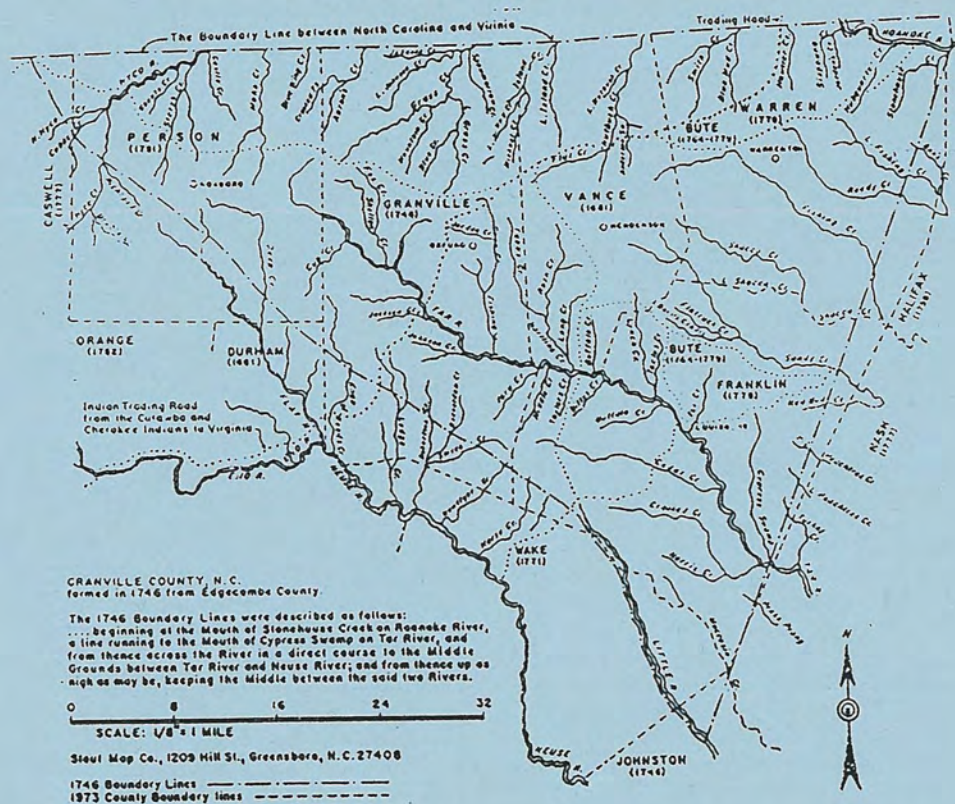


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GRANVILLE COUNTY - WORTHY OF CELEBRATION - 1746 - 1996

A List of Events and Celebrations occurring June 1996 - December 1996

- June 1 Butner's all-day Chicken Pickin' Day, featuring 250th Celebration Events by local residents.
- June 15 Central Children's Home Celebration and Parade.
- June 22 St. John's Day, Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Special historical display in Industrial Building featuring much old material from the Oxford Orphanage Archives. Some goes back well over 100 years!
- June 28 Granville Reunion Day. Southern Skies Aerial Shows, Governor Hunt, wedding supper, Air Force Band, local bands and entertainment, fireworks; Oxford Orphanage Archives, walking tour of downtown Oxford.
- June 29 History Day. Crafters from North Carolina, Guilford Militia (Revolutionary War) and Cedar Fork Rifles (Civil War)- reenactment groups, Oxford Orphanage Archives, historical characters and window displays in downtown Oxford, genealogical exhibits, children's games, old-fashioned hayride through the historical section of Oxford, Heritage Village.
- June 30 Heritage Sunday. Special historical services at churches throughout Granville County.
- July 4 Creedmoor Fourth of July Parade
- July 28 Grassy Creek Blue Grass Festival presented by the Granville Arts Council
- Sept. 14 Nature Lovers Garden Club Flower Show
- Sept. 21 Creedmoor Music and Fun Festival sponsored by the Granville County Chamber of Commerce
- Oct. 27 Pilgrimage Day, Central Children's Home
- Nov. 10-11 Arts and Crafts Bazaar, presented by the Granville County Extension Homemakers Association
- Nov. 29 Granville County Chamber of Commerce Lighting of the Greens in traditional Dicken's style at courthouse
- Dec. 1 Christmas Parade sponsored by Granville County Chamber of Commerce and Oxford Jaycees
- Dec. 15 Christmas Tour of Homes

Happy Birthday, Granville County!!

Imagination is the highest kite that one can fly.
Lauren Bacall

A Brief History of Oxford

GRANVILLE COUNTY DEED BOOK W: PAGES 1-4

Extract of Deed:

dated 4 March 1812

Thomas B. LITTLEJOHN of Granville Co. to Robert BURTON \$2,636.00
Charles EATON (Charles R. EATON)
John HARE
Robert JETER
Benjamin HILLIARD, Commissioners in
trust for the county of Granville

by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina passed at Raleigh in the session of 1811 entitled "an act to appoint Commissioners to contract with Thomas B. LITTLEJOHN for fifty acres of Land to erect a Town...the said Robert BURTON, Charles BURTON, John HARE, Robert JETER, and Benjamin HILLIARD were appointed Commissioners to carry the said act...being a part of the tract of Land called the Court House or Oxford tract...beginning...near where the former Jail stood, ninety feet from the west end of the Court house designated in the annexed plan by the letter A...

In 1760, Samuel BENTON acquired title to 200 acres of land, which he called "Oxford Plantation". After S. BENTON died the property was owned by several others, being acquired by Thomas B. LITTLEJOHN in 1805. In 1811, he sold 50 acres to Granville County which laid out and sold lots in 1811-1812. On December 24, 1816, by act of the Legislature the Town of Oxford was incorporated and its charter registered with the Secretary of State of North Carolina.

Agriculture has always been the main activity of the area with tobacco being the prime crop. In this respect Oxford has the distinction of being the first and oldest flue cured tobacco market in the world. The first tobacco warehouses were built in 1866.

There have been many educational institutions in Oxford's past. These include:

- Oxford Academy - 1811-1850
- N.C. Literary, Science and Military School - 1830
- Oxford Female Seminary (Later Oxford College) - 1850 - 1925
- St. John's College - 1850 - 1868
- Oxford Orphanage - 1872 (converted from the former St. Johns College)
- Horner Military School - 1855 - 1913
- Central Orphanage of NC - 1883
- St. Stephens Institute (Later Granville Institute, then Hilliard School) - 1885 - 1909
- Mary Potter School - 1890
- Oxford Public Schools - 1902
- Fuller School of Business - from the 1940's until about the mid 1960's

The railroads finally arrived in Oxford in 1881, with the completion of Oxford and Henderson RR. In 1888 the line of the Oxford and Clarksville Railroad was completed. In 1889 this line was completed on to Durham. These three railroads have since become part of the Southern Railway System. In 1903 a branch was built from Dickerson, on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad to Oxford. This line, presently going only to I-85, is now part of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad.

While agriculture has been the staple of the economy, there have been many industries in Oxford's past and present. Probably the most well known was the Oxford Cotton Mill, now part of Burlington Industries. There were also two buggy companies, wheels and vehicle parts, lumber, and others.

Presently there are industries manufacturing apparel and fabric, electronic products, tobacco products, building materials, etc.

The Oxford city seal is a portrait of the city. The ox in the ford comes from the seal of Oxford, England, representing the past, the tobacco leaf representing the part tobacco has played in Oxford's past and the gears of machinery, showing the supporting role of industry. The dates are from the time of "Oxford Plantation", 1760, and the charter of the city, 1816.

(the following was prepared by Tom Ragland, June 30, 1990)

The information that follows has been obtained from several sources known to be factual. Voluminous written material is available in the North Carolina Room in the R. H. Thornton Library in Oxford.

What eventually became North Carolina was first known as the Lost Colony. Virginia was the first colony settled and others followed with help from the First Families of Virginia (The FFV's).

Of the eight original lords Proprietors of land in the New World all but one agreed to sell (in 1729) their land holdings to the King of England with the exception of one: John CARTERET, Earl of Granville; his portion was the north part of North Carolina. The Earl of Granville never laid eyes or foot on his holdings in Carolina. He made grants to various people in pre-revolutionary days.

The Earl of Granville granted to William WILLIS on December 1, 1760, some 508 acres, which WILLIS sold part to Samuel BENTON. The 508 acres in the area includes the original Oxford city limit area. On March 12, 1760 WILLIS sold 200 acres to Samuel BENTON. BENTON called his land "Oxford Plantation". BENTON purchased other tracts as well. By tradition William WILLIS settled the first land in what is now Oxford in December, 1760.

In the early days the first known settlement for trading and court activities was Harrisburg which was located on what we call Coon Creek in the vicinity of the old Henderson Road where it parallels. Harrisburg was an important supply base during the Revolutionary War.

King Charles II, who, after regaining the throne after the Cromwell era, had rewarded his supporters with land grants. His father, Charles I, was beheaded after the Civil War in the 1640's (England was without a king for 30 years).

Interstate Highway 85. It is interesting to note that the Interstate Highway system along the U.S. east coast is about identical in it's location to the old pre-revolutionary war trading paths.

Granville County was formed in 1746 out of Edgecombe County. Harrisburg was the first settlement in Granville and the second was Williamsboro in what is now Vance County on NC 39. The third settlement in Granville was Oxford. In 1764 Samuel BENTON was a member of the North Carolina General Assembly and he managed to have a bill ratified making Oxford the County Seat of Granville County. BENTON also served as Sheriff of Granville County and was a large land owner and prominent political personage.

Oxford was first called a post town and later it was called Merrittsville. Samuel BENTON died in 1770. His descendants moved to Missouri.

In 1764 BENTON gave an acre of land to build a Courthouse. The Courthouse at Harrisburg was used until 1820.

On November 29, 1787, Thomas PERSON (a large landowner of Granville County) asked for leave to introduce a bill in the State General Assembly to Incorporate the Town of Oxford. The bill was introduced in 1789 but was not ratified.

Tradition and the records of the Francis Hays Collection give indication that Samuel BENTON sold land to Leonard Henry BULLOCK who sold the same land to John WALKER, Sr. who sold to William PANNILL who sold some of the land to Thomas B. LITTLEJOHN and LITTLEJOHN is considered to be the founder of Oxford by tradition.

LITTLEJOHN subdivided lots in the vicinity of the present Courthouse for the establishment of businesses and he established a hotel himself. LITTLEJOHN laid out the original lots in Oxford and spearheaded another attempt for incorporation of the Town of Oxford in 1811 which failed.

LITTLEJOHN was a strict elder of the Presbyterian Church and said that the community was in early days a favorite meeting place for gamblers and sportsmen and he said "no town ever groaned under such a heavy load of sin and it was "Satan's Nest".

Finally on December 26, 1816, the General Assembly ratified an Act incorporating the Town of Oxford. Several amendments to that act occurred from 1816 until 1831.

The first Oxford Commissioners were appointed by the State General Assembly. They were William M. SNEED, Nathaniel M. TAYLOR, Thomas BOOTH, Leslie GILLIAM, and Thomas B. LITTLEJOHN (in 1816). The act of the General Assembly empowered them to appoint a chairman. The first election of Oxford Commissioners was held in 1830 by direction of the General Assembly who directed the Sheriff to hold the election. The present city records of board meetings began in 1831.

In early days bartering and trade of goods and staples constituted the main economic base. Land speculation figured prominently in the economy and the year 1760 showed a great upward trend in land trading. Tobacco was one of the most prominent commodities in trade and was commonly used as the currency of the time probably more so than the British pound before and after the Revolution.

The land speculation of the 1760s and after was largely due to movement of second and third generation Virginians into North Carolina. John PENN was a Virginian who settled in Granville and was a North Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence. He died in Granville County in 1787.

In the year 1839, on the farm of Abisha SLADE in Caswell County, North Carolina, a slave built a fire in a tobacco barn where tobacco was being air cured. Having slept in the barn all night and upon awakening the next morning, discovered that the tobacco hanging above the fire had turned to a golden yellow. The slave's name was Stephen (SLADE). That was the beginning of the process later to be known as flue curing of tobacco. Burley tobacco grown mostly in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Western North Carolina, is still air cured and is used almost entirely for pipe smoking. After 1839, charcoal was used for tobacco curing due to the leap upward in demand for yellow cured tobacco (Abisha SLADE'S tobacco jumped in value from ten dollars to forty dollars per hundred pounds).

In the early 1800s, in Maryland, a variety of heat curing devices were used for tobacco curing. Dr. Davis G. TUCK of Halifax County, Virginia, is credited with development of a flue cured system that became uniformly used in the old belt which embraced counties in the lower mid counties of Virginia and the north central counties of North Carolina. Major Robert Lispcomb RAGLAND, of Hyco in Halifax County, Va. (b. 1824, d. 1893) cultivated, produced and sold the seed from the Abisha SLADE tobacco in Caswell County. He established himself as an authority on tobacco and is

acknowledged to have "fixed" the curing formula that became standard. In Tilley's book on the history of tobacco he is said to be the forerunner of modern scientific (tobacco) agriculturists.

The rich, sweet, and mellow aroma and taste of the flue cured golden tobacco leaf produced a quantum leap forward for the demand for tobacco. The genius of the flue curing system was that it insulated the tobacco from the wood fired ash and smoke. Of course other crops such as cotton, corn, wheat, and so forth figured in the agrarian economy but they all were secondary to tobacco. Tobacco was transported to market in large round wooden barrels called hogsheads. One legacy of the American Civil War was that large numbers of Union troops were introduced to tobacco and when they returned home wanted more.

Francis Hays (Vol. 1) Oxford History says that the first tobacco warehouse for auction sales was built in 1866 by Dr. L. C. TAYLOR and Oxford claimed to be the oldest auction sale market in the "old belt". The coming of railroads greatly expanded the sale and shipping of tobacco to domestic and foreign markets. Likewise, the industrial revolution propelled the processing, manufacturing and packaging of tobacco forward with a great leap.

In November, 1890, William Henry SNOW (b. 1825, d. 1902) a native of Washington County, Vermont, came from High Point, North Carolina to Oxford due to the efforts of Oxford tobacco interests, and with \$200,000 capital, established a factory in the vicinity of West Front, First and Elm Street for the manufacture of wired tobacco curing sticks to be used in a revolutionary curing barn (known as the Snow Barn) that he patented on July 14, 1885. After three years the Snow Barn operation failed but the factory converted to production of tobacco baskets with production of 200,000 yearly. The Snow Barn objective was to reduce curing time by 24 to 48 hours. Although the concept failed at the time it was nevertheless an early prototype of modern curing barns in use today. Granville County natives pioneered the growth of tobacco in Canada and in South Africa.

In the late 1800's other industries appeared in Oxford to balance the economy due to the highly seasonal aspect of agricultural products. Examples were buggy manufacturers, wheel factories, and others. Early in this century there were three buggy companies. The largest boasted manufacture and sale of 4000 buggies a year. A soft drink bottling works was operated (behind the present JONES Drug Store) for a time by Josh KING who was later president of the Union National Bank.

In the 20's and 30's a body factory manufactured school bus bodies where the Southern States (Farm Supply) cooperative is now located. A variety of industries operating in Oxford in the late 1800's and early 1900's eventually disappeared. One old industry that did not fade away was the Oxford Cotton Mill which was purchased by Burlington Industries in 1947.

W. A. ADAMS Co. was established in 1885 and celebrated its 100 year anniversary in 1985. Adams is a small independent buyer and processor of leaf tobacco, mostly for the international markets. It continues to be a large part of Oxford's economy. They buy and sell tobacco in the far east, South America and sell in Europe. Until shortly after World War II the Oxford market drew tobacco for an 80 mile radius. After the war the draw diminished due to creation of markets in areas where they previously didn't exist. Other significant tobacco buyers and processors with plants in Oxford were the Export Tobacco and the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain. Their plants were closed out in the 1960's. Imperial consolidated in Wilson, NC and later closed out there. Green prize houses in Oxford in former years were owned by Liggett-Myers, R.J. Reynolds, American and others in earlier years (late 1800's, early 1900's).

In 1911 the Tobacco Experimental Research Station was established on the west side of Oxford. Since its beginning it has made extremely important contributions to the control of tobacco plant diseases. In the 1920s and 1930s a plant disease known as "Granville Wilt" brought about devastating situations to many tobacco farmers in Granville County. The "Granville Wilt" problem was so bad that a significant number of farmers either sold their farms or lost them in the depression.

Many of those farmers and their families moved to other counties in North Carolina such as southern Wake, Harnett, and Johnston Counties. Farm land values sank drastically because of Granville Wilt. During World War II the Oxford Tobacco Experimental Station, working with it's staff of plant pathologists and related disciplines, developed a wilt resistant variety of tobacco plant. That enormous accomplishment effectively eliminated Granville Wilt which by then had migrated to other tobacco growing areas as well. The revolutionary accomplishment of the Research Station enabled tobacco farmers to recover past losses and farm land values appreciated quite significantly. The Oxford Research Station continues in operation today with support from the state and federal government.

In the 1950's the decline of the agricultural economy was felt severely and efforts to recruit industry had some moderate success. In 1960 Oxford and Granville County funded a full time industrial recruiter and important new industries located in the County and in around Oxford.

During the first half of the twentieth century the automobile and the building of the first National Highways (U.S. 15 and U.S. 158) contributed greatly to Oxford's economy. While the Interstate Highway contributes greatly to industrial recruiting, Oxford has not replenished the lost economic benefit of the old U.S. 15 and U.S. 158 through traffic that patronized local businesses. However, the contribution of local industry has provided an enviable low rate of unemployment which is consistently below that of most of our neighboring counties.

No history, however brief, should overlook the contribution of the important educational and social institutions that were prominent in Oxford's history; they are listed at the beginning of this article.

Over the post World War II years local financial institutions have grown substantially and we now have four banks and two savings and loan houses, and the Oxford Credit Union.

Some of our late prominent citizens include W. A. DEVIN, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, D. G. BRUMMITT, Former State Attorney General, Frank W. HANCOCK, Jr., a U.S. Congressman during the 1930s and others. One notable native of Oxford is James WEBB, Former Administrator of NASA who is still living.

Tom Ragland, June 30, 1990

Call It Basketball. Really
January 15, 1892

Rules for the new sport of basketball are made public by Dr. James NAISMITH in Springfield, Mass. An official ball would not be invented for two years, so the sport is played with a soccer ball and the legendary peach baskets at each end of the court.

Abner Who?
June 19, 1846

The New York Base Ball Club defeats Alexander CARTWRIGHT's Knickerbockers 23-1 in the first baseball game. Myth be damned, CARTWRIGHT, not Abner DOUBLEDAY, is the sport's founder, and the first game is in Hoboken, NJ, not Cooperstown, NY.

Lest We Forget

Capt. Leonard Hubert Knott
Lt. Eugene W. Knott
Pvt. Samuel L. Knott, Jr.

In 1945, as World War II drew to an end, a small banner hung in Enon Baptist Church. The banner consisted of three gold stars on a dark background and was a token memorial to the service men from Enon Church who had given their lives for their country during this great war. Many of the people in rural Granville County remarked that this church and the Knott family had been exceptionally hard hit--all three of these young men were from the same church and same family. It is appropriate, 50 years after the war, to remember those who gave so much to their nation. Lest we forget, their names were Captain Leonard Hubert KNOTT, Lieutenant Eugene W. KNOTT, and Private Samuel L. KNOTT, Jr.

Leonard Hubert KNOTT was born in Granville County on May 8, 1916. He was the son of Leonard Henderson KNOTT (1876-1937) and Chloe O'BRIAN (1889-1967) and the grandson of Fielding R. KNOTT (1827-1901) and Sallie WILSON (1847-1922). Hubert, as he was known, grew up in a large family of two brothers and two sisters plus five siblings from an earlier marriage of his father. His formative years were spent on his father's farm near Enon Church. Hubert graduated from Oxford High School and North Carolina State College, Raleigh, NC. The 1940 North Carolina State yearbook shows he was active on campus as a member of the ROTC, cross country team, track team, a social fraternity, and an officer of a campus professional society; his degree was in Electrical Engineering.

Before Pearl Harbor, Hubert KNOTT volunteered for service in the Air Force--a part of the Army at that time. He won a commission and became a 2nd Lieutenant in 1941. Officer KNOTT was trained as a pilot at Randolph Field, Kelly Field, and other Army training stations. He was known as an enthusiastic aviator and learned to fly virtually every type of plane used by the military during the early stages of World War II. He was promoted to the rank of Captain and was regarded by the Army and his crew as an exceptionally competent pilot. In this global conflict, Captain KNOTT was assigned to the 45th Bomber Squadron stationed in Latin America with a mission to patrol the air and shipping lanes off the South American coasts and to guard the Panama Canal. This Squadron was equipped with the B-24 Bomber, Liberator, one of the most versatile planes of this era. On May 9, 1943, he and a crew of 11 other men were on an anti-submarine patrol over the Pacific Ocean when their plane caught fire and exploded in mid-air 150 miles from shore. Search crews did not find any survivors.

In August after his death, a memorial service was held at Enon Church for Captain Hubert KNOTT. His mother received the Army's Air Medal, a citation was read, and local officials eulogized him as Granville's first officer to die during this war. Today a small marker in the Enon cemetery among the graves of family members reminds us that Captain Hubert KNOTT died at sea during the war.

Eugene Wilson KNOTT was the son of Allen Thurman KNOTT (1889-1940) and Pauline F. HOWARD (1893-1954); he was also the grandson of Fielding R. KNOTT and Sallie WILSON. Eugene or "Speck", as he was affectionately known, was born in Granville County December 1, 1920. "Speck" was the third child in a home with three sisters; they lived on Broad Street in Oxford. (Note: Margaret, one of his sisters, was also an officer during World War II.) He attended the schools in Oxford and later attended Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, NC. While at Appalachian, he was a member of the football team and participated with the Marine Corp Reserve Unit.

"Speck" KNOTT entered the United States Marine Corp in 1943. He received training at the navy School at the University of North Carolina; Parris Island, South Carolina; Quantico, Virginia; and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was commissioned as an officer on March 22, 1944 while at Quantico. The following August he went to the Pacific as part of the war effort. As a 2nd Lieutenant, "Speck" KNOTT was assigned as the Executive Officer of a company in the 2nd Battalion of the 9th Marines of the Third Marine Division.

This unit landed on the island of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. Iwo Jima was a heavily defended Japanese island only 750 miles south of Tokyo. The fighting that ensued was described as the toughest in the 150 year history of the Marines. Lieutenant KNOTT's unit was engaged in a battle for an airfield where the action was a "see-saw affair with the marines being driven from hard-won front line positions by enemy fire that our own artillery, naval gunfire, and air support seem unable to silence. The Japs continued to fire from unbelievably complex underground positions." The company suffered heavy losses with less than 90 men out of more than 200 able to continue to fight. Lieutenant KNOTT was among the ones that had survived the initial battle.

In April, 1945, Mrs. Pauline KNOTT received the following message from the War Department: "I deeply regret to inform you that your son, Second Lieutenant Eugene W. KNOTT, US Marine Corp, was killed in action at Iwo Jima volcanic island in the performance of his duty and the service to his country." "Speck" had died from a sniper's bullet before the island could be secured.

Today, at the Enon Baptist Church cemetery, a tombstone memorializes "Speck" KNOTT; the date of death is given as March 17, 1945. A neighbor of "Speck" remembered him as a man "of gentle good nature, friendly personality, red hair, and good sportsmanship--this made him a favorite with young and old".

Samuel Lee KNOTT, Jr. was the oldest child of a family of four children of Samuel lee KNOTT (1896-1977) and Lois Martha DANIEL (1897-1965); he was the great-grandson of Fielding R. KNOTT. Sam, Jr. or "Check" as he was known growing up, was born in Granville County on September, 10, 1925. Sam Senior, a veteran of World War I, was his mentor and teacher as "Check" was reared on the family tobacco farm west of Oxford. He was educated at Berea High School where he graduated and had a year of post-graduate study before entering military service. He was known as an outstanding 4-H Club member. "Check's" background and lifestyle was typical of many of the young people from Granville County who had to enter military service during this difficult time.

Sam Jr. was inducted into service shortly after his 18th birthday and was assigned to Camp Blanding, Florida where he took his basic training. He then received four weeks of initial training as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia. Following a furlough spent at home, Private Knott was transferred to the West Coast and later to New Guinea in preparation for engagement with the enemy in the Pacific Theater of the war.

In January, 1945, his unit, the 503rd Paratrooper Infantry Regiment of the 11th Airborne Division, was among the initial assault forces on the Pacific island of Corregidor. Corregidor was at that time occupied by the Japanese forces; it was the rocky and strongly fortified island that guarded the entrance to Manila Bay of the larger island of Luzon in the Philippines. The Japanese Army had captured this island in 1942 from the allied forces. The fighting to retake Corregidor in January and February 1945 was some of the most fierce military action of World War II and resulted in many casualties for both sides. Allied forces lead by General Douglas MACARTHUR succeeded in freeing Corregidor and Luzon in February 1945. However, Samuel L. KNOTT, Jr. was killed January 26, 1945 during the battle to take Corregidor.

Many years before World War II, General SHERMAN characterized war with the simple but profound statement: "War is hell". This description is a truism when the leaders of nations can not settle differences in a peaceful manner. The deaths of these three men from Enon Church show plainly that the nation's freedom is obtained with a precious price.

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by Leonard Dean

OOPS!!!!

Correction:

In last quarter's edition of *Granville Connections* in the article entitled "The Formation and Early Settlement of Granville County" there was an error. On page 6 in the paragraph of "FIRSTS" near the bottom of the page reads 'Home of Varina Howell, who became the wife of Thomas Jefferson'. This should read 'Home of Varina Howell, who became the second wife of Jefferson DAVIS, the President of the Confederacy.'

Granville County Notes

Kathryn B. Royster (noted historian)

By the 1730's a steady trickle of pioneers were arriving - enough to form a separate county in 1746. They began farming immediately and were so successful that less than 30 years later Governor MARTIN reported to London that Granville people had become preeminate in cultivation, better than other inhabitants of the colony, "so great than one would be led to think them people of another region". By 1754 there were 779 white taxables in the county and this was two years after a part of it went for the creation of Orange County. (A taxable was a white man more than 18 years of age and capable of bearing arms.) In 1775 the county was required to raise three companies of troops, ranking it among the four most populous counties in the state. The perennial dispute over the courthouse continued from 1746 to 1765. The seat was moved five times before a permanent home was found where Oxford is now located.

We were one of the first counties to participate in the Regulator Movement on September 30, 1768. The "Nutbush Paper", called the Resolves, spoke against taxes and usual grievances. Justice Richard HENDERSON's stables and barns were burned by November 12, 1770 and two days later his home was burned at Williamsboro. Thomas PERSON of Granville was the leader in the movement. He was imprisoned in jail but escaped death for searchers were unable to find incriminating papers in his home. (PERSON's ride or MICKLEJOHN?)

Granville Freeholders adopted resolutions by August 14, 1775, declared the most advanced ground obtained during the year. Thomas PERSON and his friend, John PENN, were active in the Revolution.

On the site of "settling in Granville", there was plenty of game; no man need despair of "daily bread" in the woods. The first crops were grain, hay, flax, and vegetables for home use. Tobacco was grown for home consumption for payment of parish and county taxes. Cotton was grown in limited amounts and many raised livestock. Roads were awful - it required six horses to pull a load. There were plenty of mill sites. Tobacco was rolled to Petersburg.

The main road was called the Hillsborough to Tarborough Road and passed near the Indian Mound at Knapp of Reeds and what is now Stem.

There were no towns prior to 1759 in Granville County; the first was Harrisburg, 1 1/2 miles east of Oxford. Williamsborough was quite a town or community named Nutbush - and later became Williamsborough. it was a seat of wealth, education and culture. Granville's interest in education was very notable then as it is now.

Before 1753 a school was built and in 1780 Bishop ASBURY reported preaching in a school house at long island on the land of Edmund TAYLOR.

Granville Hall Academy, chartered in 1779, was one of the first classical schools in the state. Rev. Henry PATTILLO opened Nutbush Academy in 1799 on J. HUNT's plantation (later his home). On Highway 15, as a marker to him between Bullock and Stovall, Oxford Academy was chartered in 1811. Bingham School was established in 1826 (Williamsborough). Horner's Military School was established in 1851 and continued for 60 years. 1880 saw the establishment of Oxford Female Seminary, later known as Oxford College, which flourished until the great Dr. Frank P. HOBGOOD'S death in 1924. We can never pay enough tribute to the educator, Dr. HOBGOOD. His mark had much to do with training homemakers, church leaders, and teachers in our county. In July 1885, the Board of Education employed W. H. P. JENKINS as Superintendent of Instruction at \$3.00 per day.

William PEACE, born in Granville in 1773, was the benefactor of Peace College. His father received 6,000 acres of land from the Earl of Granville.

Churches began soon. St. John's Parish was established in 1746. The first Episcopal minister was Rev. Clement HALL. he reported he rode over 300 miles, preached 7 sermons, churched 50 well-disposed women and baptized 148 children. Presbyterians had Rev. Henry POTTILLO as pastor at Grassy Creek, and at Nutbush Dr. Josiah HART was the first Baptist minister arriving in 1748. He established Old Sherman's near Berea. Grassy Creek Baptist followed by 1754. Methodists had Francis ASBURY as their leader before regular ministers at Bank's Chapel in 1764.

New Geography of North Carolina (Granville Section) - Bill Sharpe
Hays Papers
John H. Wheeler's North Carolina Book
Dr. Hugh T. Lefler

1746 Jury List
(compiled by Mildred Goss)

Following is a list of the people who served on the first jury after the formation of Granville County in 1746. If you didn't own land you didn't have to serve on jury duty then.

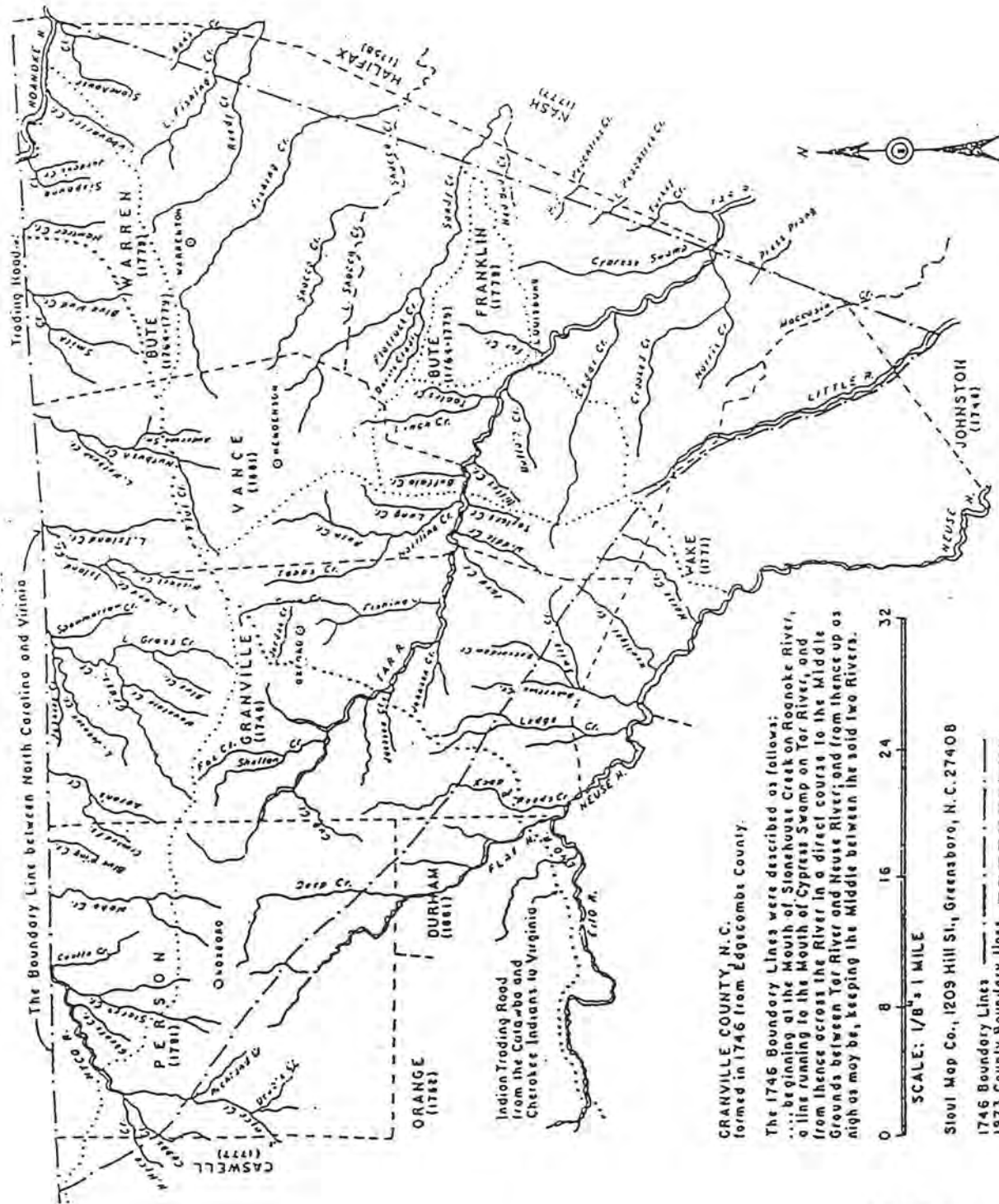
10 June 1746

Robert Harris
Samuel Benton
James Yancey
Thomas Persons
John Pope
Phil Taylor
Reuben Searcey
William Bullock
James Forsyth
William Taylor
William Busford

30 November 1746

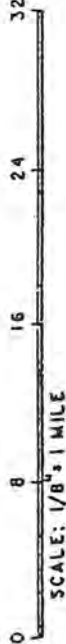
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John Pope
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William Bruford
Richard Harris
Leon Henry Bullocke
Stephen Jette
Jonathan Nitteral
David Mitchell
Thomas Bradford
William Bullock
Robert Lewis
Thornton Yancey

A map of Granville County as it appeared in 1746 and as it appeared in 1973.



GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.
formed in 1746 from Edgemcombe County.

The 1746 Boundary Lines were described as follows:
 ... beginning at the Mouth of Stonehouse Creek on Roanoke River,
 a line running to the Mouth of Cypress Swamp on Tar River, and
 from thence across the River in a direct course to the Middle
 Grounds between Tar River and Neuse River; and from thence up as
 high as may be, keeping the Middle between the said two Rivers.



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1746 Boundary Lines ———
 1973 County Boundary lines - - - - -

Frances (Madison) Pipkin and Frances (Goss) Roberts of Granville County, North Carolina

James D. Thomas, Aurora, Colorado

Frances MADISON, born 15 January 1814 in Granville County, is believed to be the eighth child of William MADISON. William was said to be a "cousin" of President James MADISON. Frances was taken care of by Frances GOSS, born 18 June 1797, who was the daughter of Thomas GOSS, Senior and was reportedly in the employ of the MADISON family as a seamstress. William died between May 1814 and November 1816. His wife, who family tradition identifies as a COWAN, (see KEPLEY Bible), also died sometime around 1815 and 1816, perhaps from illness or the birth of Hiram, the ninth child. Frances was then raised by Frances GOSS who married Lewis ROBERTS in Granville County on 8 July 1814. They lived on the MADISON estate.

Lewis and Frances ROBERTS, who had no children of their own, were supposedly afraid that Frances MADISON would be taken from them and thus decided to move to Smith County, Tennessee. They were very fond of the small Frances and raised her as their own. Frances grew up thinking she was a ROBERTS. Frances then fell in love with Lewis PIPKIN and they wanted to marry, but the PIPKIN family did not approve of the match. It was then that the ROBERTS' revealed her true surname, the circumstances of her birth, and that George WASHINGTON had once visited the MADISON Estate. Frances MADISON and Lewis PIPKIN were married in Bedford County, Tennessee in 1829.

Frances MADISON's known siblings were Polly, Susanna, John, Sarah, Ann, Charlotte, Harriet and Hiram. In August 1819, Richard GOOCH is appointed Guardian for Polly, (who is of age), Susannah, John, Sally, Amy, Harriet, Frances, and Hiram while Edward BULLOCK and John GOOCH each post bond of \$1,500. Redford GOOCH's accounting in November of that year shows Susanna, Hiram, Polly, Sally, Amia, John, Charlotte, Harriet, and Frances MADISON all to have an undivided interest in 225-1/2 acres and \$6.75 cash each. Additional accountings are given for Jan/Feb. of 1820 and 21. The 1823 accounting does not list Polly who married Stephen ELLIS on 6 October 1820. Polly and Stephen were living in Orange County, (also 1830 Census, but not 1840), when they deeded their share of land in 1821. The 1824 accounting lists seven children, as Susannah married Joseph STEPHENSON on 25 January 1823.

The 1825 report is for Frances, Sally, Charlotte, Harriet, Hyrum, Anna (Amy?), and John. 1827 drops Sally and John. A John MADISON, age 15, was apprenticed to James ROBERTS, (Court date of 10 February 1821), and married Elizabeth ROBERTS on 18 August 1826 with Stephen ELLIS as bondsman. 1828 still had five children listed with Sally omitted. Ann apparently married James ABEL and they are living in Alabama in 1830; "Sally" MADISON was listed with them. Charlotte married Ellis ROBERTS on 14 December 1829 and Harriet married George Thomas MOORE on 25 March 1828. The MOORES were living in Murphreesboro, Tennessee in 1830 when they employed Richard BULLOCK to represent them in her father's estate. The 1830 account approved cash and clothing for Hyrum's visit to Lewis ROBERTS in Tennessee. The accounts are given by Peyton MADISON for William's son Hiram in January 1832, February 1833, 1834, and 1835.

Hiram initially was thought to have followed the gold rush to California as there was a Hyrum MADISON there in 1850. Contact with his descendants place him in that Census in Carroll County, Mississippi, age 34, with wife Nancy and a 40 year old Sarah who may be his sister. There is a marriage record of a Sally MADISON to John KING on 25 January 1837 which could be our Sally, but perhaps she is from the Peyton MADISON family. The birthplace of Hiram and Nancy's children indicate that he was in Alabama prior to 1840. In the 1880 Census, he is in Milam County, Texas showing N.C. birth ca. 1815.

Returning to Lewis and Frances (MADISON) PIPKIN, they lived near Murphreesboro, Tennessee until 1839 when they moved by covered wagon to near Fair Grove, Greene County, Missouri which is a short distance northeast of Springfield. We know nothing of Lewis ROBERTS after 1830. Frances ROBERTS was with the PIPKINS until she died on 20 October 1860. Frances PIPKIN died 6 December 1870 and her husband died 13 November 1871. The three of them, along with two of the PIPKIN children are buried in Elm Springs Cemetery approximately three miles south of Fair Grove. When I was there in 1990, (see photos) I could easily read the PIPKIN stones and could still see the data on Frances ROBERTS' stone. It included the words "Granville Co., N.C.". She was proud of her heritage.

Additional discussion: The deed to William FORSYTHE of Granville by Stephen and Polly ELLIS was shown as one-tenth of the land from Polly's father William MADISON. This is either a transcription mistake or there is another heir (unknown). William MADISON'S land had common points with William LAWS, Daniel UMSTEAD'S, Peyton MADISON, Larkin MCFARLIN, BINNEHANS, and ran long the County line. It was purchased from Joseph TAYLOR and was recorded on 5 August 1818 after William's death. The name ROBERTS also appears in the records as ROBARDS. Much of this research was done by Dr. L.W. MACFARLANE whose wife Dorothy is of the PIPKIN line. I have verified a large portion of his work and added to it. I welcome any comments, additions, or corrections. Written by Lewis and Frances Pipkin's great grandson, James D. Thomas, 1448 S. Macon St., Aurora, CO 80012-4131.

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Letter, Lucille Kelly Lanier, undated

Letter, Mrs. John Robert Hyde, November 25, 1980

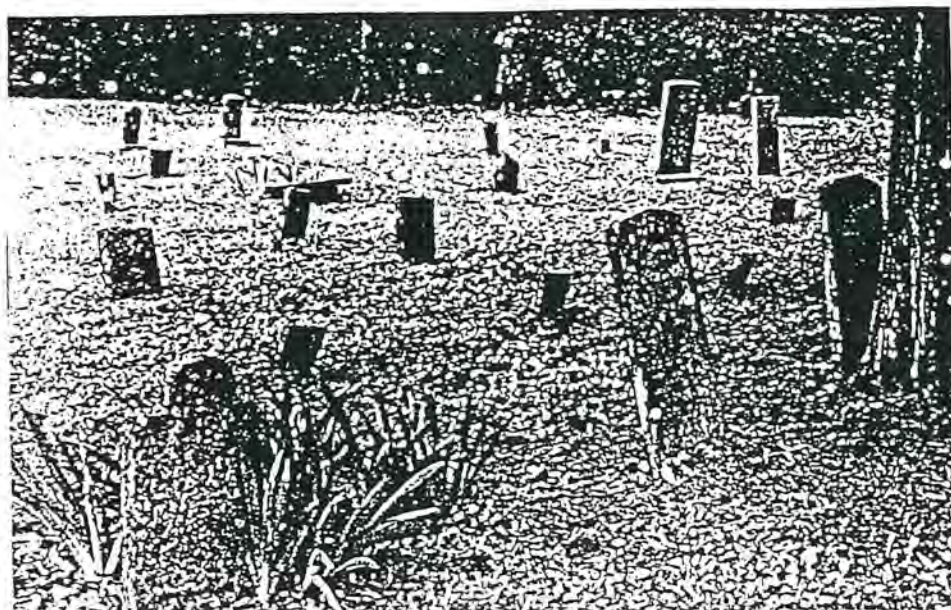
Letter, Mr. Bill Walker, October 19, 1994

(Editor' note: This article, along with said pictures and copies of the family Bible records, can be found in the vertical files in the Richard H. Thornton Library, Granville County, Oxford, NC.)

Elm Springs
Cemetery
near Fair Grove,
Missouri

June 1990

Taken by James D.
Thomas



Register of Deaths
Town of Oxford
Sept 1909-1912

DATE	NAME	SEX	RACE	PAGE
Sept. 27, 1909	Holly, Mrs Clara W.	F	W	1
Oct. 4, 1909	Spencer, Andrew B.	M	W	2
Nov. 11, 1909	Smith, Glenn	M	W	3
Nov. 28, 1909	Smith, Ada	F	C	4
Nov. 29, 1909	Glover (Stillborn)	F	C	5
Dec. 9, 1909	Lassiter, Letitia Kittrell	F	W	6
Jan. 5, 1910	Norwood (Infant, no name)	M	C	7
Jan. 10, 1910	Ursy, Hellen	F	W	8
Jan. 21, 1910	West, William	M	W	9
Jan. 29, 1910	Wyche (Infant, no name)	F	C	10
Feb. 11, 1910	New, Sallie J.	F	W	11
Feb. 25, 1910	Cheatham, George	M	C	12
April 6, 1910	Brown, Simeon H.	M	W	13
April 22, 1910	Moore, Wiley	M	C	14
May 2, 1910	Elliot, Mrs. Sarah R.	F	W	15
May 4, 1910	Reavis, Mrs. Alice	F	C	16
May 7, 1910	Glover, Albert	M	C	17
June 2, 1910	Puryear, John	M	C	18
June 6, 1910	Boyd, Lizzie	F	C	19
July 4, 1910	Taylor, Scotia	F	C	20
July 18, 1910	Brown, Otis Steffo	M	W	21
July 20, 1910	Wood (Stillborn)	F	W	22
July 25, 1910	Eaton, Catherine	F	C	23
July 30, 1910	Gregory, Mrs. Fannie	F	C	24
July 31, 1910	Edwards, Jas. Furnie	M	W	25
Aug. 2, 1910	Gregory, Sallie	F	C	26
Aug. 14, 1910	McIver, Dophesy	F	C	27
Sept. 6, 1910	Farabow, Luther S.	M	W	28
Oct. 8, 1910	Munn, Wheeler	M	W	29
Oct. 20, 1910	Baskerville, Samuel	M	C	30
Oct. 12, 1910	Chavis, James Jr.	M	C	31
Oct. 30, 1910	Hicks, Martha	F	C	32
Nov. 3, 1910	Foster, Mrs. Eliza	F	C	33
Nov. 15, 1910	Oakley, Myrtle	F	W	34
Nov. 17, 1910	Bragg, A.H.	M	W	35
Dec. 10, 1910	Latta, Willie	F	C	36
Dec. 11, 1910	Ragland, R. Earl	M	W	37

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Dec. 20, 1910	Ross, Mrs. Jane	F	W	38
Jan. 14, 1911	Hicks, William Jackson	M	W	39
Feb. 13, 1911	Henderson, Thomas	F	C	40
Feb. 26, 1911	Brown, Minnie L.	F	W	41
Feb. 27, 1911	Smith, Edward T.	M	C	42
March 30, 1911	Bullock, Lucy Dence Roberts	F	W	43
April 23, 1911	Taylor, Leonidas C.	M	W	44
May 21, 1911	Henderson, Leslie V. Jr.	M	W	45
June 5, 1911	Patterson, J. U.	M	W	46
June 20, 1911	Taylor, Matilda	F	C	47
June 26, 1911	Perkinson, Dorothy Maye	F	W	48
June 27, 1911	Cheatham, Saml S.	M	C	49
July 24, 1911	Montague, Frank Hays	M	W	50
Aug. 9, 1911	Horney, Artelia	F	C	51
Sept. 23, 1911	Hobgood, James S.	M	W	52
Sept. 29, 1911	Ragland, James Sidney	M	W	53
Oct. 3, 1911	Foster, Virginia	F	C	54
Oct. 16, 1911	Johnson, George A.	F	W	55
Nov. 8, 1911	Herndon, Harriet	F	C	56
Nov. 11, 1911	Wilson, Andrew Jackson	M	W	57
Nov. 9, 1911	Cope, George	M	C	58
Nov. 19, 1911	Tyler, Sallie	F	C	59
Nov. 25, 1911	Pendleton, T. B.	M	W	60
Dec. 6, 1911	Kittrell, Sallie W.	F	W	61
Dec. 18, 1911	Currin, J. M.	M	W	62
Feb. 13, 1912	Strodly, Rev. J. A.	M	W	63
Feb. 18, 1912	Littlejohn, Martha Ella	F	C	64
March 3, 1912	Currin, Edward P.	M	W	65
March 26, 1912	Wright, Mrs. Mary Brent	F	W	66
March 26, 1912	Allen (Stillborn)	F	C	67
April 11, 1912	Routon, Mrs. M. L.	F	W	68
May 29, 1912	Brown (Stillborn)	F	W	69
June 11, 1912	Bullock, Alice	F	C	70
June 16, 1912	Chavis, Connie	F	C	71
June 17, 1912	Osborn, Mrs. Carolina	F	W	72
June 20, 1912	Newsom, Dora	F	C	73

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July 30, 1912	Wyatt, Lenora	F	C	74
July 23, 1912	Gregory, Allie	M	C	75
Aug. 6, 1912	Daniel, Henry	M	C	76
Aug. 16, 1912	Lassiter (Stillborn)	M	W	77
Sept. 3, 1912	Burwell, Dicy	F	C	78
Oct. 4, 1912	Furgurson, Jessee Levi	M	W	79
Oct. 9, 1912	Brown, R. W.	M	W	80
Oct. 18, 1912	Esteeta, Lizzie	F	C	81
Oct. 15, 1912	Paris, Jas. Y.	M	W	82
Oct. 26, 1912	Barker, Lucinda	F	C	83
Oct. 28, 1912	Taylor, Lucy	F	C	84
Nov. 15, 1912	Hunt, Jno. Wesley	M	W	85
Nov. 28, 1912	Person, Frank	M	C	86
Dec. 1, 1912	Rogers, Essik	M	C	87
Dec. 1, 1912	Green, Joe	M	C	88
Dec. 9, 1912	Parham, Mrs. Jno.	F	W	89
Dec. 10, 1912	Boyd, James R	M	W	90

Quarantined! The inhabitants of this place has been stricken with
Genealogy Fever!!

This is a deadly and infectious disease.

Symptoms:

Note paper stuffed in pockets, heart palpitations at site of gravestones, old trunks filled with letters, bloodshot eyes from microfilm readers, cold sweat upon arrival of daily mail.

Incurable!!

Veasey Newsletter

\$6,750 = \$100,000? We read old documents and are flabbergasted at the prices paid for land, houses, animals, implements, food, labor, etc. What compared to now? One dollar in 1820-1850 equaled \$13.28 in 1991 dollars; from 1850-1875, \$13.14 and between 1875-1900, \$14.85. If Great Grandpa earned \$6,750 per year in 1875, it was equivalent to earning about \$100,000 per year today -- and, he paid no state or federal income tax!

Interesting Letter of 80 Years Ago

(taken from the Hays Collection, dated Nov. 30, 1928)

The Letter

From Amy W. SMITH, Oak Hill, Granville County, NC to John WEBB, Planters Hall, Breckenridge Co., Kentucky

Dear Brother John,

I think it has been nearly two years since I wrote to you or received a letter from any of you. I think I heard through (a) sister Mary that (b) William had lost his wife. How many children has he? It is a great loss to lose an affectionate companion, particularly when they have small children. But as you have a small family you can more conveniently take charge of them.

Brother William has three grandchildren to raise, one of Ellen's and two of Ann's.

I don't know whether you have heard of Ann PATTILLO'S death. She married a Mr. STANFIELD, one of Alexander WEBB'S wife's brothers. She did not live much more than a year after she married. She left a daughter 2 (?) months old. James PATTILLO has married Susan SMITH, Mr. SMITH'S second daughter. They are living at Oak Hill. James is a Partner of Mr MCADEN in a store.

Dr. THORPE owns the place William WEBB lived at. The Mr. THORPS' have some idea of putting up another store there. It looks something like a village now, but I think there are stores enough in the neighborhood.

Old Uncle Jim has lost his wife. He does not seem to be quite as well satisfied since she died. Soon after she died he said he wanted to go to Kentucky to live with you. Old uncle Billy is living yet. He is getting in his dotage.

Sister Susan has no overseer, they don't much more than make a support. Dr. YOUNG is living at the old place this year. Sister Susan's health has been rather delicate all the spring, her health is better now. I have grown to be quite large, I weigh 175. My sons neither of them are very healthy. James is tall and slender, Thomas is rather more chunky. I expected James to go to Chapel Hill this session but was afraid he could not stand the confinement. Thomas is in Hillsboro. I expect them to take a trip to the Virginia Springs shortly with Mr. THORP and Rebecca. I went with them to Richmond the first of June to see Brother LEWIS. He looks very well and is as much engaged in business as ever. His daughters are very clever girls, both of them are members of the church. His son is nearly as tall as his father. He is at Yale College. We traveled on the railroad. I left Henderson, 25 miles from here, at four in the afternoon, got to brother Lewis's about eight next morning.

Crops of wheat were very fine this year, oats not so good as they were last year. Corn is promising at present. Tobacco has been selling very low. I got six and a half for my best and five for the next best.

The 14th of June is the last time we heard from sister Mary and brother Isaac. Brother Isaac and Mr. NORWOOD, his son-in-law had just sent off 29 hogsheads of tobacco, I have not heard what they got for their crop.

I see brother Thomas very seldom. He is still engaged in the mercantile business. He looks very old and infirm. Mrs. LASISTER has gone to Oxford to live with her son Robert. Old Mrs. BEASLEY died in the spring. There are but few old people left about here.

Don't you ever think of coming to see us again? How glad we would be to see any of you. Can't some of your children and some of sister Owen's children come to see us?

Sister Susan would unite with me in love for you if she were at home. Remember me affectionately to all of sister Owen's children.

From your sister,
Amy W. SMITH

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Explanation

This letter was from the widow of Maurice SMITH, his second wife, to her brother who was reared in Granville Co. The SMITH home was above Oak Hill, now the home of J. F. ROGERS. Amy WEBB SMITH's girlhood home was near by where Spurgeon PUCKETT now lives. Many of the SMITH descendants are still in or near Granville. The WEBB's have scattered to the four corners of the world. Amy's brother John moved to Kentucky; her Brother William lived north of Oxford where he owned a plantation of 2000 acres on Island Creek, now belong to the GREGORY's. He emigrated to the cotton fields of the West, and lived near Oxford, Miss. Her brother Isaac was a large planter on the Cumberland River, Tenn. Her brother Lewis was a wealthy merchant of Richmond; her brother Thomas a merchant in Person Co. N.C. Her sister Mary was the old maid who married her cousin Jas. W. SMITH and moved to Tenn., her sister Susan held on to the old home until her death soon after the Civil War. The PATTILLOS were children of her sister Ann who is buried at the place now owned by Goodridge WILSON near Stovall. Old uncles Jim and Billy mentioned were slaves inherited. The other William WEBB named was father of Presley and Dr. Robt. WEBB of Mecklenburg Co., Va.

The Mrs. LASSITER was the great grandmother of Robert and Ben LASSITER of Oxford. Amy's sister Elizabeth married Thomas OWEN of near Oak Hill and moved to Kentucky. Her brother James, not mentioned, lived above Berea near Trinity church. His son Alexander was the grandfather of some of the name now living in Granville.

In the early days of this county Oak Hill was an important center, on one of the main highways from Clarksville to Hillsboro. The neighborhood was settled largely by people who moved from Virginia. POMFRET, BEASLEY, SMITH, YOUNG, BLACKWELL, OWEN, ROYSTER, DANIEL, WEBB, and others whose names still are found in the section.

1767 - 1770 Justices of Peace

Following is a list of the Justices of Peace in Granville County from 1767 to 1770.

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| Robert Harris, 1767, 8, 9, 70, __, __, 73 | William Bullock, 1768, 9, 70, __, 72 |
| David Mitchell, 1767, 8, 9, 70, 71, 71 | James Yancy, 1768, 9, 70, 71 |
| Len Henley Bullock, 1767, 8, __, __, 71, 72 | John Pope, 1768, 9, 70, __, 72 |
| Phil Pryor, 1767 | Sherwood Harris, 1769, 70, 71, 72, 73 |
| Reuben Searcy, 1767, 8, 9, 70, 71 | Robert Lewis, 1769, 70, 71, 72 |
| William Burford, 1767, 8, 9, 70, 71, 72, | Charles Eaton, 1769, 70, 72 |
| Jonathan Kittrell, 1768, 70, 71, 72, 73 | Haden Pryor, 1769, 70, 71, 72 |
| Stephen Jett, 1768, 9, 70, 71, 72 | Robert Dickens, 1770, 71, 72 |
| Thornton Yancy (sic), 1768, 9, 70, __, 72 | Solomon Alston, Jr., 1770, 71 |

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Queries

Individual members and each member of a family membership may submit one query per calendar membership. Queries should be typed or legibly printed and should not exceed 70 words, not including the name and address of the submitter. 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. Deadlines for submissions are as follows: Dec. 15 for Feb. issue, Mar. 15 for May issue, June 15 for Aug. issue, and Sept. 15 for the Nov. issue. Queries will be printed as space allows and may be edited to conform to requirements and space allowances.

13-96 submitted by: Annice Mitchell Cannady, 235 Red Bud Circle, Henderson, NC 27536

Need information on Evans MITCHELL from Amelia Co., VA who died prior to 4 April 1808. Heirs named in Granville Co. were Ann MITCHELL, John MITCHELL, Olive FREEMAN, Pleasant MITCHELL, John FREEMAN, G. MITCHELL, Charles MITCHELL, Nancy MITCHELL who signed 225 acres to Edmond FREEMAN joining his own land. Witnesses were Anderson MITCHELL and Nathaniel ROBANDS. Is this the John MITCHELL who married Sally JOHNSON 8 November 1798?

14-96 submitted by: Jean Olson Tatum, 4083 Wildwood Dr., Memphis, TN 38111-7329

Seeking parents of Bruce BOYD ca. 1815 and Sarah HART ca. 1807. They were married in Granville Co., NC, 10 Oct 1832. With children Mary Ann, who married James GUNN, Jack who married Elizabeth FRAZIER, Nancy, who married Addison GUNN, and Margaret who married Elisha FRAZIER, they moved to Tippah Co., MS. What happened to sons James, Edward, and Robert BOYD?

15-96 submitted by: Colleen Taylor Briner, Rt. 4, Box 3378, Stigler, OK 74462

Jessie BURTON, born 5 Aug. 1827, and Mariah MADISON, born 23 March 1829 in Orange Co., married 13 June 1849 in Granville Co. NC. Four children, 4 boys and 4 girls. Moved to Hopkins Co., KY, then to Fulton Co., AR. Parents of Jessie may be William who married Elizabeth Fredricks BURTON. William is listed in 1840 census of Granville Co., NC. Parents of Mariah MADISON are Payton and Elizabeth CAREY MADISON, Jr. Need Payton MADISON, SR's father, believed to be John MADISON who left will 0 May court 1792, Orange Co., NC. Can't locate record for John MADISON.

16-96 submitted by: Ronald M. Talley, 507 Pleasant View Dr., Evansville, IN 47711

Seeking information relating to Hailey TALLEY (TALLY) who lived in North Carolina the latter part of the 18th century. Specifically Warren, Wake, and Wilson Counties. HAILEY, HALACK, and HARTING may be one and the same. Any information regarding family and background is helpful.

17-96 submitted by Dale Knobloch, RR1, Box 354, Newcastle, ME, 04553

Seeking information on the following: George T. LANDIS, born in Granville Co. about 1780, married Nancy O'BRIEN in 1802; Nancy O'BRIEN born in Granville Co. (?) 28/1/1780; James HASKINS, born Sept. 11, 1751, moved from St. Mary's Co., MD in 1765 to Granville Co., fought in Revolution, married Ann ?; Jacob STEM, born in PA about 1763, moved to Knapp of Reeds District and married Polly HASKINS Feb. 25, 1785. Moved to Tennessee early 1800's. Also interested in John Cyrus WILSON, John WADLEY, Thomas MARLIN, Nancy Katherine BLAKELEY, and Nancy PHELPS possibly from Granville Co.

18-96 submitted by Florinda Porter, P.O. Box 820768, Ft. Worth, Texas, 76182

Joseph BISHOP (d 1803 Edgefield Co. SC). Tax Granville Co. 1750, 1755, 1762. Deed 1769 198 A Giles Cr. Henry on Nut Bush Cr., John - Sycamore Cr. & Little Cypress. Children of Joseph and Thana were Drury; Winifred m (1) McMilliam (2) Fields; Lydia m (1) James May (2) Job Springer; Phebe m (1) King (2) Carter and unnamed dau m Abraham Mayfield. James MAY d 1789 GA m Lydia BISHOP d/o Joseph and Thana c 1765 NC. Who were James' parents? MAY's in Granville area were Henry, 1757, Red Bud Ck., William, the Elder, 1768, Bear Ck., William, 1778, Tar R. & Cedar Ck., and John, 1779, Hawtree & Sixpund Cr.

Reference to Churches

Dec. 3, 1754. "Ord'd. that the follow'g. persons to wit Eph. MERRIT Jn'o. SHERMAN Wm. WASHINGTON, Wm WILLIAMS Jn'o WILLIAMS Ben'ja. HUBBARD, Tho's. GOSS, Ja's. MEADOWS, Sam'l. JOHNSON, Rob't. HARRIS Sam'l BENTON Jon'a. WHITE Jacob PERRY Ja's BANDY, Ja's. REEVES, Tho's BRADFORD lay out a Road accord to Law the best & most conven't. way from Fishing Creek Chappel to the Orange County line near Eph'm. MERRITT Rob't. HICKS Overs'r. from the Chappel to the N'o fork of Tar River & Eph'm. MERRIT from thence to the County line."

This refers to a church and shows the principal people living in the vicinity.

[Roads]

June 8, 1757. "John SHERRING Overseer of the Road from St. Michaels Chappel to EATONS ferry, the hands of Ch. JOHNSON & Col'o. EATON to be added to SHERRINGS other corps."

Sept. 21, 1758. "Pet'n. for a Road from Trinity Church to Dan'l. UNDERWOODS path. Referred."

Dec. 2, 1758. "Ja's. FERGUSON Overseer of the Road from Fishing Creek Chappel to the Hico Road in the Room of Robt. HICKS".

History and Genealogies of Old Granville County 1746 - 1800, Thomas McAdory Owen

Marriage Register Granville County
Abstracted & Submitted by Mildred Currin Goss
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Information copied from marriage certificates on file in the Register of Deeds Office in the Granville County Courthouse in Oxford, North Carolina.

Names are spelled as appeared on the certificates. Abbreviations as appeared on certificates are: J.P Justice of Peace and M.G. Minister of Gospel.

Adcock, Jas L.- son of Ellis Adcock & Harriet Adcock & Emeline F. Haithcock daughter of Kinchum Haithcock & Polly Haithcock on 12 May 1869 by Willie Rogers J.P.

Adcock, John - & Scrap Haithcock on 9 October 1869.

Adcock, Nathe - son of Elvis Adcock and Harriet Adcock & Sallie A. Haithcock daughter of Kincheon Haithcock and Mary Haithcock on 10 Nov 1869 by Wm E. Bullock J.P.

Allen, Elijah -colored - son of Hanabal Allen and Tempy Allen & Sarah Cozart daughter of Dudley Cozart and Luetta Cozart on 1 Dec 1869 by B.D. Howard J.P.

Allen, Reuben - son of Stephen Dixon and Harley Steward & Lucretia Dix daughter of Ned Dix and Fanny Dix on 19 June 1869 by B. Smith J.P.

Allen, Thomas - son of Martin Allen and Mary Allen & Mary Merrett daughter of William Merret and Susan Merret on 14 Mar 1869 by C.M. Rogers J.P.

Alston, Allen - colored - son of not known and Charra Alston & Palace Alston daughter of Allen Alston and Sallie Alston on 8 Aug 1869 by Richd. G.Sneed J.P.

Alston, John - colored - son of Harry Eaton and Neaton Mickens & Jane Wimbush Bullock daughter of William Price and Melinda Price on 25 Feb 1869 by Braxton Hunt M.G.

Alston, Nick - colored - son of Green Alston and Lucy Alston & Dilly Marrow daughter of Albert Marrow and Abby Marrow on 12 Dec 1869 by Saml G.Cross J.P.

Apple, Asa - colored - son of Martin Farmer and Caroline Farmer & Nancy Betts daughter of Washington Betts and Emily Betts on 27 Nov 1869 by Richard D. Jones J.P.

Apple, F.J. - son of Alfred Apple and Jane F. Apple & Elizabeth C. Sanford daughter of Ambrose Sanford and Elmira Sanford on 12 Jan 1869 by A. Apple M.G.

Averett, Elijah - son of Elijah Averett and - & Susan Hunt daughter of William Hunt and Isabella Hunt on 21 April 1869 by F.J. Horner M.G.

- Averett, Ruben - colored - son of not known and Anna Gooch & Bettie Lewis daughter of not known and Caroline Lewis on 30 Jan 1869 by Bourbon Smith J.P.
- Ballard, William H. - son of Benja T. Ballard and M.H. Ballard & Elizabeth A. Green daughter of William W. Green and Mary Green on 6 Nov 1869 by P.D. Thompson M.G.
- Barker, H.C. - son of John G. Barker and Francis Barker & Betty W. Evans daughter of Rchard A. Evans and Nannie Evans on 7 Jan 1869 by W.C. Kennett M.G.
- Bagley, Levi - son of Ransom Bagley and Mrs Bagley & Mallisa Harris daughter of John Harris and Caroline Harris on 22 Dec 1869 by Tho L. Williams J.P.
- Beavers, James W. - son of Jeremiah Bevers and Elizabeth Beavers & Isabella Green daughter of Thomas Green and Susan Green on 11 February 1869 by T.J. Tilley J.P.
- Betts, Edward - colored - son of Washington Betts and Emily Betts & Kate Sanford daughter of Henry Sanford and Peggy Cridenton on 7 Oct 1869 by Richard D. Jones J.P.
- Biggs, William - son of Asa Biggs and & Lizzie Cooper daughter of James C. Cooper and Lucy Cooper on 29 April 1869 by M.H. Vaughan, Rector.
- Birchett, Robert - son of Richard Birchett and Jane Birchett & Eliza Birchett daughter of Elvis Adcock and Sallie Adcock on 16 Dec 1869 by Wm E. Bullock J.P.
- Bishop, Nathan - son of John Bishop and Elizabeth Bishop & Mrs Celestia Whitaker daughter of Hester Moore and Ann E. Moore on 17 Nov 1869 by T.J. Tilley J.P.
- Blanks, James T. - son of William Blanks and Willie Blanks & Lucy A Cottrell daughter of James Cottrell and Lucy Cottrell on 25 Aug 1869 by James H. Gilbreath.
- Bobbitt, Isham C. - son of Patrick H. Bobbitt and Lucy A. Bobbitt & Mary M. Barnes daughter of John M. Barnes and Parthenia J. Barnes on 23 Oct 1869 by L.R. Willie M.G.
- Bowling, Wesley - son of Chesley Bowling and Sally Bowling & Hannah Mitchell daughter of Sol W. Mitchell and F. Mitchell on 24 Dec 1869 by T.J. Horner, Minister.
- Boyd, Robert - son of Bruce Boyd and Sarah Boyd & Betty Frazier daughter of Wm Frazier and Margaret Frazier on 14 February 1869 by Wm H. Gregory J.P.
- Bragg, John H. - son of Newman Bragg and Nancy Bragg & Alice Motley daughter of Motley and Motley on 1 Feb 1869 by L.K. Willie M.G.
- Brandon, Henry - son of Abraham Brandon and Harriett Brandon & Mittie Blackwell daughter of not known and not known on 19 Dec 1869 by Jefferson Burll.

Bridges, Dolphin - colored - son of not known and Clary Bridges & Harriet Skipper daughter of not known and not known on 12 Oct 1869 by William E. Bullock J.P.

Bryant, Henry - son of Thomas Bryant and - & Martha Beck daughter of Michael Beck and Angeline Beck on 1 Apr 1869 by B.R. Hester M.G.

Bucks, Marion - son of Sam Bucks and Sarah Bucks & Milly Washington daughter of not Known and Diley Washington on 24 Jan 1869 by T.J. Horner M.G.

Bullock, Dock - son of L. Bullock and Miami Bullock & Ann Murry daughter of Daniel Murry and Anny Thorp on 24 Mar 1869 by J.P. Montague.

Bullock, Erasmus - son of Mordecia Bullock and Rosa Bullock & Mary Ann Taylor daughter of Philip Taylor and Mana Taylor on 25 Mar 1869 by E. Hines M.G.

Bullock, Leroy - son of Luster Bullock and Mima Bullock & Rachiel Lyon daughter of William Lyon and not known on 27 Dec 1869 by J.P. Montague J.P.

Bullock, Peter Jr. - colored - son of Peter Bullock Sr and Catherine Bullock & Jane Crews daughter of Andrew Crews and Hannah Crews on 12 Feb 1869 by J.P. Montague J.P.

Burt, Wesley - colored - son of not known and not known & Edith A. Bobbitt daughter of not known and Hannah Lyon on 18 Nov 1869 by L.C. Ragland M.G.

Burwell, Osborn - son of Hawkins Burwell and Martha Burwell & Leathy Davis daughter of not known and not known on 3 July 1869 by Jefferson Burwell.

Cash, Woodson - son of Wiley Cash and Barbara Cash & Eveline Coley daughter of William Coley and Lucy Coley on 11 Dec 1869 by Jno. B. Green J.P.

Chavis, William - colored - son of Cas Chavis and Liza Chavis & Haley Mitchell daughter of George Mann and Eliza Mitchell on 23 Dec 1869 by Wyatt A. Belvin J.P.

Clay, Jack - son of John Mallory and Rosa Clay & Sarah Allen daughter of Daniel Allen and Mariah Allen on 15 Oct 1869 by William E. Bullock J.P.

Cloud, Isom M. - colored - son of not known and not known & Milly Husketh daughter of Ben Bullock and Caroline Bullock on 17 Apr 1869 by Willie Rogers J.P.

Cole, Charles B. - son of Dr B.L. Cole and Margaret Cole & Addie H. Blackwell daughter of John P. Blackwell and Mary A. Blackwell on 22 June 1869 by H.H. Gibbons M.G.

Coley, Sirius F. - son of Isham Coley and Edna D. Coley & Mary J. Chappell daughter of John Chappell and Betsy Ann Chappell on 7 February 1869 by B.B. Hester.

Collins, Felson - son of Alfred Collins and Cela Collins & Jane Bobbitt daughter of Bobbitt
and Peggie Bobbitt on 27 December 1869 by Jas. R. Hundley, J.P.

Cooper, Aaron - colored - son of not known and Amy Norwood & Bella Baskerville daughter of
Armstead and Jane Jiggetts on 2 December 1869 by James A. Bullock, J.P.

Cooper, Jordan - son of and Hasty Jorner & Rosa Blackwell daughter of
and on 7 March 1869 by A. Satterwhite, J.P.

Cooper, Robert - colored - son of and Kittie Cooper & Phillis Jackson daughter of Jack
Jackson and Nancy Harry on 27 March 1869 by R.S. Barnett, J.P.

Cotton, Solomon - colored - son of Jackson Cotton and Susan Shea & Margaret Garrot daughter
of Oliver Garrot and Liza Hester on 30 January 1869 by T. J. Horner, M.G.

Cottrell, James A. - son of Solomon Cottrell and Lucy A. Cottrell & Susan F. Stark daughter of
Robert W. Starks and Martha Starks on 3 December 1869 by L.K. Willie, M.G.

Couch, Richard - colored - son of William Goode and Fanny Scott & Page Ann Sizemore
daughter of Harry Newton and Martha Sizemore on 14 August 1869 by James Harris,
J.P.

Cousins, Harrison - son of Isaac Cousins and Aggie Cousins & Frances Fuller daughter of David
Eaton and Ellin Fuller on 23 December 1869 by Jefferson Buell.

Crews, Alex - son of Benj. F. Crews and Fanny Crews & Cora C. Hart daughter of Robt. D. Hart
and Martha A. Hart on 7 January 1869 by M.H. Vaughan, Rector.

Crews, John - colored - son of Eli Terry and Hannah Crews & Sila Hudson daughter of and
Letha Hudson on 9 October 1869 by B. Smith, J.P.

Critcher, A. J. - son of Thomas Critcher and Eliza Critcher & Susan Jenkins daughter of Thomas
Jenkins and on 30 June 1869 by John Tillett.

Crowder, James - colored - son of Henry Adams and Milly Crowder & Mary Puryear daughter of
and Harriett Puryear on 4 September 1869 by R.I. Devin.

Crudup, Patrick - son of and Tempy Crudup & Betsy Crudup daughter of and Lucy
Blackwell on 21 October 1869 by E.W. Turner.

Currin, Joseph - son of William A. Currin and Lucy Currin & Henrietta Hobgood daughter of
Henry Hobgood and Mildred Hobgood on 20 June 1869 by R.H. Marsh, M.G.

Currin, Ralph - son of Ansel Currin and Lethe Currin & Elizabeth Ann Adcock daughter of David
Adcock and Cynthia Adcock on 4 February 1869 by R.J.Devin.

- Curtis, Elias - son of Peter Curtis and Betsy Curtis & Frances Hawley daughter of Henry Hawley and Kizzie Hawley on 24 January 1869 by L.C. Ragland.
- Daniel, Benjamin - son of Fred Daniel and Franky Daniel & Semon Mayo daughter of Eldridge Mayo and Sally Mayo on 30 October 1869 by John Lansdell.
- Daniel, William G. - son of Beverly Daniel and Eliza J. Daniel & Henrietta Daniel daughter of Elijah Daniel and Lucy Daniel on 30 September 1869 by R.I. Devin.
- Daniel, Smith - colored - son of David Daniel and Harriett Daniel & Jane Coddle daughter of P. Coddle and Harriett Coddle on 25 December 1869 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.
- Davis, Eaton - son of John Davis and Sarah Davis & Eliza H. Bailey daughter of William Bailey and Glafry Bailey on 8 October 1869 by Robert Garner, J. P.
- Davis, Stephen - colored - son of Lyman Cameron and Mary Cameron & Betsy A. Rhodes daughter of not known and Betsy Vass on 20 February 1869 by Willie Rogers, M.G.
- Dean, Simpson - son of Moses Dean and Lucinda Dean & Lucretia Bobbitt daughter of Patrick Bobbitt and Lucy A Bobbitt ob 12 February 1869 by L.K. Willie.
- Dement, F. W. - son of Thos Dement and Harriett Dement & Mary Jane Dement daughter of Edward Dement and Maria Demnent on 3 January 1869 by Bernice Walker, J.P.
- Dent, Alfred T. - son of N.C. Dent and Mu Dent & N. R. Duke daughter of Richard Duke and Mu Duke on 13 January 1869 by B. Walker, J.P.
- Dickerson, John - son of Henry Dickerson and Polly R. Dickerson & Susan Moss daughter of John Moss and Polly Moss on 23 December 1869 by B.B. Hester, M.G.
- Dixon, John S. - son of John Dixon and Roann Dixon & Nancy E. Daniel daughter of Joseph Daniel and Martha Daniel on 20 October 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Dolby, Silas - colored - son of George Allen and Charity Allen & Lucinda Haskins daughter of Benjamin Haskins and Caroline Haskins on 29 December 1869 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.
- Dorsey, Howard - son of Washington Dorsey and Camilla Dorsey & Mary E. George daughter of R. George and Sylvina George on 17 January 1869 by R.H. Marsh, M.G.
- Downey, Joseph - colored - son of Leary Downey and Hannah Downey & Mollie Downey daughter of not known and Francis Downey on 31 December 1869 by R.I. Devin.
- Dunston, Moteous - colored - son of not known and Polly Dunston & Winnie Glascoe daughter of Martin Glascoe and not known on 30 December 1869 by T.L.D. Smith.

- Elam, James D. - son of Richard T. Elam and Harriet Elam & Virginia F. Pittard daughter of George W. Pittard and Rowan Pittard on 22 November 1869 by R. I. Devin, M.G.
- Elliott, Robert H. - son of James H. Elliott and Mary A. Elliott & Margaret Tuck daughter of Ditrion Tuck and Sarah Tuch on 30 September 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Epps, Robert - colored - son of William Epps and Harriett Epps & Sarah Marrow daughter of Henry Marrow and Ritter Marrow on 23 December 1869 by James A. Bullock, J.P.
- Eastridge, Green - colored - son of Thos Sneed and Lynda Eastridge & Ann Thompson daughter of not known and not known on 20 December 1869 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.
- Fleming, Robert H. - son of Thomas B. Fleming and Frances Fleming & M.S. Hester daughter of Joseph Hester and Hicksy Hester 27 October 1869 by B.H. Hester, J.P.
- Forsythe, James S. - son of Philip Forsythe and Taylor Forsythe & Elizabeth F. Waller daughter of John Waller and Isabella Waller on 23 September 1869 by Francis Tilley, J.P.
- Fowler, Samuel - son of Ransom Fowler and Sarah Fowler & Elizabeth Sherman daughter of Alfred Sherman and Francis Sherman on 11 March 1869 by B.D. Howard, J.P.
- Freeman, Hatchwell - son of R.C. Freeman and Elizabeth Freeman & Susan Harris daughter of Thomas Harris and Prudence Harris on 9 December 1869 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.
- Garrett, Rufus - colored - son of not known and Vinna Garrett & Ella Taylor daughter of John Taylor and Sarah Taylor on 28 August 1869 by Bourbon Smith, J.P.
- Gill, Thomas - son of Joe Thomas and Lutitia Gill & Mary Ann Hurdle daughter of Wyatt Hurdle and Susan Hurdle on 5 September 1869 by Bourbon Smith, J.P.
- Gilliam, Jeremiah - son of not known and not known & Sally Harp daughter of Buck Harp and not known on 19 December 1869 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.
- Gillis, Evans - colored - son of Peter Day and Mary Gillis & Fanny Daniel daughter of not known and not known on 8 January 1869 by B. Smith, J.P.
- Glover, Jacob - son of Thomas Norwood and Bettie Glover & Liney Bullock daughter of not known and not known on 6 June 1869 by Richd. G. Sneed, J.P.
- Gooding, Peter - colored - son of Martin Gooding and Quitina Gooding & Harriet Thompson daughter of Martin Gooding and Fanny Cozart on 10 February 1869 by B.D. Howard, J.P.
- Graves, Edmond - colored - son of Cary Graves and Nancy Graves & Martha Patterson daughter of not known and Hannah Coleman on 8 December 1869 by M.H. Vaughan, Rector.

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Definitions of Terms Most Often Encountered in Genealogical Research

abstract:	a summary giving the most important fact; i.e., names, dates relationships.
administrator (admr):	person appointed by the court to settle the affairs of a deceased person's estate.
banns:	an announcement in church of an intended marriage. Usually on three consecutive Sundays.
bastard:	one born out of wedlock. In colonial times, a child born of a marriage not sanctioned by the church.
beneficiary:	a person who receives profit from an estate.
bond:	an obligation under seal.
bondsman:	a person who is bound to insure the performance of some act or another person, a surety.
bounty land:	lands made available or donated by the government as a bounty or payment for volunteer service.
conveyance:	a general term for the transfer of real property.
covenant:	an agreement.
d'd or dec'd:	an abbreviation of the word 'deceased'.
decedent:	a deceased person, testate or intestate.
deed:	an instrument conveying real property.
devise:	a gift of land by will, making a gift of land or other real estate to take effect at the death of the donor.
devisee:	one who receives land or other property by will.
devisor: testator:	one who wills land to another.
grant:	a gift, a conveyance. To transfer property by deed in writing.
grantee:	one to whom a grant is made.
grantor:	one who grants.
indenture:	a deed executed in two parts, written twice on one skin of parchment and then cut in two with a jagged line of severance. The two parts are called the original and the counterpart.
index:	list of contents, usually names, in alphabetical order.

intestate: without a will of record.
 jointure: a settlement upon a woman, of property or an estate, in lieu of dower or in consideration of marriage.
 land warrant: a negotiable government certificate entitling its holder to be put in possession of a designated quantity of public land or other appropriation of land by Congress.
 manumission, deed of: the act of releasing one from the power of another, emancipation.
 nuncupative will: an oral will, later reduced to writing.
 patent: a conveyance of titles to government land by the government.
 patentee: a person who receives a patent.
 poll tax: a tax on individuals and not a property tax.
 relict: a widow.
 s'd: abbreviation of the word 'said' as found in wills, etc.
 surveyor's measure:

one link =	7.92 inches
one chain =	100 links, 66 feet
625 square links =	one square pole
10 square chains	one acre
640 acres =	one square mile, or one section
36 square miles =	one township
one pole =	one rod or 6.5 feet

 testate: leaving a testament or will at death.
 testator: a deceased person who died leaving a will.
 testatrix: a deceased female who died leaving a will.
 will: any instrument executed with the formalities of law, whereby a person makes disposition of his property to take effect after his death.
 ye: the, an old method of printing or writing the article 'the'.
 femme sol: a single woman.
 femme covert: a married woman, 'one with her husband'.

Imagination is the highest kite that one can fly.
Lauren Bacall

Registrars

Following is a list of all of the Register of Deeds who held office from 1746 to present.

Will E. Eaton	1746 - 1757
William Hurst	1758 - 1760
Samuel Benton	1760 - 1763
Jesse Benton	1764 - 1774
John Hunt	1774 - 1777
P. M. Satterwhite	1778 - 1803
G. D. Cooke	1804 - 1810
P. L. Gilliam	1810 - 1826
Matt. W. Taylor	1826 - 1829
F. Wiggins	1830 - 1833
H. G. Pittard	1834 - 1839
L. G. Watson	1839 - 1840
L. A. Paschall	1840 - 1864
John W. Betts	1864 - 1872
A. H. Cooke	1872 - 1878
Joseph Towns	1878 - 1880
Charles P. Hester	1880 - 1882
T. M. Washington	1882 - 1885
R. J. Daniel	1886 - 1892
W. H. Puryear	1886
J. A. Norwood	1892 - 1894
C. F. Crews	1894 - 1896
L. C. Taylor	1896 - 1897
J. B. Mayes	1898 - 1906
J. B. Powell	1906 - 1919
C. G. Powell	1920 - 1932
C. R. Dickerson	1932 - 1948
Flora O. Mann	1948 - 1994
Shirley Ford	1994 - 1996

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years, by trying to get people interested in you.

Dale Carnegie