

THE ANCESTRY OF THE ASKINS



Preamble

This document is primarily based on research done by John W. Lawrence for C.B. Askins. Some information has been added by Ralph Douglas Askins, Sr. A graphical illustration of the family tree can be found in the appendix. Some information collected may not pertain to the descendants of John Askins, Sr. For instance, records examined during this project show that a Hugh Askins settled in Williamsburg District of South Carolina about 1770. He continued to live in that area until about 1789, when either he died or left the state. There is no evidence in records examined to date that Hugh Askins left descendants in South Carolina or that he was related to the descendants of John Askins.

John Askins, Sr. was the first Askins to immigrate from England to the colonies in what is now Charles County, Maryland. The records of Maryland show that the Askins Family continued to live and to multiply in that state in later years. Some members of the family moved into adjacent Virginia. At least eight Askins men served in the Revolutionary War from Virginia.¹ They were James Askins, John Askins, Edward Askins, George Askins, Matthew Askins, Philip Askins, Thomas Askins and William Askins who was a corporal in the 12th. Virginia Continental Line.²

John Askins, Sr. (unknown – 1680)

The first member of the Askins Family to appear in America was John Askins, who immigrated from England to Maryland in 1658.³ John Askins died in Charles County, Maryland, leaving a Last Will and Testament that was probated on 3 June 1680.⁴ The will names his wife, Rebecca Wright, and a son named John Askins. In addition, John Askins, Sr., had at least one other son, George (unknown – 1749). His wife, Elizabeth, and he had seven children: Courtney Askins, William Askins, George Askins, Jr., John Askins (unknown – 1796), Thomas Askins (unknown – 1851), Rebecca Askins Stone, and Vincent Askins (unknown – 1745; married to Elizabeth Nolan). George Askins, Jr., served during the Revolutionary War in a unit recruited in the upper part of South Carolina. He was awarded a land grant in Pendleton District for his services, and he was living in Pendleton District when the first federal census was taken in 1790. Soon thereafter, George Askins moved to Tennessee and he lived in that state until his death. A James Askins (son of George?) also is shown on the 1790 census of South Carolina, living in Abbeville District. Soon thereafter, he moved out of South Carolina, apparently into Georgia. There is no evidence that either George Askins or James Askins left descendants in South Carolina.

¹ John H. Gwathmey, *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution* (Richmond, Va., 1958) p. 138.

² *Ibid.*

³ George A. Virkus, *Immigrants to America Before 1750*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965) p. 85.

⁴ Jane Baldwin, *Maryland Calendar of Wills 1635-1685 Vol. 1* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965) p. 93.

John Askins, Jr. (unknown – unknown)

No information is available about John Askins, Jr., except that he had at least 1 child, William Askins, Sr. No information is available about his wife or other children.

William Askins, Sr. (1747 – 1789)

According to application #481095 of the Daughter of the American Revolution of Washington, D.C., the William Askins who served in the 12th. Virginia Continental Line had been born on 11 October 1747 and died at Richmond, Virginia, on 3 December 1789.

William Askins, Jr. (1775 – 1863)

The DAR application shows that William Askins, Jr., born 18 August 1775, moved from Richmond after the death of his father to become the founder of the Askins family of the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. The 1800 census of South Carolina shows only one person of the surname, William Askins, who was living in old Marion District. He was living in a section of Marion District that today would be in Florence County.

William Askins, Jr., married Mary Gregg. The following excerpt from The Story of the Greggs of South Carolina details some historical information on the Gregg Family and Mary Gregg's marriage to William Askins, Jr.⁵

John Gregg came to Williamsburg District from Belfast, Ireland, as did his brothers Joseph and Hugh.

John Gregg obtained a warrant for land on 7 February 1752. The land was near Black Mingo. Later, he obtained land on the waters of the Pee Dee on a branch of Jefferies Creek, bounded by James G. Scott, Rev. William Knox, Samuel Scott and by Willow Creek.

The dates of the birth and death of John Gregg are not known, and neither is the name of his wife. John Gregg wrote his will on 3 October 1775. His children included: Mary Gregg, who married, first, William Orr Jr., and, second, William Askins.

⁵ McCarty, Louise Miller. The Story of the Greggs of South Carolina, The Orange Press, Winter Park, FL, 1951. Found in The South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

First Generation in South Carolina

WILLIAM ASKINS. (Jr.)

1775 -- 1863

William Askins (Jr.) was born on 18 August 1775 in Virginia, a son of William Askins (Sr.), who had been born on 11 October 1747 and died at Richmond on 3 December 1789.⁵ The name of the wife of William Askins (Sr.) has not been learned by this researcher. Sometime after his father's estate has been settled, William Askins(Jr.) moved from Virginia to Old Marion District, South Carolina.

William Askins (Jr.) settled in a part of Old Marion District that today is in Florence County, on the west side of the Pee Dee River near Mars Bluff and on the north side of Jefferies Creek, adjacent to the Gregg family.⁶

John Gregg had Immigrated from Belfast, Ireland, to South Carolina in 1752 and obtained land on Jefferies Creek and Willow Creek. The name of the wife of John Gregg is not known today, but John Gregg wrote a Last Will and Testament on 3 October 1775 which names a daughter Mary Gregg, who married first William Orr, Jr., and after his death in 1791, married William Askins (Jr.).⁷

William Askins (Jr.) and Mary Gregg Orr Askins lived together on the north side of Jefferies Creek for more then forty years. Mary died sometime about 1839---the exact date of her death has not yet been discovered by this researcher.

William Askins (Jr.) and Mary Gregg Orr Askins had three children who lived to be adults, as follows:

II-a. Dr. Robert T. Askins, born 18 March 1800, died 14 June 1863. He married three times (more later).⁸

II-b. William T. Askins, born about 1801 and died in 1860.⁹ The name of his first wife has not been found by this researcher. His second wife's first was Amelia.

II-c. Eliza Jane Askins, born 10 February 1829, date of death unknown to this researcher. She married Ervin L. Keefe.¹⁰

William Askins (Jr.) married, second, to Zilpha Lynch, sometime about 1840. They lived together for some 23 years, until William Askins (Jr.) died on January 1863, at age 87. Zilpha Lynch had been born 10 February 1829 and she died on 7 February 1873.¹¹ The names of her parents are unknown to this researcher.

William Askins (Jr.) and Zilpha Lynch Askins had three children who lived to be adults, as follows:

II-d. Nancy Ann Bethany Askins, Born 15 July 1840, date of death unknown to this researcher She married Weston Jones. ¹²

II-e. James Alexander Askins, born about 1843 and died on 22 June 1862 as a soldier in the Confederate Army at or near Richmond, Mississippi. He left neither a wife nor children. ¹³

II-f. Mary Elizabeth Askins, born 1 June 1847, died 2 June 1919. She married John E. Taylor. ¹⁴

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From the Bible of Mr. Sam M. Askins

[at the home of the late Miss Emily Askins of Lake City, S. C.]

Robert T. Askins was born 18 March 1800.
Robert T. Askins married Sarah Pilkington in March 1820.
Robert T. Askins married Ann Hewitt 3 June 1846.
Robert T. Askins married Martha Jane Steel 13 June 1856.

Mary Aky Ann Dora Catherine Askins was born 12 December 1820.

Margaret Aramintha Askins was born 14 July 1823.
Robert Evander Askins was born 3 October 1829.

William Pilkington Askins was born April 1832.
Sarah Elizabeth Askins was born 18 January 1835.
John Drura Askins was born 24 April 1837.
Thomas J. Askins was born 5 August 1845.
Jane Lowrie Askins was born 5 December 1830.
Ann Hewitt, the wife of Robert T. Askins, was born 5 September 1809.
Joseph Armstrong Jolly Askins, son of Robert T. Askins and Ann Hewitt, Askins was
Born 20 June 1847.
Samuel Marion Askins was born 30 August 1849.
John Drura Askins married S.A. Revell on 13 February 1856.
S.A. Revell, daughter of Stephen and Jersua Revell, was born 27 August 1839.
Sarah Pilkington Askins, daughter of J.D. Askins and S.A.R. Askins, was born 29
December 1857.
Susannah Ann Askins, daughter of J.D. Askins and S. A. R. Askins, was born 2 April
1859.
Jane Lowrie Askins departed this life 17 August 1839.
Thomas J. Askins departed this life 27 December 1845.
Sarah J., wife of Robert T. Askins, departed this life 21 March 1846.
Robert T. Askins departed this life 14 June 1863.
Ann H. Askins, wife of Robert T. Askins, departed this life 26 April 1858.
Sarah A. Askins, wife of J. Drura Askins, departed this life 19 April 1859.
Susannah A. Askins, daughter of J. Drura Askins and S.A. Askins, departed this life 6
April 1859.

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[From a Bible owned by Charles G. Eaddy, Hemingway, S.C.]

William Askins was born 18 August 1777[5?]
Zilpha Askins departed this life 7 February 1878.
Eliza Jane Askins was born 10 February 1829.
Eryin Keefe married Eliza Jane Askins 10 March 1852.
Nancy Bethany Askins was born 15 July 1840.
Weston Jones married Nancy B. Askins 28 December 1865.
Mary Elizabeth Askins was Born 1 June 1847.
John E. Taylor Married Mary E. Askins 3 March 1864.

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STATE ARCHIVES**
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MARION COUNTY DEEDS
Book C. Page 392.

[Abstracted]

WILLIAM ASKINS to SAMUEL L. SCOTT. (1807)

William Askins of Marion District sells to Samuel L. Scott of Marion Distract for \$1,500 seven Negroes (Dinah and her child Deraby,Doll and her Children Harrot and Bartuell, and Binah and her child Darkis).
Deed dated 5 January 1807.
/ signed / William Askins
Witnessed by Lewis Savoy and Mary Savoy.
Proved by Lewis Savoy on 7 February 1807.
Recorded 3 August 1807.

NOTES - Preamble & 1st Generation

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5. Information taken from a copy of D.A.R. application #481095 of Grace Askins Galloway, approved by the D.A.R. on 15 April 1961. Copy of application owned by C.B. Askins of Lake City, S.C.

6. South Carolina Land Plats, State Archives, Columbia, Vol. 40,p. 265.

7. Louise Miller McCarty, The Story of South Carolina (Winter Park, Fla.: The Orange Press,1951)p.2.

8. From the Bible of Mr. Sam M. Askins, as shown in Elaine Y. Eaddy's book, The Promised Land, (Columbia: The State Printing Co., 1976)p. 295

9. Deed from William Askins to Alexander Gregg, Deed Book L.,p.238, Clerk of Court, Marion Court House, Marion, S.C.

10. Eaddy, The Promised Land,p.295.

11. Ibid.

12. Eaddy, The Promised Land,p.295.

13. C.S.A., Company J.,10th., S.C. Infantry: State Archives, Columbia

14. Eaddy, The Promised Land,p.295.

Second Generation in South Carolina

DR. ROBERT T. ASKINS

1800 - 1863

Dr. Robert T. Askins was born in Marion District, South Carolina, on 18 March 1800, a son of William Askins (Jr.) and Mary Gregg Orr Askins, and he died in Darlington District, South Carolina, on 14 June 1863.¹⁵ He lived to be 63 years old.

Dr. Robert T. Askins was a Medical doctor and a farmer. Although he shows on the records as having lived in both Marion and in Darlington districts, he actually always lived in what today would be Florence County. His home was on the north side of Lynches Creek (River) .

Dr. Robert T. Askins was married three times and he had at least eleven children .¹⁶

Dr. Robert T. Askins married, first, to Sarah Pilkington on 18 March 1820.¹⁷ She was a daughter of Drura Pilkington and his wife Jane Polkington (maiden name unknown to this researcher). Who had moved from Chesterfield County, Virginia, and settled on the north side of Lynches River, on DeHays Branch, in old Marion District, now Florence County,. Sarah Pilkington had been born 14 January 1805.

Dr. Robert T. Askins and Sarah Pilkington Askins lived together on the north side of Lynches River for sixteen years and they were the parents of at least eight children, as follows:

III-a. Mary Aky Ann Dora Catherine Askins, born 12 December 1820, date of death unknown to this researcher. She married James J. Timmons.

III-b. Margaret Aramintha Askins, born 14 July 1823 date of death unknown to this researcher. She married Neil C. Woodrow

III-c. Robert Evander Askins, born 3 October 1829, died on 29 April 1898. He married Sarah R. A. Brown.

III-d. Jane Lowire Askins, born 5 December 1830, died 17 August 1839.
William P. Askins 1895



Figure 0-i

III-e. William Pilkington Askins, born 22 April 1831, died 27 March 1903. He married twice; first to a lady named fanny; then to a lady named Angeline. Their Maiden names are unknown to this researcher.

III-f. Sarah Elizabeth Askins, born 18 January 1835, date of death unknown to this researcher. She married D. C. Mcmillan

III-g. John Drura Askins, born 24 April 1837, died 30 January 1913. He was married three times (more later)

III-h. Thomas J. Askins, born 5 August 1845, died 27 December 1845.

Sarah Pilking Askins died on 21 March 1846. Dr. Robert T. Askins married, second, to Ann Hewitt of Williamsburg District on 3 June 1846.¹⁹ Ann Hewitt had been born 5 September 1809, a daughter of Eliphalet H. Hewitt and his wife Mary Burrows Hewitt.

Ann Hewitt Askins died on 26 April 1858.²⁰ During the twelve years that she and Dr. Robert T. Askins lived together on the north side of Lynches River they had at least two children who lived to be adults, as follows:

III-i. Joseph Armstrong Jolly Askins, born 20 June 1847, died 26 May 1865 as a Confederate soldier in prison at Camp Chase, Ohio. He left neither a wife nor children.²¹

III-j. Samuel Marion Askins, born 30 August 1849, died 26 February 1934. He married Lizzie F. Webster.²²

Dr. Robert T. Askins married, third, to Martha Jane Steel on 13 June 1856.²³ Martha Jane Steel had been born about 1823, and she died about 1870.²⁴ The name of her parents are unknown to this researcher.

Dr. Robert T. Askins and Martha Jane Steel lived together for four years, during which time they had one child, as follows:

III-k. Estrallia Ann Askins, born 28 September 1861.²⁵

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES**

Columbia, S.C.

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Apartment 14, Package 20

[Abstracted]

ELIPHALET H. HEWIT, deceased. (Ca. 1816)

Eliphalet h. Hewitt of Williamsburg District died leaving a Last Will and Testament, which names his wife Mary, whose father was John Burrows. The will also mentions his children, but does not give their names.
Will dated 16 January 1816.

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES
Columbia, S.C.**

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS

No. S . 9.458.

DRURA PILKINGTON (1832)

MARION DISTRICT, S.C. 11 October 1832, Drura Pilkington of Marion District enters his application for a pension as a veteran of the American Revolution.

Drura Pilkington says that he was born 3 April 1762 in Amelia County, Virginia, and that he entered militia service when he was about 14 years of age in Amelia County and served about 18 months. Later, he served three years in regular service and was at the Battle of Stony Point and was Present for the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Drura Pilkington says that he moved from Chesterfield County, Virginia, to Marion District, South Carolina in 1789.

Drura Pilkington was awarded an annual pension in the amount of \$80 for his service.

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES
Columbia, S.C.**

MARION COUNTY DEEDS

Book W. Page 85.

[Abstracted]

ARCHIBALD CARMICHAEL to DR. ROBERT T. ASKINS (1842)

Archibald Carmichael, Sheriff of Marion County, sells to Dr. Robert T. Askins of Marion County for \$10 a tract of 238 acres of land bounded to the southwest by lands of said Dr. Robert T. Askins, southeast by lands of Thomas Pringle, northeast by lands of A. Munn and A. Head, northwest by lands of Drura Pilkington, said tract of land was sold at public auction to the highest bidder the said Dr. Robert T. Askins as the result by George Pringle against Thomas Pringle.

Dated 5 September 1842

/s/ Archibald Carmichael, S.M.D.

Witnessed by E.M.Bostick, E.H.Porter.

Proved 5 September 1842.

Recorded 20 March 1854.

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES
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MARION COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Rolls 660 and 661

DRURY PILKINGTON and JANE PILKINGTON (1844)

Drury Pilkington and his wife, Jane Pilkington, died without leaving Last Wills and Testaments.

Robert T. Askins, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for Marion District, administered on the estates of Drury Pilkington and Jane Pilkington in 1844.

The papers in the file show that the heirs were:

Robert T. Askins

Benjamin Kirby

John Hatchel

Francis Gregg

[Apparently, all were heirs in right of their wives]

SOUTH CAROLINA

**STATE ARCHIVES
Columbia, S.C.**

By John W. Lawrence
For C. B. Askins

MARION COUNTY EQUITY COURT RECORDS

Year 1847, Roll #4

James J. Timmons and wife
Robert T. Askins and others

Bill to
Partition the Estate

James J. Timmons and Mary A. Timmons his wife enter a suit against Robert T. Askins, Maymont Askins, Robert E. Askins, William P. Askins, Sarah E. Askins and John D. Askins... to say that Drura Pilkington on or about 11 April 1838 gave a Negro girl Ritta, a woman and a boy to his daughter Sarah Askins wife of Robert T. Askins for her life and after her death to her children. Drura Pilkington also conveyed land to Sarah Askins for her natural life, and is the said land whereon Robert T. Askins now resides, and the said land was conveyed so as to go to the children of said Sarah Askins after her death. The Negro girl Ritta has had five children since the deed was made from Drura Pilkington, to Sarah Askins. Said Sarah Askins has died, leaving children: the said Mary A. Timmons wife of James J. Timmons; Margaret Amarantha Askins [married N. C. Woodrow in 1847]; Robert Evander Askins; William Pilkington Askins; Sarah Elizabeth Askins; John Drura Askins...[etc.]

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**SOUTH CAROLINA
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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY EQUITY COURT RECORDS

Year 1847. Roll 79.

[Abstracted]

Francis M. Hewitt & wife Jennett Lemira Hewitt
Thomas M. Hewitt
W.M. McLaulin & wife Sarah McLaulin
Robert T. Askins & wife Ann Askins
Thomas J. McConnell & wife Elizabeth McConnell
E.P. Fleming & wife Elizabeth Fleming
Alexr J. McCants & wife Isabella Ann McCants

John T. McCants & wife Sarah McCants
William J. Burrows
Samuel Burrows
William Burrows
Margaret Burrows
Margaret Berr

vs.

Joseph W. McCutchen
D.E. Wilson
George S. Burrows

John Burrows died in 1847, Being at the time unable to manage his affairs. Mary Hewitt was a sister of John Burrows, and her children were Francis M. Hewitt, Thomas Hewitt, Sarah McLaulin, Ann Askins, Elizabeth Mcconnell, and John G. Hewitt. [The father of John Burrows and his Sister Mary Burrows Hewitt may have been John Burrows (Sr.), but this researcher has not pursued this connection.] The other shown about are distributes involved in this case.

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES
Columbia, S.C.**

MARION COUNTY DEEDS

Book W. Page 86.

[Abstracted]

ROBERT T. ASKINS to DR. ROBERT HARLEE. (1851)

Robert T. Askins of Marion County sells to Dr. Robert Harlee of Marion County for \$162.37 a tract of 75 acres of land located on the southwest side of the Great Pee Dee River on Willow Creek.

Dated 2 October 1851.

/S/ Robert T. Askins

Witnessed by W.R.Johnson and R.E.Cade.

Proof date not shown.

Recording date not Shown.

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES
Columbia, S.C.**

Book v. Page 448

[Abstracted]

ALEXANDER MUNN to ROBERT E. ASKINS, (1852)

Alexander Munn of Marion county sells to Robert E. Askins of Marion County for \$615.00 a tract of 125 acres of land located on the north side of Lynches Creek and bounded north by the lands of John Leach Jr. West by lands of Robert T. Askins, south by Lynches Creek. West by DeHays Branch.

Dated 25 December 1852.

/S/ Alexander Mumm

Witnessed by Jao. Helott, Robert T. Askins

Proved 12 January 1853.

Dower rights released by Ann, wife of Alexander Munn

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**SOUTH CAROLINA
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Columbia, S.C.**

MARION COUNTY DEEDS

Book X. Page 170.

[Abstracted]

ROBERT T. ASKINS to JOHN M. TIMMONS. (1853)

Robert T. Askins of Marion District sells to John M. Timmons of Marion District for \$2,250 a tract of 420 acres of land whereon the said Robert T, Askins now resides, Located on the north side of Lynches Creek and on the public road within the recent survey of the North eastern Rail Road passing through it, being lands purchased by the said Robert T. Askins from Samuel B. Bauskett and wife, bounded on the northeast by the estate of A.A. Leach; east and south by J. J. Cox and Lynches Creek: west by Robert E. Askins.

Deed dated 14 July 1853.

/Signed/ Robt. T. Askins

Witnessed by E.A.White and John A. Leach

Proved by John A. Leach on 30 September 1853.

Dower rights released by Ann Askins, wife of Robert T. Askins

Recorded 6 July 1857.

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES
Columbia, S.C.**

MARION COUNTY DEEDS

Book Y. Page 325.

[Abstracted]

ROBERT E. ASKINS to BENJAMIN P. BYRD. (1853)

Robert E. Askins of Marion District sells to Benjamin P Byrd of Marion District for \$925 a tract of 125 acres of land located on the north side of Lynches Creek and on Dehays Branch, it being part of a tract of land originally granted to David Lee on 5 June 1786, and bounded north on John Leach Jr., East on John M. Timmons, South of Lynches Creek, west on dehays Brench and is the same tract that was sold by Alexander Booth and Sarah Booth to Alexander Munn Senr. And by him was sold to Alexander Munn Junior. And by him was sold to said Robert E. Askins.

Deed dated 9 October 1853.

/S/ Robt. E. Askins

Witnessed by Robert T. Askins and W.P. Askins

Proved by Robert T. Askins on 27 October 1853.

Dower rights released by Sarah R. A. Askins, wife of Robert E. Askins

Recorded 27 April 1859

DARLINGTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Darlington, S.C.

DARLINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Roll No. 781.

[Abstracted only]

SUSANNA ASKINS, Deceased. (1859)

John D. Askins petitioned the ordinary on 23 May 1859 to say that his wife Susann A. Askins has died and that his said wife was entitled to interest in the estate of Stephen Revill, deceased. John D. Askins seeks letters of Administration on the estate of his deceased wife in right of there daughter Sarah P. Askins an infant child.

RECORDS OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

[abstracted]

JOHN D. ASKINS

John D. Askins enlisted 1 April 1862 at darlington, S.C. and served as a private in Company E, Third (Palmetto) Battalion of South Carolina Light Artillery. The company was assigned to Morris Island, near Charleston, in 1863. The company remained on the inland until it was evacuated in 1864. During the evacuation, John D. Askins was wounded slightly in the head. The company moved to the Columbia Arsenal, where John D. Askins was reported as being present in December 1864. The company likely remained in Columbia until the Union Army arrived on 16 February 1865.

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES
Columbia, S.C.**

MARION COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Roll No. 1170.

Willam Askins, Deceased (1863)

William Askins died without leaving a Last Will and Testament. An inventory of his estate, which had an estimated value of \$1,197.00, was filed with the probate Judge on 23 November 1863, but the inventory is almost too faded to be read. It appears to contain the usual farm and household items.

The other papers concerning the administration of the estate of William Askins no longer are in this file.

**DARLINGTON COUNTY
COURT HOUSE
Darlington,S.C.**

DARLINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Roll No. 1124, 1568, 1569. [Typescript]

ROBERT T. ASKINS, Deceased.

The State of South Carolina
Marion District (1863)

I, Robert T. Askins of the District and State aforesaid, being of Sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do make and ordain the following to be my Last Will & Testament.

Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid-for this purpose I direct that the cash in hand, the amount due & the growing crops shall be first used... if insufficient, then such portion of my Estate as are not specifically devised and bequeathed.

Item 2. It is my will and desire that the Plantation and tract of land upon which I now reside, my Negro slaves hereafter named to wit: Elvira, Mark, Martha, Louisa, Sidney, Carolina, Peter, Selina, Rose, Smart, Billy and their increase, three beds, three bedssteads and necessary furniture, three cows, three calves, half of my stock of hogs, one horse (to be selected by my wife from them owned by me) half dozen sitting chairs, my buggy & harness, my desk, dining table, and a trunk to be selected by my wife and shall be managed and kept together by my Executors, and the proceeds of the annual crops, or the hire of the Negro's, the rent of the land and the use of the other property aforesaid, be appropriated to the support of my wife Ann Askins and the support and education of my children by my said wife Ann now born or which may hereafter be born until my son Joseph A. J. Askins shall attain the age of twenty one year at which time (or at his decease if he should not attain that age.) it is my will and desire that said property with the increase thereof shall be divided so as to give my wife one third part thereof reference being had to the true and real value, and also provisions sufficient for her use for one year, the said one third part of said property to be held and enjoyed by my said wife for and during her natural life, the said property so given to my wife for life. I wish and direct at her decease to be divided among her children begotten by me now born or to hereafter to be born the issue of any deceased children in such division to represent the parent and take the portion that the parent would be entitled to if living; the remainder of the said property in the commencement of this clause mentioned after taking off the portion of my wife as aforesaid I wish and direct to be equally divided among the children of my said wife by me begotten now born or hereafter to be born, the issue of any one or more of them that may be dead to represent and take the portion the parent would have been entitled to if living... if either of the said children of my said wife should die before I do, or before the period fixed for division without issue living at the time of his or her death, the share of such deceased child shall be divided among the surviving children of my said wife by me and their issue.

Item 3. Should my wife die before I do, or before the period fixed for division it is my will and desire that the portion of my Estate given to her shall be divided as aforesaid among my children by her subject to the provisions and in manner and proportions as directed in regard to the property she is entitled to be divided among them in preceding clause.

Item 4. Should each and all of my children by my said wife aforesaid die before I do or before my wife without issue as aforesaid, then and in that case I direct that the whole of the said property referred to in said first clause shall be delivered to my said wife and to

be her absolute property with the exception of the following Negro's Rose, Smart, Billy, and their increase which said Negro's and their increase I direct shall be divided among the children of my first wife and the issue of such as may be dead subject to the restrictions stated in regard to the property directed to be divided among them in the next clause of this will. N.B. the wives without spouses aforesaid in this clause interlined before signature.

Item 5. Upon the application of my wife, Executors are authorized to sell the Plantation and tract of land upon which I now reside & invest the proceeds in another Plantation which when purchased shall be subject to the same division restriction and limitations as are provided and expressed of and concerning the plantation upon which I now live.

Item 6. All the rest and residue of my Estate after taking off the property referred to in the Second Clause it is my will and after the payment of my just and lawful debts I wish and direct to be divided at my decease and the Settlement of my debts among the children of my first wife provided always that the portion which may be set off to the wife of James J. Timmons and Neill C. Woodrow shall be held by my executors hereafter named to and for the sole and separate use of the wives of the said Timmons and Woodrow for and during the period of their natural lives respectively, and at the decease of either of them the portion of said deceased shall be divided among her issue then living.

Item 7. I hereby Revoke all former wills and constitute and appoint Thomas N. Hewitt and R.Evander Askins the Executors of this my will and authorize them or the survivors of them fully to execute the same.

Signed,sealed,Published and
declared as and for the Last
Will and Testament of Robert
T. Askins in the Presence of
us, who subscribed the same as
witnesses in the presence of the
Testator and in the Presece of
Each other.

Robert T. Askins (seal)

The 10 day of July A.D. 1852

William H. McLaulin
George S. B. Huggins
John S. Huggins

DARLINGTON COUNTY

COURT HOUSE

Darlington,S.C.

DARLINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Roll No. 1224, 1568, 1569.

[Typescript]

Continued with the estate of ROBERT T. ASKINS

South Carolina) In the Court
Darlington district) of Ordinary

Personally appeared before me William H. McLaulin one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will of Robert T. Askins and after being duly sworn says that he was present and did see the above named Testator Sign, Seal, Publish and declare the foregoing as and for his Last will and Testament and that the said Testator was at the same time of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding as this deponant doth believe and that he together with George S. B. Hugging and John S. Hugging witnessed the due Execution of the same at the same time and in the preseence of each other and in the presence of the Testator.

Sworn to before me this 5th July 1863.

John J. Russeil

O. D. D.

Thos. N. Hewitt was this day duly qualified Executor to the foregoing will of Robert T. Askins

July 6th. 1863.

John J. Russell, O.D.D.

R. Evander Askins was this day duly qualified Executor to the foregoing will of Robert T. Askins.

John J. Russell, O.D.D.

Continued . . .

Roll No. 1568. [Abstracted]

Guardianship of Estrellia Ann Askins. (1871)

Samuel M. Askins petitioned the Probate Judge on 2 March 1871 to be appointed Guardian of his half-sister named Estrellia Ann Askins, about ten years of age, a daughter of Robert T. Askins.

The appointment Was granted on November 1871.

Robert T. Askins' real estate, consisting of 269 acres, was sold by the Sheriff of Darlington County on 4 December 1871 to John Drura Askins for \$3 per acre. John Drura Askins has purchased the shares of all of the heirs except Estrellia Ann Askins, so her share the estate (\$69.17) was turned over to her Guardian, Samuel M. Askins.

**DARLINGTON COUNTY
COURT HOUSE**
Darlington,S.C.

DARLINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS
Roll No. 1224, 1568, 1569 [Typescript]

South Carolina
Darlington district

To John J. Russell, Esq., Ordinary of the District and State aforesaid. We the undersigned petitioners Executor and Heirs at Law of the Estate of Robert T. Askins she with that it is necessary for the sale of the Horses and mule and stock Hogs, crop of corn foder and Plantation Tools some household and kitchen furniture and other things too numerous to mention in this petition as the said property is likely to be wasted then they pray that you may grant R.E. Askins and order for the sale of said property in such time and such condition as you may deem best and your petitioners will ever pray soforth Novr. 30Th. 1863

R. E. Askins
J. D. Askins
J. J. Timmons

**DARLINGTON COUNTY
COURT HOUSE**
Darlington,S.C.

DARLINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS
Roll No. 1224, 1568, 1569. [Typescript]

South Carolina

Darlington District

In the Court of Ordinary

Be it 1866. The petition of R.E. Askins was filed praying to be allowed to prove the will of Robert T. Askins in solum form of law and in the second day of November the said will was admitted by the parties in interest to have been legally executed but the widow contending that the said R.T.Askins was married after the said will was made and left Lawfull issue living at the time of his death without making any provisions for her or the said issue and produced evidence of the fact by the testimony of William H. McLaulin one of the subscribing witnesses to said will who says he was present and saw Robert T. Askins and Martha Jane Steel Married the 13th June 1858 and that he died leaving issue living begotten by the said Martha Jane and the record having been produced which proved the marriage on the 13th June 1858 and the Birth of the child Estrelia Ann Askins daughter of Robert T. Askins and Martha Jane Askins his wife the said Martha Jane Askins claims that the will of the said R.T. Askins to be void on the grounds that he made the will before marriage. The Ordinary having the facts before him and the acts of seventeen hundred and eighty nine making a will null and void or declaring it a revocation of said will for this purpose I, John J. Russell, Esq. Ordinary do declare the will of Robert T. Askins revoked to all intent and purposes whatsoever.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of November A.D. 1866

John J. Russell
Ordinary D.D.

**DARLINGTON COUNTY
COURT HOUSE**
Darlington, S.C.

DARLINGTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS
Roll No. 1224, 1568, 1569. [Typescript]

The State of South Carolina
Darlington District

To the Honorable James M. Brown, Probate Judge of Darlington County.

The undersigned your petitioners humbly and rsprctively sheweth to your honor that in June 1863 Robert T. Askins departed this live leaving a will, but that said will eas set aside by Order of Court after hearing evidence in solemn form and Robert E. Askins sued out and obtained Letters of Admimistration upon said estate. Petitioners also show that a sale of the personal property belonging to the estate of said Robert T. Askins was had

during the late War and that the proceeds of said sale, being in Confederate funds, have become worthless and the estate now consists of only land, some two hundred and sixty nine acres and there being some debts against said estate your petitioners desire the land sold as soon as it may be practicable and the debts paid and a distribution made among the heirs of the remainder of the purchase money. Whereof your Petitioners pray you honor in your discretion to take such action in the premises as may seem best for the interest of all parties in the Case, after an examination may be had touching the questions that may arise upon such examination and your Petitioners further pray that if no obstacle appears in the way that you will cause a sale of said land at such time as your honor may deem most suitable and petitioners will ever pray and so forth. The tract of land is lying upon and near Lynches Creek bounding north by W.H. Langston's land, east by Simeon J. Benton's land, south by Lynches Creek, west by land of E.E. Hudson.

R.E. Askins

S.M. Askins

S.E. McMillan per S.M.A.

E.A. Askins per S.M.A.

J.D. Askins

J.D. Askins for heirs M.A. Timmons

M.A. Woodrow

W.P. Askins

S.M. Askins Guardian for Estrillia Ann Askins

NOTES - Second Generation in South Carolina

15. - Eaddy, The Promised Land, p.295

16. - Ibid. Darlington Probate Court Rolls 1224, 1568, 1569.

17. - D.R.A. application #481095

18. - Eaddy, The Promised Land, p.295

19. - Ibid

20. - Williamsburg Equity 1847 Roll 79; Probate apt. 14, pk 20.

21. - C.S.A. Company E., 8th. S.C. Infantry: State Archives.

22. - Eaddy, The Promised Land, p.295

23. - Darlington County Probate Court Records Rolls 1224, 1568, 1569

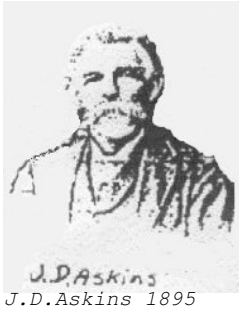
24. - Ibid.

25. - Ibid.

Third Generation in South Carolina

JOHN DRURA ASKINS

1837 - 1913



John Drura Askins was born 24 April 1837 in Darlington District, South Carolina, a son of Dr. Robert T. Askins and Sarah Pilkington Askins, and he died on 30 January 1913 in Florence County, South Carolina, at almost 76 years of age. John Drura Askins is buried in the cemetery of the First Baptist Church of Sardis, South Carolina. Although his parents lived in an area that was in Darlington District at the time of his birth John Drura Askins lived his entire life in what today would be Florence County [the county line has been moved].

John Drura Askins was married three times, and he had at least sixteen children.²⁶

John Drura Askins married, first, Sarah Susannah Ann Revell, on 13 February 1856.²⁷ She was a daughter of Stephen and Jerua Revell, and she had been born on 27 August 1839. She died on 19 April 1859.²⁸ The children of John Drura Askins and Sarah Susannah Ann Revell Askins were as follows:

IV-a. Sarah Pilkington Askins, born 29 December 1857, date of death unknown to this researcher.

IV-b. Susannah Ann Askins, born 2 March 1859, died 6 April 1859.²⁹

John Drura Askins married, second, Frances Courtney born 10 March 1844, a daughter of Isrey (Ezra) and Isabella Courtney of Darlington District. Frances Courtney Askins died 4 May 1892.³⁰ and she is buried next to John Drura Askins in the cemetery of the First Baptist Church of Sardis, South Carolina.

John Drura Askins and Frances Courtney Askins were married about 1862 and during the thirty years they were married they had at least fourteen children, as follows:

IV-c. Joseph John David Askins, born 11 February 1864, died 31 October 1893. He married Lilly M. Carter, who, after his death, married his younger brother Samuel E. Askins.

IV-d. Robert B. Askins, born about 1866, dead by 1927. He married a lady named Martha.³¹



Samuel Askins 1895

IV-e. Samuel E. Askins, born in May 1868, died 15 November 1921. He married Lilly M. Carter Askins, widow of his older brother Joseph John David Askins.

IV-f. James W. Askins, born 11 February 1870, died 18 May 1872.³²



A.H.Askins 1895

IV-g. Albert Heywood Askins, born 20 December 1871, died 16 December 1957. He married twice: first, to Ina M. Carter Hill; second, to Inez Mitchum.³³

IV-h. Minto K. Askins, born in December 1874, died 6 March 1958.³⁴ He married Sarah B. Johnson.³⁵

IV-i. Frances Askins, born 21 January 1876, died 4 June 1918.³⁶ She married Don LeRoy Hill.³⁷

IV-j. Eula F. Askins, born 7 January 1878, died 28 April 1936, She married Henry Crosswell.³⁸

IV-k. Elizabeth Askins, born 11 July 1879, died 27 September 1880.³⁹

IV-l. Ada M. Askins, born 21 April 1880, died 14 November 1888.⁴⁰

IV-m. Theresa Askins, born 1 August 1881, died 13 November 1905⁴¹. Married Joe Ford.⁴²

IV-n. Daisy B. Askins, born in 1881, died 28 October 1884.⁴³

IV-o. Hoyt Askins, Born in May 1887, date of death unknown to this researcher. Married Alma Funderburk.⁴⁴

IV-p. Rebecca Askins, born and died in 1890.⁴⁵

Before his marriage to Frances Courtney, John Drura Askins had enlisted in the Confederate Army (1 April 1862). He served as a private in Company E of the Third (Palmetto) Battalion of south Carolina Light Infantry. The unit was assigned to Morris Island off the Charleston Harbor, and remained on that island until it was evacuated in 1864, during which John Drura Askins was wounded slightly in the head. [The bombardment of Morris Island by the Union Army was up to that time the heaviest in history. For 58 days fewer then 1,000 Confederates held off more then 11,000 Union troops and artillery and the Union fleet.⁴⁷] John Drura Askins' unit moved to Columbia

where he was reported present in December 1864. His unit likely remained in Columbia until the city was evacuated on 16 February 1865.

After the death of his wife Frances Courtney Askins in 1892. John Drura Askins married emma M. Kennedy.⁴⁸ She has been born in April of 1860. John Drura Askins and Emma M. Kennedy had no children. This researcher has not learn the names of the parents of Emma M. Kennedy, or the date of her death.



John Drura Askins
Date born April 24 1837
Date died January 30 1913
Age at 1895: 58
Reference Number 28



Heywood Askins
Albert Haywood Askins
Date born December 20 1871
Date died December 16 1957
Age at 1895: 24
Reference Number 37

J.D.Askins Son



Uncle Bill Askins
William Pilkington Askins
Date born April 22 1831
Date died March 27 1903
Age at 1895: 64
Reference Number 62



Fannie Askins
William wife ???
Date born unknown
Date died unknown
Age at 1895: unknown
Reference Number 66



Aunt Lilly Askins
Lilly M. Carter
S.E.Askins wife
Date born unknown
Date died unknown
Age at 1895: unknown
Reference Number 154



Vance Askins
Samuel's Son ???
Date born unknown
Date died unknown
Age at 1895: unknown
Reference Number ?



Uncle Ezra Askins
Samuel E. Askins
Date born May 1868
Date died November 15 1921
Age at 1895: 27
Refernce Number 35

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ARCHIVES**
Columbia, S. C.

MARION COUNTY DEEDS

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[Abstracted]

JOHN DRURA ASKINS to EZRA E. HUDSON. (1873)

John Drura Askins of Marion County sells to Ezra E. Hudson of Marion County for \$117.35 a tract of 269 acres of land located on the north side of Lynches Creek and bounded west by lands of E.E. Hudson, north by lands of the said Hudson, east by lands of Simeon F. Benton and W.M. Benton, south by Lynches Creek.

Dated 27 March 1873.

/S/ John D. Askins

Witnessed by E.A. Hudson and H.A. Langston.

Proved 12 November 1873.

Recorded 2 January 1874

**FLORENCE COUNTY
COURT HOUSE**
Florence, S.C.

FLORENCE COUNTY PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Roll 774.

JOHN D.ASKINS, Deceased. (1913)

[J.D. Askins died leaving a Last Will and Testament, as follows]

Florence county

Know all men by these presents I, J.D. Askins, of the said state and county, and being of sound mind and memory do make declare and publish this my last will and testament, and knowing the uncertainty of this life, first I commend my soul to God who gave it, second it is my desire that my Wife Mrs. Emma M. Askins, shall have and hold my personal property and notes and mortgages and bonds due me that I might have on hand at my decease, and my house and lot in the town of Timmons ville and all my house hold goods. This I want my wife to have during her life or widow hood and after my last Dr. Bill and burial expenses is paid, not in fee simple but she is to have a support out of the property during her natural life or widow hood and after her decease it is my desire that the house and lot and all Furniture after the decease of or widow hood of my wife the same to go to my son Hoyt N. Askins in fee Simple and all the remainder of my property to be equally divided between my children as follows. R.B. Askins, S.E. Askins, M.K. Askins, Hoyt N. Askins, and Eula I. Crosswell, all my other children having been provided for and I do hereby make and constitute and appoint as executors of this my last will and testament Hoyt N. Askins and S.E. Askins and with out bond, All former Wills made by me are hereby revoked.

Witness my hand and seal this the
15th day July 1911.

/S/ J.D.Askins

We the undersigned at the request of
J. D. Askins, and in his presents and
in the presents of each other has this
day subscribed our names as Witnessed
to this Will and Testament.

R. C. Rollins
W. M. Copeland
G. W. Atkinson

Proved 22 February 1913

NOTES - Third Generation in South Carolina

26. - Census returns; First Baptist Church, Sardis, S.C.

27. - Eaddy, The Promised, p. 295

28. - Ibid.

29. - Ibid.

30. - Census return; Eaddy, The Promised, p. 295

31. - Ibid.

32. - Ibid.

33. - The Florence Morning News, 18 Dec. 1857
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34. - Obituary, The Harsville Messenger, 12 Mar. 1958.

35. - Provided by C. B. Askins.

36. - Eaddy, The Promised, p. 295

37. - Provided by John T. Askins.

38. - Eaddy, The Promised, p. 295
39. - First Baptist Church Cemetery, Sardis, S.C.
40. - Ibid.
41. - First Baptist Church, Sardis, S. C.
42. - Provided By John T. Askins
43. - First Baptist Church, Sardis, S. C.
44. - Provided By John T. Askins
45. - First Baptist Church, Sardis, S. C.
46. - C. S. A., Company E, Third Battalion, S. C. Light Artillery: State Archives, Columbia, S. C.
47. - E. Milby Burton, The Siege of Charleston 1861-1865 (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1970) Pp. 151-182
48. - Eaddy, The Promised, p. 295
49. - Census return.

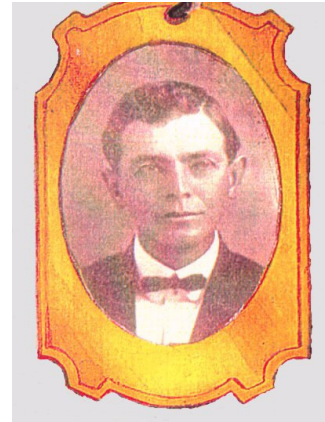
Fourth Generation in South Carolina

MINTO KELLEY ASKINS

1873 -- 1958

Minto Kelley Askins was born 28 December 1873 in Darlington District, a son of John Drura Askins and Frances Courtney Askins, and he died on 6 March 1958. He is buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville, South Carolina.

Minto Kelley Askins was in contracting and real estate. He had been a farmer and was at one time proprietor of three stores in Hartsville, South Carolina.



Minto Kelley Askins - 1908



Minto Kelley Askins married Sarah Bessie Johnson in 2nd January 1908. Sarah B. Johnson was born xx xxxxxxxx, 18xx, a Daughter of Henry Thomas Johnson and Isadora Weaver Johnson of the Sardis Community in Darlington District, and died 6 January 1948. She is buried next to her husband, Minto Kelley Askins, in Magnolia Cemetery in Harsville, South Carolina.

Minto Kelley Askins and Sarah Bessie Johnson Askins were married for 40 years before her death, and they had six children:

Sarah Bessie Johnson - 1908

V-a. Their first child, a daughter, died during birth and is buried in the Cemetery of First Baptist Church of Hartsville. 31, July 1908

V-b. Robin Askins, born 5 September 1910. He married Dorothy Sams in 1943.

V-c. John Thomas Askins, born 18 May 1913. He married Alice Stuart in 1943.

V-d. Andrew Aiken Askins, born 6 Oct. 1915. He married Ollie Belle Duncan in 1943. Andrew A. Askins died 25 September 1959.

V-e. William Franklin Askins, born 15 July 1922 W.F. Askins married Ada Ruth Swan in 14 Dec. 1954.

V-f. Marion Askins, born 29 June 1924. He married Mary Evangeline Johnson 13 August 1950.

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THE HARTSVILLE MESSENGER
Issue of Thursday, 8 January 1948.
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MRS. M. K. ASKINS

INSTANTLY KILLED
AUTO-BUS COLLISION

Windham's Cross Road Tuesday
Funeral Services
This Afternoon.

Mrs. M. K. Askins of Hartsville was killed instantly at 1:30 O'clock Tuesday afternoon at Windham's Cross Roads, 12 miles south of Hartsville in a highway collision.

The automobile occupied by Mrs. Askins, her husband, her son John T. Askins, Mrs. John T. Askins and their four-year-old daughter, Sarn Alice, collided with a Queen City bus going to Darlington from Sumter.

The Askins, all residents of Hartsville, were en route to Kingstree to attend the funeral of a relative, L. H. Cromer, editor and publisher of the Kingstree Record.

From reports, no one was injured on the bus. The others members of the Askins family are suffering from shock and injuries not thought serious, and are at Byerly Hospital.

Mrs. Askins is survived by her husband, M. K. Askins; five sons, John Askins and Marion Askins of Hartsville; Andrew Askins of Darlington; Robin Askins and Frank Askins of Washington, D.C.; and a granddaughter, Sara Alice Askins; one sister, Mrs Lockhart of Timmons ville, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3:30 at the

First Baptist Church conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Mack M. Goss. Interment will be in Magnolia Cemetery.

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THE HARTSVILLE MESSENGER
Issue of Thursday, 12 March 1958.

M. K. ASKINS

M.K. Askins, 84, died last Thursday morning in an Oxford, N. C., hospital while visiting his son, Rev. Frank Askins.

Funeral Services were held Friday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of the Brown-Pennington Funeral Home, the Rev. Dr. Davis M. Sanders, officiating, Burial was in Magnolia Cemetery.

Mr. Askins was born and reared in Florence County, a son of the late John D. and Frances Courtney Askins, pioneer citizens of Florence County. He was in the contracting and real estate business.

Surviving are five sons; Robin Askins of Alexandria, Va., the Rev. Frank Askins of Butner, Nc., John T. Askins and Andrew Askins and Marion Askins, all of Hartsville; and seven grandchildren.