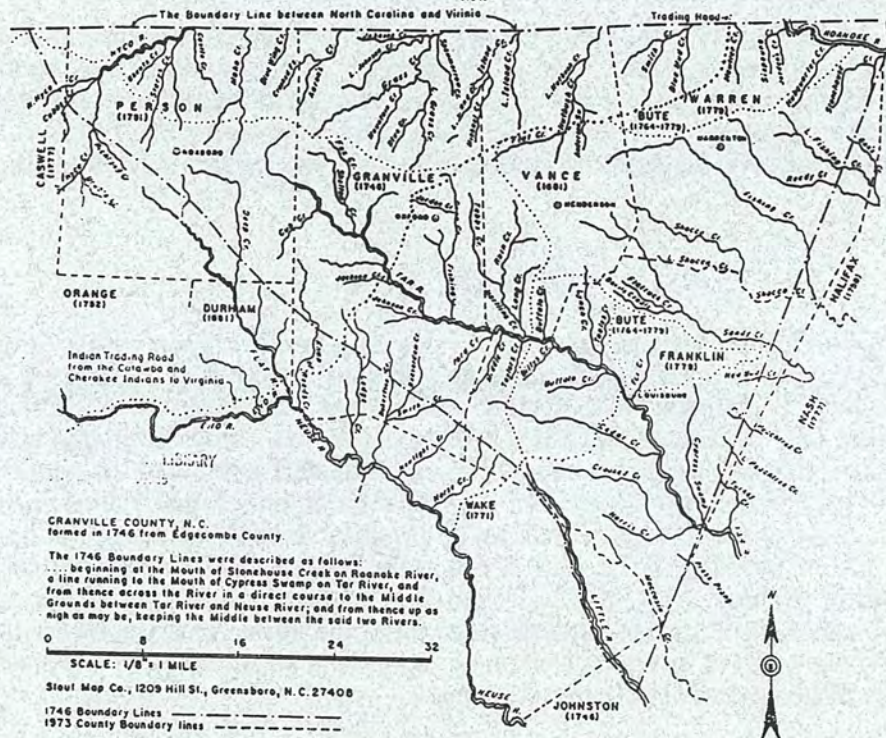


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Celebrating Black History Month Close to Home

by Kay Beckmann

In 1619, 12 years after the colony of Jamestown was built in America, 20 Africans arrived at the colony as indentured servants.

Anthony JOHNSON was an African who came to America and after a period of time, bought over 250 acres and started one of the first black communities in America. These people remained free, but by the 1640s slavery was beginning.

Black people were slaves, but they were much more. They were inventors and cowboys. There were two black men in the boat with George WASHINGTON when he crossed the Delaware to "beat up on the British". It was Jean Baptiste DuSABLE that history has credited with starting a trading post which became the city of Chicago, Illinois.

History books may not have recorded all the contributions that black people have made to the growth of America, even while they were slaves; but those contributions have been tremendous.

Black residents of Granville County who have also made tremendous contributions are:

- Mrs. Wanda BRASWELL MCGHEE, the principal of Wilton Elementary School, is the first black female principal in Granville County.
- Dr. Francine CHAVIS is the first ever black woman to set up a medical practice in Oxford.
- Dr. Joseph COLSON was the first black elected to the Oxford City Commissioners.
- Tony COZART is the first black and the youngest person ever to be elected to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Mrs. Gwen FAULKNER was the first black woman elected to the Board of Education.
- Hubert L. GOOCH, Jr. is the first black named to the position of assistant superintendent and then associate superintendent for Granville County Schools.
- Rev. G. C. HAWLEY has a middle school in southern Granville County named after him.
- Central Children's Home is the only orphanage or group home for black children in the state of North Carolina.
- Leonard PEACE was the first black elected to the Granville Board of Education.
- Dr. George Clayton SHAW, the founder of Mary POTTER School, named the school after Mrs. POTTER because of her financial help.

Patience is the art of hoping. *Marquis de Vauvenargues*

A History of the Blue Wing Community

Researched by Kay Beckmann

A small duck, called the bluewing, once lived on a branch of Aarons Creek in northwest Granville County. The little duck was regarded as a delicacy and it gave the Blue Wing community its name.

Information from the North Carolina Gazetteer says that Bluewing (one word) is a community in northwest Granville County. The Bluewing Mine is a copper mine on a branch of Aarons Creek in northwest Granville County.

The mine first operated in 1898-1900, but was opened again for a short time during World War I. The Gazetteer further states that Blue Wing (two words) Creek rises in Eastern Person County and flows northeast in Hyco Creek in Virginia. It was mentioned early in 1728 by William BYRD.

Shortly after the death of Ossie L. CUNNINGHAM, Sr. in September of 1983, lot #4 in the survey made by C. A. WHITFIELD for A. W. GRAHAM on December 13, 1898 became the property of Shelred L. CUNNINGHAM.

Prior to O. L. CUNNINGHAM'S ownership, the 1-acre lot and African Methodist Episcopal Church belonged to George and Rachel TOLER. Mr. TOLER purchased the property and the "appurtenances thereto" from A. W. GRAHAM and his wife, Lucy, in October 1907.

The same parcel of land was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. GRAHAM in 1898. Records of deeds support that the structure must have been in place prior to the purchase made by Mr. TOLER who was a trustee in trust for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Oral history from community members Ethel CLARK, Hurbert (Booster) ROYSTER, and Woodrow ELLIXSON supports that as children, they remembered that the church was active with much jubilation, shouting, tambourines, and singing...even though they were instructed they not to go to the church.

Upon purchase of the property in 1921 by O. L. CUNNINGHAM, the building was used primarily as storage for farm grains and tobacco. His elder son, O. L. CUNNINGHAM, Jr. continued to use the building for hay storage through the end of 1993.

In February of 1994, the Missionaries-In-Action (MIA) entered into agreement with S. L. CUNNINGHAM to restore the structure on Hwy 49N for use as a meeting place and community center for the organization's community service projects.

A partial shell of the original structure was restored to soundness and on May 7, 1994, the Blue Wing Missionaries-In-Action Community Center was dedicated.

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For the New Year I said to the man who stood at the gate of the New Year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown", and he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God - that shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way. ----*Copied*

THE GRANVILLE REGULATORS

Co. A, North Carolina 44th Infantry, Confederate States of America
compiled by George E. Newton, Fayetteville, NC

Few people, even Granville County residents, probably know that one of the toughest fighting units of the War Between the States was raised exclusively from Granville County men. They pridefully called themselves THE GRANVILLE REGULATORS.

<u>Name on Record</u>	<u>b. -born, r. - resided</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Age</u>
HARGROVE, Tasewell L.	b. Granville Co.	Lawyer	31
LYON, Elkanah E.			
RICE, Robert L.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	32
BEASLEY, William R.	b. Granville Co.	Druggist	25
ELLIS, Andrew J.	r. Granville Co.		26
SNEED, Richard O.	r. Granville Co.		18
STEDMAN, Robert W.			
TUCKER, John B.	r. Granville Co.	Tobacconist	33
ARRINGTON, Willis M.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	41
BARNES, John M.	r. Granville Co.		
BARTHOLOMEW, George W.			
BECK, David H.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	28
BENNETT, John			
BROWN, Henry	r. Granville Co.	Overseer	35
BRUMMITT, John H.	b. Granville Co.		
BRUMMITT, William A.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	21
BRYANT, Stephen H.			
BUCHANAN, John R.	b. Granville Co.		
BURNS, Thomas			
CANNADY, Alpheus J.	r. Granville Co.		
CASH, Hinton	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	35
CASH, Isaiah	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	33
CASH, Joseph H.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	15
CATES, Ryal B.	r. Granville Co.	Overseer	31
CHAPPELL, Minton Y.	r. Granville Co.		33
CHEATHAM, Isham J.	b. Granville Co.	Businessman	32
CLAY, Charles W.	r. Granville Co.		
CLOPTON, Thomas H.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	30
COLEY, Elijah T.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	24
CONNELL, Joseph	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	22
COPLEY, James A.			35
CREWS, Lewis L.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	20
CUTTS, Uriah			37
CUTTS, William H.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	40
DANIEL, Stich G.	r. Granville Co.	Overseer	26
DAVIS, James M.	b. Granville Co.	Student	19
DAVIS, Lorenzo D.	r. Granville Co.		20
DICKERSON, Whitmel	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	21
EASTWOOD, George W.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	24
ELLIS, William H.	r. Granville Co.		
EMORY, Aaron	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	19
EMORY, Ephraim	r. Granville Co.		28

EMORY, Hinton B.	r. Granville Co.		
EMORY, James A.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	22
EMORY, Jasper	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	26
EMORY, John E.	r. Granville Co.		
EMORY, Thomas	r. Granville Co.		23
ESTES, Erasmus A.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	28
ESTES, William M.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	26
EZELL, Hartwell F.	r. Granville Co.		
FALKNER, James W.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	23
FERRELL, Samuel H.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	17
FORREST, James			
FORSYTHE, William P.	r. Granville Co.		
FOWLER, James H.	r. Granville Co.		
FOWLER, William T.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	18
GARNER, Moses	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	34
GARRETT, Daniel	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	37
GOOCH, James T.	r. Granville Co.		
GOODNIGHT, H. W.			
GORDON, William H.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	41
GRESHAM, George	r. Granville Co.		
GRUBBS, William T.	r. Granville Co.	Engineer	38
HAMLET, William J.	r. Granville Co.		16
HARRIS, Richard A.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	25
HAYS, James G.	b. Granville Co.	Tailor	25
HESTER, William S.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	30
HOLLOWAY, George H.	r. Granville Co.		20
HORTON, Daniel G.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	18
HORTON, Doctor B.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	17
HUGHES, Samuel R.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	42
JENKINS, Isaac H.			
JOHNSON, Richard W.	r. Granville Co.	Coach Painter	29
KEITH, Wesley			
KNOTT, Stephen G.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	21
LADD, James T.	r. Granville Co.		16
LANCASTER, Abraham	r. Granville Co.	Chairmaker	27
LAWS, George	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	26
LOYD, George T.	r. Granville Co.		
LOYD, James	r. Granville Co.		33
MANGUM, Duncan L.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	21
MANGUM, John S.	r. Granville Co.		29
MANGUM, Peter J.	b. Granville Co.	Shoemaker	28
MATTHEWS, James	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	26
MATTHEWS, Jesse	r. Granville Co.		17
MONTAGUE, Alexander B.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	29
MORGAN, Robert E.	r. Granville Co.		
MORGAN, William D.	r. Granville Co.		21
MURRAY, William B.	b. Granville Co.	Trader	23
NEVILL, John F.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	18
NEVILS, Willis Burton	r. Granville Co.		
NEWMAN, John W.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	22
NEWTON, James W.	r. Granville Co.	Overseer	34
NEWTON, John M.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	21
NORMAN, Thomas			
NORWOOD, Absalom G.	b. Granville Co.	Overseer	26

O'BRIANT, Henry	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	20
O'BRYANT, Dennis	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	39
O'BRYANT, Thomas	b. Granville Co.	Mechanic	53
OVERBEY, Obediah	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	18
OWEN, John A.	r. Granville Co.		33
PASCHALL, James O.K.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	30
PEACE, Alexander S.	b. Granville Co.	Teacher	22
PERRY, John R.	r. Granville Co.		
PERRY, Wiley L.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	21
PERRY, William A.	r. Granville Co.		
PERSONS, Benjamin F.	r. Granville Co.	Cabinetmaker	28
PITTARD, John W.	r. Granville Co.		
PURYEAR, Joseph R.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	25
ROGERS, Josiah C.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	39
ROSE, John E.	r. Granville Co.	Carpenter	33
ROWLAND, Robert R.	b. Granville Co.	Grocer	34
ROYSTER, William L.	r. Granville Co.		40
SANDFORD, James F.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	20
SATTERWHITE, Joseph M.	r. Granville Co.		18
SATTERWHITE, Michael	r. Granville Co.		
SELF, Joseph	b. Granville Co.	Teamster	33
SHERRON, Aaron L.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	22
SHERRON, D. Thomas	r. Granville Co.		
SHERRON, Drury W.	r. Granville Co.		
SHERRON, William M.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	36
SLAUGHTER, Stephen M.	r. Granville Co.		24
SPELMAN, Thomas A.			
STANLEY, John W.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	17
STEGALL, Robert C.	r. Granville Co.		
STRUM, James R.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	16
STRUM, William H.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	29
TAYLOR, James L.			
TILLY, Haskins	r. Granville Co.		
TILLY, William T.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	21
TIPPETT, Daniel	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	23
TUCKER, William	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	24
TULLY, Charles A.J.	r. Granville Co.		
TURNER, Alexander	r. Granville Co.		
TURNER, James A.			
WALKER, Dudley	r. Granville Co.		
WALKER, Joseph	r. Granville Co.		
WEAVER, Henry C.	r. Granville Co.	Overseer	22
WHEELER, Burwell	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	66
WILLIAMS, John W.	r. Granville Co.	Farmer	41
WILLIAMS, William H.	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	
WILSON, David G.	r. Granville Co.		
WILSON, Davis	r. Granville Co.		
WILSON, James A.	b. Granville Co.	Blacksmith	33
WILSON, Lewis	b. Granville Co.	Farmer	42
WILSON, William	r. Granville Co.		
YOUNG, Allen			
YOUNG, John T.	r. Granville Co.		

On a more personal note.....

My introduction to this group was my first visit to my great grandfather's grave. For 60 years I didn't even know his name, nor did anyone in my grandfather's family who left Boydton, Va. in 1929 and came to North Carolina. With a few phone calls on a rainy Sunday afternoon, I was able to contact a cousin in Chase City, Va. who knew his name and that he, along with most of his family, was buried at Trinity Methodist Church, Skipwith, Va. After a somewhat restless and sleepless week, I drove up to Skipwith to find his grave. One of the first tombstones I spotted was his. It is a beautiful old engraved marble stone that gives his name, date of birth and date of death, nothing more. What I did find remarkable was a large engraved marble breast-plate that covered nearly his entire grave and stated simply, Co. A., N.C. 44th Infantry, CSA. As a veteran myself (Korean war, not confederate) I knew that most vets are proud of their military service. As I stood and admired this breast-plate, I knew this was probably his proudest accomplishment. He must have spoken of this often for his children, who were not wealthy, to go to the trouble and expense to have this made. In those days, there were few engravers between Richmond and Raleigh. Another reason so many of our ancestors are buried in unmarked graves.

James Washington NEWTON, my great grandfather, had a wife and four small children when he answered this call to arms. I have spent many hours wondering how his wife and children even survived during the period he was gone. She did not live near her family, if in fact she remained there during the war. There were also no social programs in place during that era such as welfare or social security. As a Private, he would have received a small monthly pay allowance, but they did not always get this, and then there was the problem of getting it sent home to the family. Fortunately, he survived the war, and received \$49.00 when discharged. A lot of money in those days if he was able to spend it before confederate currency plummeted at 40 to 1 exchange rate! After the war, James W. NEWTON returned to farming in Granville County in the Nutbush Creek area, and had three more children including my grandfather who was patriotically named Stonewall Jackson NEWTON. He probably never knew that Stonewall was only a nickname for Thomas Jonathan JACKSON, given to him when someone said, "there stands Jackson like a stone wall", referring to his tenacity!

There are other ancestors on the roster of Company A. Charles CLAY, cousin to Henry CLAY, the American Statesman, Alexander and James TURNER would all become ancestors through my maternal grandmother who was not yet born. And the list goes on.....in another company, Henry Allen NEWTON, brother to James W. NEWTON, would give his life for the cause. James Green NEWTON, brother-in-law and cousin to James W., would survive the war, but his twin brother, John Green NEWTON would likewise give his life.

North Carolina Troops 1861-1965, A Roster, W. T. Jordan & L. H. Manarin

Histories of Several Regiments and Battalions from N.C. in the Great War 1861-1865, pub. by the State, Vol III, 1901

Microfilm Records, NC State Archives

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The shortest way to do many things is to do one at a time. *Samuel Smiles*

Reminiscences

by Lycurgus Thomas
Oxford Public Ledger, Nov. 3, 1933

Early in June, 1878, while at the breakfast table in the National Hotel, Raleigh, I received a telegram from W. A. DAVIS, editor of the Torchlight, requesting me to come to Oxford at once. I had never heard of Mr. DAVIS, or the Torchlight, but I had heard Caleb OSBORN, proprietor of the hotel, speak of Oxford, and after a brief talk with Mr. OSBORN, I hit the first train for Henderson. Mr. Smith COOPER was proprietor of the Henderson Hotel. He directed me to Capt. A. F. SPENCER, the mail carrier. After a short parley with Capt. SPENCER, who assured me that \$2.00 was a very low fare, we left Henderson about 2 o'clock and 'fected up' at Oxford something after 6 o'clock. My friend C. B. EDWARDS had given me a letter introducing me to his brother, J. F. EDWARDS, who at once became my friend. I was directed to Mr. J. B. CREWS for board. He was located on Hillsboro street just west of the BLALOCK Motor Company. Here I made my home for two years, paying the modest sum of \$10 per month, and no hotel could have served better meals than those good people. Mrs. Sallie HUNT CREWS was one of the best and most motherly women that I ever knew and was evidently the 'power behind the throne'. I remember now with gratitude her great kindness to me while I was sick in her home.

Even then Oxford was a beautiful town and its people were so kind and cordial that I have spent the major part of my life with them.

I recall the following merchants: WILLIAMS & BRYAN in the old Thesplan Hall building, managed by C. P. POWELL, grandfather of C. G. POWELL. Mr. POWELL was also the first railroad agent; T. M. LYNCH, jeweler, John W. HUNT, J. F. EDWARDS, J. G. HALL, A. LANDIS, Jr., J. T. HUNT, T. D. CRAWFORD, druggist, GRANDY Brothers, R. L. HUNT, D. A. HUNT, COOPER & WILLIAMS, R. J. MITCHELL, H. C. HERNDON, and perhaps others whose names I cannot now recall. There were many whiskey saloons here at this time and there was much drinking by all classes, young and old, and many prominent and promising young business and professional men filled an early grave from the effects of heavy drinking. It was not safe for a lady to appear on the streets unaccompanied at night or even of Saturday afternoon in the business section of town. Street fights were common, and I recall very vividly a fight on College street between a white man and a negro when the ear of the white man was bitten off.

William HUNTER was the undertaker. He made practically all the coffins he sold. His hearse was drawn by a large black horse who knew his business perfectly. Mr. HUNTER did about all of the undertaking business of the town and largely of the county. A person could much better afford to die in those days than now. William TURNER, grandfather of H. M. TURNER, was another character. He was the town's butcher. His market was about where the MANGUM Barbershop is now located. He was also jailer at the time John BRODIE and Shadrack HESTER were hung on 'Cherry Hill' for the murder of our much beloved townsman, Thomas M. LYNCH. Mr. TURNER'S next door neighbor was 'Uncle Jack' ODENHEIMER, the shoemaker or cobbler, and manufacturer of the 'ODENHEIMER Sauce'. He disagreed with his toe on one occasion, and binding the unruly member securely with his shoe maker's twine, he put it on a block, placed his knife in position and with a sharp blow with the hammer, the toe rolled on the floor with the remark, 'I reckon you will behave yourself now'. Hanson T. HUGHES, a very intelligent negro who had represented Granville County in the Legislature, had a barbershop in the corner of the hotel building located on the corner of Main and Hillsboro streets.

The pastors of the various churches of the town were: Episcopal, M. M. VAUGHN; Presbyterian, D. I. JORDON; Methodist, J. T. GIBBS; Baptist, F. R. UNDERWOOD. Resident ministers: William Hill JORDAN, J. A. STRADLEY, and R. H. MARSH. Rev. R. I. DEVIN moved here about 1881 from Northern Granville.

Were I asked to name two of the most intellectual women of the town, I would give that honor to Miss Eliza POOL and Miss Betty JORDAN. It was generally conceded that Miss Lettie KITTRELL and Miss Ida KERR were two of the most attractive young ladies. Miss Eliza POOL is still living in Raleigh and has been honored by that city giving one of its schools her name.

Mrs. S. A. ELLIOTT was quite a prominent character. It was her pleasure to write up many of the marriages, deaths, and births of the community. She always had a smile and a kind word for everybody and was of course, very much beloved. She also prepared and published a cook book which was largely used in her day.

An Incident of Inspiration

In 1879 the Baptist State Convention met with the church at Oxford. Rev. Needham B. COBB was president and Capt. William BIGGS, recording secretary. Rev. William Hill JORDAN was a very old man and very deaf. Mr. JORDAN was one of the members of the Convention when it was organized at Greenville in 1829, this meeting being its 50th anniversary. Sunday night, the President asked Mr. JORDAN to dismiss the congregation with benediction, but Mr. JORDAN, not understanding the President, thought he was called upon for an address. Leaning heavily on two sticks and assisted by two brethren, the aged minister ascended the platform and at once begun speaking. Soon he discarded his sticks and with one arm on the pulpit the old man's youth seemed to be renewed and ere many minutes he was walking the platform unaided, as of yore, and speaking with such eloquence as to deeply move the large audience. At the conclusion of his address, he was so prostrated that he had to be lifted from the platform and carried to his home. I don't think he ever appeared in public again.

The Physicians

The physicians of the town at the time of my arrival were Drs. YOUNG and PASCHALL. And, by the way, this writer being a very fragile individual, weighing just a little more than 100 pounds, called upon these much beloved and wise doctors for an examination and prescription. Well, such a scare I never had. After a severe test, and with great solemnity, I was advised to quit all labors and take a complete rest, that I was in the last stages of consumption (had no TB in those days) and could live but a short while. Well, the 'rest cure' was impossible for me to take, as it would have precipitated a very undesirable condition, so I just had to disregard their advise and keep right on working, and after a career of 55 years, I am persuaded that these good doctors were slightly mistaken as to their prognosis. I now balance the scales at 190 pounds.

Speaking of physicians, Dr. J. B. WILLIAMS came to Oxford about 1879 and his brother a few years later. Dr. William BASKERVILLE was a physician here for a long time and was succeeded by Dr. CANNADY. About this time the BOOTH family of physicians made their appearance. Drs. S. D. BOOTH and P. H., (the son of Dr. Jack BOOTH) came from Knap of Reeds. Dr. T. L. BOOTH, another son of the beloved Dr. Jack, of Tally Ho, came here immediately after his graduation and died a few years ago greatly beloved. Dr. E. T. WHITE formed a copartnership with Dr. S. D. BOOTH, but soon abandoned his profession to engage in the tobacco business with R. F. KNOTT as a partner. Dr. J. Mack HAYS, a very brilliant young man, began his career here, but later moved to Greensboro. I think his brother, Dr. B. K. HAYES, is now the dean of the Oxford physicians, but possibly Drs. CANNADY and DANIEL may vie with him for this distinction.

The Schools

It would require a special article and much research to do justice to the schools of Oxford, which has always been an educational center, and as Major STEM said in his recent radio address, the 'Athens of North Carolina'. The HORNER School was well established and I have no recollection of any teacher being more generally respected and beloved than the founder of this school the venerable James H. HORNER. The late Bishop J. M. HORNER is kindly remembered by his old

pupils. Our much respected townsman, J. C. HORNER, is highly regarded by all as the last of the HORNER family of educators. In 1880, Mr. F. P. HOBGOOD, a native of Granville county, severed connections with his Raleigh school and came to Oxford and took hold of the Oxford Academy. Mr. HOBGOOD was a strong man, not only in the school room, but he possessed great executive and constructive ability and through the various stages, he finally merged his school into the Oxford College, which he conducted very successfully until the time of his death a few years ago. Then Mrs. STRADLEY and Mrs. J. W. HAYS are worthy of honorable mention as teachers. Mr. Fred A. FETTER taught in a building on College street about where the PINNIX residence is now located. Mr. FETTER afterwards became an Episcopal clergyman.

An Exciting Race

Peter CHARLESTON, negro barber and man about town generally, became the proud owner of an old blind white horse which he called 'Frank', who in his better days had done good work on the turf. Our young townsman, R. W. LASSITER, Jr., bought a very fine horse which he named 'Tom Pugh', of which he was equally as proud as was Peter of his 'Frank'. The friends of LASSITER begun to 'guy' him and offered to bet that old Frank could 'out trot' his fine Tom Pugh. Of course LASSITER was indignant (and no one really thought seriously of the matter) but finally a small sum was put up and a race arranged. College street from the Orphanage gate to Hillsboro street was the agreed race track. At the appointed time, a large crowd gathered for the excitement. Tom Pugh was hitched to a buggy while Peter had old Frank in front of a very tall, old fashioned sulky, the wheels of which were nearly six feet high. The two horses were placed in position and at the word 'Go!' Tom Pugh took the lead, but as old blind Frank heard the sound of his competitor's feet and the cheering and yelling of the multitude, he realized it was a time for business and recalling the memory of his former days, his youth was renewed and he passed Tom Pugh near where the graded school is now located and came into Hillsboro street some 30 feet in front of his competitor. Of course LASSITER was greatly chagrined while Peter was the hero of the occasion and the proudest and happiest man I have ever seen. I want to say, however, that Tom Pugh was perhaps the finest horse ever owned in Oxford.

A few days ago, I leisurely strolled through the old cemetery. I was much gratified at the way it is being kept for some of God's chosen people are buried there, and as I walked and meandered and looked and read the inscriptions on the slabs, many of whom were the friends of my younger days, I was deeply moved by the fact that so few of them had reached the age limit of 70 years, and many had died under 50 years of age. Many, very many, from 20 to 40, and as I meditated and tried to understand God's plan of bestowing his blessings, the following lines were impressively suggested:

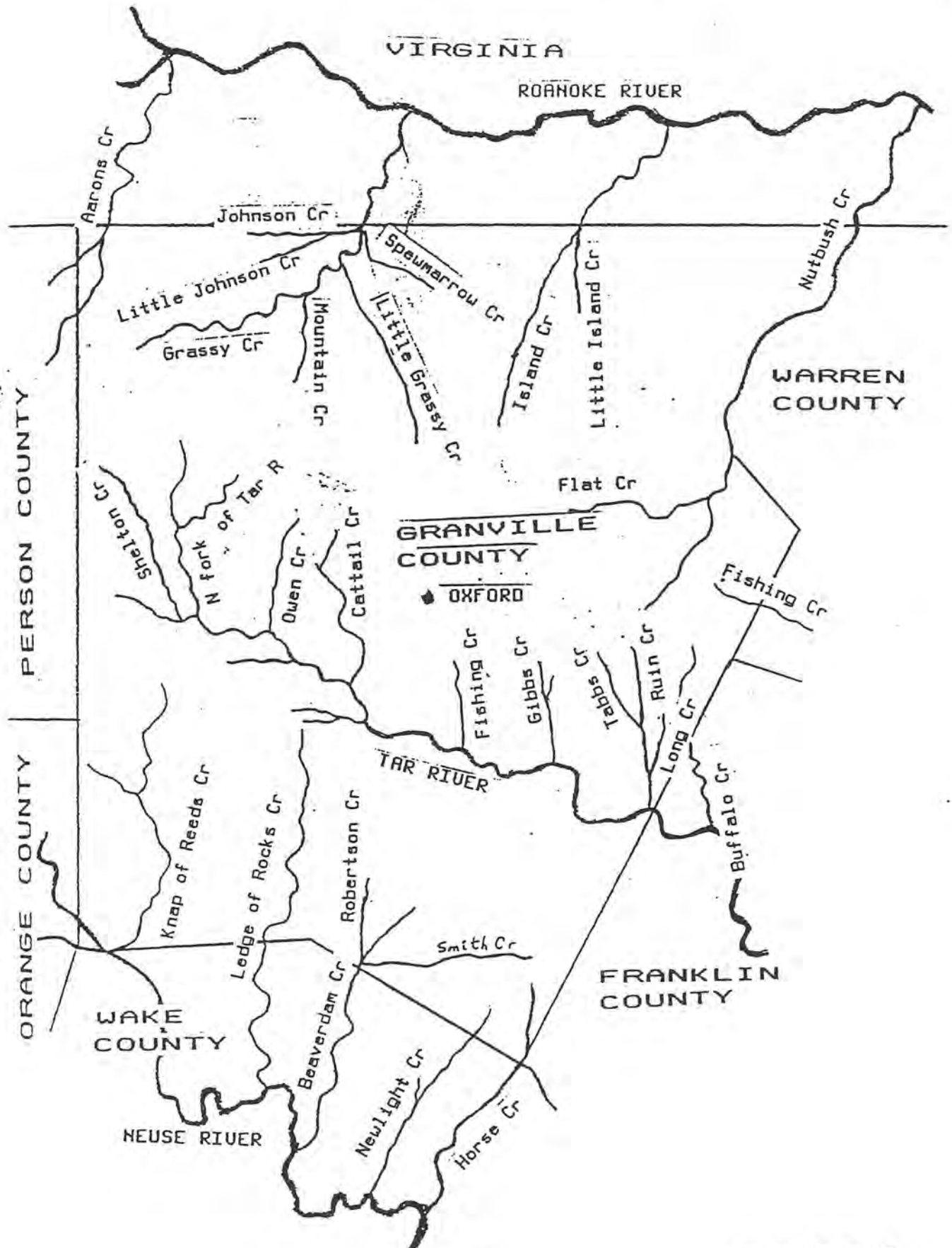
*When I remember all the friends who used to gather
I've seen around me fall like leaves in winter weather,
I feel like one who treads alone some banquet hall deserted,
Whose guests have fled, whose gardens dead,
And all but he departed.*

It is sad to think of the number of Oxford families whose names have become extinct in the past 50 years. The GILLIAMS, the KITTRELLS, the LITTLEJOHNS, KINGSBURYS, VENABLES, PASCHALLS, BLACKNALLS, MCCLANAHANS, AMIS', and others whose names I cannot now recall. Verily, old things and old customs as well as old people are rapidly passing and we are knocking at the door of a new age. May it be an improvement on the past.

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The big shock in becoming middle-aged is that you discover you keep on growing older, even after you are old enough.

Granville County Rivers, Streams, and Creeks



"Old Pop Castle"

by C. W. Raney
Oxford Public Ledger, March 28, 1924

Nearly everyone who travels the Linbank road, when passing "Old Pop Castle", one mile west of Kittrell, N.C., wonders what its history was, and how it got its name. Mr. T. T. HICKS, some months since, asked me if I could enlighten him on the subject. I told him I could, but as it was a long story I would write it out for him. But I have been so busy with my arduous duties (loafing with my genial old friend and companion) I have just found time to do so.

Seventy years ago, when I was a small boy, there lived in our section an aged narrator of past events, a clever and agreeable old gentleman who claimed to be in his nineties, and was never so happy as when he could find an audience to listen to his stories of the past, which had been told by his grandfather, who lived to be nearly a hundred. He said his grandfather used to say that when he came to the settlement "the Blue Ridge was not over three feet high, and Tar River was nothing more than a spring branch". This, we boys believed, was really true. He always delighted in telling the story of ancient Pop Castle and its mysteries. I was always charmed with this story and it was so deeply impressed on my mind that I remember it to this day. It was as follows:

About 1720, when this section was beginning to be settled, a large party who arrived at old Bath, wended their way to this section and settled on Ruin Creek, near what is now known as the Linbank road. When they arrived they were told by settlers who had preceded them of a mysterious residence near by, a large structure built of enormous hewn logs, with large stone chimney and a ponderous front door. No one knew when it was built or by whom. It was occupied by only two men. One a tall, princely gentleman with flowing beard and hair, always dressed elegantly, with his tall white silk hat, high-top boots, with sparkling silver knee-buckles. He was never approached, or ever seen except at a long distance. The other man, a veritable Scotchman, who called himself MACDUGALL, acted as a guard and servant. Mack, as he was familiarly called, would mingle with the settlers to some extent, and always went heavily armed with two double-barreled flintlock pistols in his belt. He always spoke of his master as "My Lord" but was mum when asked anything in regard to him. "My Lord" could be seen every day, when the weather was fit, walking in front of his home with arms folded and head erect; but on the approach of any one, no matter how far off, he would immediately enter his dwelling and close the door. In fact, Mack was always on the watch, and would never allow any one to approach near. Mack always seemed to have plenty of money, and paid the settlers liberally for what he bought of them. Every three months a lone horseman, leading two other horses loaded with provisions and other articles needed for their comfort, would arrive, unload, and immediately depart. All of these things puzzled the settlers, but all agreed that the mysterious personage was some king or other great potentate who had been banished from his country for some political or other offense, and that he sought this remote spot as a safe hiding place. Mack would never tell anything to solve the mystery. This state of affairs went on for years, until about 1734, when there arrived late one afternoon a caravan of horses, and that night everything was packed and at sunrise next morning the caravan moved off in an easterly direction, followed by Mack and "My Lord" who brought up the rear. They were never heard from afterwards, and the mystery was never solved.

But the residence, around which so much mystery still clung, was not to remain long idle. In about five weeks another mysterious character arrived upon the scene - a tall, broad shouldered man, with long black whiskers and hair, and small black, piercing eyes, who

moved into the old residence and at once set to building sheds around it, erected outbuildings, and sparing no money or pains to make himself comfortable. He has a race track built, a cockpit and other places of amusement erected. He had a large sign painted green, with these letters in red paint:

"POPECASTLE INN
Entertainment for Man and Beast"

This strange character had an amount of money, which he spent lavishly. He bought with him large leathern bags filled with gold, and for some weeks these bags of gold continued to come from somewhere, and most of them were secretly buried by their owner.

The settlers were all convinced that he was an escaped pirate, and had been told of the place by Mack, whom he probably met on the seashore. He seemed to be genial and clever, and the settlers said, "Just the man to lure the younger set into vice and wickedness".

This distinguished looking gentleman gave his name as "Captain POPECASTLE", but the settlers got it Pop Castle, and the place was called Pop Castle ever afterwards. "The Captain", as he was always called, did not open up these amusements from mercenary motives, as he at first employed two young settlers and gave them all of the profits. The enterprise was a success from the start, as the racetrack and cockpit were popular, and especially the bar room, where whiskey was dispensed at nine pence a cruet.

The place grew more and more in popularity every day. After a few months settlers were coming to attend the festivities for fifty miles around, it being the first place of the kind opened up in this section. They would come in covered wagons, on horseback, and afoot, all bringing tobacco to bet on the races and cock fights, and to pay for whiskey. They would drink and gamble all day, and would wind up in a free fight at night. But as no deadly weapons were used in those days, only "fist and skull", little damage was ever done, and all would be friends again when they became sober. All of this seemed to tickle the Captain's fancy, and he enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

History has taught us that all wicked men's pleasures have some day to have an ending, and the Captain's was no exception. After enjoying these wicked festivities for nearly fifteen years, and when his beautiful silken beard began to have a tinge of gray, there appeared upon the scene one day three heavily armed horsemen, who seized the Captain, securely bound him, and two of them immediately spirited him off without any ceremony whatever. The third man rode up in front of the inn and called for the Captain's personal effects. Some one asked this man by whose authority they did this, and he at once replied, "By order of the King". Asked as to what crime the Captain had committed, he replied that he was for years the most daring and ruthless pirate that ever infested the Atlantic Ocean. This event, sad to many, caused consternation in the camp for a while, but the older set were really glad at his departure. But the Captain's "taking on" did not affect the continued prosperity of Popcastle Inn. It, if possible, became more popular every year. This continued for years. When one set of proprietors would grow old and retire, there were others anxious to take their places.

But old Pop's wild career was not to last always. During and after the Revolutionary War other taverns and places of amusement began to grow up around, and old Pop's prestige began to wane. Before the year 1800 its racetrack had grown up in weeds, its cockpit lost its patronage, few patronized its whiskey shop, and even the tinkling sound of the anvil in the old blacksmith shop had ceased.

So Old Pop had to give up the ghost. The Captain's treasure, which he had so adroitly hidden, remains where he placed it. The sheds to the main structure and outbuildings soon

decayed and disappeared, and the old block-house-looking structure for sixty-five years afterwards stood alone in its glory.

After "the War Between the States" the gentleman who built his handsome residence near by tore down the old building, and I think used its heavy timbers in erecting outbuildings. Although it had been standing for one hundred and twenty-five years, its timbers were perfectly sound.

At this day the venerable old oak that stood in front of the old inn, under whose dense shade so many convivial throngs used to gather, and which for nearly two hundred years has withstood winter's stormy blasts, is all that is left to remind the passer-by of old Pop Castle's ancient glory and renown. *To be continuedAnother version.....*

Henderson, N.C., February 16, 1917

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Brantwood Nursing School

Researched by Kay Beckmann

After the flu epidemic of 1917-1918, three doctors recognized the need for a general hospital in Granville County, North Carolina.

In 1920, they purchased a large residence and several acres of grounds and farm land from E. H. HICKS. The estate was located on Highway 15, one mile north of Oxford in a beautiful oak grove known as Brantwood, from which the hospital took its original name.

The doctors were also the original staff instructors. Dr. Jack BULLOCK was in charge of surgery, Dr. Nelson THOMAS taught anatomy and Dr. Sam WATKINS was the obstetrician.

In addition to its 30-bed capacity, the hospital was equipped with an operating room, an xray room, laboratory and an elevator which was operated by the passenger pulling the cage up by a rope hand over hand.

Besides the main building, a stable, a cow barn and smoke house, there were two frame dwelling houses, which were occupied by Riley PHILLIPS who tended the livestock and worked as the hospital's first orderly, and by Herbert FAUCETTE who tended the farm land and vegetable garden.

Later in the year the FAUCETTE house was vacated to be used as the first nurses home. Until that time the nurses and students had to quarter themselves in whatever rooms at the hospital were not being occupied by patients.

As each girl was accepted for the three year training course, she was first put on a six week probation period. During this time she wore her own plain cotton dresses. At the end of the probationary period, if she were permanently accepted, she was given a uniform consisting of a blue dress with white apron, bib, cuffs, and cap. White shoes and hose were worn during the summer months, changing to black for winter.

In addition to uniforms, room, board and laundry were furnished by the hospital. Salaries were paid in the amounts of \$10 per month in summer and \$7.50 in winter. This later was reduced in order to take care of book fees.

The students worked 12 hours a day with two hours off for study and to take care of personal chores. Of course, they were considered "on call" for emergencies at all times. There were two weeks vacation per year.

Along with regular courses of study the girls were required to serve three months as "Dirty Nurse" in the operating room and six months in the diet kitchens. During her six months in the diet kitchens the students were required to serve the trays and carry them by hand to each patient. And surely every nurse who trained here will remember six months of night duty, especially during the winter when one of her duties was to go timidly down into the dark basement to "fire up the furnace".

The students ate in the lovely old dining room which was paneled in solid mahogany. They were served at a large family table with a smaller one at one side for the superintendent. They were served fresh eggs, milk, butter, vegetables and hams from the smoke house.

Every morning, Martha HOBGOOD stood on the back porch with a dasher and a stone churn, her old stick toothbrush in the right corner of her lip, humming an old familiar tune to which she beat the butter out of the milk. And on Sundays, she always tried to have a freezer of ice cream for the girls.

By 1932, the state has passed a law requiring that a hospital have at least a hundred beds to qualify as a nurses training center. Due to the depression and lack of funds, Brantwood was unable to expand and so closed the school in that year.

However, the hospital itself had grown and improved its facilities since that time. In 1937, the county voted a special bond issue and with aid from the Public Works Administration purchased the estate and built a three story brick building directly in front of the old Brantwood house.

This 50 bed facility began operation on a non-profit basis and it was at this time the name was changed to Granville Hospital. It is interesting to note that Dr. Nelson THOMAS was instrumental in getting the government grant and laid the first brick for the new structure, and under the brick he placed a 1936 New Deal dime.

On March 21, 1938, Granville Hospital officially opened.

The old Brantwood house remained unoccupied until 1941 when it was redecorated and opened as the nurses home. Prior to that time, the nurses had quarters on the first floor of the new building.

Then, on November 28, 1953, the lovely old house which held so many dear memories was destroyed by fire. Although no injuries took place, almost all the old records were lost.

Over the next 50 years, Granville Hospital underwent additions and renovations to become the present-day "Granville Medical Center".

In 1992, a 60-bed nursing and retirement center was built in back of the hospital. The name chosen for this facility? Brantwood, of course.

1870 Marriage Register

Part 1 of 4

- Aiken, Joseph - son of John Aiken and Mary Aiken & Mary J. Hobgood daughter of Wm. Hobgood and Sallie Hobgood on 29 December 1870 by B.D.Howard, J.P.
- Allen, E.M. - son of William Allen and M.E. Allen & Alice Allen daughter of David B. Allen and Mary E. Allen on 29 Secember 1870 by A.D. Betts, M.G.
- Allen, Hall - colored - son of Albert Allen and Betsy Allen & Sally Gooch daughter of Jacob Gooch and Harriet Gooch on 13 April 1870 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.
- Allen, Henry - son of Joseph Allen and Francis Allen & A. Husketh daughter of William Husketh and Linsey Husketh on 23 August 1870 by Robt. Garner, J.P.
- Allen, Richmond - colored - son of Isham Rice and Ann Allen & Rebecca Troler daughter of not known and Liza Troler on 24 December 1870 by Chasteen Allen, M.G.
- Allen, Samuel - colored - son of Jack Allen and Mariah Clay & Ellen Crews daughter of Yancey Crews and Nancy Crewson 15 October 1870 by B. Smith, J.P.
- Allen, Thomas - colored - son of Joseph Thorp and Julia Allen & Mary Hester daughter of Burwell Hester and Lucy Hester on 24 February 1870 by B.D. Howard, J.P.
- Anderson, Nelson S. -colored - son of Jerry Anderson and Sarah Anderson & G. Ellen Taborn daughter of Geo. Thomasson and Nelly Tabornon 6 July 1870 by B. Smith, J.P.
- Arnold, Nathaniel F. - son of Chesley Arnold and Sally Arnold & Polly Ann Oakley daughter of Tingley Oakly and Susan Oakley on 15 September 1870 by J.B. Green, J.P.
- Averett, Joshua - colored - son of Caswell Lewis and Eliza Lewis & Margaret Wilkerson daughter of Ned Pool and Salina Wilkerson on 20 August 1870 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.
- Avery, Geo. W. - son of Thomas Avery and Martha Avery & Laura Howard daughter of Solomon Howard and Mary Howard on 23 September 1870 by J.A. Stradley, M.G.
- Bailey, Isriel S. - son of William Bailey and Glafry Bailey & Henrietta Garner daughter of Robert Garner and Martha Garner on 29 May 1870 by J.W. Wellons.
- Baskerville, William - colored - son of William Allen Rush and Louisa Baskerville & Louisa Johnson daughter of Booker Johnson and Ann Johnson on 15 August 1870 by Allen P. Eaton, M.G.
- Bass, Rufus - colored - son of Hardie Kittrell and Annie Bass & Grace Gilliam daughter of not known and not known on 9 September 1870 by Tho. L. Williams, J.P.

- Bass, Rufus - colored - son of Barnett Bass and Bidsey A. Robards & Susan Ann Kinton daughter of not known and Judy Kinton on 14 August 1870 by Robert I. Devin, M.G.
- Beasley, Jno. P. - son of James Beasley and Mary Beasley & Mary E. Lyon daughter of William Lyon and on 5 May 1870 by B.B.Hester, M.G.
- Birchett, John W. - son of Green Birchett and Priscilla Birchett & Caroline E. Allen daughter of Benjamin Allen and Eliza Allen on 26 December 1870 by Francis J. Tilley, J.P.
- Blackley, William - colored - son of Roger Jenkins and Susan Cook & Cary Ann Hicks daughter of not known and not known on 13 July 1870 by P.J. Carraway, M.G.
- Blacknall, Luke - colored - son of Sol Blacknall and Nancy Blacknall & Adeline Mitchell daughter of Edward Mitchell and Sophia Mitchell on 5 September 1870 by Wm. E. Bullock, M.G.
- Bobbitt, Lewis - colored - son of Robt. Mitchell and Sally Bobbitt & Manda Mangum daughter of Judge Mangum and Aggie Mangum on 27 February 1870 by Robt. Perdie, M.G.
- Breedlove, Walter S. - son of Shelton Breedlove and Evelina H. Breedlove & Florida F. Allen daughter of L.J. Allen and Catherine E. Allen on 15 September 1870 by Robt. Garner, J.P.
- Brogden, Elias - son of James Brogden and Crissy Brogden & Mary E. Cash daughter of Jacob Cash and Polly Cash on 2 february 1870 by Jno. B. Green, J.P.
- Bryant, William - colored - son of W. Bryant and Rhoda Bryant & Louisa Hawkins Kittrell daughter of Turner Hawkins and Susan Hawkins on 25 December 1870 by Jefferson Buell.
- Bullock, Benja. W. - son of Walter A. Bullock and Sarah T. Bullock & Mary E. Parrott daughter of Henry F. Parrott and Mary Parrott on 24 November 1870 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.
- Bulloch, Daniel - colored - son of Peter Bullock and Catharine Bullock & Cornelia Allen daughter of George Allen and Charity Allen on 1 January 1870 by B.B.Hester, J.P.
- Bullock, David - colored - son of Buck Bullock and Biddy Bullock & Emily Brodie daughter of not known and Annie Brodie on 7 October 1870 by Allen P. Eaton, M.G.
- Bullock, Henry - colored - son of Daniel Bullock and Dilly Bullock & Sarah Duncan daughter of William Hunt and Ann Hunt on 27 December 1870 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.
- Bullock, Len - colored - son of Mordicia Bullock and Elizabeth & Ann Patton daughter of James Patton and Anna Patton on 7 September 1870 by E.F. Beachum, M.G.
- Bullock, Moses - colored - son of Littleton Bullock and Eve Bullock & Catharine Daniel daughter of Joseph Daniel and Peggy Daniel on 9 December 1870 by S.N. Duncan, J.P.

Bullock, Moses J. - colored - son of Rasmus Bullock and Martha Bullock & Susan Hargrove daughter of Jack Hargrove and Nettie Hargrove on 3 April 1870 by H.H. Gibbons, M.G.

Bullock, Phillip - colored - son of Jacob Darnell and Tila Bullock & Nancy Taylor daughter of Mannel Gregory and Sally Taylor on 30 December 1870 by James A. Bullock, J.P.

Bullock, Rufus - son of Reuben Bullock and Dicey Bullock & Mary Jones daughter of Fred Jones and Sarah Jones on 22 May 1870 by T.J. Tilley, J.P.

Bullock, Tim - colored - son of Wash Day and Barbara Bullock & Emily Wilkerson daughter of unknown and Lou Wilkerson on 25 December 1870 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.

Bullock, William - colored - son of John Bullock and Alssey Bullock & Ann Boyd daughter of Saulsbury Thomas and Manerva Boyd on 10 January 1870 by Richd. G. Sneed, J.P.

Cannady, John F. - son of Wyatt Cannady and Elizabeth Cannady & Mary E. Crudup daughter of Josiah Crudup and Crudup on 3 February 1870 by W.W. Wingate, M.G.

Carter, Jacob - colored - son of not known and not known & Rhoda Sherren daughter of not known and not known on 14 November 1870 by Robt. Garner, J.P.

Cash, Samuel - son of Jacob Cash and Polly Cash & Catherine Jackson daughter of Rice Jackson and Clarissy on 25 October 1870 by J.P. Montague, J.P.

Chandler, Theoderick B. - son of John Y. Chandler and Susan M. Chandler & Elizabeth Satterwhite daughter of Solomon Satterwhite and Elizabeth J. Satterwhite on 13 December 1870 by A. Apple, M.G.

Chapel, James R. - son of Wm. Chapel and Roan Chapel & Betsy A. Bragg daughter of Whitmore Bragg and Arabella Bragg on 23 June 1870 by J.W. Wellons,

Chappell, Doctor - son of Reddin Chappell and Louisa Chappell & Bettie J. Matthews daughter of Wm. Matthews and Sarah J. Matthews on 12 May 1870 by W.A. Barrett, M.G.

Chavis, Jechonias - colored - son of not known and Eliza Chavis & Lovenia Loftis daughter of Isaac Loftis and Ellenor Loftis on 29 December 1870 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.

Clark, James T. - son of Adam Clark and Susan Clark & Mary A. Patterson daughter of Thomas Patterson and Patsy Patterson on 7 December 1870 by E.F. Beachum, M.G.

Clements, Major - colored - son of Elijah Clements and Patsey Clements & Holly Carrington daughter of Banister Carrington and Mary Carrington on 13 January 1870 by B.D. Howard, J.P.

- Clemments, Chesley - colored - son of Elijah Clemments and Patsy Cleemments & Lethe Currin daughter of Henry Royster and Eliza Currin on 20 March 1870 by A.C. Harris, M.G.
- Coley, Joseph C. - colored - son of Henry Bullock and Emily Bullock & Lucy Taylor daughter of Alex Taylor and Priscilla Taylor on 1 May 1870 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.
- Coley, Lemuel - son of John Coley and Nelly Coley & Louetta W. Wheeler daughter of Benja. Wheeler and Elizabeth Wheeler on 21 September 1870 by Jno. B. Green, J.P.
- Cooper, Daniel - colored - son of Wm. Cooper and Fannie Cooper & Susan Amis daughter of not known and not known on 7 August 1870 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.
- Cotton, Charles - colored - son of Jackson Cotton and Susan Cotton & Alice Williams daughter of not known and not known on 2 June 1870 by T.J. Horner, M.G.
- Crews, H.W. - son of E.T. Crews and Mary J. Crews & Mrs Mary E. Roberts daughter of John Hicks and Sallie A. Hicks on 6 November 1870 by L.K. Willie, M.G.
- Crews, William F. - son of Benjamin F. Crews and Fanney Crews & Elizabeth F. Ezell daughter of Hartwell F. Ezell and Fanny H Ezell on 8 December 1870 by A.C. Harris, M.G.
- Crudup, Hilliard - colored - son of Henderson Crudup and Bina Crudup & Patience Perry daughter of Isaac Davis and Haster Perry on 18 August 1870 by Braxton Hunt, M.G.
- Currin, Walter K. - son of Ansey Currin and Lethe A. Currin & Sarah V. Daniel daughter of Beverly Daniel and Eliza Daniel on 13 November 1870 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.
- Daniel, George - son of Thado Daniel and Annie Daniel & Isabella Newton daughter of Ransom Bullock and Pattie Bullock on 1 December 1870 by R.I. Devin, M.G.
- Davis, Aaron - colored - son of Andrew Davis and Nancy Davis & Catherine Taylor daughter of Browzer Taylor and Mary Taylor on 22 December 1870 by L.K. Willie, M.G.
- Davis, Dr William H. - son of Jonaathan Davis and Mary Davis & Isabel Speed daughter of John J. Speed and Ann I. Speed on 9 February 1870 by M.H. Vaughan, Rector
- Day, W.R. - colored - son of Alex Day and Mary Day & Ellen Hedgpeth daughter of Jesse Hedgpeth and Emeline Hedgpeth on 8 August 1870 by T.J. Tilley, J.P.
- Dement, A.J. - son of W.W. Dement and Julia A. Dement & Lucretia F. Pleasants daughter of James Pleasants and Martha Pleasants on 5 January 1870 by H.L. Williams, J.P.
- Downey, Anderson - colored - son of not known and not known & Eda Hester daughter of Jordan Hester and Beda Hester on 28 August 1870 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.

Recent Deaths in Granville County

November 1, 1996 - January 31, 1997

Albert Fowler Murray, 89, Grady Duran Smith, 33, Roy T. Hobgood, 75, Coley Lewis Campbell, 91, Thomas Michael Kelly, 43, Mack King Brodie, 61, Travis Brian Cox, Jr., 52, Esther P. Wilson, 80, Bailey Absolum Yancy, 89, Cecil Allen Hockaday, 89, Daniel Edward Haley, Jr., 41, Sidney Crawford Hart, Jr., 73, Nellie H. Royster, 56, Viola Jones White, 87, Louise Parker Braswell, 56, Roy Noblin Parrott, 59, Rosa L. Pitchford Breedlove, 87, Vernetia Taylor Marable, 38, Werter Lindbergh Arrington, 68, Luther Devin Blackwell, Jr., 79, Ross Allen 'Red' Gupton, 64, Guy Dallas Turner, 71, Henrietta Burt, 81, Rassie Grace Wynne, 58, Ruth U. Clark, 66, Gray Thomas Gregory, 63, Dorsey Taylor Woodlief, 65, David L. Barker, 35, Dorsey Green, 66, Joel Clifton Nelson, 74, James B. Smith, 70, William Fleming Harris, Sr., 78, Mattie Jackson Boyd, 80, Kevin Bagby, Inf., Esther Taylor, 82, Lillian Royster, 91, Lucille Harris Lyon, 67, Joseph Hubert Dickerson, 89, Robert L. Ashe, 78, Barbara I. Hawley, 63, Lewis Perry King, 74, Edward Clarke Horner, Sr., 90, Thomas R. Lanier, 86, Walter Grobet Ihlenburg, 72, Lillie Humphreys Greenway, 92, Mary Forehand Eason, 55, Lottie M. Parrott Wilbourne, 72, John Louis Williams, 83, McLean Ramsey, 72, Fred Woodson Blackwell, 89, Edwin Howell Jones, 58, Welmore A. Ellis McCormick, 57, Sarah Smith Abbott, 79, Mae Hobgood Cooper, Elisabeth H. Butler Mueller, 83, William T. Daniels, Sr., 84, Ruby Ross, 82, Elaine Roycroft Ross, 97, Berenice Satterwhite Cottrell, 83, James Milton Banister, 78, Emma Green, 52, Dorothy Overby Nelson, 52, Hassie King Keeton, 95, Lee McCoy Tyler, Jr., 50, Claude Eugene Evans, 64, Ella L. Oakley Hobson, Ralph Watkins Sanford, 77, Grover C. Bass, Sr., 67, Elizabeth Pearl Davis, Inf., Mary Perry Curl, 86, Katherine King Breedlove, 61, Alexander (NMI) Norris, 80, R. Maynard Smart, 84, Donald Swinson Pridgen, 52, Alma Smart Perkins, 80, Johnnie Peed Parker, 96, Annie Oakley Riley Evans, 96, Helen Sanford Clark, 80, Pearl Burnette Wheeler, 96, Elizabeth Jenkins Govas, 76, Minnie Gentry Dixon Huff, 90, Bernice H. Ingram, Joyce L. Wilson Herndon, 49, Ruth Crews Oakley, 78, Thomas Hamilton Wilkerson, 72, Samuel Macon Carrington, Jr., 57, Milton C. Blackley, 82, James L. Tuck, 30, Esther M. Blackley Long, 75, Viola Peace Jones, Lucy Jones Thorpe, 89, E. R. "Tom" Acomb, 82, Charlie Webb, Jr., 82, Maude Bullock Thompson, 87, Joanne Strater Lyon, 49, Ronald Theron Karns, 58, Greely Wesley Adcock, 69, Hurtie Mae Satterfield, 64, Edna Smith Seaford, 89, Emma Pittard Clarke, 97, William M. Nevils, 70, Hallie Lee Beck, 93, Richard Cheatham, 86, Pearl Keith Cash, 83, Virginia Newby Eastwood O'Flanagan, 87, Adline Gooch, 89, Annie Fuller O'Brien, 82, Roger Whitfield Dixon, 85, Woodrow Mayes, 72, Hazel Bell Dean, 84, Scottie Bernard Bass, 26, Marvin Daniel Cone, 79, Herman Lee Bradsher, 58, Annie E. Kenyon, 96, Hubert Hawley, 84, Aaron Harris, 80, Marjorie Thorpe Waller, 70, Rosa Hicks, Essex Harris, Mildred Bell Brown, 79, Lillian Woltz Gordon, 81, Mabel Douglas Penny, 76, Irvin H. Gooch, 82, Henrietta Wheeler Watkins, 99, Lucille Gilchrist Williams, 58, Sarah H. Johnson, Sarah Christine Fuller, 72, Constance Hunter Gee, 41, Maxine Long Schmit, 84, Joanne Tunstall, 42, Cozey Wilkerson Hewett, 89, Julia Maria Harris, 58, Susie Beatrice Felts, 80, Mittie Jones, 65, Luerell Herndon, 80, Lewis Henry Stewart, 54, Elsie Cash Glenn, 69, Louise Dawes-Brooks, 65, Felcie Mize Newcomb, 85, Merthan Satterwhite, 81, Eva Coley Gooch, 90, Billy H. Barbour, 70, Jake Newton, 65, James William Mangum, Jr., James Edward Dickerson, 52, Lonnie Montague, 72, Ida Perry Hawthorne, 87

Speak ill of no man but speak all the good you know of everyone. Benjamin Franklin

A Tribute from Son to Mother....

A tribute from Son to Mother which has been framed and attached to a historical piece of furniture.

This desk originally belonged to the Honorable Josiah CRUDUP of near Kittrell, North Carolina. He was born in Wake County, NC, January 13th, 1791 and died May 19th, 1872. He married Mary Elizabeth BODDIE May 5th, 1825, daughter of Lucy WILLIAMS and George BODDIE. George Boddie's estate, known as Rose Hill near Nashville, NC, "contained nine thousand acres, and was a grant from King George of England".

Josiah CRUDUP was a Senator in the North Carolina Assembly from Wake County and a member of Congress, 1821-23. "He was by occupation a Baptist minister, an eloquent pulpit orator, and served for forty years without pay." He was also an extensive land owner, and in addition to his farming lands near Kittrell, "owned a large farm in Mississippi, and when LEE surrendered, he lost three hundred slaves". He gave this desk to his youngest child, Mary Elizabeth, who was born July 9th, 1846, and who married John F. CANNADY February 22nd, 1870, from near Wilton, NC. There were nine children, namely: Josiah Crudup, deceased, Mary Boddie, John Andrew, deceased, Nathaniel Hillman, Lucy Katherine, William Edward, deceased, Josiah Wyatt, Thomas Armed, deceased, and Nicholas Boddie.

"As a farmer, business man, neighbor, public official, soldier and head of a family, her husband united those virtues which made him excel, and which won him esteem, admiration and love of all. It was conceded that he developed the most modle farm and was head of the happiest family in Granville County." He died January 10th, 1896, and in 1898 his widow moved to Oxford, NC.

In the evening of December 9th, 1933, at 7:25, the hand of Destiny ended the life of Mary Elizabeth CANNADY who had lived in much happiness for eighty seven years and five months. Her body in that peaceful rest was laid by the side of her husband's in the family cemetery near Cannady's Mill. She gave this desk to her son, Josiah Wyatt, who was born May 26th, 1884, and who was named for his two grandfathers. He resides in Oxford, NC, and it is in his possession at the time of this writing.

This information is not given for the purpose of family history, but mainly and above all, it is dedicated in loving memory to my dearest and best friend my Mother, with whom, the happiest and the most contented part of my life was spent; and it is requested that this tribute is to be retained intact with the desk, by her people, for generations untold.

In the battles of life, in sickness and health, in joys and sorrows, in trials, tribulations and adversities, unfortunuate indeed is the child who is denied that love and devotion; that sympathetic and unhesitating helpfulness; that self-denial; that sad and peaceful meditation; that understanding smile; that unforgetful and tender friendship; that last word - my name; that last hand clasp with all its fulness, -these things strike down into the very depths of a child's memory, -these are the things that come from only one -- Mother.

Death, that great devide that unfathamable mistery! With that beautifull thought of faith and hope she came from God and has returned to God.

Josiah W. Cannady (1936)

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Old Times Back Yonder

By W. J. Webb
Oxford Public Ledger, June 22, 1934

A little over one hundred and fifty years ago Mary WEBB rode horseback from her old home in Essex Co., Va., to make her home with her children who had moved to this county. Her daughter, Mary WEBB, had married Samuel SMITH and had settled near Grassy Creek. William had established his home near Shoofly, and John was further up Grassy Creek above Oak Hill.

Granville County then was sparsely settled; a few homes along the rivers and creeks. Oxford was hardly a village -- just a small wooden court house, one store and maybe one or two homes. There was probably a wayside inn where stage coaches stopped in passing. The few roads were mere wagon trails. Most of the traveling was on horseback. William WEBB lived at Shoofly, but he and family saddled over to Grassy Creek to church. Probably the only school in the county was the one taught by Reverend Henry PATTILLO, near where is now the town of Stovall. Only a few churches had been established. Most of the county was in forests, but settlers were coming in from Virginia and the eastern part of this state. Of course no railroads or Democratic primaries, neither had sales tax or beer been invented. Just plain old fashioned hard work and hard liquor.

This old Mary WEBB has spent her declining years in Granville. We find her will here in the court house. Her old family bible is now in Oxford, with birth and death records of her children. Her descendants have been as sands of the sea, going west, south and still further as this great country of ours has developed. A few remnants may still be found hereabouts. Mary Webbs without number have handed down her name. One holds the reins over her henpecked husband, our Honorable Clerk of Court, one has been teaching a number of years at Stovall. One fine girl of her name is a happy member of the Oxford Orphanage class with her residence in Cottage No. 1.

Now we have one of her grand-grand-grand etc. daughters coming into Granville next Saturday with her sidesaddle strapped on a flying machine. What would the old grandmother say if she could see this Mary WEBB (NICHOLSON) carrying on such capers. Suppose she could get up in the thing and cavort over the county now. The town of Oxford, spreading beneath her with two orphanages at the ends, the miles and miles of splendid roads, the numberless farm homes, churches -- and the big school buildings. Railroads and Democratic primaries, and the immense throngs of people moving hither and thither at the great Twenty Fourth. She would notice these and other wonderful things, the automobiles would carry her mind back to the weary old carriage in which the old slave carriage driver used to carry her from place to place as she visited her sons and daughters in the old times back yonder. After seeing all these new fangled things of the present I wonder if she would be FOR or AGAIN the Sales Tax. In the days of her youth the wimmen had a way of busting up tea boxes and casting the contents into the sea if anybody tried to tie any sales tax to any article.

We are glad to see Mary WEBB back again. Here's hoping she will pilot that machine careful and not make a mess of things.

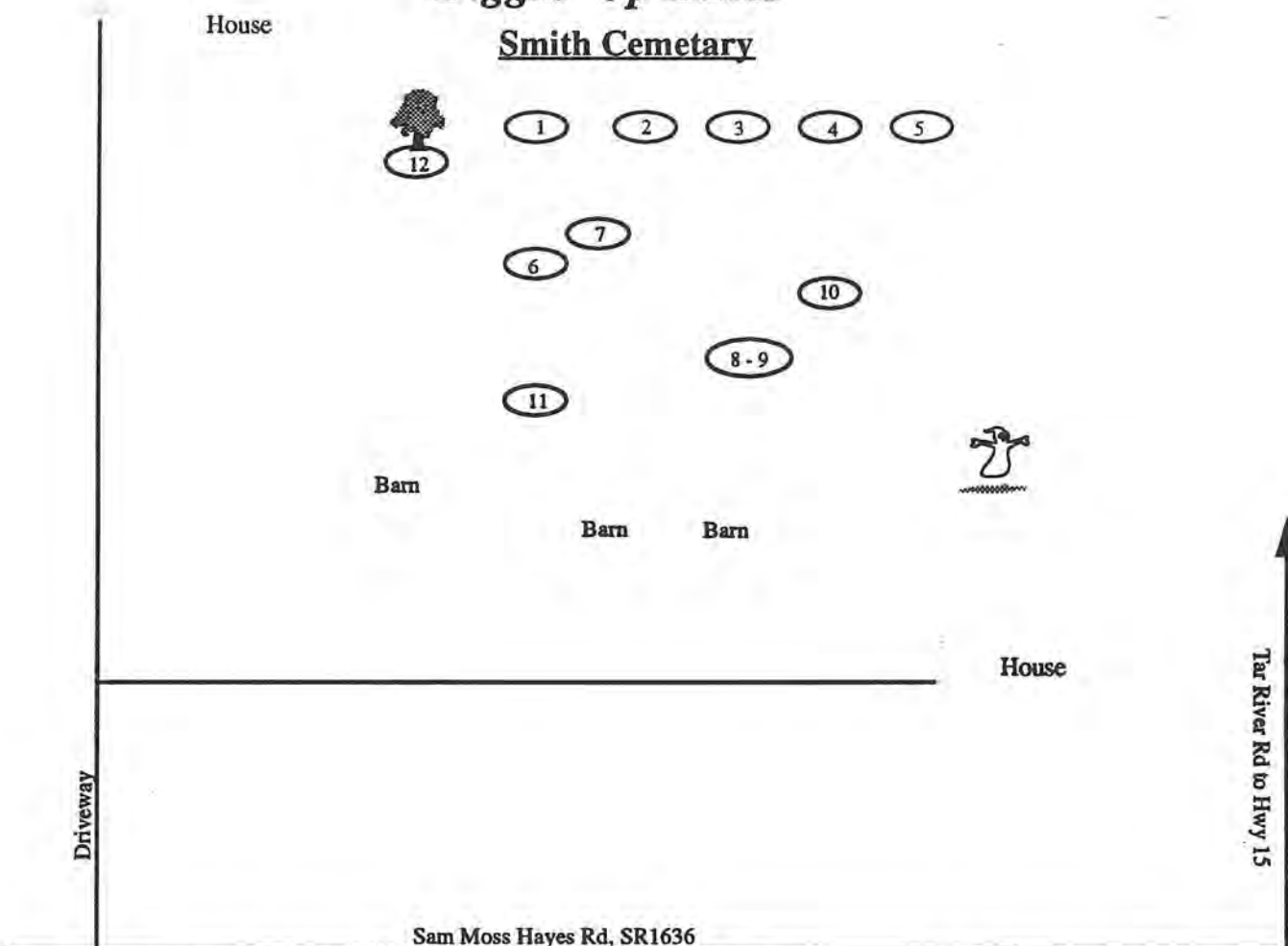
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The happiest business in all the world is that of making friends. *Anne S. Eaton*

Diggin' Up Bones

Smith Cemetary



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| 1. Emma Catherine Bates Arrington
Born - Oct. 22, 1872
Died - Apr. 23, 1904 | 5. Miss Jane Clay
Born - Feb. 14, 1833
Died - Jan. 29, 1915 | 9. Miranda Catharan Smith
Born - Mar. 16, 1856
Died - Aug. 7, 1863 |
| 2. Jas. E. Smith
Born - Nov. 6, 1851
Died - June 6, 1905 | 6. Alexander Smith
Born - Dec. 25, 1808
Died - Oct. 17, 1902 | 10. Charles G. Smith
Born - Aug. 14, 1877
Died - Aug. 28, 1880 |
| 3. James Graham Smith
Born - June 23, 1896(?)
Died - Apr. 14, 1900(?) | 7. Elizabeth Baits Smith
Born - June 1, 1807
Died - May 17, 1890 | 11. Miss Nancy H. Smith
Born - May 6, 1854 |
| 4. Nancy L. Smith
Born - Feb. 13, 1882
Died - Mar. 7, 1900 | 8. Charlie Goodman Smith
Born - Feb. 15, 1844
Died - Aug. 7, 1863 | 12. Jimmie Lee Arrington
Born - June 26, 1905
Died - June 17, 10-906 |

Located in southern Granville County this cemetery is in very bad condition. Stones are broken and scattered about. Headstones and footstones are far apart. There are two sunken places that may be graves. It is very grown up with trees, bushes, briars, poison oak, etc. Some fieldstones are located on my original map but as this is a very rocky area they may be just rocks.

Recorded by Bonnie Breedlove, Cemetery Committee, GCGS 1746, Inc.

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.

1-97 submitted by Rachel Mabe ODELL, 4002 Odell Lane, East Bend, NC 27018 or Collect 910-961-2450 or 910-768-8217

Seeking information for Lucy Ann HITCHCOCK INSCO, born 06 Dec 1850 in Warren County, NC and died 17 Nov 1917 in Granville County, NC. Her death certificate states she was buried 18 Nov 1917 in the "Home Burying Ground". The Undertaker was C. S. & Comany as best I can read it. The informant was a Mr. J. W. SMITH of Creedmoor, NC. Which INSCO did Miss HITCHCOCK marry? Where is the "Home Burying Ground"? Who are her descendants?

2-97 submitted by Mark W. WHEELLESS, 3505 Corin Court, Raleigh, NC 27612

Information on all family of Mathew HESTER, listed in 1850 census at age 40 with Peggy (41), George (10), Elizabeth (12), Polly (5), and Polly Guy (30). Mathew is buried in Nash County, NC. Granville County related family names are FRAZIER, HESTER, CURRIN.

3-97 submitted by J.A.L. MILLER, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston Salam, NC 27106-2810

HORNER Military School, Oxford, NC. My grandfather was Cadet Edward YOUNGE WOOTEN, 1880-1963, from Wilmington, NC. His father was Epis. Rev. EDWARD WOOTTEN/WOOTEN, Capt. CSA, was Pitt County, NC, the son of Shadrack "Shade" WOOTEN and Elizabeth "Eliza" MURPHEY WOOTEN of Pitt County, NC. Seek Cadet roster and historical information on HORNER. Also, MALONE'S Mill on MALONE'S Mill Creek, 1770s, Warren County, NC. Is it's site known? When was it built; when did it cease operation; what type of mill was it (grain, lumber, wool)?

4-97 Marjorie TICHENOR, 2158 E. Virginia St., Evansville, IN 47711

Hiram OAKLEY-1787. Wife Elizabeth-b. 1798. 1820 Census Person Co. NC. KY Census 1830. Children: son, Barnet-Emily, Eliza, Susan. Share Information/

5-97 Theron VINSON, Rt. 1, Box 473, Reva, VA 22735

Desire any information on persons named VINCENT, VINSON, PEARCE, PIERCE (and variations in spelling of those names) living in Granville and surrounding counties 1700-1800. Especially interested in location of cemeteries in those areas containing grave markers with above names.

6-97 Barbara Poythress NEAL, 1675 Michael Lane, Pacific Palisades, CA., 90272-2035

David POYTHRESS lived 26 Jan. 1800 to 26 Sept. 1876 per his marker, Elmwood Cemetery, Henderson, NC. He married twice: (1) Mary SPEED DORTCH, bond 17 Dec. 1827, Meckleburg, CO. VA; Bondsman Isaac TAYLOR; with consent of her mother, Ann DORTCH; Witnesses Taylor & Eliz. C. DORTCH; (2) Sally/Sarah DORTCH, bond 15 Mar. 1848, Warren CO, NC; Bondsman George S. MOSS; Witness Jn. N. WHITE. Additional information needed on POYTHRESS' & DORTCHes. Was David son of Lewis POYTHRESS: Was Sally Mary's sister?

Census Notes

United States Census

- Census - official count of the persons, property, or things in a city, region or country.
- U.S. Population Schedule taken every 10 years as specified by our Constitution.
- Taken in years that end in zero, such as 1990. 1st - 1790, last - 1990, next - 2000.
- Census takers - enumerators
- Standard items - name, age, race, sex, marital status, and relation to Head of Household to each individual. Plus other items.
- Recorded by geographical areas called Enumeration Districts - (E.D.)
- "Rolled-up" by City, County, State, etc.
- Controlling agency - Bureau of Census
- Excellent Genealogical Tool
- Most RECENT Census for Genealogy - 1920

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