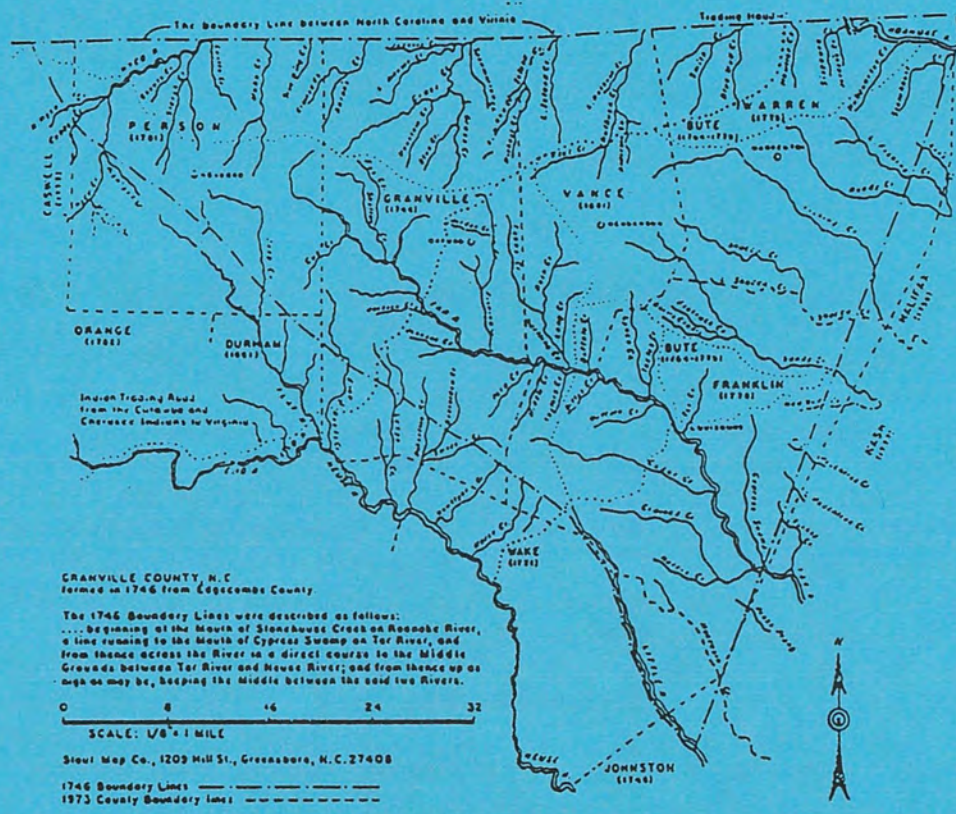


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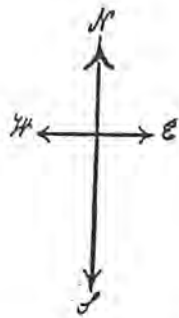
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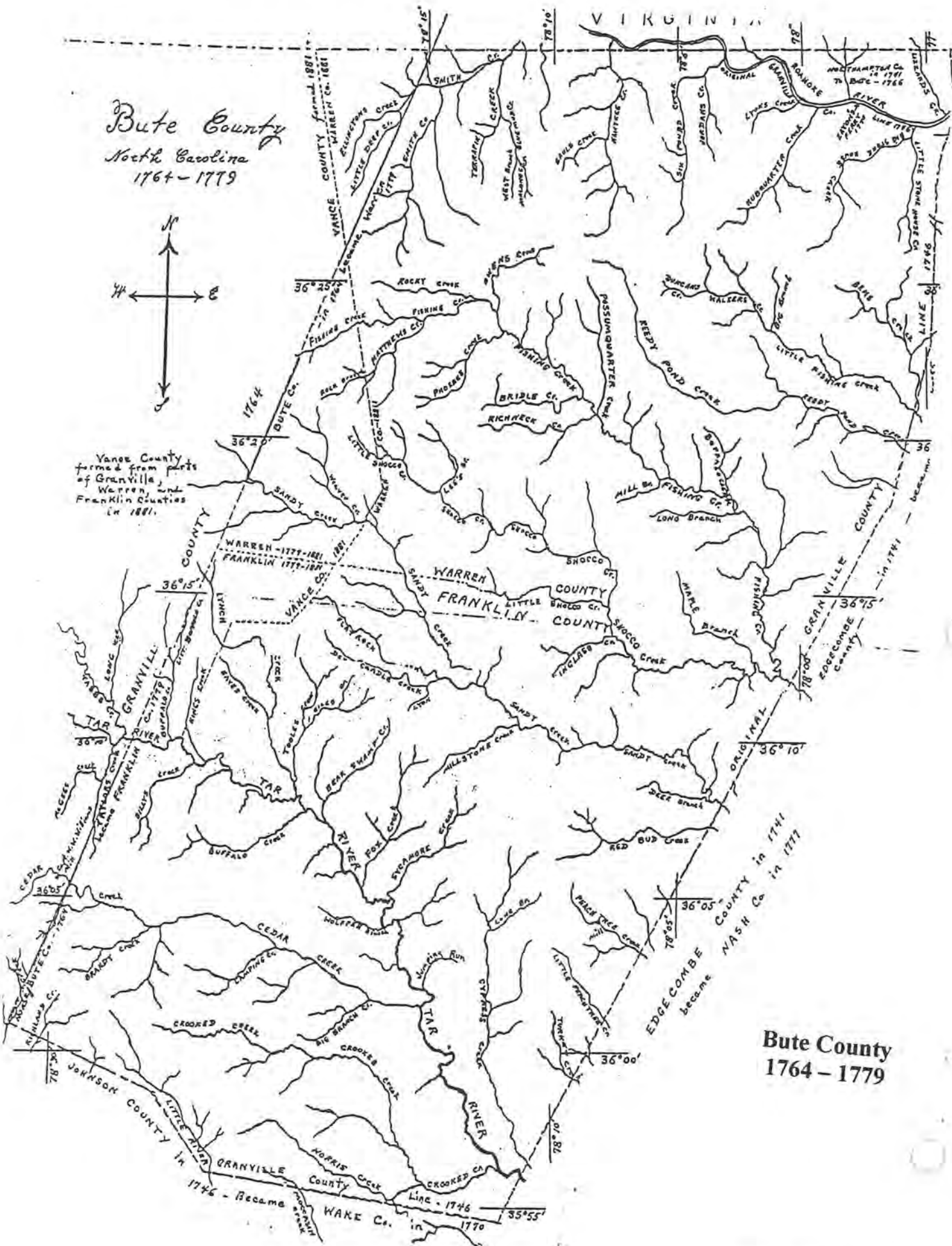
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*Bute County*  
North Carolina  
1764 - 1779



Vance County formed from parts of Granville, Warren, and Franklin Counties in 1881.



**Bute County**  
1764 - 1779

# Granville County Minutes

County Court

C.044.3008

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1837

Submitted by: Leonard Dean

The committee appointed at the last Term of this Court to report a plan for building or repairing the Courthouse of this county, offer fronting and means for raising funds therefore, made their report, which is accepted, and ordered to be filed for reference in the Clerks office. Those voting in the affirmative are: Thomas B. **LITTLEJOHN**, Shadrach **PARRISH**, Richard **SNEED**, Lewis **GREEN**, George **KITTRELL**, John **BULLOCK**, Richard **BULLOCK**, John T. **HUNT**, John G. **HART**, Thomas T. **HUNT**, Willie M. **SHEARS**, Williamson **PARHAM**, William B. **GLOVER**, ----Thomas **MILLER**, James **COOPER**, William S. **CLANAHAM**, Daniel A. **PASCHALL**, William **ROBARDS**, James **GOOCH**, James **NUTTALL**, and John P. **LAWRENCE**. 21 and those in the negative, Robb **TAYLOR**, Saml S. **DOWNEY**, Willis **HARRIS**, James L. **WORTHAM**, Wyatt **CANNADAY**, Thomas G. **COOKE**, .... Thomas F. **MARROW**, Samuel **LEMAY**, ... Thomas B. **BARNETT**, Henry W. **JONES**, Abram W. **VENABLE**, Stephen **BEASLEY**, Jr. and William A. **JOHNSON** 13---

Whereupon, a majority of Justices being present, it is ordered and adjudged that a tax of 15 cents be assessed on the \$100 value of land and town property – 40 cents on every white and black poll, to be collected by the Sheriff of the County for the purpose of raising funds to build a court house, according to the plan reported by the commissioners appointed at last Term of this Court, not to be less that 60 feet by 40 feet – and that the Clerk make out a certified list of the present taxable property, for the Sheriff on or before the first Monday of February next, and that the Sheriff collect and pay over the same to the commissioners hereafter to be appointed on or before the first day of August next.

It is ordered that William **ROBARDS**, James **COOPER**, Thomas B. **LITTLEJOHN**, Harris **WILLIAMS** and John **BULLOCK** be appointed commissioners, they, or a majority, to let and superintend The building of a Court House, not less than 60 feet by 44 feet, according to the plan reported by the commissioners appointed for that purpose at last Term; with power to collect and receive of the Sheriff the taxes that is now laid and assessed hereafter for that purpose. To alter the plan of the building and to specify and direct the workmanship and materials from the letting of the building to be on such terms as they or a majority may direct and the payments to be regulated by them. The faith of the County being pledged to fulfill all and every tract of the commissioners.

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“Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.”  
Robert E. Lee

“Those are my principles. If you don’t like them I have others.” Groucho Marx

## Granville County Marriages, 1871

Abstracted by Mildred C. Goss

Part 4 of 4

- Regan, Wm. L. - son of Saml. Rigan and Nancy A. Rigan & Elizabeth H. Slaughter daughter of not known and Elizabeth Ascue on 19 January 1871 by J.M. Satterwhite, JP.
- Richerson, Robt. - colored - son of Granville Amis and Sucky Richerson & Mary Reavis daughter of Green Reavis and Isabella Reavis on 22 December 1871 by R.T. Overton, JP.
- Roberson, Green M. - son of Banister Roberson and Sophia Roberson & Ellina E. Parrish daughter of not known and Gilly Parrish on 21 February 1871 by L.K. Willie, MG.
- Rogers, Charles H. - son of Green Rogers and Milla Rogers & Nancy W. Jones daughter of William Jones and Ann Beasley on 7 December 1871 by F.T. Tilley, JP.
- Robertson, Jack - son of Thomas Robertson and Polly Ann Robertson & Mary Oakley daughter of Alexander Oakley and Martha Oakley on 27 November 1871 by John B. Green, JP.
- Rogers, Ned - colored - son of Horace Rogers and Lucretia Rogers & Cornelia Allen daughter of William Allen and Liza Allen on 26 March 1871 by L.C. Ragland, MG.
- Rogers, Peter - colored - son of Sandy Roberson and Aggie Rogers & Milley Ottoway daughter of Sandy Ottoway and Ottoway on 30 December 1871 by Tho. L. Williams, JP.
- Ross, Streform - colored - son of David Ross and Lucy Ross & Lettie Jesters daughter of Danl. Jesters and Charity Jesters on 21 March 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.
- Royster, Ellech - son of Harry Thornton and Ritter Royster & Annie Lewis daughter of father not known and Margret Lewis on 10 November 1871 by R.H. Marsh, MG.
- Royster, James - son of Raleigh Royster and Martha Royster & Susan Wilson daughter of William Wilson and Suea Wilson on 10 November 1871 by A.C. Harris, MG.
- Royster, Moses - son of unknown man and not known & Lucy Mann daughter of father not known and Eliza Mann on 26 December 1871 by S.P.J. Harris, MG.
- Royster, Rollo - son of Rollo Royster and Martha Royster & Bettie Carrington daughter of John Carrington and Mary Carrington on 26 January 1871 by A.C. Harris, MG.
- Royster, Seth Sr - colored - son of not known and Amelia Ragland & Winney Betts daughter of Ephriam Pool and Vainey Pool on 28 July 1871 by Richard D. Jones, JP.
- Royster, Stephen - colored - son of Ike Overby and Ritta Smith & Ella Chandler daughter of Bob Chandler and Jane Chandler on 29 October 1871 by Edmund Bratcher, MG.



Russell, Sprig - colored - son of      and Tempy Russell & Jane Paschall daughter of Charles Paschall and Fanny Paschall on 26 December 1871 by G.W. Ferrill, MG.

Seat, William M. - son of Drury Seat and Martha Seat & Ann Eliza Tatum daughter of Granderson Tatum and Nancy Tatum on 13 April 1871 by Richard D. Jones, JP.

Sizemore, P.H. - son of Leroy Sizemore and Nancy Sizemore & Rebecca A. Tally daughter of A.C. Tally and Jane Tally on 2 February 1871 by James A. Bullock, JP.

Smith, John - colored - son of James Smith and Marina smith & Milly Crews daughter of      and Critty Crews on 25 June 1871 by L.C. Ragland, MG.

Smith, Richd. T. - son of Wm Smith and Isabella Smith & Mollie J. Thorp daughter of Benja. Thorp and Eliza Thorp on 24 October 1871 by P.D. Thompson, MG.

Sneed, Nelson - colored - son of Mack Bethel and Nancy Sneed & Caroline Hunt daughter of Ferry Wimbish and Nancy Hunt on 27 December 1871 by Richd. G. Sneed, JP.

Snips, Edmon - colored - son of not known and not known & Fanny Gooch daughter of not known and not known on 10 April 1871 by S.M. Duncan, JP.

Stovall, Moses - colored - son of Anderson Hunt and Vince Stovall & Celia Rice daughter of Jack Bullock and Sarah Rice on 27 August 1871 by Jno. W. Stovall, JP.

Suit, M.H. - son of Riley Suit and Ferobey Suit & Mildred Ann Bullock daughter of Lenard Bullock and Permelia Bullock on 12 December 1871 by D.R. Moore.

Tally, Henry M. - son of Peyton R. Tally and Jane Tally & Luncy J. Pittard daughter of T.J. Pittard and Ann Pittard on 9 July 1871 by S. Taylor Martin, MG.

Taylor, Saml. - colored - son of Jessie Edmunds and Maria Edmunds & Agness Burwell daughter of not known and not known on 2 July 1871 by Jefferson Burrell.

Terry, Jas - colored - son of Jas. Terry, Sr. and Kittie Terry & Nancy Burwell daughter of Osborn Burwell and Alsey Burwell on 4 June 1871 by Richd. G. Sneed, JP.

Thorp, Brumfield - colored - son of Aarvin Thorp and Virtue Thorp & Rachiel Reavis daughter of not known and Viney Reavis on 10 October 1871 by Hanson T. Hughes, JP.

Tilly, Richard - colored - son of Henderson Lipscomb and Rena Tilley & Melia Mayo daughter of Eldridge Mayo and Sally Mayo on 8 October 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.

Tilly, Wiley - son of George Tilly and      & Josie Harris daughter of Henderson Harris and Edna Harris on 21 December 1871 by T.J. tilley, JP.

Tinsbloom, Henry - colored - son of not known and not known & Amanda Willie daughter of Jim Willie and Rial Willie on 24 December 1871 by Jeff Burwell.

Townes, Alfred - colored - son of Harry Green and Silvy Green & Jeannette Bullock daughter of John Bullock and Sally Bullock on 5 January 1871 by Richd. Sneed, JP.

Travis, Medicus P. - son of Benj. Travis and Elizabeth Travis & Mary A. Brame daughter of J.W. Brame and Mary L. Brame on 19 July 1871 by S.P.J. Harris, MG.

Tucker, Thomas H. - son of John R. Tucker and Susan Tucker & Mrs Frances Strum daughter of E.E. Wilkerson and Amelia A. Hutchinson on 17 August 1871 by Richd. G. Sneed, JP.

Turner, Alexr. - colored - son of Stephen Langford and Nancy Turner & Jinnie Hester daughter of Isaac Hester and Martha Hester on 6 August 1871 by Wyatt A. Belvin, JP.

Turner, G.A. - son of W.D> Turner and Christianna Turner & Rosa E. Maynard daughter of R.C. Maynard and Susan Maynard on 16 May 1871 by R.H. Marsh, MG.

Turner, Grandison - colored - son of Perry Turner and Louisa Turner & Hannah Thomas daughter of not known and not known on 10 October 1871 by Richd. Sneed, JP.

Turner, Patrick H. - son of Henry Turner and Margaret Turner & Bettie Morris daughter of Adicus Morris and Elizabeth Morris on 14 May 1871 by P.J. Carroway, MG.

Veasy, William E. - son of Abner Veasy and Julia A. Veasy & Elvira Rodes daughter of and on 30 November 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.

Veazey, A.J. - son of Alfred Veazey and Margaret Veazey & Sarah A. Forsythe daughter of Smith Forsythe and Nancy Forsythe on 10 August 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.

Veazey, Henry - colored - son of Sam Waller and Viola Veazey & Mary Eaton daughter of Isaac Eaton and Susan Eaton on 17 December 1871 by T.J. Tilley, JP.

Walker, Joshua - colored - son of Sowel Giles and Greny Giles & Christiana Tilley daughter of Mark Tilley and Amy Tilley on 9 October 1871 by Jno. B. Green, JP.

Watkins, A.A. - son of Richd. Watkins and Nancy Watkins & Lucy F. Stone daughter of Danl. Stone and Mary Stone on 15 February 1871 by R.R. Michaux.

Wadkins, Robt. L. - son of Dempsy Watkins and Catherine Watkins & Pattie Abbott daughter of William Abbott and Jane Abbott on 16 March 1871 by Robert T. Overton.

Webb, Madison - colored - son of Wilson Taylor and Nancy Webb & Ivana Cash daughter of Burrell Moore and on 15 October 1871 by S.H. Duncan, JP.

Webb, Squire - son of Harry Webb and Caroline Webb & Mary Haskins daughter of Pleasant Haskins and Sarah Haskins on 2 April 1871 by G.W. Ferrill, MG.

White, Henry - colored - son of Jack White and Harriet White & Francis Long daughter of Chas. Long and Lucy Long on 10 June 1871 by Jeferson Burwell, MG.



Williams, Daniel - colored - son of      and      & Mollie Royster daughter of Isaac Royster on 5 May 1871 by Braxton Hunt, MG. (note license issued in New Hanover County married in Kittrell)

Williams, Henry - colored - son of T. Williams and Margaret Williams & Matilda Bullock daughter of Edmund Bullock and Annie Bullock on 24 April 1871 by James A. Bullock, JP.

Winston, Peter - colored - son of Jordan Mangum and Nancy Mangum & Cornelia Allen daughter of knot known and Mary Allen on 22 April 1871 by Wm. E. Bullock, JP.

Woodey, F.M. - son of Wm. A. Woodey and Lucy Woodey & Lucy W. Satterwhite daughter of Thomas Satterwhite and Martha Satterwhite on 2 July 1871 by E. Hines.

Woodey, McL. - son of Wm. H. Woodey and Lucy C. Woodey & Mary F. Norwood daughter of John LC. Norwood and Bettie Norwood on 13 September 1871 by A.C. Harris, MG.

Woodlief, N.H. - son of Benja. Woodlief and Mary Woodlief & M.J. Hight daughter of John Hight and Abbey Hight on 27 February 1871 by Robert T. Overton.

Wortham, Frank - son of E.W. Wortham and Harriet Wortham & Roberta E. Baskett daughter of Jos. Baskett and Polly Baskett on 25 December 1871 by S.P. J. Harris, MG.

Yancy, Leander T. - son of John F. Yancy and Lucy Yancy & Julia Frazier daughter of Rob. Frazier and Athrara Frazier on 19 January 1871 by J.A. Stradley, MG.

Young, Israel - son of Ned Young and Sylvia Young & Olly Landis daughter of not known and not known on 8 October 1871 by F.R. Howell, MG.

\*\*Marriages found in the index and no certificate found in file

Bank, Phillip	married	Susan Harris on 3 November 1871
Barn, Alex	"	Jinnie Curtis on 25 January 1871
Boring, Demoren T.	"	Suh H. Orrell on 11 December 1871
Boss, Peter	"	Beady Day on 27 June 1871
Bullock, Duncan	"	Polly Meadows on 24 June 1871
Choplin, Wm	"	Elizabeth Davis on 22 August 1871
Davis, E.G.	"	Rosa Fuller on 10 November 1871
Grissom, Jas. T.	"	Sarah V. Grissom on 13 November 1871
Harris, Han	"	Cresy Burwell on 28 July 1871
Harris, Wm.	"	Sarah Davis on 26 August 1871
Knott, Lawson	"	Julia Knott on 28 September 1871
McFarland, David	"	F. McFarland on 22 August 1871
Mergin, Tomas	"	Partheny Mayo on 7 October 1871
Michaux, Badger	"	Sally Harris on 29 July 1871
Mitchell, James Cameron	"	Rowan Newton on 14 November 1871
O'Brien, Spencer R.	"	Mary F. Currin on 7 March 1871
Parks, P.P.	"	Narcissa Fowler on 5 March 1871
Phillips, Richd. H.	"	Mollie F. Cook on 11 April 1871



Pittard, R.T.	"	Nancy Watkins on 29 December 1871
Samuel, James	"	Inez Magly on 10 February 1871
Saterwhite, William	"	Luvenia Fain on 10 August 1871
Stovall, A.U.	"	Pattie F. Jones on 25 December 1871
Thorp, Chas	"	Caroline Cozart on 24 June 1871
Wilkerson, Alex H. Jr.	"	Ann E.T. Crews on 12 August 1871
Wilkerson, Jas. A.	"	Mary A. Royster on 3 November 1871
Yeargin, Jno.	"	Ozella Overton on 14 December 1871
Young, Bartlett	"	Polly Ann Taylor on 30 December 1871

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**Mr. Butler's Party**  
*The Leader, Oxford, Granville Co.*  
**September 28, 1875**

The party at Mr. E. G. BUTLER's on Friday evening last was the occasion of great joy and hilarity among all who had the exquisite good fortune of attending it. We might fill columns of our paper and still not do justice to the festive and interesting events of the ever memorable entertainment.

Scarcely less than one hundred guests were present, and had the number been twice as large Mr. BUTLER's hospitality would have been equal to the demand on it, and yet *mirabile dictu*; or in plain english wonderful to tell he is an – there now we like to have said an old batchelor, but we forbear as we propose to confine ourself strictly to the truth; he is not an old *bachelor*, but he is a bachelor and our word for it he has no excuse for being one.

We do not think, however, he will remain in a state of single blessedness much longer; for he is not a misanthrop and no one but a misanthrop can withstand the bright galaxy of beauty collected at his party. There were gathered under his hospitable roof every description of beauty reflected by the human face divine and it would have been romantic and interesting if Mr. BUTLER had captured one to his fancy and have kept her there as a help mate to minister to his wants in sickness and to double his joy in his health. The Oxford ladies are distinguished for beauty and accomplishments and they never exhibited their charms more lovingly than on last Friday evening. The edibles were in the greatest abundance prepared in a style truly *recherche* and elicited universal and unstinted commendation.

Lack of space forbids further comment.

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All that is gold does not glitter,  
 Not all those who wander are lost.  
 The old that is strong does not wither,  
 Deep roots are not touched by the frost.





## Catalogue of Oxford Female College

*Phoenix 1909 – 1910 (Yearbook)*

3rd in series of 5

### The Chronicles of the Class of 1910

It came to pass in those days that Professor Franklin **HOBGOOD** established a Seminary wherein the daughters of the land might learn of all knowledge and wisdom. And he made a decree, saying, "Hear, O people! The kingdom of the Oxfordites is a land flourishing with the sciences, both Trivium and Quadrivium, and the people that dwell therein are very learned. Ye daughters of the earth, drink at the fountain of truth!"

Now it happened that there had dwelt in that land for many years Mamie **ROYSTER**, the granddaughter of the king, and she was of the Freshman tribe. And it came to pass that after the king had made the decree there came others, Kent **HODNETT**, Mary Louise **PEED**, Lucy Lambeth **GREEN**, John **BASS** and Lydia **YATES**. Howbeit, John joined the tribe of Sophomores, and Lydia the tribe of Juniors. The Freshmen were a peaceful tribe and scarce were seen or heard for the king and chief rulers had commanded them to keep all the commandments which they had commanded them. They must obey the rulers at all times; they must not borrow garments or ornaments or anything from their neighbors; they must not laugh aloud; they must not look at men; for if they did they would surely receive demerits.

But in the second year of their sojourn they waxed more bold. In that year came Ruby **PULLIAM**, Mary Lee **LYLES** and Ruth **WHARTON**. Now Ruby joined the tribe of Freshmen, Mary Lee the tribe of Sophomores, but Ruth would join only the tribe of Juniors. Nevertheless, Mamie showed to all the people that the tribe of Sophomores was worthy, inasmuch as she made 100 on Latin examination. And many other valiant deeds did the Sophomores do.

When the worthy pilgrims had become Juniors great was their fame. Other damsels – Ruby **FAGGE**, Sallie Mae **SNIDER** and Myrtle **RENN** – heard and came to see. And when they came they found the half had not been told them. Therefore they began work to do honor to themselves and to the tribe. Moreover, Ruby **PULLIAM** did such wonderful things that the chief rulers did marvel, and the king did write her father concerning her noble deeds. Then it came to the minds of the Juniors to try their prowess in other ways. On the twenty and second day of the second month they put on the robes of people of former times, yea, even of the time of the Father of the Country, and came before all the people and mocked their ways insomuch that all were amazed and cried, "What manner of maidens are these that bring before our very eyes another generation!"

Notwithstanding the great deeds of the Juniors, these Oxfordites became restless in their territory and longed for new lands to conquer. So they came to the border-land of the Seniors. Now, the Senior tribe is the most powerful and most honored in all the land, so the Captain, Mamie **ROYSTER**, sent Lucy **GREEN** (because she was trustworthy) to spy out the land of the Senior, saying, "See thou whether the land be productive or barren, and people therein be strong or weak, and the cities be walled or no." And Lucy returned from the search and said, "The land surely floweth with milk and honey and is good to look upon, but in it there be many strongholds and many giants; nevertheless we are able to overcome all these things." And all the Oxfordites

cried, "Let us go up and possess the land." So, on the first day of the ninth month, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, they banded together – twelve strong – as one man and chose Kent **HODNETT** as captain and marched against the enemy, to put them to confusion.

Now when the tribe saw that the land was their's, they determined to have a great feast to commemorate their victory. So, on the fifteenth day of the tenth month they sent word to all the chief rulers of the Seminary, saying: "Whereas, we have gained this fair land we have proposed to have a night of feasting to celebrate our victory." And all the chief rulers came robed in fine garments, and both the rulers and the Seniors drank and were merry until the night was far spent.

Then the Seniors gave themselves up to their tasks. Louise **PEED** and Mary Lee **LYLES** did sit day after day at the musical instruments and did bring forth from them such sounds that it seemed as distant thunder; then softer and sweeter they grew until all the people were filled with rapture. Moreover, Ruth **WHARTON** and Mamie **ROYSTER** did lift up their voices in song and it seemed to the other Oxfordites as if they did hear angels' voices. John **BASS**, also, did a wonderful thing in that she portrayed images, and moreover did imitate nature so well that one almost thought himself walking among the fair scenes which she did draw.

The Seniors proved themselves in other ways also. It had come to their ears that the tribe of Freshmen were making preparation for war; nevertheless the Seniors had no fear. Now, when the great feast day of Thanksgiving had come, the Freshmen marched to the valley of the athletic field and drew up their forces. The Seniors also marched to meet them and there the two mightiest armies of the land strove together in the sight of all the tribes of the land and of the neighboring peoples not a few. Howbeit, victory fell to the tribe of the Seniors. Then the Seniors shouted for joy.

But the Freshmen cried with a loud voice "because they wanted their Ma-mas." And it came to pass that in this battle the soul of the Seniors was knit with the soul of the Sophomores because they were loyal.

Now there were walled strongholds in the land, to-wit: English, Science, Latin, Mathematics, and many others that must needs be entered, and against these the tribe fell with great force. Before the English citadel could be overcome many difficult passports must be written, and these put the tribe to their wit's end, for if they knew nothing, they must learn something and write. The Science fortress was with difficulty attacked; and before the Mathematics stronghold the loyal workers quailed, but at length the walls began to totter and then they fell. Thus with the others, one after the other. But in each of these high towers was a monster terrible to behold; he was strong and fierce; out of his mouth proceeded a flame and he went about seeking whom he might bind with his strong chain and devour. But the Seniors were strong and although some were wounded, they succeeded in putting under their feet this hideous monster whose name was Examination.

Now it came to pass in those days that the Seniors determined further to show their valor. On the fourth day of the third month, when the grass was green and the earth was bringing forth flowers, they gathered up bugles and swords and armor and again came before all the people to subjugate that illustrious Princess who had established an institute for maidens and had fenced it around with biting laws. Again the people marvelled at the deeds of the Seniors.



And there are also many other things that the Seniors did which are not told here, for are they not all written in the great black record book? We are confident, however, that no trial or responsibility can daunt the spirit of the tribe of Seniors, and their power and might shall increase more and more until the fame thereof shall fill the whole land.

Historian

## Roll of Students, '09 – '10

### *Freshmen*

Lois <b>BASS</b>	Rassie <b>JONES</b>	Minnie <b>STEVENS</b>
Addie <b>BREEDLOVE</b>	Mae <b>KNOTT</b>	Janie <b>SHOTWELL</b>
Martha Parker <b>BRINKLEY</b>	Florence <b>LOONAM</b>	Grace <b>SHORT</b>
Goldie <b>FARTHING</b>	Osee <b>LONG</b>	Ruby <b>STROTHER</b>
Carrie Tom <b>FARTHING</b>	Annie <b>LONG</b>	Mary <b>TAYLOR</b>
Valleria <b>GREEN</b>	Marie <b>MEDFORD</b>	Mary <b>WINSTON</b>
Hallie <b>GIBBS</b>	Minnie <b>NEAL</b>	Sarah <b>WHITE</b>
Lillian <b>HART</b>	Lois <b>PERKINSON</b>	Olive <b>WHITE</b>
Margaret <b>JONES</b>	Carlessie <b>RANES</b>	Sallie <b>WEBB</b>

### *Sophomore*

Sarah <b>BLANCHARD</b>	Cora <b>FEREBEE</b>	Gertrude <b>KNOTT</b>
Naomi <b>BOOE</b>	Patty <b>FLEETWOOD</b>	Addie Brabble <b>NORMAN</b>
Lucy <b>BRASSFIELD</b>	Elizabeth <b>HANCOCK</b>	Margaret <b>ROGERS</b>
Amanda <b>COBB</b>	Cassie <b>KELLY</b>	

### *Juniors*

Willia <b>CLIFTON</b>	Lottie <b>NEWTON</b>	Eunice <b>WATSON</b>
Nora <b>DIXON</b>	Lucy <b>SYDNOR</b>	Fannie <b>WORTHAM</b>
Lela <b>HADLEY</b>	Pearl <b>RAY</b>	

### *Seniors*

Lillian John <b>BASS</b>	Ruby <b>PULLIAM</b>	Ruby <b>WHARTON</b>
Ruby <b>FAGGE</b>	Myrtle <b>RENN</b>	Lydia <b>YATES</b>
Lucy Lambeth <b>GREEN</b>	Mamie <b>ROYSTER</b>	Mary Lee <b>LYLES</b>
Kent <b>HODNETT</b>	Sallie Mae <b>SNIDER</b>	Mary Louise <b>PEED</b>

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**65<sup>th</sup> Annual Catalogue of Horner Military School**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**1915 - 1916**

**Historical Sketch**

3rd in a series of 4

It is truly said that Father Time is the final judge of good literature; he sifts the writings of the ages and preserves the precious ideas of a Homer, a Dante, a Shakespeare, or a Goethe. In like manner, Father Time is a final judge of schools, and those that rise up in adversity and advance in prosperity from year to year, must have abiding elements of real worth and longevity. The Horner School has stood this test for sixty-four years. It was founded in 1851 when the storm clouds of Civil War were rising, and, after weathering that terrific conflict, it has ever since been in successful operation.

The founder, James H. **HORNER**, M.A., LL.D., father of the present principal, was an extraordinary man. One might call him a physical, intellectual, and moral giant, for he possessed all the sterling qualities of real manhood. And he was a teacher of unusual ability and success. Thus he is described by those who knew him best. He graduated with the highest honors from the University of North Carolina in 1844. After teaching a few years in Florida and eastern North Carolina, he established the Horner School at Oxford in 1851, and very soon made his school a potent factor in the educational life of the old North State. Through the perils of war and the uncertainties of reconstruction, the school continued its career of usefulness in making men who became governors, judges, preachers, captains of industry, and loyal citizens.

For fourteen years the present principal, Col. J. C. **HORNER**, a B.A. and M.A. graduate of Davidson College, was associated with his father, who died in 1892.

Bishop J. M. **HORNER** also devoted a considerable part of his early manhood to the school. After graduating from the University of Virginia and the General Theological Seminary in New York, he became associated with his brother Col. J. C. **HORNER** and remained steadfast in the development of boys into Christian manhood until he was made bishop in 1898.

Since then Col. J. C. **HORNER** has been in direct charge of the school. The military feature was introduced in 1880. Year by year the Horner Military School has sent forth its students, strong and soldierly in body, with disciplined minds, and high ideals of life.

In September 1913, the Horner Military School opened with prospects of a large attendance and a successful year. But in October, the barracks, a large building erected in 1891, was totally destroyed by fire, with great loss to Col. **HORNER**, the teachers and cadets. Temporary quarters, however, were secured, and the school continued. Soon afterwards, numerous attractive offers were made by Virginia and Carolina cities to secure the school. In a strong contest with able competitors, Charlotte finally won, and forthwith the rebuilding of the school was begun in Myers Park at Charlotte.



## Session 1914 – 1915

Because of various delays due to financial conditions on account of the European war, the buildings were not altogether ready for occupancy when the Fall term opened in September 1914, and the session started under many unexpected disadvantages. One after another these handicaps have been met and overcome. Hard work, perseverance, and a generous outlay of money have done wonders in transforming a bare stubble field into a fully equipped, model institution of learning.

Nothing has been done on a cheap or small scale. The buildings were constructed upon plans for adding to them as fast as the school grows; and they are of such durable construction that they will remain as monuments for many and many generations. The grounds are ample in area for all purposes, and they too were laid out with discerning care and much forethought for their future beauty.

As soon as the public understood that the school had been formally opened, and that it was under the same high class management which had attended its sixty-four years of past successes, a fuller enrollment of students was quickly obtained. The school term of 1914-1915 closed with brightest prospects for the coming year.

This, indeed, has been another foundation year in the history of the Horner Military School. There has been more serious work in the classroom, greater activity on the athletic field, a stronger unification of school spirit, a more pliable moulding of character, and a higher conception of the true value of discipline.

### Register of Cadets September 1914 to June 1915

Alexander, Gilbert	Charlotte, NC	King, George W.	Charlotte, NC
Alexander, Herndon	Charlotte, NC	King, R. L.	Charlotte, NC
Alexander, Thomas M.	Charlotte, NC	Lawrence, J. S.	Scotland Neck, NC
Arnold, Bennett S.	Waynesville, NC	Lemmond, J. B.	Charlotte, NC
Ballou, E. B.	Oxford, NC	Mann, N. L.	Lake Landing, NC
Bonner, Fitzhugh	Aurora, NC	McBrayer, E.	Shelby, NC
Boylin, J. P.	Wadesboro, NC	Meador, J. D.	Burlington, NC
Brown, W. O.	Charlotte, NC	Mellon, John C.	Charlotte, NC
Brooks, R. H.	Greensboro, NC	Morrison, P. T.	Wilkesboro, NC
Bullock, J. D.	Oxford, NC	Murray, J. W.	Charlotte, NC
Campbell, E. H.	Charlotte, NC	Nance, A. D.	Troy, NC
Cherry, Ira	Charlotte, NC	Nesbit, D. C.	Charlotte, NC
Clarkson, Edwin	Charlotte, NC	Nuchols, L.	Charlotte, NC
Codina, A. L.	Havana, Cuba	Orr, J. Pritchard	Currie, NC
Councill, W. T.	Hickory, NC	Payne, L. A.	Gaffney, SC
Davis, M. R.	Charlotte, NC	Perry, Noah	Kinston, NC
Dixon, G. S.	Aurora, NC	Poole, J. R.	Stony Point, NC
Doxey, L. A.	Charlotte, NC	Powers, L. H.	Germanton, NC
Fayssoux, J. C.	Gastonia, NC	Pressly, Palmer W.	Bartow, Fla.

Forbis, Ralph	Charlotte, NC	Pritchard, T. W., Jr.	Charlotte, NC
Freeze, J. A.	Mooresville, NC	Redwine, R. B., Jr.	Monroe, NC
Gary, J. R.	Murfreesboro, NC	Rittenberg, M. B.	St. Stephens, SC
Gilmer, Robert	Charlotte, NC	Schlichter, A. B. Jr.	Vaughan, NC
Graham, W. W.	Rockingham, NC	Sessoms, J. D., Jr.	Norfolk, VA
Gray, J. H., Jr.	Franklin, VA	Short, E. H.	Rocky Mount, NC
Gresham, J. L.	Dothan, Ala.	Skidmore, C. E.	Albermarle, NC
Hargett, F. B.	Pineville, NC	Stanland, Thomas D.	Shalotte, NC
Haskitt, A. A.	Greensboro, NC	Stephens, George, Jr.	Charlotte, NC
Hengeveld, R.	Wilmington, NC	Townsend, E. M.	Augusta, GA
Hines, J. H.	Black Mountain, NC	Travis, L. G.	Halifax, NC
Horner, Edward C.	Charlotte, NC	Ulmer, Harry	Largo, Fla.
Horner, Jerome C., Jr.	Charlotte, NC	Vaughan, J. N.	Murfreesboro, NC
James, L. M.	Greenville, NC	Williams, Oscar	Greensboro, NC
James, R. W.	Salisbury, NC	Withers, B. F., Jr.	Charlotte, NC
Johnson, H. L.	Smithfield, NC	Zimmermann, P. P.	Charlotte, NC
Jordan, C. G.	Greenville, SC		

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**New Academy**  
**The Leader, Oxford, Granville Co.**  
**September 28, 1875**

It is with feelings of unfeigned pleasure that we are enabled to state that the Trustees of the Oxford Male Academy have determined to erect a new Academy to be occupied by Prof. F. A. FETTER. We look upon this step as a compliment to Prof. F. and as an indication of his popularity and efficiency as a teacher. Indeed the interest and ability this gentleman has exhibited in the management of the Oxford High School is proverbial.

We learn that he will soon open a night school for the convenience of young men whose opportunities do not admit of their attending school during the day. This is a new enterprise here and will we trust be fruitful of much good. We learn that quite a number of industrious young men will avail themselves of the opportunity of thus acquiring the rudiments of an education which otherwise would be beyond their reach.

Just here, however we beg to say in conclusion that as the Trustees have determined to build an Academy we hope they will build one that will be an ornament to the town and that will reflect credit on their good taste. Let them also see to getting good desks and other furniture such as necessary in the appointment of a well-regulated Academy.



**Some Old Oxford Families**  
**Oxford Public Ledger, Oct. 13, 1953**

With a Few Historical and Genealogical Notes Concerning a Number of Their Members,  
Including Several References to the Youngest Generation  
By Francis B. Hayes

Benjamin Hays **TALTON**'s house on Hays Street is built on land which has been owned and occupied by members of his family for five generations. The **TALTON** children are of the sixth generation that have lived on this land. This fact is believed to be without parallel in the annals of Oxford.

Dr. Samuel **DUTY** owned and occupied the old **HAYS** place a hundred years ago. His daughter, Sally, old **DUTY** house as did her son, Dr. Benjamin Kinsey **HAYS**. Mrs. Kate Hays **FLEMING** owned a part of the old **DUTY-HAYS** land as does her daughter, Mrs. Isabel Fleming **TALTON**, to wit, the **TALTON** home on Broad Street, which was the home of Benjamin Hays **TALTON** prior to his marriage, when he built on another part of the old **DUTY-HAYS** land and now occupies the premises with his family.

Many Cooper Descendants

In seeking a parallel to this case one's mind turns to several families in Oxford of which Mrs. Ann Downey **COOPER** was an ancestor.

Col. Leonidas Compton **EDWARDS** was the owner and occupant of the present Ellis **CANNADY** place. The first Mrs. **EDWARDS**' mother, Mrs. Anne Downey **COOPER**, was at times a member of the **EDWARDS** household. The second Mrs. **EDWARDS**, the former Mrs. Nathaniel Boardman **CANNADY**, was a niece of the first and a granddaughter of Mrs. **COOPER**. Her son, Ellis **CANNADY**, is of the fourth generation to occupy the former **EDWARDS** premises, and his children, who were brought up there, one of the fifth generation from Mrs. **COOPER**. These children's children who sometimes sojourn on the place, are of the sixth generation.

The Ellis **CANNADY** grandchildren are of the fifth generation from Dr. Peter Wesley **YOUNG**, who was a Confederate army surgeon and for long a leading practitioner of medicine in Oxford. Mrs. **YOUNG**, mother of Mrs. N. B. **CANNADY**, was a daughter of Mrs. Ann Downey **COOPER**.

Mrs. **COOPER** was also the mother of and sometimes an occupant of the residence of James Crawford **COOPER**. This residence is the one now known as the John A. **WILLIAMS** place. James Crawford **COOPER** was the father of Mrs. William H. **WHITE**, who was the mother of Mrs. John A. **WILLIAMS**. The **WILLIAMS**es now live on part of the old **COOPER** place, and they have a daughter, Mrs. Wilson S. **COMER**, who also lives on a part of the place. The **COMER** children are of the sixth generation from Mrs. Ann Downey **COOPER**.

John A. **WILLIAMS**' mother Mrs. Sue Bryan **WILLIAMS**, was a daughter of Harry **BRYAN**, who with the **COMER** children make five generations.

Alexander **COOPER**; another son of Mrs. Ann Downey **COOPER**, lived in the present Mrs. James P. **FLOYD** house on College Street. He opened Alexander Avenue through his property. He left several sons, two of whom, David Y. **COOPER** and John D. **COOPER**, moved to Henderson and took a leading part in building up that city's industries. Many of their descendants are carrying on in the footsteps of their elders.

Again, Mrs. **COOPER** is an ancestor, six generations back, of the children of Thomas Moore **EVINS**. The grandchildren of Charles Alexander **GREGORY**, children of his daughter, Mrs. Cabell Mayo **TABB** are also of the sixth generation from Mrs. **COOPER**.

#### *Hickses Among Earliest Granville Settlers*

Thomas **HICKS** was a large holder of real estate just outside Oxford's northern limits, much of which real estate is now within the enlarged limits of the town. His son, Col. Thomas Iverson **HICKS**, and his grandson, Edward Hubbell **HICKS**, lived on the old **HICKS** estate. Later Edward Hubbell **HICKS**' son Thomas Edward **HICKS**, and Thomas Edward **HICKS**' daughter, Roberta ("Sunny"), who married Royal Hobgood **ROYSTER**, lived on part of the property. The **ROYSTER** children are of the sixth generation from Thomas **HICKS**.

Edward Hubbell **HICKS**, with his family, lived in what later was known as the **DELACROIX** residence which was burned to the ground February 19, 1915.

In 1890 Thomas Edward **HICKS** built a summer residence, Brantwood, on a part of his great-grandfather's old holding, and this residence became Brantwood Hospital in 1920. When the present Granville Hospital, on May 12, 1938, was formally opened on the old Brantwood premises, the former **HICKS** summer residence became the home of some of the hospital nurses. The Royal Hobgood **ROYSTERS** lived in the present Sterling **CARRINGTON** house, built by Edward Hubbell **HICKS** on his own land, and now much enlarged and modernized.

Col. Thomas Iverson **HICKS** had a daughter Caroline, who married William **SKINNER**. They were the parents of William **SKINNER**, Jr., who married Cynthia, daughter of Augustine **LANDIS**. This couple were the parents of several children, among them Caroline H. and Frances Burton **SKINNER**.

Caroline H. **SKINNER** married Cameron Herndon **EASTON**. A grandson, also named Cameron Herndon **EASTON**, is of the seventh generation from Thomas **HICKS**.

Frances Burton **SKINNER** married William Thomas **CREWS** and they were the parents of Mary Lane **CREWS**, who married Charles Lamar **BANISTER**. The **BANISTER** children are of the seventh generation from Thomas **HICKS**.

Thomas **HICKS**' son, Col. Thomas Iverson **HICKS**, had a son, Thomas C. **HICKS**, whose daughter Annie became the third wife of Capt. Augustus **LANDIS**. Their son, Arthur **LANDIS**, married Janie Outlaw **HUNT** and they had a daughter, Janie Outlaw **HUNT**, who married Harry Lee **HALL**, mother of Miss Mary **HALL**, the school supervisor, and grandmother of the children of Henry P. **HALL** and Fritz **HALL**. This makes the **HALL** children of the sixth generation from Thomas Blount **LITTLEJOHN**.



Mr. Littlejohn Owned All Oxford Land

The man who in 1811 sold to Granville County fifty acres adjoining the court house on which to build the town of Oxford was Thomas Blount **LITTLEJOHN**. He lived in, and may have built, the old Dr. Leonidas C. **TAYLOR** house on Williamsboro Street, now the home of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** had a son, James Thomas **LITTLEJOHN**, a lawyer, who remained in Oxford while his brothers and sisters scattered. One daughter of Thomas Blount **LITTLEJOHN**, Lucinda Jane, married Alexander Strachan **JONES**. This couple were the parents of Alice Mutter **JONES**, who married Col. William H. **CHEEK**. A daughter of the **CHEEKs** is the present Mrs. Augustus Steele **RIDDLE**. The **RIDDLE** children are of the seventh generation from Thomas **HICKS**, and of the fifth generation from both Augustine **LANDIS** and David Alexander **HUNT**.

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**Board County Commissioners**  
**The Leader, Oxford, Granville Co.**  
**September 28, 1875**

Sept. 9—All being present, it was ordered that L. A. **PASCHALL**, Adm'r of Aaron **SHERRIN** be allowed to list property at single rate. The Treasurer was ordered to pay J. K. **WOOD** \$2.54 for registering 78 voters; Lawson **WRIGHT** \$8.98 for Poor House shop account. The clerk was ordered to make out a list of all the taxpayers who have paid their taxes for 1874 as a guide to the County Commissioners in revising the jury list.

E. C. **MONTAGUE** of Fishing Creek Township qualified as Trustee of said township. The Board recessed.

Sept 10---F. B. **HESTER** qualified as clerk of Oak Hill Township. H. N. **HICKS** was elected Coroner. The clerk was ordered to notify him. M. B. **JONES**, Treasurer, B. H. **COZART**, Superior Clerk, presented their reports, which were approved and ordered to be printed. Treasurer was ordered to pay R. L. **HUNT**, \$25.55 for county orders. Recessed

Sept 11---Ordered that the Chairman and his assistants be empowered to have the jail repaired and to have the roof and inside whitewashed. Ordered that the Court House be enclosed by a good railing and the public well be enclosed. Orders were granted to A. **CREWS & Bro.**, \$73.80 for eight jury tickets and William **MALLORY** \$42.30 jail fees.

Sept 13---Lewis C. **RAGLAND** and W. A. **BELVIN** qualified as trustees of their respective townships. Richard G. **SNEED**, Sheriff of Granville, came forward and presented his official bond signed by J.G. **JONES**, T. L. **HARGROVE**, D. S. **MARROW**, W.H.P. **JENKINS**, T. W. **HICKS**, W. A. **BELVIN**, Wilkins **STOVALL**, W. S. **GRANDY**, A. J. **JONES**, J. A. **ROYSTER**, A. **LANDIS**, A. **LANDIS, JR**, John W. **RICE**, W. L. **PEACE** and Joseph **BECKHAM**.



The statement of fees due different officers in cases ended at July Term Superior Court, 1875, was ordered to be returned to the Superior Clerk for revisal and he be directed to erase all fees opposite the name of J. G. **JONES** and add the same to the fees of James I. **MOORE**, Sheriff. Treasurer was ordered to H. A. **TAYLOR** \$3.46 for bagging for Court House; William **MALLORY** \$3.75 for cleaning up Court House and \$32.00 for extra services and waiting on Court from 5<sup>th</sup> of July to 11<sup>th</sup> of August; Charles **HERNDON** \$48.00 for waiting on Court. The tax books of 1874 were ordered to the custody of N. G. **SNEED** and that he collect the same and that the amount so collected be placed to the credit of James I. **MOORE** and his sureties. R. D. **JONES** demand that his name be entered as protesting against said order. Treasurer was ordered to pay James M. **WOOD** \$5.50 for coffin for pauper. Recessed.

Sept 14---The Treasurer was order to pay B. H. **COZART** \$512.02; C. **BETTS**, \$2.83; J. I. **MOORE**, Sheriff; \$72.81, fees in cases ended at July Term of Court; H. T. **HUGHES**, \$2.30; Various others \$21.13. James A. **ROYSTER** \$7.50 for hire of horses and wagon to carry a lunatic to depot. Ordered that the clerk of this Board notify H. N. **HICKS**, Superintendent of Poor House, not to sell or dispose of any stock, crop, provisions or other property at the Poor House without special permission from this Board. Treasurer was ordered to pay N. **HUNTER** \$36.00 for one dozen office chairs for jurors. An account of Hon. W. A. **MOORE** of \$550 was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

Sept 15---Hannah **HODGE** was allowed to go to Poor House. C. B. **COLE**, Andrew **WILLIAMS** and R. D. **JONES** were allowed ten dollars as members of finance committee. John G. **JONES** \$7.50 for tax book bought of **EDWARDS & BROUGHTON**. John G. **JONES** was allowed an order \$216.14 for bacon furnished Poor House and \$125.00 for extra services and \$56.00 as crier of Court. Braxton **HUNT** \$50.25 for 15 days services as County Commissioner and mileage. Albert **WYCHE** for same \$40.50; James I. **MOORE**, Sheriff, \$1149.71 in part of account for summoning jurors and \$15.69 for balance account for county work. The report of finance was received and approved. The report says that the Sheriff is indebted to the school fund \$5,810.47. Adjourned.





## Oxford Just After the War Between the States Oxford Public Ledger, Nov. 2, 1956

By Francis B. Hayes

Part 1 of 2

When the Confederate soldier returned to his home at the close of the war he found conditions vastly different from those he had left. He had to begin life anew and according to a pattern that was strange to him. His Confederate money, if any, was only so many scraps of paper. United States greenbacks were almost as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth, and hard money was a rarity.

United States paper currency in 10-cent, 25-cent, and 50-cent denominations were in circulation.

About the only things left for the returned soldiers were the land and such houses as had not been burned by Sherman's army, plus a goodly portion of good old American grit, and plenty of those around that felt as he did. I believe Sherman burned no homes in this part of North Carolina, but the houses had suffered for lack of proper care.

Most of the slaves that had tended the land had an idea that now that they were free they did not have to work. They soon found out differently. They hired out for such wages as the whites could pay, which compared with today's wages were ridiculously small. Negro cooks received \$3 or \$4 a month and some of them helped themselves to enough food to keep their families from starving. A wood-cutter or gardener received 50 cents a day and dinner or 75 cents with no meals, and a day was a day.

### An Uphill Job

Old soldiers and others worked the land as best they could with such equipment as they could gather. There was no such thing for them as pensions, social security payments, GI loans or any other form of government assistance. To use a rather inelegant expression, it was "root hog or die".

### Miss Lewis Sums Up the Situation

After this paper had been written I saw some pronouncements by Miss Nell Battle LEWIS in her column in the News and Observer that seemed so appropriate for use in this connection that I made room for them. In enumerating many things in North Carolina's heritage of which we all should be proud, she said: "It is the exhausted, desolate, but spiritually undefeated Confederate soldier returning after Appomattox to his impoverished home.

"It is the wife of that soldier, valiantly struggling with him through the hardships and indignities and dangers of Reconstruction.

"I declare that whenever I read about Reconstruction, the South's survival of it and subsequent progress seem to me more and more one of the major miracles of history."

The returned soldier, as well as the old men, boys and others who for one reason or another had remained at home, faced the situation with courage. Be it said also that no one showed more of

this commendable quality than the women. They did their part and more and thought nothing of it. They were really the helpmates of their husbands and filled the role heroically.

### *Shin Plasters Were Good*

The earlier post-bellum days were before my time. Not until they had changed a good deal am I able to give first-hand information about them. I remember the old fractional paper money. I recall that as a school boy when we chipped in 10 cents each to buy a ball and bat one boy contributed his 10 cents in greenback. He was admonished that if it did not pass he would have to make it good. It passed, and I have no doubt that the specimens I have would be accepted at the bank at face value but they are worth more than that to me as souvenirs.

The purpose of the present paper is to recall the parts done by the men I remember as among those who pulled Oxford out of its wartime dilapidation and started it on its way to what we now see it.

### *The Granville Grays*

The first captain of the Granville Grays was George **WORTHAM**. He soon was promoted to a colonelcy and was succeeded as captain by Augustus **LANDIS**. Captain **LANDIS** was partially disabled by a wound at Cold Harbor, and then did some recruiting work, while Alex F. **SPENCER** led the Granville Grays until the end of the war.

Col. George **WORTHAM** (1823-1883) was a lawyer. He was of the family of **WORTHAMs** that lived in the Berea section and were among the mainstays of Geneva Church. He practiced his profession in Oxford for a considerable period of time and died here at the comparatively early age of 60 years.

Captain Augustus **LANDIS** (1833-1892) had been a merchant before the war. After the war he was connected for a while with the firm of **GRANDY** Brothers, merchants, but was too ambitious and too good a salesman long to remain in a junior position. In the early 1870's he branched out for himself and in course of time became Oxford's leading merchant, a position he maintained for many years. His store was where the Firestone and the Carolina Theatre now do business. Many descendants of the **LANDIS** name and other names are now among the prominent citizens of Oxford.

Captain **LANDIS** had three brothers and a brother-in-law who were Confederate soldiers. One brother was Dr. George **LANDIS**, a sergeant major. After the war he practiced medicine in Oxford for some years, and then moved to Williamsboro, where he continued to practice his profession until his death in 1908, survived by a large family.

James Y. **LANDIS** (1842-1918), another brother, was a traveling salesman who lived in Oxford for some years and then moved to Henderson. He also left a family. The third brother was Charles E. **LANDIS** (c. 1832-1912), who engaged in the tobacco business in Oxford so long as his health permitted and then spent the remainder of his years in the Old Soldiers Home at Raleigh. The brother-in-law, Capt. Lunsford A. **PASCHALL II**, was killed a short time before the shooting stopped.

Captain Alexander Farrar **SPENCER** for a considerable period after the war conducted a hack business between Oxford and Henderson. He carried the mail and such passengers



as had occasion to make the trip. When railroad connection for Oxford was made in 1881 he lost his hack route. He was then too old to re-engage in his trade as a master brick mason. He lived with his daughter, Mrs. William Shields **HUNDLEY** in the home in which he was born on McClanahan Street, opposite the Community House. A short time before his death he went to the Old Soldiers' Home in Raleigh, where the end came in 1905 when he was about 80 years old.

### Building Up Begins

Many more men went into the war than ever came out. Those who returned home to Oxford and helped to revitalize the town were businessmen, professional men, mechanics, merchants and men in all walks of life. Together they faced the future with grim determination and worked to restore a disrupted economy. Others of them I remember are mentioned below.

Dr. Peter Wesley **YOUNG** (1829-1884), who went out with the Granville Grays, was promoted to the office of surgeon. After his return to Oxford he, together with his partner, Dr. Zebulon Montgomery **PASCHALL**, did the leading medical practice in Oxford and vicinity for many years. His son, James Richard **YOUNG**, was long North Carolina's insurance commissioner and the father of Dr. David **YOUNG**, former head of the state's public hospitals. Ellis **CANNADY** is a grandson of Dr. P. W. **YOUNG**. A daughter is the wife of Banker W. A. **HUNT** of Henderson.

Charles F. **KINGSBURY** came home and was one of the town's leaders in building up a leaf-tobacco sales market. He erected a warehouse on the northeast corner of Gilliam and Spring Streets, a large one and the second to be built in Oxford. In his old age he retired to Baltimore where he died in an old soldiers' home in 1911.

Isaac Henderson **STEAGALL** (1838-1919), returned from the war to Oxford and followed his trade as a painter and was at times a merchant. He was the father of Capt. James I. **STEAGALL**, of World War I, and grandfather of the present Col. Gordon **STEAGALL**.

Balthrop **SMITH**, as a vidette, followed Lee throughout the war. At its close he returned to Oxford and engaged in his trade as a painter. He died in the Old Soldiers' Home in Raleigh in 1913.

Many Oxford men went into the war with units other than the Granville Grays.

### Some Colonels

Tazwell Lee **HARGROVE** (1830-1889) came out of the war as a lieutenant colonel. He distinguished himself as the defender of South Anna Bridge on June 26, 1863. He was an outstanding politician and was North Carolina's attorney general in 1873-76. For many years he did a good law practice in Oxford. He left no descendants but was related to the **BAKERS** of Oxford, John A. and others.

Alexander Smith **PEACE** (1840-1905) was an officer with Colonel **HARGROVE** at South Anna Bridge, where he was severely wounded (supposed at the time to have been fatally wounded). After the war he practiced law in Oxford for some years and was for several terms solicitor in the Granville Inferior Court. He retired from the bar to become

a successful farmer. He was the father of Alexander S. **PEACE** and the grandfather of Mrs. Arch **KEELS**.

Rush Johnson **MITCHELL** (1820-1897) had been a soldier in the Mexican War and rose to a lieutenant colonelcy in the Confederate Army. He owned one of Oxford's oldest drug stores, which stood where the upper two Rose stores now stand, and had many interests outside of drugs. He did much to keep Oxford on a fairly even keel during the days it was finding itself after the war. With his family he lived in the house now occupied by the Woman's Club, before it was moved from the corner to make room for Mrs. A. S. **HALL**'s residence. He was the grandson of Mrs. George W. **HOBBS**.

Thomas Brown **VENABLE** (1825-1894) was a lieutenant colonel in the army and was prominent at the Granville bar for a generation. His residence stood where the Oxford High School building now stands. He was the father of the late Mrs. Bessie **SOUTHERLAND** and of Abram Watkins **VENABLE II** who in 1887, with E. E. **PASCHALL**, established the News of Oxford which became the Oxford Public Ledger after John Theodore **BRITT** had acquired it several months later.

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**Purely Personal**  
**The Doings and Whereabouts of Some People You Know**  
*The Day, Oxford, NC July 5, 1890*

Miss Mary Gray **CLIFTON** and Mrs. Isabella **SMITH** of Louisburg are visiting Mr. R. T. **SMITH**.

Miss Lizzie **OVERBEY**, who has been visiting Mrs. W. S. **OVERBEY**, returned to her home in the country this morning.

Mr. M. F. **HART** returned to Littleton yesterday to visit his family. We regret to hear that Mrs **HART** is quite sick.

Mrs. E. B. **FEILD** , accompanied by Miss Fannie L. **GOODWYN**, of Warren county, are the guests of her son, Mr. A. J. **FEILD**.

Mr. Charley **PAXTON**, of Buffalo Springs, Va., returned home this morning. He has rented the **KIVETT** dwelling on Raleigh Street, and will remove his family here in a few days.

Mr. Walter E. **BORDON**, who is a number one business man and a hustler, has been employed by the Oxford Land, Improvement and Manufacturing Company for the next twelve months.

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"The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time."      James Taylor



## 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.

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18 - 98 *Donna Greene Kaiser 1011 Ferndale Blvd High Point, NC 27263*

In 1850 Isreal M. **BAILEY** was born in Granville County or Wake County. In 1871 - 1872 he married Annie **BYRD**. In the 1880 and 1900 Census they were then listed in the Newlight Township of Wake County. In 1900, they had been married 29 years having 8 children and all were living. I need information and proof of the parents of Isreal M. **BAILEY** and Annie (**PHANNY**) **BYRD** and any other information. Can anyone share information on the **GRIGGS**, **LONGMIRES** and Emily, William and John **BLOUNT** after 1860.

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19 - 98 *J. Rives Manning, Jr. 900 Monroe St. Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870*

I am trying to locate the graves of Howell **LEWIS** (b. 13 Sept 1731 d. 20 Nov 1813), Mary Isabella Willis **LEWIS** (b. 10 Jun 1733, d 5 Sep 1813) and Elizabeth Cobb **LEWIS** (b 1788, d 5 March 1868) wife of Thomas B. **LEWIS**. These ancestors lived and died in Granville Co. I would like to locate and photograph their graves and tombstones. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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20 - 98 *Dr. George McGhee 120 Old Georgetown Rd. Princeton, NJ 08540-8609*

Researching **McGHEE** and other Quaker families in Granville Co.

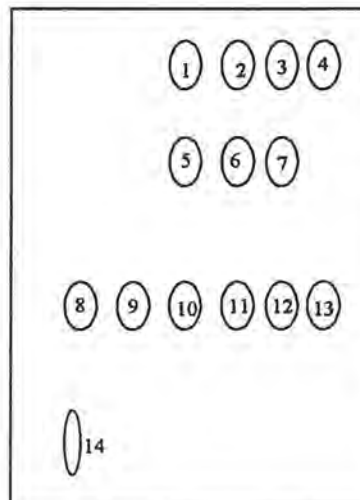
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21 - 98 *Connie Moss 3005 Ave, G Hondo Texas 78861*

I am descended from Reuben **MOSS/MORSE** of Granville County. His son, Turner **MOSS**, left NC about 1821 - 1825 with 4 sons and came to Texas. I found some information that mentioned that Turner's land was sold for debt. Reuben's will is worded such that I wonder if Turner may not have had a good relationship with the rest of the family. Does anyone know about Turner's oldest son, Thomas. He did not come to Texas. I think he may have died before the others left. Also looking for any information about Turner's wife Sally (Sarah) **REVIS (REAVIS)** who was probably from Granville County, too.

# Diggin' Up Bones

## Stem Cemetery



Old Tally Ho Rd. SR 1136

To Oxford

Hwy 15

To Creedmoor

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| <p>1. Lucy Stem Averette<br/>Born - July 8, 1875<br/>Died - Mar. 3, 1935</p> <p>2. Malinda Jane Stem<br/>Born - Aug. 10, 1873<br/>Died - Sept. 10, 1924</p> <p>3. Haywood A. Stem<br/>Born - Sept. 6, 1850<br/>Died - Dec. 28, 1921</p> <p>4. Mary Ann Stem<br/>Born - Aug. 12, 1843<br/>Died - Aug. 5, 1934</p> <p>5. Lucius M. Crymes<br/>Born - July 16, 1866<br/>Died - Oct. 4, 1936</p> | <p>6. Roxie E. Stem Crymes<br/>Born - Dec. 1, 1871<br/>Died - Dec. 6, 1959</p> <p>7. Haywood Gladstone Crymes<br/>Born - Sept. 27, 1903<br/>Died - Dec. 3, 1903</p> <p>8. Aron Stem<br/>Born - Sept. 19, 1905<br/>Died - Feb. 20, 1965</p> <p>9. R. A. Stem<br/>Born - May 28, 1878<br/>Died - June 27, 1935</p> <p>10. Mary Eliza Stem<br/>Born - Oct. 3, 1886<br/>Died - Dec. 21, 1913</p> | <p>11. Roger Hazel Stem<br/>Born - Nov. 21, 1910<br/>Died - Mar. 8, 1911</p> <p>12. Elijah Elvin Stem<br/>Born - Jan 20, 1912<br/>Died - Oct. 19, 1912</p> <p>13. Annie Pearl Stem<br/>Born - Sept. 22, 1908<br/>Died - May 26, 1910</p> <p>14. Unidentified Grave</p> |
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← To Stem

Sanders Rd.

To Hwy 15 →

From Stem city limits go .6 mi north on Sanders Rd. (SR 1132); turn right on Old Tally Ho Rd. (SR 1136). This is a dirt road. Drive .9 mi and turn right at driveway to a mobile home. Cemetery is on the right of the driveway. Cemetery is enclosed by a rusty iron fence. The unidentified grave is said to be the wife of Aron Stem.

Recorded by Bonnie Breedlove, Sandra Aiken, Genie Jenkins



**Granville County Deaths**  
**August 1, 1998 - October 31, 1998**

Adcock, Otha Howard	74	Faucette, Willie Alexander	76
Aiken, Edward "Bill" Franklin	89	Fields, Fannie L.	76
Allen, Charles Hugh	76	Fleming, Nell M.	
Averette, Louise Elizabeth	82	Franck, John Edward, Jr.	56
Baggett, Dollie Harris	89	Frazier, Lois Reid	77
Barnett, Rose Byrd	73	Gardner, Annie Laura Wilkins	91
Baskett, William L.	79	Garrett, John Henry, Jr.	32
Bass, Lamon	70	Garrett, Louis Bailey	70
Bell, William	87	Gibson, Grace Kittrell	55
Black, John Matthew "Climbing Bear"	34	Glover, Andrew J.	55
Blackwell, Gertrude D.	75	Glover, Lois	82
Blanton, Rev. John Thomas, Sr.	85	Gooch, Helen Ayscue	70
Blaylock, Fred Gordon	64	Green, Thomas	71
Bollin, Marvin Tillotson, Jr.	49	Greene, Diane Royster	44
Boon, Mary L.	97	Greenwood, Thurman	
Bowlin, David Hugh	86	Grenard, Jerry Lewis	34
Boyd, Wallace Milton, Sr.	75	Hall, Randy Thomas	38
Breedlove, James J. "Jimmie"	66	Harrison, Arlie Clifton "A.C."	78
Brooks, James Marshall	76	Heggie, Marrie Stewart Martha Beane	70
Brooks, Jessie Ann Smith	97	Henderson, Thurman J.	
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Bullock, Troy Derrick	32	Hicks, Elizabeth L. "Betty"	62
Bullock, Ulyssess S., Jr.	71	Hicks, Ernest Roger	62
Carter, Mamie Ross	74	Hicks, Gertrude Tucker	73
Chappell, Frances Coley	90	Hicks, Hilman Cannady, Sr.	82
Cifers, Julia Woodlief	80	Hill, Delos Avern "D.A.", Jr.	70
Claiborne, Edith	54	Hobgood, Joseph Robert.	78
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Clement, William P. "Bill"	76	Holt, Richard Dean "Dick"	77
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Coleman, William Glenn, Sr.	81	Horton, Betty Lee	51
Cozart, Willie Norman	76	House, Mollie Baskerville	80
Crowe, Mary Newby	81	Hunt, Carrie Henderson	
Currin, Hope Holland	77	Hunt, Michael	42
Currin, Lynwood Ray "Buck", Sr	71	Hunt, Paul C.	77
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Daniel, Harry Lee	88	Ivey, Leah Barker	91
Daniel, Samuel Venable, Jr.	86	Jiggetts, John Archie	68
Denny, Audry Thomas	81	Johns, Samuel H., Jr.	71
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Duncan, Mamie Howell	89	Kittrell, Lila Hunt	24
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Eggleston, James Joseph	78	Laws, Gladys Walker	70
Ellis, Kay Minor	60	Lister, Genevive Andrews	
Farabow, Charles William	85	Little, Sallie Wilkerson	88

**Granville County Deaths**  
**August 1, 1998 - October 31, 1998**

Love, Richard Donald	63	Smith, Lela Langston	77
Lunsford, Sherwood Lee "Snook"	63	Smith, Olivia Mallory	
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McDaniel, Charles Otis	92	Talton, Barbara Marks	63
McKinney, Mary W.		Taylor, James Edward	65
McLeod, Gennie V. Montague	68	Taylor, Mary	88
Medley, Carolyn S.	50	Terry, David	
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Morgan, Alexander	47	Turner, Edith Smith	57
Morgan, Hartford M.	88	Tyndall, Junius B. "James", Jr	76
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Odom, James Calvin, Jr.	43	Wheelous, James Emmett	74
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Pettiford, Hallie	75	Williams, Fae Hendrix	84
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## Occupations Chart

By: Dan Burrows, Email [dburrows1@juno.com](mailto:dburrows1@juno.com)

Accomptant	Accountant
Almoner	Giver of charity to the needy
Amanuensis	Secretary of stenographer
Artificer	A soldier mechanic who does repairs
Bailie	Bailiff
Baxter	Baker
Bluestocking	Female writer
Boniface	Keeper of an inn
Brazier	One who works with brass
Brewster	Beer manufacturer
Brightsmith	Metal worker
Burgonmaster	Mayor
Caulker	One who filled up cracks (in ships or windows or seem to make them watertight by using tar or oakum-hemp fiber produced by taking old ropes apart.
Chaisemaker	Carriage maker
Chandler	Dealer or trader; one who makes or sells candles, retailer of groceries.
Chiffonnier	Wig maker
Clark	Clerk
Clerk	Clergyman, cleric
Clicker	The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; one who received the matter in the galley from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing; one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicked.
Cohen	Priest
Collier	Coal miner
Colporteur	Peddler of books
Cooper	One who makes or repairs vessels made of staves and hoops, such as casks, barrels tubs, etc.
Cordwainer	Shoemaker, originally any leather worker using leather from Cordova/Cordoba in Spain
Costermonger	Peddler of fruits and vegetables
Crocker	Potter
Crowner	Coroner
Currier	One who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb; one who tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease.
Docker	Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo.
Dowser	One who finds water using a rod or witching stick.
Draper	A dealer in dry goods
Drayman	One who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads.
Dresser	A surgeon's assistant in a hospital
Drover	One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle
Duffer	Peddler

Factor	Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate.
Farrier	A blacksmith, one who shoes horses
Faulkner	Falconer
Fell monger	One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making
Fletcher	One who made bows and arrows
Fuller	One who fulls cloth; who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth.
Gaoler	A keeper of the goal, a jailer
Glazier	Window Glassman
Hacker	Maker of hoes
Hatcheler	One who combed out or carded flax
Haymonger	Dealer in hay
Hayward	Keeper of fences
Higgler	Itinerant peddler
Hillier	Roof tiler
Hind	A farm laborer
Holster	A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn
Hooker	Reaper
Hooper	One who made hoops for casks and barrels
Huckster	Sells small wares
Husbandman	A farmer who cultivated the land
Jagger	Fish peddler
Journeyman	One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day.
Joyner / Joiner	A skilled carpenter
Keeler	Bargeman
Kempster	Wool comber
Lardner	Keeper of the cupboard
Lavender	Washer woman
Lederer	Leather maker
Leech	Physician
Longshoreman	Stevedore
Lorner	Maker of horse gear
Malender	Farmer
Malster	Brewer
Manciple	A steward
Mason	Bricklayer
Mintmaster	One who issued local currency
Monger	Seller of goods (ale, fish)
Muleskinner	Teamster
Neatherder	Herds cows
Ordinary keeper	Innkeeper with fixed prices
Pattern Maker	A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end.
Peregrinator	Itinerant wanderer
Peruker	A wig maker



Pettifogger	A shyster lawyer
Pigman	Crockery dealer
Plumber	One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows.
Porter	Door keeper
Puddler	Wrought iron worker
Quarrier	Quarry worker
Rigger	Hoist tackle worker
Ripper	Seller of fish
Roller	One who put a stout rope around heavy equipment and have logs laid in front of it, then he would attach horses to pull the rope until it moved across the heavy terrain, etc.
Roper	Maker of rope or nets
Saddler	One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishing for horses.
Sawbones	Physician
Sawyer	One who saws, carpenter
Schumaker	Shoemaker
Scribler	A minor or worthless author
Scrivener	Professional or public copyist or writer; notary public.
Scrutiner	Election Judge
Shrieve	Sheriff
Slater	Roofer
Slopseller	Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop
Snobscat / Snob	One who repairs shoes
Sorter	Tailor
Spinster	A women who spins or an unmarried woman
Spurrer	Maker of spurs
Squire	Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace
Stuff gown	Junior barrister
Stuff gownsman	Junior barrister
Supercargo	Officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship.
Tanner	One who tans (cures) animal hides into leather
Tapley	One who puts the tap in an ale cask
Tasker	Reaper
Teamster	One who drives a team for hauling
Thatcher	Roofer
Tide waiter	Customs inspector
Tinker	An itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman
Tipstaff	Policeman
Travers	Toll bridge collection
Tucker	Cleaner of cloth goods
Turner	A person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles
Victualer	A tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy or ship with food.
Vulcan	Blacksmith
Wagoner	Teamster not for hire
Wainwright	Wagon maker

Waiter	Customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in.
Waterman	Boatman who plies for hire.
Webster	Operator of looms
Wharfinger	Owner of a wharf
Wheelwright	One who made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc.
Whitesmith	Tinsmith; worker of iron who finished or polishes the work.
Whitewing	Street sweeper
Whitster	Bleach of cloth
Wright	Workman, especially a construction worker
Yeoman	Farmer who owns his own land



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**Notes of the Day**  
**The Local Happenings Served in Short Paragraphs**  
*The Day, Oxford, NC July 3, 1890*

*The Minor Events About the City as Gathered by the Alert Reporters of The Day.....*

The Glorious Fourth tomorrow.

The crowd of excursionists to Norfolk returned home last night.

We see the framework for several small dwelling houses just going up.

Politically everything is serene, and Oxford looks hopefully to the future.

It is agreed that we have had enough rain to do for the next week or more.

A number of College street children are picnicing at Rockbrook Springs today.

Attention is called to a new advertisement of the University of North Carolina.

The Granville County Farmers Alliance meet in convention in Oxford tomorrow.

A large party, composed of ladies exclusively, will go fishing at **CANNADY**'s mill pond tomorrow morning.

Mr. J. A. **HARDIN** will preach at the Opera House tonight on the subject: "What Is It To Repent?"

Mr. Fred N. **DAY** received his new safety bicycle yesterday afternoon, and is hard at work learning how to ride it.

A shed attached to the stable used by Tom **CHARLESTON** fell last night with a mighty crash. A buggy was slightly damaged.



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### Legendary Greens

The ritual of garnishing our homes with evergreen trees, wreaths, and garlands has existed for centuries. But why do we do it? Here are some hints at the history behind the greens that revive a bleak winter with a fresh breath of life.

#### *Mistletoe*

No winter plant carries quite the mystique – or fun – of mistletoe. Druid priests in ancient Britain noted this parasite plant's ability to wind around a tree as it grows, never planting roots in the ground. Their conclusion: Mistletoe must be sacred. White-robed Druid high priests observed winter solstice in late December by climbing an oak tree and cutting down mistletoe. Crowds caught the mistletoe with outspread robes. Should even a single spring touch the earth, it signified extreme bad luck. Catching the mistletoe meant fertility for animals.

The current custom of kissing beneath mistletoe got its start in Scandinavian mythology. Blader, son of the Norse goddess of love, Frigga, was killed by an arrow of mistletoe. Frigga's tears fell onto the mistletoe and turned into white berries. Frigga swore that mistletoe would never again be a source of death, but instead, should promote love: Anyone caught standing beneath the plant should receive a kiss.

#### *Flowering Branches*

As an emblem of nature's transformation, flowering branches hold special meaning in the gloom of winter, when the promise of spring's renewal keeps spirits hopeful. One story suggests that at the birth of Jesus, rivers ran with wine and previously bare trees blossomed, despite the icy cold.

In Sweden, the idea that blossoms are the fulfillment of the ultimate Christmas promise has been honed into an annual custom. On St. Lucia's Day, December 13, girls plant a cherry branch in wet sand. If the branch blooms before Christmas, it means all their holiday wishes will be fulfilled.

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