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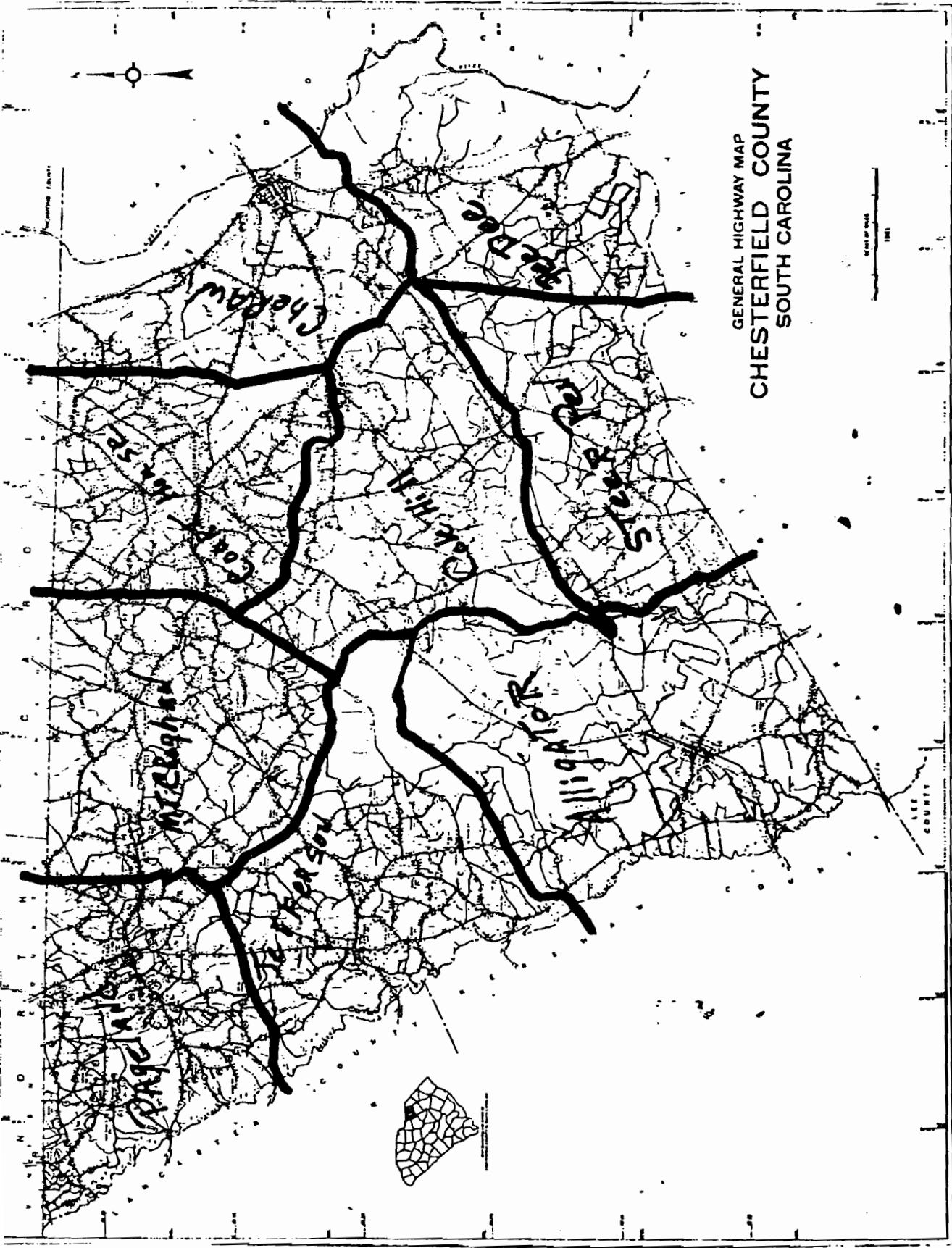
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Anyone who has used the 1870 Census for Chesterfield County, South Carolina, knows that, outside of Old Store Township, it's not very helpful. The enumerator's handwriting was not only difficult to read, but he also used an inordinately amount of initials when identifying those in the households.

For these reasons, the 1869 Militia Roll is of greater importance to the genealogist researching this county. Even though it is restricted in that it records only men between the ages of 18 through 45, at least, in the majority of cases, it gives us the full name.

The 1869 Militia Roll is broken down into the townships then existing in Chesterfield County as follows: Alligator, Cheraw, Chesterfield, Cole Hill, Jefferson, Mt. Croghan, Old Store, and Steer Pen. Each township is then broken down into two categories, men between the ages of 18 and 30 years, and men between the ages of 30 and 45 years. It is in alphabetical order by the first initial of the last name only. And, even though the handwriting is better on the 1869 Militia Roll, some initials and or names are open for interpretation.

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Townships in Chesterfield have remained basically the same except for Old Store, which is now Pageland

Steer Pen Township

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Dunn, Alexander	25	W	Farmer
Edwards, John Y.	24	W	Farmer
Ellerbe, Dougherty	18	C	Laborer
Ellerbe, Nero	24	C	Laborer
Ellerbe, Isaac	28	C	Farmer
Ellerbe, William	25	C	Laborer
Ellerbe, Solomon	28	C	Laborer
Ellerbe, John B.	19	W	Farmer
Freeman, William	24	W	Laborer
Freeman, George	18	W	Farmer
Freeman, Chapman	23	W	Farmer
Freeman, John	25	W	Farmer
Freeman, Ervin	21	W	Laborer
Ford, Hutton	24	C	Laborer
Gauer, Daniel	25	W	Farmer
Golken, Frederick W.	28	W	Clerk
Goldplate, Abram	29	C	Laborer
Grant, Thomas	28	C	Miller
Grant, Peter	19	W	Laborer
Grant, D.B.	23	W	Laborer
Harper, Edward	21	C	Laborer
Hicks, Thomas	22	W	Laborer
Holmes, Isaac	21	C	Laborer
Hurdler, Henry	28	C	Farmer
Hutton, Comming	26	C	Laborer
Ingraham, Mauly	19	C	Laborer
Ingraham, E.B.	26	W	Farmer
Israel, Roman	26	C	Laborer
Johnson, Amos	29	W	Laborer
Johnson, John A.	22	W	Farmer
Johnson, William P.	19	W	Farmer
Johnson, Aaron A.	25	W	Farmer
Johnson, Jesse L.	22	W	Farmer
Johnson, John	18	W	Laborer

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Smothers, Alfred	35	W	Farmer
Summer, J.N.	38	W	Farmer
Short, Robert	42	C	Farmer
Small, L.	38	C	Laborer
Smith, Albert	30	W	Farmer
Tiner, Hugh	44	W	Farmer
Tiner, Aaron	35	W	Farmer
Tracy, John	35	W	Laborer
Tom, Benjamin	34	C	Laborer
Timmons, Stephen	40	C	Laborer
Washington, George	42	C	Laborer
Wallace, John C.	31	W	Farmer
Wilks, Frank	36	C	Farmer
Wallace, Benjamin	33	C	Laborer
Williams, Jasper	34	C	Laborer
Wiggins, Thomas	31	C	Farmer
Wilks, A.T.	38	W	Farmer

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