ezell	32	F									
			Nancy Ezell	9	F									
			Caroline Ezell	7	F									
			Mary E. Ezell	4	F									
			William James	26	M		Farmer	600						
			Emily James	35	F									
	1051	1091	Isaac Young	59	M		Farmer	400						
			Sarah Young	55	F									
			J. R. Young	7	M									

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Page	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value-Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
	1254	1254	D. Scruggs	44	M	W	Baptist Preacher Farmer	1000	S. C.					
			Elizabeth Scruggs	44	F	W								
			Chesterfield Scruggs	21	M	W								
			Thomas L. "	19	M	W	Student							
			Judson "	17	M	W	Student				x			
			M. H. "	15	F	W					x			
			C.C. "	13	M	W					x			
			Harriet "	11	F	W					x			
			Luthur "	9	M	W					x			
			Winfield "	7	M	W					x			
			Rairton "	5	M	W								
			Parthena "	4	F	W								
			Dobins "	2	M	W								
			Louis "	25	M	W								
	1253	1253	William Scruggs	22	M	W	Merchant							
			Stokes "	25	F	W								
	1252	1252	P. Phillips	17	M	W		600	N.C					
			Margaret Phillips	25	F	W			S.C.					

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State South Carolina County Spartanburg Town Township Call No.

Page	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
308	2251	2251	John Timm	45	M	W	Overseer		N.C.					
			R. Scruggs	81	M	W	Farmer	100	S. C.					
			Mary Scruggs	83	F	W								
	1222	1222	Jesse Scruggs	55	M	W		1,000	N.C.					
			Mary Scruggs	57	F	W								
			James Scruggs	29	M	W			S. C.					
			Richard Scruggs	26	M	W	Farmer		S. C.					
			Alfred Scruggs	24	M	W			S. C.					
			D. C. Scruggs	10	F	W			S. C.					
			M. L. Scruggs	18	F	W			S. C.					

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State South Carolina County Spartanburg Town/Township Northern District P.O. Cowpens Call No.

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in Year	School in Year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
162	1116	1116	Ezell, James H.	40	M	W	Merchant	4000	5000	S.C.					
			Ezell, A. L.	41	F	W				S.C.					
			Ezell, Caroline	18	F	W				S.C.					
			Ezell, Mary	14	F	W				S.C.					
			Ezell, Rachel	6	F	W				S.C.					
			Ezell, L.	4	F	W				S.C.					
			Ezell, Jesse	1	M	W				S.C.					
163	1127	1127	Scruggs, Drury	50	M	W	Baptist Min.	3,500	1966	S.C.					
			Scruggs, Elizabeth	54	F	W				S.C.					
			Scruggs, C. C.	22	M	W	Law Student			S.C.					
			Scruggs, Harriet	20	F	W				S.C.					
			Scruggs, Luthur	18	M	W	Student			S.C.		1			
			Scruggs, W. W.	16	M	W	Student			S.C.		1			
			Scruggs, B. O.	14	M	W				S.C.		1			
			Scruggs, Parthena	12	F	W				S.C.		1			
			Scruggs, D. D.	10	M	W				S.C.		1			
			Scruggs, M. C.	8	M	W				S.C.		1			
194	1349	1349	Scruggs, Robert	60	M	W	Merchant	6800	2130	S.C.					
			Scruggs, Catharine	57	W	F				Md.					

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			Scruggs, Judy E	26	F	W				S.C.					
			Scruggs, Robert D.	18	M	M	Farm Laborer			S.C.					
			Scruggs, Martha	16	F	W				S.C.					
			Scruggs, Sampson	14	M	W				S.C.					
			Scruggs, James A.	12	M	W				S.C.					
195	1350	1350	Williams, Noah	35	M	W	Farmer			S.C.					
			Williams, Harriet	29	F	W				S.C.			1		
			Williams, Isaac	10	M	W				S.C.					
			Williams, Sarah	8	F	W				S.C.					
			Williams, Susan	2	F	W				S.C.					
196	1148	1148	Martin, Othello	26	M	W	Farmer	189	170	S.C.			1		
			Martin, Sarah	25	F	W				S.C.			1		
			Martin, Romeo	11	M	W				S.C.					
			Martin, Mary	9	F	W				S.C.					
			Martin, Avanice	6	M	W				S.C.					
			Martin, Edly	2	M	W				S.C.					
	1174	1174	Durham, Edmond		M	W	Miller		78	S.C.					
			Durham, Mary	36	F	W				S.C.					
			[redacted]	5	F	W				S.C.					

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			Durham, Isiah	3	M	W									
			Durham, Hesentine	1	F	W									

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25	226	260	Scruggs, Robert	87	M	W	Farmer			S. C.							1	
			Scruggs, Nancy	77	F	W	Keeps House			S. C.								
25	227	261	Williams, Nancy	40	F	W	Keeps House			S. C.								
			Williams, Elbert	16	M	W	Farm Laborer			S. C.								
			Williams, Jane	11	F	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Williams, Matilda	8	F	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Williams, Burwell	7	M	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Williams, Isreal	5	M	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Williams, Betty	2	F	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
25	228	262	Parris, Simp	19	M	W	Larm Laborer			S. C.						1		
			Parris, Eliza	17	F	W	Keeps House			S. C.						1		
25	229	263	Parris, William	30	M	W	Farmer	350		S. C.						1	1	
			Parris, Mary	25	F	W	Keeps House			S. C.						1		
			Parris, Ellen	1	F	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
25	230	264	Jolly, Eliza	58	F	W	Keeps House	375	175	S. C.								
			Jolly, Swan	24	M	W	Farm Laborer			S. C.						1	1	
			Jolly, Ira	18	M	W	Farm Laborer			S. C.						1		
			Jolly, Samuel	17	M	W	Farm Laborer			S. C.						1		
24	225	159	Cudd, Mary	57	F	W	Keeps House	200	240	S. C.								

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			Cudd, Nancy	34	F	W	Keeps House			S. C.								
			Cudd, Lou	29	F	W	Domestic Help			S. C.								
			Cudd, Eliza	23	F	W	Domestic Help			S. C.								
			Cudd, Ellen	22	F	W	Nurse			S. C.								
			Cudd, Joseph	19	M	W	Farm Laborer			S. C.								
			Cudd, Harriet	17	F	W	Farm Laborer			S. C.								
			Cudd, Melissa	15	F	W	Farm Laboger			S. C.								
			Cudd, Mary	12	F	W	Farm Laborer			S. C.								
			Ezell, Eliza	15	F	W	Keeps House			S. C.								
			Ezell, Mort	9	M	W	At Home			S. C						1		
			Ezell, William	5	M	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Ezell, Betty	4	F	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
16	142	167	Scruggs, Robert	32	M	W	Farmer			S. C.							1	
			Scruggs, Clarisa	28	F	W	Keeps House			S. C.								
			Scruggs, Wilson	2	F	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Scruggs, Louisa	5	M	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
37	346	387	Scruggs, Robert	75	M	W	Farmer	1850	575	N. C.							1	
			Scrugga, Catharine	65	F	W	Keeps House			Md.								
			Scruggs, mary	23	F	W	Domestic Help			S. C.								

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			Scruggs, Alice	21	F	W	Domestic Help			S.C.								
			Scruggs, Munroe	20	M	W	Farm Laborer			S.C.								
			Scruggs, Emma	13	F	W	At Home			S.C.								
			Scruggs, Clara	10	F	W	At Home			S.C.								
			Scruggs, Frank	9	M	W	At Home			S.C.								
			Scruggs, Sally	8	F	W	At Home			S.C.								
			Scruggs, George	7	M	W	At Home			S.C.						1		
			Scruggs, Matilda	4	F	W	At Home			S.C.						1		
			Pritchett, Sally	26	F	W	Keeps House			S.C.						1		
38	250	394	Blackwell, Thomas	33	M	W	Farmer	200	150	S.C.							1	
			Blackwell, Rebecca	25	F	W	Keeps House			S.C.						1		
			Blackwell, Harriet	13	F	W	Domestic Help			S.C.						1		
			Blackwell, Green	11	M	W	Farm Laborer			S.C.						1		
			Blackwell, Mary	9	F	W	At Home			S.C.						1		
			Blackwell, Major	4	M	W	At Home			S.C.						1		
37	344	386	Martin, John	43	M	W	Farmer	270	250	S.C.							1	
			Martin, Elinor	26	M	W	At Home			S.C.								
			Martin, George	10	M	W	At Home			S.C.						1		
			[illegible]	7	F	W	At [illegible]			S.C.						1		

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			Martin, Mary	5	F	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Martin, William	3	M	W	At Home			S. C.						1		
			Martin, John	1	M	W	At Home			S. C.						1		

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34	321	321	Scruggs, Robert	W	M	42				1				Farmer			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Scruggs, Caroline	W	F	38		Wife		1				Keeping House		1	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Scruggs, Wilson N.	W	M	15		Son						Farm Labor		1	S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Scruggs, Lavena M.	W	F	12		Daughter						At Home		1	S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Scruggs, Madora	W	F	9		Daughter									S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Scruggs, Robert C.	W.	M	4		Son									S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Scruggs, Fannie D.	W	F	2		Daughter									S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Scruggs, (No Name)	W	F	5/12		Daughter									S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
34	322	322	Jolly, John	W	M	26				1				Farmer		1	S.C.	N.C.	S.C.	
			Jolly, Nancy M.	W	F	17		Wife		1				Keeping House		1	S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Jolly, John	W	M	2		Son									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
34	323	323	Scruggs, Robert	W	M	97				1				Farmer		1	S.C.	Va.	Va.	
			Scruggs, Nancy	W	F	80		Wife		1				Keeping House		1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
31	292	292	Scruggs, James A	W	M	31				1				Farmer			S.C.	N.C.	Md.	
			Scruggs, Mary	W	F	18		Wife		1				Keeping House			S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Scruggs, Daisy	W	F	10/12		Daughter									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Phillips, Creasey	B	F	6											N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
31	291	291	Martin, Willis	W	M	57				1				Farmer			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
[redacted]			Martin, Caroline	W	F	[redacted]		W[redacted]						Keeping [redacted]			S.C	[redacted]C.	[redacted]C.	

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34	318	318	Ezell, James H.	W	M	60				1				Farmer			S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	
			Ezell, Artemissa	W	F	61		Wife		1				Keeping House			S.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Parris, Mahala L.	W	F	22		Daughter		1				House Keeper			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Parris, Ladybelle	W	F	7		Grand-daughter									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Parris, Dovey D.	W	F	5		"									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Parris, James H.	W	M	3		Grandson									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Parris, William G.	W	M	1		Grandson									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Greene L.	W	M	16		Grandson									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Ezell, Laura	W	F	8		Grand-daughter									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
34	319	319	Goode, Pinckney	W	M	26				1				Farm Laborer			N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Goode, Woffard	W	F	20		Wife		1				"			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Goode, John H.	W	M	1		Son									N.C.	N.C.	S.C.	
34	320	320	Roberson, John D.	W	M	40				1				Farmer			N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Roberson, Delila	W	F	40		Wife		1				Keeping House		1	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Roberson, William	W	M	14		Son						Farm Labor		1	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Roberson, Fannie	W	F	12		Daughter						At Home		1	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Roberson, Ellen E.	W	F	10		"						At Home		1	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Roberson, James M.	W	M	6		Son									N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Roberson, Olive P.	W	F	3		Daughter									N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	

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			Martin, Florence	W	F	18		Daughter	1					At Home		1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Mary J.	W	F	15		"	1					"			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, William H.	W	M	13		Son						Farm Laborer			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Hughes	W	M	8		Son									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Joseph	W	M	4		Son									S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	

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25	246	246	Scruggs, Robert	W	M	79				1				Farmer			N.C.	N.C	N.C.	
			Scruggs, Catharine	W	F	75		Wife		1				Keeping House			Md.	Md.	Md.	
			Scruggs, Martha	W	F	30		Daugnter	1					House Keeping			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Susan	W	F	35		"			1			House Keeping			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Green	W	M	14		Son	1						Idiot - kicked by horse		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Myra	W	F	10		Daughter	1					Works on Farm		1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Martin	W	M	6		Son	1								S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
25	247	247	Holmes, Henry L	W	M	31				1				Works on Farm			N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Holmes, Alice	W	F	21		Wife		1				Keeping House			N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Sarratt, George	B	M	21		Servant	1					Works on Farm			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Scruggs, Della	W	F	4			1								S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
25	248	248	Williams, William	W	M	60				1				Farmer			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Williams, Nancy	W	F	50		Wife		1				Keeping House		1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Williams, Mary A.	W	F	25		Daughter	1					House Keeping		1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Williams, Julia A.	W	F	23		Daughter	1					At Home		1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Williams, George C.	W	M	11		Son	1					Works on Farm		1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
26	249	249	Martin, Othello	W	M	50				1				Farmer			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	
			Martin, Sarah	W	F	46		Wife		1				Keeping House			N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	
			Martin, Edley	W	M	20		Son	1					Works on Farm			S.C.	S.C.	N.C	

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26			Martin, Amazona	W	F	18		Daughter	1					At Home			S.C.	S.C.	N.C.	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
62	65	Scruggs, James A.	Head	W	M	Nov. 1848	51	M	24			S.C.	S.C.	D.C.	Farmer	x	x	x	O	M	F
		Scruggs, Mary	Wife	W	F	June 1861	38	M	24	10	6	N.C.	S.C.	N.C.		x	x	x			
		Scruggs, James A.	Son	W	M	Aug. 1881	18	S				S.C.	S.C.	N.C.		x	x	x			
		Scruggs, Robert E.	Son	W	M	May 1888	12	S				S.C.	S.C.	N.C.		x	x	x			
		Scruggs, Jessie E.	Daughter	W	F	Aug. 1890	9	S				S.C.	S.C.	N.C.		x	x	x			
		Scruggs, Rosa M. E.	Daughter	W	F	Sept. 1894	5	S				S.C.	S.C.	N.C.		x	x	x			
		Scruggs, John B.	Son	W	M	Aug. 1897	2	S				S.C.	S.C.	N.C.		x	x	x			
60	63	Williams, H. E.	Head	W	M	July 1873	26	M	4			S.C.	S. C.	N.C.	Sawmilling	x	x	x	O	F	F
		Williams, M. A.	Wife	W.	F	Jan. 1880	20	M	4	1	1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.		x	x	x			
		Williams, Robt.	Son	W	M	Dec. 1897	2	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.							
61	64	Martin F.	Head	W	M	July 1876	23	M	3			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	Logging for Sawmill	x	x	x	R	X	H
		Martin, Daisy	Wife	W	F	May 1881	19	M	1	1		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.		x	x	x			
		Martin, Bessie	Daughter	W	M	Feb. 1899	1	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.							
		Scruggs, William	Hireling	W	M	Jan. 1883	1.	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	Teaming for Sawmill			x			
63	66	Champion, W. H.	Head	W	M	May 1857	48	M	17			S.C.	N.C.	N.C.	Farmer	x	x	x	O	F	F
		Champion, N.	Wife	W	F	Oct 1860	43	M	17	1	1	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.		x	x	x			
		Champion, G. P.	Son	W	M	July 1884	15	S				S.C.	N.C.	S.C.	Farm Laborer	x	x	x			

1	2	3	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
65	68	Booth, Ray	Head	W	M	June 1874	25	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	Bookkeeper at Sawmill	x	x	x	O	F	F
61	64	Martin, G. L.	Head	W	M	Nov. 1864	35	M	8			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	Farmer	x	x	x	O	X	F
		Martin, A. B.	Wife	W	F	Jan. 1873	27	M	8	4	3	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.		x	x	x			
		Martin, Lily	Daughter	W	F	March 1894	6	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.		x	x	x			
		Martin, Leona	Daughter	W	F	June 1896	3	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.				x			
		Martin, Boyce	Son	W	M	April 1898	2	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.							
64	67	Reynolds, W.	Head	W	M	May 1860	40	M	5			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	Farmer	x	x	x	R	X	F
		Reynolds, Dora	Wife	W	F	April 1880	30	M	5	5	5	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.		X	x	x			
		Reynolds, Susanna	Daughter	W	F	March 1896	4	S				S.C.	S.C.	N.C.							
		Reynolds, Willie	Son	W	M	April 1898	2	S				S.C.	S.C.	N.C.							
		Reynolds, B.	Stepson	W	M	June 1885	15	S				N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	Farm Laborer	x	x	x			
		Reynolds, Melia	Stepdaughter	W	F	Aug. 1888	12	S				N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	Farm Laborer			x			
		Reynolds, Stephen	Stepson	W	M	Jan. 1890	10	S				N.C.	N.C.	N.C.				x			
66	69	Ezell, James H.	Head	W	M	Oct. 1819	80	M	60	5	5	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	Farming	x	x	x			
		Parris, M. H.	Daughter	W	F	Aug. 1851	42	M	27			S.C.	S.C.	S.C.		x	x	x			
		Parris, D.D.	G-Daughter	W	F	June 1875	24	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.		x	x	x			
		Parris, James H.	Grandson	W	M	Feb. 1877	23	S				S.C.	S.C	S.C.		x	x	s			
		Parris, William G.	Grandson	W	M	Oct. 1878	21	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.	Farming			x			
		Parris, Lily	G-Daughter	W	F	Dec. 1891	9	S				S.C.	S.C.	S.C.							

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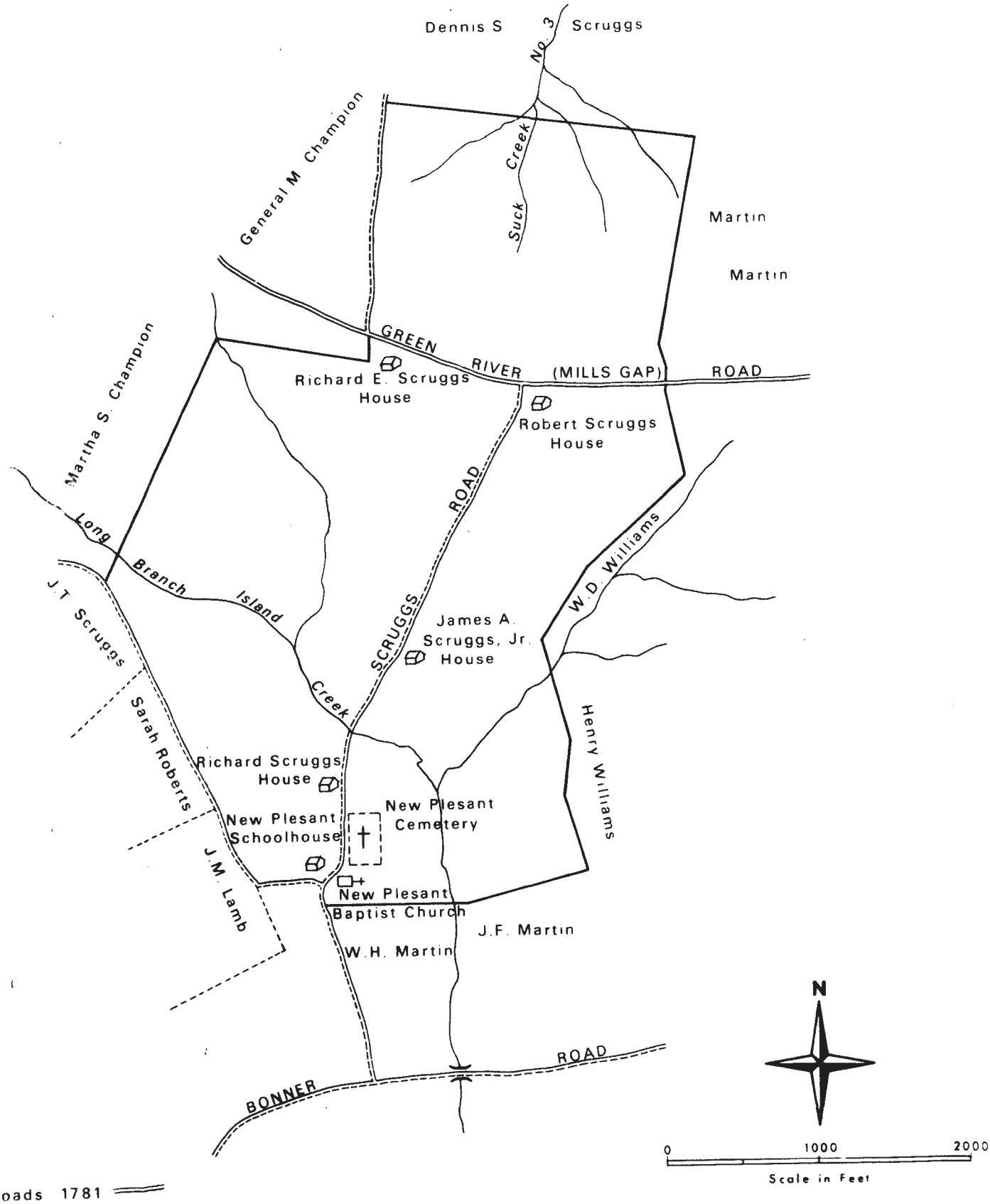
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ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustration 1.

Map of the Scruggs Farm, January 1907.



The James A. Scruggs Farm
January 1907

Adapted from T.E. Johnson's Plat of the 269.25 Acre Farm

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Illustration 2.

"Scene at the Cowpens," sketched by Benson J. Lossing, January 1849. As Lossing recorded in his Pictorial Field-Book, "The battle ended within a quarter of a mile of Scruggs's, where is now a cleared field, on the northeast side of the Mill-gap road, in the center of which was a log-house, as seen in the annexed engraving."



SCENE AT THE COWPENS.

Illustration 3.

Photograph of north and east elevations of the Robert Scruggs House, April 8, 1928, by Lt. Col. H. L. Landers. This photograph was made before the removal of the north dormer and the replacement of the shingle roof with sheet metal. Note also that it was before the east chimney was damaged by tornadic winds.



Robert Scruggs's house, where Lossing stopped in 1849. A log cabin of one room was constructed over one hundred years ago adjacent to the chimney shown in the picture. The cabin has since been weather boarded, and extensions added. The present occupant is Mrs. Black Scruggs, widow of the youngest son of Robert Scruggs

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