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ROAD RECORDS, GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

(first in series)

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Source: NC Archives; Granville County, NC, Road Records: Undated, 1747-1779 (Broken Series); CR 044.925.1.
(Contains 6 folders of undated records in addition to the following dated records.)

INTRODUCTION: Until 1915, the creation and maintenance of roads within any particular NC county fell under the jurisdiction of that county's court system. Road Records is the category of records at NC Archives, within the County Records Series, which preserves the surviving loose pieces of paper relative to the formation and maintenance of a county's road system. In counties with surviving court minutes, reference to creation and maintenance of that county's roads might be found also in the county court minute books.

According to NC Archives: "The first six volumes of Granville County Court Minutes, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, have been missing since 1895. These minutes were abstracted before they disappeared. The abstracts are available on microfilm (Z.4.13) [at NC Archives]. A published edition, entitled History and Genealogies of Old Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1800 [by Thomas McAdory Owen] is located in the Genealogy Section of the State Library." The published edition is available also in the North Carolina Room at R. H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC.

Due to missing Granville County court minute books, the surviving Granville County Road Records for the colonial time period are especially valuable. The earliest dated extant Granville County Road Records begin in the year 1749, and include references to roads not noted by Dr. Owen in his abstracts.

Included in Road Records might be: (1.) Petitions [for laying out, constructing, altering, or repairing roads; the petitioners are usually those "freeholders" [land owners] living in the neighborhood of that particular road]; (2.) Orders by the Court [which might include appointment of men to construct or maintain a road and appointment of one, to act as overseer]; (3.) Reports [by juries or commissioners appointed to construct or maintain a road, describing the matter under consideration]; (4.) Other miscellaneous records pertaining to the creation or upkeep of the county's roads might be found in Road Records.

FILE FOLDER LABELED: 1747, 1749

- March 1747: "To the Worshipfull Court of Granville County The petition of the Inhabitants on Grassey Creek Humbly begeth leave to Shew that your petitioners hath no way Cleared at present for the use of of[sic] the Settlement on our Sd. Creek Humbly pray your Worships will Order a way to be Cleared for the Use of the same the most Convenient way into the new Road to Col. EATONS & your Petitioners Shall pray etc.

[petitioners:] Stephen NORTON; Jos. MATTHEWS; Th[torn] MITCHELL; James HEMBREE; Robt. MITCHELL Senr.; Thos. PRESTWOOD; Jonathn. RICHARDSON; Wm. WILLIAMS; Wm. CLAYTON".

- June 1747: "North Carolina, Grandvill County May [sic, crossed out] June 1747 - To the worshipfull Cort of the sd. County now Seting the humbele Petition of the inhabitance of Seder Creek & of tar River humbly Prayeth ... to Lay off a road from Jos. SIMS fery Landing on tar River to the

ford of Seder Creak whare the Said news path crosses the Sd. Creak and along the old path as fir as the sd. County Shall Retsh which is sposed to Be the head of Litel River Whitch will be the most Benifishel Road and Convenant Path for our inhabitance ...

[petitioners:] John Plowman WHITE; Thomas RAY, his mark "X"; Thom hULEN, his mark "T"; Wm. DUKE; Joseph FULL[blot] his mark "JF"; Jas. HUTCHESSON; Richd. WHITE; Richd. WHITE [sic, different handwriting]; Nickljs WHITE, his mark "X"; Benjamin SIMS; John WOODLEIF; Joseph SIMS; Jno CLARK, his mark "JC"; James TATE; John SEXTON".

- September Court 1747: "To the Worshipfull Court now Setting -- The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Cedar Creek Tar River Nuce & the Syprus prayeth your Worships to grant an Order of this Court to lay off Clear & open a Road the best & convenientest way from Cedar Rock on Nuce path about the line of this County From Thence Crossing the Syprus and Tar River at William SMITHS Ford at Mount Mi[partially obscured]ra thence Crossing Cedar Creek at Arthur FULLARS Ford near the mouth of poplar Branch a little below the sd. FULLARS thence to the head of Little River at the sd. Nuce path Which Will be about the bounds of the said County and is but about Twenty miles in length to go in this manner and will be the most Convenient and best Road that can be laid out in them parts for the General Good and Convenientcy of all the Inhabitants farf beyond & near without partiality or the private Interest of any perticular person whatsoever (as sum other petitions has bin put in this Court that will be to the great hurt of the Inhabitats afsd.) for this Road leads to Roanoak Virginia Where the Convenientest & best Trade can be had.

[petitioners:] Henry HUNT, his mark "x"; William STACEY, his mark "W"; Mosis SMITH; Thomas HUNT, his mark "T"; William HUNT, his mark "w"; John PERRY, his mark "J"; William PERRY; francis PERRY; Thoms MASON; James PACE; Thomas SMITH [faded], his mark "X"; Thomas RAY, his mark "T"; Thomas HULIN, his mark "X"; Jas. HUTCHESSON; James ARENDALL; William SMITH, his mark "X"; John MASSEY; Willim MASSEY; James MASSEY, his mark "J"; John RACKLEY; his mark "J"; Passon? RACKLEY, his mark "X"; Thomas JONES, his mark "T"; Daniel McDANIEL [very faded]; Walter KELLY; Francis BRADLEY, his mark "X"; Breuthard TRULOVE; Joseph SIMS; William MABARY; Benjn. SIMS; Hayward WORLEY; Thomas HARDEN, his mark "X"; Arther FULLOR, his mark "A"; Jno: Giles THOMAS; George THOMAS; Athnasius THOMAS; Richard ARENDELL, his mark "R"; William BURKS, his mark "X"; John MOONEY, his mark "X"; William BREWER, his mark "X"; John PAIN Sener, his mark "J"; Philip PAIN, his mark "P"; Joseph PAIN, his mark "J"; John PAIN, his mark "J"; Andrew HARTSFIELD, his mark [sideways] "A"; Thomas FANNEN, his mark "T"; John RIVES, his mark "JR"; Robert SMITH, his mark "X"; Samuel BENTEN; Charles BROOM, his mark "C"; Thos. HUNT

[same document, written on facing page:]

The Nuce mens Names praing an order as aforesaid That They may Get an order of Their Cort to Continue the Said Road Through their County.

[petitioners:] Jas. [blot] mcNATT; John HIGDON; James bARTEN; Bur. BARTEN; William TOMSON; Edward POWERS; John bLALOCK; Tabret oGELSB; Abr. BLEDSOE; Peter KILGORE; Absalam SEXTON; Robert BUCHANNAN; Wm. BUCHANNAN; John KNEE; Cornalius KEITH; John KEITH; Limuell KEITH; George KEITH; Daniell KEITH; Richard KEMP; J Sack.[?] BLEDSOE; Whilliam THOMPSON; John MANNVILL?; John KEATTON; John KILGORE; Henery KEMP".

[NOTE: No marks indicated by any of the names on the "Nuce List."]

- 12 October 1749: "This is to Cartifie the Woshupfull Cort of granville that ye Jury has Lade out a new Rode from the Rode at John MARTINS to Tarr River Warehouse persuant to the order of this Cort and twelve of them is agreed acording to Law ye 12 day of Octobr. 1749.

[petitioners:] Jeremiah STROTHER; Jos. SIMS; Daniel UNDERWOOD; James MOSELY; Benja SIMS; Abraham BLEDSOE; Joseph BRANTLY; Bird Tommes LENER; Henry JUE; Thomas OWENS; Dennes LINSEY; John MARTIN".

FILE FOLDER LABELED 1751-1759 (broken series)

- 3 September 1751: "At a Court held for Granville County at the Court House Septem. the 3d. 1751. Order'd that Paul HARRELSON; Lawrence RAMBOE; David STAPLON; Jas. hENDRICK; Jno. HORLEY; Wm. CHAMBERS; Wm. MOORE; Robt. BUMPASS; Jas. SHEARMAN; Ephraim MERRIT; Richd. GIBBS; George MORRIS; Thomas ROBERSON; Josias DICKSON; Michael DICKSON & Hugh DOBBIN lay out a Road the best and most Convenient way, the End of the Road Near MITCHELS Quarter thence Crossing Mayo near GORDANS, Hico Near SERJANTS & from thence to be contd. to the upper Inhabitants & that the Inhabitants below & Near the upper Side of the Road open & Maintain the Same & that Jno. GORDAN be appd. Overseer of the Road below Mayo Creek & Wm. CHAMBERS Esq. of the upper part. Dan. WELDON CC

Summon the above mentioned men; Given under my hand this 8th day of Octr. viz. Jonathe. WHITE To any Sworn officer"

[on back of document] In obedience to the within order we the Subscribers have Laid off a road according to order and are all agree in our verdict

Willm. CHAMBERS; Paul HARRALSON; Willm. SARJANT; James DICKSON; John SHARMAN; Thomas ROBSON; Jamas hENDRICK; George C. MORRIS; Jno. HORLY; Laurance RAMBO; Richard GIBBS; Hugh DOBBIN".

- 3 September 1751: "At a Court held for Granville County at the Court House Sepr. 3th Day 1751 Ordered that Edward YOUNG; Wm. BLAKE; John LANGSTON; John SMART; Richerd BENNET; William MANGUM; Richard CHEEK; John LEDBETTER; Shurley WATLEY; John GANT; Benjamin THOMPSON; Joseph GREEN; John THORNTON; John BRANTLEY; West HARRIS and John BURFORT being free holders layout a Road the best & most convenient way from out of the Stone House Road near the Butterwood Swamp thence over Little fishing Creek near Capt. YOUNGS thence over fishing Creek Near BLAKES thence into the Shocco near the Bridge at Mrs. JONES, and that Richard CHEAK be overseer from the Stone House Road to the Beverdam Swamp and Wm. CHEEK to the Shocco Bridge ... Dan WELDON C.C.; John LANGSTON Constable"

[on back of document:] "October ye 3d day 1751, this day ye within jewry being Summond & twelve of them vizt. Edwd. YOUNG; Wm. BLAKE; John LANGSTON; John SMART; Shureley WATLEY; Richd. BENNET; Wm. MANGGUM; Richd. CHEEK; Jo. LEDBETEER; Jos. GREEN; John BRANTLEY; John BURFOOT met & qualified & laid out ye Same persuant to ye within order ... John LANGSTON"

- 2 June 1752: "At a Court Held For Granville County ... Order'd that Phil. HAWKINS; John HARRIS; Richd. JONES; Charls KIMBALL; Benjamin KIMBALL; William SESSON; Israel ROBERSON; John ROBERSON; Thomas HOWEL; John HAWKINS; Robt. CALLIER; Richard HUCKABY; John SHEARIN; Joseph KIMBALL junr; William STROUD; William PASHAL; Gideon MACON, Esq; James PAINE, Esq.; and William KENDRICK or any twelve of them Lay out a Road accordg. to Law the Best and Most Covenient way from out of EATONS Road Near

CALLIERS thence to NICOLS'S Ferry over Roanoak River - To Wm CAMPBELL Constable ...
Dan. WELDON, C.C."

- October Court 1753: "To the Worshiable Cort of Granville We the Subscribers Humble Pittishion ye Worships as you Sum time ago maid an order for a Road out the Road that leads up from Shocco to the Corte house, near Weavers Creek the most Convenant way into the Road near the lick meadow, we therefore beg yr. worships to continue the Same Road to CHEEKS Road near MOSLEYS & HURST line the most Convenants way and that the Same hands and HURST hands work on the same Road and that a New Jury be Apinted to Lay out the Same and yr. Pittesheners will for Ever Pray -

Sugar JONES; Thos. TURNER; Edward YOUNG, his mark "E"; William mANGGUM; John MOTLEY, his mark "J"; Smith PATTERSON, his mark "S"; Thomas JACKERY [ZACKERY], his mark "J"?; John SMART; Richd. ACCOCK, his mark "X"; Charles THOMSON, his mark "C"; Franses ACCOCK, his mark "X"; John LENARD, his mark "J"; Edward CARLILE, his mark "E"; Danl. OSHEAL; John WILLIAMS, his mark "J"; Joseph PERSON; Philip aLSTON; John HUDSON; Henry HUTSON, his mark "J"; Wil: HURST; Danel PRINCE; Richard BENNET; William BOBBETT; William WALKER"

- 9 September 1754: "the umbel petetion of we the Subscribers umbly Showeth that we have no convenent way to trade we do therefore pray that we may have liberty to Clere a rode from Grassey Creek neare John NIGHTS Plantation down in to the Cunty rode neare to Robert MITCHELS [marked out] Nutbush bridg and we as in deauty bound Shall pray ... Robert MITCHEL; Jon. SEARCEY Jur.; Wm. hOWLET; Jon. WALDROP; Josiah MITCHEL; Joseph GLOVER; Joseph DEAVENPORT; Jacob GRAY; Jon. BYER; Wm. GOINE; Jon. STOUGHVOL; Wm. CLEATON; Jeremiah CLEATON; Henry PHEGENS; Antony GARNET; Thos. KING Senr.; frances KING; thos. KING Junr.; timothy CARTER; James YANCEY; Jon. OYEZBOND; Wm. GILLEY; Thomas CHRISTIAN; Nathaniel HENDERSON; John KNIGHT; Zach BULLOCK; Leonard LINSEY; Josep LINSEY; Wm. GRAGG; Wm. WILLIAMS; John SIMMONS; John WILLIAMS junr.; John TREVILION; Abra. COOK; William COOK"

- 5 February 1755: "In obedence to an order of Court to us directed dated December ye 3d 1754 we the Subscribers have layd of the Road according to the directions of the sd. order to wit from the Country line over the mountain fork of Jonathens Creek february ye 5th 1755

Test: John LERWENCE; Thos. CHRISTON; John OSBORN; John BAYNS; John STOUGHVAL; Henry fEGENS; Wm. CLEATON; Wm. GOINE; James HEMBREE; Thos. POOL; Wm. CAREY; James YANCEY

[added at bottom:] With Submission to this Court on the request of Mr. James YANCEY we the above Jurors have taken the way from the End of the above Road into hyco Road under our Consederation and we find that there is a very Great necessity for that part to be Clered and the way will admit of a very good Road and not to the pregudis of any won and to the great Convenense of many travellers as witness our hands above."

- June 1755: "To the Worshipfull Cour[torn] of Granville We the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that not withstanding there is a Road already laid of & Clered from George GLOVERS to the Court house that there is Still a great Nessesity for one from Edward MOORES the Best and most Convenientest way to to [sic] Granville Court house which will be Very Serviceable to the inhabitants of Island Creek and Nut Bush and will Shun Some Very bad water Courses and we Your petitioners

... Abm. COOK; John NORWOOD; Saml. HENDERSON; Richd. HARRIS; John KIRKLAND; Nath. HARRIS; Joseph GLOVER; Wm. GLOVER; Edwd. MOORE; Nat. HENDERSON; Richard HENDERSON; William COOK; John WALKER; John GLOVER; Joseph DEAVINPORT; Josiah MITCHELL"

- June 1755: "To the Worshipfull Court of Granville The Petition of we the Subscribers Humbly [torn] that whereas there is a Road from Grassey Cre[torn] into Nutbush Road; and the Distant being very [torn] and but few men to maintain the Same - we [torn] that there would be other hands appointed to ass[torn] in Maintaining the sd. Road - also to appoint John LAURENCE Surveyor, of the sd. [torn] from Grassey Creek to Island Creek, and we your petitioners as in Duty Bound [torn] Ever prey - - -The hands of Wm. GOWEN; Wm. CRAGG; Leonard L[torn]; Joab MITCHEL; Jonathan BARRET; Wm. GILLEY; Jo[torn] OZBOURN; Peter PERKINS; Henry fAGEN; Thom[torn] CHRISTIAN; and Jeremiah CLAYTON are Convenient to the uper End of the said Road - - [signed] Nat HEND[torn]; Sam. HEND[torn]"

- September 1755: "To the Worshipfull Justices of Granville County at their Court Now Sitting The Humble Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Granville County - Sheweth That Your Worships Petetioners is quite Deshirise of a road to the Court House and as there is hands Sufficient to maintain Such road without hurting any other, we humbly Pray that Your Worships would be so good as to Grant us an order for a road leading from the Court house into the Hico Road where Nathaniel HOLLY'S Path Crosses, and from thence into the Inhabitants of Grassey Creek into the New Road near Jas. YANCEYS, Esqr. his Plantation, and that the following hands may be order'd to Clear and Maintain the Same to wit from the Ct. house to Hico Road: Evan RAGLAND; Harris GILHAM; Geo: JORDAN; David PARISH; Jas. FORGUSON, overseer; Geo. JORDAN Jr.; Thos. MORRIS; & Ed. LLOYD, and from thence to the End: Thos. KING; Jno. BYAS; Wm. CRAGG; Leonard LINDSEY; John SIMMONS; Wm. SIMMONS; Jno. EDWARDS; Wm. HOLLEY; Enoch RENTPHRO; Jas. YANCEY Esq.; and David MITCHELL to be Overseer

[petioners:] Gidion CRANSHAW; David MITCHELL; Francis KING; Martain WHEELER; William GILLEY; George JORDAN, Junr.; James FARGUSON; David PARRISH; Enoch RENTFROW; William HOLLY; Henry HOWARD; Thos. CHRISTIAN; William KEARY; David HOWARD; Burtholomew STOVALL; Richd. ROBERTS; George JORDAN, Senr.; Harish GILLAM; Willam FARGUSON".

- 5 December 1757: "To the worshipfull Court of Granvill County -- The Petision of Charles HARRISH, humbly Prayeth That your Worships will Order a veiw; to Lay off a Road From that all Ready Opened to the ford on Grassey Creek Neare Jonathan NIGHTS into the Road That Leads from the Country Line By Mr. James YANSEYS, into Hico Road ...

Chas. HARRISH".

- 13 May 1758: "Granvill County N. Carrolina --- In Obedience to an Order of this Court Wee the Subscribers, being first Sworn By Richd. HARRIS Gent. have veiw'd. & markd. out a Road the most best & Conveinent Way from the Ford on Grassey Creek Neare Jonathon NIGHTS into the Road that Leads by Mr. James YANCEYS into Hico road ...

[jury:] Larkin JOHNSTON; John BEARDEN; Chas HARRIS; John RAYMOND; William AKRIDG; Saml. WHITEHEAD; Bato. STOVALL; John STOVALL, Senr.; John STOVALL, Junr.; Saml. READ; John BAYNES; & Wm. CLAYTON".

- 4 August 1758: "To the worship full Court of Granville County ... We the Subscribers do Petition your worships to grant an order to Have a road Laid out & Cleard. from BURFOOT'S Road below trinity Church at Danl. UNDERWOODS Path from thence the best Straightest & Convenientest way in to Majr. HURSTS Road Near fishing Creek at Blakes Bridg ...

[petitioners:] Daniel UNDERWOOD; Frans. STROTHER; John GOODWIN; Thomas GRAY; Jams GRAY; James KELLEY; Nathan CHAPMAN; John COALY; Aljn MUNCEAY; Aaron FUSSELL; Richard PINNELL; William HALLE; Absalom WELLS; Partrick LADEL?; John PINNIL; Brownin WILLIMS; Robert DARKE; Jacob CROCKER; Dan PROTTR; Thomas CRALL; William FALKNER; George PLATT; Thomas WOOTEN; Thomas SMITH; Thos. FUSSELL; John UNDERWOOD; Thomas DICASON; Richard HALKUM; John VICKS; Thomas WEST; Chrisr. STROTHER; Geo. MARTIN; Absalom WELLS [back of document:] Peto. for a Road from Trinity Church, Refer'd Sept. 1758".

- June 1759: "The worshipfull Court of Granville County We your Petitioners humbly shew that we labour under a great Inconvency for want of a Road opend. from ROYSTERS Ferry Road Near the head of Grassy Creek into TAYLORS Road Near CRAIGE Meadow it being Convient for Petersburg & Halifax and your Petitioners shall as in Duty bound Ever pray.

[petitioners:] Henry HOWARD; Thomas WILLINGHAM; Jno. WILLINGHAM; Isham MALONE; Daniel MALONE; Robt. MALONE; Gidion CRENSHAW; Luke LANDERS; Sam. REED; Groves HOWARD; William HICKMAN; David HENSON; Wm. ACRIGE; William WHARTON; Frns. KING; Thos. KING; Richard FOSTER; James DOWNEY; william DOBYNS; John hOWARD; David HOWARD; Solomon HOWARD; Richd. ROBERTS; James ROBERTS; James ROBERTS, Junr.; Issiah ROBERTS; Robt. DOWNEY; William BRIDGES; James BRIDGES; John KNOTT".

Granvillians in Macon County, NC

suggested by Leonard Dean
transcribed by Leslie McCrary

The following is an abstract of selected entries from the 1860 Census of Macon County, NC. The census record provided a space for "place of birth", meant to signify state or country of birth. The census taker for Macon County in this year, John Ingram, went a step farther and, when the person was born in North Carolina, he supplied the county of birth. All entries that show a member of the household with a Granville County birthplace have been extracted. In some cases, only a wife was born in Granville County, however, the entire household was abstracted. Source: Microfilm #M653-904, 1860 Census of the Unoted States; Macon County, NC.

1860 free census of Macon Co., NC June 1860 by John Ingram, Ass't. Marshall

Tennessee Valley

89/92	James G. Crawford	28	Sheriff	Macon Co.
	Virginia A.	20		Granville Co.
	Ellen L.	1		Macon Co.
	Perry Oliver	18	laborer	Macon Co.

175/179	Alex. S. Puryear	37	farmer	Granville Co.
	Mary P.	46		Granville Co.
	Porteus M.	21		Granville Co.
	Mary A.	15		Granville Co.
	Soloman S.	13		Granville Co.
	James R.	10		Granville Co.
398/409	Ebenezer Morrow	64	farmer	Person Co.
	Paletine	68		Granville Co.
	William P.	37	trader	Person Co.
	Sarah S. Vanhook	14		Person Co.
	William T. Vanhook	13		Macon Co.
	Susan A. Vanhook	11		Macon Co.
	Isabella C. Vanhook	9		Macon Co.
470/482	Thomas S. Patts	23	farmer	Iredell Co.
	Sarah	23		Granville Co.
	Milos	63	farmer	Iredell Co.
	Nancy	60		Iredell Co.
717/732	Stephen Munday	52	mill wright	Person Co.
	Mary A.	48		Granville Co.
735/751	Eli Tippet	57	blk smith	Granville Co.
	Elizabeth	54		Granville Co.
	William	21		Granville Co.
	Lucy	17		Granville Co.
	Hesekiah	16	laborer	Granville Co.
	Wilson	14		Granville Co.
	James	12		Granville Co.
736/752	John D. Tippet	25	farmer	Granville Co.
	Nancy C.	19		Macon Co.
	Altha A.	1		Macon Co.
899/815	William A. Buckner	24	farmer	Buncombe Co.
	Mary A.	28		Granville Co.
	Sarah J.	2		Macon Co.
906/923	Alexander Winsten	51	farmer	Person Co.
	Martha C.	54		Granville Co.
	John A.	21	laborer	Person Co.
	William D.	19	laborer	Person Co.
	James T.	17	laborer	Person Co.
	Radford	14		Tennessee

ESTABLISHING JOHN & MOURNING HUNT IN GRANVILLE COUNTY, NC

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There are apparently three HUNT lines in colonial Granville County, North Carolina: Henry & Agnes Hunt family; Memucan & Mary/Polly Wade Hunt family; John & Mourning Hunt family. To date, no relationships among these families have been proved. The particular focus of the following is the family of John and Mourning Hunt. Researchers are currently investigating the other Hunt groups in Granville County.

The popular name John is used by all Hunt families in colonial Granville County. Therefore, Mourning Hunt is pivotal to establishing the identity of the family of John and Mourning Hunt. Proof that Mourning Hunt was married to John Hunt is established by a Granville County, North Carolina marriage contract signed by Mourning's next husband William Hicks, dated 25 June 1778.¹ This contract states that the marriage of Mourning and William Hicks has taken place; that Mourning was formerly the wife of John Hunt, deceased; and that William Hicks relinquishes all claim to the estate owned by Mourning when they married, ie: 190 acres of land and seven slaves: Glasgow, Dinah, Silvie, Emra, Patt, and Charity. Hicks names the children of "John Hunt Deceased," and Mourning Hunt: [a] John Hunt; [b] George Hunt; [c] Samuel Hunt; [d] James Hunt; [e] Judith Hunt.

The first mentions of Mourning Hunt in the records of Granville County, North Carolina are in the year 1768. On 1 November 1768, Mourning Hunt purchased, in her own right, a tract of land on both sides of Fishing Creek.² In addition, thorough examination of extant Granville County tax lists, 1746-1768, reveals that Mourning Hunt is listed on the county's tax list for the first time in 1768.³ It is unlikely a married woman would be named on the tax list as head-of-household instead of her husband if her husband were living. Married women were forbidden by law to own property in their own right, unless permitted by marriage contract. No such marriage contract between John and Mourning Hunt has been found. As Mourning Hunt is acting in her own right, we may deduce that John Hunt husband of Mourning Hunt was deceased by 1768.

On the 1768 tax list, Mourning Hunt listed [son] George Hunt and two slaves: Glasgow and Dinah.⁴ On the same 1768 tax district list,⁵ only two entries separate, the tax for [Mourning's son] John Hunt was listed by his uncle,⁶ James Hunt. Thus in 1768, Mourning Hunt had two sons of/over NC's then taxable age of sixteen. That the John Hunt whose 1768 taxes were paid by James Hunt is the same John, son of Mourning Hunt, is proved by the following chain of evidence:

a. Granville County, NC, marriage bond dated 5 August 1771; John Hunt married Frances Penn; bondsman was James Hunt. NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.

b. Granville County, NC, deed of gift dated 19 August 1772, proved August Court 1772, from James Hunt to "Nephew John Hunt," - land on both sides of great Island Creek and being the land John Hunt currently lives on. Deed Book K, page 1; Register of Deeds Office, Courthouse, Oxford, NC.

c. Granville County, NC, deed of sale dated 17 December 1772, from James Hunt and wife Sarah and John Hunt and wife Frances to John Penn; 1602 Acres, "all the lands belonging to the said James Hunt and John

Hunt ... on both sides of Great Island Creek." Deed Book K, page 172; Register of Deeds Office, Courthouse, Oxford, NC.

d. Granville County, NC, marriage contract dated 25 June 1778, signed by William Hicks; release of estate to the named children of Mourning Hunt and her husband John Hunt, Deceased, by William Hicks after his marriage to Mourning Hunt. Will Book 1, pages 185-186; Clerk of Court's Office, Courthouse, Oxford, NC.

e. Granville County, NC, will of John Hunt, Sr.* dated January 1816, proved August Court 1818; names wife Frances; and mother, Mourning Hicks. Original will in Clerk of Court's Office, Courthouse, Oxford, NC.

NOTE: The designation "Senior" only indicates that there are 2 or more men of the same name in the same county, and the man called "Senior" was the elder. The term "Senior" does not necessarily indicate a relationship between/among men with the same name and may apply variously to different men at different times. For example, a man once known as "John Hunt, Jr." might be called "John Hunt Sr." after one [older] "John Hunt" died or moved away.

As stated, Mourning Hunt had two taxable slaves and two taxable sons in 1768. There is no known evidence or family tradition indicating the two sons were twins. Therefore, if the family resided in Granville County prior to 1768, there should be evidence of them on earlier Granville County tax lists. There is no mention of Mourning Hunt, or slaves Glasgow or Dinah, or sons John or George on the Granville County, NC, 1766 or 1767 tax lists.⁷

There is a John Hunt named on the tax list of Granville County for 1767.⁸ However, that John Hunt does not own slaves nor list another male of taxable age. In addition, that particular John Hunt apparently is listed again on the 1768 tax list,⁹ As Mourning Hunt, and her son John, are also listed on the 1768 tax list,¹⁰ the John Hunt named on both the 1767 and 1768 Granville County tax lists is neither the husband nor the son of Mourning Hunt.

As 1768 is the earliest that Mourning Hunt and her family may be established in the records of Granville County, the conclusion may be drawn that widow Mourning Hunt moved to Granville County in 1768, possibly to be near her husband's childless¹¹ brother, James Hunt. Lending support to the above hypothesis is the deed, K:1, mentioned as #(b) in the previously given chain of evidence. In addition to paying taxes on Mourning's son John, James Hunt executed this deed of gift to his "nephew John Hunt" dated 19 August 1772; giving 400 acres to nephew John Hunt "for love and affection" [standard deed of gift wordage] and "for his advancement in the World." The deed further states the tract of land was known by the name "Poplar Ridge" and that John Hunt already resided on the tract.

Following are the writer's abstracts of all property transactions relating to Mourning Hunt in Granville County:

- **DB H:469-470** 1 November 1768; Malichy REAVES of Granville County to Mourning HUNT of same; 50 pounds: 100 Acres; on both sides of Fishing Creek, beginning on the North side of Fishing Creek ... south 160 poles ... West 190 poles ... along a line of marked Trees on the East side of New Road ... East to the beginning; Malichy REEVES (signature); Witnesses: John TATOM; Abrm. TATOM; Acknowledged by Malichy REEVES, November Court 1768.
- **DB L:213/214** 1 December 1777; Mourning HUNT of Granville County to Robert HESTER of same; 50 pounds: 100 Acres; on both sides of Fishing Creek, beginning on the North side of Fishing Creek ... South 160 poles ... West 190 poles ... along a line of marked trees on the East side of the New Road ... East to the beginning; Mourning HUNT (her mark); Witnesses: James CURRIN, Benjamin HESTER; Proved by James CURRIN, February Court 1778.
- **DB L:194-195** 3 February 1778; Thomas NORMAN of Granville County to Mourning HUNT of same; 150 pounds: 190 Acres; beginning at Lenhenly BULLOCKS Corner ... North 160 poles ... West 170 poles ... South 190 poles ... East 170 poles to the beginning; Thos. NORMAN (signature); Witnesses: Sherwood HARRIS, John WASHINGTON; Acknowledged by Thomas NORMAN, February Court, 1778.

On 27 May 1778, William Hicks signed a marriage bond to marry Mourning Hunt.¹² The previously cited marriage contract signed by William Hicks after his marriage to Mourning Hunt is dated 25 June 1778. Therefore, the marriage of Mourning Hunt and William Hicks occurred some time between 27 May 1778 and 25 June 1778. Marriage bonds were taken out prior to marriage, so technically a marriage bond date shows intent to marry. It is accepted practice to cite the marriage bond date as the date of marriage if actual marriage date is not known.

Mourning Hicks' date of death, year of birth, and church membership are documented in a typescript of Presbyterian Session Book, Providence Meeting House, entry dated 21 October 1823: "This evening Mrs. M. Hicks departed this life after 6 days illness ... She was upwards of 90 years old, yet had rode (sic) on horseback 7 or 8 miles about a week before her death. She was probably the oldest Presbyterian Church member in this county."¹³

Corroborating that the above "Mrs. M. Hicks" is "Mourning Hunt Hicks," is an excerpt from a typescript titled: Taken from John Penn Hunt's Book of January 30th 1845, copied by Edna Hilliard White Wood, which lists: "Mourning Hicks departed this Life, October 22nd, 1823."¹⁴ There is one day's discrepancy in the two cited accounts, therefore, this writer will cite the date of death for Mourning Hunt Hicks as 21/22 October 1823.

Sources:

1. Granville County, NC, Will Book 1:185-186. Courthouse, Oxford, NC.
2. Granville County, NC, Deed Book H:469-470. Courthouse, Oxford, NC.
3. Granville County, NC, Tax Lists: 1748-1768. NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
4. Granville County, NC, Tax Lists: "1768, A List of Taxables Taken by Reuben Searcy." NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
5. Ibid.
6. Granville County, NC, Deed Book K:1. Courthouse, Oxford, NC.
7. Granville County, NC, Tax Lists: 1766 List [alphabetized, county-wide] and 1767 List [alphabetized, county-wide]. NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
8. Granville County, NC, Tax Lists: "A List of Taxables Taken by Stephen Jett for 1767." NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
9. Granville County, NC, Tax Lists: "A List of Taxables by Jonathan Kittrell for 1768." NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
10. Granville County, NC, Tax Lists: "1768, A List of Taxables Taken by Reuben Searcy." NC Archives, Raleigh, NC [same as note 4].
11. Granville County, NC, "Will of James Hunt," 24 November 1794/February Court 1798. NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
12. Granville County, NC, "Marriage Bond; William Hicks and Mourning Hunt," 27 May 1778. NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
13. Parham, Mrs. Elvin L.; "The Rise & Progress of the Presbyterian Church," FRANCIS B. HAYS SCRAPBOOK COLLECTION: Presbyterian Churches, Vol. 54. Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC.
14. Wood, Edna Hilliard White: "Taken from John Penn Hunt's Book of February 30th 1845;" from a typescript* titled, Granville County - Records, John Penn Chapter, DAR Book I; compiled 1935-1936; original typescript at Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC. Location of original book, unknown in 1991.

NOTE: Although the typescript identifies the original book recording Hunt family dates as belonging to John Penn Hunt, the record actually appears to have been started by the father of John Penn Hunt, John Hunt, son of Mourning Hunt Hicks. Among evidence that John Hunt started the written record are the following entries included in a listing of deaths:

- (a). "*Brother Samuel Hunt*" - John Penn Hunt did not have a brother named Samuel. John Hunt did have a brother named Samuel, named in marriage contract between William Hicks & Mourning Hunt (see above citation #1). In addition, NC Archives, "Granville County Estate Record of Samuel Hunt," corroborates the date of death of John Hunt's brother, Samuel, with the death listing of "*Brother Samuel Hunt*" in above cited typescript of Hunt family.
- (b). "*Father William Hicks*" - per cited marriage contract between William Hicks & Morning Hunt Hicks [see above citation #1]: William Hicks was stepfather of John Hunt, not John Penn Hunt.

Ultimately, the book containing dates of births, marriages, and deaths of this Hunt family did belong to John Penn Hunt and therefore will be cited as such.

Granville County Apprentice Bonds

(first in series)

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The following was transcribed from a microfilm copy (C.044-10001) *Granville County Apprentice Bonds, 1802 - 1867*, housed at the Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC. It was verified against the original *Granville County Apprentice Docket*, (CR 044 101.1) housed at the North Carolina State Archives.

The collection of loose apprentice bonds at the North Carolina Archives is extensive and is contained in two fibredex boxes. The *Granville County Apprentice Docket* is a book in which the schedule of those cases that actually went to court for disposition is listed. The only Apprentice Docket extant begins in 1802, though the files of loose Apprentice Bonds begin in 1749. Actual page breaks are denoted by center bars. Ditto marks were used extensively, but do not appear to imply that the information was the same as the above, but rather placed in the space to show that the correct information was not known and that the space was not inadvertently left blank. In some cases, the age of the child appears to be the age on that particular court day; others seem to be a date of birth.

This book contains a list of the children bound out by the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Granville County commencing February Term 1802

TERM	NAMES OF MASTERS	NAMES OF APPRENTICES	OCCUPATION	AGES OF APPRENTICES
Feb 1802	Henry Newbey	John Fowler	planter	five years old 15th Nov 1801 apprentice surrendered Aug 1805
	same	Wm Robards Fowler	ditto	three years old 3d April 1802 apprentice surrendered Aug 1805
	Daniel Jones	Meredith Edwards	ditto	Sixteen years 5th July 1802
	Same	John Edwards	ditto	Fourteen years 5th July 1802
	Thomas Lile	Jesse Husketh	ditto	Thirteen years 13th March 1802
Aug	Samuel Creath, Jun	Moses Pettiford	"	
	Jacob Anderson	Thomas Mitchell	Planter	Eleven years Nov 1802
	Chesly Jones	Wm Harris		This ought to be May Court last
	Demsey Fuller	Grief Harris	Planter	Three years Aug 1801
				Same

1802

Aug Jason Bass

Jethro Bass

"

"

Nov Garland Hester

William Nance

"

"

1803

May John Amis

Nancy Richardson

"

aged 14 the 20th June 1802

Aug John M. Goodloe

Matthew D. Simmons

Carpenter

aged 14 the last February

Thomas Recks

Alexander Thompson

ditto

Master released May 1806

Nov Jesse Jenkins

Bressie

"

"

GCGS, 1746 - '95

1804	Feb	John Parrish John Hayes John Easter John_Sack William Sample	Abraham Parrish William Nance Betsey Lewis John Wells William Wells	Planter " Spinstress Planter Hatter	" " aged three years 1st June 1803 aged 8 years July 1803
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1805	Feb	John Recks Duke Kimball	Booker Parish Jesse Pettiford	Carpenter Planter	aged 15 months the 8th February 1805 master released February 1809
May		John Wilson (T)	William Owens	Tanner	aged 12 years the 15th May 1805
Aug		Alexander Fowler Same	John Fowler William Fowler	Planter ditto	aged 9 years 22d October 1805 aged 6 years 6th day April 1805
Nov		David Christopher	Elizabeth Pettiford	Spinstress	aged 12 or 13 years 4th day Nov 1805 apprentice surrendered Feb 1809
		Zachariah Dutton	Nancy Anderson	ditto	aged 10 or 11 years 4th day Nov 1805 apprentice discharged Feb 1808
		Same Duke Kimball	Humphrey Parish Polly Pettiford	Planter Spinstress	" aged 7 years the 8th Nov 1805 master released February 1809
		Evan Freeman William Hall	Julius A. Freeman John Mitchell Freeman	" "	aged 13 years the 8th Nov 1805 aged 16 years the 8th Nov 1805
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Nov	1805	William Morris	Polly J. Freeman	"	aged 10 years the 8th Nov 1805
Aug	1806	Jonathan Kittrell Isaac Loyd	Judith Prewit Fanny Lewis	" "	aged 8 years the 4th Aug 1806 aged 3 years the 25th Dec 1806
		John Mayfield	Thomas Barr	Carpenter	aged 14 years 8th Aug 1806
Nov		Samuel Hogg John Frazier	Nancy Pettiford Phoebe Mitchell	" "	aged 14 years 7th Nov 1806 aged 12 years 7th Nov 1806
Feb	1807	Jesse Garret Robert Williams	Lemuel Barr Lewis Grenaway	Planter Cabinet Workman	aged 6 years the 4th Feb 1807 "
May		John C. Russell Lewis Bennett Jonathan Knight	Ransom Hester Anna Curtis Joseph Curtis	Planter Spinstress "	" " aged 12 1/2 years 9th May 1807
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Nov	1808	Thomas Coghill	Patsy Knuckles	"	"
Feb		Charles Blackley Mills Taylor Same	John Smith Wm Bates John Bates	Planter Saddler ditto	aged 14 years the 5th July 1808 discharged May court 1813 dischd May court 1813

May	Wm Collins	Benjamin Heflin	Planter	
Aug	Alexander Colclough	Lea Peace	ditto	aged 7 years the 20th March 1808
	Woodson Daniel	Reuben Pettiford	"	"
Nov released				
Nov				
1818	Thomas Hobgood	Elsa Pettiford	Spinstress	aged 3 years the 25th December 1808
	The Same	Lewis Pettiford	Planter	aged 1 year the 24th Dec 1808
	Tarlton Johnson	Anne Lewis	Spinstress	"

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Feb				
1809	George Daniel	Joseph Parish	carriage maker	aged 15 years the 4th May 1809
May	Collin Pettiford	Betsy Pettiford	"	"
		Polly Pettiford	"	"
	Claborn Cooke	Wm L Rust	"	Rescended at Aug court 1809
	Jeremiah Rust	John Rust	"	"
	George Rust	George Rust	"	"
Aug	Jeremiah Frazier Senr	Fanny Mitchell	"	aged 14 years the 11th Feby 1809
		Hannah Mitchell	"	aged 12 years the 11th Feby 1809
Feb				
1810	Jeremiah Rust	Mary Cox Rust		aged 13 years Aug 1809
	Samuel Rust	Charnock Cox Rust	Planter	aged 11 years in Dec 1809
May	Jacob Anderson	Abraham Anderson		
	John P. Finch	Maria Wingfield		
Nov	Reuben Smith	Almand Joiner	"	aged 12 years 25th Dec 1809
	Wm Collins	Daniel Joiner	"	aged 11 years 25th Nov 1810
	Wm Collins	Abraham Joiner	"	aged 8 years 25th Dec 1809
	John Mayfield	Abraham Anderson	Carpenter	
	Wm M Sneed	George Cozens	Planter	aged 15 years the 9th day Nov 1810
	John Mayfield	Matthew Cozens	Carpenter	aged 12 years 9 Nov 1810
1811				
Aug	Sarah Harris	Nice Day	"	aged 16 years 30th July 1811
Indenture cancelled				
Nov Court 1824				
released				
cert.	Willis Lewis	Edmund Mitchell	Planter	aged 3 years 5th Nov 1811
	George Chapman	Fanny Evans	"	aged 7 years December 1811
				surrendered February Court 1822
	The Same	Sally Evans	"	aged 4 years May 1812
Nov	George W Harris	Milly Richardson	"	aged 4 years 18th January 1812
	George Roberts	Sarah Wells	Planter	aged 7 years 16th Nov 1811



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Nov				
1811	Ransom Parish	Duke Wells	Planter	aged 9 years 7th Nov 1811
Feb				
1812	William Lawrence	Barsheba F. Furgeson	"	aged 2 years 14th May 1811
May	Lewis Bledsoe	Rebecca Harris	"	aged 18 years 5th May 1812
	Bryant Cavender	Allen Anderson Raines	Planter	aged 4 years 15th Dec 1811
Nov	Mildred Hester	Nancy Richardson	"	aged 9 years 2d Nov 1812
		Lethe Richardson		aged 7 years 2d Nov 1812
	Wm Hester	Robert Richardson	"	aged 5 years 2d Nov 1812
	Thomas <u>Reeks</u>	Cullen Bass	Carpenter	aged 17 years May 1812
	Jacob Fain	Elijah Harris	Shoemaker	aged 7 years 25th Dec 1812
Nov				
1813	Wm Butler	John Potter	carpenter	"
	The same	Thomas Potter	ditto	"
	Isaiah Holden	William Bates	Saddler	"
	John Sims	William Butler (of Reuben)	Carpenter	"
1814				
Feb	Mitchell Satterwhite	Henry Briggs	"	aged 14 years 10th Feby 1814
	John F. Patillo	Jordan Harris	Farmer	aged 13 years the 12th April 1814
	Wm M Sneed	Fielding Mitchell	"	"
May	James Nail	Philip Yancey	Carpenter	"
Feb				
1815	Jacob Vincent	Joshua Myers	Planter	"
	Thomas Collin	William Greenaway	brick layer & stone mason	aged 12 years
	Parker F. Stone	----- Mitchell	"	"
May	Samuel Lockhart	Nathaniel Creath	Saddler	"

** to be continued **

## Oxford Female Seminary Advertisement

contributed by Mary McGhee, Oxford, NC; Source: *The Public Ledger*, Vol. III, No. 34, August, 1890, abstract from an advertisement for the Oxford Female Seminary, Oxford, NC

**One of the best Southern Institutions for the broad and advanced educational and moral training of Young Ladies**

### EXPENSES

Board, washing, lights, fuel and tuition in English course with one language.....	\$170.00
Music, instrumental or vocal.....	50.00
Painting or drawing.....	25.00
Both painting and drawing.....	30.00

## Family Letters

Xerographic copy of original letters submitted for publication by:  
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[Transcribed by Jo Anna B. McDaniel, CGRS]

"Henderson, NC  
Miss LYNCH

Sept 17th 1878

*Calculations are being made by the subscriber to spend the afternoon and evening of Sunday Sept. 22d in Oxford. If a certain young lady, whose name heads this communication, is to be there he asks the privilege of spending the best portion of that time with her. In fact he is not certain that he will be there unless he is informed that she will be there, and will grant him the privilege asked. Will she allow him to think that she will be kind and considerate enough in her condescension as to give him the necessary information. He signs himself truly and devotedly hers.*

*Thos C. J."*

[The original envelope survives and is addressed to "Miss Mittie LYNCH, Oxford, NC." It is postmarked "Henderson, NC, 17 Sept. 1878."]

Background information: Reference the above letter, Mr. Joseph O. Green III relates the following information taken from family papers and cemetery records:

"Thomas Clingman JOYNER of Franklinton and Margaret Camilla LYNCH of Oxford did indeed marry. Margaret Camilla was the first born (1857) to Thomas Moses LYNCH and Cecelia Elizabeth DORSEY. Thomas LYNCH was an Oxford jeweler. On the night of 22 November 1881, on his way from work, he was murdered ... [later the murderers were] hung in a tree on Cherry Hill which was near the scene of the murder. This story was told by Francis B. HAYS on 2 January 1917...

Thomas Clingman JOYNER was born in Franklinton in 1848 and was the youngest son of William Henry JOYNER and his wife Julia Henderson TIMBERLAKE. T. C. JOYNER owned a drug store in Franklinton where he started the business in 1876. His sons continued in this business until 1937.

Thomas and Margaret had seven children ... Thomas Clingman JOYNER died in 1913, and his wife, Margaret, died in 1908."

"To Miss Fannie OGBURN  
" Mittie BETHEL  
" Pattie COLE

May 30th  
1863

*and Miss Jennie GREGORY, my four new and dear friends, I address my letter relative to my dear deceased Neppie. We arrived in Franklinton 2 o'clock A.M., but did not get home until 4 o'clock, the next day. The Telegraphic dispatch, I suppose was not received in Raleigh as we never heard any thing from it. We had to write home from Franklinton for the carriage, and to Louisburg (ten miles) [sic] for the hearse.*

*My dear friends it is needless for me to attempt a description of the scene which followed my arrival. Suffice it to say I found them all deeply distressed, especially my poor mother who seems as yet unwilling to give up her darling child without seeing her once more. She is in bed, and looks very very feeble. I am afraid the blow will prove too much for her though [I sin]cerely pray that our*

kind heavenly Father may give us all sufficient Grace to bear up under any affliction he may see fit in His Great Wisdom to Send upon us. The death of Neppie has indeed cast a dark dark [sic] Shadow over this family & neighborhood; but may the Good Lord help us to say with "Job of Old" Lord gave, and, the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord. Dear Neppie was very much beloved by all who knew and when told she was dead seemed very much grieved, and some of her married lady friends even wept aloud they were so shocked at her sudden death. Her funeral was preached by Mr. RICAUD. His text you can find in the 34th Psalm. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Mr. RICAUD boarded in the college at Louisburg at the same time she died and knew her well, She there made a profession of religion during his revival - he alluded to this in his sermon, and spoke of her as being a lovely girl, dispensing joy and sunshine wherever she went. Her funeral was very generally attended. She was buried at Mrs. MITCHELL'S (my sister) two miles from us on Thursday 28th. She looked quite natural and had that same sweet smile resting on her countenance. All the family wished to know who dressed her so nicely, said she was the sweetest and the prettiest corpse they ever saw. My [blot] friends you may know I gave them a complete history of every thing that was done for her, and I think I can say sincerely that I never saw a sick person waited on so well and so cheerfully in all my life. It is a great consolation to us to know that Neppie dear lacked not attention and that she received it not merely because she was a sick child, but because she was beloved. Yes I do really think she had sincere [sic] to nurse her during her illness, and while I address you (dear four) I by no means forget the many many others who watched so faithfully by her bed-side. It is useless to mention each every name but well do I remember every one that came in her room during my short sad visit to Greensboro, and Oh! how I love them and how cheerfully would I prove my love should I ever find any of them in distress. God, bless and sustain in every condition of life each one of them from Mrs. BUMPASS, Mr. & Mrs. BETHEL down to the youngest person I saw and bless every one I ~~know~~ [sic] in Greensboro who manifested or felt the least interest in my dear Sister.

It is Tuesday now the same day of the week my poor Sister Neppie died. Oh & how sad to think of her as she looked then; my heart sinks within me and I feel like it is almost more than I can bear. God help me to bear it. I commenced this letter last Saturday but was too sick to finish it and to-day I don't feel even as well as I did then but must finish. My Sister (Mrs. SMITH from Johnston) reached home almost as soon as we did. She said she felt as if she never would see Neppie again when she first heard of her sickness. This seems to have been the impression made on each member of the family when told of Neppie's illness, though they durst not communicate it to each other. My father and mother and all the family request me to return their most sincere thanks to all of you for your great kindness to our beloved Neppie. May God bless you all with long and happy lives and at last the Crown of Life bestow[ed] is the fervent prayer of your Sincere friend, Eliza J. GREEN"

In reference to the above letter, Mr. Green supplied the following background information taken from family papers and cemetery records:

"Penelope (Neppie) Cain GREEN was born [in Franklin County, NC] at "Elm Grove" on 2 Dec. 1846. She was the youngest daughter of William Oscar GREEN (b. 31 Aug. 1805, d. 31 Oct. 1885) and Cynthia HARTSFIELD (b. 26 Oct. 1808, d. 19 Feb. 1890). Neppie died on 26 May 1863, while a student at Greensboro ... She was 17. Her father owned a 2,600 acres plantation, Elm Grove, located between Franklinton and Louisburg. Part of the original plantation is owned by members of the GREEN Family today...

Neppie was one of nine children. The author of the letter, Eliza Jane GREEN (b. 30 Apr. 1837, d. 21 Apr. 1922) married Capt. Julius Sidney JOYNER (b. 20 July 1839, d. 29 July 1892). Capt. JOYNER was Thomas Clingman JOYNER'S oldest brother ...

Neppie's oldest brother Col. William F. GREEN commanded the Franklin Rifles when they left for the great war on 20 May 1861. Col. GREEN was an attorney and represented his county in the Legislature for many years. His magnificent home, located a few miles from Elm Grove and called Paradise Lost from the death of his young wife, is in excellent condition ...

The Mrs. MITCHELL reference is another sister, Elizabeth Virginia GREEN (b. 6 Jan 1833, d. 24 Jun 1874), who married William H. MITCHELL. They lived at Portridge Plantation (located in the same area as is Elm Grove and Paradise Lost), and is the ancestral home of Osborn JEFFREYS... Neppie rests next to her parents and other family members at Portridge Cemetery. [Submitter's grandfather was Joseph Oscar GREEN, son of Neppie's brother Joseph Orlando GREEN. Joseph Oscar GREEN married Bessie Durham JOYNER, daughter of T. C. LYNCH.]

Thomas C. JOYNER; Margaret Camilla [LYNCH] JOYNER; Julius S. JOYNER; and Eliza J. [GREEN] JOYNER are all buried at the Joyner Plot, Fairview Cemetery in Franklinton."



## Jones Family Bible Record

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The following bible record is from a collection of xerographic copies of bible records collected and stored in the Family Vertical Files at the Richard H. Thornton Library in Oxford, NC. The present location and owner of the bible is not cited in the collection, however, a copy of a notarized letter from Decatur County, GA is included with the bible record and states:

*"Bainbridge, GA April 21, 1970  
I, Memorie C. Halstead, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of Decatur County, Georgia do hereby certify that I did this 21st day of April make these Xerox copies of the original instrument. Given under my hand and the seal of my Notary Commission.  
Memorie C. Halstead"*

Spelling and punctuation is as it appears in the record.

### Family Record

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Bridger Jones Was born August 11th day 1759

Rachel Jones his wife Was born September 9th 1762

Berry Jones Was born November 17th 1786

Polly Jones Was born March the 2 1789

Rachel Jones Junr Was born June the 2 1791

Bridger Jones Junr Was born August 26th 1793

Johntha briant Jones Was born November the 23 1796

Josiah Jones Was born March the 12 1799

Bazel Jones Was born November the 16 1800

Buckner Jones Was born March the 23 1804

Nancy Jones Was born April the 7 in 1807

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Page Jones Was born June the 22 day 1810

Jincy Jones Was born October the 2 day 1811

Polly Jones Was born April the 7 day 1813

Briger Jones Was born January the 1 day 1815

Rachel Jones Was born October 2 (torn page) 1816

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John Wise b. Sept 1790 wife Rachel Jones b. 6.2.1791 d. 9.6.1871

Jane Wise was born May the 8 1817

Bridger John Wise Birth 24 Janu. 1820

Sophronia Wise was born September 19th 1821

Margaret Wise was born November 11 1823

William Wise was born October the 7 1825

Basel Wise was born Oct 1 1827

Henry Wise was born 9th March 1830

Mary Ann Rachel Wise was born 24 April 1832

Sarah Ann Elizabeth Wise June 20 of 1834

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Buckner Bary Was born the 20 Day February 1775

William Bary Was born the 10 Day of October 1799

Briant Bary the 14 of may 1804

Bazzelle Bery the 20 of October 1806

Mary M. Berry The 16 of April 1809

### *B Bary*



Source - Family Bible Record of Bridger Jones. The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Translated out of the Original Greek; with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised, by the Special Command of King James I of England (Philadelphia: M. Carey, M.DCC.V)



## Corrections

Please note that on page 17 of *Granville Connections*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Winter 1995, in the list of Charter Members the entry for Mr. & Mrs. G. P. Wilkinson, Jr. This should read Dorothy G. Wilkinson and David S. Wilkinson. The Editorial Staff regrets this error and hopes that it has not caused Mrs. Wilkinson and her son, David, excessive inconvenience.

## Book Reviews

The Granville County Genealogical Society, 1746 would be happy to review books, manuscripts or other publications for sale or donated to the Society by our readers. Subject matter should be of historical or genealogical nature pertaining to the Granville County area, abstracts or transcripts of material concerning the area, family histories, or instructional material beneficial to researchers. Submitted material, if for sale, should include pricing and mailing information. Books for sale, as well as donated books, will become the property of the Granville County Genealogical Society, 1746 and will be placed in the North Carolina Room of the Richard H. Thornton Library in Oxford, Granville Co., NC for use by patrons. Final decision for material reviewed in this space will be made by the Editor.

## Queries

Individual members and each member of a family membership may submit one query per calendar membership year. Queries should be typed or legibly printed and should not exceed more than 70 words, not including the submitter's name and address. Surnames should be capitalized and dates written as day-month-year. Please do not use abbreviations as the staff will make necessary abbreviations when needed. Deadline for submissions are as follows: Dec 15 for Feb issue, Mar 15 for May issue, Jun 15 for Aug issue and Sep 15 for Nov issue. Queries will be printed as space allows and may be edited to conform to requirements and space allowances.

3-95 Who were the parents of Thomas SMITH? What happened to his children? He. m. Elizabeth HIGHT who was b. ca. 1767 possibly in VA. Thomas's will written 20 Sep 1789, proved Feb 1790 Granville Co., NC. Elizabeth HIGHT m. 2. John PEACE. Thomas and Elizabeth SMITH's ch: (1) Goodman, d. ca. 1803 m. 1. Polly HIGHT, m. 2. Rebecca HIGHT; (2) Isiah, d. 1843 Lawrence Co., MS, m. Sarah PERKINS; (3) Elizabeth; (4) Thomas Lorenzo Dow, m. 1839 Ann PLEASANTS; (5) Herbert/Harberd; (6) John; (7) Sarah; (8) Mary. Martha A. CIEGLO, 5000 Queen Oaks, Chelsea, MI 48118

4-95 Searching for parents of John Daniel BARNETT and Rebecca G. CRITCHER. They were m. 18 Jun 1853 in Granville Co., NC. Need date and place of death of John Daniel BARNETT. After his death, Rebecca m. John G. UPCHURCH 24 Oct 1866 in Granville Co., NC. They moved to Scott Co., VA sometime between 1866-68. Carletta J. ROBERTS, HCR 75 Box 840, Wellington, KY 40387

5-95 1700's Franklin Co., NC researching John and Kinchen PULLIAM and John and Kinchen ELLIOTT families to Rowan/Iredell Co.'s, NC. J. A. L. MILLER, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston Salem, NC 27106-5328

6-95 Would like to exchange info and proof documentation on Rev. War soldier Thornton YANCEY, and his descendants, Tryon YANCEY, Tinsley Allen YANCEY, and James Thornton YANCEY. Also, seek info on wife's families surnames, Elizabeth MITCHELL, Martha HARRIS, and Elizabeth LUNSFORD. Most interested in obtaining copies of wills, family Bibles, birth and death info and places of burial. William CHAMBERS, 6703 Red Jacket Rd., Springfield, VA 22152

7-95 Seek info on where Nimrod BRUMMETT lived prior to being 1785 Granville Co., NC taxpayer. Need name of 1st wife who d. before 1817. Seek wife of Leroy BRUMMETT; first name Jane. Leroy, son of Nimrod BRUMMETT, was b. c1778. Seek parents of Nancy RAGSDALE who m. Beverly FOSTER in 1810 in VA, moved to Granville Co., NC by 1813; census shows her birthplace as NC. Mrs. Barbara LONGWELL, 2509 Jonquil Lane, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

8-95 Searching for parents of Thomas O'BRIANT, b. c1806, m. Elizabeth GORDON, 22 Jul 1835, Granville Co., NC, d. c1868. Need ch of Robert O'BRIANT, b. c1783, m. Elizabeth PHILPOT, 22 Oct 1803, d. after 1850. Peggy Rudd McANDREW, 214 Heatherwood Dr., Rocky Mount, VA 24151