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LEITNER, WILLIAM ZACHARIAH (1829-1888).

William Zachariah Leitner, son of George Leitner and Elizabeth Owens, was born 23 September 1829 near Winnsboro. Initially educated at Shirley's Institute in Fairfield District, he attended South Carolina College, graduating in 1849. Subsequently, he taught Greek and Latin at Shirley's Institute and in 1852 began reading law with Robert Bentham Boyleston (1822-1865) in Winnsboro. Admitted to the bar in 1853, he practiced law in Winnsboro until 1858 at which time he moved to Camden. As an attorney, he was associated at various times with JOHN DOBY KENNEDY (1840-1896) and his brother-in-law Joseph Dunlap. During the Civil War, he was commissioned a first lieutenant (9 April 1861) and captain (13 May 1862) in Company E of the Second South Carolina Infantry and participated in a number of battles, including First Bull Run (21 July 1861) and Gettysburg (1-3 July 1863) where he was wounded and lost a leg; assigned to the Bureau of Conscription (11 November 1863), he served as enrolling officer for Kershaw District until poor health forced him to resign 13 August 1864. Elected to the House, he represented Kershaw in the Forty-sixth (1864) and Forty-seventh (1865-1866) General Assemblies and was on the committees on privileges and elections (1864-1865) and printing (1864-1865). Leitner resigned from the House upon his election as Kershaw district judge on 21 December 1865; he served in that post until the office was abolished in 1868. Although mostly inactive during Reconstruction, he did serve as a delegate for Kershaw at the Union Reform Party convention (1870), vice president of the Conservative Club of Camden (1872), and delegate for Kershaw to the conservative Democratic convention (1874). Kershaw chose him for the state Senate for the Fifty-fifth (1882-1883) and Fifty-sixth (1884-1885) General Assemblies. While in the Senate, he served on the committees on agriculture (1882-1885); contingent accounts (1882-1885; chairman, 1882-1883); enrolled bills (1882-1885); privileges and elections (1882-1885); public buildings (1882-1885; chairman, 1882-1883); roads, bridges, and ferries (1882-1885); judiciary (1884-1885); and mines and mining (chairman, 1884-1885). He was elected Secretary of State of South Carolina in November 1886 and served until his death. Other offices and memberships he held were incorporator of the Lancaster and Camden Railroad Company (1872), member of the Wateree Lodge No. 8 and grand worthy patriarch and delegate for the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance (1874, 1875), vice president of the Kershaw County Survivors' Association (1875), council member for the fourth judicial circuit of the South Carolina Bar Association (1885), and intendant for Camden. A Methodist, he attended Washington Street Church while in Columbia. On 2 January 1858, he wed Ann D. Dunlap, daughter of James Dunlap of Camden. They were the parents of at least six children, including Bessie Doby, Sally Virginia (m. Samuel M. Reynolds), Mary D., Thomas Salmund, and an unidentified son and daughter. Suffering from heart disease, William Zachariah Leitner died suddenly 15 April 1888 in

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Columbia. Survived by his wife and five children, he was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia.

<i>Fifty-fifth General Assembly</i>	<i>Kershaw</i>	1882-1883
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LEPPARD, BEN TILLMAN (1892-1957). Brother of JAMES ERNEST LEPPARD (1895-1960).

Ben Tillman Leppard, son of James Franklin Leppard and Alice Adair, was born 15 October 1892 in Greenville County. A graduate of Greenville High School, he received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Clemson College in 1919. During World War One, he interrupted his education to serve in the United States Army and was assigned initially to Plattsburg Training Camp (3 May-16 September 1918); commissioned a second lieutenant 16 September 1918, he was stationed as an instructor at the Students' Army Training Corps at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, until his discharge 3 January 1919. Subsequently, he attended the law school at Furman University and was admitted to the bar 10 July 1930. He settled as an attorney in Greenville and was associated with the firm of Leppard and Leppard. Elected to the House, he represented Greenville County in the Eightieth General Assembly (1933-1934) and was a member of the committees on judiciary (1933-1934) and rules (1933-1934). Greenville chose him for the state Senate for the Eighty-second (1937-1938) and Eighty-third (1939-1940) General Assemblies. While in the Senate, Leppard served on the committees on claims and grievances (1937-1940), education (1937-1940), incorporations (1937-1940), judiciary (1937-1940), penitentiary (1937-1940), police regulations (1937-1940), privileges and elections (1937-1940), public buildings (1937-1940), retrenchments (1937-1940), banking and insurance (1938-1940), and social security (1938-1940). Other offices and memberships he held included chairman of the state Democratic executive committee (1934-1938) and delegate at large to the national Democratic convention (1936); elective trustee for Clemson College (1934-1938, 1947-1957); aide to Governor Olin D. Johnston (ca. 1935-1939); member of the state game and fish commission (1935-1947); member of the Masons, Red Men, and

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## At the Battle of Fredricksburg

Note: The following excerpt from one of Zack's later speeches (written in his handwriting and now in the possession of my nephew, Simms McDowell Leitner, who has kindly given me permission to use it) describes a famous incident that occurred during the Battle of Fredricksburg, Va.

----- Anne L. Snow.

Brother Survivors

Ladies & Gentlemen

----- The next incident is in connection with a most daring deed of mercy by Rowland R. Kirkland of my Company<sup>1</sup>, one of the noblest among the many noble sons of Kershaw. As you will remember, the first battle of Fredricksburg was fought on the 13th of September 1862. Kershaw's Brigade of which my company (together with gallant old Company D of this town) formed a part, occupied that portion of the famous Stonewall which skirted the foot of Marye's Hill. There especially the slaughter of the Federals was fearful. Hundreds were slain; thousands wounded. The next day the two opposing armies occupied their respective positions of the day before, keeping up a desultory firing only as the head of a Federal or Confederate should chance to make its appearance. The cries for water

by the wounded Federals who were lying midway between the two armies were heart rending in the extreme. The brave but merciful spirit of the Lion-hearted Kirkland; moved with a compassion as tender and sympathetic as that of a mother for her swadling babe, could endure their cries no longer, and lashing around himself several canteens of water, he leaped the famous wall, which but the day before had been wreathed in the smoke and fire of battle and amid a pitiless storm of shot, darted onward to where lay the wounded and famishing Union Soldiers. Nor did the Federals cease firing until they observed by his ministrations of mercy, that his errand was one of good will. Where I ask, can be found loftier courage, greater magnanimity or truer nobility of nature. True, Sir Philip Sidney, at the battle of Zutphen, suffering from a most painful and subsequently fatal wound, called for a drink, but as he was about to quaff the cup, the ghastly eyes of a wounded soldier who was being hurried by looked wistfully up. Sir Philip, before he drank, handed the water to his famishing and perhaps dying comrade with the words: "Thy necessity is even yet greater than mine". A most touching incident it is true, but his was compassion and self denial for a friend while that of the heroic Kirkland was pitying compassion and exposure of life for his deadly enemies. This gentle, this merciful, this heroic boy of Kershaw fell at last on the hard fought field of Chickamauga, a noble but willing sacrifice to the honor, the dignity and the independence of South Carolina. -----

1. of my company - Zack was Richard R. Kirkland's captain at this time.

This is to certify that I, Albert J. [Signature] do hereby give my unqualified permission to Anne L. Snow to use and publish the above excerpt.

Signed

Albert J. [Signature]

Date

6/14/94

Witnessed

James [Signature]

Date

6-14-94

Camden SC Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

Genl

I would respectfully re-  
commend Capt. W. J. Leitner to be  
S. C. Regt. Genl. Kershaw's Brigade for  
promotion. ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> hope that he  
be assigned to duty on the staff of the  
Army. He is a gallant, meritorious  
officer, and has participated in nume-  
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He is unfit for active field ser-  
vice, but from his ability, and the  
experience acquired in the practice  
of the law together with his elevation  
of character, is eminently qualified  
to fill any staff appointment  
which will enable him to remain  
out of the field.

I am Resptly Yrs

Geo. S. Kennedy

Col. 2nd Regt. S. C. Regt.

Kershaw's Regt.

Genl. Cooper

A. A. Genl.

Co. 1st Regt.

Head Quarters Office  
Kershaw District  
Camden S.C. Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Adj. & Inspector  
General Cooper

Sir

Having lost my right leg below the knee, at the battle of Gettysburg on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of July 1863, I am no longer able to render service in the field. By special order No 268. Adj. & Inspector General's Office, Richmond Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1863, I was assigned to duty in the Conscription Bureau of South Carolina & ordered to report to Major C. D. Melton & was assigned by him as Enrolling Officer for the District of Kershaw S.C. where until the present I have been engaged in the Conscription service, but said position I can no longer fill without serious injury to my health, I therefore respectfully tender my resignation as Captain of Company E, 2<sup>d</sup> So Ca Regt, Kershaw's Brigade, to take effect from this date.

Respectfully  
W. J. Leitch,  
Capt & E. O. K. D.

Adj. & Inspector General's Office  
Camden S.C.  
13<sup>th</sup> Aug 1864  
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