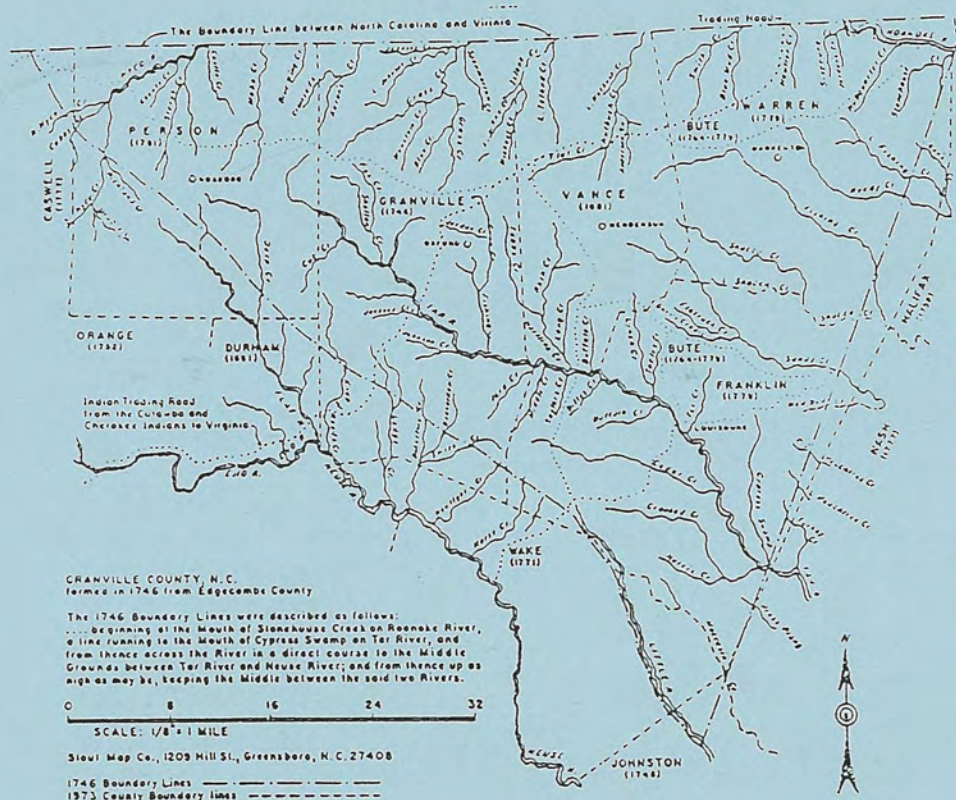


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Map showing ante-bellum and other historic homes and places in Warren County

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4. MILBROOK, NATHAN MILAM HOME, Built 1848
5. Site of old town of MONROE, 1818-1841
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## Woman's Club Column

March 19, 1935

Directed by Mrs. B. W. Parham, Mrs. B. K. Hays

### *Old Plantation Life in Granville.....*

While people of today are much the same as people of ante bellum days and our present day home life doesn't differ so much from that of our grandparents, still there have been some changes. Home is still home, but the life therein is not just just as it was back yonder, one hundred years ago.

Most of the homes then were on large plantations. No railroads, or improved highways and no towns of much size in these parts. Farming was the chief business, and the chief aims of each farmer was to provide in his fields and shops the supplies for his family, his slaves and his livestock. He did not sell much of his product and he did not purchase a great deal from merchants. The plantation was larger than at present, more like a colony or community in itself. The 'big house', or mansion, the kitchen, the cabins for the slaves, the barns, the shops and various other out buildings made up the plantation village.

'Ole Marster' was of course, the chief lord of it all. "Ole Missis", his wife, had not only her family cares, but must look after those negroes in charge, of the various departments of home keeping, entertaining, clothing, and feeding her tribe of whites and negroes. She was first aid in sickness or accident on all the plantation, day or night.

The old squire had his organization of overseer, blacksmith, mason, carpenter, tanner and shoemaker, and the chief lady had her carriage driver, butler, house girl, cook, nurse, weavers, tailors, as well as a cook and nurse down in the quarters for the slaves while the field hands were about their labors, men and women. With the exception of overseer these department heads were all recruited from the colored family.

All of us have seen a few pieces of antique furniture or old equipment handed down from those old days. That you may get an imaginary glimpse of the junk around about one of those old homes I am listing below a few of the articles in the inventory of my great-grandfather who operated a 1200 acre plantation near Trinity church in the early days of last century. The list is dated 1827.

Cash and notes \$8000.00; 32 slaves; 10 horses; 40 cattle; 100 sheep; 150 hogs; 15 plows; 44 hilling, weeding and grubbing hoes; 2 adzes; 5 augurs; 3 saws; set blacksmith tools; set coopers tools; 2 wagons; 1 gig and harness; ox carts; 2 ox rings and staples; 8 pair gear; 7 hogsheads old tobacco; 10 barrels corn; 300 bushels wheat; 22 oat stacks; 25 volumns books; 1 box wafers; 1 hone and case of razors; parcel medicines; barrel tar; parcel of flax; 11 bee hives; 5 saddles; wheat fan; 6 cotton spinning wheels; 2 flax wheels; 1 loom; 1 pair warping bars and loom gear; 1 clock reel and winding blades;; 10 iron pots; 7 ovens; 4 pots, racks and hooks; 1 tripod; 2 flesh forks; pair candle molds; 2 candle snufflers; 2 pigins; 3 pair sheep shears. Several pieces of walnut furniture as follows: sideboard, china press, desk and bookcase, corner cupboard, folding table, candle stands, chest of drawers and knife box. Four candle sticks; 9 feather beds and furniture; 1 dipping box; 2 pair stilyards; parcel hides in tan; 2 pair saddle bags; 40 pieces gun

flint; 94 plates assorted; 1 tea chest; 3 spice bottles; 1 caster; 24 silver spoons; 6 pewter spoons; 38 geese.

Numerous other articles I am leaving out for lack of space. But I will list the 25 volumes of books mentioned: Family Bible (This old Bible was lost some years ago in Nashville, Tenn., much to the regret of the family, as this is the only one missing in the chain of five generations, the oldest one being now in the home of John Graham **WEBB**, Oxford). The other books are: 2 Clark's Commentaries on the New Testament; Walker's Critical Dictionary; Clark and Lewis' Travels; Small Bible Testament; Essays and Poems; Methodist Discipline; Bible Quotations; Walter's Life; 4 Hymn Books; Domestic Cooking; Fletcher's Letters; Martin Dollins Dixonery (?); Harvey's Medicine; Life of Washington; Saint's Rest; Moore's Geography; Catscal Compending (?); Haywood's Justice; Parcel Pamphlets.

There are hundreds of these old inventories recorded in the record books in the Clerk of Court's office..

(In a personal note to the Column, Mr. **WEBB** suggests that a further study of old records be encouraged. The Column will be glad to print contributions pertaining to all features of County History. The suggestion is made that comparison of the values of one hundred or more years ago with those of the present would be instructive. Ed.)

*Hayes Collection, Granville County History I, Vol. 33, Page 55, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC*

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### Oxford & Clarksville R. R. Co.

*Oxford Touch Light, Feb. 3, 1885*

A meeting was held last night for the organization of a company whose purpose it is to take steps necessary for the construction of the railroad from Oxford to Clarksville. The following officers were elected, all of whom were present and accepted:

Dr. H. C. **HERNDON**, President

Mr. R. V. **MINOR**, Superintendent

Mr. J. M. **CURRIN**, Treasurer

Maj. N. A. **GREGORY**, Secretary

Col. J. S. **AMIS**, Attorney

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**ROGERS**, J. G. **HALL**



## ESTATE RECORD of BENJAMIN HESTER

*Submitted by Mildred C. Goss*

A document found in the Granville County estate records in N.C. Archives could help some researchers in their search for their ancestors. The list as appeared on the document listed the heirs of Benjamin **HESTER** late of Granville County, North Carolina in 1832. Although Benjamin **HESTER** and wife Mary Dyer **HESTER** did not have any children of their own, the brothers and sisters children of Benjamin were named as heirs to his estate as well as three other people.

### **Francis HESTER's children**

*Garland - of Tennessee*

William - of Granville

Robert - of Granville

Alfred - of Granville

Frances - of Granville

Mary **HAYES** - widow of Simeon **HAYES** of Granville

Mildred - wife of Solomon **HAYES** of Tennessee

Nancy - wife of William **GORDON** of Granville

### Children of Hugh **CURRIN** (**Mary HESTER**)

John **WASHINGTON** - of Washington County Virginia

Lemuel - of Granville

Wyatt - of Granville

James - of Granville

Larkin - of Granville

Benjamin - of Granville

Fanny - of Granville

Nancy - wife of Lambert **HUDDLESTON** of Granville

Elizabeth - of Granville

Kiziah - of Granville

Susannah - wife of Samuel **BADGETT** of Granville

Mary - wife of Risdon **KNOTT** of Granville

Frances - of Granville

### **Robert HESTER's children**

Charity - widow of John **SNIPES** of Tennessee

Lucy - wife of Thomas **VASS** of Granville

Bennett - of Granville

### **William HESTER'S children**

Robert - of Pitt County (Greenville)

William - of Granville

Jeremiah - of Tennessee

Benjamin - of Tennessee

John - of Granville

Martha - wife of William **ELLIOTT**  
Apphia - wife of John **HUNT**  
Mary - wife of Phillip **YANCEY**  
Jincy - of Tennessee  
Lucy - wife of Absolom **FIELDS** of Tennessee

**John HESTER's** children

Robert - of Stokes  
Elijah - of Stokes  
William - of Stokes  
Benjamin - of Stokes  
Lucy - wife of Phillip **VASS** of Guilford  
Nancy - wife of William **WHICKER** of Stokes County  
Mary - wife of James **WHICKER** of Stokes County  
Martha - wife of Drury **WATSON**  
Elizabeth - wife of Jacob **FRAIZER** of Stokes County  
Faithia - wife of Smith **FRAIZER** of Stokes County

Children of Sowell **FRAIZER**

John - of Stokes County  
Arthur - of Alabama  
William - of Guilford County  
*Smith - of Stokes County*  
Bennett - of Stokes County  
Nancy - wife of Jacob **SMITH** of Alabama  
Charity - wife of Charles **BARHAM** of Stokes County  
Martha - wife of Thomas **WALKER** of Stokes County  
Anna - wife of John **RAIMON** of Alabama

Children of Claiborne **WATSON**

William - of Stokes  
Drury - of Stokes  
Allen - of Guilford  
John - of Granville  
Henry - of Guilford  
Mary - of Guilford  
Susannah - of Guilford  
Anna - wife of Ebenezer **PERRY** of Stokes  
Charity - wife of William **LUFFMAN** of Stokes

Zachariah **HESTER's** children

John - of Tennessee  
Jeremiah - of Tennessee  
Benjamin - of Tennessee  
Hamilton - of Granville  
Nancy - widow of Willie **CURRY** of South Carolina (although the name is spelled **CURRY** it is **CURRIN**)



Fatha - wife of Patrick **O'BRIANT** of Granville  
Elizabeth - wife of John **BATES** of Tennessee  
Affia - wife of Isaac **DUNCAN** of Granville  
Mary - wife of John **GORDEN** of Granville

Brothers and sisters children 71  
Legacy to 3  
William B. **WORRELL** of Franklin  
Thomas **CROCKER** of Franklin  
Willoughby **HUDGINGS** of Warren  
Total of 74

In the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February 1832 a petition of Dower was filed by Mary D. **HESTER**.

To the worshipful the Justices of said court. The petition of Mary D. **HESTER** humbly sheweth that her husband Benjamin **HESTER** departed this life in the month of last past having made a paper writing purporting to be his last will and testament which is now offered for probate and caveated in this worshipful court. And your Petitioner being dissatisfied with the provisions therein made for her, has at the present term of this court signified her dissent thereto.

She further shows that her said husband died seized and possessed of a large real and personal estate- the latter consisting of cash on hand, bonds, notes, and open accounts, Negroes, and stock of all kinds. And she your petitioner is desirous to have assigned her dower in the real estate of her said husband, and also the third of the personal. She shews that Bennett **HESTER** and Samuel R. **PARHAM** have by this worshipful court been appointed administrators pendentelite upon said estate and that the following persons, who are children and heirs at law of her said husband (to wit) the following persons, who are children and heirs at law of Frank **HESTER** brother of said intestate, who died before him namely Garland, William, Robert, Alfred, and Thomas **HESTER** and Frances **HESTER**- Polly **HAYES**, Milley **HAYES** married to Solomon **HAYES**, Nancey **GORDEN** married to William **GORDEN**, and the said Frank **HESTER** has another daughter by the name of Betsy who intermarried with a man by the name of **MORRIS**, both of whom are dead. And she shows that Garland **HESTER** and Solomon **HAYES** and his wife **MILLEY**, live beyond the jurisdiction of this state - the intestate left a brother Zachariah **HESTER**, and a sister Tempe married to Sowell **FRAIZER** - the latter lives in Stokes County - He also had a sister by the name of Nancy married to Henry **WATSON**- She died before intestate leaving the following children whose names and places of abode are unknown to petitioner- He also left a sister Mary **CURRY (CURRIN)**, he had a brother named John who died before him leaving the following children William, Elijah, Robert, Benjamin, Lucy married to Phillip **VASS**, Nancy married to William **WICKER** - Mary married to James **WICKER** - Faithy married to Smith **FRAIZER**- Martha married to Drury **WATSON** - Elizabeth married to Jacob **FRAIZER**, all of whom reside in Guilford County with the exception of Phillip **VASS** and wife Lucy who have removed out of this state to parts unknown to petitioner - The decd. had another brother named Robert who died before him leaving the following children, Charity **SNIPES** being in Tennessee, Bennett and Robert **HESTER** and Nancy married to Thomas **VASS** who reside in this county - Petitioner had another named William who died before him

leaving the following children (towit) Patsy married to William **ELLIOTT**, Atha married to John **HUNT**, William and John **HESTER** who reside in this county - and Mary married to Philip **YANCEY** - Jincy and Lucy married to persons whose names are unknown and Robert **HESTER**, Jeremiah and Benjamin **HESTER** all of whom have removed to parts unknown to your petitioner. That Betsy **MORRIS** the daughter of Frank **HESTER** left the following children (towit) Henderson **MORRIS**, Asa **MORRIS**, Coley **MORRIS**, Matilda **MORRIS**, Jincy married to Thomas **TIPPETT**.

Your petitioner prays that process may issue against said administrators and against said heirs to make them parties hereto and is unduly bound she will ever pray.

T. **NASH**, Sol.

State of North Carolina

Granville County November Court 1831

This petitioner coming on to be heard; it is ordered and adjudged by the court, that the sheriff summon a jury of good and lawful men connected to the parties neither by affinity nor consanguinity and impanel the same, to view, lay off and allot to the petitioner her dower; and her third of the personal estate mentioned in the foregoing petition agreeably to her prayer as therein set forth; and that they make report thereof under their hands and seals to next court.

witness Stephen **SNEED**, Clk.

Mary D. **HESTER** - Petition for Dower

Benj. **HESTER** adm & others

To February Court 1832

To hand 26th Nov. Jury summoned sworn & impaneled Report herewith returned.

L. **GILLIAM**, Shff.

Submitters note; One son of Hugh **CURRIN** (Mary **HESTER**) was not listed because he had died several years before his uncle in South Carolina. The son was named Willie. Willie had married his first cousin Nancy **HESTER** in Granville County on 21 February 1806 and apparently moved to South Carolina.

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## **GRANVILLE BASE BALL CLUB**

*Oxford Torch Light, Apr. 4, 1885*

The following is the composition of the Granville Base Ball club for this season as to home players: J.C. **HORNER**, Right Field and Captain; J. S. **HUNT**, First Base; Thos. **WHITE, jr**, Second Base; C.H. **EASTON**, Third Base; R. P. **TAYLOR**, Left Field; S. W. **COOPER**, Short Stop; E. R. **AMIS**, Centre Field; J. G. **HALL**, Umpire; H. G. **COOPER**, MANAGER; J. G. **HUNT**, Scorer; J. M. **CURRIN**, President until his successor is chosen.

A first class professional battery will support them. Mr. Gus **ROUNDTREE**, an old member of the club is now in New York City looking up the finest battery that can be found. This club proposes to hold the championship regardless of consequences.



*Ancestors of Maylon James Earley, Jr.*

Jefferson Earley  
b: Abt 1850 in North Carolina

Herbert James Earley  
b: January 05, 1887  
m: October 14, 1908 in Kittrell, NC.  
d: December 17, 1929 in Richmond, VA.

Indian Bride  
b: Abt 1860

Maylon James Earley  
b: July 30, 1909 in Henderson NC.  
m: May 28, 1953 in Richmond, VA.  
d: January 02, 1986 in Cartersville, VA.

June W. Grissom

Effe B. Grissom  
b: January 24, 1888 in Vance, N.C.  
d: October 09, 1947 in Richmond, VA.

Martha York

Maylon James Earley, Jr.  
b: July 26, 1955 in Richmond, VA.

Thomas Jackson Paschall  
b: January 19, 1843  
m: April 28, 1875 in Warren County, North Carolina  
d: in Warren County, North Carolina

Walter Jackson Paschall  
b: January 27, 1881 in Warren Co., NC  
m: October 01, 1919 in North Carolina  
d: August 13, 1942 in Warren County, North Carolina

Margaret W. Pierce  
b: November 19, 1843 in Virginia  
d: November 05, 1924 in Warren Co., NC

Joyce Peete Paschall  
b: May 21, 1931 in Warren County, North Carolina.

William Henderson Felts  
b: November 19, 1852 in Warren County, N.C.  
m: May 04, 1888  
d: August 15, 1915 in North Carolina

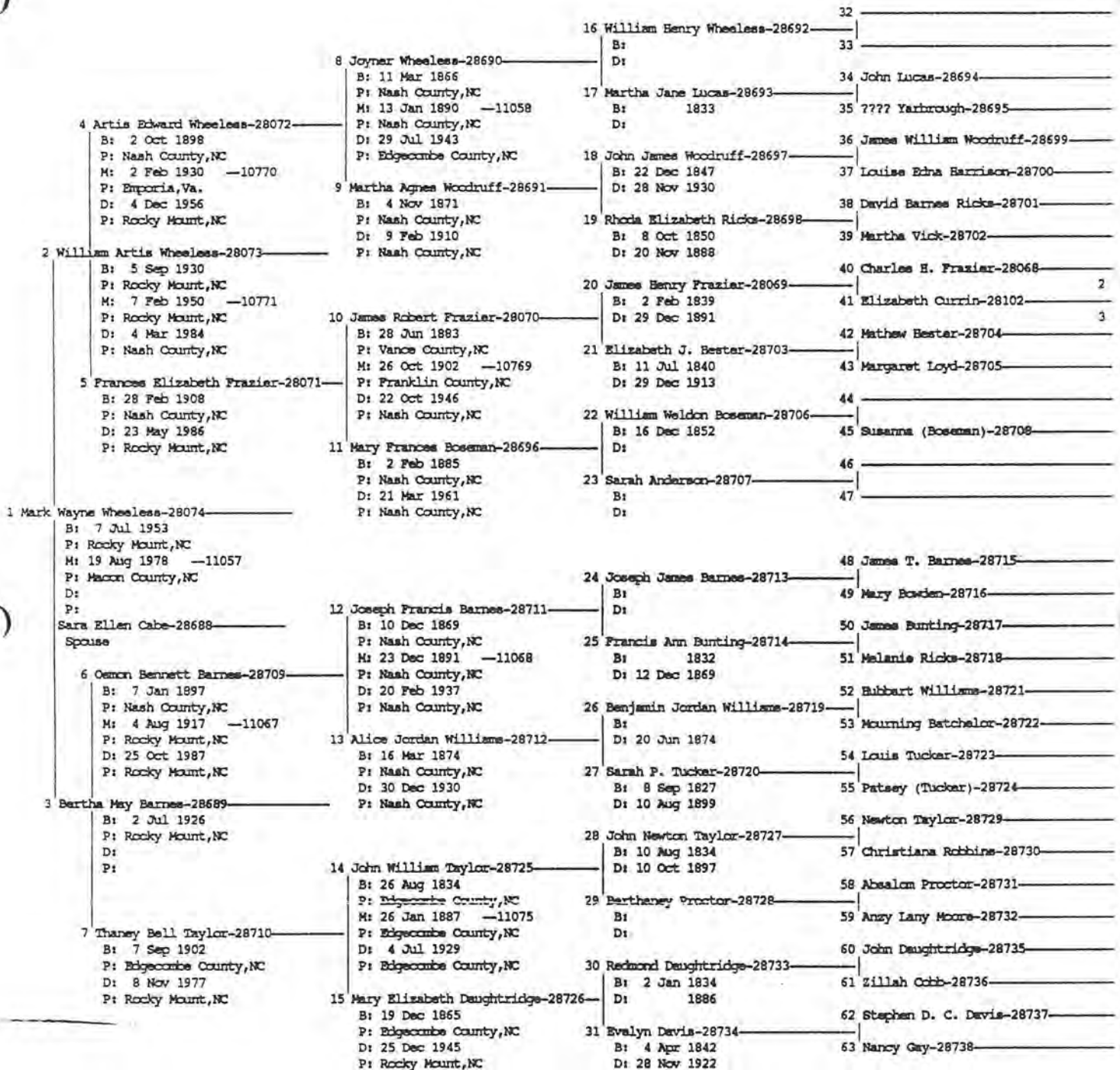
Nannie Right Felts  
b: July 04, 1905 in North Carolina  
d: November 17, 1985 in Warren Co., NC

Sarah Louise Wilson  
b: March 22, 1868 in Richmond, Virginia  
d: March 29, 1947 in Graham County, North Carolina

PEDIGREE CHART

18 Nov 1993

Chart no. 1



GRAVILLE/VANCE lines

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Raleigh, NC  
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## Bond and Bann Marriages (1741 – 1868)

“Getting married in 1965? Just be glad, especially if you are a man that the date doesn’t go back a century ago to between 1741 and 1868.

During those days, the prospective groom had to put a \$50 or \$500 bond behind his promise to be married. If he changed his mind about the girl of his choice, he lost that amount of money to the State. He also lost it if either party was discovered to be hiding the fact that they were not “free, white, or 21”.

Yes, that was the law in those days. Either that or the groom had to ask his minister to announce the approaching marriage three times in the church on three consecutive Sundays. And if no objections were raised during this time from anyone in the congregation, the bride would be free to walk down the aisle. But one complaint backed up by sound reasons could stop the entire marriage procession.

This latter type of marriage was known as marriage by bann and was probably quite hard on the nerves of both the bride-to-be and the bride-groom-to-be. After deciding that they wanted to be married, they had to wait three weeks to see whether or not they could!

However, people in colonial North Carolina must have had nerves of steel. More than two-thirds of the weddings performed in this state between 1741 and 1868 were of the bann type rather than the bond type.

The law for those 87 years was quite strict about both types of weddings. The groom-to-be, the bondsman, and a witness signed the marriage bond. The name of the bride also appeared there.

For historical purposes, these bonds are as valuable to North Carolinians today as they were to young couples then. They are the only records that we have of marriages in this state from 1741 – 1868. Few of the bann marriages were recorded publicly.

In 1868 the present day marriage license came into existence. They only require a future husband to put up \$5 – a far cry from \$50 or \$500 – and a bann marriage law cannot be found in recent legal books.

The big step is easier to take now.

*(Ref: Times Staff Writer “The Raleigh Times Newspaper”, Raleigh, North Carolina)*

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While at the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew his driver’s license, the clerk asked Caleb if he would like to be an organ donor. Scratching his head and thinking a moment he replied, “We don’t have an organ, but my wife has a piano she might let you use. *copied*”

Granville County Marriages 1871

*Abstracted by Mildred C. Goss*

Part 1 of 4

Allen, Frank - colored - son of Ben Allen and Jane Allen & Narcissus Williams daughter of Ned Williams and Lethe Williams on 16 July 1871 by B.D. Howard, JP.

Allen, Rufus H. - colored - son of Joseph B. Allen and Julia Allen & Marthy F. Mangum daughter of James Y. Mangum and Manerry Mangum on 5 November 1871 by W.A. Atkinson, MG.

Allen, Scott - colored - son of Willis Slaughter and lilla Allen & Christiana Cooper daughter of Henry Cooper and Nancy Cooper on 28 December 1871 by Dennis Anderson, MG.

Alston, Edmond - colored - son of Green Roane and Pallace Alston & Katy Alston daughter of James Alston and Martina Alston on 20 December 1871 by Richd. G. Sneed, JP.

Amis, James - colored - son of Toreless Puryear and Emily Amis & Fannie Thorp daughter of Lowel Thorp and Ann Thorp on 23 December 1871 by Richard D. Jones, JP.

Arrington, Richard - son of not known and not known & Susan Daniel daughter of Jessie Daniel and not known on 4 May 1871 by R.I. Devin, MG.

Bailey, Isriel N. - son of Allen Bailey and Susan A. Bailey & Anna B. Hockaday daughter of James M. Hockaday and Winfield M. Hockaday on 26 February 1871 by W.A. Atkinson, MG.

Bailey, John H. - son of John H. Bailey and Sarah S. Bailey & Lucy Adcock daughter of Burgess Adcock and Catherine Adcock on 27 August 1871 by Maurice S. Daniel, JP.

Bass, Peter - colored - son of Dick Bass and Nelly Bass & Beady Day daughter of Robert Day and Becky Day on 27 June 1871.

Beck, William A. - son of David Beck and Becky Beck & Mary E. Bird daughter of Jack Bird and Edney Bird on 24 December 1871 by W.A. Atkinson, JP.

Berry, Henry - colored - son of Julius Berry and Nancy Berry & Annie Howell daughter of not known and not known on 12 April 1871 by Robert I. Devin, MG.

Bird, Micajah - son of Jim Holden and Betsy Bird & Gillie Brooks daughter of Hilman Petterford and Elizabeth Pettiford on 15 June 1871 by Robert Garner, JP.

Bobbitt, Fell M. - son of Jno J. Bobbitt and A.J. Bobbitt & Cary Jackson daughter of Ranson Jackson and Martha C. Jackson on 9 February 1871 by Robert Garner, JP.

Boon, Alexr. - colored - son of Willis Boon and Ella Boon & Jinnie Curtis daughter of Chas Curtis and Nancy Curtis on 25 January 1871 by Lewis C. Ragland, MG.



Bowling, Jos. - son of Jno Bowling and Christina Bowling & Bettie Meadows daughter of Alexr. Spencer and Susan Meadows on 9 August 1871 by J.H. Webb, JP.

Brame, Joseph T. - son of Samuel Brame and Nancy J. Brame & Ella R. Wilkerson daughter of Stephen Wilkerson and Emily Wilkerson on 11 October 1871 by H.H. Gibbons.

Brame, Samuel - colored - son of Jerry Brame and Martha Brame & Ella Reavis daughter of Jack Reavis and Nancy Reavis on 8 day of June 1871 by S.P.J. Harris, MG.

Bratcher, Edmond - colored - son of Bannister Bratcher and Mary Bratcher & Piety Cooper daughter of Phill Cooper and Mary Cooper on 20 December 1871 by J.M. Satterwhite, JP.

Breedlove, Ike - son of M.H. Breedlove and Martha P. Breedlove & Lessie (Celestia) Hunt daughter of Joseph P. Hunt and Martha Hunt on 11 January 1871 by L.K. Wilkie, MG.

Briggs, Wm. - son of Henry Briggs and Rachiel Briggs & Rachiel Bowling daughter of Chesley Bowling and Sally Bowling on 1 March 1871 by J.H. Webb, JP.

Brown, Rufus - son of Wm. Brown and Matilda Brown & Arabella House daughter of Macon House and M. House on 19 October 1871 by W.A. Barnett.

Brown, Willis - son of John Brown and Eliza A. Brown & Fannie Mitchell daughter of S.W. Mitchell and Francis Mitchell on 22 February 1871 by J.H. Webb, JP.

Bullock, Ruben - son of Ruben Bullock and Dicey Bullock & Luda Hays daughter of Alvin Hayes and Milly Hayes on 25 January 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.

Bullock, Thomas - son of George Bullock and Malinda Bullock & Lisa Stem daughter of William Stem and Stem on 2 February 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.

Burton, Harry - (see HENDERSON) to Lell Hawkins on 11 May 1871.

Burwell, Baldy colored - son of Burwell and & Leatha Eaton daughter of Thos Eaton and Annie Eaton on 2 January 1871 by Richd. G. Snead, JP.

Burwell, Cyrus - colored - son of Cyrus Burwell and Hannah Burwell & Clara Cheatham daughter of Jery Cheatham and Sallie Cheatham on 26 December 1871 by Braxton Hunt.

Burwell, Edmond - son of Oschar Burwell and Mariah Burwell & Cynthia Tinsbloom daughter of not known and not known on 27 December 1871 by Jeff Burwell.

Byram, George - son of Wm. Byram and Elizabeth Byram & Malissa Johnson daughter of William Johnson and Mary Johnson on 7 February 1871 by S.P.J. Harris, MG.

Callis, Saml. - son of Jas. Callis and Prudence Callis & Harriet C. Ellington daughter of Albert Ellington and Mary Ellington on 22 November 1871 by J.A. Stradley, MG.

Cameron, John - colored - son of Norvell Benehan and Polly Cameron & Minnie Mordecai daughter of Dudley Mordecai and Clarissa Mordicai on 23 April 1871 by Jno B. Green, JP.

Cawthon, Charles R. - son of James H. Cawthon and Phibee Cawthon & Evaline H. Davis daughter of Harrison Davis and Fannie Davis on 31 December 1871 by J.A. Stradley, MG.

Chappell, Robt. G. - son of Redding Chappell and Louisa Chappell & Louisa Jeffries daughter of Willis Jeffries and Martha A. Jeffries on 14 November 1871 by Wm. E. Bullock, JP.

Chavis, DeWitt - colored - son of Richd. Chavis and Mary Chavis & Hannah Green daughter of Soloman Green and Caroline Green on 2 December 1871 by J.H. Webb, JP.

Cheatham, James - colored - son of Virgel Harris and Judy Cheatham & Hannah Hammie daughter of Saml. Hammie and Mary Hammie on 23 February 1871 by Francis House, MG.

Clarke, Geo. H. - son of John Clarke and Harriet A. Clarke & Martha A. Cooke daughter of Jas R. Cooke and Margaret Cooke on 10 July 1871 by W.A. Belvin, JP.

Clayton, Solomon T. - son of William Clayton and Eliza Clayton & Vander White daughter of William White and Elizabeth White on 24 December 1871 by R.T. Overton, JP.

Clement, Major - colored - son of Elijah Clement and Patsy Gooch & Mariah Cooper daughter of Henry Cooper and Nancy Cooper on 14 January 1871 by B. Smith, JP.

Clements, Albert - colored - son of Henry Davis and Barbara Clements & Margaret Glenn daughter of not known and not known on 4 February 1871 by J.H. Webb, JP.

Clements, Anderson - colored - son of Elijah Clements and Patsey Clements & Margaret Harris daughter of Fielding Harris and Franky Harris on 30 November 1871 by Lewis C. Ragland, MG.

Cliborne, William S. - son of James L. Cliborne and Nancy Cliborne & Elizabeth G. Hite daughter of Thomas Hite and Elizabeth Hite on 9 January 1871 by Richard D. Jones, JP.

Connell, Joseph - son of George Connell and Mary Connell & Ella Haithcock daughter of Daniel Haithcock and Haithcock on 2 October 1871 by T.J. Horner, MG.

Cooper, Joseph - colored - son of Chas Cooper and Pheobe Cooper & Ce Howard daughter of Wate Howard and Mallissa Howard on 30 December 1871 by Dennis Anderson, MG.

Cotton, R.S. - colored - son of Saml. Cotton and Mary J. Cotton & Eliza Ridley daughter of not known and Martha Ridley on 20 March 1871 by Francis House, MG.

Cozart, Anderson - son of        and        & Sophia Bird daughter of        and        on 8 December 1871 by B.D. Howard, JP.

Cozart, Green - colored - son of Charles Cozart and Marriah Cozart & Delia Walker daughter of Thomas Walker on 5 January 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.

Cozart, W.W. - son of James C. Cozart and Jane Cozart & E.A. Lyon daughter of William Lyon and Elizabeth Lyon on 14 January 1871 by B.B. Hester, MG.

Crews, Allen - colored - son of not known and not known & Issabella Barnes daughter of Harry Barnes and Liza Barnes on 22 February 1871 by W.S. Hester, MG.

Crews, Ike - colored - son of Andrew Fleming and Hannah Crews & Lizzie Pittard daughter of Jacob Pittard and Mary Pittard on 10 April 1871 by Cuffee Mayo, JP.

Crews, James - son of Armsted Amis and Kitty Crews & Elizabeth Hester daughter of Henry Hester and Susan Hester on 13 January 1871 by L.K. Willie.

Crowder, Isaac - colored - son of Ned Young and Milly Crowder & Rosa Taylor daughter of Maclaine Taylor and Emily Ferrill on 1 January 1871 by Richard D. Jones, JP.

Cunningham, Stephen R. - son of G. W. Cunningham and Susan T. Cunningham & Lucy O. Grissom daughter of Jackson Grissom and Polly Grissom on 21 December 1871 by A.D. Betts, MG.

Currin, Stephen - son of Abner Currin and Phoebe Currin & Martha Daniel daughter of Elijah Daniel and Lucy Daniel on 16 November 1871 by J.M. Satterwhite, JP.

Curtis, Peter - colored - son of Chas Kimball and Nelly Curtis & Celena Cozart daughter of Sam Cozart and Rosa Cozart on 15 January 1871 by G.W. Ferrill, MG.

Daniel, Simon - colored - son of Simon Gregory and Isabella Daniel & Emma Jones daughter of Hardy Jones and Bettie Jones on 4 April 1871 by G.W. Ferrill, MG.

Dannell, James - colored - son of Phil Satterwhite and Sarah Dannell & Inez Magby daughter of Davy Magby and Emily Magby on 12 February 1871 by J.M. Satterwhite, JP.

Day, Henry - colored - son of Jacob Townsend and Mary Day & Lucy Smith daughter of Jos Smith and Ritta Smith on 24 May 1871 by Edmond Bradsher, MG.

Day, Kindul - son of Anderson Allen and Nicy Day & Jane Williford daughter of not known and Nancy Curtis on 18 September 1871 by B.D. Howard, JP.

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Departed loved ones stay near in the form of an angel. *Copied*



## THE GRANVILLE GRAYS

*Oxford Torch Light, Feb 3, 1885*

*submitted by Leonard Dean*

At the meeting held Saturday night for the purpose of organizing a military company there were enrolled forty men and W. A. **BOBBIT** was elected Capt.; H.G. **COOPER** 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and A.W. **ALLEN** 2<sup>ND</sup> Lieutenant. The Granville Grays was the name adopted. The Captain appointed the following officers: Surgeon Capt., E.T. **WHITE**, Ensign W.T. **WILLIAMS**; Orderly Sergeant, J. A. **TAYLOR**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant, J.F. **ROGERS**; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sergeant, Tom **WHITE, Jr.**, 4<sup>th</sup> Sergeant, J.F. **ROLER**, 5<sup>th</sup> Sergeant, J.G. **HUNT**. 1<sup>st</sup> Color Corporal, W. A. **BURWELL**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Color Corporal, T.B. **JEFFREYS**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Corporal, J.B. **BOOTH**, 4<sup>th</sup> Corporal, J. S. **LASSITER**.

## ENCOURAGE THE BOYS

*Oxford Torch Light, Feb 3, 1885*

*To the Citizens and Ladies of Oxford.....*

At a meeting of the young men on January the 31<sup>st</sup>, it was decided to organize a military company in Oxford to be known as the "Granville Grays" Of the uses and needs of such an organization it is needless to speak. It is the method of defense adopted by the statute law of the State. Personal pleasure and amusement does not prompt the movement but a consciousness that the security of peace demands it. Its necessity now may not be apparent but who can penetrate the dark and misty veil of the future and foretell the emergencies to which we may be subjected?

The valuable service which similar organizations have furnished in all parts of our country should alone be sufficient to cause every citizen to give it all the encouragement that he can. Without this we cannot succeed. With it we feel sure that we shall bring no reproach upon that name at the sound of every heart in Granville County that admires patriotism and bravery beats with fond recollections. More than a score years ago a similar organization was formed in Granville County under the same name, but for a far different purpose. That was to render immediate service in one of those future emergencies which the human mind cannot foretell. They went forth at their country's call and out of the long conflict in which they engaged so zealously they came reduced in numbers but with a name that will be synonymous with bravery and courage, so long as those virtues are admired by mankind. As a mark of appreciation of their noble deeds and in honor of those who fell beneath the standard of the "Granville Grays" we have adopted their name.

Realizing the fact that no enterprise can succeed without the encouragement of the people, we appeal to the citizens and especially to the ladies of Oxford for their aid. It is duty and not amusement that prompt us. Ought we not then to have your aid? We shall watch with much anxiety the efforts that are made for its success.

## GRANVILLE GRAYS

*Oxford Torch Light, Feb. 10, 1885*

A civil meeting of the Granville Grays held at the Odd Fellows Lodge rooms last Friday night. The following gentleman were elected officers to serve for the next twelve months: Mr. R. V. **MINOR**, President; Sheriff J. A. **CREWS**, Vice-President; Mr. T. M. **ONWASHINGTON**, Secretary. Eleven new members were enrolled. Messrs. H. G. **COOPER**, A. W. **ALLEN**, and J. F. **ROGERS** were appointed a committee to wait upon the ladies of the town to solicit their aid.

Messrs. J. B. **ROLLER**, E. T. **WHITE**, C. H. **LANDIS**, C. P. **HESTER** AND J. A. **TAYLOR** were appointed a committee to confer with the business men of Oxford in regard to contributions.

It was decided for the present until a constitution and by-laws are adopted, to hold civil meeting the third Monday night in every month.

A vote of thanks were extended to General Mat. **TAYLOR** of Wilmington, for valuable assistance rendered in the organization of the company.

## GRANVILLE GRAYS

*Oxford Torch Light, Feb. 24, 1885*

### MUSTER ROLL

The Granville Grays sent in their muster roll last week. The following are the names signed: W. A. **BOBBITT**, Captain; H. G. **COOPER**, 1<sup>ST</sup> Lieutenant; A. W. **ALLEN**, 2<sup>ND</sup> Lieutenant; J. A. **TAYLOR**, Orderly Sergeant; J. F. **ROGERS**, 2<sup>ND</sup> Sergeant; Thos. **WHITE, JR.**, 3<sup>RD</sup> Sergeant; J. B. **ROLLER**, 4<sup>TH</sup> Sergeant; J. G. **HUNT**, 5<sup>TH</sup> Sergeant; Dr. E. T. **WHITE**, Captain Surgeon; W. T. **WILLIAMS**, Ensign; W. A. **BURWELL**, 1<sup>ST</sup> Corporal; T. B. **JEFFRESS**, 2<sup>ND</sup> Corporal; J. B. **BOOTH**, 3<sup>RD</sup> Corporal; J. S. **LASSITER**, 4<sup>TH</sup> Corporal; Privates T. M. **WASHINGTON**; J. J. **DAVIS**; G. W. **KNOTT**; A. B. **SPENCER**; S. M. **BOBBITT**; M. F. **ADCOCK**; R. P. **TAYLOR**; J. S. **HUNT**; B. F. **KRONHEIMER**; J. N. **LYON**; S. W. **COOPER**; C. H. **LANDIS**; A. A. **HICKS**; H. W. **JONES**; W. A. **GREGORY**; CHAS. D. **HUNT**; R. I. **HART**; N. H. **WHITFIELD**; R. L. **TILLEY**; W. D. **LYNCH**; J. H. **BRYAN**; J. S. **HESTER**; J. D. **BROOKS**; J. A. **WHITE**; DR. J. S. **MEADOWS**; W. P. **WILLIAMS**; C. P. **HESTER**; T. N. **BURWELL**; J. H. **SMITH**; A. S. **DAVIS**; C. H. **EASTON**.

## BLUE OR GRAY

*Oxford Torch Light, Mar. 24, 1885*

Concerning the Uniform of the State Guard: In your last issue there was an article relative to the organization and uniforming of the Granville Grays, which we do not hesitate to say was in bad taste and a reflection upon the company. We are inclined to the opinion that if the party who was

complaining to the editor had been selected as commander of the company, the article would not have appeared or the complaint made. We may not be quite as old as the author of the complaint referred to, but we do claim to have common sense and judgment. The Granville Grays was organized as a volunteer company under an act of the Gen. Assembly of North Carolina which constituted the North Carolina State Guard. That act of the Legislature it is true gives to the companies the absolute right to select their own uniform, to be approved by the Governor and Commander in Chief. The Adjutant General of the State, without consulting the pleasure or wishes of the State Guard, published his General Order, prescribing this blue uniform for the Guard. When we organized the Granville Grays, we were informed that before commissions would be issued, we must order the State uniform of blue. We were left no options in the premises, hence the Granville Grays wear the blue uniform. We are very free to confess, that if the subject had been left to the State Guard, the blue or the grays, the gray would have voted for by an overwhelming majority and we believe unanimously. We therefore insist that it was most unjust in your informant and in bad taste to say the least of it, to say: "The youngsters adopted the name of the old organization and parade with Yankee uniforms." To be a member of the State Guard this uniform was obliged to be worn.

We know the fact that there are now at least eight or ten companies who were allowed to adopt their own uniform when they organized, who declare they will disband before they will discard the gray. They claim justly that the act under which they were organized them the right to select their own dress and they pay every dollar for it and driven the way they have been to accept the blue. That is why the Granville Grays wear the blue uniform and not from their own choice or selection, but because the Adjutant General of the State chooses to do so ordered.

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## Marguerites

Beat together until very light, one pound of butter, and one pound of sugar; sift a pound of flour, take the yolks of twelve eggs and beat them until very thick and smooth; pour them into the flour and add the beaten butter and sugar; stir in grated nutmeg, and a wine glass of rose-water; mix the whole together until it becomes a lump of dough; flour the paste board and lay the dough upon it, sprinkle it with flour and roll it out about half an inch thick and cut it into round cakes; flour a tin, put the cakes on so as not to touch and bake them five minutes in a quick oven; if too cold the cakes will run; when the cakes are cold lay on each a large lump of currant or other fruit jelly; take the whites of the eggs and beat them until they stand alone; then add sugar enough to make the consistency of icing; flavor it with anything you like, heap up with a spoon a pile of icing on each cake over the jelly; set them in a cool oven till the icing becomes firm and of a pale brown color.

*The Carolina Housewife by Sarah Rutledge*

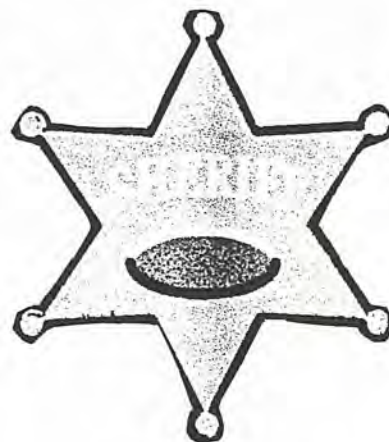


## OFFICIALS BONDS 1748 - 1849

*Abstracted by Mildred C. Goss*

### Sheriffs

1748	James Paine	1806	Maurice Smith
1750	John Martin	1807	Maurice Smith
1752	William Eaton	1808	Maurice Smith
1754	Samuel Henderson	1809	Maurice Smith
1756	William Johnson	1810	Maurice Smith
1758	Phillemon Hawkins	1811	Maurice Smith
1760	Thomas Person	1812	Maurice Smith
1761	Thomas Person	1813	Maurice Smith
1762	Phillip Pryor	1816	John Washington
1765	Phillip Pryor	1817	Nathaniel Robards
1766	James Yancey	1819	Nathaniel Robards
1768	Henry Bullock	1820	Nathaniel Robards
1770	Robert Harris	1821	Nathaniel Robards
1770	Henley Bullock	1822	Nathaniel Robards
1771	Robert Harris	1823	Nathaniel Robards
1772	William Bullock	1824	Nathaniel Robards
1774	John Pope	1825	Nathaniel Robards
1777	Ben Wade	1826	Nathaniel Robards
1779	David Mitchell	1827	Nathaniel Robards
1780	Elijah Mitchell	1828	Nathaniel Robards
1782	Thornton Yancey	1831	Leslie Gilliam
1783	Charles Rust Eaton	1839	Leslie Gilliam
1783	Thornton Yancey	1840	Leslie Gilliam
1784	Charles Rust Eaton	1842	Joseph H. Gooch
1785	William Hunt	1843	Joseph H. Gooch
1786	William Hunt	1844	Joseph H. Gooch
1787	John Young	1846	Joseph H. Gooch
1788	John Young	1847	Joseph H. Gooch
1789	Samuel Smith	1848	Joseph H. Gooch
1790	Samuel Smith	1849	Joseph H. Gooch
1791	Micajah Bullock		
1793	John Dickerson		
1794	John Dickerson		
1795	Robert Burton		
1797	Lewis Yancey		
1798	Lewis Yancey		
1799	Zachariah Higgs		
1800	Zachariah Higgs		
1801	William Gill		
1802	William Gill		
1803	Maurice Smith		
1804	Maurice Smith		
1805	Maurice Smith		



## 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<sup>th</sup> 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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1-98 *James D. Thomas, 1448 S. Macon St., Aurora, CO 80012-4131*  
*E-mail:JTOMCO@aol.com*

William **MADISON** died in Granville Co. between August 1814 and November 1816. He and Peyton **MADISON** owned land in Granville and Orange Counties, perhaps adjacent to each other along the county lines. Peyton had land as early as 1780 and both witnessed deeds for George **LAWS**, Senior. The Orange Co. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 29 May 1792, Administration of the Estate of John **MADISON** was granted to Peyton **MADISON** in Bond with Isaac **HICKS** and George **LAWS**. What was the relationship of William, Peyton and John **MADISON**? When and where was William **MADISON** born? How old was John **MADISON** when he died? I am interested in any information on these **MADISONs**.

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2-98 *Sandra G. Aiken, 3166 Tump Wilkins Rd, Stem, NC 27581 E-mail: aikenssa@gte.net*

William Harrison **AIKEN** was born 12 July 1865 or 1855 ?? in Granville Co., NC and he married Louetta (Lula) **BLALOCK** born 18 Sept 1859 in Orange Co., NC. Her parents were Harten **BLALOCK** and Martha ?. Harten **BLALOCK'S** parents were Barnett **BLALOCK** and Prudence **OAKLEY**. On the 1850 census Barnett **BLALOCK** was age 52, a farmer and was living with his wife and five children. Who is William **AIKEN'S** parents? Where did he come from? Any information will be helpful.

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3-98 *Aneita Allen, 1640 C.R. 79, Butler, IN 46721 E-mail: aneitaa@hotmail.com*

Who were the three children of Major **MITCHELL** (son of James Jr. and Frances **Robinson**) and Molley **WIGGINS** (son of Thomas) who married in Granville Co. in 1778? My best guess is my John **MITCHELL** who married Fanny **BUSBY** in Sumner Co. TN. in 1808, Nancy who married William **BUSBY** in 1803 and Sealy who married Thomas **WIGGINS** in 1802. Does anyone have a better guess? (submitted in '97; lost in mail)

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4-98 Aneita Allen, 1640 C.R. 79, Butler, IN 46721 E-mail: aneitaa@hotmail.com

Looking for any information on the **BUSBY** family. In Granville Co.: James married Nancy **BRINKLEY** in 1794, Elizabeth married William **LAWHORN** in 1801, Sally married William **MORRIS** in 1802, William married Nancy **MITCHELL** in 1803, James was administrator of John's estate in 1803. I think they all moved to Sumner Co. TN. where Fanny and Stephen married in 1808 and 1810.

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5-98 Frances Ragan Stroup, P O Box 683, Spruce Pine, NC 28777-0683

If you have found any gravestones of **RAGAN**'s, please let me know about them. I am researching the **RAGAN** lineage.

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6-98 James F. Jones, 1317 Asbury Rd, Richmond, VA 23229-5305

I need justifiable proof of the father and mother of John **JONES**. His tombstone indicates that he was born in Virginia, in 1750. A journal of my great grandfather, Stephen Collis **JONES** indicates that John was born in Mecklenburg County, VA. There is a prevailing rumor that his father was Benjamin **JONES** and he had 26 sons and 1 daughter and came to the colonies by the way of Bermuda.

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7-98 David Alexander Peace # 4 Judkins Court, Greensboro, NC. 27407

Seeking information on my enslaved ancestors Phillip **PEACE** born 2-1-1818, died 5-16-1908 and Doctor **PEACE** born 12-26-1827, died 6-19-1906 in Granville County. Seeking information pertaining to their slave owners Susannah Mariah **PEACE** died around 1850 and Thomas I. **GREGORY**. Refer to Deed Book # 12 (1844, pp 498 – 499) also of New Jonathan Creek Baptist Church. I'd like to know where did Susannah Mariah **PEACE** obtain these slaves from? Thomas I. **GREGORY**'s wife was named Lucy, a daughter of Lucy and son I. F. **GREGORY**.

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Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.



## **Ancient Knap of Reeds Baptist Church Has Fine Record of Christian Service**

*Durham Herald-Sun, Sunday, February 22, 1942*

*By Carl H. Ragland*

### ***Today Marks Perhaps The Last Worship In Its Present Site***

Knap of Reeds Baptist Church located in Section B of Grandurson Camp area, was constituted about 1845 by members of Eno, Cedar Creek, Camp Creek, and Tar River Baptist (not Primitive Baptist) churches who were not in sympathy with the anti-mission views of their respective churches.

It was received into the Flat River Baptist Association as a new church in 1846.

The first building, 1846-1856, was of logs. It was located in Orange (now Durham) County, about 3 1-2 miles west of the present site.

The second building, 1856-1904, was a frame structure.

The third, or present, building was built in 1904. It is a T-shaped, frame structure with a main auditorium, one assembly room, and 10 Sunday School rooms. The main auditorium has frosted glass windows and the Sunday School rooms have plain glass windows. It has a seating capacity of 300. The building has a basement, a steeple, and is provided with a Delco light system.

Names and the number of charter members are unknown, but records indicate that there were 46 members during the first year (1846), 159 members in 1941.

Knap of Reeds delegates to the Flat River Association in 1846 were: **D. UMSTEAD, W. PARISH, and J. PEED**. Among delegates for the years 1847-1884 were the following: Lewis **ROBERTS**, William S. **PARRISH**, John **KING**, Thomas **GROOM**, Willie **ASHLEY**, Elisha **UMSTEAD**, Bedford **VAUGHAN**, Sherman **PEED**, Henderson **TILLEY**, Milton **WASHINGTON**, William **BOLING**, Thomas **GREEN**, John **NANCE**, J. P. **MONTAGUE**, G. W. **WHEELER**, M. W. B. **VEASEY**, A. **OAKLEY**, M. B. **WALLER**, K. T. **ROYCROFT**, and William **TIPPETT**.

These delegates' names represent most of the families with Knap of Reeds Church throughout its history. Among other family names in the records are: **CURRIN, FORSYTHE, BRINKLEY, WALKER, BULLOCK, TEASLEY, LATTA, JONES, EUBANKS, HEDGEPEETH, McNEER, RIGSBEE, HALL, FRAZIER, ATWATER**.

**Faithful Pastors:** There is a long list of honorable and faithful pastors. William E. **OAKLEY** was perhaps the first. His post office was given as Knap of Reeds, and his name is mentioned often in the "minutes of the Flat River Baptist Association". A sketch of his life is included in the "History of Grassy Creek Church", by R. I. **DEVIN**.

Rev. Mr. **OAKLEY** was followed by W. A. **ATKINSON**, whose home was in Wake Forest. He is also mentioned in the two publications listed above. These pastors were of the old school and were pioneer builders.

Then came Dr. R. H. **MARSH**, pastor in Flat River Baptist Association for more than half a century, and of Hester Church for about 48 years. He is one of the outstanding lights in North Carolina Baptist history; and was noted for his tact, his wisdom, and his scholarship.

Next pastor was J. A. **STRADLEY**, a man famous for his spirit of humility, patience, and faithfulness to duty. He did a great mission work in the Flat River Association, in recognition of which the association erected a monument to his memory at his grave. (His father, Thomas **STRADLEY**, an Englishman, founded Mount Pleasant Church, which is now the First Baptist Church of Asheville.”

The next pastor was N. S. **JONES**, of Raleigh. Then came Dr. Willis R. **CULLOM**, who was a student in Wake Forest College at the time. He later founded and was first head of the Department of Religion at Wake Forest, serving in this capacity from September 1896 until June 1938. He is now professor emeritus of Bible, and is still active in the service of the church, as a preacher and in other ways.

Next came A. A. **BUTLER** of Durham. He was followed by H. H. **MASHBURN** of Wake Forest. Next in order were M. A. **ADAMS**, of Raleigh (now retired and living in Statesville). Next pastor was E. R. **Harris** of Wake Forest, a fearless but tactful pastor. He is pastor of Florence Avenue Church at Virgilina, Va., at present.

Then came Jesse B. **WEATHERSPOON**, a native of Durham. He has made a name of himself as pastor, preacher, evangelist, master teacher, deep theologian, brilliant scholar and orator. At present he is professor of homiletics and sociology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. **WEATHERSPOON** was followed by Joe G. **BLALOCK**, who was reared only a few miles away in Granville County. He died only recently. He will be long remembered for his sweet disposition and his scholarship.

Next came W. M. **HUDSON**, of Scotsburg, Va. He was followed by O. L. **RIGGS** of Durham, who became a fiery evangelist; then came J. H. **BASS**, of Republic Grove, Va. He was pator from 1915 until 1929 – which was the longest pastorate in the history of the church, unless perhaps that of William E. **OAKLEY** was longer.

Next in order were: Clarence E. **BAKER**, of Wake Forest (an energetic and ambitious pastor and evangelist now serving near Winston Salem); Hugh **HARRILL**, of Wake Forest (son of minister of the old school); and Paul **CHILDRESS**, of Zebulon, the present beloved pastor.

*Officers Serve Long:* The clerks of Knap of Reeds Church have been few in number and long in service. It seems that Lewis **ROBERTS** was the first clerk, and that he served a shorter time than any other. He was followed by R. **REED**, who served for about 15 years.

Next came W. H. **PEED**, who served about 10 years; C. H. **PEED**, who was clerk for 17 years. M. B. **WALLER** was next, serving about 24 years. He was followed by E. Judd **NANCE**, who



served about 12 years. The present clerk is Amed **TILLEY**, who began his service in 1920 and has held the office ever since.

There is a record in the "minutes of Flat River Association", 1846, page 4, of a petition for a presbytery to ordain "Brother David **UMSTEAD**". So this church began with a young man who was a member of one of the representative families.

There is a record of a Sunday School as far back as 1873. Mr. Sim **BULLOCK**, of blessed memory, was superintendent from 1912 to 1936, shortly prior to his death. The present superintendent is Roy J. **WALKER**, and the enrollment in 1941 was 110.

Knap of Reeds Church also has a Woman's Missionary Union. The president is Mrs. R. J. **WALKER**, and the membership last year was 45.

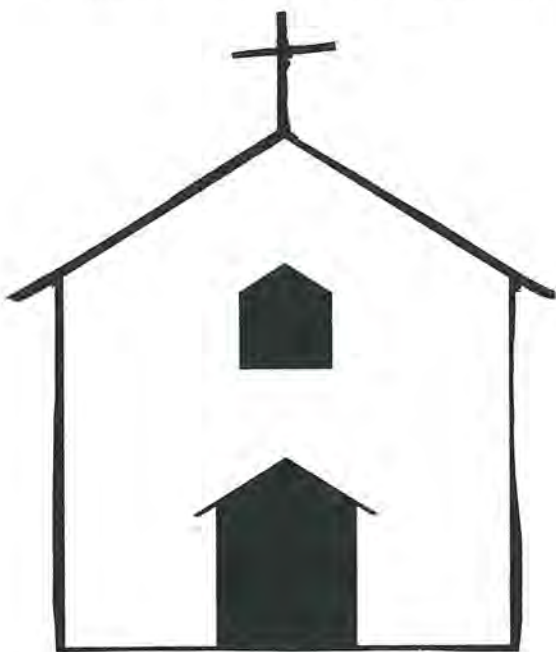
Present trustees of the church are: Marcellus **VEAZEY**, Purvis **TILLEY**, Amed **TILLEY**, Zeb B. **WALKER**.

The membership of Knap of Reeds Church are showing a fine patriotic spirit in regard to requisitioning of their homes for the camp construction, and are showing themselves able and willing to "take it".

East of the church building is the old cemetery, and nearby is the new one. Names of the following families appear on tombstones in the churchyard: **FRAZIER, WALKER, NANCE, CURRIN, VEAZEY, TIPPETT, TILLEY** and **GULLIE**.

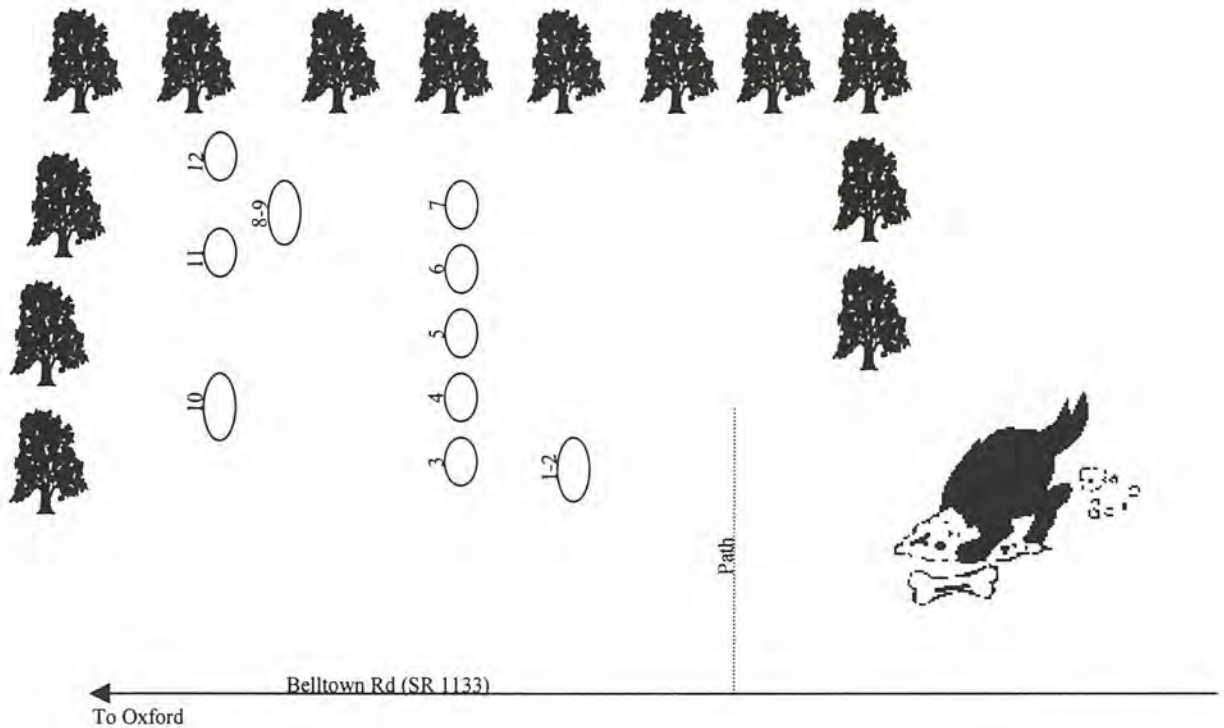
Today's meeting at Knap of Reeds is regarded as perhaps the last church service at the present site. Whether the building is to be moved to a point outside the camp area is to be decided today. Location of future homes of many of the members is still quite uncertain.

*Hayes Collection, Granville Baptist Churches, Vol. 49, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC*





## *Diggin' Up Bones* Overbey Cemetery



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|---|---|---|
| <p>1. John R. Overbey<br/>Born - Feb. 11, 1851<br/>Died - Mar. 22, 1926</p>       | <p>5. Raimond E. Overbey<br/>Born - Sept. 10, 1905<br/>Died - Apr. 14, 1908</p> | <p>9. Lucie Lea M. Aiken Meadows<br/>Born - 1890<br/>Died - 1975</p>            |
| <p>2. Annie B. Overbey<br/>Born - Nov. 26, 1868<br/>Died - Jan. 15, 1944</p>      | <p>6. Nannie G. Meadows<br/>Born - July 12, 1845<br/>Died - June 9, 1916</p>    | <p>10. Hazel Irene Overby<br/>Born - Sept. 3, 1908<br/>Died - May 2, 1947</p>   |
| <p>3. Jessie Herman Overbey<br/>Born - Oct. 26, 1887<br/>Died - Oct. 10, 1930</p> | <p>7. W. E. Meadows<br/>Born - Feb. 12, 1873<br/>Died - May 14, 1920</p>        | <p>11. Jessie Cotten Walker<br/>Born - Jan. 2, 1900<br/>Died - Mar. 4, 1979</p> |
| <p>4. Eva Grandy Gary<br/>Born - Nov. 7, 1892<br/>Died - Oct. 6, 1918</p>         | <p>8. Frank Meadows<br/>Born - 1896<br/>Died - 1927</p>                         | <p>12. C. L. Cotten<br/>Born - 1886<br/>Died - 1930</p>                         |

From Oxford city limits sign on Hwy 15S - go 2.4 mi turning right onto Belltown Rd toward Stem. Go 5.4 mi and cemetery is on the right near the highway with trees surrounding it on three sides.  
Recorded by Bonnie Breedlove, Sandra Aiken, and Genie Jenkins.

**Recent Granville County Deaths**  
*November 1, 1997 - January 31, 1998*

Annie Sandling Aiken	Adele Wheelous Perry House	Fred C. Ritchey
Connell Allen	Otis Durren Inscoc	Myrtle W. Roberts
Donnell LaGuarde Allen	Jeremy Scott Jackson	Annie Bullock Robers
Thomas Brastus B. J. Arnold	Willie Dorothy Hawkins Jackson	Ronald Rogers
Jerome Thomas Averett	Willie Belle Currin James	Marion Mitchell Ross
Willie Herbert Blalock	Eddie Ruth Johnson	Lucy Plummer B. Royster
Caroline Cannady Bowman	Bessie Phillips Jome	Chester Lee Sadler
Lillian Cannady Bouzard	Ruby Hicks Jordan	Ronnie D. Satterwhite
Harold Bradford	Rosa Bell Parker Kearney	Melissa Cooke Segundo
Floyd "Wimp" Winston Brewer	Andrew Shirome Landis	Cora Simmons Sehen
Mabel Parker Bridges	Ricky Lewis	Jean M. Short
Charles B. Brinkley	Thomas I. Lindsey	Mary Lee Pait Smoak
Shirley Powell Bryant	Shirley A. Loftis	Alice H. Speed
Ruby H. Chandler	Ronica Van Mangum	Mary Watkins Steed
Barbara Ann Hicks Cheek	W. Lee Mangum	Robert Ed Strother
Troy Lee "Skeeter" Clark	Robert Lee Matthews	William Gray Talley, Jr
Annie E. Clements	Katie Lee Moore	Doris Rich Tatum
Dave Cooper	William Benjamin Moore	Clifton E. Taylor
Johnnie Ernestine Cooper	Alice Hornbuckle Morris	Lauren Katherine Taylor
Robert Lee Cooper	Marrion O. Munn	Bobby Thomas
Meta Candace Crews	Laura Mae Nichols	Calvin Roosevelt Thorpe
Helen Gould Cutting	Ruby Mae Curl Norgaard	Mary Helen Thorpe
James Daniel	Claude Richard Norwood	Coy Lee Turner
Robert "Bobby" Davis, Jr	Roibert "Bob" Wayne O'Brien	Jane H. Watkins
Allie Downey	Elmo Overby	Lucille S. Watson
Mary Derr Durham	Julia Catherine Overton	Evelyn McLellan Wells
Uva R. Eaton	Christopher David Page	Phillip M. Whitacre
Bonnie Leonard Finch	Jean B. Parham	Sterling Gunn Wilbourne
Lucille Estes Freeman	Virginia Sneed Perkins	George S. Wilkerson
Mary Gracie Newton Garrett	Janee Shanta Perry	Rosa Dickerson Booth Wilkerson
Betty Johnson Gluek	Elaine Mickey Person	Allen Williams
Willie Mae Green	Rosa Whitt Poole	Larry Williams
Mary Abbott Grissom	Alfred Reed	Vinson Williams
Estyne O. Gupton	Pauline Paul Reed	John "J.D." Dillard Williford
Ellis Dink Harris	Rosa Seamons Reese	Joseph Nelson Wilson
Willie Gurthan Hayes, Sr	Porfiro Reyes	Mildred Bigger Woodlief
Mamie Harris	Bettie Gilliam Riggsbee	John L. Wyche

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**Creedmoor Prepares to Mark Anniversary**

*January 28, 1955, By Hart Curl*

***Warehouse Boom gave Community start in 1905 –I. E. HARRIS Mayor of Town for 20 years***

Not very many people may be aware of it but the town of Creedmoor is currently observing it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation. Growing fast to begin with because of a warehouse boom the town since has settled down to a nice quiet pace. As most small Southern towns, we depend mostly on the farm economy to keep the commercial wheels turning.

Mayor I.E. **HARRIS**, now in his 20<sup>th</sup> year as the town's chief executive, foresees great things for Creedmoor in the future because of the ideal location and accessibility to other centers. His pet project he hopes to become a reality some day is the construction of many homes here. He says many people who work at Butner, commuters from a long distance have expressed the desire to live in Creedmoor, but can't because of the shortage of homes.

Other men who have served as mayor are Joseph **PEED**, J.L. **ROGERS**, R. H. **ROGERS**, F. J. **MCDUFFIE**, B. T. **HARRIS**, C.W. **YORK** and W. S. **HOBGOOD**.

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E- mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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