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Karen - a couple of weeks ago we discussed John D. Murphy 1844-1900 and his work in Charleston.

I am attaching a 2 page list of buildings and projects that I have been able to identify.

I also have a 15 page timeline of the life of John Murphy I can send if you want it for your files.

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JOHN D. MURPHY
PARTIAL LISTING OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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John D. Murphy at his death owned dwellings at 14 Rutledge Avenue and 88 Radcliffe Street, which he **might** have constructed.

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**JOHN DELEHUNTE MURPHY, JR.
1804-1900**

1 Jan. 1844 John D. Murphy was born on Bull Island (now Mount Pleasant) Christ Church Parish, SC, son of **John D. Murphy** and **Lavinia Thursa Duva (Airs)**.

24 June 1845 John D. Murphy's sister Sarah Ann Murphy was born. She died **28 Aug. 1899**, married bef 1770 **James or John J. McLean**

26 Oct. 1848 John D. Murphy's brother David Jervey Murphy. Died **8 Sept. 1851**

30 Sept. 1850 Federal Census, Christ Church Parish, District of Charleston
John D. Murphy, age 45, born in SC

L. Murphy, age 31, born in SC (**Lavinia**)

William Deveaux, age 10, born SC (Son by **Lavinia's** first husband)

John D. Murphy, age 7, born in SC

Susan A. Murphy, age 3, born in SC

David J. Murphy, age 2, born in SC

27 Mar. 1852 John D. Murphy's brother Cornelius Combe Murphy was born. Died **9 July 1910**, married **Martha Ann Sims**

2 June 1860 Federal Census, City of Charleston, District of Charleston
John D. Murphy, age 50, born in SC, occupation: Brick Burner

Lavinia T. Murphy, age 37, born SC

William H. DuVaux, age 19, born in SC, occupation: Black Smith

John D. Murphy, age 17, born in SC, occupation Carpenter Apprentice

Sarah Ann Murphy, age 15, born in SC

Cornelius Murphy, age 8, born in SC

NOTE: John and Lavinia aged only 5 years during this 10 year period

CONFEDERATE ARMY SERVICE

20 Mar. 1862 John D. Murphy enlisted in Company B, 5TH South Carolina Calvary, age 20 (actually he was 18 years old)

21 Jan. 1863 Private at Camp Gist under **Capt. Mulligan**, absent (**See next entry**)

20 Oct. 1863 detailed by **Gen. Beaugard**'s special order to C&S Railroad.

1 Nov. 1864 active in Company B, 5th SC Calvary

2 Aug. 1922 **Laura J. Mew Murphy**, 3rd wife, applied for pension as widow of **John D. Murphy**

END OF CONFEDERATE RECORD

18 Oct. 1866 **John D. Murphy** married 1st **Elizabeth Ann Thompson**, daughter of **Squire Thompson** and **Serena Gordon**. She was buried **15 June 1878**, age 35 years 6 months, on **Murphy** lot, Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC - no marker

NOTE: **Serena** m 2nd **Julius Gaines Gist**. son **Julius B. Gist**

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CHARLESTON CITY DIRECTORIES

JOHN D. MURPHY, JR

1859	Overseer	this is John D. Murphy, Sr.	5 Brewster Court
1866	Not listed		
1867	Carpenter		218 St. Philips Street
1868	No directory found		
1869	Mechanic		85 Cannon Street
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1873	No directory found		
1874	Not listed		
1875	Master Carpenter, SCRR		2 Lucas
1876	Not listed		
1877	Master Carpenter, S&C RR		35 Rutledge Avenue

1878 Master Carpenter, S&C RR		47 Reid
1879 Master Carpenter, S&C RR		83 Cannon
1880 Not listed		
1881 Not listed		
1882 Architect, NE RR & C&S RR		3 Bischoff Square
1883 Supt. Construction, NY& Chas Warehouse & Steam Nav. Co.		
20 Mary Street		
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		20 Mary Street
1885 Contractor & builder		30 Mary Street
1886 Contractor		30 Mary Street
1887 Contractor & Builder		30 Mary Street
1888 Contractor		30 Mary Street
1889 Contractor & Builder	residence & office	30 Mary Street
1890 Contractor & Builder		30 Mary Street
1891 Contractor & Builder	residence & office	30 Mary Street
1892 Contractor & Builder	residence & office	30 Mary Street
1893 Contractor & Builder		30 Mary Street
1894 Contractor & Builder	residence & office	30 Mary Street
1895 Contractor		30 Mary Street
1896 Contractor		30 Mary Street
1897 Contractor		30 Mary Street
1898 Contractor, wife Laura		30 Mary Street
1899 Contractor & Builder, wife Laura		30 Mary Street
1900 Contractor & Builder, wife Laura J.		30 Mary Street

END DIRECTORIES

Dec. 1868 Mechanic's Union No. 1 organized by mechanics at car shops of the South Carolina Railway Company. **John D. Murphy** suggested the organization, **SEE ENTRY FOR 15 JUNE 1899**

1869 J. D. Murphy 4th Director of the Washington Square Steam Fire Engine Company

22 Apr. 1869 daughter **Lavinia Thursa Murphy (Leila)** was born in Charleston, SC, died **16 Nov. 1946** in Columbus, GA, buried Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC – never married – marker

2/3 Apr. 1870 Father John D. Murphy died at sea. Buried Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, GA

9 July 1870 Federal Census, Charleston, SC Ward 8
John Murphy, age 25, born SC, occupation mechanic
E. Murphy, age 24 (**Elizabeth**)
Lela Murphy, age 1
Anna Middleton, age 14

18 Oct. 1870 J. D. Murphy on list of Ward 8 voters.

1 Jan. 1871 John D. Murphy together with **Thomas M. Thompson** and **Henry W. Thompson** lease Dalrymple Plantation from **John Thompson** for one year. (connection to wife **Elizabeth Ann Thompson**?)

Oct. 1871 son **John D. Murphy, III** was born in Charleston, SC, died **5 Feb 1913** Washington, DC – buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington, DC – occupation engineer on death record – no marker – (moved to DC **1904-1910**) married **6 Feb. 1894 Mary Loretta Barry** –three sons

1. John D. Murphy (IV) born **8 Oct. 1895**, Charleston d **8 Feb. 1934** m **1916 Edna M. (Humes?)** Buried Arlington National cemetery – marker – son (**John D., V**) not listed in obit

2. James Thomas Murphy born **8 June 1898**, Charleston d **26 Feb 1940** m **17 Nov. 1920 Lucille K. Lincoln**. Buried Arlington National Cemetery . – daughters **Ann Marie, Mary L., Lucile C.**

3. Francis D. Murphy born abt **1904**, Charleston, SC - last record located 1920 census

6 May 1872 son **Thomas William Murphy (Tommy)** was born in SC, died **11 June 1953** in Charleston, SC - buried Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC– married **3 Feb. 1900 Carolina Matilda (Mamie) Avinger** – marker – 4 children and one step daughter - obits

1. Rachael (Rae) C. Murphy (Step daughter) b **13 Feb. 1898** d **12 Oct. 1990** buried St. Thomas Cemetery, Berkeley County, SC m **1st 12 Feb. 1933 James B. Humphreys** name in announcement spelled **Murphey**, divorced m **2nd aft. 1940 Edward Vaness Brim**– tombstone marker in name of **Rachael M. Humphreys** SEE NOTE

2. Adeline (Addie) Murphy b **22 Apr. 1902** d **7 May 1994** m aft. 1940 **Joseph Lockwood Murphy** son of **Cornelius Combe Murphy** – cousins – no children, survived by brothers **Owen** and **Theodore**

3. **Theodore Thomas Murphy** b 3 Mar 1904 d 5 Nov. 1995 m **Myrtle Vest** prior to 22 May 1939 – unknown children, survived by brother **Owen**, only relative in obit.
4. **Owen Roland Murphy** b 3 Mar. 1904 d 20 Jan. 1997 m 2ND ? **J. Ellene (Ellen) Murphy** (daughter of **Harvey R. Murphy** of Bethera, Berkeley County, SC) –marriage license reported 29 June 1943. **Ellen's** obit lists no children, no obit located for **Owen Murphy**
5. **Francis Felix Murphy** b 30 May 1906 d 8 Oct. 1972 m **Carolyn Morris** bef. 25 July 1939, buried St Thomas Episcopal Cemetery – children **Thomas W., Mary, Pamela Sue, Frances Carolyn, Gail** - obit

NOTE: Rachael C. Murphy was the stepdaughter of **Thomas William Murphy**. She was the daughter of **Caroline Matilda Avinger**. Not mentioned in **Thomas'** obit as a daughter, was listed as daughter in **Caroline Avinger Murphy** obit and as half sister in **Francis Felix Murphy** obit. Sister **Adeline Murphy** present at **Rae's** 1st wedding, no obit located for **Rachael**

4 -6 July 1872 State Court lawsuit between **John D. Murphy** and **John Thompson**. **John Murphy** lost the case.

25 Nov. 1875 daughter **Rebecca Elizabeth Murphy (Bessie)** was born in Charleston SC, died 29 Mar. 1951 in Columbus, GA, buried Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC, marker – married 1895 **Samuel Robinson Quincy** –four sons,

1. **Samuel Quincy**, stillborn buried 29 Feb. 1896, Magnolia Cemetery, 22.
 2. **Frederick Lathem Quincy** b 18 Mar. 1897, 14 Rutledge Ave. d 26 Apr. 1976 Columbus, GA m 23 Dec. 1938 **Carrie Elizabeth Burel** – no children
 3. **Edward Norman Quincy** b 18 May 1899 d 8 Dec. 1955 Charleston, SC m **Pauline Harrelson** – no children
- Samuel Robinson Quincy, Jr.** b 15 Mar. 1909 d 4 Sept. 1965 Dallas, TX m **Catherine Mary Hermann** - no known children

1876 **J. D, Murphy** listed as Master Car Repairs, Charleston & Savannah R. R.

June/July 1876 son **Julius H. Murphy** born in Charleston, buried 3 Feb. 1878, age 1 year 7 months –buried Magnolia – no marker

12 Nov. 1878 two children of **Mrs. E. A. Murphy** buried Magnolia Cemetery – no marker. No other information

23 Oct. 1879 John D. Murphy, Jr. married **2nd Mary Jones Nagel (Mamie)**, daughter of **Augustus G. Nagel, Jr.** and **Elizabeth G. Mims**. She died of “TB” **11 Mar. 1882**, buried First Baptist Church, Aiken, SC – marker – one daughter –

1. Lila Pearl Murphy –b 8 Aug. 1880 in Graniteville, SC, died **18 Jan. 1960** in Atlanta, GA, buried Graniteville Cemetery, Graniteville, SC on **Rennie** lot - marker – married **William Henry Rennie** –two daughters – **Nellie Rennie b 26 Nov. 1902 d 7 Sept. 1984 m 24 Apr. 1924 John Inman Bell** son **John Inman**

Mary Rennie b 4 June 1906 d 16 Nov. 1876 m 14 Jan. 1928 Thomas Earle Martin children **Thomas Earle, Jr., Lila Elizabeth**

1 June 1880 Federal Census Charleston, SC

John Murphy, age 33, born SC, occupation carpenter

Mary Murphy, wife, age 23, born SC, housekeeping (**Mary Jones Nagel**)

Leila Murphy daughter, age 11, in school

John Murphy, Jr., son, age 9, in school

Thomas Murphy, son, age 7, in school

Rebecca Murphy, daughter, age 5, in school

Cornelius Murphy, brother, age 28, clerk RR

Sarah Mclean, sister, age 33, at home

Margaret Mclean, niece, age 8, in school

1 Jan. 1883 John D. Murphy, Jr. married **3rd 1 Jan. 1883 Laura Josephine Mew**, born **16 Sept 1853**, she died **3 Oct. 1933** in Charleston, SC, buried Magnolia Cemetery – marker – two daughters and two sons

1883 John D. Murphy elected President on Mechanic’s Union No. 1

22 May 1884 daughter **Florence Camille Murphy** was born in Charleston, SC, died **23 Feb. 1924** in child birth, Columbia, SC, buried Charleston – married **23 Oct. 1907 Francis Steven Collins** – three sons, one daughter

1. Francis B. Collins b 5 June 1909 d 13 Jan. 1966 m 16 June 1837 Elizabeth Chandler, son **Francis Chandler**.

2. Harry Everett Collins b 15 Oct. 1913 d 11 June 1983 m 2 Jan. 1943 Clara Louise Sampayrac children – (**Harry E Collins, Jr.**), (**Louise**)

3. Margaret Camille Collins b 19 Sept. 1915, died 2 Aug. 1986, m 16 Aug. 1941 Richard Sargent Evans children Richard S. Jr. and Stephanie E.

4. Col. Donald Hugh Collins b 24 Jan. 1920 d 2 Mar. 1996 m 27 Nov. 1943 Margaret Frances Watts children Stephen McCarry, David Jeffrey, Donald Edward.

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18 Nov. 1887 John D. Murphy incorporated “The Steinmeyer Lumber manufacturing Company” with three other men

22 Feb. 1887 daughter **Laura Vivian Murphy** was born in Charleston, SC, died **25 Apr. 1979** in Columbia, SC, buried Greenlawn Memorial Mausoleum, Columbia, SC – married **30 June 1908 Dr. Joseph Barnett Workman** - two daughters and one son

1. **Dr. Joseph Barnett Workman, Jr.** b 15 Aug 1909 d Sept. 1981 m 6 Jan. 1946 **Martha Susan Mowry** – sons **Joseph B., III, George Mowry**
2. **Laura Vivian Murphy Workman** b 28 July 1922 d 1 July 2011 m 4 Sept. 1943 **John William Huggins** sons **John Steven, Ronald Conrad**
2. **Jean Francis Harriet Workman** b 5 Oct. 1928 d 7 July 1997
unmarried

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1888 Calhoun Day – 2nd division of parade included 150 members on the Mechanic’s Union No.1 under the command of President **John D. Murphy.**

11 June 1888 J. D. Murphy among group incorporating to publish a daily and weekly newspaper in Charleston.

11 Nov. 1888 John D. Murphy Grand Marshall for the trades display at the Charleston Fall Festival

9 Sept. 1889 daughter **Ethel Lenore Murphy** was born in Charleston, SC, died **6 July 1892**, funeral notice dated **7 July 1892** buried Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC – marker

11 Aug. 1890 John D. Murphy active on behalf of the Tillman Democrats

29 Aug. 1890 County Democrat Chairman writes a newspaper letter to **John D. Murphy** critical of his activities on behalf of Tillman.

1891 or earlier-1900 John D. Murphy active in the Charleston Hibernian Society / St. Patrick day – numerous mentions in Charleston newspapers. He was not on a membership list for 1868.

NOTE: THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT HIS ANCESTRY WAS IRISH

1891 John D. Murphy elected as City Alderman from Ward 9, to serve **1892-1895**

2 Feb. 1891 son **Everett Carlton Murphy** was born in Charleston, SC, died **13 Aug. 1965** in Clearwater, FL – married **1 Aug. 1918 Alice May Wooten** (Allie Mae), she died **5 Jan. 1985** in Atlanta, GA both buried Greenwood Cemetery, Atlanta, GA – three daughters,

1. Josephine Elizabeth Murphy b **21 Sept. 1920** / d **13 Aug. 1951** m **11 Oct. 1943 John Tiernan** –children **John Everett, Richard Terrance**

2. Barbara Anne Murphy b **15 June 1929** m **1 May 1948 George Hallen Grayson** children **Catherine Ann, Steven Hallan, Timothy Carlton**

3. Louise Jeanette Murphy b **31 Jan 1931** m **14 Ja. 1956 Lewis Hill Swan, Jr.** –sons **Robert Carlton, Edwin Wilson**

18 Oct 1891 Article refers to the architectural eye of **J. D. Murphy**

15 Dec. 1891 on mayor's street committee

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17 June 1892 Alderman **J. D. Murphy** in charge of Charleston Chain Gang Committee

18 July 1892 John D. Murphy was a candidate for Charleston County Commissioner - apparently did not win election.

29 Nov. 1892 son **Lionel Matthew Murphy** was born in Charleston, SC, died **5 May 1989** in St. Petersburg, FL, buried Manasota Cemetery, Bradenton, Fl - marker - married **4 July 1925 Anna May Coleman** son **Lionel M. Murphy, Jr. b 15 Oct, 1926 d 31 Aug. 2005, m Eleanor** – son **David B.**, daughter **Terri**

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16 Dec. 1894 J. D. Murphy on board of Alms House

24 Jan. 1895 John D. Murphy present at hearing in Washington, DC before House Ways and Means Committee regarding a Sub-Treasury for Charleston, SC.

25 June 1895 Article on theft of articles from Steam Launch Nudine, property of **J. D. Murphy**

15 Aug. 1895 J. D. Murphy member of board of directors and appraiser for Union Bank of Charleston

18 Oct. 1895 John D. Murphy on list of candidates for City Alderman from Ward 9

28 Oct. 1895 Lavinia Thrusa Airs Duva Murphy, mother, died in Charleston, SC, at the residence of her son **John D. Murphy**, 30 Mary Street. Funeral from Second Presbyterian (Flynn’s) Church. Ref: *News and*

Courier, Oct.29, 1895 Buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Lot 814 ½ Old Section, Charleston, SC no marker

13 Nov. 1895 J. D. Murphy lost election for Ward 9 Alderman

26 May 1896 on Petty Jury

10 June 1896 J. D. Murphy, Convict Commissioner, responsible for management, custody and care of convicts

28 Dec. 1896 Sent letter to City Council about wasting tax payers money

20 Jan. 1897 Article on building for Hirsh-Israel Company at 275 Meeting Street, article stated fine work by contractor **J. D. Murphy**

12 Feb. 1897 John D. Murphy on Petit Jury

17 Feb. 1897 bids on Charleston Electric RR Power House – not lowest

9 Oct. 1897 Master Builders Association Organized - had been disbanded several years ago. **J. D. Murphy** elected 1st vice president

12 Jan. 1898 Sent petition to City Council opposing street tracks on Mary Street

16 Feb. 1898 John D. Murphy buys 279 acres, portion of Dewees Island from **Oscar M Jones** for \$200 Ref: *Charleston Evening Post*

5 July 1898 funeral of **Julius B. Gist** from the residence of **John D. Murphy**, 30 Mary Street (**Julius B. Gist** was the half brother of **Elizabeth Ann Thompson**, first wife of **John D. Murphy**. He was living at 30 Mary Street, and died there.)

13 Oct. 1898 John D. Murphy advertises his professional services. Mentions latest works the floating docks of the Seashore road and the wharves and sheds for the company, Charleston and Mount Pleasant

27 Oct. 1898 J. D. Murphy offers his 30 foot steam launch, Undine, for sale. Ref: *Charleston Evening Post*

9 Nov. 1898 J. D. Murphy on jury.

19 Nov. 1898 on list of jurors

13 Apr. 1899 newspaper advertisement: “**John D. Murphy**, contractor and builder – 30 Mary Street – Will contract for Private Residences, Docks, Wharves, Railroad Trestles, Etc.”

28 Apr. 1899 J. D. Murphy elected delegate to Democrat Convention.

3 June 1899 J. D. Murphy on petit jury

15 June 1899 Mechanic’s Union No.1 to be disbanded, **John D. Murphy** on committee to close the affairs of the Union. Article states **John D. Murphy** suggested the organization in 1868 and served as president 1883 **thru 1895** and was responsible for purchasing the Mechanic’s Union Hall at 424 King Street.

26 June 1899 Items stolen from the launch owned by **John D. Murphy**

1 July 1899 Mechanics Union No. 1 of Charleston to **J. D. Murphy** and others , trustees - property east side King Street for \$5

8 July 1899 John D. Murphy asking for discharge as executor of **J. B. Gist**

28 Aug. 1899 Sally Ann Murphy McLean, sister - died **28 Aug. 1899** in Charleston, SC, buried on Murphy lot, next to daughter **Margaret McLean**, Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC, no marker

30 Oct. 1899 Filed to run as Alderman at Large from Ward 9.

11 Aug. 1899 John D. Murphy et al trustee sold premises on King Street for \$6,000.00 (Mechanic’s Union Hall)

26 Sept. 1899 John D. Murphy awarded contracts to build two residences. One for Mr. W. Gregg Chisholm on East Battery and the other for Mr. W. M. Wallace at the corner of King and Ladson Streets.

16 Nov. 1899 John D. Murphy again elected city Alderman from 9th Ward to serve **1900-1903**. Newspaper describes him as **Major John D. Murphy**, a well known contractor in Charleston. Ran far ahead of his competition.

14 Dec 1899 Alderman J. D. Murphy on City Commission for wood and brick buildings

28 Dec. 1899 sketch and article on **Alderman John D. Murphy**, reelected to City Council Ref: *Charleston News and Courier*

12 Apr. 1900 Carpenter's Union list of companies employing company men – **J. D. Murphy** on list

18 May 1900 listed as subscribing to Exposition with \$100 donation.

24 May 1900 Alderman J. D. Murphy Commissioner for bath houses

2 June 1900 John D. Murphy, Jr. died in Charleston, SC, cause of death, rupture of aorta aneurysm, hemorrhage - funeral from home at 30 Mary Street, death notice **4 June 1900** buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC – marker

NOTE: At time of death, Alderman **John D. Murphy** was on the following city government committees: Public Buildings; Wood and Brick Buildings; Fire Escapes; Claims; Steam Engines and Bath Houses.

5 June 1900 Laura J. Murphy asking for letters of administration for **John D. Murphy**, deceased Ref: *Charleston Evening Post*

9 June 1900 Federal Census Charleston, SC

John D. Murphey age 56, occupation contractor

Laura Murphey age 45

Camile F. Murphey age 16 daughter

Vivian W. Murphey age 13 daughter

Everitt M. Murphey age 9 son

Liolen M. Murphey age 7 son

Lila K. Murphey age 19 daughter

Emma Coakley age 55 occupation cook

NOTE: Census dated 7 days following death of **John D. Murphy**

1900- 1902+ Summary of J. D. Murphy Probate Case #432, #22, dated **5 June 1900** – he died intestate – file consists of 74 documents.

Laura J. Murphy appointed administratrix with a \$4,000 bond
Adult children 21 and older: **Leila T. Murphy; Elizabeth Quincy; John D. Murphy; Thomas W. Murphy**

Infant children under 21: **Lila P. Murphy age 20; Florence Camile Murphy, age 16; Laura Vivian Murphy, age 13; Everett C. Murphy, age 9; and Lionel M. Murphy, age 7.** Guardian appointed to represent them.

List of personal property including bank account of \$468.45; one launch and small boat (sold for \$500.00); one sail boat; one horse; two mules; three buggies; rice crop on Spring Hill Plantation and other misc. items.

Stocks: Four companies – declared worthless

Notes due from various entreties: Carolina Yatch Club; son **J. D. Murphy, Jr.** and other parties –marked as good; others as worthless (two from **J. R. Mew**)

Real Estate: Dewees Island, consisting of 659 acres; a small Marsh Island west of Dewees Island, 75 acres; house on (#88) Radcliffe Street; house at 14 Rutledge Avenue (this house was occupied by **Rebecca Elizabeth Murphy Quincy, 1896-1899**); lot on Sullivans Island; Spring Hill Plantation (near Monck's corner, Berkeley County, SC, contained 735 and 56/100 acres.)

Dewees Island (659 acres) and the 75 acre Marsh Island were sold for \$2,200.00

House on Radcliff Street was rented out – sold at auction **10 July 1902**

House at 14 Rutledge Avenue was rented out. It sold for \$3,301.50

Lot on Sullivans Island sold for \$30.00

Spring Hill Plantation advertised for sale – Payment were made to workers and a watchman - no further info

NOTE: the family residence at 30 Mary Street was not mentioned in the Probate documents. **Laura J. Murphy** was still at 30 Mary Street in **1902**; had moved to 33 Smith Street in **1903**.

Deweese Island was under a one year lease dated **13 Apr. 1900** to **J. O. Milligan** “for the purpose of planting provisions and vegetables, also planting oysters and clams and cutting palmetto fans. The party of the first part to allow **John D. Murphy** of the second part 1/3 of the proceeds, the hogs on the Island to be taken care of and all that is penned and fatten, or caught for sale to be divided as above. The party of the second part reserves for his use the large two story building, the party of the second part to take care of same.” This lease was bought out by the estate for \$90.00

7 Dec. 1901 cash distribution of \$102.03 were made to the children. **Lila P. Murphy** was listed as **Lila P. Rennie**.

3 July 1902 sale by public auction on **10 July 1902** property of **John D. Murphy** list of property to be auctioned:

Land and buildings on north side of Mary Street (#30)

Land and buildings on north side of Radcliffe Street (#88)

Plantation of land known as Spring Hill containing 735 and 56/100 acres in Berkeley County being on French Quarter Creek – (near Moncks Corner)

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