

From old records recently found in the basement of the State House,
Columbia, S. C.

"To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of
Representatives of the State of South Carolina.

The Petition of the Subscribing Citizens of Chester Village at
Chester, S. C. in the said state.

Showeth: That your petitioners having experienced many inconveniences
arising to said village and the citizens thereof for lack of said
village being Incorporated, as our streets are kept in a most sordid
condition and seem to be Incorrigible so: also Cyder and bread or
cake sellers and many other things to the annoyance of said village.
Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House,
would be pleased to Grant and Incorporate said village and appoint
the members thereof for which we will be in duty bound ever to pray.

Chester C.H.S.C. November 26, 1807."

Alex, Quay
Zachariah A. Thompson

Robt. Robinson J. P.

Jas. McClintock

Jas. Kennedy

Geo. Kennedy

Jno. Kennedy

Wm. Curry

Jno. Combast (or Combost)

John Kidd

J. Rosborough

We the Subscribing Citizens in the vicinity of Chester Village
prays for our Citizens Villagers to be granted.

E. Nunn S.C.D.

Mason Henry J. P.

(Chester History. Starts on front page.)

Former Chester Innkeeper, Now in NC, Reaches Age 104

LINCOLNTON, N. C., March 19—
Few people attain the century
mark in age, but a distinguished
old Southern gentleman reached
his 104th birthday today at his Lin-
coln County home.

The centenarian is W. M. Nichol-
son, who in recent years has re-
sided with his daughter, Mrs.
James Black, in the Crouse com-
munity of Lincoln County. He is
now practically deaf and blind, and
his health has declined the past
two years. He remained active
up to his 100th year, and many in-
teresting stories are told of his
long past.

Mr. Nicholson was born in Ches-
ter, S. C., and for many years op-
erated a hotel there. He also had
other real estate holdings there,
and at one time was considered a
wealthy man. He moved to North
Carolina when he was 45 years
old, and over the intervening years

lived in Shelby, Kings Mountain,
Newton, Hickory, Lawndale, Char-
lotte and Lincolnton.

Mrs. Black says there is one
thing her aged father never fails
to do, that of "saying his prayer"
each evening.

He is the father of W. M. Nichol-
son, Jr., former Lincolnton attor-
ney, now of Charlotte.

Many of Chester's oldtimers will
probably recall Mr. Nicholson as
the owner and operator of Nichol-
son Inn. Many a train traveler
enjoyed a fine meal there, the inn
being convenient to the railroad,
and there being no dining cars on
the trains in that day.

COLUMBIA, S. C., SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1955 The State