

A HISTORICAL SKETCH  
OF  
THE FORMATION AND OPERATION  
OF  
CALHOUN COUNTY

South Carolinians, like the Spartans of old, have made a great deal of history but little of it has been recorded, especially of those movements in our local territory but which vitally affect the interests of the people thereof, so as a supplement to the audit recently made it might possibly be interesting to some, particularly to the younger generation, who have come on the scene since, to give a short sketch of the efforts to form our County and of its history since it began to function and to file the same with clerk of Court for the use of any future generation.

I arrived on the scene after several efforts to get the County had failed, so what I shall say in regard to these efforts comes from others but as a participant in the final successful efforts and in the operation of the County since its formation, the statements given are within my own knowledge and experience. Possibly the knowledge of these efforts and the possibility of St. Matthews becoming the County Seat had something to do with my deciding to come here as I had always wanted to live at a County Seat.

So, upon being elected as Superintendent of your Schools in 1902, St. Matthews became my home.

The late Dr. W.T.C. Bates was then intendant and Mr. F.F. Hill, Chief of Police. At that time only a few brick buildings were in town and on nearly all of West Railroad Avenue and West Bridge Street were old wooden shacks and little tin shops or grass. There were no paved streets or sidewalks – no water works, no electric lights or telephones – and yet only a few years before this little town had put up at least two desperate efforts to have a new County with St. Matthews as the County Seat – certainly an ambitious project for a small town of less than a thousand people.

In 1890 the citizens of this County, then partly in Lexington County but most Orangeburg County, put up a valiant fight before the General Assembly of S.C. for a new County to be named Calhoun, in honor of the greatest statesman, now only of S.C. but, in my opinion, of the whole United States – Honorable John C. Calhoun. However, the influence of the old counties in the General Assembly was too strong and the effort met with defeat.

The new State Constitution of 1895 allowed the people of any section or sections, under certain restrictions and requirements, to decide for themselves the question of a new County.

So, in 1896 the undaunted leaders of this movement decided to make another effort to form a new County but after a valiant fight the proponents of a new County were defeated at the polls. This defeat was partly attributable to the factional politics, which so divided out people at that time. It was during this campaign that the distinguished Colonel George D. Tillman made a great address at St. Matthews in behalf of a new County, an account of which is taken from an address of Mr. J.S. Wannamaker and reads as follows:

“During this campaign a barbecue was given at St. Matthews by the new county advocates and Col. Geo. Tillman was invited to deliver an address on the formation and advantages of new counties. This address was a masterpiece. It was published by the daily and weekly papers. It attracted much attention and was unanswerable. This address has doubtless contributed largely to the formation of several of the recent small counties in this State.

The day of the barbecue Col. Tillman missed connection at Branchville and the new county advocates chartered a special train at a

cost of \$125.00 to bring him to St. Matthews. Col. Tillman most positively refused to permit the Committee to pay for it but demanded that I, as agent of the old S.C. railroad at this time, refund the money to the new county committee. He paid me the amount himself and when I offered him a receipt for the money, he placed his hand on my shoulder and said, ‘Young man, the only receipt I want is to have Calhoun County placed on the map of S.C., which will be done sooner or later. New and small counties offer many advantages, which the voters will be bound to sooner or later realize and appreciate and new and small counties will be created. You have an ideal territory and a grand name and your citizenship springs from fighting stock. If you lose this time just let them know you have not started to fight and you will live to see Calhoun County formed.’”

In the early part of the year 1907 the question of a new County began to be agitated again and on May 23, 1907 a public meeting was held at St. Matthews. There was so much enthusiasm manifested in the matter at this meeting that another largely attended meeting was held a week later.

At this meeting of the new County advocates a complete organization was affected, by-laws and a constitution were adopted and officers elected.

- Mr. E. Wimberly, President.
- Dr. T.H. Dreher, Vice-President.
- Mr. T.A. Amaker, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Wimberly gave unsparingly of both his time and talent until his death a few weeks later.

Dr. T.H. Dreher was then elected president and Mr. J.E. Wannamaker, Vice-President.

These officers, with Mr. J.S. Wannamaker and practically every man, woman and child in St. Matthews and vicinity, thought, talked and worked for the new County, in season and out, in the homes, at every public gathering, **everywhere**, until the election was held.

The opponents of the new County in the other sections of the old counties used practically every known method, through the press, on the stump and in the courts, even to the State Supreme Court, to defeat the movement but to no avail. The proponents of the new County pointed to the success of Bamberg and several other new counties recently being formed. The election was held December 17, 1907. The result of the election was overwhelmingly in favor of the formation of the County and the vote was as follows:

<u>Name of Precinct</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cameron	69	23
Advance	45	74
St. Matthews	214	2
Ft. Motte	47	0
Lonestar	86	0
Fall Branch	95	0
Red Store (Lexington)	47	12
Total	603	111

The history of Calhoun County, like the other new counties, has justified the effort and expense for its formation and fulfilled the prophecies of its advocates and paradoxically as it may appear small counties like Calhoun, poor and with small property assessments, are now in better financial plight than the old and richer counties.

In the act of the General Assembly of S.C. creating the County of Calhoun, passed February 14, 1908, the following were appointed as commissioners of the new County, to erect its public buildings and to have entire charge of its affairs until the election of the regular county officials:

M.D. Keller  
 Jno. J. Muller  
 Geo. W. Fairey  
 G.A. Baxter  
 Gus B. Holman  
 T.A. Amaker  
 Jno. A. Peterkin  
 P.F. Spigener  
 J. Skottowe Wannamaker

The Town of St. Matthews, with practical unanimity – only two ballots being cast against it – voted upon itself \$20,000.00 of bonds, in accordance with the pledge given by the proponents of the new County before the election, and turned this money over to the said commissioners to erect the Court House and jail in the Town of St. Matthews.

Two of St. Matthews' public-spirited citizens, Mr. F.J. Buyck and Mr. M. Jarecky, donated the splendid site of the present Court House and jail, absolutely without cost to the County or any limitations attached. Upon this donated property and said new County Commissioners erected our splendid Court House and Jail.

Our Court House is the best and most attractive public building, in my opinion, erected in S.C. for less than \$20,000.00. It is certainly a monument to the business ability and integrity of the commissioners whose names are chiseled on the cornerstone of this building. The cornerstone was laid June 5, 1913 and the Court House was dedicated May 18, 1914.

These commissioners and many others too numerous to name have freely given of their time, their ability, and their money to Calhoun County in its formative period and their only reward was and is the undying gratitude of its people.

In due time a special election was held for the election of officers for the short term from April 30 to January 1, 1909, and as a result thereof the following named were elected to the various offices of the County:

P.L. Crider, Treasurer, St. Matthews  
James H. Haigler, Auditor, Cameron  
J.L. Zeigler, Supervisor, Lone Star  
D.S. Murph, Supt. Of Education, Advance Section  
J.C. Redmon, Judge of Probate, Advance Section  
Olin M. Dantzler, Sheriff, St. Matthews  
J. Archie Wolfe, Clerk of Court, Sandy Run  
J. W. Spigener, Coroner, Fall Branch Section  
Jack D. Antley, County Commissioner, St. Matthews  
J. W. Knight, County Commissioner, Sandy Run  
J. A. Merritt, County Attorney and Clerk of Board, St. Matthews

In May of that year the Calhoun County Democratic Convention met for the first time at St. Matthews and elected as is President, Chairman of the County Executive Committee and State Executive Committeeman, Dr. T.H. Dreher. J.A. Merritt was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the County Executive Committee and has been continuously elected as such ever since.

Dr. Dreher served as County Chairman until May 1918 when Judge J.G. Stabler was elected County Chairman and State Executive Committeeman, who served as such until his election as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1926. He was succeeded as County Chairman by Mr. Geo. W. Wannamaker and as State Executive Committeeman by J.A. Merritt who has served as such since. Upon the removal of Mr. Wannamaker from the State our present County Chairman, Mr. A.K. Smoke, was elected to succeed him.

In the Democratic Primary election of 1908, Dr. S.J. Summers, of Cameron, was nominated as Calhoun County's first Senator and the late Mr. H.C. Paulling, of St. Matthews, was nominated as our first Member of the House of Representatives, and all of the county officials elected in the special election of April were nominated for the regular term beginning January 1, 1909. These nominations, of course, were confirmed at the general election held in November of that year.

It fell to the lot of the newly elected Supervisor, J.L. Zeigler, to organize the road organizations of the county. There was not a cent in the treasury – not a pick – not a shovel – no mules – no equipment of any kind – nothing but a determination to make Calhoun County a success did he possess.

The St. Matthews Savings Bank and The Home Bank loaned the County a modest sum to buy some equipment to operate the County on. With good judgment Mr. Zeigler purchased six mules and organized a small road working body. By the way, one of these mules, Eliza, worked at the heaviest task – at the wheel – for over twenty years without ever losing a day from sickness or any other cause and was then pensioned by the

County, having all that she could eat and nothing to do except such light work for exercise as hauling the dinner or water for the gang until her death in 1931.

Mr. Zeigler's judgment was as good in other matters as in the purchase of mules and with the little he had did much and this county is indebted to him for much of its success as he started it off right.

In the Democratic Primary of 1910, Mr. Paulling as our Member of the House of Representatives and all the other county officials were re-nominated and later elected except Mr. J.W. Knight, who was defeated by Mr. E.W. Homan for County Commissioner.

The Senator, Member of the House of Representatives and all the county officials worked in harmony and cooperation and as a result the county's affairs moved along smoothly and the taxes levied were very light for this four-year period ending December 31, 1912, as you will see by reference to the attached sheet of assessments and millage.

In the Democratic Primary of 1912 many new faces were found among the candidates for office. Dr. S.J. Summers did not offer for the Senate and the late Col. J.A. Banks was nominated therefore and Dr. D.R. Sturkie for the House of Representatives. That fine old man and excellent supervisor, J.L. Zeigler, met defeat in the primary election and W.J. Wise was nominated to succeed him. Among some there were grave apprehensions in that the good and tried officer, J.L. Zeigler, had been defeated by an inexperienced man, but such apprehensions were groundless as the new supervisor proved to be one of the best in the State and continuously held this office until his death in the summer of 1928, honored and loved by the people of the whole county.

Mr. Wise was, in many respects, a remarkable man. With practically no schooling – only about three months – but by his own efforts in reading and observing and his contacts with his fellowman he became a truly educated man, a good speaker and the most successful county politician I have ever known.

The Clerk of Court, Mr. J. Archie Wolfe, died before the expiration of his term and by appointment of Governor Cole L. Blease, Mr. J.R. Paulling filled out the unexpired term of Mr. Wolfe. Also the beloved first sheriff, Olin M. Dantzler, died before the expiration of his term and by appointment of Governor Blease, the late John L. Rast filled out his unexpired term.

In this same Democratic primary of 1912 our present efficient Clerk of Court, Mr. John C. Muller, was nominated for the office of Clerk of Court and has been re-nominated and elected to this same office without opposition at each election since and it now appears that he and our painstaking, careful and accurate treasurer, P.L. Crider, will hold these respective offices as long as they live. Mr. F.P. Furtick, Auditor, also was nominated in that same Primary of that year and he too seems to have a life-hold on his job as at each election he wins by a splendid majority over any and all opponents.

The first Superintendent of Education, Mr. D.S. Murph, was re-nominated in the Democratic primary of 1912 for the regular term beginning July 1, 1913. During Mr. Murph's term he inaugurated the Field Day Exercises for this County and probably the first Field Day Exercises in the state and many improvements were made in the school system of the County. In July 1913 he failed to qualify or resigned as Superintendent to accept a position with the Federal Government at Washington which position he held for a number of years.

Mr. F.G. Crout was appointed by the Governor to succeed Mr. Murph and acceptably served in this office until July 1917 when Mr. (now Captain) A.P. Bruner succeeded him, who in turn resigned before the expiration of his term and was succeeded by Mr. B.F. Keller as Superintendent.

The present Sheriff, Mr. F.F. Hill, was nominated in the Democratic Primary Election of 1912. Only once in all the years since has Mr. Hill had any opposition and he, too, will likely by Sheriff until he receives the great summations from above.

In the Primary Election of 1916 Mr. Redmon did not offer for re-election as Judge of Probate and after a spirited contest Mr. J.C. Hiott was nominated to succeed Mr. Redmon in this office. Judge Hiott has very acceptably filled this office ever since and he, along with the several other officers named, seems likely to hold it as long as he desires. One characteristic of the voters of Calhoun County is that generally when they find a good and suitable officer they retain the services of such as long as possible.

In 1914 the great World War broke out in Europe. The ports of Europe were almost closed to our cotton by the German submarine boats and as a consequence cotton dropped to around six cents per pound. Calhoun County being predominately an agricultural section, with cotton as its principal money crop, and because of its low price there was a great deal of complaint and pessimism was rampant. The Buy-A-Bale Movement at ten cents per pound was started. Governor Blease called a special session of the General Assembly to try to remedy the situation but about the only worthwhile thing done at this session was the enactment of the State Warehouse System in which legislation our representatives in the General Assembly took a prominent part. During these strenuous times the county officials and the legislative delegation worked in harmony and cooperated in every way possible to run the county successfully and economically in such trying times.

In the summer of 1916 it appeared that the United States would likely be drawn into or enter the World War. This was presidential election year and President Wilson was re-elected probably by the slogan "He Kept Us Out Of The War," but hardly had he taken the oath of office before he had led the country into the war and had joined the forces of the Allies against Germany.

Immediately after the United States entered the World War, prices of all produce and articles began to go up and inflation set in. Ordinary cotton reached the amazing price of over forty cents per pound while long staple cotton sold for over a dollar a pound. Prices of everything soared until they reached the sky, except for the salaries of the officials of Calhoun County. Many of these officials' salaries remained at or near the original amount, hence there has been only moderate reduction in the way of salaries in this County.

From 1912 to 1920 Col. J.A. Banks was in the State Senate while Dr. Sturkie, Mr. J.C. Redmon and Mr. George W. Fairey were in the House of Representatives.

In the Democratic Primary of 1920 Col. Banks did not offer as a candidate for the Senate. The impression was so general that Mr. J.G. Stabler was the logical candidate that no opposition was offered to him and Mr. Stabler was duly nominated for the Senate without opposition. He offered again for this office in 1924 and was again nominated without opposition. In 1920 the late B.F. Keller who had served as Superintendent of Education was nominated and elected as a Member of the House of Representatives. In 1922 the late J.B. Prickett, who had been for a number of years and afterwards served for

a number of years as Magistrate of First District, was nominated and elected to the House of Representatives. In the Democratic Primary of 1924 Mr. L. Marion Gressette, a young man just out of college, was nominated and elected to the House of Representatives.

The most outstanding piece of legislation affecting Calhoun County while Mr. Stabler and Mr. Gressette were in the Senate and House were the appointment of a Tax Collector for Calhoun County. Many taxpayers in the County were delinquent and a great deal of the tax money was tied up. This seemed to be unfair to those who had paid their taxes and to remedy this situation the Senator and Representative boldly appointed Mr. O.F. Murph as the first Tax Collector of the County. There was considerable opposition to this measure at first but Mr. Murph, by his energy and tact, collected most of the delinquent taxes and the wisdom of the act has long since been demonstrated. For without it no doubt this County would now be in the same fix in regard to delinquent taxes as are Orangeburg and other counties. Mr. Murph was followed as Tax Collector by the late Mr. L.S. Dreher, who served faithfully in this office until his death in 1932, when our present Tax Collector by the late Mr. L.S. Dreher, who served faithfully in this office until his death in 1932, when our present Tax Collector, Mr. George D. Tilley, was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Dreher. The wisdom of the appointment of a Tax Collector is clearly shown by the small amount of delinquent taxes shown in the report of the Auditor to be in the hands of the Tax Collector – less than \$4,000.00 at this time.

While Mr. Stabler was in the Senate and Mr. Gressette in the House many laws of statewide importance were passed and in the enactment of which the representatives from this County took a prominent part. By this time it had been demonstrated conclusively that sand-clay roads would not successfully stand the heavy traffic to which they were being subjected by automobiles and trucks. Consequently, the question of hard-surfaced roads came to the fore. The State highway Department was reorganized and a State system of roads or highways was mapped out under the Pay-As-You-Go Act, which was followed by the Reimbursement Act. Under this Act only the larger and richer counties were enabled to hard surface the roads within the respective limits. Many small and poor counties like Calhoun were paying their taxes on gas and licenses for their automobiles but were receiving little benefits therefrom. Hence, our representatives in the General Assembly favored the \$65,000,000.00 Bond Act by means of which we have been enabled to get the many miles of hard-surfaced road in this County.

In the Democratic Primary Election of 1924, Mr. P.L. Geiger was nominated and in the General Election elected Superintendent of Education for Calhoun County and has each time been renominated and elected to this office. This period had been marked by declining prices and hard times. The schools have been hard hit by decreasing revenues and insufficient funds to pay teachers' salaries. These and other problems presented have required much time and study which Mr. Geiger has freely given and under his guidance many of the school districts of the County are getting out of debt in spite of decreasing revenues.

In the Democratic Primary of 1916 Mr. Ed. C. Mann, a member of the Calhoun Bar, was nominated Solicitor of the First Judicial Circuit of the State and served as such until he was elected Congressman of the United States to fill out the unexpired term of Hon. A.F. Lever who had resigned. After retiring from Congress Mr. Mann was Master of Orangeburg County for a number of years until his death in 1931.

In January 1925, Mr. M.M. Mann, another successful member of this Bar, was elected by the General Assembly of S.C. as the Resident Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of this State. Judge Mann, by his fairness, ability and character, has won the respect and confidence of the Bar and the people of this State. He is an honor to his profession, to the Bench, which he adorns, and to his State and is still rendering this acceptable service.

Another significant honor came to Calhoun County in 1926 when Mr. J.G. Stabler who had been for a number of years Senator from this County, was elected by the General Assembly of the State to the State Supreme Court as Associate Justice. Two of the nineteen Circuit and Supreme Court judges of the State were members of the Calhoun Bar and are still honored residents of our little city.

During all these years the town of St. Matthews was steadily growing in population and making many needed improvements. Dr. W.T.C. Bates, in 1905, was succeeded as Mayor by Mr. J.S. Wannamaker, in whose progressive administration such improvements as the installation and erection of the water works system and the electric light plant were made and many of the sidewalks in this town were paved. In the meantime, Dr. L.M. Able and several other progressive citizens erected a good telephone system for the town and made connections thereof through long distance with the outside world.

During the administration of Mr. J.L. Carroll as Mayor in 1920 and 1921, Bridge Street, from the Old Fair Ground to the corner near the home of Mr. Lewis W. Weeks, and West Railroad Avenue, from Court House to the Depot, was paved. In 1927, during the administration of Mr. R.B. Geiger as Mayor, the street, from the corner at Mr. Weeks' home to the schoolhouse, was paved and the pavement widened from the Court House to the Depot.

Thus, since coming to St. Matthews in 1902 it has grown from a straggling little town of about seven hundred and fifty people to a neat and really beautiful little city of about two thousand people.

For the last few years there has been little, if any, actual increase in population but substantial and beautiful buildings have replaced many of the old wooden and tin shacks and the town has generally improved very much.

When Judge Stabler was elected to the Supreme Bench in 1926 Dr. S.J. Summers, of Cameron, a former Senator, was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Stabler. In 1928, under the direction of Senator Summers and Representative L. Marion Gressette, Calhoun County got its first paved highway. This pavement extended from the end of the town pavement to a point near Hammond's Cross Roads. In 1929 or 1930, while Mr. T.R. Davis was Senator and Mr. J.W. Mack was Representative, the road from Hammond's Cross Road to Columbia was paved. Finally, in 1931 the road from St. Matthew's to Orangeburg was paved.

In the summer of 1928, Supervisor W.J. Wise died and Mr. P.F. Spigener, of the Fall Branch section of the County, was appointed by Governor Richards to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Wise. Mr. Spigener during this short tenure of this office demonstrated his ability and suggested to the Board of County Commissioners and his successor in office several changes in the management of the chain gang and other affairs of the County which were very helpful and have since been adopted.

In the Democratic Primary Election of 1928, Mr. Fletcher Senn was nominated as Supervisor, was elected in the general election, and took possession of office of Supervisor on January 1, 1929. Mr. Senn immediately inaugurated and carried out the greatest changes in the management of the chain gang and other affairs of the County instituted since the formation of the County. Much of the work heretofore done by hand labor and mule power is now being done by machinery. A modernly equipped chain gang, with tractors and trucks, is doing probably as much work in a day as was done by hand labor and mules in a week. Many miles of first class highways have been built strictly up to the State Highway standards.

All of which has been done without running the County into debt and the plans of Mr. Senn, backed by a loyal Board of County Commissioners and supported by the present Senator, Mr. J.R. Fairey, and the present Representative, Mr. S.W. Taylor, when carried out, will give the County a complete system of splendid highways, second to none, and all without any bond issue or other indebtedness therefore.

Whatever success Calhoun County may have achieved is not due to the sole efforts of any one man, to no set of men, nor even to its officials, but to the combined efforts of its Officers, Legislative Delegations, Grand Juries, Editors and Citizens generally who take pride in and love their County. There are so many of such who deserve mention in this sketch but the limited space will not allow me to do so, but to all who in anyway contributed to his or her County, I, as one of her citizens and as one of its officials since its formation, herewith and now extend to you thanks on its behalf. May Calhoun County ever stand for all that is best and right as the grand old Statesman who name it bears ever stood.

Respectfully

J.A. Merritt

St. Matthews, S.C.  
June 22, 1933

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**  
**1908**

**Commissioners for the Formation of Calhoun County**

Martin D. Keller	St. Matthews	S.C.
John J Muller	Sandy Run	S.C.
Geo. W. Fairey	St. Matthews	S.C.
Gus B. Holman	Cameron	S.C.
G.A. Baxter	St. Matthews	S.C.
T.A. Amaker	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. A. Peterkin	Fort Motte	S.C.
Paul Frank Spigener	St. Matthews	S.C.
J. Skottowe Wannamaker	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Special Term – April 1908 to January 1, 1909**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
James H. Haigler	Auditor	Cameron	S.C.
J.L. Zeigler	Supervisor	Lone Star	S.C.
D.S. Murph	Superintendent of Education	Advance Section	S.C.
J.C. Redmon	Judge of Probate	Advance Section	S.C.
Olin M. Dantzler	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
J. Archie Wolfe	Clerk of Court	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.W. Spigener	Coroner	Fall Branch Section	S.C.
Jack D. Antley	County Commissioner	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.W. Knight	County Commissioner	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
A.E. Hane	Magistrate, First District	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.

**January 1, 1909 to December 31, 1910**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
James H. Haigler	Auditor	Cameron	S.C.
J.L. Zeigler	Supervisor	Lone Star	S.C.
D.S. Murph	Superintendent of Education	Advance Section	S.C.
J.C. Redmon	Judge of Probate	Advance Section	S.C.
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A.E. Hane	Magistrate, First District	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
S.J. Summers	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
H.C. Paulling	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1911 to December 1, 1912**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
James H. Haigler	Auditor	Cameron	S.C.
J.L. Zeigler	Supervisor	Lone Star	S.C.
D.S. Murph	Superintendent of Education	Advance Section	S.C.
J.C. Redmon	Judge of Probate	Advance Section	S.C.
Olin M. Dantzler	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
John L. Rast	Sheriff (1912)	Cameron	S.C.
J. Archie Wolfe	Clerk of Court	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.R. Paulling	Clerk of Court (1912)	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.W. Spigener	Coroner	Fall Branch Section	S.C.
Jack D. Antley	County Commissioner	St. Matthews	S.C.
E.W. Holman	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
A.E. Hane	Magistrate, First District	St. Matthews	S.C.
Ed. C. Mann	Magistrate, First Distrtic (1912)	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
B.F. Keller	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
S.J. Summers	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
H.C. Paulling	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1913 to December 31, 1914**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.G. Crout	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Redmon	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.F. Jumper	County Commissioner	St. Matthews	S.C.
E.W. Holman	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.B. Prickett	Magistrate, First District	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
F.T. Murray	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Banks	Senator	Cameron	S.C.
D.R. Sturkie	House of Representatives	North	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1915 to December 31, 1916**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.G. Crout	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Redmon	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.F. Jumper	County Commissioner	St. Matthews	S.C.
E.W. Holman	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.B. Prickett	Magistrate, First District	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
F.T. Murray	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Banks	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.R. Sturkie	House of Representatives	North	S.C.

**January 1, 1917 to December 31, 1918**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
A.P. Bruner	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.F. Jumper	County Commissioner	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.D. Felkel	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.A. Zeagler	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
F.T. Murray	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Banks	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.R. Sturkie	House of Representatives	North	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1919 to December 31, 1920**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
B.F. Keller	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
B.S. Wise	County Commissioner	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.D. Felkel	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.A. Zeagler	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
M.R. Evans	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Banks	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Geo. W. Fairey	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1921 to December 31, 1922**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
B.F. Keller	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
B.S. Wise	County Commissioner	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.D. Felkel	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.A. Zeagler	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
M.R. Evans	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Banks	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Geo. W. Fairey	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1923 to December 31, 1924**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Geo. W. Wannamaker	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.H. Gaskin	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
H.C. Rucker	County Commissioner	Sandy Run	S.C.
E.W. Holman	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.F. Wise	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.A. Zeagler	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
W.I.D. Bardin	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
J.G. Stabler	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.B. Prickett	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1925 to December 31, 1926**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.H. Gaskin	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
H.C. Rucker	County Commissioner	Sandy Run	S.C.
Jas. H. Felkel	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.F. Wise	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.A. Zeagler	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
W.I.D. Bardin	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
S.J. Summers	Senator	Cameron	S.C.
L. Marion Gressette	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1927 to December 31, 1928**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.J. Wise	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Paul F. Spigener	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.H. Gaskin	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
H.C. Rucker	County Commissioner	Sandy Run	S.C.
Jas. H. Felkel	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.F. Wise	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.A. Zeagler	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
W.I.D. Bardin	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
S.J. Summers	Senator	Cameron	S.C.
L. Marion Gressette	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1929 to December 31, 1930**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.H. Gaskin	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
H.C. Rucker	County Commissioner	Sandy Run	S.C.
E.W. Holman	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.B. Prickett	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
C.A. Zeagler	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
W.I.D. Bardin	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
T.R. Davis	Senator	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.W. Mack	House of Representatives	Lone Star	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1931 to December 31, 1932**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.H. Gaskin	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
Mrs. W.H. Gaskin	Coroner (1932)	St. Matthews	S.C.
T.V. Crim	County Commissioner	Sandy Run	S.C.
E.W. Holman	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
J.B. Prickett	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
K.C. Dufford	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
W.I.D. Bardin	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
T.R. Davis	Senator	Sandy Run	S.C.
L. Marion Gressette	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1931 to December 31, 1932**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jno. C. Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
Walter Spigener	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Felkel	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
W.I.D. Bardin	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
S.W. Taylor	Senator	Cameron	S.C.
W.G. Peterkin	House of Representatives	Fort Motte	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1935**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Margaret Muller	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
Walter Spigener	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Felkel	County Commissioner	Cameron	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
W.I.D. Bardin	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
J.R. Fairey	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
M.D. Keller	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1937**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	Sandy Run	S.C.
J.C. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.D. Wannamaker	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
Walter Spigener	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.R. Symmes	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1939**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	Sandy Run	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.D. Wannamaker	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Edward Wimberley	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1941**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Agenora Adams	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.F. Hill	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.D. Wannamaker	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Dr. T.J. McLauchlin	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1943**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Agenora von Lehe	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
George Tilley	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.D. Wannamaker	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jack D. Antley	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Edward Wimberley	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1945**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
P.L. Geiger	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
George Tilley	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Leland A. Robinson	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jack D. Antley	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Edward Wimberley	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1947**

P.L. Crider	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Nell B. Harrison	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
E.D. Whetstone	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Leland A. Robinson	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jack D. Antley	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.D. Buyck	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1949**

Jones Carson	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
F.P. Furtick	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Nell B. Harrison	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
E.D. Whetstone	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Leland A. Robinson	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
J.D. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
J.A. Merritt	County Attorney & Clerk of Board	St. Matthews	S.C.
R.S. Spigener	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.P. Shirer	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Dr. T.J. McLauchlin	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1951**

Jones Carson	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.B. Hill	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Nell B. Harrison	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
E.D. Whetstone	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Leland A. Robinson	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.E. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
A.C. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
W.R. Symmes	County Attorney	St. Matthews	S.C.
Jack D. Antley	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.G. Weeks	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.D. Buyck	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**January 1, 1953**

Jones Carson	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.B. Hill	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Nell B. Harrison	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.F. Wise	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Leland A. Robinson	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
N.A. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
A.C. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
T.H. Houser	County Attorney	St. Matthews	S.C.
Peter Buyck	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.G. Weeks	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Henry L. Lake	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**January 1, 1955**

Jones Carson	Treasurer	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.B. Hill	Auditor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Fletcher Senn	Supervisor	St. Matthews	S.C.
Nell B. Harrison	Superintendent of Education	St. Matthews	S.C.
Bessie D. Hiott	Judge of Probate	St. Matthews	S.C.
D.F. Wise	Sheriff	St. Matthews	S.C.
Leland A. Robinson	Clerk of Court	St. Matthews	S.C.
N.A. Hildebrand	Coroner	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.K. Nelson	County Commissioner	Gaston	S.C.
A.C. Stoudenmire	County Commissioner	Lone Star	S.C.
T.H. Houser	County Attorney	St. Matthews	S.C.
Peter Buyck	Magistrate	St. Matthews	S.C.
W.G. Weeks	Magistrate	Lone Star	S.C.
G.R. Ulmer	Magistrate	Cameron	S.C.
L.M. Gressette	Senator	St. Matthews	S.C.
Henry L. Lake	House of Representatives	St. Matthews	S.C.

**Officials of Democratic Party, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**1908**

Dr. T.H. Dreher	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
Dr. T.H. Dreher	County Chairman
Dr. T.H. Dreher	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	

**1912**

Dr. T.H. Dreher	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
Dr. T.H. Dreher	County Chairman
Dr. T.H. Dreher	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	J.G. Stabler
	J.C. Redmon
	P.F. Spigener
	H.C. Paulling
Alternates	S.J. Summers
	J.S. Wannamaker

**Officials of Democratic Party, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**1914**

Dr. T.H. Dreher  
J.A. Merritt  
Dr. T.H. Dreher  
Dr. T.H. Dreher  
Delegates to State Convention

President of Convention  
Secretary of Convention  
County Chairman  
State Executive Committeeman  
S.J. Summers  
J.C. Redmon  
H.C. Geiger  
J.A. Banks

Alternates

**1916**

Dr. T.H. Dreher  
J.A. Merritt  
Dr. T.H. Dreher  
J.G. Stabler  
Delegates to State Convention

President of Convention  
Secretary of Convention  
County Chairman  
State Executive Committeeman  
J.A. Banks  
J.C. Redmon  
W.P. Shirer  
S.J. Summers  
H.C. Paulling  
D.R. Sturkie  
Geo. W. Fairey

Alternates

**1918**

Dr. T.H. Dreher  
J.A. Merritt  
J.G. Stabler  
J.G. Stabler  
Delegates to State Convention

President of Convention  
Secretary of Convention  
County Chairman  
State Executive Committeeman  
S.J. Summers  
Ed. C. Mann  
Geo. W. Fairey  
J.G. Stabler  
H.C. Paulling  
D.R. Sturkie

Alternates

**Officials of Democratic Party, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**1920**

Dr. T.H. Dreher	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
J.G. Stabler	County Chairman
J.G. Stabler	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	S.J. Summers
	Geo. W. Fairey
	J.G. Stabler
	S.H. Stabler
Alternates	T.M. Wannamaker
	W.B. Trezevant
	H.C. Paulling
	B.F. Keller

**1922**

Dr. T.H. Dreher	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
J.G. Stabler	County Chairman
J.G. Stabler	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	J.G. Stabler
	S.J. Summers
	J.S. Wannamaker
	J.B. Prickett

**1924**

Dr. T.H. Dreher	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
J.G. Stabler	County Chairman
J.G. Stabler	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	S.J. Summers
	J.S. Wannamaker
	J.G. Stabler
	J.B. Prickett
Alternates	Mrs. J.G. Stabler
	Mrs. Elizabeth Crutchfield
	Mrs. S.J. Summers
	Geo. W. Fairey

**Officials of Democratic Party, Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**1926**

Geo. W. Wannamaker	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
Geo. W. Wannamaker	County Chairman
J.A. Merritt	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	J.S. Wannamaker
	S.J. Summers
	L.M. Gressette
	P.L. Geiger

**1928**

Geo. W. Wannamaker	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
Geo. W. Wannamaker	County Chairman
J.A. Merritt	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	Geo. W. Wannamaker
	S.J. Summers
	L.M. Gressette
	J.W. Mack

**NOTE:** Mr. J.S. Wannamaker was elected President of the State Democratic Convention of 1928

**1930**

Geo. W. Wannamaker	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
Geo. W. Wannamaker	County Chairman
J.A. Merritt	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	S.J. Summers
	L.M. Gressette
	Geo. W. Wannamaker
	J.S. Wannamaker

**1932**

C.R. James	President of Convention
J.A. Merritt	Secretary of Convention
A.K. Smoke	County Chairman
J.A. Merritt	State Executive Committeeman
Delegates to State Convention	S.H. Stabler
	S.J. Summers

Alternates

L.M. Gressette  
J.S. Wannamaker  
M.D. Keller  
C.R. James  
A.W. Ayers  
S.W. Taylor

**Calhoun County, South Carolina**

**Total Assessment of the Property and the Millage Thereon  
For Each Year Since the Formation of the County**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Millage for Ordinary County Purposes</u>	<u>Millage for Roads</u>	<u>Total Millage</u>
1908	\$2 383 670 00	3	1	4
1909	2 410 430 00	2½	¾	3¼
1910	2 501 790 00	3	¾	3¾
1911	2 514 090 00	4	¾	4¾
1912	2 521 140 00	5	¾	5¾
1913	2 502 080 00	5	¾	5¾
1914	2 527 570 00	5	1	6
1915	2 535 780 00	5	1	6
1916	2 511 480 00	6	¾	6¾
1917	2 603 510 00	7½	¾	8¼
1918	3 481 980 00	9	¼	9¼
1919	3 764 840 00	8	1	9
1920	4 050 910 00	10	1	11
1921	3 908 780 00	9½	2	11½
1922	3 511 120 00	8½	2	10½
1923	3 362 220 00	11	0	11
1924	3 398 620 00	11	0	11
1925	3 342 370 00	11	0	11
1926	3 203 240 00	14¾	0	14¾
1927	3 140 560 00	14¾	0	14¾
1928	3 188 970 00	14¾	0	14¾
1929	3 145 570 00	12½	0	12½
1930	2 986 790 00	12½	0	12½
1931	2 932 390 00	10	0	10
1932	2 784 240 00	8½	0	8½

**Analysis of Taxes Paid in Calhoun County**  
**Millage in Each School District**

**1931**

<b><u>No. School District</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
1	5	10	11	26
2	5	10	15	30
4	5	10	27	42
6	5	10	17	32
7	5	10	13	28
8	5	10	26	41
9	5	10	14	29
10	5	10	21	36
12	5	10	14	29
14	5	10	30	45
15	5	10	17	32
17	5	10	15	30
18	5	10	29	44
19	5	10	19	34
20	5	10	22	37
30	5	10	22	37
52	5	10	22	37
70	5	10	28	43
78	5	10	22	37
88	5	10	23	38

**1932**

<b><u>No. School District</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
1	5	8½	11	24½
2	5	8½	15	28½
4	5	8½	27	40½
6	5	8½	17	30½
7	5	8½	13	26½
8	5	8½	26	39½
9	5	8½	14	27½
10	5	8½	21	34½
12	5	8½	14	27½
14	5	8½	30	43½
15	5	8½	17	30½
17	5	8½	15	28½
18	5	8½	29	42½
19	5	8½	19	32½
20	5	8½	22	35½
30	5	8½	22	35½
52	5	8½	22	35½
70	5	8½	28	41½
78	5	8½	22	35½
88	5	8½	11	24½

**School Districts Bond Account  
Calhoun County, South Carolina  
July 1, 1931 – June 30, 1932**

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Int. Rate</u>	<u>Mills Levied</u>	<u>Bonds Paid</u>	<u>Sinking Fund</u>	<u>Bonds Outstanding</u>
8-1-1925	Pinegrove #4	\$215,000	1945	5%	6	\$6,000	\$11,245.79	\$19,000
7-1-1924	St. Matthews #8	60,000	1944	5¼%	6	27,000	None	33,000
7-7-1926	Cameron #14	30,000	1946	6%	8	None	4,133.33	30,000
1-1-1930	Spring Hill #18	3,000	1940	6%	6	1,000	43.99	2,000
TOTAL		\$118,000				\$34,000	\$5,323.11	\$84,000

**TOTAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF ALL POLITICAL DIVISIONS** **\$107,500.00**

**CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNTY AND OF THE TOWN OF ST. MATTHEWS AS OF THIS DATE:**  
**County**

Notes in Anticipation of Payment of Taxes	\$15,050.00
Town of St. Matthews	<u>17,750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$32,800.00
Less Amount Due Commission of Public Works	<u>4,950.00</u>
	\$27,850.00
Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u><u>107,500.00</u></u>
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL INDEBTEDNESS	\$135,350.00

NOTE: It is impossible to give in detail the amounts due by the various School Districts for teachers' salaries until the annual report of the Superintendent of Education for year ending June 30, 1933, is file. It is to be further noted that all Sinking Funds are to be deducted from the above total indebtedness.

R.B.G.  
J.A.M.

**Calhoun County Relief Council  
South Carolina**

**Board of Directors**

Houser Banks  
S.H. Stabler  
J.W. Mack  
Jas. Moss, Jr.  
J.A. Merritt

St. Matthews, South Carolina  
North, South Carolina  
Lone Star, South Carolina  
Cameron, South Carolina  
St. Matthews, South Carolina

**Officers**

Houser Banks,  
Chairman

St. Matthews, South Carolina

J.S. Wannamaker,  
Treasurer and County Director of Relief

St. Matthews, South Carolina

Fletcher Senn,  
Work Supervisor

St. Matthews, South Carolina

## **Historic Spots in Calhoun County South Carolina**

(This page based upon information furnished by Mr. J.S. Wannamaker)

- Battle: At Rebecca Motte's home, May 12, 1781 (Revolutionary War)
- Skirmish at Belleville: February 22-23, 1781 (Revolutionary War)
- Midway: Col. Wm. Thomson's home (Now owned by Senator J.R. Fairey)
- Lang Syne: Willed by Mrs. Anne (Heatly) Lovell to her niece's Husband, Langdon Cheves. (Now owned by W.G. Peterkin)
- Amelia Chapel: On Lyons Creek, at intersection with Belleville Road on Mr. Mary Russell's plantation
- Lyons Creek: Named for Joseph Lyons, said to be first white man in section. (First settlement made in Orangeburg County was made by Henry Sterling on Lyons Creek in 1704.)
- Red Church: First building near present town of Lone Star, on this side of Halfway Swamp – on River Road or McCord's Ferry Road. Present building near Highway 52.
- Rec. Christian Theus: Buried at Sandy Run Lutheran Cemetery – Preached in this section from about 1739 to 1789.
- Ruckhead Churchyard Cemetery
- Tabernacle Churchyard Cemetery
- Gov. John Adam Treutlen's Marker
- Cap. Jacob Rumph's grave in Rumph graveyard (Revolutionary War)
- Maj. Lewis Golson's grave in Golson graveyard (Revolutionary War)
- Paymaster John James Haig's grave in Haig graveyard (Revolutionary War)
- Commodore Alexander Gillon's grave in Gillon's retreat (Revolutionary War)
- McCord's Ferry: Chartered in 1766 by John McCord, who held first rights
- Millwood: Home of John Lewis first half of eighteenth century. Now owned by Frank M. Wannamaker. (Town of St. Matthews was first named Lewisville in honor of John Lewis and afterwards changed to St. Matthews)
- Manigault's Plantation near McCord's Ferry in the selection of the State Capital Edward Rutledge of Charleston moved to amend the section by striking out the Friday's Ferry site (the location finally selected) and inserting Manigault's plantation near McCord's Ferry. This motion was defeated February 26, 1786, and Friday's Ferry selected. (See records S.C. Historical Commission in Columbia, South Carolina.)