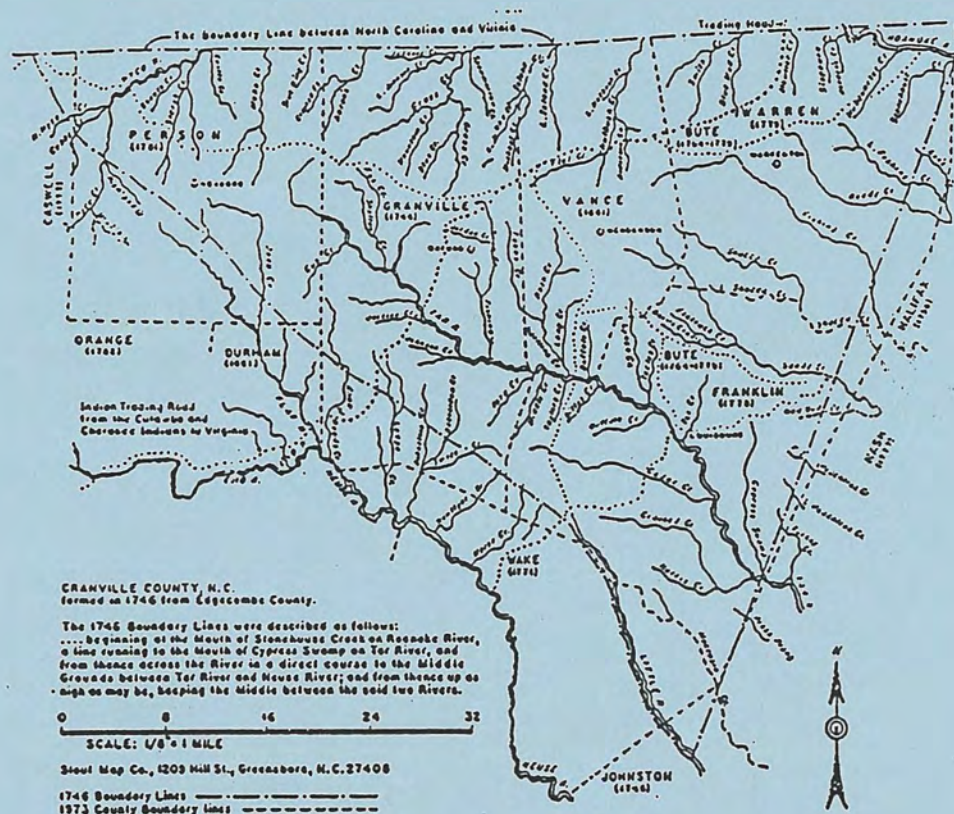


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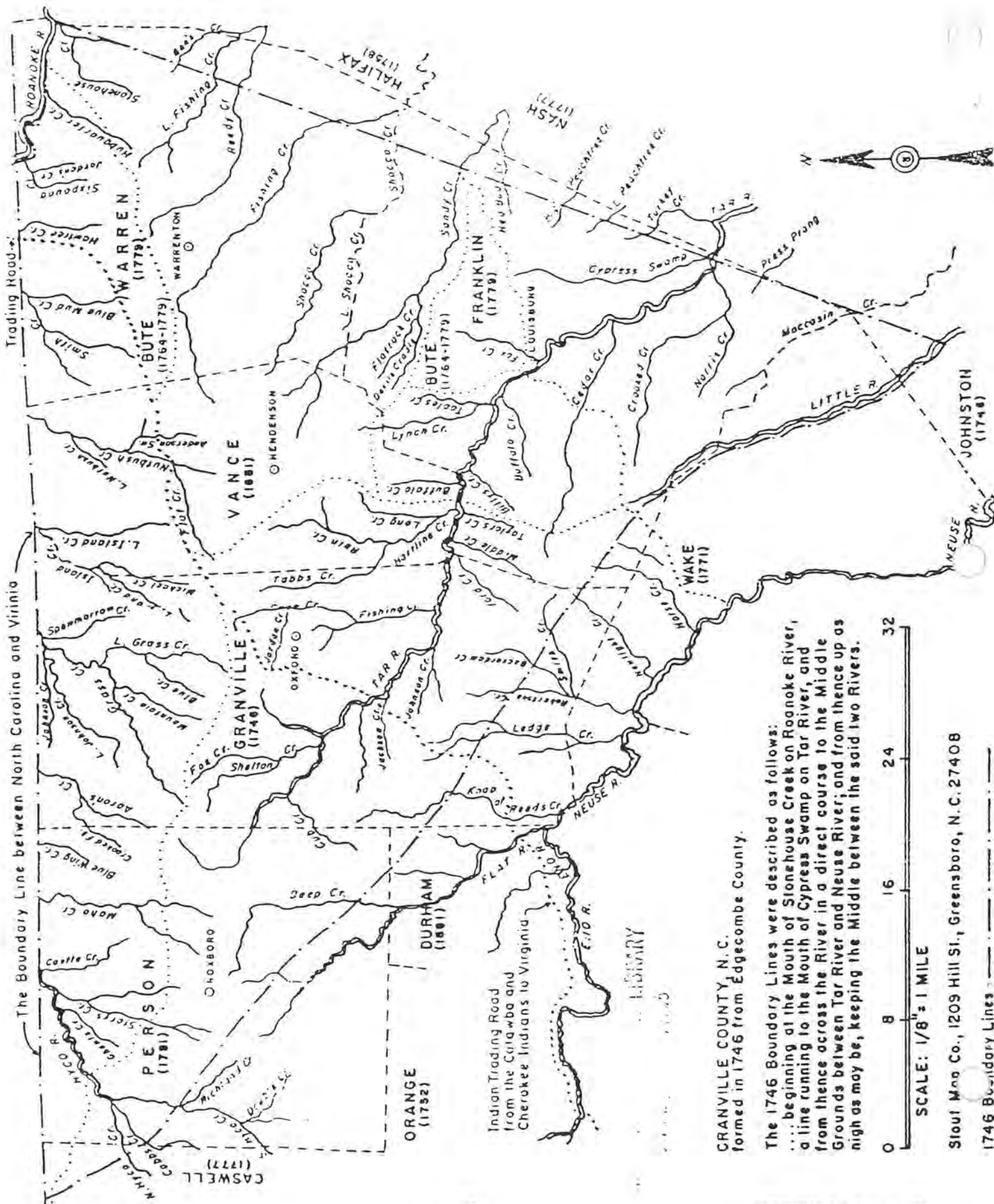
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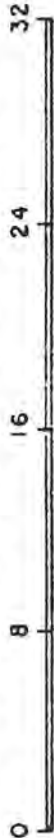
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GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.
 formed in 1746 from Edgecombe County.

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



Stout Map Co., 1209 Hill St., Greensboro, N. C. 27408

1746 Boundary Lines

Tax Payers of Granville County for the Year 1788

Part 1 of 3

Following herewith is a list of the tax payers in GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA for the year 1788. The territory covered by this list includes the present area of the county, plus the area embraced in the present VANCE COUNTY, which had not been established at the time the list was made. This list appears in Vol. 26 of the North Carolina Records and was used by the Federal Government as a substitute for the first census of 1790. As we have arranged these names in alphabetical order, they will not be included in the index. Where a note follows the name, of course, that is by this compiler. The initialed symbols after the name represents the DISTRICT where the assessment was made, but the person assessed had property in more than one district, which explains why the same name is sometimes repeated. The Districts and symbols were as follows:

Abraham Plains District	APD	Henderson District	HED
Beaver Dam District	BDD	Island Creek District	ICD
Dutch District	DD	Knap of Leed's District	KLD
Epping Forrest District	EFD	Oxford District	OXD
Fishing Creek District	FCD	Ragland District	RD
Fort Creek District	FTCD	Tabb's Creek District	TCD
Goshen District	GD	Tar River District	TRD

Adcock, Bolling	DD	Askew, John	EFD
Adcock, Edward	KLD	Austin, Valentine	BDD
Adcock, John	DD	Badget, John	TRD
Adcock, Robert	TRD	Badget, Peter	TRD
Adcock, Leonard	KLD	Badget, William	TRD
Addams, Samuel	KLD	Bailey, Jeremiah	BDD
Akin, Isom	ICD	Bailey, John	DD
Akin, James	ICD	Bailey, John	BDD
Akin, James, Sr.	ICD	Bailey, Richard	BDD
Akin, Joseph	ICD	Bailey, Stephen	DD
Allen, Champion	BDD	Ball, Elijah	FCD
Allen, Francis	GD	Barker, Ambrose	GD
Allen, Capt. Grant	APD	Barnes, Mirim'c	HED
Allen, Robert	BDD	Barnett, Jesse	ICD
Allen, Samuel	RD	Barnett, John	ICD
Alley, Rosser	EFD	Barbett, Sarah C.	ICD
Allison, Robert	TCD	Barr, James	FCD
Allison, Robert	FTCD	Barton, William	TCD
Alston, George	RD	Some of these Bartons settled in Tennessee, and Isaac Barton was a Baptist minister in Jefferson County; his descendants to Missouri.	
Amis, William	APD	Bass, Benjamin, Sr.	TRD
Anderson, Frank	BDD	Bass, Benjamin, Jr.	TRD
Anderson, Jacob	FCD	Bass, Edward	RD
Anderson, Lewis	OXD	Bass, Nathan	FCD
Applin, Thomas	GD	Bass, Reuben	FCD
This man may have been named Appling, of the family settled in Ga.		Bass, Richard	TRD
Arnold, William	KLD		
Ashman, Lewis	GD		

This family was numerous in Prince Edward County, Virginia and Jones County, NC.			
Bates, John	RD		DD
John was a stray member of the Virginia Bates family - kin to Jordans and Daniels.			
Baxter, Joseph	DD		KLD
Bearden, Benjamin	OXD		TRD
Beck, Frederick	DD		BDD
Beck, Michael	DD		BDD
Beck, William	DD		ICD
Bedford, James	GD		TRD
Beezley, Stephen	GD		TRD
Bell, Josa	RD		TRD
Bennett, Lewis	GD		TRD
Bennett, Capt. Peter	GD		TCD
Bird, Robert	OXD		TCD
Biram, John	TCD		TCD
This name was properly spelled Byrum as is shown by other items from records.			
Bishop, James	RD		RD
Blackley, Charles	FTCD		FCD
Blackley, James	FTCD		TCD
Blackwell, James	FTCD		BDD
Blalock, David	FTCD		KLD
Blalock, Jeremiah	FTCD		ICD
Blanks, Joseph	GD		DD
This man a descendant of the second wife of Cornelius Cargill, of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, mentioned in the "Journey to the Land of Eden" by Col. William Byrd.			
Bobbitt, William	EFD		ICD
Boers, Philemon	FTCD		APD & ICD
Borolen, William	KLD		APD
Bottoms, Thomas L.	DD		ICD
Bowden, Francis	HED		HED
Bowden, John Sr.	KLD		OXD
Boyd, John	OXD		APD
Brack, Samuel	HED		OXD
Brack, Samuel Jr.	HED		ICD
Bradford, Benjamin	FTCD		DD
Bradford, Booker	BDD		FCD
Bradford, David	BDD		BDD
Bradford, David Jr.	BDD		BDD
Bradford, Ephraim	BDD		BDD
Bradford, John	FTCD		BDD
Bradford, Philemon	BDD		BDD
Bradford, Philemon Jr.	BDD		FTCD
Bradford, Richard	BDD		FTCD
Bradley, James	DD		FTCD
Brame, James	HED		DD
Brame, Thomas	HED		DD
Brasfield, Caleb	DD		DD
Brasfield, Elizabeth	DD		DD
Brasfield, George			DD
Brazleton, Jacob			KLD
Brewer, Amery			TRD
Bridgers, Drury			BDD
Bridgers, John			BDD
Bridges, Joseph			ICD
Briggs, Richard			TRD
Brinkley, James Sr.			TRD
Brinkley, James Jr.			TRD
Brinkley, Peter			TRD
Brinkley, Richard			TRD
Bristow, James			TCD
Bristow, John			TCD
Bristow, Philemon			TCD
Brodie, John			RD
Brummit, Nimrod			FCD
Bryant, Rowland			TCD
Buchanan, William			BDD
Bullock, Charles			KLD
Bullock, James			ICD
Bullock, Jeremiah			KLD
Bullock, Micajah			DD
Bullock, William			ICD
Burch, Nicholas			APD & ICD
Burrage, Edward			APD
Burroughs, James			ICD
Burdin, John			HED
Bussure, Francis			OXD
Butler, Anne			APD
Butler, Isaac			OXD
Butler, Reuben			ICD
Butler, Thomas			OXD
Byars, William			ICD
Byart, Mary			DD
Byrum, Henry			FCD
Brown, John			BDD
Cape, Williamson			BDD
Carden, James			FCD
Cardwell, Thomas			ICD
Carnes, Joseph			DD
Carrell, John			BDD
Carter, Alex			FTCD
Carter, Jessie			FTCD
Carter, Thomas			FTCD
Carver, Edmund			DD
Cash, Joseph			DD
Cash, Peter			DD

Cavanaugh, George	BDD	Craft, Thomas	HED
Chadwick, John	HED	Cragg, John Sr.	TRD
Chambless, Joel	KLD	Cragg, John Jr.	TRD
Champion, Charles	BDD	Crawley, Robert	ICD
Champion, John	FTCD	Chenshaw, Abram	APD
Champion, John Sr.	FTCD	Crews, Caleb	OXD
Champion, Joseph	BDD	Crews, Gideon	RD
Chandler, James	GD	Crews, James	RD
Chandler, Joseph	GD	Crews, Thomas	RD
Chapman, George	ICD	Critcher, James	OXD
Chavens, William	FCD	Critcher, Thomas	HED
Chavis, James	APD	Crieth, Samuel	APD
Christian, Gideon	HED	Crowder, Ewell	EFD
Clark, Leonard	TCD	Culberhouse, Jeremiah	DD
Clark, Nathaniel	TRD	Culberhouse, Thomas W.	DD
Claxton, James	DD	Currin, Hugh	RD
Clay, Samuel	OXD	Daniel, Chesley	GD
Clement, John	KLD	Daniel, Joseph	HED
Clement, Obediah	KLD	Daniel, Martin	GD
Clement, Samuel	KLD	Davis, Absolom	ICD
Clements, Thomas	DD	Davis, Augustin	ICD
Cock, William	TRD	Davis, Baxter	APD
Cocker, William	ICD	Baxter Davis was related to the King family; his name appears often in Fairfax Co. and Pittsylvania County, Va.	
Cole, William	KLD	Davis, Joseph	RD
Collins, John	ICD	Davis, P.	RD
Collins, Thomas	ICD	Davis, Solomon	ICD
Cook, Blanton	EFD	Desruler, Micajah	TCD
Cook, William	EFD	Denton, Benjamin	HED
Cooke, Claiborn	FTCD	Dickerson, John	FCD
Cooke, Richard S.	DD	Dickerson, John	FCD
Cooke, Shem Sr.	FTCD	Dickerson, John Jr.	FCD
Cooper, Cornelius	FCD	Dickerson, William	FCD
Cooper, John	FCD	Dodson, William	ICD
Cooper, Kannon	EFD	Dotson, William Jr.	ICD
Cork, James	FCD	The proper spelling of the name was Dodson.	
Cothran, William	OXD	Dotson, Charles	ICD
Cozzart, Ann	KLD	Douglass, Joseph	GD
Cozzart, Benjamin	KLD	Downey, James	APD
Cozzart, David	KLD	Downey, James Jr.	APD
Cozzart, Jacob	KLD	Driskill, Dennis	RD
Cozzart, Jesse	DD	Driskill, Timothy	ICD
Cox, Charnich	HED		
Craft, John	HED		

Duncan, William	ICD	Frasquier, Arthur	APD
Dunkin, George	TRD	Frazer, Ephraim	TRD
Dunkin, Harrison	TRD	Frazier, Jeremiah	OXD
Dunkin, John	TCD	Fraisquier, William	APD
Proper spelling of these names was Duncan, of course.		Freeman, Gideon	DD
Duty, Richard	GD	Fuller, Britton	EFD
Duty wills will be found in Caswell County notes. Caswell was really the home of the Duty family.		Fuller, David	BDD
Earis, Jesse	FCD	Fuller, Henry Sr.	EFD
Earles, John Sr.	RD	Fuller, Henry Jr.	EFD
Earle, John	RD	Fuller, Capt. Jones	BDD
Eastes, Sylvanus	KLD	Fuller, Samuel	EFD
Eastes, Lodowick	KLD	Fussel, Moses	DD
Eastwood, Israel	KLD	Gafford, Reuben	KLD
Eaton, Charles R.	EFD	Garrott, Jesse	FCD
Edwards, John	EFD	Gill, William	TRD
Edwards, Thomas	GD	Gilliam, Harris	FTCD
Ellis, Joseph	KLD	Gilliam, William	HED
Emmery, Ephraim	DD	Gilpin, Henry	HED
Evins, Buriel	FCD	Glasgow, Richard	BDD
Of course, this was Burwell.		Glass, William	GD
Evins, Burrel	EFD	Glover, Capt. Daniel	ICD
And this one, also.		Glover, Joab	ICD
Evans, John	GD	Gober, Martha	ICD
Evans, Morran	FTCD	Gober, William	ICD
Farer, Searcy	TCD	The researchers will find these Gobers down in Georgia in Madison or Clarke Counties.	
Farmer, John	DD	Goldsmith, Thomas	ICD
Ferrybough, Jacob	KLD	Gooch, Amos	TRD
Finch, George	EFD	Gooch, Daniel	TRD
Finch, John Sr.	EFD	Gooch, Gideon	ICD
Finch, John Jr.	EFD	Gooch, Joseph	ICD
Finch, Williamson	EFD	A sister of Rev. Rowland Jones, of Bruton Parish married a Gooch, and these are descendants; cousins removed of Gideon Macon, who married Priscilla Jones in Granville.	
Flemen, Henry	ICD	Goodloe, Robert	BDD
Floyd, Moses	EFD	Also related to the Jones tribe and the Harpers.	
Floyd, William	EFD	Gooch, Rolen	KLD
Fordwine, Lemuel	RD	This was Rowland Gooch, a member of the Gooch family above mentioned.	
Forsythe, James	TRD	Goss, Sherman	TRD
Foupe, Matthew	RD	Goss, Thomas	KLD
Fowler, Henry	TCD	Gowin, Jenkin	FTCD
Fowler, James	FCD		
Fowler, Richard	TRD		
Fowler, William	EFD		

Grant, Thomas	GD	Harp, Henry	BDD
Graves, Henry	APD	Harp, John	FCD
Graves, Henry Jr.	GD	Harp, John	EFD
Graves, Mary	APD	Harp, Sampson	FCD
The widow who married John Williams Daniel of Warren County.		Harp, Thomas	FCD
Graves, Ralph	APD	Harp, Thomas	EFD
Namesake of Ralph Graves of York County, Va. who married a Pinkethman.		Harp, Thomas Sr.	FCD
Gray, Morton	OXD	Harper, Jesse (Estate)	ICD
Green, Daniel	KLD	His wife was Diana Goodloe.	
Green, Henry	KLD	Harris, Anthony (son of Richard Harris)	TRD
Green, Joab	KLD	Harris, Charles	GD
Green, William	DD	Harris, Charles	OXD
Gresham, Richard	HED	Harris, Christopher	BDD
Griffin, Lawrence	BDD	Harris, Christopher	ICD
Grisham, Henry	HED	Harris, Claiborn	KLD
Grisham, James	RD	Harris, Darnin	RD
Families of both spellings exist today, but I am of the opinion that these were both the same – Gresham, not Grisham.		Harris, Edward	BDD
Grizel, Harley	ICD	Harris, George	RD
Gunter, Jesse	TRD	Harris, Harrison	BDD
*Clement, Simon	BDD	The last named was a revolutionary soldier and died in Woodford County, Ky. leaving will and six children 1795. The children were David, Randolph, Nathaniel m. Mary Howard, Susanna, Mary m. Hicks and Mourning married Adams. – Bailey's Hist. Of Woodford County, Ky.	
*The name of Simon Clement was omitted from the 1st column on this page. This family was from New Kent County, Virginia.		Harris, John	GD
Hall, Futril	DD	Harris, John	HED
Hammond, Joab	ICD	Harris, John	BDD
Hancock, Benjamin	ICD	Harris, Richard	KLD
Hanks, Arguyle	ICD	Harris, Robert	OXD
Hanks, William	HED	Harris, Robert	GD
The Arguyle Hanks above is said to have been the ancestor of the famous Nancy Hanks & the claim has been made that Nancy herself for a time had her abode with relatives in the upper part of Granville County near the Virginia line. Considering all that has been written and said of Lincoln's mother, these may have been her relatives.		Harris, Samuel	OXD
Harding, Sterling	EFD	Sam lived in Virginia.	
Hargrove, John	ICD	Harris, Sherwood	OXD
Hargrove, Richard	ICD	Harrison, Isham	HED
Hargrove, Stephen	ICD	This was not the son in law of Rev. Henry Patillo. This Isham was not married in 1788.	
The Hargroves were from Surry and Brunswick Co. Virginia.			

To be continued.....

*Colonial Granville County and Its People, Loose Leaves
from "The Lost Tribes of North Carolina", Worth S. Ray,
Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC*

Hicks and Hays Invited to Serve as Co-Chairmen For Centennial of Court House

Hon. A. A. **HICKS** and Francis B. **HAYS** have been invited by President J. E. **PITTARD** of the Oxford Merchants Association to serve as honorary co-chairmen of the court house centennial celebration to be held here in early July.

Mr. **PITTARD** said yesterday that the Merchants Association had agreed to serve as a clearing house for the celebration and that a staff would be maintained there to handle the clerical detail. The response which business and civic groups of town and county have given the proposed celebration is sufficient to insure that it will be successfully staged, Mr. **PITTARD** said yesterday.

Meanwhile, citizens of town and county are endeavoring to brush up on their knowledge of history of the court house. Our good friend, Mr. **HAYS**, who often is relied upon by The Ledger to supply pertinent historical information and facts regarding Oxford and the county, calls renewed attention to an article appearing in the Public Ledger for April 13, 1937.

In this article, entitle "Granville's Court House During Three Centuries," salient points about the building are given chronologically. A few brief abstracts of these points are:

1836 – A committee was appointed by the magistrates to consider the advisability of erecting a new and fire-proof court house. (There were no County Commissioners in those days.)

1837 – A vote of the magistrates on the proposal to go ahead with the work stood 21 for and 13 against. A building committee was appointed and a special tax of 15 cents on the \$100 was levied; also a 40 cent poll tax.

1838 – To build a belfry on the new structure, \$600 was appropriated. The inscription on the keystone over the main entrance to the building is simply "4th July 1838."

1839 – The old court house was ordered to be sold and removed.

1840 – An appropriation of \$200 for a bell was made. At the August quarterly meeting of the magistrates, the building committee and the contractor were thanked for the "faithful and tasty manner in which they have performed their duty."

1891 – The magistrates and the Board of County Commissioners decided to enlarge the court house and proceeded to have the work done.

1937 – Another addition to the court house was completed and the new offices occupied.

When Mr. **HAYS**, author of the article above mentioned, was asked a few days ago when the 1840 building was actually completed, he said he had found no record of the exact date. It is to be presumed, he added, that the work had been completed when the resolutions of thanks were adopted and authority to pay the contractor given.

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Never argue with an idiot. People watching may have a tough time distinguishing who's who.
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Courthouse of County 100 Years Old This Coming Aug.

Oxford Public Ledger, May 7, 1940

A.A. HICKS Says His History of Granville County can be completed within 30 days - Old Court Records Cited

Editor of the Public Ledger:

About the last of January, I prepared a short article in reference to the building of the Court House and sent it by hand to your office but somehow it never reached you and as the anniversary of the completion of the Court House is close at hand and we may wish to take some notice of it I am sending another in the hope that you will publish it.

Nothing is said on the court minutes about the beginning of the Court House but the date on the keystone over the door states that it was begun July 4, 1838 and while I am sure that the corner stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies my best efforts have failed to find anything in this county or in the Grand Lodge minutes to show this was done.

The contractor for the building of the Court House was John **WALTHALL** and it is not to be denied that he was a master builder and that two years were consumed in the erection of the building for a good purpose for there has never been a crack or any other defect found in the walls or construction of the Court House now 100 years old.

I have no doubt that Captain Abraham **SPENCER** and Mr. Drury **TURNER**, both of whom were operating in the county at that time and were master mechanics and brick masons, built the walls but alas there is no record as to this. The following record throws some light on the completion of the Court House. It is copied from the minutes of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions August 6, 1840.

There was quite a spirited contest as to whether the six hundred dollars should be authorized to pay for the belfry on the Court House and as the vote taken among the justices is not so important I will not go back to the indexed records to reproduce it. I remember that Willis **HARRIS** and Robert **TAYLOR**, two of the justices, voted against the appropriation.

Court Minutes

Thursday, August 6, 1840

“The report of the commissioners heretofore appointed for building the court house being under consideration, there being the following justices on the bench to-wit: L. A. **PASCHALL**, Wm. **AMIS**, Wm. Williamson **PARHAM**, Wm. **ROBARDS**, Thomas B. **LITTLEJOHN**, Robert **TAYLOR**, Wm. S. **McClanahan**, John T. **HUNT**, John **BULLOCK**, Daniel **PASCHALL**, Thomas **MILLER**, Samuel S. **DOWNEY**, Richard **BULLOCK**, George **KITTRELL** and Samuel **LEMAY**, it is ordered and adjudged that the same be confirmed and approved, that commissioners be requested to continue and they or majority, through their chairman may draw on the sheriff in any way that may best answer in favor of John **WALTHALL** for the amount of \$2646 and 13 cents with interest till paid and the further sum of \$600 with interest till paid for building the belfry and that the sheriff pay the same as drawn for out of any money in his hands.

“On motion for Samuel S. **DUNN**, Esq., resolved unanimously that this court be hereby render to Thomas B. **LITTLEJOHN**, Wm. **ROBARDS**, James **COOPER**, John **BULLOCK** and Russell **KINGSBURY**, Esqs., Commissioners for building the court house, their grateful

acknowledgement for the faithful and tasty manner in which they have had the same built—also that Mr. John A. **WALTHALL**, the undertaker and builder, deserves the same, and it is hereby awarded to him and that this resolution be spread upon the records of this court.

“Ordered that Thomas **MILLER**, Samuel S. **DOWNEY**, John **BULLOCK**, and Daniel A. **PASCHALL** and Robert **TAYLOR**, Esqs., be appointed commissioners to superintend and have erected a sufficient number of horse racks in the town of Oxford for the accommodation of the people coming to court, and that said commissioners have the discretion as to the places of their location.”

Notwithstanding the many handicaps under which I have labored, the history of Granville county from the time of Sir Walter **RALEIGH'S** colony at Roanoke up to the present time which I have prepared, is within 30 days of being ready for publication. May I express the hope that in some way public interest may be revived so that I may receive a little financial aid to pay for the copying of some records and then to publish the history so full of information about every phase of life and every locality in Granville County including that part of Granville now in Vance County up to the time of its formation in 1881. This history will include the marriage records of Granville County from the beginning up to 1868, which will be of interest to almost everybody.

A. A. Hicks, Oxford, North Carolina

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Snapshots from the History of Granville

March 10, 1936

By Miss Jeanette Biggs

Lord **KEELING** married Agnes **BULLOCK** and came to Granville County, North Carolina, with his three daughters where his brother in law, Leonard Henry **BULLOCK**, had preceded him. Upon the death of Lord **KEELING** his widow married Judge John **WILLIAMS**. One of the daughters married Judge Richardson **HENDERSON** and became the mother of Leonard and others. Another daughter married Thomas **SATTERWHITE** whose daughter Anne married Col. William **ROBARDS**. The third daughter married Bromfield **RIDLEY** and had son Rev. John James **RIDLEY** who became rector of St. John's church in 1846. Judge **WILLIAMS'** house, Mountpelier, was situated about one half mile south of Williamsborough. It was here the future Chief Justice Leonard **HENDERSON** studied under Judge **WILLIAMS** and met and married Frances **FARRAR**, an inmate of the house. Judge **WILLIAMS** and Agnes **KEELING**, widow of Lord **KEELING**, were married and had an only child, a daughter, Agatha **WILLIAMS**, who married Col. Robert **BURTON**, who was a member of Congress and whose tombstone inscription says, 'An officer of the Revolutionary War'. At Williamsborough was 'Jonesboro', the home of Chief Justice **HENDERSON** where he lived and died. 'Burnside' was the home of Thomas **HUNT**. 'Nine Oaks' was the home of Bromfield **RIDLEY**. 'Oakland' was the summer home of Gov. **TURNER**. None of these Colonial houses are left but the **BURTON** Graveyard is still there with five generations.

Hayes Collection, Granville County History II, Vol. 34, Pg 37, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

Sherman's Soldiers Helped to Stimulate Demand for Tobacco

Oxford Public Ledger, September 19, 1933

By Lycurgus Thomas

Interesting History of Oxford Tobacco Market is reported by one of Town's Oldest Citizens -- Names of Pioneers are given

I have been requested by several, including ye editor, to say something about the early times on the Oxford tobacco market. As there can be no market without something to sell, and Oxford never sold any other than the bright or flue-cured grades some research is necessary to ascertain when and how the bright tobacco originated.

Prior to about 1865 to 1870 there was little or no tobacco grown for any purpose except chewing. This was often manufactured by the grower and peddled through sections where no tobacco was grown. The tobacco was topped very low, all the bottom leaves pulled off and thrown away.

In 1865 **SHERMAN'S** army was stationed at Durham and W. T. (Buck) **BLACKWELL** conceived the idea of gathering up some of the bottom and cast aside leaves, pulverizing and flavoring them in some way, and selling it to the federal soldiers. The demand for it increased and Mr. **BLACKWELL**, being a man of much forethought, pushed his new enterprise with vigor and energy. When the army was disbanded and the soldiers discharged, each one of them took a good quantity of this smoking tobacco to his home. It proved popular and orders came in rapidly, and almost over night Mr. **BLACKWELL** found himself at the head of a great and profitable business. This created a demand for a type of tobacco that afforded more smoking grades, and hence a thinner and brighter tobacco. The farmers began experimenting in the different ways of curing. Some would put large stoves in their barns, others would burn coal and build coal fires in different parts of the barn; and then the flues, which first consisted of a two brick or rock walls, running parallel about 18 inches apart and covered with tin. A furnace some eight feet long was constructed outside the barn, the end being connected with this flue which passed through and heated the barn. This suggested the modern flue which was patented by W. T. **BOWDEN** and who sold the privilege of the personal use of it to individuals, as the following letter, the original of which I have in my possession, will indicate:

April the 14th, 1873.

Mr. William F. **RENN** has the right to put up and use one of the **BOWDEN** flues in one barn, and is cautioned against making further use of it. Not transferable. W. T. **BOWDEN** and Co.

I cannot learn just how it came about, but when I came to Oxford in 1878 everybody was using the **BOWDEN**, or modern flue, and I heard nothing of its being patented. Plant bed cloth was unknown at this time. Beds for plants were burned on branches or in moist places and covered with brush, usually dogwood, and very few plants were available before June.

Priming tobacco at this time was not thought of. It was about 1890 that a Mr. **SNOW** patented a process by which the leaves were gathered and hung on wires. I think there is one of these **SNOW** Barnes standing in South Oxford at the present time.

The first warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco was built and operated by Dr. L. C. **TAYLOR** in the early seventies and was situated on what is now New College Street near the intersection of McClanahan Street. Later it was operated by Dr. **TAYLOR'S** sons -- William and Charles, and Mr. William **LASSITER**, an uncle of our townsman, B.K. **LASSITER**. There was no railroad nearer Oxford than Henderson, nor were there any banking facilities. The tobacco purchased was packed or prized into hogsheads and hauled to Henderson. This led our townsman, Mr. J. C.

COOPER, to form a co-partnership with his nephew, D. Y. **COOPER** of Henderson, which at that time was a part of Granville County. The style of the firm was J. C. and D. Y. **COOPER**, and the business prospered for a long term of years.

I have not been able to get the names of many of the buyers at the time of the **TAYLOR** warehouse, but Mr. Daniel **OSBORN**, J.C. **COOPER** and C. F. **KINGSBURY** were among the leading buyers. Mr. **OSBORN** also operated the **OSBORN** House and is the only Hotel Keeper I ever heard of who would hold prayers in his dining room before breakfast. He was a high church blue stocking Presbyterian. He certainly believed in letting his 'light shine' about his hotel.

The **TAYLOR** warehouse was operated for several years, but had been abandoned in 1878. The only warehouse at this time was the Granville, located at the corner of Gilliam and Spring Streets on the site of the residence of B. K. **LASSITER**, and was owned by C. F. **KINGSBURY**. The brick house now occupied as depot for the Seaboard railroad was also used as a warehouse but by whom I have been unable to learn. It may have served as an overflow from the Granville, which was operated by **KINGSBURY**, **MINOR** and **LASSITER**. No checks would be given at this time, and the clerk or bookkeeper, Mr. **BROGDEN**, was kept busy visiting the merchants and others gathering up money, cash, with which to pay off the farmers.

The O & H railroad was completed in 1880 and Oxford spread out on a big boom. A warehouse was constructed near the Seaboard depot, afterwards used as, and was, a part of the **TAYLOR CANNADY** Buggy Co. Then the **JOHNSON** on College Street, the **BANNER**, located on Hillsboro Street just east of the Carolina Power and Light Co.'s office. This as well as the Johnson was destroyed by the great fire on 1887. Mr. John **BULLOCK** traded a residence on College Street now occupied by Mrs. **HAMILTON** to Capt. A. **LANDIS** for a lot on Hillsboro Street and erected thereon the Brick Banner Warehouse. I omitted to state that Capt. **LANDIS'** residence on this lot was destroyed at the time of this conflagration. Then the **MEADOWS** warehouse was erected on the corner of Hillsboro and Broad Streets and was operated by F. R. **KNOTT**, Jr. About this time Mr. J. M. **CURRIN** and the **WILKERSON** brothers came over from Henderson and engaged in the warehouse and tobacco business generally. The **MINOR** warehouse was built and operated by R. V. **MINOR**. Then the Farmers by a stock company of the Farmers Alliance; then the **OWEN** warehouse on College Street, and very recently the **MANGUM** and **FLEMING**.

Among the early dealers in tobacco I recall Ed **COOPER**, Ed **CREWS**, Len **WALKER**, T.N. **BURWELL**, John **MEADOWS**, Lee H. **CURRIN**, J. F. **MEADOWS**, H. G. **COOPER**, W. L. and W. Z. **MITCHELL**, John **BULLOCK** and Dudley **BULLOCK**. There were others whose names I do not now remember.

I should mention that a boost was given Oxford by the opening of two banks, one by Dr. H.C. **HERNDON** and the other by J. C. **COOPER** and Sons.

The biggest farce I remember was the great South Oxford Boom, which exploded so quickly that it left many high up in the air. This was equally as bad as the 'churning' which 'soured' on so many and caused them to 'spill the milk'.

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Things work out best for those who make the best of the way things work out.

Unknown

CREEDMOOR, North Carolina

A reprint of an article researched and compiled for a brochure for the Town of Creedmoor 1999 by Mildred C. GOSS.

The beginnings of Creedmoor - in 1885 a group of twenty-five taxpayers appeared before the County Board of Commissioners for the County of Granville with a petition in writing from the Dutchville Township. A proposition to subscribe ten thousand dollars to the capital stock of the Oxford and Clarksville Railroad Company under the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of North Carolina entitled "An act to incorporate" the Oxford and Clarksville Railroad Company and notified the 28 day of February AD 1885.

The petition in which is in the words and figures following towit: We the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Dutchville Township in the county aforesaid hereby respectively petition your body to have submitted to the voters of said township a proposition to subscribe ten thousand dollars to the capital stock of the Oxford and Clarksville Railroad Company under the provision of the acts of assembly of North Carolina. Incorporating said railroad company being Chapter 116 of the Laws of 1885 as amended by acts of assembly ratified in January 1885 and March 1887. The said twenty thousand dollars to be used in building a railroad from Clarksville or some point on the Virginia line to some point on the North Carolina Railroad or on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad via Oxford or as to pass through the said Dutchville Township - W. H. LYON, E. G. LYON, Ned BULLOCK, J. H. BULLOCK, W. A. WHEELER, James E. FLEMING, W.T. MITCHELL, W. A. PEACE, S. C. LYON, R. H. FLEMING, J. R. ROBERTSON, Z. E. LYON, M. F. ADCOCK, W. L. MITCHELL, M. L. WINSTON, W. D. PLEASANT, E. D. LYON, B. L. HESTER, S. L. MOSS, J. M. TINGEN, J. H. TINGEN, L. W. EMORY, J. M. PEACE, T. B. LYON, Nelson WINSTON, Jake CANNADY, and John G. DAVIS. - it is therefore ordered that the election of subscribing the said sum of ten thousand dollars to the capital stock of said railroad company be submitted to the qualified voters of said Dutchville township and that an election be held in said township at the proper voting place therein on the eighth day of October AD 1887.

In 1886 Thomas B. LYON applied to the Post Office Department for a post office to be located at Creedmoor. The request was granted on 10 April 1886 with John HARMON as the first postmaster. The same year on 3 September 1886 Samuel C. LYON son of Thomas B. LYON was appointed postmaster.

In 1888 Thomas B. LYON made and entered an indenture on 21 April 1888 between himself and the Durham and Northern Railway Company. The right of way over and also the right to use for all railroad purposes and also, sufficient land to be selected for depot purposes not to exceed one and one-half acres. This deed is made on the situation and understanding that a depot station shall be placed at Creedmoor. The deed shows that the roadbed for the railroad was to go all the way through Mr. LYON'S property and the depot was to be placed on his property at Creedmoor.

In 1895 Creedmoor, a town located in southern Granville County was incorporated as Creedmore; reincorporated in 1905 as Creedmoor, with the officers of said town shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners who shall be elected by the voters of said town. Joseph L. PEED served as the first mayor. The first commissioners were Dr. J. F. SANDERFORD, Isaac W. BULLOCK, S. C. LYON, Claude V. GARNER and L. H. LONGMIRE. These men laid the ground work for the town today.

The town today has a Manager/Council form of government. The Manager is appointed by the board. The mayor is elected every two years and the commissioners elected for terms of four years on a staggered basis.

The first church on record in Creedmoor was organized in 1895 and was located on Elm Street. This building was used until the present Baptist church was built. Rev M. P. Davis served as the first pastor. The old cemetery located at the rear of the first church building remains there today. Names that appeared on early records for this church were LYON, CLARK, SANDERFORD, ROGERS, BOWLING, WILLIAMS, HOWERTON, DAVIS, PEED, FREEMAN, FLEMING, ADCOCK, WINSTON, PLEASANT, HESTER, MOSS, TINGEN, CANNADY and CURRIN. The present Baptist church was built in 1950 on Main Street. There are other churches located in the city for people of all denominations to worship including Methodist, Christian Faith Center and several small churches.

In 1917 electricity came to Creedmoor when G. H. **DOVE** and F. J. **MCDUFFY** flipped a switch in their plant which was located on Railroad Street.

At one time Creedmoor was a larger tobacco market than Durham. Area farmers did not limit themselves to tobacco only, but grew cotton as a profitable crop. Then came the "mules" - around forty train carloads each year pulled into town. Creedmoor at one time was claimed to be the largest mule trading center in the world and was known far and wide as "Mule Town". It was not until the mid fifties did the town remove the slogan "One of the Largest Retail Livestock Markets in North Carolina" from its official letterhead.

The people of this town work hard to make a balanced life and blend the old with the new. This blending is exemplified by the updating of services and buildings needed to serve the present population. There are no physicians or optometric offices located in the town limits, but are located two miles away where they serve the entire southern end of the county. There is one dental office in the town limits and another located two miles away.

When it comes to play, our climate allows year-round outdoor activity. With a picnic at Lake Rogers, a softball game or rounds of tennis are only a few options. The well-established volunteer organizations, community based schools guarantee a year of special events. The yearly activities in town start with an Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Rogers picnic area the Saturday proceeding Good Friday. On the fourth of July there is a town picnic at Lake Rogers with a cake baking contest and other entertainment. The Creedmoor Music Festival is held in September with old-fashioned gospel music among other activities. On the second Saturday in October the Volunteer Fire Department has a fundraiser, a parade with surrounding communities participating along with bands from area high schools marching. A supper is held after the parade at the South Granville High School cafeteria with a menu of Brunswick stew and barbecue served the old fashioned way by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department. The Christmas parade and the lighting of the town Christmas tree usually takes place on the first Saturday in December. Thousands of people turn out for these events and are thoroughly enjoyed.

Creedmoor is located in Dutchville Township in southern Granville County and is one of the fastest growing areas in the county. This part of Granville County was voted in 1996 by Money Magazine as one of the best places to live in the nation. It borders the Raleigh-Durham Metropolitan Area. Creedmoor is about 20 minutes from Raleigh, the Capital City and 15 minutes from Durham, the City of Medicine. Raleigh Durham International Airport is only 25 miles away. Oxford the county seat of Granville County is only 15 minutes away.

Living in Creedmoor offers the assets as convenient as desired. These assets include several colleges such as; Duke in Durham, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central in Durham, North Carolina State University and St. Augustines in Raleigh. Another asset is the work ethic of our citizens who appreciate the privilege and right to work. Employers are situated convenient so they are able to hire employees from the area.

Creedmoor with an excellent transportation network offers full electric and communication utilities, plus water and sewer. Creedmoor is linked to the countywide 911 system for emergencies. It can also boast an EMS satellite unit in the center of town and is manned 24 hours.

Creedmoor had 1504 people according to the 1990 census and a growth rate being 59% over 1980.

Creedmoor has four schools in the town limits. One school is a private school operated by Christian Faith Center. The other schools are served by the Granville County System. This system is known throughout the state as a leader in innovations and reforms in education. The system has developed a statewide reputation for being innovative, for charting new ground in instructional practices and involving the total community in the education of our children. The school system, guided by its motto "Progress For All Children," has moved from motto to mission, from chant to challenge and has led the call for each of the restructuring initiatives; Wildfire Initiative, Quality Focus, Technology Preparedness and Flexible Scheduling.

If awards and recognitions are any indication of the way our school system is viewed then we can be proud. Visit our schools and view the trophies, plaques and banners received by our school children. One example South Granville High School Softball team won the state championship in 1998. The results can be seen in students, staff, and schools that really shine in state and national competition.

Adults find many opportunities to further their education at the local community college or at one of the many colleges and universities in the area. There are special interest courses for adults who want to extend their

knowledge into areas such as pottery, art, computers, etc. Vance Granville Community College located two miles from the city offers numerous career oriented degree programs and college transfer program. The college is noted for its cooperation with industry, specifically designing and offering industry specific training.

For the "Seniors" there is a very active Senior Center to enjoy. This center provides recreational activities, meals on wheels for ones that cannot travel to the center. It also provides an exercise program to help keep seniors active.

The town is served by various media. One newspaper is published weekly in town. There are several other newspapers serving the town as well. One county newspaper is published twice weekly covering the county. Daily newspapers from adjoining counties provide the town with daily national, state and worldwide news. All radio and television networks are provided by local and regional stations and cable. These media provide excellent information on employment and housing opportunities.

Creedmoor has several subdivisions in process to help with the housing shortage. While the town provides a life of exceptional quality, the homes fall in a price range below the national average. Some of these homes are available in price ranges to suit the needs of many life styles and budgets.

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.

09 - 99 *Bennie Eakes 1505 Kirkland Rd. # 10, Raleigh, NC 27603*

Need information on the ancestry of John **HARRIS** (and Anne) of Granville County, who first patented land on Aaron's 'Creek on the Person County line, in 1761. Is she the same John **HARRIS** of the nuncupative will in Caswell County in 1772?

10 - 99 *John Markham Ferguson Jr 102 Cove Road - Kingspoint Williamsburg, VA 23185-4414*

My ancestors, James (his father James "ffargefsson") **FARGESON** and Agness **ADDAMS** lived in upper Lickinghole Creek, Goochland County Virginia in 1740's and Fishing and Beaverdam Creeks, Chester County South Carolina by 1765. Question: Is this the James **FARGESON** mentioned circa 1750 concerning Nap of Reeds Creek, David Parish Creek, Indian Creek, muster roll, Fishing Creek Chapel, Raccon Branch, and/or Mosely Branch, all in Granville County, North Carolina?

Granville County Marriages 1872

Abstracted by Mildred C. Goss

Part 3 of 4

Kingsbury, Rufus - colored - son of Danie! Kingsbury and Peggie Kingsbury & Laura Brown daughter of not known and Dicey Brown on 23 June 1872 by Jeffrey Burwell, M.G.

Kittrell, Giles - colored - son of Giles Kittrell and Lucy Kittrell & Ellen Powell daughter of George Powell and Hasty Powell on 23 October 1872 by Jeff Burwell, M.G.

Lane, B.F. - son of Wm. Lane and Nancy Lane & Victoria H. Horner daughter of Wm Horner and N.H. Horner on 24 January 1872 by P.J. Carraway, M.G.

Lawson, W.P. - son of F.G. Lawson and Catherine Lawson & S.E. Kimball daughter of Edward Kimball and Mary Kimball on 16 January 1872 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.

Leak, Wm. H. - colored - son of Joseph H. Leak and Mary H. Leak & H.E. Pool daughter of J.D.C. Pool and Mary A.E. Pool on 17 January 1872 by L.K. Willie, M.G.

Lemay, Richmond - colored - son of Ratler Lemay and Martha Lemay & Ann Eaton son of Alfred Eaton and Aggie Eaton on 8 December 1872 by Jeff Burwell, M.G.

Levister, Lorenzo - son of George T. Levister and Louisa Levister & Sarah Ann Kearney daughter of Henry Kearney and Nancy Kearney on 1 February 1872 by Moses J. Hunt.

Lewis, David - colored - son of Orange Summerville and Fanny Lewis & Ellen Hargrove daughter of Thomas Hargrove and Anna B. Hargrove on 23 November 1872 by H.F. Pope M.G.

Lewis, Harry - colored - son of Essex Lewis and Sallie Hodge & Harriet Cozens daughter of Chas Cozens and Ann Couzens on 13 July 1872 by Francis House, M.g.

Loyd, Joseph Ensel - son of George Washington Loyd and Rutha Loyd & Ciganora Ross daughter of Charles Ross and Nancy Ross on 26 December 1872 by Moses J. Hunt, M.G.

Lyon, John Henry - son of John M. Lyon and Betsy N. Lyon & Martha A. Hester daughter of Benja. B. Hester and Charity Hester on 24 Octobet 1872 by W.G. Garner, M.G.

Mallory, George - colored - son of Richmond M. Clenneham and Diner Mallory & Roan Jones daughter of Sam Jones and Mary Jones on 14 January 1872 by Lewis C. Ragland, Elder.

Mangum, James S. - son of Samuel Mangum and Tilatha Mangum & Candis Bragg daughter of Joseph Bragg and Gilla Bragg on 29 February 1872 by M.J. Hunt.

Mangum, Rufus - son of Kinton Mangum and Sallie Mangum & Sallie Feribow daughter of Preston Feribow and Mary J. Feribow on 25 October 1872 by F.J. Tilley, J.P.

Marable, Fedrick - colored - son of Robt. Marable and Clarisa Marable & Margaret Cooper daughter of Chas Cooper ans Pheobe Cooper on 31 January 1872 by Denis Anderson.

Marrow, Drury - colored - son of Aaron Marrow and Phoeby Marrow & Susan Boyd daughter of not known and not known on 27 July 1872 by Robt. I. Devin, M.G.

Marrow, Isaac - colored - son of Isaac Marrow and Rachiel Marrow & Fannie Hicks daughter of Nelson Hicks and Chany Hicks on 6 August 1872 by Madison Harvey, M.G.

Marrow, John - colored - son of Isaac Marrow and Rachael Marrow & Sarah Downey daughter of Henderson Downey and Leathy Hicks on 14 November 1872 by S.P. J. Harris, M.G.

Marrow, Ned - colored - son of Jeff Puryear and Mollie Smith & Manerva Boyd daughter of not known and Peggie Boyd on 15 February 1872 by Richd. G. Sneed, J.P.

Martin, Haywood - colored - son of Simeon Martin and Rhoda Martin & Roxanna Baskerville daughter of Ned Baskerville and Sarah Baskerville on 5 December 1872 by Joscon Bullock, M.G.

Michaux, R.R. - son of Joseph Michaux and Ann M. Michaux & Anna Davis daughter of James W. Davis and Mary A. Davis on 25 April 1872 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.

Mitchell, David - colored - son of David Mitchell and Clara Mitchell & Elizabeth Mitchell daughter of not known and Jennie Mitchell (license issued 1872 certificate not completed at bottom of form).

Mitchell, George R.H. - colored - son of Geo. V. Mitchell and Mary Mitchell & Fannie Harris daughter of Anderson Harris and Owny Harris on 7 March 1872 by Francis House M.G.

Mitchell, Southerland - son of _____ & Anny Pearce daughter of _____ (license issued 14 June 1872 certificate not completed at bottom of form).

Moon, George W. - son of W.H. Moon and Mary A. Moon & Emily E. Clayton daughter of Wm. Clayton and Eliza Clayton on 1 September 1872 by L.K. Willie, M.G.

Morris, Henry - son of Joseph Morris and Elizabeth Morris & Edney Woods daughter of Mark Woods and Susan Woods on 9 November 1872 by J.H. Webb, J.P.

Morris, Thomas - son of Joseph Morris and Elizabeth Morris & Bettie Ann Boling daughter of not known and Kate Boling on 22 March 1872 by B.D. Horner, J.P.

Moss, William - colored - son of Ceyar Moss and Linda Moss & Nettie Miller daughter of Anthony Miller and Rose Miller on 14 August 1872 by Wm. M. Blackwell, J.P.

Murray, James - son of John H. Murray and Harriet Murray & Martha G. Ladd daughter of Mordica Ladd and Martha G. Ladd on 29 December 1872 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.

Murry, Thomas Howard - son of Presly Murry and Gilly Murry & Pattie Jones Falkner daughter of Noel J. Falkner and Eliza Falkner on 1 October 1872 by T.G. Smith, M.G.

Newton, Haman - son of Robt. Newton and L. Newton & Mrs Lina Williamson daughter of William Tillotson and Julia Tillotson on 14 March 1872 by M.S. Daniel, J.P.

Newton, Jos. F. - son of William Newton and Joanna Yancey & Joanna Yancey daughter of Joseph Yancey and Martha Yancey on 19 May 1872 by B. Smith, J.P.

Noblin, Spencer - son of Richard Noblin and Franky Noblin & Susan A. Jones daughter of A.D. Jones and Martha Jones on 28 November 1872 by M.S. Daniel, J.P.

Nott, William P. - son of Richard P. Nott and Elizabeth B. Knott & Sallie K. Crabtree on 12 January 1872 by B. Smith, J.P.

Oakley, Hinton - son of Barton Oakley and Melia Oakley & Catherine R. Hudgins daughter of Jno B. Hudgins and Polly Hudgins on 2 September 1872 by J.H. Webb, J.P.

O'Brien, Alexander P. - son of Gardner O'Brien and Ann E. O'Brien & Sarah Jane Adcock daughter of Absalom Adcock and Elizabeth Adcock on 29 February 1872 by J. M. Satterwhite, J.P.

Overbey, Samuel - colored - son of Saml. Overbey and Harriett Overbey & Caroline Satterwhite daughter of Adam Satterwhite and Caroline Satterwhite on 6 October 1872 by R.I. Devin.

Owen, James King - son of Wiliam Owen and Nancey Owen & Malissa Bowen daughter of Wiliam Bowen and Mary Bowens on 27 October 1872 by Maurice Daniel, J.P.

Owen, Robert - colored - son of Samuel Talley and Winney Hamlin & Clara Raney daughter of Henry Raney and Clara Raney on 26 October 1872 by Jeff Burwell, M.G.

Owens, Peter - colored - son of Watson Owens and Haret Owens & Agness Puryear daughter of not known and Lucy Puryear on 25 December 1872 by Edmond Bradsher, M.G.

Parham, Albert - colored son of Henry Parham and Lucy Parham & Mrs Jane Cheatham daughter of Dilliard Rogers and not known on 30 March 1872 by Wm. S. Hester, M.G.

Parham, Elisha Thomas - son of Lewis W. Parham and Julia A. Parham & Martitia C. Eakes daughter of Zachariah Eakes and Jane Eakes on 11 December 1872 by Robert I. Devin, M.G.

Patterson, James Pleasant - son of Jno H. Patterson and Susan F. Patterson & Amanda Fitzelow Fleming daughter of James Fleming and Isabella Fleming on 14 November 1872 by J.A. Satterwhite, M.G.

Peace, Robert F. - son of John C. Peace and Emily Peace & Lucy A. Fuller daughter of Elijah Fuller and Nancy B. Fuller on 11 September 1872 by Wm. M. Blackwell, J.P.

Perry, Henry - colored - son of Henry Perry and Harriett Perry & Bettie Peace daughter of Henderson Fuller and Viney Peace on 25 January 1872 by T. Jenkins.

Pettiford, Green - colored - son of Lewis Pettiford and Tilda Pettiford & Mag. Harris daughter of Henry Harris and Selina Harris on 15 January 1872 by B.D. Howard, J.P.

Pettiford, Isaac - colored - son of Thos Pettiford and Levina Pettiford & Martha Walker daughter of Hasting Walker and Polly Walker on 23 January 1872 by Cuffee Mayo, Elder.

Phelps, Gaston - son of Alsey Phelps and Eliza Ann Phelps & Mary Dilliard daughter of Israel Dilliard and Mahaley Dilliard on 13 October 1872 by R.C. Tuck, M.G.

Phillipps, William Robert - son of unknown and Sophia A. Phillipps & Catherine Thomas daughter of John Thomas and Elizabeth Thomason 28 October 1872 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.

Pittard, Robert - son of George W. Pittard and E.R. Pittard & Mary Watkins daughter of Thomas Watkins and Jane Watkins on 18 January 1872 by Robert I. Devin, M.G.

Pleasants, Robert H. - son of James Pleasants and Martha N. Pleasants & Caroline Thomas daughter of Washn. H. Thomas and C.E. Thomas on 18 December 1872 by W.R. Webb, M.G.

Powell, Jas A. - son of John Powell and Elizabeth Powell & Henrietta White daughter of W.H. White and Tabitha White on 5 August 1872 by W.C. Gannon, M.G.

Preddy, Thomas - son of George Preddy and Eliza Preddy & Lora Chappell daughter of Redding Chappell and Louisa Chappell on 11 August 1872 by F. R. Underwood, M.G.

Pruet, Elisha - son of Thos. Pruet and Sarah Pruet & Harriett Fuller daughter of Daniel Fuller and Patsy Fuller on 16 August 1872 by Moses J. Hunt, M.G.

Pugh, George - colored - son of Tomy Pugh and Peggy Pugh & Helon Stone daughter of and Nancy Stone on 5 January 1872 by T. Jenkins

Puryear, Henry - colored - son of Starlen Puryear and Polly Puryear & Rose Royster daughter of Anderson Sandford and Matilda Royster on 27 October 1872 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.

Ragins, Jas. T. - son of Everett Regans and Nina Ragins & Susan Hicks daughter of Wm Hicks and Martha C. Hicks on 7 February 1872 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.

Orange Pie

Clip half a dozen oranges very fine; take half a dozen more and cut a small hole in the top of each. Scoop out all the pulp and boil the skins till they are tender, changing the water several times to extract the bitterness. Then take six of eight apples, pare and slice them; put to them part of the pulp of your oranges, from which the strings and seeds must first be picked; add half pound of fine sugar and boil till quite soft, over a slow fire. Then fill your oranges with it and put them in a deep dish, without paste, having first placed in the dish three-fourths of a pound of sugar and as much water as will wet it. Be careful to place the oranges with the holes uppermost; lay over them a light paste and bake an hour and a half in a slow oven.

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Brassfield Baptist Church

Prepared by Mr. C. W. Allen and Mr. Norwood Kearney, August 1983

Brassfield Baptist Church was constituted on August 23, 1823 by Elders Zachariah ALLEN, James WEATHERS and William WORREL. The roots of that formation were planted over eighteen years earlier, however, when on July 17, 1805 James WEATHERS, John MATTHEWS, William MOORE and Robert JETER were appointed commissioners of a meeting house. This house had been recently erected on a plot of land lying between the Neuse and Tarborough Roads according to the deed on record in the Granville County Courthouse. Today this approximate one-acre is on the north end of the church property and is largely occupied by the cemetery. N.C. 96 is near the original course of the Neuse Road and the Tarborough Road lay immediately east of the cemetery. Today its remains are still visible near the pastorium.

The union meeting house in which various denominations employed the house on assigned Sundays was very common in that era. Wake Union Baptist Church near Wake Forest was started on the same system a few years earlier and James WEATHERS was also a party in its formation.

Baptists were at Brassfield from the start as WEATHERS was a Baptist minister of great energy. John MATTHEWS was a Presbyterian minister and pastor of the Nut Bush and Grassy Creek Presbyterian Churches in that period. Of William MOORE and Robert JETER we know nothing but they must have been ministers of other denominations.

The lease agreement on file in the Granville County Register of Deeds Office leases the land in question for a term of 99 years with five shillings being the lease amount. The grantors were George BRASSFIELD and Mary P. CLEMENT.

Included in the lease description was a corridor to a nearby spring and specific granting of its access and use to the meeting house. Obviously, a good water supply was a factor in locating the house at this site and the spring was to figure in the later history of the church.

Perhaps a greater factor in its establishment was the influence of George BRASSFIELD. He was certainly a devout Baptist since he was a messenger to the Flat River Association held at Enoe Meeting House in 1811. Oddly, he represented the Enoe Meeting House. Further he was the associational clerk in that year. Perhaps, he was not living at Brassfield at the time. It is known that he once lived in what is now Durham County (then Orange County). Or he may have retained his membership at Enoe because no Baptist Church has been formally constituted at Brassfield.

The early history of Brassfield Church is closely related to that of Cedar Creek Baptist Church. Cedar Creek was admitted into the Flat River Association in 1806. Therefore, its formation was probably contemporary with that of the meeting house at Brassfield. James WEATHERS pastored there and ordained Zachariah ALLEN to the ministry there in 1811. ALLEN also held membership there at one time. When the Cedar Creek edifice burned about 1839 or 1840 the few remaining members moved their memberships to "Brassfield and other nearby churches" indicating the proximity of the two. Associational records indicate Cedar Creek was in Granville County, which at the time extended several miles further east than today. The early extinction of this church makes it difficult to gather information about its history or location. We can only guess but probably it was located between Brassfield and Franklinton near the stream from which it took its name. In its early existence Brassfield may have been an arm of this church which was common in the day some churches having as many as five or six different locations for services.

The years 1805 through 1823 are a mystery indeed as to what transpired at Brassfield's Meeting House. Perhaps the organization there was so weak that constituting a church was not possible. Even in 1823 when Elders ALLEN, WEATHERS and WORREL established Brassfield Church it was formed with only 19 members. For several years it was a very weak church numerically. In 1830 the first year for which associational records are available after 1823, it had only 18 members. The next year it had dropped to thirteen. Contributions to the association each of those years were 50 cents. The records for

1832, 1833, 1834 and 1835 are unavailable but growth was taking place as the membership had risen to 32 in 1836.

Reading between the lines a picture begins to emerge. Brassfield's growth was somewhat paralleled by Cedar Creek's decline. In 1811 Cedar Creek had 53 members by 1839 only 14. In no years during the 1830's did Cedar Creek send messengers to the association although when contacted in 1838 they requested the association's help in procuring the services of a pastor. It was common in the time for churches with anti-missionary leanings to boycott associational meetings. Indeed in 1840 Tar River and Enoe Churches were expelled from the Flat River Association for non-participation and joined the Country Line Primitive Baptist Association. The controversy between the Primitive and Missionary Baptists was at its height from 1800 until 1840 so it is possible that the reason for Brassfield's formation and later growth was the friction between the two opposing groups in Cedar Creek Church.

The three founders of Brassfield Church were certainly mission minded men. **WEATHERS** was instrumental in starting several churches in the area. Both **ALLEN** and **WORREL** had early in their lives come under the influence of the zealously missionary Grassy Creek Church in the northern section of Granville County where both then resided. **WORREL** was the prime mover in the formation of the Tar River Association from the anti-missionary Kehukee Association in 1832.

Also in December of 1832, Dr. Samuel **WAIT** as agent of the infant Baptist State Convention whose purposes were avowedly missionary and educational, visited in Zachariah **ALLEN'S** home for five days, preaching in both Cedar Creek and Brassfield. Certainly no anti-missionary devotee would have harbored Dr. **WAIT** under his roof!

All postulations aside it is evident Brassfield's birth and growth were planted on firm missionary principles.

From the year 1836 growth was rapid. The years 1838-40 were a time of great revivals and the conversion of many to the Lord Jesus Christ. The membership doubled from 41 in 1838 to 82 in 1840. In 1839 alone 36 were reported baptized to the association. Dr. **WAIT** held a protracted meeting at Brassfield and Corinth in August 1839 and reported 53 baptized. Also assisting in the revivals of that period were Elders A. S. **WYNN**, Josiah **CRUDUP** and J. S. **PUREFOY**.

In 1841 the church received clear title to the one-acre original site from Caleb **BRASSFIELD** of Weakley County, Tennessee. Further in 1842 the church purchased from Anthony **CLEMENT** of Weakley County, Tennessee through his agent Willie **ROGERS** the approximate three-acre tract on which our present structure stands. We do not know for certain when this edifice was constructed. The records of the church are complete from 1846 and there is no mention in them of its construction. It is easy to imagine that with the rapid growth in numbers that the little log meeting house was inadequate and a new house became a necessity. Also the original wooden shingle roof was replaced in 1887 with tin. The normal life span of a wooden shingle roof is 40 to 50 years so this may help confirm an 1840's construction date. Combining all these evidences we arrive at a probable construction date of ca. 1842 - 1846.

The decades of the 1840's and 1850's were years of constant growth for Brassfield Church. Nearly every year the membership increased and nearly 250 persons were baptized during this period. Over 30 were baptized in 1847 and 1857 each. Mission giving during this period was very notable, Brassfield often leading the churches of the Flat River Association came from Brassfield Church. In 1859 Matthew T. **YATES** the missionary to China gave a talk at Brassfield on the customs and religion of the Chinese people. The church responded by raising the unprecedented sum of \$56.56 for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. **YATES**.

In 1858 the membership was at an all time high 201 persons. In the year 1855 we find the first mention in associational records of black membership in the church which was 45 at the time.

In 1858 ten of the members were dismissed from the church for the purpose of establishing a new church at the Public School near Henry **SMITH'S** home. In 1859 this church, Pleasant Grove, the association with 36 members.

Some very devout ministers served the church during this period. James Simpson **PUREFOY** served the church as pastor for eight years in the 1840's and 1850's in addition to five years in the 1870's. Even after that time he supplied from time to time. It was probably under his influence that the church retained Dr. Washington Manly **WINGATE** then President of Wake Forest College to preach once each month on the first Sunday. This unusual arrangement was unprecedented for a country church of that time because once monthly services were almost universal in rural locations. Undoubtedly, the influence of these two godly men profited the church greatly being directly related to its continued growth and its heightened missionary zeal.

This unusual arrangement of a pastor and a preacher holding one service each per month continued in 1859 with Elijah Forbes **BEAUCHUM** as pastor and Robert Brewer **JONES** as preacher.

Earlier in 1851 Brassfield was fortunate to have as pastor William **JONES**, a devoted minister who was the first beneficiary of ministerial educational support from the Baptist State Convention even before Wake Forest Institute was established. He was the father of R. B. **JONES** mentioned above.

In 1853 Dr. John Brown **WHITE** the President of Wake Forest College held the pastorate of the church.

The decade of the 1860's brought many changes to the church. By the end of those years the membership of the church had dropped by half. The black membership had largely departed for black churches by 1869. Also in 1867, an arm of the church was established at Greenwood near the Wake County line. The membership there was 45 in 1869 so it took a number of members from Brassfield. Greenwood seems to have become a regularly constituted church since it ceased to be listed as an arm of Brassfield in associational records. Also in 1870 N. A. **PUREFOY** was listed as pastor of Greenwood. But by 1877 Greenwood was no longer listed in associational records and in August 1877 the Brassfield Church received 31 by letter from Greenwood. However, it seems that some Greenwood members did not return or returned only briefly for they are associated with the founding of Mary's Chapel the same year.

In addition several of the founding members of Mount Olivet Church in 1865 were Brassfield members.

Brassfield also assisted the black members of the church in organizing Rock Spring Church near Grissom a few years after the War Between the States.

In 1860, Brassfield which had held membership in Flat River Association since its founding joined the newly formed Central Association (now absorbed into the Raleigh Association) comprised of churches from Flat River, Tar River and Raleigh Associations. N. E. **CANNADY** of Brassfield served as the first moderator of Central Association.

Also, during the 1860's decade, the existence of Sunday School at Brassfield is first mentioned in associational records in the year 1863. As early as 1848 S. H. **CANNADY** of Brassfield had given a report to the association on Sabbath Schools but no details were recorded. Probably, these existed at Brassfield even that early. The **CANNADYS** seem to have been the prime force in the early Sunday Schools at Brassfield. N.E. **CANNADY** is named as heading the school in the above mentioned 1863 report and is mentioned in that connection for several years. Yet, it was an uphill struggle for the Sunday School. Some years it was suspended entirely and the first mention of a full twelve months Sunday School was in 1890. All would agree however that the Sunday School at Brassfield has been central to the Lord's work here and has effected some of the best work of any church program.

The war years for the church were difficult as they were for the South as a whole. Yet, our section escaped the ravages of invasion and destruction visited upon other sections of the Confederacy. Nevertheless, the stringent economic conditions of the time took their toll and the Reconstruction years were but little better. Money was extremely scarce. In 1862, two sisters in the church were brought before the church to render explanation for their failure to pay their assessment for the pastor's support,

which was 50 cents at the time. Upon explaining they were caring for the families of two of their brothers in the army, they were excused. By 1865 the church had to pay the pastor's salary in corn at \$1.00 per bushel and wheat at \$1.25 per bushel.

However, Brassfield sacrificed during those years. Mission work abroad waned particularly since what scant funds as were available were difficult to get to the mission fields. But the armies were a different situation. The Baptists of the South turned their attention to this vast opportunity for evangelistic endeavors. Brassfield was a part of it through its collections for colportage, \$148.25 in 1863 alone. Prayers were offered up for the Confederacy and its armies.

During the war years Dr. William Thomas **WALTERS**, Professor at Wake Forest College served the church well as pastor.

In 1870, the church purchased from Mr. J.P. **LAWRENCE** a lot of about three-quarters of an acre lying directly west of the cemetery and the Neuse Road. Presumably, this was done in order to establish a school here. Prior to the War Between the States, North Carolina had a relatively good public school system, which fell to pieces during the war and its aftermath. In order to fill this void, education came under the patronage of the churches and the location of the little red schoolhouse near the house of worship became a familiar sight. This arrangement continued into the early years of this century when education was stressed by Governor Charles B. **AYCOCK** and the public school became dominant. The Brassfield school building stands yet as part of the house east of the cemetery and there are people yet living who attended school there.

In 1875 the church extended the privilege of voting in calling a pastor to the ladies of the church, which was not previously allowed. At this juncture it is well to comment on the very strict rules governing the role of women members of those days. Women were not permitted to hold positions of authority in the church until well into the twentieth century. Further, the congregation was rigidly segregated according to gender by the partition dividing the central section of pews, which remains even today.

In 1887 the church house was renovated receiving new exterior paint and an interior cleaning. Also, the old wooden shingle roof was replaced with tin, the majority of which remains today.

In 1888 the Women's Missionary Society was founded.

An organ was purchased by the church in 1889, the first record of any musical instrument for the use of the congregation.

The next year the church purchased a communion set, which was sold to Mary's Chapel Church in 1926 after the present communion set was received as a memorial gift in honor of G. L. **ALLEN**.

During this period the church was very active in assisting other churches in the erecting of buildings. Contributions were sent to help construct Perry's Chapel, Greensboro, Peace's Chapel and Falls Churches in addition to an unnamed church in Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

During the 1880's the church experienced a more rapid turnover in pastors than in the 1860's and 1870's, partly owing to the employment of the first student pastors. The church felt that this arrangement was not entirely satisfactory so they instructed the pulpit committee not to employ a student pastor before first reporting to the church at the November meeting in 1890. The result was the call of George Thomas **WATKINS** a recent graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. He remained as pastor through the remainder of the decade, doing a good work in the church.

In 1896, the church licensed Augustus **HOUSE** to preach.

Also in 1896, the church purchased the spring previously discussed and constructed a baptismal pool displacing the spring as such. This proved to be unsatisfactory because the question of water supply surfaced in 1898 and by 1899 the pool had been removed and the spring restored. However, by August 1901 a new pool had been constructed below the spring into which the overflow ran.

Brassfield ushered in the new century under the pastorate of the beloved Dr. Willis Richard **CULLOM** whose ministry benefited the work here greatly. He was to serve the church twice more as pastor some years later.

On September 21, 1905 the church granted A.B. **CANNADY** a license to preach.

The years between 1900 until 1920 were devoid of momentous events in the history of the church. Yet in reading the minutes one senses that God's children were about His work during those years. A good number were received into the church by baptism and letter. Several times the church voted healthy increases in benevolent giving, 50% in 1918 alone. During 1919 the church voted to participate in the 75 Million Campaign of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In 1922 the church was considering electing some new deacons. At the November business conference that year Dr. **CULLOM** made a talk suggesting that the church elect women to the deaconate. Although the first woman was ordained a Baptist deaconess in North Carolina in 1758 and the First Church of Raleigh elected women as early as the 1870's, such a move was largely unprecedented for a country church of that and to some extent even this day. Nevertheless, the motion carried and all will agree that the work of the devoted Christian ladies at Brassfield has been and is the great motivator and mainstay of the Lord's work here. In May of 1923 the church elected five women to the deaconate.

On August 23, 1923 Brassfield celebrated its 100 year anniversary with Dr. W. R. **CULLOM** bringing the sermon. A history of the church was prepared and delivered by G. L. **ALLEN**. Other participants on the program were C.W. **ALLEN**, Dr. T. C. **ALLEN**, Dr. G. T. **SIKES**, Claude **GARNER** and Mrs. Mertie Allen **AIKEN**.

In 1924 the church ordained Dr. E. L. **SPIVEY** to the gospel ministry.

In 1925 the church voted to remodel the church house by removing the front sections of the gallery and enclosing the remainder to form Sunday School rooms.

The cemetery on the grounds was started in 1924 and enclosed with a wire fence in 1929.

The communion set presently in use was donated to the church in memory of G. L. **ALLEN** by his children in 1926.

Charles L. **GILLESPIE** was called to the pastoral care of the church at the onset of 1925 and began the longest pastorate since Zachariah **ALLEN** with the exception of J. S. **PUREFOY** who served three different times for a total of fourteen years. Brother **GILLESPIE** served until the end of 1934 much beloved by his people here and by the community as a whole. In 1932 when the financial condition of the church, as well as the locality and nation, was at its lowest ebb, Brother **GILLESPIE** agreed to serve as pastor for the year without a guaranteed salary. He voiced the opinion that a pastor should share in the deprivations of his people asking only that the church give him what it was able.

In 1937 memorial windows were installed in the downstairs portion of the sanctuary. The porch and steps were added to the building entrance in 1939 with the top being built in 1950.

The church decided in 1944 after 84 years in the Central Association to return to the Flat River Association, of which it remains a member today.

The system of life terms for deacons and deaconesses was abandoned in 1950 and a system of six year rotational terms adopted.

Two new Sunday School rooms were added to the east side of the main building in 1956. One year before the wood stoves had been replaced with gas furnaces.

In 1954 Hurricane Hazel blew a large portion of the roofing tin from the west side of building, damaging the church piano with water. The church decided not to repair the instrument which had been purchased in 1922. Instead an organ was purchased.

In the late 1960's much work was done toward improving and expanding the church edifice. In 1967 a new wing of Sunday School rooms was added to the east of the sanctuary building. A well was drilled and plumbing installed for the first time. The gallery was reopened and restored. Memorial windows were installed in the gallery and the new Sunday School rooms.

In 1968 new lighting arrangements were installed in the sanctuary, a new piano purchased, a stone church marker was erected and the drapery backdrop behind the pulpit installed.

Also, in 1968 the 145 year anniversary of the church was observed with Reverend Charles **HOWARD** bringing the message. Claude W. **ALLEN**, Sr. was honored for his years of devoted service to the church.

The following year the pews were fitted with the present cushions.

In 1970, a picnic shelter was erected on the East Side of the church grounds by the members themselves.

Until September 1971 Brassfield held preaching services only twice monthly. But at that time the church decided to call Reverend James **CARTER** to preach all Sundays except the fifth Sundays. This arrangement continued until the pastorates of M. Thomas **LANGSTON** and James A. **CARLSON** both of whom elected to preach fifth Sundays at no extra pay. In February 1983 the church voted to have preaching services on all Sundays.

In 1973 Brassfield celebrated its one hundred fiftieth anniversary with Reverend Roger **PATTERSON** bringing the message. Dr. T. C. **ALLEN** and C. W. **ALLEN**, Sr., who participated in the 1923 one hundredth anniversary celebration, were on the program. A history of the church was prepared by C.W. **ALLEN**, Sr. and printed in booklet form for the occasion.

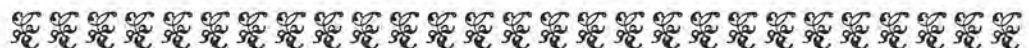
A new heating system combined with the first air conditioning system was added in 1972. In 1973 a new cyclone fence and entrance to the cemetery were installed.

In 1975 a new organ was purchased by the church.

In 1980, at the urging of the deacons the church voted to construct a pastorium on the eastern section of the church grounds. It was decided to have the members do as much as possible of the work themselves. Under the leadership of Herbert **HOCKADAY** work began in May of that year and progressed mainly on Saturdays with as many as a score in attendance. The ladies of the church served lunch to all. By late November the house was basically complete and had been constructed debt free. M. Thomas **LANGSTON** was the first pastor to reside in the pastorium.

Also in 1980, while researching for a survey of church property, a deed was discovered in the Granville County Register of Deeds Office which was the 1805 lease deed referred to in the initial portion of this history. Up until that time its existence had been unknown and this early part of Brassfield's history was not known. Later the same year the church celebrated the 175th anniversary of Brassfield's Union Meeting House with former pastor Russel P. **CARLTON** bringing the message.

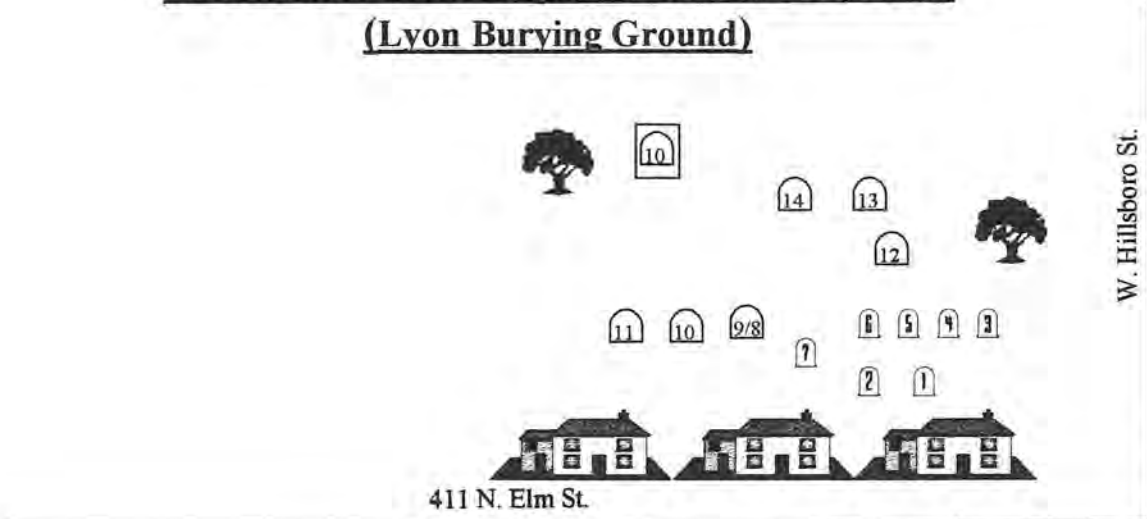
This brings us to the present. As we pause today may we take inspiration from the faithful who have labored at Brassfield over the past 178 years and follow their examples in serving the Lord Jesus Christ.



Cast of Characters: I Won't is a tramp, I Can't is a quitter, I Don't Know is lazy, I Wish I Could is a wisher, I Might is waking up, I Will Try is on his feet, I Can is on his way, I Will is at work, I Did is now the boss. *Earl Cassel*

Diggin' Up Bones

Creedmoor First Baptist Church Cemetery (Lyon Burying Ground)



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|---|---|---|
| 1. Infant Lyon
Died - Dec. 29, 1926 | 7. Unidentified Footstone | 12. William Kitchen Royster
Born - Mar. 5, 1903
Died - Mar. 31, 1903 |
| 2. Eloise Mangum
Born - Apr. 17, 1905
Died - Mar (May) 30, 1907 | 8. T. B. Lyon
Died - May 13, 1902 | Johnnie Ruth Royster
Born - Mar. 5, 1903
Died - July 7, 1903 |
| 3. Ava Lee Lyon
Born - Feb. 12, 1892
Died - Dec. 7, 1915 | 9. Mary Christian Lyon
Died - Mch 11, 1888 | Infant Royster
Died - July 4, 1904 |
| 4. Mollie N. Young Lyon
Born - Oct. 31, 1859
Died - July 21, 1932 | 10. Julia G. Royster
Born - Aug. 9, 1844
Died - May 5, 1903 | 13. Broken stone |
| 5. Sidney T. Lyon
Born - May 13, 1856 (1865)
Died - July 31, 1899 | 11. Robt. D. Royster
Born - Nov. 4, 1838
Died - Oct. 27, 1903 | 14. Footstone |
| 6. Anna E. Royster Lyon
Born - 1866
Died - July 27, 1883 | | 15. Infant Martin
Died - July 7, 1899 |
| | | 16. Mary Jane Christian Lyon
Born - Feb. 6, 1820
Died - Mar. 11, 1888 |

Located at the site of the original Creedmoor First Baptist Church. The cemetery is located behind the house at 114 N. Elm St. in Creedmoor at the edge of the woods. There are two stones for Mary Christian Lyon - one old and one new. No. 9 is the original. WPA records show another stone - **Joseph H. Lyon, Born Aug. 27, 1839, Died - Oct. 30, 1860.** I did not see this grave. Recorded by Bonnie Breedlove.

Granville County Deaths, May 1, 1999 – July 31, 1999

Adams, Alton Rooker	94	Glassman, Myrtle Critcher	79	Royster, Martha C. Pearson	46
Allen, Inez Lyon	78	Gooch, Nettie Harris	87	Sandling, Dena Keith	88
Alston, Pamela D. Breeze	35	Green Jr., Earl Thomas	34	Sherman, Ann Burrage	68
Anderson, Carsby Leroy	38	Grissett, Maxine Strater	60	Sherron, Rebecca Gilmet	40
Anderson, Lucille	80	Hancock, Traci D.	38	Short, Williiam Albert	87
Andrews Jr., William M.	76	Harris, Amanda Tyler		Smart, Margaret Clay	75
Arrington, Shirley Blackaby	76	Harris, Estelle Hodges	83	Smith, Charlie Wallace	61
Barker Sr., Jerry L.	75	Harris, Shemaiah Alexis	Inf	Smith, Donald Grafton	53
Bass, Leo E.	66	Henderson Sr., Harvey J.	86	Sorrell, Edgar Harold	79
Bennett, Mollie C.	84	Herndon Sr., George Jackson	63	Spencer Jr., Caswell E.	56
Blackley, Herbert M.	67	Herndon, Luther Milton	56	Stovall Sr., Thornton Green	83
Blalock, Billye J. Couch	64	Hester, Hattie Anderson	95	Street, Shahem Leonard	22
Bowles, Arthur Anderson	85	Hill, George W.	72	Suitt Sr., Edwin O'Neal	71
Bradley, Modell R.	78	Hockaday, Thurl	74	Swann, Mildred L. Jones	71
Brandon, Loretta L.	43	Howard, Jennie Gole Williford	71	Talley, Geraldine Johnson	71
Braswell, Jessie T.	59	Hunter, Carl Edward	58	Terry, Mary Ruth	56
Braswell, Roy T.	71	Hurt, Abe Lee	76	Terry, Wilbert L.	45
Bratcher, Freddie Lynn	45	Johnson, Elgin	71	Thaxton Sr., Donald J.	69
Brogden, Doris Minor Parrott	75	Johnson, Una Williams	95	Thomerson Jr., Hugh Clifton	73
Brogden, Faye M.	57	Jones, John Ray	64	Thorpe, Carrie Lawson	75
Brooks, William (Jason)	18	Jones, Otelia	82	Thorpe, Geraldine D.	29
Bryce, Irma Floyd	84	Kenyon, Eugene	77	Toler, Betty Hight	77
Bullock, Aubrey L.	78	Kittrell, Henrietta	71	Toler, Rebecca Overby	
Bullock, Bertha Gregory	54	Latta, Rupert Gray	82	Townes, Beulah May	53
Burnette, Charles B.	82	Lawrence Jr., William Thomas	38	Turner, Edith Clack	76
Burnette, Larry Eugene	57	Lewis, James Craig	36	Vaughan, Katie L. Walker	89
Campbell Sr., William K.	64	Lyon, Blanch	89	Vaughan, Samuel Louis	Inf
Carr, Nellie R. Pettiford	74	Mangum, James Marshburn	75	Vick, Sharon A.	37
Carver, Carl A.	35	Marshburn Jr., Herman W.	62	Wade, Raymond Harris	77
Cheatham, Sherwood H.	84	Mason, Junious Allen	45	Walls, Sadie M. Davenport	
Clark, William Lefoy	81	McCain, Shirley J. Terry	47	Washington, George Thomas	62
Clayton, Ernest Jackson	84	McCulloch, Linda F. Currin	55	Watkins, Joe A.	91
Cole Sr., Brooks	62	McDuffie, Burlon Wilson	64	Watkins, Pauline	88
Compton, Carol West	56	Millhiser, Tommy	76	Watson Sr., Lewis McNeal	74
Compton, Harry Lee	72	Mincey, Irene Stevens	74	Weary, Nelson	60
Cook, Conley	99	Mitchell, John W.	59	West, Clarabel Green	47
Cooper Jr., Reuben	59	Moore, Warren H.	77	Westerholm, Mildred Yancey	73
Cozart, Thomas Morris	55	Morton, Lucy Thorp	69	Wheeler Jr., Claude C.	75
Currin, Clarence R.	74	Nelson, Bailey A.	82	Whitehurst, Mattie B. Stovall	81
Daniel Jr., Roland Gooch	63	Newcomb, Mamie Alice	76	Whitfield, Elsie Edwards	77
Daniel, James C.	62	Nutt, Dorenda Freeman	91	Wilkins, Bryant Edward	58
Daniel, William	73	Oakley, Christine Welch	91	Wilkins, Pauline Crews	71
Dannelly, Vickie A.	40	O'Flanagan, Michael J.	93	Williams, Dorothy Shearin	70
Day, Josephine Mangum		Olmsted, Ella Jane	82	Williams, Steven Alan	40
Dickerson, Houston Dove	91	Overman, Bessie M. Collins	90	Wilson, Madolean Chandler	74
Eakes, Jessie Wilkerson	84	Owens, Josephine Alston	76	Wilson, Roosevelt	64
Ellmaker, Andrew Harrison	78	Patterson, Edna Garrett	64	Womack, Harry Junior	52
Etheridge, William	76	Peed, Ardell Freeman	89	Woodlief Jr., Roy Dallas	57
Fortner, Nannie Wilkerson	78	Pernell, Donald Wilson	57	Wortham, Andrew Thomas	78
Frick Jr., Carl Wesley	39	Pittard, Esther Royster	82	Wortham, Christian	Inf
Fuller, Ernest Roni	73	Pridgen, Hazel Marie	56	Wright, Frances Horton	89
Gamble, Isaac	83	Ramsey, Roy Noblin	73	Yancey, Helen Garrett	65
Garrett, Ethel Cheatham	69	Richardson, Helen Gray	56	Yarborough, Hazel Lee	83
Gayles, Thelma		Roberson, Zora Nicholson	69		
Gilbert, Sam Elbron	63	Rogers, Elnora Janet	65		

Old Street Names in Oxford in Year 1826

Oxford Public Ledger, June 9, 1931

Familiar street names in Oxford during the year of 1826 are revealed on a map that is on display in the office of C.G. **POWELL**, Register of Deeds. The street that served north Oxford was known as Grassy Creek Street. The present Williamsboro Street was named Merrittsville Street and the west end of the same street bore its present name of Hillsboro Street. Spring Street has lost part of its name for in those days it was designated as Gum Spring Street. Raleigh Street extended up to Gum Spring Street and came into town at a different place from its present location. The map gives the names of the Town Commissioners as Thomas L. **LITTLEJOHN**, Thomas **BOOTH**, David **MITCHELL**, R.N. **HERNDON**. The streets that have been added since the map was drawn show a decided physical change in the old town in the past 105 years.

Also.....

Broad Street

Oxford Public Ledger, February 28, 1930

The first house on Broad Street is the house that Mr. Alex **OVERTON** lives in and Mr. Lester **WRIGHT** built it. The next oldest house is where Mr. C.A. **CARROLL** lives and Mr. Lewis **SMITH** built it. From Cherry Street on up there wasn't but one house and that is where Mrs. E.K. **HOWARD** lives and Mr. **JONES** built it. Mr. Herbert **COZART** built some houses but they were burned. This was a country road then. They hung a negro over on Cherry Hill between Mr. **SMITHS** and Mr. **PITTARDS**. There wasn't anybody living on Broad Street at that time except Mr. D. **MEADOWS** and Mr. Lester **WRIGHT**. Broad Street at first was called henpeck road. One day Mr. D. **MEADOWS** put in big letters on cardboard "Henpeck Road", because Mrs. **WRIGHT** was said to have henpecked her husband. It has been eighteen or twenty years since Broad Street has been paved.

Margaret **KNOTT**

(Note: 'Mr. Herbert **COZART'S** factory was burned but I believe none of his residential property. Two negroes were hung on Cherry Hill about 1881. The article is subject to other corrections.' - Francis B. Hayes)

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Oops!!

Vol. 5, No 2, Spring, 1999, page 23, "Creedmoor Grew as Stock Market," in the second paragraph - the name should read C. E. Lyon (Claude Edward) not C. J. Lyon. There was no C. J. Lyon. This C. E. Lyon is the same named in paragraph 3 as the first elected mayor.

Thanks to Gene Fleming Lyon, Grandson of C. E. (Claude Edward Lyon) for catching this error.

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Yes I am interested in joining, begin my membership _____

A (4) generation Pedigree Chart is requested on all new members. If you have a computer generated chart already, this will be accepted. These charts will be on file in the North Carolina Room at the Richard H. Thornton Library

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