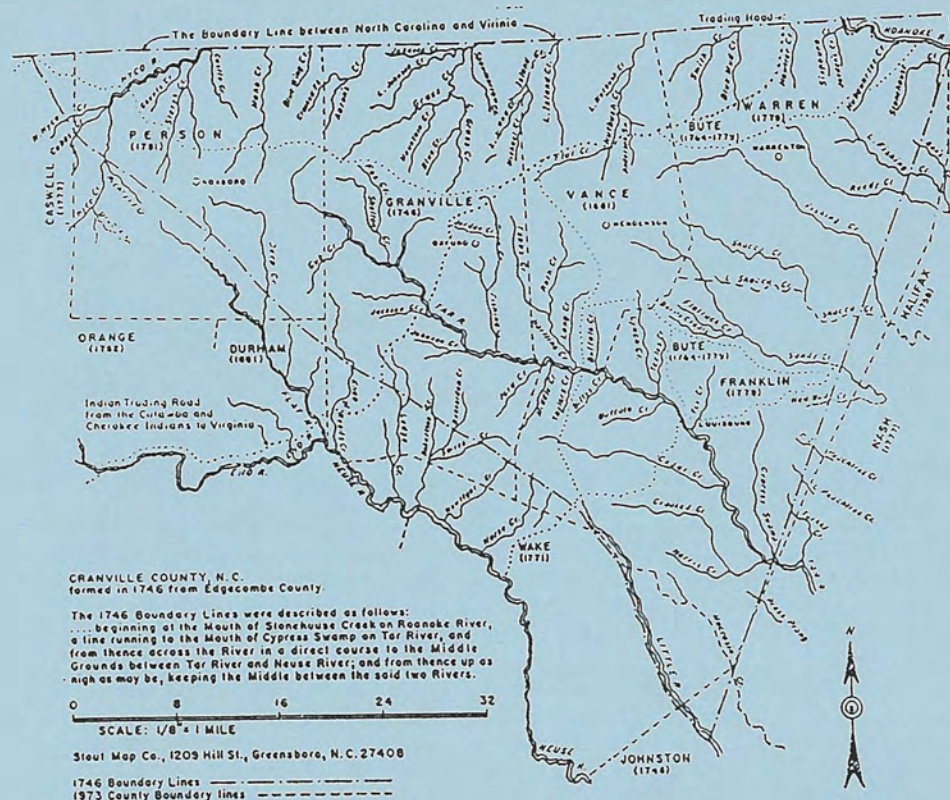


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# Merry Christmas



## *From the Editor.....*

I wish to apologize to those of you that may have received a bad copy of the *Granville Connections* last quarter. It seems that the printer may have gotten the pages out of order before he realized it and some of you may have gotten copies that were totally out of order. I know of at least one such incident. Again, please accept my apologies.

On a different note. Some of you have been sending me materials for the journal. I really appreciate this and you will see that I print what you send me. Please... share your information with us. Send me a copy of old Bible records, letters, interesting articles, anything that you may find or have that you think others may be interested in. Even pictures. I will be glad to include it in the journal. Thank you.

I have enjoyed my job as editor of the *Granville Connections* this year and really look forward to working with everyone next year also. I would like to add a special thanks to Sandra Aiken, Genie Jenkins, and Mildred Goss for their help in getting the Journals put together and mailed this year (and to my husband James for his patience; actually it's a wonder that he hasn't divorced me). Without their help I would not have made it. And to Kay Beckmann and Mildred Goss for graciously agreeing to do the "Society Messenger". I'm sure that everyone will agree with me that they are doing a marvelous job. Thanks, Sandra, Genie, Mildred, and Kay!!

Bonnie Breedlove, Editor

## History of Banks United Methodist Church June 1966

It is impossible to obtain a complete history of Banks Methodist Church because of insufficient historical data and the lack of detailed records. This history will suffice to give those interested a historical sketch of the past events in the founding and life of the institution which is presently Banks United Methodist Church.

Much of the information for this history was obtained from records of Mr. Francis HAYES and Mr. A. A. HICKS of Oxford, Mrs. Robert J. ROSE of Franklinton, Dr. J. A. MORRIS and Mrs. A. F. BREEDLOVE of the Wilton community. We are especially indebted to Mr. J. H. LANDRUM of Oxford for the detailed account of the activities of Thomas BANKS and the Banks family.

It is generally accepted by historians and genealogists who are familiar with the early history of Granville County that Thomas BANKS came to Granville county from Carolina County, Virginia. The first land transaction on record in Granville County to which Thomas BANKS was a party was made in August, 1762. The deed shows that Thomas BANKS purchased from William GRAY 253 1/2 acres of land for the price of 66 pounds and 16 shillings. The present church lot and structure are within the boundary of land obtained by Thomas BANKS in this purchase. In all transfers of this property from this date on an exception is made, sometimes one acre and on occasions two acres, "for Banks Chapel" property.

There are numerous records concerning the activities of Thomas BANKS in Granville County from 1762 until 1784-85. He bought and sold many tracts of land in addition to being a juryman and operating a tavern. He was justice of the peace in 1774-75. Records evidence the fact that he administered the Oath of Allegiance to many citizens. He continued to serve in this capacity after the state government was formed. Thomas BANKS, along with his son, Ralph BANKS, and other members of the Banks family, moved to Wilkes County, Georgia in 1784-85.

Banks Chapel was originally an Episcopal Church. The records of Mr. A. A. HICKS tell of the establishing of Banks Chapel... "an order having been passed by the General Assembly establishing the Church of England in North Carolina, was accepted in good faith in Granville County. In accordance with the law a Glebe was purchased consisting of 400 acres. A parish house was constructed thereon and a minister, furnished by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, lived there. He served St. John's Church in Williamsboro, St. George's Chapel at Harrisburg and Banks Chapel, which was twelve miles southwest of Oxford and Harrisburg. Two miles east of Harrisburg was a crossroads. The southern end of it has been known for 160 years as the Banks Road, as it led from the Glebe Road to Banks Chapel. No deed was ever found for said Chapel, but there are many deeds conveying this original William GRAY-Thomas BANKS tract of land, all deeds since 1762 excepting one or more acres for the Chapel".

The deed for the land for Banks Chapel was issued to trustees John SMITH, Pleasant FLOYD, Eaton J. WHITE, James WYCHE, W. R. WHITE, Wesley WHITFIELD, and William MAYES.

Mr. Fred A. OLDS in the Orphans' Friend about 1922 designates Banks Chapel as a Colonial Church of England and tells the story of the Anglican minister who was ejected bodily from the sanctuary. Mr. A. A. HICKS also relates this story: "In the early days of the American Revolution the Rector using his Episcopal prayer book asked the Lord to preserve the King of England; whereupon the congregation arose, chased him from the church and tore his surplice from him as he passed through the door".

Precisely when Banks Chapel withdrew from the Established Church and cast its lot with the infant Methodist Societies seems to be a matter of conjecture. By 1780, according to the records of Mrs. Robert ROSE, Banks was a member of the Tar River Circuit. This was one of the three circuits in North Carolina at that time and had a membership of 900. Such ministers as Frances POYTRESS, John MAJOR and James O'KELLY, who founded the O'Kellyite Christian Church, were among the first preachers. In 1797, William ORMOND was the preacher of this circuit.

The first Methodist Bishop in America, Francis ASBURY, visited in the Banks Chapel Community on several occasions. In 1780, he was the guest of Col. Edmund TAYLOR at which time he "preached at the schoolhouse". Then in his memoirs of 1804, Bishop ASBURY mentions a great revival on this circuit. The following year a conference was held at Col. TAYLOR'S home. The successive ministries which followed the conference were those of Lewis SKIDMORE, Thomas MANOR, William BURGE, and Enoch JOHNSON, the latter serving in 1820.

The next date of established fact is 1831, when George N. GREGORY, grandfather of N. H. D. WILSON, served here. He was followed by James REID, who was buried at Louisburg. Prominent in early Methodism in America was Peter DOUB, who succeeded Mr. REID. Until this period, the Tar River circuit was under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Conference. In 1837, the North Carolina Conference was formed which embraced this area. It was in the same year that William E. PELL, a distinguished publisher, became the minister for the Tar River Circuit. His successors were Phillip ANDERSON, Joseph GOODMAN, David CULBRETH and Robert C. MAYNARD, who later made his home in Franklinton.

The appointment of Sidney D. BUMPASS, who originated the first church paper, was made in 1844. Rare copies of this church paper are to be found in the library of Duke University. The pastors for the next decade were John W. LEWIS, Alfred NORMAN, Thomas C. CAMPBELL, Archibald C. ALLEN, Numa C. REID, William CARTER, Lemon SHELL and William M. JORDAN. The last two resided in Louisburg.

In 1859, Joseph B. MARTIN, father of Mrs. J. A. MORRIS of Wilton, became pastor of the Tar River Circuit. It was he who purchased the "Yellow House", as the parsonage in Franklinton was called.

The conference held in 1861 met at Louisburg, and W. H. BARNES was sent to the Banks Chapel locality. A year later, T. Page RICHUD was appointed to the circuit. This was the same T. Page RICHUD who interested Mr. CARR of Durham in helping Charlie SOONG, father of Mme. Chaing Kai SHEK, acquire an education in the United States and became a Christian.

The next three years saw Joseph H. WHEELER as pastor in this territory. He was followed by J. P. SIMPSON. From 1868 until 1888, Paul J. CARRAWAY, Henry H. MOORE, R. S. BARRETT, John T. GIBBS and Joseph J. REAN ministered to the needs of the Banks Chapel congregation. As John T. GIBBS and Joseph J. REAN ministered to the needs of the Banks Chapel congregation. As the result of increased membership, it was deemed necessary to divide the Tar River Circuit. Consequently, in 1889, the Franklinton Circuit was formed. The first minister under the new plan of organization was Edward Lee PELL, who edited Pell's Notes in Richmond. It was in 1890 that Annie L. MOSS presented the Silver Service which consisted of a flagon, two goblets, two plates and a baptismal bowl.

Constant growth and expansion demanded the creation of a new conference. Banks Chapel remained in the North Carolina Conference which served the Eastern portion of the state. The new conference as designated as the Western Carolina Conference. Ministers of

Banks Chapel during this era between 1890-94 were N. H. D. WILSON, W. S. DAVIS and George Bascombe PERRY.

In 1901, John H. SHORE, for whom some local people were named, came to this area. Hew served his people with great faith and concern.

It was W. E. COLTRANE who began the effort to secure lumber for a new church structure at Banks. He was followed by W. W. ROSE, who ministered in the Banks Chapel Community during the years 1909-1912. Dr. J. A. MORRIS fondly recalled Mr. ROSE'S asking the congregation from the pulpit one morning, "Will you meet me here next Wednesday?" The result of that meeting was the present church building. It is probably the fourth structure constructed somewhere near the original site of the first Banks Chapel. It was built partly from the lumber of 12 trees cut from the church yard. The actual cost was \$3,500.00. Mrs. Sam VANN of Franklinton and Mrs. Ed BOBBITT gave the beautiful pillars which grace the front entrance.

From an article in the Oxford Banner of August 5, 1911: "Great experiences, great opportunities, great privileges come to all of us. But to many of us they come infrequently. Such was the occasion of 'the Feast of Dedication' at Banks Church, on July 29th and 30th, 1911.

"The pastor, Rev. W. W. ROSE, recognized former pastors present: W. H. MOORE, N. H. D. WILSON, J. H. SHORE, and G. B. PERRY. An address by the Rev. F. K. GAMBLE, returned missionary from Korea, closed the morning program on Saturday. The quarterly conference for the circuit convened immediately after the lunch.

"Sunday morning long before the hour for service the capacity of the new church was exhausted and before the noon hour both churches were full to overflowing. The old church is so close by that much could be heard from there.

"Dr. MOORE preached the dedicatory sermon. The church was presented by Mr. A. E. BOBBITT on behalf of the trustees and the officers. The afternoon sermon by Rev. J. H. SHORE was preceded by the communion service.

"A feature of interest was that at this service were present the following, who were at the dedication of the old church fifty-eight years ago: Mess. W. P. WHITE, Jack URSY, J. W. MITCHELL, Ben MITCHELL and Rev. J. B. FLOYD, Mesdames Jim MITCHELL, Martha Ann HARRIS, Joe MOSS, Margaret BRAGG and Lou DANIEL."

The first wedding in the new church was that of Alma LANE to Mr. RICE in October of 1912.

There was also a school at Banks during the first part of the twentieth century.

The old church structure was sold to Dr. J. A. MORRIS and was reassembled on his farm. It may be seen today at the same location which is now the I. L. JENKINS' farm. The old building had two front entrances. It was customary in the nineteenth century for the men to sit on one side of the church and the women to sit on the other. As Mrs. J. A. MORRIS often said, "The women sat on the left, the men on the right, and the babies cried in the middle pews".

Mr. ROSE wrote that Banks was the best-known country church of his knowledge. After his death in 1913, a student from Trinity College, W. A. CADE, supplied. For the next four years A. J. PARKER, and James E. BUFFALO were pastors here.

In 1917, reorganization was again necessary. Banks was added to the Creedmoor Charge, and Timothy A. SYKES was appointed minister. Later ministers were V. A. ROYAL, J. J. BOONE, B. MCCOY, D. M. SHARPE, and W. G. FARRAR.

Outstanding during the ministry of B. E. STANFIELD was the erection of our Sunday School annex in 1927. Two building plans were presented to a church conference by the board of architects of the church. A plan was unanimously agreed upon, providing for a two story building with six classrooms joined to the sanctuary by a corridor. The following finance committee served for the duration of the building program: Mrs. J. A. MORRIS, secretary and treasurer, Miss Norma BREEDLOVE, Miss Nannie PARROTT, Mrs. F. E. PARROTT, Sr., W. N. BOBBITT and A. T. MORRIS. Members of the church who were carpenters labored diligently with the pastor in building the new structure. Much of the equipment was given by individuals or classes. Past superintendents of our Sunday School have been Charlie MORRIS, Ed BOBBITT, "A" MITCHELL, Willie LYON, Rufus HORNER, Joe URSY, Frank E. PARROTT, Sr., W. B. BRAGG, Jr., E. PARROTT JENKINS, Madison PITTS, Robert D. HUNT, Alma Ormond HUSKETH, David HOWELL, William GARDNER, James (Chip) BRISTOW, and David SWANSON. The present superintendent is Will YADUSKY. For over a century members of the Matt SATTERWHITE Sr. family have served as custodians for Banks Church.

Our present organ was presented to Banks Church by a former choir director, Mrs. Alice KIRKLAND, known and loved by all in the Banks community. It was given in 1952 in loving memory of Loren P. KIRKLAND and W. Philo WHITE, Jr.

Under the leadership of Morris J. BYERS, who became our pastor in 1956, many changes took place at Banks. A well was dug which furnished water for a new church kitchen and rest rooms. Interest was begun to build a parsonage at Banks. Mr. BYERS worked diligently to begin construction before his departure in June of 1960. Being led by Mr. BYERS, in precept and example, the congregation rose to the challenge facing it. On May 8, 1960, Miss Linda JENKINS, secretary elected for the meeting, recorded the motion, that we accept the contract bid of Roberts Brothers Builders in the amount of \$13,700.00. Later construction began on the parsonage.

Two months later the Creedmoor circuit divided. Creedmoor became a station church, and the Banks-Grove Hill Charge was formed as a student appointment in the Durham District of the North Carolina Conference. Dr. C. D. BARCLIFT served as District Superintendent during this period of building and expansion. It was he who appointed Stuart I. MCRAE, a student at the Divinity School of Duke University, as minister of the newly created charge. Mr. MCRAE lived in the home of Mrs. Tom DIXON until the parsonage was completed in September.

The new parsonage, which at the time of completion represented an investment in excess of \$15,000.00, proved to be good for Banks-Grove Hill Charge. The churches were unified in spirit and endeavor. The effect of having the minister live in the immediate community for the first time stimulated new interest and zeal. Evidence of this new interest manifested itself in many ways. Full scale youth and choir programs developed with sessions once and twice a week. The Banks-Grove Hill Woman's Society of Christian Service worked on many projects to secure funds for parsonage furnishings. Many individuals and families contributed to furnishing the parsonage.

In July 1962, Banks rose to accept another challenge. It ceased to be a student appointment, and the Banks-Grove Hill Methodist charge moved to full-time status. Stuart MCRAE remained as minister, having graduated from Duke University in June of 1962. Mr. MCRAE spent much time with the youth while serving this charge.



Following Stuart MCRAE, these ministers have served the Banks-Grove Hill Charge: J. W. LINEBERGER, Jr., Herman N. WARD, Jr., Morris BARBER, Philip W. KEEL, Quentin E. SHOLTZ, III., Helen Gray CROTWELL, John W. WENBERG, Jr., Gayla ESTES, Steven M. LING and Stuart TUCKER. Diane BLANCHARD began serving as pastor in June of 1996.

In 1978, a new church sign was placed in front of the church. The letters and numbers were made and donated by J. Frank STROTHER. Also at this time, cabinets were built, and carpet installed in the upstairs rooms in the annex. In later years, the following gifts have been presented to our Church: music stand, baptismal font, brass urn, candlesticks, collection plates, flower table, flags, stained glass windows and protectors, piano in sanctuary, piano in Children's Department, hutch in Library, bookcase, registry table in vestibule, pew cushions, pew Bibles, framed needlepoint picture of Banks, advent wreath, folding chairs, hanging lamp in library, lights in Sanctuary, hymnals, outside stone benches, brick walkways, lighted sign, new choir robes in 1980 and pews refinished in 1980. In June of 1996, the picnic shelter was completed. Plans are underway for renovation of restrooms and construction of a ramp.

In 1981-82 a church library was organized. Money was contributed by the Banks Family Association, and many people within our church gave their time to get the books ready for circulation.

In 1988 Gayla ESTES and Rita BRISTOW were instrumental in starting a Bible Study program for children of pre-school age. They met on Thursday mornings for Bible study and recreation. Younger youth met on Sunday afternoons for study and fun. The older youth under the direction of David SWANSON met on Sunday afternoon for Bible instruction. They have also participated in the Duke Children's Walk and many fund-raisers for the church. Others who have donated much of their time in working with the youth were Jim and Mary J. LINEBERGER, Robinette HUSKETH, Janie PEIFFER, Bob and Judy HUNT and Sylvia and Gene STIKELEATHER. The children and youth continue to meet at Banks on the first and third Sunday afternoons.

Members of Banks United Methodist Church spend much time in working with foreign and home missions, and with families in our area who are in need.

Banks-Grove Hill United Methodist Women continues to be an active unit.

Daisy BREEDLOVE served as pianist and organist for over 50 years. Norma BREEDLOVE served as teacher in the Children's Division for more than 60 years. Irvin Lee JENKINS served as treasurer of the Sunday School for more than 45 years. Leah JENKINS served as pianist in the children's division for many years.

Communion Steward through the years have been Mrs. J. A. MORRIS, Elizabeth MORRIS, Florence & Brooks BOBBITT, Lessie and J. Frank STROTHER, Nan and Earle HUNT, Jr., Evelyn & Ernest MOORE, Louise PREDDY, Imogene WHITFIELD and the current communion steward is Jean W. WATKINS. A set of paraments was made by Mrs. Rose GRAY. Paraments in present use were donated by Ruth PARROTT, Naomi JACKSON, and Robinette HUSKETH.

Church Treasurers have been Frank E. PARROTT, Sr., Gladys PEACE PARROTT, Parrott JENKINS, and Frank E. PARROTT, Jr. The current treasurers are Jean WATKINS and Edna FLINTOM. Taylor CURRIN and Will YADUSKY serve on the Finance Committee.

Through the years many people have taught Sunday School at Banks, including the following: Cheryl CURRIN, Sara BLACK, Gladys BOBBITT, W. N. BOBBITT, Doris BRAGG, W. B. BRAGG, Gertrude JENKINS BRAME, Daisy BREEDLOVE, Norma

BREEDLOVE, Rita and Chip BRISTOW, Anne and Taylor CURRIN, Eula DIXON, Mary Ida DIXON, Susan PARROTT ELLINGTON, Edna FLINTOM, Lelia Bett FLINTOM, Edwin Y. FLOYD, Bill GARDNER, Emily GARDNER, Lena GOOCH, Irene HAYES, Dan HUNT, Nan HUNT, Alma HUSKETH, Robinette HUSKETH, Tom HUSKETH, Wayne JERNIGAN, Thomas (Chick) HUSKETH, Grace JENKINS, Leah JENKINS, Mildred JENKINS, Alice KIRKLAND, Ed and Betty LEGATES, Robyn LING, Meta LYON, Kathy MACIALIK, Mae TURNER MOSS, Dr. J. A. MORRIS, Mrs. J. A. MORRIS, Mrs. Katie MORRIS, Elizabeth MORRIS, Irene PARROTT, Lillian PARROTT GRAY, Lucy PARROTT HOBGOOD, Nannie PARROTT, Rachel PARROTT, Ruth PARROTT, Mrs. Gladys P. PARROTT, Peggy TUNSTALL PARROTT, Diane PITTS AVERETTE, Martha PITTS, Nettie PITTS, Tammy M. REAGAN, Hayden SHACKELFORD, Annie Belle SMITH, Ruth STROTHER, Lessie and Frank STROTHER, Sylvia and Gene STIKELEATHER, Anna and David SWANSON, Jean WATKINS, Margaret WATKINS, Imogene WHITFIELD, Nancy PITTS WILLIFORD, Will and Kay YADUSKY. (If you know of other people who have taught Sunday School at Banks, please add their names to your list.)

Mrs. Tom DIXON and Mrs. A. B. STARNES organized the Nursery in the late 1930s.

The members of Banks are pleased to have one of their own become a Methodist Minister. Ray T. GOOCH, son of William and Lena GOOCH, now serves in the North Carolina Conference as a full-time minister.

Present Acolytes are Logan BRISTOW, Robert BRISTOW, Brian GALLAGHER, Jared HUSKETH, Justin MACIALEK, Jeffrey MACIALEK, Edward MACIALEK, Benjamin TUCKER, Brad THOMPSON, Frances THOMPSON, Brittany PARROTT, Aleks YADUSKY and Shawn CHAFFEE. Others who have served as Acolytes are Ray GOOCH, Tommy JENKINS, Craig HUSKETH, David HUNT, Bill HUSKETH, Wallace PEIFFER, Dyrll WATKINS, Brian WATKINS, Sam PARROTT, Eric JONES, and Eric HUSKETH.

Present choir members are Jean HUNT, Nettie PITTS, Ruth PARROTT, Loraine KEARNEY, Anne CURRIN, Rita BRISTOW, Cheryl CURRIN, Frances THOMPSON, LuAnn THOMPSON, Dan HUNT, Frank E. PARROTT, Will YADUSKY, Jeffrey MACIALEK. Organist is Robinette HUSKETH. Pianists are LuAnn THOMPSON, Karen WESTERFIELD TUCKER and Robinette HUSKETH. Members of the Children's Division offer praises in song quite often in our worship service as well as offer musical selections between Sunday School and our Church service. New choir robes were given in 1996.

Many thanks go to all the people who aided in gathering and printing this history.

Banks United Methodist Church, though rich in Christian history and steeped in Methodist tradition, is not preoccupied with its past. The eye of the congregation is fixed on the future where there are new depths of God's love to be experienced and new avenues of service to mankind to be traveled. Those who worship here speak as with one voice: "We plan for a glorious future, relying on the Grace and Guidance of Almighty God, for we are the sheep of His pasture and He is our Shepherd".

Many thanks to Mrs. Alma Husketh who compiled and wrote this history for Heritage Sunday at Banks United Methodist Church, June 30, 1996, for this our 250th year and for giving permission for *Granville Connections* to print it.

## Early Justices Convicted in County Century Ago for not Maintaining Court House

*Public Ledger, June 21, 1940*

W. J. WEBB, Granville County Auditor, has found an interesting record which reflects some of the early history of the county Court house.

Charging that the Court House and Stocks of Granville County, prior to January 1, 1934, "have been and yet are ruinous and in great decay for want of necessary repairs thereof," John SCOTT, "Sol." Genl, at the term of court held in Granville County the first Monday in March, 1835, indicted and had convicted in the court a large number of justices of the peace in the county who were charged with levying and collecting sufficient taxes to properly maintain the Court House and Stocks.

The indictment charged the justices with having "unlawfully and contemptuously neglected, omitted and refused to the great hindrance and obstruction of public justice against the form and statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the state.

Following is the indictment as copied from the records by Mr. WEBB:

State of North Carolina

County of Granville

Superior Court of Law Begun and held on the first Monday of March A.D. 1835.

The jurors for the State, upon their oath present, that within the Town of Oxford in the County of Granville aforesaid, there have been and still are a Courthouse and Stocks established by law: and that on and from the first day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four until the first day of September A.D. 1834 the said Court House and the said Stocks have been and yet are ruinous and in great decay for want of necessary repairs thereof: and that James DOWNEY, Senior, William M. SNEED, Thomas B. LITTLEJOHN, Robert TAYLOR, Frederick WIGGINS, Benjamin BULLOCK, Shadrack PARISH, Joseph AMIS, Richard SNEED, Maurice SMITH, Jesse H. COBB, Thomas TURNER, Samuel S. DOWNEY, John WHITE, Joseph H. BRYAN, Henry W. PEACE, William R. HARGROVE, Howel L. READ, Abraham LAWRENCE, Lewis GREEN, Willis HARRIS, James WYCHE, John S. EATON, James L. WORTHAM, James BULLOCK, William L. OWEN, Samuel LEMAY, George KITTRELL, John BULLOCK, Thomas H. KEAN, Robert K. CLACK, Richard BULLOCK, John SHEARMAN, Elijah HESTER, William CLEMENT, Willie ROGERS, John T. HUNT, John G. HART, Dennis T. PASCHALL, Wyatt CANNADY, Thomas Y. COOKE, Thomas H. WILLIE, John C. TAYLOR, Anderson H. WALKER, Thomas F. MARROW, Charles STURDEVANT, Horace T. ROYSTER, Thomas T. HUNT, John C. RIDLEY, James M. WIGGINS, Willie M. SPEARS, Marcus D. ROYSTER, Carter WALLER, and William T. HARGROVE, during all the time aforesaid were and now are Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Granville aforesaid, whose duty it was and yet is to lay sufficient taxes to erect and keep in good repair the Court House and Stocks in and for the said County of Granville and to appoint commissioners to contract for the same, whensoever it should be necessary; yet the said taxes for the purpose aforesaid to lay, and commissioners as aforesaid to appoint they the said Justices of the Peace, have during all the time aforesaid unlawfully and contemptuously neglected, omitted, and refused to the great hindrance and obstruction of public justice against the form of the statutes in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the state.

JOHN SCOTT, "Sol." Gentl.

Following is the record of the conviction:

At a session of Court Sept. 8, 1836, Hon. Thomas SETTLE present, this case was heard before the following jury: Thomas GOOCH, Sr., Benjamin B. HESTER, Howell FRAZIER, William H. JONES, Thomas D. THARRINGTON, Archibald E. HENDERSON, Solomon BAILEY, Anderson PASCHALL, Whitnell HAYES, Henry TILLEY, John WEBB, Sr., James SHORT. Who find the defentants guilty in manner and form as charged in the Bill of Indictment.



## Recent Deaths in Granville County

August 1996 - October 1996

(Obituaries are abstracted from the *Oxford Public Ledger* and *Butner-Creedmoor News*. Only the name and age of Granville residents will be printed in order to save space.)

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Oxford Granville Co. N.C.  
Mar. 30, 1888 (date blurred?)

Mr. Coleman WILSON, Tulip Ark.

Dear Sir,

We received your letter and was very sorry to hear of your Grandma's death and also very sorry to inform you of my father's death. My father was administrator of Mr. Billy WILSON'S estate and I am the executor of my father's will. There is about sixty three acres of land and you have three shares which is twenty seven acres. I think the tract is worth five or six dollars an acres. It will either have to be divided or sold for division. I will represent you if you will pay me for my trouble. I will divide or sell just which will be to your interest, if you want me to attend to your business. I will send you a power of attorney and you can sign it and return it to me and I will have the lawful power to do so. If you don't want me why of course you can get any one you choose. The land joins my fathers, Franklin LLOYD'S, Tom HICK'S, and Simon WILSON'S. Let me hear from you at once and write who you want to attend to your business and I will do anything I can for you.

John R. WILSON  
Oxford Granville Co.  
N.C.

This letter was written to my grandfather Coleman James Wilson (1862-1932AR.). His father was William D. Wilson (1832-1860+) maybe known as Billy. William's father was William Wilson Sr. (1788-1859). md. 1st Amy Boyd. 2nd Elizabeth Toone (1805-1880+AR.), William D. Md. 21 Dec. 1857 Granville Co. NC to Virginia Ann Toone (1832-1902AR.).

Submitted by Diane Walker, Rt. 2, Box 61, Camden, TN 38320



Three men - a surgeon, an engineer, and a politician - were arguing about whose profession was the oldest! "Mine is," said the doctor. "Remember that Eve was carved out of Adams' rib". "Admittedly," said the engineer, "but remember that the earth was created out of chaos in six days. That obviously was an engineering job." "Yes," said the politician, "but who created the chaos?"

## **Iva Watkins Little Black Book of Granville County Newton's**

Anyone ardently involved in researching one's family history fantasizes about finding a heretofore undiscovered family Bible or long term record that answers all those questions that have always been more plentiful than answers. Such was the case when one of my newly discovered cousins sent me a copy of a very tattered little book that an 88 year old aunt had kept and treasured for many years. Records date from the early 1800's, so Iva WATKINS obviously didn't start the book, but thank goodness she continued it.

The same problem that plagues us with census records continues here...trying to read that beautiful old incursive writing! First names and dates, were for the most part, easy to read, but with some, middle initials were sometimes questionable. Another problem is that two families of NEWTON'S are involved here. James GREEN NEWTON married Lucy Jane NEWTON, sister of James WASHINGTON NEWTON who was my great grand-father. Family legend is that they are 3rd cousins, but this is not yet proved. The family of Joseph and Lucy NEWTON are from the Nutbush Creek area; I am told the family of James NEWTON and Polly TAYLOR were from the Grassy Creek area.

Following is an heretofore unpublished historical article that includes information recorded in Iva WATKIN'S Little Black Book and can be found in the Thornton Library in Oxford, NC:

### **Ages of Polly TAYLOR and James NEWTON'S Children**

Harriet E. NEWTON	b. 3 Dec. 1819
Robert L. NEWTON	b. 26 Aug. 1821
Sally J. NEWTON	b. 1. Jul. 1823
Wesley J. NEWTON	b. 18 Sep. 1825
Haily L. NEWTON	b. 27 Aug. 1827
Mary D. NEWTON	b. 16 Sep. 1830
James G. NEWTON	b. 2 Oct. 1831
John G. NEWTON	b. 2 Oct. 1831
Wm. J. NEWTON	b. 13 Jan. 1834
Lucy A. NEWTON	b. 22 Jul. 1837
Silas A. NEWTON	b. 7 Feb. 1841
Polly TAYLOR	b. 11 Jun. 1802

### **Ages of Lucy NEWTON and Joseph NEWTON'S Children**

James Wash. NEWTON	b. 9 Oct. 1827
Henry Allen NEWTON	b. 11 May 1829
Lucy Jane NEWTON	b. 27 Jul. 1831
Thos. Jefferson NEWTON	b. 5 Jul. 1833
Susan Eliz. NEWTON	b. 27 Nov. 1838

### Departure of Joseph & Lucy NEWTON & Children

Joseph NEWTON	d. 28 Jan. 1848
Lucy NEWTON	d. 11 Mar. 1857
Thos. Jeff. NEWTON	d. 16 Jun. 1854
Susan E. ROBERTS	d. 4 Nov. 1862

### Departure of Other Newtons

James G. NEWTON	d. 4 Nov. 1879
Lucy A. STEGALL	d. 29 Jan. 1882
Harriet E. NEWTON	d. 29 Dec. 1889
Sally J. STEGALL	d. 18 Apr. 1889
Mary L. NEWTON	d. 1884
Jane NEWTON (wife of Haily)	d. 25 Sep. 1829
Eliz. NEWTON	d. 5 June 1832
Haily NEWTON	d. 4 Dec. 1847
Silas A. NEWTON	d. 20 Dec. 1846
William J. NEWTON	d. 21 May 1847
Mary Dawson NEWTON (2nd)	d. 8 Oct. 1854
Polly NEWTON (wife of Huby N.)	d. 5 Feb. 1855
Frances J. NEWTON	d. 4 July 1864
Mary D. NEWTON	d. 5 July 1864
Walter J. NEWTON	d. 17 July 1864
Lucy Jane NEWTON	d. 6 Jan.. 1897
Thos. C. NEWTON	d. 26 May 1888
Betsey N. NEWTON	d. 28 May 1888

### Other

Henry A. NEWTON & Mary Dawson NEWTON	m. 22 Dec. 1853
James G. NEWTON & Lucy Jane NEWTON	m. 1 Mar. 1855

The writer, George E. NEWTON, 3308 Guilford Place, Fayetteville, NC 28303, a member of the Granville County Genealogical Society, feels he has the most extensive files of Newton family history extant. The Newton family married into the families of Drury TURNER, Samuel MOSS, Ruben MOSS, and Elizabeth SMITH of Granville County. He will welcome inquiries from anyone researching these families.

## Origins of Virginia Counties

*The following is a list of the 95 counties now in existence and the 4 seventeenth century counties (Elizabeth City, Norfolk, Princess Anne and Warwick), which have become extinct in recent years.*

**ACCOMACK** - Formed from Northampton Co. About 1663.

**ALBEMARLE** - Formed from Goochland in 1744, and part of Louisa.

**ALLEGHANY** - Formed from Bath, Botetourt & Monroe (now in WV) in 1822.

**AMELIA** - Formed from Prince George and Brunswick in 1734.

**AMHERST** - Formed from Albemarle in 1761.

**APPOMATTOX** - Formed from parts of Buckingham, Prince Edward, Charlotte & Campbell in 1845.

**ARLINGTON** - Originally known as Alexandria County. It was established in 1847 from parts of D.C. ceded back to Virginia. Before 1791 this area was part of Fairfax County. It got its present name in 1920.

**AUGUSTA** - Formed from Orange in 1738. County government was not established until 1745.

**BATH** - Formed from Augusta, Botetourt & Greenbriar (now WV) in 1790.

**BEDFORD** - Formed from Lunenburg in 1753. Part of Albemarle & Lunenburg were added later.

**BLAND** - Formed from Giles, Wythe & Tazewell in 1861.

**BOTETOURT** - Formed from Augusta in 1769. A part of Rockbridge was added later.

**BRUNSWICK** - Formed from Prince George in 1720, but because of the sparse population, county government was not formed until 1732. In 1732 parts of Surry and Isle of Wight were added.

**BUCHANAN** - Formed from Tazewell & Russell in 1858.

**BUCKINGHAM** - Formed from Albemarle in 1761.

**CAMPBELL** - Formed from Bedford in 1781.

**CAROLINE** - Formed from Essex, King and Queen & King William in 1728.

**CARROLL** - Formed from Grayson in 1842. Part of Patrick was added later.

**CHARLES CITY** - One of the eight shires established in 1634.

**CHARLOTTE** - Formed from Lunenburg in 1764.

**CHESTERFIELD** - Formed from Henrico in 1749.

**CLARKE** - Formed from Frederick in 1836. Part of Warren was added later.

**CRAIG** - Formed from Botetourt, Roanoke, Giles & Monroe (now WV) in 1851.

**CULPEPER** - Formed from Orange in 1749.

**CUMBERLAND** - Formed from Goochland in 1749.

**DICKENSON** - Formed from Russell, Wise & Bechanan in 1880.

**DINWIDDIE** - Formed from Prince George in 1752.

**ELIZABETH CITY** - One of the 8 shires established in 1634. Extinct in 1951 when incorporated by city of Hampton.

**ESSEX** - Formed from Rappahannock in 1692.

**FAIRFAX** - Formed from Prince William in 1742.

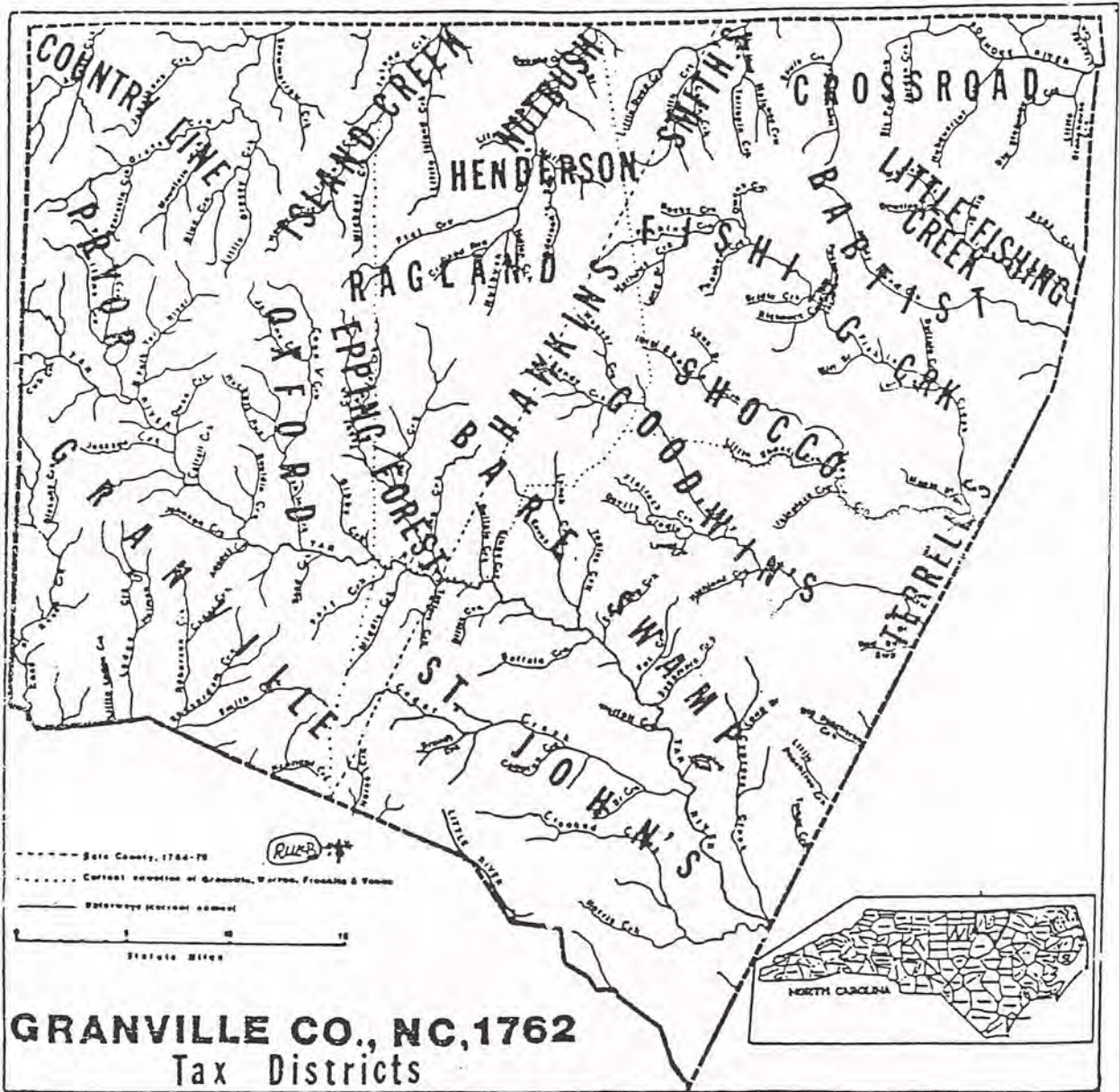
**FAUQUIER** - Formed from Prince William in 1759.



FLOYD - Formed from Montgomery in 1831. A part of Franklin was added later.  
FLUVANNA - Formed from Albemarle in 1777.  
FRANKLIN - Formed from Bedford and Henry in 1785.  
FREDERICK - Formed from Orange in 1738. A part of Augusta was added later.  
GILES - Formed from Montgomery, Monroe (now WV) & Tazewell in 1806. Parts of Wythe, Monroe, Mercer, Craig & Tazewell were added later.  
GLOUCESTER - Formed from York in 1651.  
GOOCHLAND - Formed from Henrico in 1728.  
GRAYSON - Formed from Wythe in 1792. A part of Patrick was added later.  
GREENE - Formed from Orange in 1838.  
GREENSVILLE - Formed from Brunswick in 1780. Parts of Brunswick & Sussex were added later.  
HALIFAX - Formed from Lunenburg in 1752.  
HANOVER - Formed from New Kent in 1721.  
HENRICO - One of the eight original shires established in 1634.  
HENRY - Formed from Pittsylvania in 1776.  
HIGHLAND - Formed from Pendleton (now WV) & Bath in 1847.  
ISLE OF WIGHT - One of the eight shires established in 1634.  
JAMES CITY - One of the eight shires established in 1634. Parts of New Kent & York were added later.  
KING AND QUEEN - Formed from New Kent in 1691.  
KING GEORGE - Formed from Richmond in 1720. Part of Westmoreland was added later.  
KING WILLIAM - Formed from King and Queen in 1701.  
LANCASTER - Formed from Northumberland & York in 1651.  
LEE - Formed from Russell in 1792. Part of Scott was added later.  
LOUDON - Formed from Fairfax in 1757.  
LOUISA - Formed from Hanover in 1742.  
LUNENBURG - Formed from Brunswick in 1746.  
MADISON - Formed from Culpeper in 1792.  
MATHEWS - Formed from Gloucester in 1790.  
MECKLENBURG - Formed from Lunenburg in 1764.  
MIDDLESEX - Formed from Lancaster about 1669.  
MONTGOMERY - Formed from Fincastle in 1776. Parts of Botetourt & Pulaski were added later.  
NANSEMOND - Established in 1637 as Upper Norfolk. Present name adopted in 1646.  
NELSON - Formed from Amherst in 1807.  
NEW KENT - Formed from York about 1654.  
NORFOLK - Formed from Lower Norfolk in 1691. Extinct in 1963 when became part of Chesapeake City.  
NORTHHAMPTON - One of the eight shires established in 1634. Was known as Accomack until 1643.  
NORTHUMBERLAND - Formed from Indian land in Northern Neck area about 1645.

NOTTOWAY - Formed from Amelia in 1788.  
ORANGE - Formed from Spotsylvania in 1734.  
PAGE - Formed from Rockingham & Shenandoah in 1831.  
PATRICK - Formed from Henry in 1790. Before 1776 it was part of Pittsylvania Co.  
PITTSYLVANIA - Formed from Halifax in 1766. Before 1752 it was part of Lunenburg Co.  
POWHATAN - Formed from Cumberland in 1713. Part of Chesterfield was added later.  
PRINCE EDWARD - Formed from Amelia in 1753.  
PRINCE GEORGE - Formed from Charles City in 1702.  
PRINCE WILLIAM - Formed from Stafford & King George in 1730.  
PRINCESS ANNE - Formed from Lower Norfolk in 1691. Extinct in 1963, now a part of Virginia Beach city.  
PULASKI - Formed from Montgomery & Wythe in 1839.  
RAPPAHANNOCK - The name for two counties. Formed from Lancaster in 1656...became extinct in 1692 when it was divided into Essex and Richmond. The present county was formed from Culpeper in 1833.  
RICHMOND - Formed from Rappahannock in 1692.  
ROANOKE - Formed from Botetourt in 1838. A part of Montgomery was added later.  
ROCKBRIDGE - Formed from Augusta & Botetourt in 1778.  
ROCKINGHAM - Formed from Augusta in 1778.  
RUSSELL - Formed from Washington in 1786.  
SCOTT - Formed from Lee, Russell & Washington in 1814.  
SHENANDOAH - Formed from Frederick in 1772.  
SMYTH - Formed from Washington & Wythe in 1832.  
SOUTHAMPTON - Formed from Isle of Wight in 1749. Part of Nansemond was added later.  
SPOTSYLVANIA - Formed from Essex, King William & King and Queen in 1720.  
STAFFORD - Formed from Westmoreland in 1664.  
SURRY - Formed from James City about 1652.  
SUSSEX - Formed from Surry in 1753.  
TAZEWELL - Formed from Wythe & Russell in 1799.  
WARREN - Formed from Shenandoah & Frederick in 1836.  
WARWICK - One of eight shires established in 1634. Now part of city of Newport News.  
WASHINGTON - Formed from Fincastle in 1776. A part of Montgomery was added later.  
WESTMORELAND - Formed from Northumberland in 1653. Part of King George was added later.  
WISE - Formed from Lee, Scott & Russell in 1856.  
WYTHE - Formed from Montgomery in 1789. Part of Grayson was added later.  
YORK - One of eight shires formed in 1634.

Map of Granville County Tax Districts in 1762



## Oxford Negro Sold in Slavery 67 Years Ago

Public Ledger, February 26, 1929

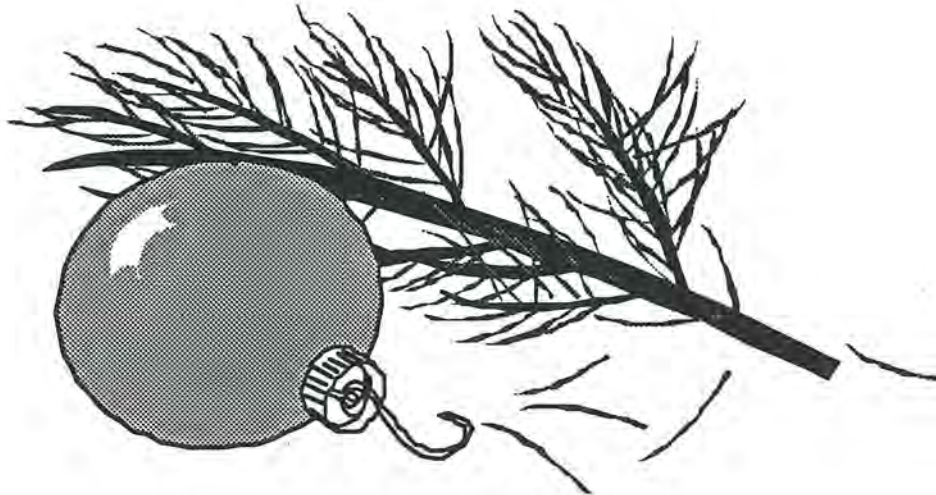
*He and his five brothers and sisters were taken to Memphis, Tenn., and sold on the auction block and he never saw or heard of them or his parents again.....*

Jerry CURTIS, born in Oxford 81 years ago, has a most interesting history. When he was fourteen years of age he and five brothers and sisters were placed in a covered wagon and sent to Memphis, Tenn., where they were sold in slavery to the highest bidder and distributed throughout the South with the result that they never saw each other or their parents again. Jerry feels that they will meet in the life beyond.

Jerry relates that Joe GOOCH, the first or second sheriff to serve Granville county, was his master. "On the morning we were placed in the wagon he did not tell us where we were being sent or for what purpose. We left Oxford in August and arrived in Memphis a few days before Christmas and were sent immediately to the slave market and sold," said Jerry.

Jerry was just fourteen years of age and was good and strong and there were several bidders for him. The man who purchased him lived near Helena, Arkansas, where Jerry lived on the farm for seven months, at which time his master entered the Confederate Army, taking Jerry along with him as a teamster. He served in the army for three long years and saw several hard-fought battles and much hardship. When the war clouds rolled away, Jerry was given a job on the farm of Mr. James ALLEN in St. Louis county, Mo. Mr. Allen being a man of considerable influence, Jerry was appointed overseer of roads of St. Louis county and served in that capacity for four years. At the expiration of his term as road overseer, the commissioners of St. Louis County elected him janitor of the court house at Clayton, which position he held for 24 years.

"When I began to get old," said Jerry, "I told my friends in the West that I wanted to return to my native home in Granville county, North Carolina." After an absence of 67 years, Jerry returned to Oxford one year ago. He is well preserved for one of his age and he is as honest as the days are long. He owns a little home out on the east end of King Street, where he lives alone and does his own cooking and earns his living by working in gardens and doing odd jobs.



## James Fort

*A Brief History Of The First Permanent English Settlement In North America  
By Eva Spears*

About 400 years ago on December 20, 1606, 104 passengers, all men and boys, embarked from England with a charter from King JAMES I to form the Virginia Company and establish a satellite English settlement in the Chesapeake region of North America. They were to settle in Virginia and to find gold and a water route to the Orient. These explorers left England on 3 merchant ships: the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery; they reached Virginia in the spring of 1607.

Lead by Captain John SMITH, they chose to settle on Jamestown Island, along the James River 60 miles from the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay because of it's deep water channels which allowed their ships to ride close to shore. On May 14th, 1607, they began to build the first permanent English colony in America on the banks of the James River, predating Plymouth in Massachusetts by 13 years.

Almost immediately the colonists were under attack from the Algonquian natives. Nonetheless, in a little over a month's time, they managed to build a wooden fort triangular in shape, containing homes, a church, a storehouse and an armory.

Disease, famine and continuing attacks of the Algonquians took a tremendous toll on the population. Dissent within the colony fermented due to lack of supplies, laziness, and periodic attempts at desertion by many of the colonists, and personal conflicts among SMITH and various leaders, as well as disagreements over new policies being formulated in London. As a result SMITH left Jamestown to explore and map the Chesapeake Bay region and search for badly needed food supplies. Due to bad government and near chaos, SMITH was eventually elected president of the local council in September, 1608. He instituted a policy of rigid discipline, strengthened defenses, and encouraged farming with this admonishment: "He who does not work, will not eat." Because of his strong leadership, the settlement survived and grew during the next year. Unfortunately, SMITH was accidentally injured by a gunpowder burn and had to return to England for treatment in October, 1609, never to return to Virginia again. During the winter following SMITH's departure in 1609 only 60 of the original 500 settlers survived. That June the survivors decided to bury their cannon and armor and abandon the town. Only the arrival of the new governor Lord DELA WARE, and supply ships saved the colony. Then when POCAHONTAS, the daughter of the Algonquian chief POWHATAN, married tobacco entrepreneur John ROLFE, the colony grew and some years of peace and prosperity followed.

The first representative assembly in the New World convened in Jamestown Church on July 30, 1619. The House of Burgesses also met in response to orders from the Virginia Company to establish laws for governing of the people. In spite of attempts for peace the Algonquians attacked the outlying plantations in 1622 killing over 300 of the settlers. Even though a last minute warning spared Jamestown, the attack on the colony and the mismanagement of the Virginia Company at home convinced the King that he should revoke the Virginia Company Charter. Virginia became a crown colony in 1624. The fort seems to have existed into the middle of the 1620's, but as Jamestown grew into a "New Town" to the east, written reference to the original Fort disappeared.

Jamestown remained the capitol of Virginia until its major state house burned in 1698. The capitol was then moved to Williamsburg and Jamestown began to slowly disappear above ground. Soon only a church tower was visible and as James River erosion ate away the island's western shore, it was believed by scholars that the site of James Fort lay completely under water.



## Queries

Individual members and each member of a family membership may submit one query per clalendar 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.

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23-96 submitted by Frances Wheeler, 9920 NE 120th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972

Alexander **Jones** bought property on Big Ledge of Rocks Creek 1763. He died before July 1769. Was he related to Wm. **Jones** (T.R.) or Wm. **Jones** (Sr.)? Nicholas **Jones** sold Alexander **Jones**' land in 1782. Was he son of Alexander & Mary **Jones**? Who was Thomas **Jones** who bought land from Benjamin **Bonner** at head of Little Ledge of Rocks Creek in 1782?

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24-96 submitted by L. Carey Bankhead, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102-3948

**Perry-Yarborough-Bridges-McNew**: Am seeking information on Nathan **Perry**, b. probably ca 1760 in North Carolina, died in Brown County, IL 1842, who married Rebecca **Yarborough**. She was possibly the daughter of William **Yarborough** who d. in Warren Co., NC ca 1793, based on DAR file on him mentioning a daughter, Rebecca. I descend from two sons of Nathan and Rebecca **Perry**: Edmond who m. Rachael **Bridges**, and Luke who m. Elizabeth **McNew**. These families were in / around Claiborne Co., TN ca 1800 before moving to Illinois.

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25-96 submitted by J. Daniel Mahar, 41 Haight St. San Francisco, CA 94102

Looking for information on family of Brereton **Jones** who lived in the Oxford district. Esp. interested in son William "Buck" **Jones** who married Nancy **Ragland** and had several children including Memucan Hunt **Jones** who married into **Peed** family and had at least three daughters. Other families in the Tar River district that I am researching are the **Gooch, Russell, Allen, Clement, Howard, Mitchell & Hobgood**. Am esp. interested in old letters, journals, photographs concerning the community in the area. Also interested in families of former slaves in that area, Calvin **Gooch** and his descendants in particular. Looking for descendants of Capt. Samuel & Jain (**Dudley**) **Sneed** of Granville and Person counties.

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26-96 submitted by Diane Walker, Rt. 2, Box 61, Camden, TN 38320

Looking for any information on parents, 1st husband, children of Elizabeth **Toone Wilson**; also Virginia Ann **Toone Wilson**. Anything on William D. **Wilson** - when he died, will or anything showing the settlement of his estate in Granville Co. NC. Virginia could have been the daughter or niece of Elizabeth; she was in Ar. in 1870. After 1850 William D. cannot be found in Granville Co., NC. Cannot find Virginia in 1850 or 1860 census of Granville Co. In 1870 Virginia and her son, Coleman James **Wilson** was in Dallas Co, Ar. She married John J. **Delaney** in Ar. in 1870. John R. **Wilson** (1841-

1915), son of Samuel P. **Wilson** (1809-1887), md Parthenial A. **Sears**. William Sr. and Samuel P. were either brothers or cousins.

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27-96 submitted by Byron Hill, P.O. Box 120603, Nashville, TN 37212

**Hill**, Green B., b. ca. 1775 NC? / VA? / MD? md Martha **Ivey**. Lived in Surry Co., NC (1800), Pendleton, SC (1800), Franklin Co. GA (1805), Jasper Co. GA (1812), Fayette Co. GA (1840), Randolph Co. AL (1854). Possibly connected with Isaac **Hill** line. Seeking parents of Green B. **Hill**.

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28-96 submitted by Reese J. Moses, 2428 Upper Zion Rd., Brownsville, TN 38012

Elias Hawkins **Estes** b. 1818 Granville Co., NC md Sally Ann. Need proof and her maiden name and proof for his son, Chas. Haywood **Estes**, marriage to Nancy Almira **Morris**, 1864, NC. Any other info on these, **Estes** and **Morris**. Also proof that John who married Sarah **Bennett** is father of John B. **Estes** who married Elizabeth **Nevels** 1815.

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29-96 submitted by Mrs. John J. Harris, 219 44th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Parents, siblings, children of Henry **Harris**, father of West **Harris**.

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30-96 submitted by George E. Newton, 3308 Guilford Place, Fayetteville, NC 28303

Polly **Taylor** 1802-1902 m. James **Newton** 1802-1874, Lucy **Taylor** 1798-1851 m. Joseph **Newton** 1800-1848. All dates approximate. James & Joseph **Newton** were not brothers. Were Lucy & Polly **Taylor** sisters? Also anxious to contact descendants of these early Granville Co. families, most lived Nutbush Creek area, now Vance Co. NC. - Howel & Sena **Moss**, Samuel & Benjamin **Moss**, Mary, William, John & Fanny **Hanks**, Charles & William **Taylor**, Drury **Turner**, Richard, Gilliam, Israel, Charles, Robert & William **Hargrove**. Have much information to share.

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31-96 submitted by Genie Jenkins, 3166 Tump Wilkins Rd., Stem, NC 27581

Interested in information on **Jenkins**, **Allen**, **Farmer**, **Hester**, **Morris**, and **Bobbitt**.

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32-96 submitted by Sandra G. Aiken, 3166 Tump Wilkins Rd., Stem, NC 27581

Interested in Ada **Adcock's** (1860-1922) ancestors. John J. **Adcock** (1826-1897) was her father. Who is John's father - Jonathan **Adcock** or William **Adcock**? Also interested in any information on **Goss**, **Aiken**, **Oakley**, **Jackson**, and **Wheeler**.

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33-96 submitted by John D. Lavender, 16082 Old Greensboro Rd., Moundville, AL  
35474-9100

Who were grandparents of Lydia Lyon who married John Davies in Granville Dist., NC, Dec. 26, 1817, Bond No. 3861, Zach Lyon, her brother was Bondsman? Her parents were John and Lydia Lyon. Who was Lydia's mother?



### Oxford's Wildest Night Recalled

Public Ledger, September 3, 1926

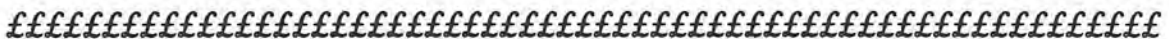
*People thought the world was coming to an end on the night of August 31, 1886.....*

While a group of men were seated on the benches in front of the Court House the other evening some one remarked: "It was just 40 years ago tonight, and about this time of night (9 p.m.) that Oxford had one of the wildest nights in its history," he said. "It was the date of the Charleston earthquake, which was August 31, 1886. It was hot as blazes that day, and about 9 o'clock at night the quakes began."

After the conversation warmed up one of the old men in the group related that he was at the moment of the first tremor sitting in front of the old "Osborn House," on the site of the present Oxford Buggy Company plant on Williamsboro Street. There were twenty-five people, including a theatrical company, registered at the hotel that night, he said, and all of them fled to the street, some of them in their night clothes.

It is strange what effect the earthquake had on some people, said an old gentleman as he related that one of Oxford's old citizens, who was always drunk, was so badly scared that night he never took another drink of whiskey, while on the other hand another well known Oxford man was so badly scared he got drunk that night for the first time in his life and kept drinking to the end of his life.

"Yes, I remember the incident very well," said one of the group. "It shook a lighted lamp off my table and burned a hole in the carpet before I could extinguish the blaze. The shock was so terrific the people of Oxford expected to find a big hole in the ground somewhere near town next morning. The people stood around the postoffice next day waiting for the papers to see how extensive the earthquake was, and learning that Charleston was the center their fears subsided."



The things we sweep under the rug have a disconcerting habit of creeping out on the other side.

Granville County Marriages 1869  
Abstracted and Submitted by Mildred C. Goss  
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- Newton, James P. - son of John Newton and Parthenia Newton & Martha S. Puryear daughter of Samuel Puryear and Susan Puryear on 28 October 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Oakley, Allen - colored - son of Peter Philpot and Joanna Oakley & Mary Thomas daughter of Armstead Royster and Martha Thomas on 18 December 1869 by James Harris, J.P.
- Overby, James Y. - son of Obidiah Overby and Tabitha Overby & Nancy Norwood daughter of Robert Norwood and Elizabeth Norwood on 21 December 1869 by H.H. Gibbons, M.G.
- Overby, Ben - colored - son of Stephen Overby and Ritter Overby & Betsy Marrow daughter of Micajah Marrow and Becky Lewis on 23 December 1869 by A.C. Harris, M.G.
- Owen, John - colored - son of Thomas Graves and Milly Owens & Margaret H. Valentine daughter of not known and Lucy Howell on 25 November 1869 by James Harris, J.P.
- Page, Doctor - colored - son of Monroe Allen and Mary Page & Rosetta Hockerday daughter of Phillip Hockerday and Matilda Hockerday on 19 December 1869 by Robt. Garner, J.P.
- Parham, Aaron - colored - son of Stephen Parham and Mary A. Parham & Sylvia Glover daughter of not known and not known on 4 December 1869 by M.S. Hester, M.G.
- Paschall, George - colored - son of Neverson Paschall and Cornelia Paschall & Emily Kitrell daughter of not known and Martha Kitrell on 2 January 1869 by B. Smith, J.P.
- Patterson, Robert E. - son of Chas W. Patterson and Mary A. Patterson & Mary A. Fleming daughter of Reuben Fleming and Elizabeth Fleming on 24 November 1869 by W. C. Kenntt.
- Peace, William - colored - son of Ransom Peace and Eliza Peace & Alice Haywood daughter of Andrew Haywood and Chana Haywood on 9 September 1869 by James Harris, J.P.
- Peed, Simpson - son of Sherman Peed and Malinda Peed & Bettie Haskins daughter of William C. Haskins and Emeline Haskins on 23 December 1869 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.
- Perry, Bennett B. - son of Dr A.S. Perry and Leo Perry & Narcissa J. Mann daughter of Dr J.B. Mann and Martha A. Mann on 6 April 1869 by H.H. Gibbons, M.G.
- Pettyford, Terry - colored - son of not known and not known & Vina Jordan daughter of Harrison Jordan and Sarah Jordan on 29 March 1869 by James R. Duty, J.P.

- Pointer, Sam. - colored - son of Frank Pointer and Elizabeth Overby & Emily Nelson daughter of Jacob Nelson and Leonner Nelson on 31 December 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Pool, A. W. - son of Thos Pool and Elizabeth Pool & Susan F. Weaver daughter of W.G. Weaver and Susan A.M. Weaver on 16 March 1869 by J.D.C. Pool, J.P.
- Pulliam, Reuben - colored - son of Mat Couch and Lucy Pulliam & Lenah Washington daughter of not known and Diley Washington on 24 January 1869 by T.J. Horner, M.G.
- Puryear, Robert D. - son of Samuel Puryear and Sarah Puryear & Dicey Ann Frances Puryear daughter of Anderson Puryear and Mima Puryear on 30 September 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Ragland, Stephen S. - son of Wm. J. Ragland and Mary F. Ragland & Lucy A. Kinton daughter of William Kinton and Susan Kinton on 7 February 1869 by B. Smith, J.P.
- Reavis, Samuel W. - son of Lewis Reavis and Mary Reavis & Sally A. Baskett daughter of Joseph Baskett and Mary Baskett on 18 March, 1869 by S.P. J. Harris, M.G.
- Reed, William - colored - son of John Reed and Phillis Reed & Sylvia Alston daughter of Silas Alston and Minerva Alston on 17 April 1869 by Saml. G. Cross, J.P.
- Reid, Moses - colored - son of Bob Reid and Nicy Reid & Delphia Baskerville daughter of Archa Baskerville and Arenette Baskerville on 28 July 1869 by Andrea Williams, J.P.
- Richardson, James - colored - son of Granville Reavis and Susan Richardson & Charlotte Floyd daughter of Isaac Floyd and Elizabeth Higgs on 29 December 1869 by B.T. Overton, J.P.
- Ridley, Bromfield - colored - son of Elijah Howard and Nelly Hester & Amanda Vass daughter of Green Hester and Mariah Vass on 8 February 1869 by James Puryear, J.P.
- Ridley, Henry - colored - son of Dolphin Ridley and Amy Dean & Julia Smith daughter of John Smith and Mary Smith on 24 July 1869 by W. H. Jordan, M.G.
- Robards, William J. - son of William Robards and Susan A. Robards & Annie S. Andrews daughter of                      and                      on 25 November 1869 by M.M. Marshall, Rector.
- Roberts, Joseph - colored - son of William Roberts and Mary Roberts & Lucy Richardson daughter of                      Richardson and Betsy Johnson on 20 February 1869 by James A. Bullock, J.P.
- Roberts, Nathe - son of Allen Roberts and Betsy Roberts & Lucy O'Briant daughter of Isaac O'Briant and Elizabeth O'Briant on 25 August 1869 by Francis Tilley, J.P.
- ~Rogers, Frank - colored - son of Alex Floyd and                      & Bella Wilder daughter of John Wilder

and on 19 June 1869 by Braxton Hunt.

- Rogers, John H. - son of Thomas J. Rogers and Eliza Rogers & Luvenia Lyon daughter of Thomas B. Lyon and Jane Lyon on 21 October 1869 by W. A. Atkinson, M.G.
- Rogers, Squire - colored - son of Nelson Mangum and Usley Rogers & Lina Dilliard daughter of not known and Penny Dilliard on 26 December 1869 by Robt. Garner, J.P.
- Ross, James W. - son of Jno. Ross and Betsy Ross & Maranda H. Sanford daughter of J. Sanford and Cynthia Sanford on 18 November 1869 by William E. Bullock, J.P.
- Royster, William - colored - son of Dennis Royster and Charlotte Royster & Susan Lyon daughter of Joseph Lyon and Margaret Lyon on 16 December 1869 by James A. Bullock, J.P.
- Royster, William B. - son of Wm. L. Royster and Ann Royster & Rebecca A. Breedlove daughter of Anson H. Breedlove and Patsey Breedlove on 24 December 1869 by L.K. Willia, M.G.
- Sandford, Jacob - son of William Hunt and Amy Hunt & Fanny Young daughter of Jacob Young and not known on 30 December 1869 by Maurice H. Vaughan, Rector.
- Scales, Haywood - colored - son of Tomas Newton and Sarah Hende & Polly Reavis daughter of Samuel Reavis and Nancy Reavis on 15 September 1869 by Allen P. Eaton, J.P.
- Short, Robert - son of Chatman Short and Sallie Short & Martha E. Watson daughter of Dick Watson and Watson on 20 January 1869 by Edward Hines, M.G.
- Skinner, Henderson - colored - son of not known and not known & Alice Jenkins daughter of Raymond Norwood and Hannah Norwood on 31 December 1869 by L.C. Ragland,
- Slaughter, Samuel L. - son of Jacob G. Slaughter and Elizabeth P. Slaughter & Francis A. Parham daughter of Lewis Parham and Julia A. Parham on 16 November 1869 by A. C. Harris, M.G.
- Smith, John - colored - son of Joshua Downey and Julia Smith & Mary Crews daughter of Albert Crews and Jennie Crews on 18 November 1869 by A. Satterwhite, J.P.
- Smith, Wesley - colored - son of Edmund Smith and Jane Smith & Dolly Cooper daughter of Tim Cooper and Patience Cooper on 31 December 1869 by Jas. R. Haully, J.P.
- Stegall, Robert C. - son of Leonard Stegall and Polly Stegall & Sarah L. Langford daughter of C.M. Hargrove and Amelia Langford on 23 September 1869 by Chas. W. Westbrook.
- Stegal, Leonard - son of Jessie Stegall and Martha Stegall & Mrs Martha Collier daughter of James Graves and P. Graves on 2 December 1869 by Richd. G. Sneed, J.P.

- Stroud, John - son of Samuel Stroud and Rachael Stroud & Sarah Johnson daughter of Haywood Johnson and Aniky Johnson on 20 August 1869 by Robert T. Overton, J.P.
- Suit, Richmond - son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Harriet Suit & Luvenia Mitchell daughter of Robert Mitchell and Sallie Ann Mitchell on 17 October 1869 by B.B. Hester, M.G.
- Taborn, Avery - colored son of Littleton Taborn and Lottie Taborn & Peggie Evans daughter of Lewis Evans and Ann Evans on 20 February 1869 by B. Smith, J.P.
- Talley, John R. - son of Peyton Talley and Nancy Talley & Mollie L. Garner daughter of John Mathias and Louisa Mathias on 26 August 1869 by E. Hines, M.G.
- Tally, John K. - son of B.B. Tally and Emily Tally & Harriet Wilkerson daughter of Spencer C. Wilkerson and Tabitha Wilkerson on 21 January 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Tate, Josephus - colored - son of Louis Tate and not known & Rea Morgan daughter of not known and not known on 24 July 1869 by W. P. Forsyth.
- Tate, Willis - colored - son of Henry Walker and Sally Walker & Sarah Veazy daughter of Jerry Umstead and Tiney Veazy on 18 November 1869 by J.J. Sansdell.
- Taylor, London - son of Jessie Karry and Jennie Karry & Ann Cheatham daughter of Kernal Amy and \_\_\_\_\_ on 27 December 1869 by Jas. R. Handy, J.P.
- Thompson, James N. - son of William N. Thompson and Harrett Thompson & Sallie A. Duncan daughter of George W. Duncan and Margaret Duncan on 1 November 1869 by T. J. Horner, M.G.
- Thomerson, Festus - son of Southern Thomerson and Minta Thomerson & Mary Dickerson daughter of James Harris and Hariett Harris on 30 December 1869 by B.T. Overton, J.P>
- Thorp, John - colored - son of Daniel Mgure and Isabella Thorp & Sally Smith daughter of not known and Cherry Goodwin on 23 December 1869 by James Harris, J.P.
- Thorp, Thompson - colored - son of Thomas Thorp and Sallie Thorp & Ann Shaw daughter of Henry Yancy and Mary H. Burton on 31 January 1869 by B.D. Howard, J.P.
- Tillotson, William H. - son of Martin Tillotson and Martha Tillotson & Sallie Cutts daughter of Uriah Cutts and Nancy Cutts on 20 October 1869 by E.F. Beachum.
- Tilly, Grandison - colored - son of Henderson Lipscomb and Reney Tilly & Beta Day daughter of Benjamin Day and Fanny Day on 30 December 1869 by M.H. Vaughan, Rector.
- Townsend, Christopher C. - son of J. W. Townsend and E. D. Townsend & Elizabeth H. Allen daughter of David Allen and Sarah Allen on 15 December 1869 by W. R. Webb, J.P.

- Towns, Shepard (old man) - colored - son of he don't remember and Susan Talbert & Jane Towns daughter of dont remember and don't remember on 3 April 1869 by Saml. G. Cross, J.P.
- Tuck, Paul P. - son of Paul P. Tuck and Mary C. Tuck & Nancy T. Murry daughter of Richard Murry and Nancy Murry on 11 July 1869 by A. Apple, M.G.
- Tuck, William A. - son of Richard Tuck and Martha Tuck & Mary F. Sanford daughter of Robert Sanford and Martha Sanford on 8 September 1869 by E. F. Beachum, M.G.
- Turner, Henry - son of Vines Turner and Ann A. Turner & Mrs Mary E. Winston daughter of Lemuel Mitchell and Holly Mitchell on 14 March 1869 by L.K. Willie, M.G.
- Vaughan, Richard - son of Berry Vaughan and Francis Vaughan & Elizabeth J. Elliott daughter of James H. Elliott and Mary A. Elliott on 23 September 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Walker, Moses J. - colored - son of Moses Walker and Eliza Bullock & Winnie Mayfield daughter of not known and not known on 24 November 1869 by Richd. G. Sneed, J.P.
- Washington, Harrison - colored - son of Dick Lyon and Phillis Lyon & Mary Horner daughter of Saml Horner and Lucinda Horner on 17 July 1869 by Willie Rogers, J.P.
- Watkins, Robert - son of Henry Watkins and Maria Watkins & Martha Drew daughter of John Drew and Matilda Drew on 12 August 1869 by James A. Bullock, J.P.
- Weaver, Quitman - son of W. G. Weaver and S. Ann Weaver & Nannie Wilson daughter of James Wilson and Harriet Wilson on 28 March 1869 by J.D. C. Pool, J.P.
- Webb, Henry - colored - son of James Webb and Febby Webb & Susan Taylor daughter of James Taylor and Martha Taylor on 27 June 1869 by B. D. Howard, J.P.
- Webb, James H. - son of Alexander S. Webb and Cornelia A. Webb & Catherine Russell daughter of James A. Russell and Lucy Ann Russell on 3 August 1869 by G.W. Ferrell, M.G.
- Wilkerson, David - son of Richard F. Wilkerson and Nancy P. Wilkerson & Drury Ann Elliott daughter of Reuben Elliott and Jane Elliott on 7 October 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Wilkerson, James K. - son of Alexr. H. Wilkerson and Mary A.D. Wilkerson & Elizabeth F. Slaughter daughter of Samuel Slaughter and Mary W. Slaughter on 16 December 1869 by B. D. Howard, J.P.
- Wilkerson, Sam - colored - son of James Wilkerson and Eppy Wilkerson & Amy Wilkerson daughter of Harry Thornton and Anna Thornton on 24 March 1869 by B. Smith, J.P.

- Wilkins, William - son of Robert Wilkins and Dicy Wilkins & Malissa Loftis daughter of Tom Loftis and Nancy Loftis on 19 March 1869 by Robert Irah Devin.
- Williams, Booker Jr - colored - son of Booker Williams Sr and Martha Williams & Griscellar Hughes daughter of Caner Hughes and Martha Hughes on 29 August 1869 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Williams, Enoch - colored - son of Thomas Heggie and Sallie Barnett & Lucretia Crews daughter of Stephen Gregory and Jane Crews on 9 June 1869 by A. Satterwhite, J.P.
- Williams, Richard - son of Allen Williams and Lucy Jane Williams & Marina Green daughter of John Green and Luda Green on 28 December 1869 by W. A. Barrett, M.G.
- Williamson, Robert - colored - son of Daniel Wilds and Ritter Williamson & Delilia Howell daughter of Charles Howell and Delilia Howell on 23 August 1869 by Wyatt A. Belvin, J.P.
- Wilson, Benjamin H. - son of James A. Wilson and Hariett Wilson & Affa L. Dean daughter of David Slaughter and Susan Slaughter on 23 December 1869 by B.D. Howard, J.P.
- Winbush, Elijah - son of Paul Winbush and Sally Winbush & Elizabeth Ellis daughter of Frank Ellis and Rebecca Ellis on 30 December 1869 by Wyatt A. Belvin, J.P.
- Winbush, J.A. - colored - son of                      & Fany H. Townes daughter of Edman Townes and Elizabeth T. Townes on 27 April 1869 by M.H. Vaughan, Rector.
- Winbush, James - colored - son of Abraham Winbush and Elizabeth Winbush & Cornelia Henderson daughter of not known and not known on 1 April 1869 by James R. Duty, J.P.
- Winston, Moses L. - son of Obediah Winston and Permelia Winston & Virginia S. Jones daughter of Robert Jones and Mary Jones on 9 December 1869 by J.W. Williams, M.G.
- Wortham, Edward - son of John Wortham and Elizabeth Wortham & Happy W. Roland daughter of James H. Rowland and Mildred P. Rowland on 24 August 1869 by Wm. Holomes.
- Wright, James - son of Anderson Wright and Jane Wright & Caroline F. Pruit daughter of Elisha Pruit and Elizabeth Pruit on 23 December 1869 by Robt. Garmer, J.P.
- Yancey, Frank - colored - son of Frank Wright and Delia Yancey & Margarite A. Yancey daughter of not known and Pinky Yancy on 25 February 1869 by R.I. Devin.
- Young, Green - colored - son of Chas Cooper and Pheby Cooper & Mary Hunt daughter of Fielding Hunt and Ritta Hunt on 10 December 1869 by W.S. Hester, M.G.
- ~Young, Isham - colored - son of Washington Mann and                      & Evelin Davis daughter of

and Lanci Davis on 18 March 1869 by a minister of the gospel.

Young, Phill - colored - son of Wat Howard and Nutta Hester & Dianna Reavis daughter of Samuel Jones and Mary Mallory on 29 December 1869 by Tho. L. Williams, J.P.

The next group of names were on the index and no marriage certificate found.

Baswell, John - colored - son of Jordan Baswell and Betty Baswell & Betsey Pettiford daughter of Wm. Pettiford and Averella Pettiford on 15 January 1869 by Jno W. Estes, J.P.

Brandon, Oce - colored - son of Hilliard Evans and Betsy Brandon & Panthia Eaton daughter of Henry Peace and Martha Eaton on 24 December 1869 by Jefferson Burwell, M.G.

Briggs, Howell - and Martha Mitchell on 30 October 1869.

Burchett, John H. - and Caroline E. Allen on 23 December 1869.

Cook, Squire - and Bella Floyd on 14 December 1869.

Dickerson, Samuel - and Arabella Brumett on 27 December 1869.

Guess, Richd. - and Allice Sneed on 14 September 1869.

Hawkins, Peter - and Emma Watkins on 3 July 1869.

Hester, Rufus - and Maria Lewis on 19 March 1869.

Lemay, Patrick - son of David Barker and Tank Lemay & Clara Floyd daughter of Cyar Moss and Melinda Floyd on 1 January 1869 by Jno W. Freeman, M.G.

Lancaster, Jas - and Eliza Falkner on 9 November 1869.

Lyon, Danl. - and Francis Jones on 24 September 1869.

Montague, William - and Henrietta Lassiter on 25 August 1869.

Reese, Jordan J. - and E. C. Wynn on 24 September 1869.

Thorp, Henry - son of Gilbert Thorp and Lucy Thorp & Mary Combs daughter of not known on 31 December 1869 by S. H. Duncan, J.P.

Waller, Ned - and Amy Dean on 29 December 1869.

West, William O. - and Bettie Sandford on 17 December 1869.

When a fella hasn't got a cent and is feelin' kind of blue, and clouds hang thick and dark and won't let the sunshine through, it's a great thing, oh, my brethren, for a feller just to lay his hand upon your shoulder in a special sort of way. *Anonymous*



Stovall (Sassafras Fork) NC  
Written by Mildred C. Goss

It is not known when the first settlers settled in what is now known as the town of Stovall. According to records dated 1761 the Hico Stagecoach Road between Halifax and the Hicotee River had been established. In the beginning the village was called Sassafras Fork by a person unknown for a large sassafras tree that stood at the present day cross road. The charter for the town was requested and received in 1881.

The first known white family in the area was the James Hart family. He constructed a house using shop-made nails and the doors were hung with shop-made hinges after he married Rebecca Graves in 1789. From records available, theirs was the first building in the vicinity of Stovall.

There were several stores in the village in 1883. Included were Gregory's Drug Store, Stovall's General Store, Taylor's General Store, and Rhodes' General Store. There was also a blacksmith shop, Dr. A.C. Harris' office, Dr. Francis Roger Gregory's office and the U.S. Post Office.

Among the dwelling houses were the homes of Dr. Harris, Dr. Gregory, Charles Taylor, Thomas W. Stovall, James M. Heggie, James W. Knott, John Walker Stovall, The Kierson family, and George Young. Land joining the village was owned by James Currin, Elijah Currin, James Hart, William B. Hughes, W.I. Beal, Thomas Matthews, William Buffalo, Samuel Smith, Henry Pattillo, Henry Graves, John Penn, John Stamper and others.

Saint Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church was the only house of worship in the small town, being established in 1870. There were other churches located nearby. In early 1750 there were a sufficient number of Baptist faith to have their own church on northern Grassy Creek and by 1757 there were enough of the Presbyterian faith to start their church near what is now known as Gela. The first baptist church in the town of Stovall was built in 1886.

Shortly after the Oxford-Clarksville railroad laid its tracks through the town, John Walker Stovall donated some land for the railroad right-of-way and all the land for the depot and its facilities. The town charter was amended to change the name from Sassafras Fork to Stovall in his honor. Until this day the town has operated under the charter of 1883.

The town located on U.S. Highway 15 in Sassafras Fork Township in northeast Granville County, seven miles from the Virginia State line and ten miles north of Oxford. The town is situated on the southern slope of the Roanoke River Valley, slightly more than half way up the incline from the River Basin to the top of the water shed near Lewis.

Early settlers in this area were Virginians and most were planters. Having used up the fertility of the tobacco land on the York and James Rivers they were seeking rich virgin farm land. There were some blacksmiths, wheelwrights, stone masons, merchants, doctors and some just plain workers.

The first postoffice was established in July 1841. It was first known as Abram's Plains and was located several miles northwest of Stovall on the estate of Samuel Smith Downey by that same name. Samuel Smith Downey was the first postmaster. After his death in 1851 the postoffice was moved to Sassafras Fork and the name was changed accordingly. The name continued to be Sassafras Fork until February 1887 when it was changed to Stovall. In September 1890 the name was changed to Albin. As it appears some of its citizens were not pleased with the name selected and there was some controversy and the name was changed back to Stovall on 28 March 1891.

Names of the postmasters were:	Samuel S. Downey	July 13, 1841
	Maurice S. Hart	January 3, 1852
	Samuel D. Hicks	June 9, 1854
	James A. Satterwhite	September 20, 1854
	Adam C. Harris	January 19, 1858
	Mrs Rebecca G. Strum	June 24, 1867
	Miss Susan Strum	August 21, 1873
	William H. Gregory	November 1, 1882
	Thomas W. Stovall	January 4, 1884
	Mrs Laura Noblin	April 10, 1889
	Mrs Ann E. Jenkins	February 26, 1890
	Wilkins Stovall	April 27, 1894
	Mrs Bettie T. Gregory	November 6, 1896
	William K. Jenkins	April 30, 1898
	Arthur S. Carrington	November 13, 1903
	William N. Hicks	March 6, 1911
	Mrs Lillie T. Hicks	April 29, 1914
	Mrs Ida J. Thorpe	November 1, 1941
	Mrs Ernestine F. White	April 17, 1971
	Barbara Pearce	
	Doris Klutz	Present

Postal rates at this time in postal history was a very reasonable 2 cents for an ordinary letter and 1 cent for a postal card compared to today's price of 32 cents for an ordinary letter to 24 cents for a postal card.

Transportation in the early days was by wagon by way of the trading paths. The first public road through the village of Sassafras Fork was the Hico Road. It was an established road in 1761. This was the most commonly used road running east and west across Granville County. This road was almost parallel with the state line. At Williamsborough it was eight miles and at Sassafras Fork it was seven miles, but at Big Island Creek it was four miles from the North Carolina-Virginia line. In the vicinity of Oak Hill the road divided with one branch leading to Bethabara and the other to Hillsborough. Some sections of this road are still in use today. It was not until 1888 that Stovall benefitted from the railroad when the Oxford and Clarksville railroad laid its tracks into East Durham. The immediate benefits received from the completion of the railroad were convenience and comfort of passenger travel and that freight movements were expedited. The employment of some of the towns people increased and within a few years the railroad was supporting ten families in this small town. There were two night trains, one in each direction that carried both freight and passengers. The southbound train reached Stovall around 4:00 am and its whistle served as an alarm clock for many of the population. By 1926 there were two three-car passenger trains in each direction daily. The first train station in Stovall consisted of two passenger waiting rooms, an office, and a freight warehouse. The station served as headquarters for the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Southeastern Express Company.

Stovall was a meeting place as people came to pay their taxes and during the War Between the States, soldiers came to muster.

According to history, Sassafras Fork was so wicked in 1865, its citizens felt the need for a

church. The name of this church was Zoar.

Stovall has the distinction of having the first Boy Scout Troop in the State of North Carolina. Mr. Luther Connally Wilkerson organized the Stovall Troop on 30 September 1910, by the authority of a certificate issued from the Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America. On 8 November 1911, on certificate number 5514, Mr. Wilkerson was appointed scoutmaster of Troop Number 1 of the city of Stovall. Mr. Wilkerson is buried in the Stovall Baptist Church Cemetery in Stovall.

Stovall's first brick building was built in approximately 1908/09 at a cost of \$21,000. but was destroyed by fire in 1930. It was built at what is now the intersection of Highway 15 and Williamsboro Road.

There was a plow factory operated by John W. Stovall. There was a stave mill that was operated by several owners; Edwin Patrick, D.A. Burwell and W.C. Daniel. C.L. Lewis operated a small planing mill. A grist mill was operated by Charles Alston. A small mattress factory was in operation for a short while, but was destroyed by fire. Stovall lumber mill brought in more people as well as an increase in general business. All of these were in operation around the turn of the century. There was also the Bank of Stovall during that period.

Family life in Stovall around the turn of the century had not recovered from the effects of the War Between the States. The citizens of this small town, like other rural settlements, were whole, pure, honest, hardworking and God fearing people. Overalls and brogans were not necessarily work clothes. Patched clothes were the rule, not the exception. It was an era of oil lamps, outdoor plumbing and mail order catalogs. Meals were taken in the kitchen as well as the Saturday night bath. Jobs were scarce and wages were small.

One sad note for this town was a murder in 1938 of a man named Ralph Thomas Moore who was a merchant in the town. The killer of Moore was the first man to die in the gas chamber of North Carolina.

Stovall has not grown much since the turn of the century, but the current mayor has been working to correct some of the problems. Stovall can also boast that they elected as their mayor the youngest and first female mayor in the state. When she, Janet Currin Parrott, was elected mayor, she had a dream of her town having a laundermat, a restaurant, and an industry (just one). She was faced with a sagging water system and 32 homes in the town without indoor plumbing. There were health risks. Two wells have brought the water supply up to present day standards and all of the houses have indoor plumbing today. Currently the town mayor and commissioners are working on getting a sewage system in place so this little town in northern Granville County can at least get some industry and see some growth in the future.

The writer has roots in this small town, with an uncle who was the town blacksmith and a niece as mayor serving her ninth term in office. The writer graduated from the only high school in town. The school no longer stands as it was consolidated with other schools and located in Oxford. Time marches on and I could write a book but will stop for now as we need to get the journal to press.

References: Some Historical facts about Stovall, Early Editions of the Oxford Public Ledger, Vertical files Richard H. Thornton Library, Postal information from Archives in Raleigh, Personal knowledge from family.

## Letter from Old Gen. Granville

Public Ledger, September 7, 1926

To the People of Oxford and Granville County:

There seems to be some misunderstanding and apprehension among my dear children as to competitive tobacco markets, which I wish to explain in a very few words, namely: The Big Companies do not show any partiality to the location of markets. The buyers on all of the markets are instructed to pay the same price for the same grade of tobacco. That is a cold-blood proposition and they would frown upon any violation of the rule.

As to this, we can rest assured that the big companies have no desire to run Oxford off the map. What they would like to see on the part of my dear people of Granville is a manifestation of loyalty to the Oxford market. A strong sentiment along this line prevails with the heads of the big companies, which they never speak of above a whisper, for it would create jealousy on the part of some other markets.

It is generally known among the big men of the tobacco world that the first warehouse in North Carolina for the sale of leaf tobacco was erected in Oxford nearly 60 years ago by the late Dr. L. C. TAYLOR. This fact is treasured in the minds and hears of the big tobacco men with the same reverence that you would have for an uncle who had provided for you handsomely in his last will and testament. With this reverence in mind and heart, the managers of the big companies whisper draw the line to the buyers on the Oxford market: "Be sure that you pay as MUCH for the Golden Granville Leaf as is paid elsewhere."

And just another word, my dear children, to wit: When a community wants to build a church the entire citizenship is called on to give their co-operation to make it a success; sometimes in order to make a success, the church members enlist the younger people in the undertaking, and they all co-operate together, and success is assured, the church is built and all of this done by co-operation.

When we want to build a school house we have got to have the co-operation of the entire community in which the school is to serve. Without co-operation, nine times out of ten, the building will not be made a reality for a long time. It might be built, but not as soon, unless all give their co-operation.

If a town wants to organize a carpet factory the promoters must have cooperation, and the stockholders must have co-operation in order to successfully launch the enterprise. The directors and stockholders co-operate with the officers, and the factory is a success, or rather it is organized and begins business.

When a town wants to put across permanent improvements, they have to co-operate with the citizens, and the town officers negotiate with some lawyer and he in turn negotiates with some bank or financial concern and makes the deal. The money lender co-operates with the town officers, and soon the project is put across and the permanent improvements are made for the town. What can we do without co-operation?

If a man wants to build a home and he has not the "where-with-all" to erect the building, he first gets his lot, and then he begins negotiations with the Building and Loan officers. By negotiation and co-operation the man gets his home built. If it were not for the co-operation of the building and loan officers the man would not succeed, and he would have to continue to live in a rented house. In a few years he owns his own home, and it all comes about by co-operation.

When the merchants of a town desire to make the business interest grow and to successfully carry out their point, they must co-operate with the people. They must have in stock what the consumer wants, and they must tell the consumer in some way what they have in store for them.

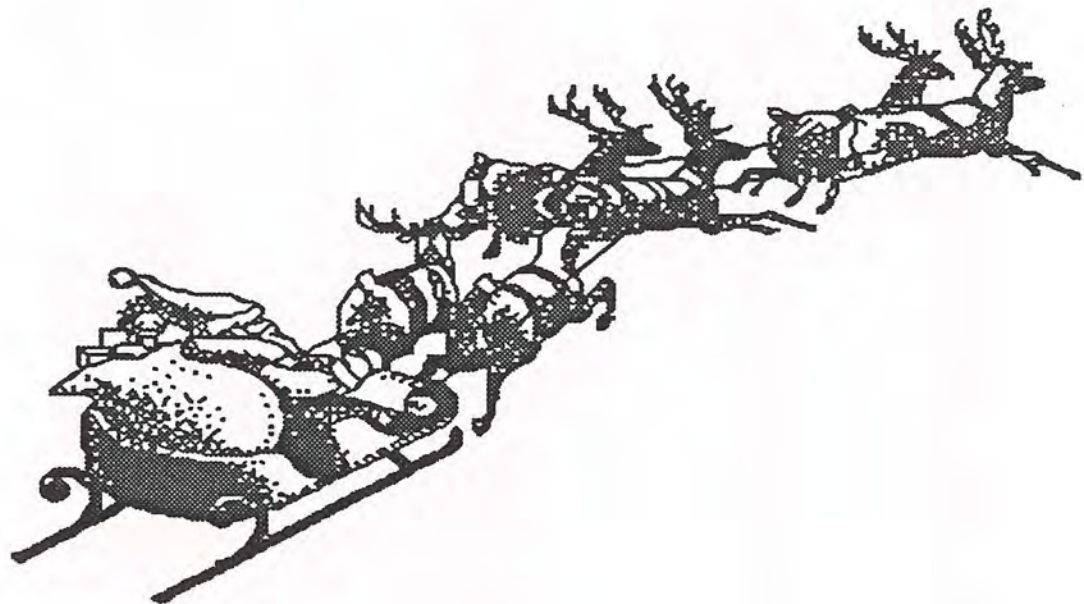
In order for Oxford to have a banner year in business every one must do his or her part. Co-operate with each other and all will be crowned with success.

#### GENERAL GRANVILLE.

The first warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco in Oxford was built in the early 1870's situated on what is now New College St. near the intersection of McClanahan St. The first warehouse built in Granville County was in Harrisburg. - Editor



When a fella hasn't got a cent and is feelin' kind of blue, and clouds hang thick and dark and won't let the sunshine through, it's a great thing, oh, my brethren, for a feller just to lay his hand upon your shoulder in a special sort of way. *Anonymous*



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