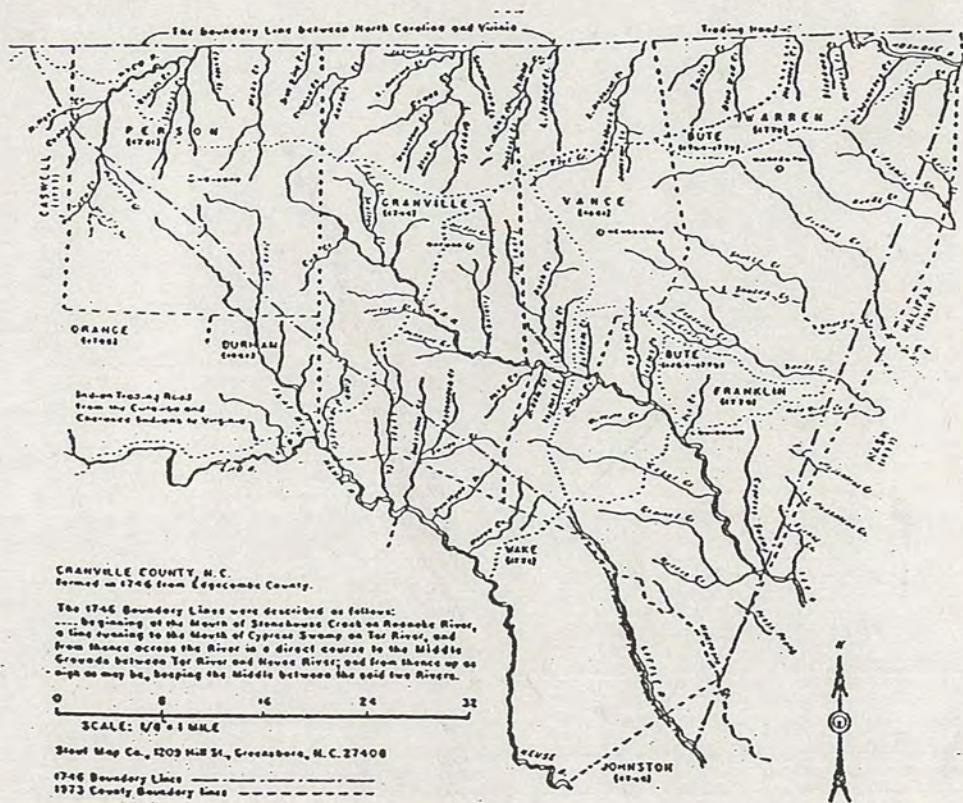


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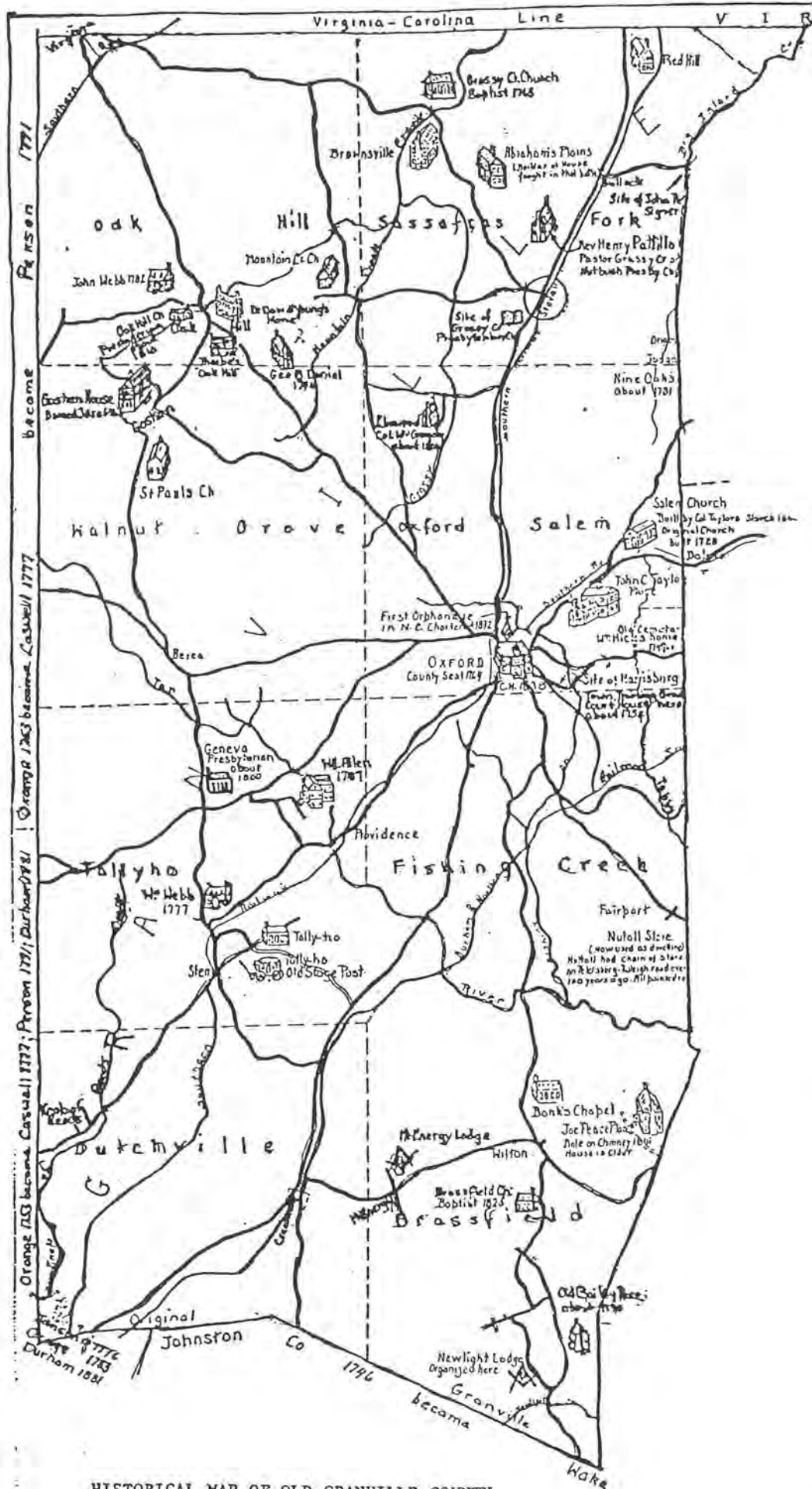
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HISTORICAL MAP OF OLD GRANVILLE COUNTY

Oxford's Beginning

Oxford Public Ledger, November 30, 1943

By Francis B. Hays

How One Man Started a Town Whose Growth Another Man Was Unable to Stop

Oxford as a town had its beginning in the mind of a man who may have been actuated partly by visions of profitable deals, partly by a desire for his own convenience, and partly by altruism. That man was Samuel **BENTON**, a leading member of a small group of influential citizens who at one time managed the affairs of Granville County with a high hand. (Incidentally, Mr. **BENTON** was grandfather of the famous Missouri senator, Thomas H. **BENTON**, and great-great-great-grandfather of the almost equally famous artist of the same name.)

To go back a little way, it may be said that so large was Granville County when it was established in 1746 that even after its western end had been cut off to help to form a new county, Orange, in 1752, the old county still embraced what is now Warren, Franklin and Vance counties in addition to its present territory. After the Orange cut-off, courts were held and other county business transacted near what is now Henderson, at the home of Col. William **EATON**, that point being near the center of the county as then newly constituted.

When Bute County (now Warren, Franklin, and part of Vance counties) was erected in 1764, it was decided to change the place of transacting Granville County's business to a more central locality. For a short while the new locality was Harrisburg, a village that then lay on Fishing Creek near the present Harrisburg bridge on the old Oxford-Henderson highway.

Mr. **BENTON** owned a large estate near the center of what was left of Granville after Bute had been cut off. This estate he spoke of as his "seat called Oxford." He gave the county an acre of his farm on which to erect a court house, jail, and pillory.

The present Granville County court house stands on that same acre, a rectangular plot extending 132 feet along Main Street and 330(?) feet on Williamsboro Street. County buildings were erected, on this acre, and Mr. **BENTON** owned everything else in sight. He was also a member of the General Assembly as well as both register of deeds and clerk of the court, and a justice of the peace on the side. He had charm(?). He was born in 1773(?) and had brought the court house to him instead of having to travel many miles to the court house.

The **BENTON** farm was bought and sold several times between Mr. **BENTON'S** death in 1770, and the founding of the town of Oxford. In 1779 it was bought by John **WALKER**, great-great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Lottie Britt **HOBBS**, of J. F. and W. J. **WEBB**, and of Russell **WEBB** and his sisters. In 1787 Thomas **PERSON**, member of the upper chamber of the General Assembly from Granville, introduced a bill to establish a town to be called Oxford, on this property, but nothing came of it.

In 1805 Thomas Blount **LITTLEJOHN**, son of a Scotch merchant who had come to America and settled at Edenton, bought the old **BENTON** farm. He was born in 1773 and had moved to Granville as a young man and had married here in 1798.

Visiting lawyers, as well as litigants, witnesses and others who attended Granville Courts, did not relish having no choice but to put up in houses owned by Mr. **LITTLEJOHN**, to trade in stores owned by Mr. **LITTLEJOHN**, to leave their horses in stables owned by Mr.

LITTLEJOHN, and otherwise to be subject to Mr. **LITTLEJOHN'S** monopoly of all conveniences at the county seat.

However, the holder of the monopoly rather enjoyed the situation, so would not sell any of his land to possible competitors. Accordingly a movement was started to take the seat of government to a place where conditions would be more to the liking of the dissatisfied ones. As this movement gained in strength Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** decided that rather than lose the advantage of a county seat in the midst of his possessions, he had better admit some competition, so he consented to sell fifty acres adjoining the court house.

By an act of the Assembly of 1811 Granville County was authorized to buy these fifty acres and to lay out streets thereon and to sell lots. It was stipulated in the act that on certain of the lots boarding houses, etc., must be erected. A committee of five leading citizens acted for the county, and on March 4, 1812, they paid Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** for the fifty acres and received a deed for the tract. The streets and lots were laid out, as well as two commons, one around a spring near the present corner of Spring and Belle Sts. and one around a spring near the present corner of McClanahan and New College Streets.

The first deeds for any of these lots, mostly one acre in size, which had been sold at public auction, were made May 16, 1812.

It is well for us in these automobile days that our earliest town planners had liberal ideas as to the width of street. As laid out in 1812, the streets of Oxford were all 90 feet wide, except Gilliam Street, which was a mere 60 feet. Even since the parking problem has become acute, 40 or 50 feet is considered sufficient width for a street opened through any old field.

The newly plotted town lay north, north-west, north-east, east and south-east of the court house, but the land to the south and south-west – that is, in the right-angle made by Main and Hillsboro streets – was not included, with the exception of a few lots on Main Street about where Mrs. Henry **HUNT** and Mrs. William **WALTERS** now live. Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** also reserved about three acres at the head of Main Street, also the lot on the east side of Main Street, extending from the court house acre about half way to Spring Street, and a few other parcels.

It seems that some of the committee which negotiated the deal with Mr. **LITTLEJOHN**, told him, off the record, that if the lots sold well, Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** would receive a bonus. The lots sold well enough for Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** to claim the bonus. It was not given to him. He sued for it, carried the case to the Supreme Court, and lost. The court held that the duly executed deed was binding, and that if some of the committee out of the goodness of their hearts, had told Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** that a bonus would be given him, Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** would have to depend upon the kindness of the gentlemen's hearts, and not the courts, to collect.

Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** spoke bitterly of those who had forced his hand. A little later, in some prefatory notes in the minute book of the newly formed Oxford Presbyterian Church, of which he was clerk, he wrote that Oxford was the resort of gamblers, that perhaps no town so small ever groaned under a heavier burden of unblushing sin, and that some good people considered it Satan's seat. Still, he continued to live here, held the office of clerk and master in equity for a number of years, and died in 1854. His remains lie in Elmwood. He also sold many lots, both inside and outside the little nucleus of a new town, for which in the aggregate he received a pretty penny.

By 1816 the town had been so built-up that an act to incorporate it was passed. The limits of the town under its first charter were one half mile in all directions from the court house. Ten years later, (1826) these limits were extended to include such outlying lots as the commissioners might choose to take in; and in an act of 1852 the town limits were set down as being 1000 yards in every direction from the court house. It has been decided that this means from a certain central point in the court house, not from the outer walls of the building, otherwise, with every addition to the court house, the town boundary would automatically be changed. Two additions to the court house have been built during the last fifty-odd years.

Although the question of extending the town limits to take in what should really be a part of the corporation has been mooted for several decades. Oxford is still tightly restricted by a circle which once may have been large enough but is now woefully inadequate. The population within this tight little 100-year-old ring is actually decreasing while suburban developments are prospering at urban expense. A few years ago, it looked as if something were really going to be done about this but the suburbanites scotched the movement – and continue to thumb their noses at the townspeople while enjoying town advantages for which the townspeople pay.

According to United States census figures, the population of Oxford has been as follows: In 1850, 669; 1860, 879; 1870, 916; 1880, 1349; 1890, 2907; 1900 (after the great depression of the 1890's), 2059; 1910, 3018; 1920, 3606; 1930, 4101; 1940, (after the accelerated development of the suburbs) 3991.

Names of many of those who were officially connected with the early history of the town, from the committee and their surveyor who laid it out, on down, could be given, but these would mean little to most present day readers, although the descendants of some of them are still to be found hereabouts.

Under the act of 1826 the old town lots were re-numbered and many new lots were added. Much of the area in the right angle made by Main and Hillsboro Streets was included, and to the east what is now known as Horner Hill and Ridley Park were taken in, as was the present Orphanage grove, and lots on the south side of Front St.

It seems that the earlier town fathers took their responsibilities rather lightly as they were so indifferent to their duties as to allow the first Oxford charter to lapse. Other charters were granted by the Assembly but not until the one of 1830 came into effect did an act of incorporation of Oxford "take". Incidentally, that charter provides a penalty for a man elected commissioner who does not qualify. Since that year the town has had an uninterrupted corporate existence.

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A three-year-old went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother that there were two boy kittens and two girl kittens. "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

Land Values In Early Oxford

Oxford Public Ledger, April 11, 1944

By Francis B. Hays

Downtown Building Lots Which in the Aggregate Had Cost Granville County \$2,336, Auctioned Off at a Profit

Next to the age-old yet ever new he-and-she stuff, which is the basis of much of the world's best literature, probably the subject of greatest interest to a majority of folks is money, prices, profits and all that. The advantages that come from great wealth are the subject of many a day dream; the disadvantages are less often considered.

There recently appeared in the Ledger an article dealing with the conversion of a plot of fifty-odd acres of Thomas B. **LITTLEJOHN'S** 1800-acre farm into town lots. That deal was back in 1812. The court house (at least a court house) had been built almost a half a century earlier on an acre of ground at the cross-roads on this large estate, when Samuel **BENTON** owned the tract, or at least a large part of it, and had given the acre to the county. In course of time, the public demanded that a town where they could get proper accommodations be established around the court house.

So Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** sold the county 50 acres for \$2636, or \$52.72 an acre. The "odd" acres in the plot he reserved for himself. He had paid \$15,000, or \$8.33 an acre, for the tract in 1805. Of course, land near the court house was more valuable than that farther away from the center of things. William **PANNILL**, who had sold the land to Mr. **LITTLEJOHN**, had paid 1,000 pounds for it in 1794, or \$3,333 of American money at that time. His deed to Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** called for 2,000 acres, and there may have been that many in the tract. Mr. **BENTON** and others who came after him, principally Len Henley **BULLOCK** had assembled the approximately three square miles of land from various owners, including Earl Granville.

Cut up into lots, the 50 acres sold for \$4,360.84 in cash and notes. Evidently even at Oxford's birning, the public had faith in its future. It is interesting at this late day to see what some of the individual lots – many of them an even acre in size – brought when put up one after another at auction and knocked out to the highest bidder.

Auction Prices

Lot No. 1, the acre at the west corner of College and Hillsboro Streets, where the Williams Drug Store now stands, was taken by John C. **RUSSELL** and John W. **PHILPOT** for \$457. The same purchasers took the adjoining lot 2 on Hillsboro Street for \$105.10. Maybe they ran this acre up to \$100, someone topped that bid by \$5, and they then put on the 10 cents and got it.

The adjoining acre on College Street, extending to McClanahan Street, together with the lot adjoining that on McClanahan Street, lots 8 and 7, were bid in by William **BUTLER** for \$150.15. That last 15 cents evidently discouraged the runner-up. Thus it is seen how a rectangular plot which contained four acres, bounded on three sides by Hillsboro, College and McClanahan Streets, brought \$712.25.

Not to go into details, which might grow tiresome, a few other figures are ...?... given.

The acre on the northwest corner of College and McClanahan Streets, now occupied by the residences of Mrs. Lonnie **SMITH** and Joseph M. **BAIRD**, was bought by Stephen **SNEED** for \$130. Mr. **SNEED** also bought the three lots in the rear of this acre, each fronting 132 feet on McClanahan Street, for which he paid \$40.50, \$15.50 and \$20.25, respectively.

The Ellis **CANNADY** corner acre – northeast corner of College and McClanahan Streets – went to Henry **YANCEY** for \$80. This lot was described as fronting on McClanahan Street and running back 95 yards along College Street. Its rear line was the end of the town.

A Part Greater Than the Whole

The irregular shaped plot where the county building now stands on Williamsboro Street near New College, containing a little over an acre, was bought by David **MITCHELL** for \$300. In 1919, to enlarge this lot, the town sold a triangular slice of New College Street, fronting 30 feet on Williamsboro Street and running back 354 feet, to the Oxford Buggy Company, for \$1.200.

The corner now occupied by the Episcopal Church and the Chapman Lumber Company, 231 feet on College Street and 132 on McClanahan Street, was sold to William M. **SNEED** for \$49.99. A lot on which stands the present jail and just about the same size as the College Street lot was taken by the same bidder, and his father, Stephen **SNEED**, for \$155.50.

For an acre on the west side of Gilliam Street, between Littlejohn and Williamsboro Streets, S. K. and W. M. **SNEED** paid \$200. The adjoining plot extending along Gilliam Street, to Spring, now the Woman's Club and Hall lots, brought \$114 of W. M. **SNEED'S** money.

David **MITCHELL** paid \$35.50 for a plot 132 by 198 feet on the north side of Spring Street, fronting the spring common just below the present Bell Street. For a lot on the opposite side of Spring Street, about midway between Gilliam and Bell Streets, he paid \$100.50. At the same time the adjoining corner lot on Gilliam Street where the J. W. **HORNERS** now live, brought only \$42 of Thomas **POTTER'S** and John **HAWKINS**; money. There must have been reasons for this seeming inconsistency that do not appear on the record.

On Main Street

Anson **MITCHELL** bid on the acre at the south corner of Main and Spring Streets, including the present Mrs. Hixy **SMITH** place, for \$162.

On the opposite side of Main Street, about where Mrs. Henry **HUNT** now lives, Robert **KENNON** paid \$50.75, \$72 and \$125 for three lots with a total frontage of 364 feet and a depth of 285 feet. Rhodes N. **HERNDON** bought some of these lots with adjoining acreage in 1824, and the **HUNT** place has been in the **HERNDON** family ever since, Mrs. **HUNT** being the widow of Mr. **HERNDON'S** nephew.

The acre lot fronting 152 feet 10 inches on Main Street about opposite Littlejohn Street went to Thomas **POTTER** and John **HAWKINS** for the good sum of \$300.

These figures give a fairly clear idea of what town lots in Oxford were considered worth when they were first put on the market over 130 years ago.

Lots "Near Oxford"

The 50 acres sold by Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** to the county upon which to establish the town of Oxford was hardly more than a fleabite on his 1800-acre tract. Some of the land around the townsite was as valuable as any inside its narrow limits. Of course, as Oxford grew, these outside acres became even more valuable. From them, Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** sold off lots as he found buyers. It is easy to believe that the man who so grudgingly gave up a plot to the county upon which to establish a town, found in the end that it was quite to his financial advantage to have done so.

To begin with, there was the quarter of Oxford in the angle made by Main and Hillsboro Streets. Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** still owned all this except a few lots on Main Street about opposite Littlejohn and Spring Streets. In 1815, at the corner of Main and Hillsboro Streets, he erected what was for that period a rather pretentious hotel building, long known as The Tavern. This building and a lot extending down Hillsboro Street to the present old cemetery, and along Main Street 328 feet (except 40 feet square, now covered by the Rose Store), Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** sold to Col. Leslie **GILLIAM** and Absalom **YANCEY** in 1818, for \$4,000.

The old Tavern building was on November 1, 1886, destroyed by a fire which reduced to rubble everything between the present Newberry store on Main Street and the Bank of Oxford, on Hillsboro St.

Rhodes Herndon Gets a Bargain

From about the Rose Store and down Main Street to and including the present Sycamore Street (except several lots on Main Street) and extending back 278 yards, Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** sold to Rhodes N. **HERNDON** in 1825 for \$465. The plot contained 11.8 acres, so the price was less than \$40 an acre.

Several other lots "near Oxford" sold by Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** are briefly mentioned below:

To Nathaniel **TAYLOR**, the north-east corner of Gilliam and High Streets, almost two acres, including the present Robert Gilliam **LASSITER** home place, for \$170.

To Thomas **BOOTH** in 1822, about three fourths of an acre at the north corner of Main and High Streets, for \$200. The present Hall Apartments are on this lot.

To his brother, Joseph B. **LITTLEJOHN**, in 1819, a tract in the vicinity of Spring, High and Military Streets, containing 108 acres, for \$1,079.

To William Watts **JONES** of Wilmington, a four-acre tract including the present John A. **WILLIAMS** home place on Williamsboro Street, for \$3,760. That was in 1824, and the place doubtless had valuable improvements on it at that time.

To Benson F. **JONES** in 1833, for \$3,000, a plot of 10 1-2 acres now occupied by the High School. This was known as the tanyard. There may be some tanning done there yet, but if so it is done indoors, not in the yard.

To the Rev. Elisha **BATTLE** in 1818, a 20-acre plot in the present Ridley Park section for \$279.80.

Ridley Park Gets a Start

To James **RIDLEY**, a tract on the north side of Henderson Street for \$740.50, in 1830. The name Ridley Park traces back to this deal.

A plot on the corner of Front and Raleigh Streets, about 1 3-4 acres, was sold to John **MAYFIELD** in 1818 for \$175. The following years John **NICHOLSON** bought the adjoining three acres on the west side of Raleigh Street for \$110.

In 1832 Gen. Joseph H. **BRYAN** bought 311 acres at the lower end of Main Street, from Sycamore to and beyond Front Street, for \$1,780. General **BRYAN** also owned at one time the three-acre plot at the head of Main Street, which he sold to Russell **KINGSBURY** in 1832 for \$3,500.

Parker F. **STONE** bought a lot just below the old cemetery, fronting 150 feet on Hillsboro Street, and running back 339 feet, paying \$168.95 for it in 1819.

In 1830, to William S. **MCCLANAHAN** for \$250 went a lot on the south side of McClanahan Street, about where the present Broad Street crosses it, and 33 acres adjoining. This included land through which McClanahan Street was opened to Elmwood Cemetery several decades later. In course of time, the name McClanahan was applied to the old part of this street as well.

A plot of 104 acres at the lower end of Hillsboro Street went indirectly from Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** to Robert **KYLE**. This property descended to Mr. **KYLE'S** nephew, John **JOHNSON**, and so we have a 50-foot wide straight extension of Hillsboro Street to the **LASSITER** place.

Dr. William L. Taylor's Place Out of Bounds

On College Street, the town extended 95 yards north of McClanahan Street. That put the present Dr. William L. **TAYLOR** place out of bounds. Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** sold it – 132 feet in front by 285 feet deep – to Parker F. **STONE** in 1815 for \$60.

On the opposite side of the street Richard **INGE** in 1818 paid Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** \$40 for something less than an acre – 44 yards on College Street and twice as deep – where Mrs. Luther **STARK** now lives.

To Isaiah **HOLDEN** in 1816 Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** sold for \$150 a lot on which Dr. I. H. **DAVIS'** house now stands. This parcel eventually came back into Mr. **LITTLEJOHN'S** hands under

foreclosure and he sold it in 1822 to Rev. Samuel L. **GRAHAM** for \$1,000. No doubt a house had been erected on it in the meantime.

About where the Graded School now stands, 12 acres were sold to Thomas **HUNT** for \$250; just beyond that, James M. **WIGGINS** paid \$60.90 for five acres; and still farther out a 47-acre tract went to Stephen K. **SNEED** for \$329. Mr. **SNEED** also bought 55 acres in this vicinity for \$440.

For a 30-acre tract cut off the "Oxford Tract" (as the 1800-acre farm was called) Thomas **TAYLOR** paid \$380 in 1818.

At the Head of Main Street

A three-acre plot at the head of Main Street, fronting on Williamsboro Street, and extending along College Street to include the present Owen Warehouse, was not sold to the county by Mr. **LITTLEJOHN**, as on it were his boarding houses, etc. In 1817 he sold this plot to Thomas **BOOTH** for \$3,500. This is the lot General **BRYAN** sold to Mr. **KINGSBURY**, as already mentioned.

A lot fronting 78 feet on the east side of Main Street immediately south of the court house, with another lot, both part of Mr. **LITTLEJOHN'S** reservations, he sold to Russell **KINGSBURY** in 1831 for \$800.

In 1816 a 50-foot square lot on the east side of Main Street, 154 feet from the court house land, brought \$150 of Lewis and Charles **TAYLOR'S** money.

For 60 acres in the extreme north-west corner of his 1800-acre tract, about a mile and a half from the court house, Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** received \$10 an acre from Nathaniel **ROBARDS** in 1820.

Churches and Schools Dealt With Liberally

Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** was liberal with the churches. In 1821 he sold to Oxford Methodists a lot 44 yards on what would have been Main Street if that street had then been extended so far, and running back 95 yards along what is now Sycamore Street, to be used as the site for a church. For this 0.86 of an acre he charged only five shillings (83 1-3 cents). Later (in 1836) Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** sold the Methodists about half an acre on the southwest corn of Gilliam and Spring Streets for \$50.

Among the lots reserved by Mr. **LITTLEJOHN** when he sold the town-site was the Gin House place at the northeast corner of Gilliam and Spring Streets, extending 285 feet along Gilliam Street. In 1833 he sold to his church, the Presbyterian, a frontage of 123 feet on Gilliam Street and running back 213 feet, for only 10 shillings, or \$1.67. The present church and manse stand on that same land, and the B. K. **LASSITER** residence occupies the Spring Street corner.

An Oxford street opened in 1902 is named after Mr. **LITTLEJOHN**, and appropriately enough it leads right up to the parcel of real estate he gave to his church.

The Town Pump

June 2, 1939

Seeing Francis B. HAYS standing on the curb of the Town Pump seemingly in a pensive mood, the Pumper offered him a penny for his thoughts”before taking you up on that,“ he replied, “I accept your columnar challenge”thinking of calumny, the Pumper wondered if he had been spilling any.... and was relieved when he found that he had hold of the wrong word.....the columnar challenge was the printing of the question regarding the oldest church building in Oxford....and using Mr. Hays’ name in the same line.....

Thus Francis B..... the present church building of the Presbyterian congregation was dedicated July 3, 1892.... the first service in the present Episcopal church building (a wedding, by the way) was held September 21, 1901..... almost exactly a year later, September 28, 1902, the Methodists first assembled in their new house of worship..... the Baptists came along later, February 28, 1928, with the newest and largest church in town.....

The present Negro Episcopal church building was first erected on Front street, between Main and Gilliam, in 1847 – 48, by the Baptists..... and was moved when the Baptists opened their new church on Main street August 2, 1896..... the Knott’s Grove Baptist church building was put up on Main street by the Methodists..... and dedicated by them September 1, 1867.....

With those dates off his chest, the historically-minded citizen pocketed the proffered penny.... and asked..... can you imagine Oxford without a paved street..... with no water works..... no electric lights or power..... with not an automobile, filling station or windshield wiper not a highway accident, hospital or trained nurse..... not a bicycle, typewriter, cash register or mechanical refrigerator..... not a telephone and no telegraph service no railroad or paved highway leading into the town..... an Oxford with only one brick store and that not brick all the way around with only one soda fountain and that supplying nothing but sweetened wind at 10 cents a glass?.....

Can you imagine an Oxford with no graded school no lock-boxes in the post office no mail delivery in town or country with no bank no fire-fighting apparatusnot even a hook and ladder company and never a sight of an airplane no elevator no phonograph no radio no bath tub and no hot water except from a teakettle not a woman in the court house (even as a visitor) no alphabetical federal agencies no salesladies no bathing suits and no girl who would have dared appear in one if there had been no laundry or dry-cleaning establishment with not a drop of fruit juice sold in the stores but plenty of hard liquor passed over the bars not a banananot a grapefruit with only two tobacco warehouses, and they small wooden affairs no tobacco board of trade no beginning or ending of the tobacco selling season no merchants’ association no half-holidays for business or professional men no early closing but plenty of keeping open from seven in the morning until all hours at night no Rotary no Kiwanis no military company?.....

Can you imagine a time when silk stockings were regarded as a luxury for millionaires and if there had been any around nobody would even have seen them and when cows and hogs roamed the streets at will and lots of men sat under the trees on Main street?

The Pumper couldn't that is, couldn't imagine such an Oxford so decided to let some of his readers (if any) exercise their imaginations on the subject Mr. Hays says there are lots of men around who can remember just such an Oxford and not a bad town at that so far as the happiness of the inhabitants was concerned and of course reflection on those things brings us to a fuller appreciation of the Oxford of today

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### ***The Pecan Tree***

On the outskirts of town, there was a big old pecan tree by the cemetery fence. One day two boys filled a bucket up with nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several were dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." He just knew what it was. "Oh my," he shuddered, "it's Satan and the Lord dividing the souls at the cemetery. He jumped back on his bike and rode off.

Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard. Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it, kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk?"

When the boy insisted, though, the man hobbled to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth. Let's see if we can see the devil himself." Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything.

The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of Satan. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. And one last one for you. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence, and we'll be done."

They say the old guy made it back to town 5 minutes before the boy.

*Copied... ..*

## A Letter to Governor

April 5, 1907

### Colored Orphan Asylum in Hands Negro Preachers.

*The Three White Directors Appointed at Request of Gov. Glenn Enter their Protest.....*

The representatives of Granville County secured the passage of a law by the last legislature radically changing the management of the Colored Orphan Asylum of North Carolina, situated near Oxford. We, the undersigned, the only white men on the board of directors of that institution, desire to make known to the public certain facts connected with the enactment of that law, and to protest against the treatment we have received at the hands of the Governor and our representatives.

Two years ago, against our personal desires, we accepted, on request of the Governor and others, appointment as directors. Since then we have done all in our power to promote the interests of this institution. Immediately upon our acceptance of this appointment, we thoroughly inspected the asylum, found conditions good, and so reported to the Governor. Just before the convening of the present legislature we again visited the institution, and found it in good shape under the conscientious and careful management of its worthy colored superintendent, R. **SHEPARD**. It is true there was a debt of about \$2,000, due however, not to any mismanagement, but to the increased number of children to be cared for and to the enhanced prices of all the necessaries of life. All this we reported, and recommended an extra appropriation to cover this deficit.

From the moment of our appointment down to the present time, there has been no criticism of the management of the asylum, and certainly no charge has been brought against us as directors, either of omission or commission. But this new act of the legislature and the way it was passed we regard as a rebuke to us, if it does not amount to an insult.

The act in question authorizes and directs the Governor to appoint a treasurer and a board of audit for the asylum. All money and contributions from whatever source coming must be paid directly to the treasurer, and no claim of any kind or amount whatever is to be paid except by the treasurer, and by him only after it has been audited and approved by this board of auditors, consisting of two members. Thus it will be seen that the whole control of this institution is taken out of the hands of the present superintendent and board of directors, nine colored and three white men (ourselves) and vested absolutely in two auditors. These two will hold the purse strings.

And the two men who will hereafter control this institution are Rev. G. C. **SHAW**, colored, and Rev. W. A. **PATILLO**, colored. As for **SHAW** it is well known that he has all along antagonized **SHEPARD'S** management; and **PATILLO**, well Walter **PATILLO** is a politician. It is certain that when the late Senator **INGALLS** said that politics and religion will not mix, he did not know Walter **PATILLO**.

**SHAW** and **PATILLO** as auditors are to receive \$75 each per year, and the treasurer is to get \$150 a year. Thus \$300 annually is to be taken out of the all too meager funds of this institution, that is to say, six per cent, of the State appropriation – for services which many would cheerfully



perform without pay. Either of our banks, we dare day, would gladly act as treasurer without compensation. Hitherto the auditing of the books has cost the institution not a cent.

The passage of this law took us completely by surprise. We did not know that any change in the management of the institution was needed or that any was contemplated. We were kept entirely in the dark. Furthermore we are informed that **SHEPARD**, the Superintendent, knew nothing about the change. There are indications that his confidence was abused. Nor was a single one of the twelve directors aware that such a move was on foot except that one of them who so deftly manipulated the whole affair – **PATILLO**. **PATILLO** attended the legislature ostensibly to secure the extra appropriation recommended by us. But we suppose he found the atmosphere of the lobby so congenial to the politician in him, that he forthwith doffed his clerical garb and secured the passage of a law lifting control of the asylum out of **SHEPARD'S** hands and placing it gently, yet securely in his own and those of his brother **SHAW**.

Signed,  
**M. L. COLEY,**  
**R. W. LASSITER**

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Captain Thad Stem Resigns

Ledger, February 7, 1914

In accepting the resignation of Capt. **STEM** the Granville Grays lose a fine equipped officer. Several of the State papers have referred to him as being one of the most gallant officers in the State Guard. His resignation comes as a result of other duties crowding in upon him. As Mayor of Oxford, and other positions of honor and trust and a growing law practice, it is not surprising that Capt. **STEM** leaves the State Guard in time of peace. We trust that his mantle may fall upon as worthy shoulders as his.

Capt. **STEM** enlisted in Company E. Third Regiment, otherwise known as the Granville Grays, on February 18, 1908. His attention to his duties and his desire to learn soon won the attention of his superior officers and of his Company and from his enlistment his advancement was rapid. On February 27, 1908, he was appointed Corporal and on July 4, of that year was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

On the resignation of Lieut. **LEWELLYN** he was on September 27, 1909, elected First Lieutenant by his company and on the retirement of Capt. J. Robt. **WOOD** he was elected Captain May 11, 1910.

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Granville County Marriages 1875

Abstracted by Mildred C. Goss

Part 1 of 4

Adcock, Joseph J. - son of Wm. Adcock and Mary Adcock & Mary D. Moss daughter of Sell Moss and Hicksy Kittle on 5 October 1875 by B.B. Hester, M.G.

Allen, Edward - colored - son of Mark Allen and Julia Allen & n Lucinda Day daughter of Jack Day and Lottie Day on 14 February 1875 by B.D. Howard, J.P.

Alley, Wiley P. - son of Francis Alley and Bettie Alley & Helen D. Hight daughter of Wm. Hight and Fannie Hight on 25 July 1875 by J.H. Gilbreath, M.G.

Alston, Green - colored - son of Granderson Crier and Katy Alston & Judy Booker daughter of Peter Booker and Elizabeth Booker on 16 November 1875 by J.W. Hart, J.P.

Anderson, William - colored - son of Henry Anderson and Nancy Anderson & Maria Hayes daughter of Willis Freeman and Martha Freeman on 6 January 1875 by Jas. H. Webb, J.P.

Arrington, Armistead - son of John Arrington and Elizabeth Arrington & Rose Moore daughter of William Moore and Elizabeth Moore on 4 February 1875 by R.I. Devin, M.G.

Arrington, John B. - son of William Arrington and Harriet Arrington & Lucy F. Evans daughter of Abram Evans and Jane Evans on 28 December 1875 by G. Obrien, J.P.

Averett, John H. - son of Elijah Averett and Roann Averett & Sarah F. Thomasson daughter of J.M. Thomasson and Frances Thomasson on 24 November 1875 by Jas. H. Webb, J.P.

Baptis, Elijah - colored - son of David Baptis and Rose Baptis & Adline Wilkerson daughter of Daniel Wilkerson and Aderline Wilkerson on 22 December 1875 by Maurice S. Daniel, J.P.

Barnett, John D. - son of W. A. Barnett and Frances Barnett & Jose Ann Fuller daughter of Elijah Fuller and Nancy Fuller on 27 January 1875 by Wm. M. Blackwell, J.P.

Baskerville, Walter - colored - son of Plummer Baskerville and Lizzie Baskerville & Martha Henderson daughter of L. Henderson and Flora Turner on 18 March 1875 by S.P. J. Harris, M.G.

Beal, Wm. E. - son of William Beal and Elizabeth Beal & Sallie Ann Boyed daughter of Anderson Boyed and Selina Boyed on 11 March 1875 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Beasley, Henry T. - son of John Beasley and Alice C. Beasley & Eliza Haskins daughter of Isaac Haskins and Susan Haskins on 17 June 1875 by Jas. H. Webb, J.P.

Beatty, Charles - colored - son of Moses Beatty and Betsy Beatty & Elizabeth Lyon daughter of Joseph Lyon and Amy Lyon on 29 August 1875 by B.B. Hester, M.G.

Beck, James M. - son of Jno W. Beck and Mary A. Beck & Loretta Cannady daughter of Alpheus Cannady and Nancy Cannady on 1 December 1875 by Jno. B. Green, J.P.

Betts, Nathan - colored - son of Washington Betts and Emily Betts & Jane Thornton daughter of Harry Thornton and Ann Thornton on 17 August 1875 by Richard. D. Jones, J.P.

Blacknall, Oscar - son of Charles C. Blacknall and Virginia B. Blacknall & Carrie T. Blacknall daughter of Thomas H. Blacknall and Catherine C. Blacknall on 27 July 1875 by J.R. Griffith, M.G.

Blakemon, Benjamin F. - son of James Blakemon and Martha P. Blakemon & Sallie D. Moss daughter of Jordan D. Moss and Ann Moss on 11 March 1875 by H.H. Gibbons, M.G.

Blanks, Jerry - colored - son of Charles Royster and Rachel Sanford & Mary Amis daughter of Washington Amis and Lucy Amis on 28 December 1875 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.

Boyd, Granderson - colored - son of Henry Boyd and Luvenia Boyd & Bettie Thomas daughter of Moses Thomas and Dicey Thomas on 8 December 1875 by B. Young, M.G.

Brame, Benjamin F. - son of Jas. W. Brame and Mary P. Brame & Triphenia Smerden daughter of George Triphenia and Catherine Triphenia on 28 December 1875 by S.P.J. Harris, M.G.

Brame, George - colored - son of Jack Brame and Mollie Stamper & Alice Mayfiel daughter of Adam Mayfield and Miranda Mayfield on 6 April 1875 by S.P.J. Harris, M.G.

Brame, Lewis - colored - son of and Mary Brame & Kizza Parish daughter of and Sallie Parish on 22 August 1875 by A.G. Hesler, M.G.

Brame, Phillip - colored - son of Jerry Brame and Martha Brame & Jane Wimbish daughter of unknown and Angelina Wimbish on 28 December 1875 by H. C. Crosby, J.P.

Brame, Plummer - colored - son of Monroe Brame and Katy Brame & Margaret Richardson daughter of unknown and Nancy Richardson on 29 December 1875 by Braxton Hunt, M.G.

Brandom, Abraham - colored - son of Abram Brandom and Harriet Brandom & Judy Peace daughter of Umberston Brandom and Roann Peace on 28 March 1875 by Jno. S. Burwell, J.P.

Brandon, Patrick - colored - son of Abram Brandon and Harriet Brandon & Susan Merritt daughter of Thomas Merritt and Cherry Merritt on 18 July 1875 by Braxton Hunt, J.P.

Britt, Charles D. - son of John T. Britt and Harriet Britt & Stella S. Moore daughter of Jas S. Moore and Priscilla Moore on 11 November 1875 by D.E. Jordan, M.G.

Britt, John T. - son of John T. Britt and Harriet Britt & Emma L. Mitchell daughter of R.J. Mitchell and Virginia A. Mitchell on 3 November 1875 by M.H. Vaughan, M.G.

Brodie, Thornton - colored - son of unknown and unknown & Elizabeth Barnes daughter of David Barnes and Mariah Barnes on 28 January 1875 by Jefferson Burwell, M.G.

Brummitt, Thomas J. - son of John Brummitt and Margaret B. Brummitt & Caroline V. Bradford daughter of J.R. Bradford and Ann S. Bradford on 22 December 1875 by L.K. Willie, M.G.

Bryce, William F. - son of John Bryce and Mary L. Bryce & Ida A. McCraw daughter of LaFayette McCraw and Virginia C. McCraw on 23 December 1875 by William S. Pettigrew, M.G.

Bullock, Henry - colored - son of Batt Summerville and Lucy Glover & Winnie Hargrove daughter of unknown and unknown on 19 August 1875 by J.W. Hart, J.P.

Bullock, Jeorden - colored - son of Antony Bullock and Lucy Bullock & Ellen Cannaday daughter of Anderson Cannady and Nancy Cannaday on 10 November 1875 by B.B. Hester, M.G.

Burton, Junius - colored - son of John Scott and Sallie Scott & Nancy Mayfield daughter of Alexr. Mayfield and Emily Mayfield on 15 November 1875 by S.P.J. Harris, M.G.

Burton, Samuel S. - son of Jones W. Burton and Mary A. Burton & Mary J. Hines daughter of Edward Hines and Fannie S. Hines on 22 December 1875 by E. Hines, M.G.

Burwell, David - colored - son of Lee Norman and Judy Norman & Dicey Jordan daughter of Jack Jordan and Fanny Jordan on 26 July 1875 by W.H. Crews, J.P.

Byrd, Joseph N. - son of John W. Byrd and Edna Byrd & Pathenia Chappell daughter of John W. Chappell and E.A. Chappell on 7 December 1875 by Jno. B. Green, J.P.

Cameron, Nash - colored - son of Julius Cameron and Dafney Cameron & Penny Daniel daughter of unknown and Dinah Daniel on 16 January 1875 by R.H. Marsh, M.G.

Cannaday, Benjamin - colored - son of Anenson Cannaday and Narcissa Cannaday & Hamner McGehee daughter of not known and Ann McGehee on 18 March 1875 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.

Cannady, Kmajor - colored - son of Charles Cannady and & Martha Blackwell daughter of on 28 July 1875 by Jas. B. Floyd, M.G.

Cannady, Thomas - colored - son of George Bullock and Lucy Bullock & Ann E. Mitchell daughter of Robert Mitchell and Lizzie Mitchell on 19 December 1875 by Wm. M. Blackwell, J.P.

Carver, Thomas - colored - son of Peter Carver and Manerva Carver & Lucy Hughes daughter of Anthony Hughes and Sally Hughes on 11 December 1875 by T.J. Horner, M.G.

Cash, William E. - son of Willie Cash and Barby A. Cash & Martha Bowling daughter of unknown and Frances Bowling on 14 January 1875 by John A. Waller, J.P.

Chandler, Joel Alford - son of Joel Chandler and Viny Chandler & Elan Wilkins daughter of Rufus Wilkins and Susan Wilkins on 7 January 1875 by Maurice S. Daniel, J.P.

Chandler, Willis - colored - son of Anderson Sandford and Mary Chandler & Chany Downey daughter of David Downey and Mary Downey on 27 July 1875 by H.T. Hughes, J.P.

Charleston, Thomas - colored - son of unknown and Ann Charleston & Sallie Watkins daughter of Lawson Watkins and Hannah Watkins on 2 August 1875 by James A. Hunt, M.G.

Clark, Andrew - colored - son of Hunter Clark and Thankful Clark & Lettie Davis daughter of Merrimon Higgs and Delphia Higgs on 5 September 1875 by A.P. Eaton, J.P.

Clay, James L. - son of William Clay and Eliza Clay & Lucy Jane Knott daughter of Fielding Knott and Milly Knott on 27 June 1875 by R.H. Marsh, M.G.

Clement, Daniel W. - colored - son of James Cemet and Estelle Clement & Mary Latta daughter of Grandison Russell and Martha Latta on 2 September 1875 by Wm. H. Smith, J.P.

Cogwell, Henderson Jr. - colored - son of Vincent Cogwell and Mary Ann Cogwell & Alice Thomasson daughter of Daniel Thomasson and Ann Thomasson on 20 October 1875 by J.A. Stradley, M.G.

Coleman, Archer - colored - son of Pleasant Coleman and Suckey Coleman & Clara Brodie daughter of Washington Brodie and Jane Brodie on 8 August 1875 by William S. Pettigrew, M.G.

Coley, Samuel F. - son of Edmond Coley and Rosa Coley & Emily G. Roycroft daughter of T.T. Roycroft and Arena Roycroft on 11 March 1875 by B.B. Hester, M.G.

Coley, Selathial F. - son of R.H. Coley and Arena Coley & Henrietta E. Roycroft daughter of K.T. Roycroft and Arena Roycroft on 9 December 1875 by Jno. B. Green, J.P.

Cousens, Jacob - colored - son of Isaac Cousens and Aggie Cousens & Fanny Hays daughter of James Hays and Mary Barnes on 29 December 1875 by Wm. M. Blackwell, J.P.

Crews, Herbert E. - son of Elijah T. Crews and Mary J. Crews & Sallie N. Fullerton daughter of John Fullerton and Laura Fullerton on 16 November 1875 by L.K. Willie, M.G.

Crocker, Benjamin - colored - son of Adison Crocker and Milly Crocker & Ellen Higgs daughter of Merryman Higgs and Delphy Higgs on 23 December 1875 by William S. Pettigrew, M.G.

Currin, Reuben L. - son of Lemuel Currin and Emily A. Currin & Rebecca Ann Blackwell daughter of Jas. Blackwell and Polly A. Blackwell on 18 February 1875 by R.I. Devin, M.G.

Curry, Chesley - son of Chesley Curry and Nancy Curry & Anny Ross daughter of Charles Ross and Nancy Ross on 4 November 1875 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.

Curtis, Daniel S. - colored - son of Joseph Curtis and Wealthy Curtis & Alice Jones daughter of unknown and Sallie Jones on 11 November 1875 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.

Curtis, Robert - colored - son of Joe Curtis and Wealthy Curtis & Susan Smith daughter of Anderson Smith and Martha Smith on 20 April 1875 by John Mitchel, M.G.

Daniel, Erasmus - colored - son of James Eaton and Junon Davie & Rebecca Lewis daughter of John Johnson and Patrina Johnson on 9 December 1875 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Davis, Alfred R. - son of Alfred Davis and Frances B. Davis & Sarah E. Tarry daughter of Stephen Tarry and Marsha Tarry on 24 March 1875 by J.M. Satterwhite, J.P.

Davis, Jordan - colored - son of Miles Harrison and Martha Davis & Emma Reavis daughter of Jordan Reavis and Caroline Watkins on 30 December 1875 by Jeffn. Burwell, M.G.

Davis, Malory - colored - son of unknown and Nicey Norfleet & Adeline Hunter daughter of Mat Hunter and Bridget Hunter on 30 September 1875 by Jefferson Burwell, M.G.

Day, Scott - colored - son of John Day and Ellen Parker & Candis Harris daughter of Abram Harris and Fannie Satterwhite on 20 September 1875 by Chasteen Allen, M.G.

Dean, Moses - son of Moses C. Dean and Lucinda H. Dean & Sarah F. Davis daughter of Jas. Harrison Davis and Frances Davis on 25 November 1875 by J.R. Griffith, M.G.

Dement, Luther - son of S. E. Dement and Ann M. Dement & Nannie Harrison daughter of Robt. Harrison and Annie E. Harrison on 3 February 1875 by W.P. White, J.P.

Dillon, Albert L. - son of Eri Dillon and Prudence Dillon & Martha C. Campbell daughter of John A. Campbell and Elizabeth Campbell on 28 Feb 1875 by W.D. Marrow, J.P.

Downey, Berry - colored - son of David Downey and Mary Downey & Elizabeth Laster daughter of Richard Royster and Hart Laster on 28 July 1875 by Maurice S. Daniel, J.P.

Downey, Sandy - colored - son of Sam Downey and Bellar Downey & Ellan Yancey daughter of Solomon Yancey and Nancy Yancey on 9 November 1875 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.

Downy, Steven - colored - son of Richard Overby and July Overby & Margret Yancy daughter of Solomon Yancy and Nancy Yancy on 28 July 1875 by Maurice S. Daniel, J.P.

Driver, Adam - colored - son of unknown and unknown & Amy Cheatham daughter of Moses Cheatham and Eliza Cheatham on 30 December 1875 by A.G. Hesler, M.G.

Oxford In The 90's

Oxford Public Ledger, June 7, 1938

Old Newspapers Give a Cross Section of the Town of Almost Half a Century Ago...

Ask almost anyone, "Do you remember The Day," and the answer will be another question. "What day?" The Day was not a day at all, but a daily newspaper published in Oxford at the beginning of the '90's of the last century. Naturally not a great many people remember it, Oxford's latest but not its first daily newspaper.

It was established by Henry W. **KRONHEIMER**, who died at High Point some weeks ago, and was printed in the job-printing office of L. **THOMAS**, who is now a spry citizen despite his four score years and four. After Messrs. **KRONHEIMER** and **THOMAS** gave up the publication of The Day in 1892, on account of the depression of that period, the late John T. **BRITT**, then owner of the Public Ledger, undertook to carry it on, but soon found it too much of a drag and so abandoned it.

Several copies of The Day for 1891 and 1892 were recently brought to light. From them it may be seen that A. A. **HICKS** was then mayor of Oxford. James A. **RENN**, chief of police and W. T. **LYON**, tax collector. The town commissioners were D. J. **GOOCH**, J. S. **BROWN**, E. G. **CURRIN**, R. F. **KNOTT**, R. T. **SMITH**, J. H. **BULLOCK** and R. H. **MCGUIRE**. Mr. **HICKS** was nominated to succeed himself. The Day said that he had made an excellent mayor – fair, progressive, attentive to his duties – and should be re-elected.

The nominees for commissioners were J. M. **CURRIN**, Dr. E. T. **WHITE**, J. F. **EDWARDS**, W. L. **MITCHELL**, Dr. G. A. **COGGESHALL**, C. D. **OSBORN** and J. G. **HALL**. Better, safer men could not be found, said The Day.

There were three trains a day each way between Raleigh and Richmond via Durham, Oxford and Keysville, and the same number to Henderson and back. Buses were lacking as were automobiles and the county roads were all but impassable in bad weather.

At an election to determine whether Oxford should issue bonds for \$40,000 to aid in the building of the Oxford and Coast Line Railroad (from Oxford to Dickerson) there were cast 323 votes for issuing bonds and 15 against. It was thought that the station would be on New College street in the rear of the **OSBORN** House. In a later issue it was stated that Contractor **PRUDEN** was at work on the roadbed. (Eleven years later thanks to the indefatigable efforts of the late Judge A. W. **GRAHAM**, the first train over this road came into Oxford.)

James A. **WHITE** had been promoted from the agency of the Richmond & Danville Railroad in Oxford, to the Durham agency. He advertised his house and lot on College Street for sale (the place now occupied by Mrs. **BRITT**.) Gowan **DUSENBURY**, of Concord, succeeded Mr. **WHITE** in Oxford.

Several teams were hauling iron ore from the Cornwall mines to Stovall for shipment to Richmond. The Knap of Reeds Iron Mining Company had applied for incorporation and mining was going on in the Oak Hill township.

Notes concerning the closing exercises at Horner's School, the Oxford Female Seminary, Granville Institute and Miss Tempe **WILLIAMS'** kindergarten were given. On Miss **WILLIAMS'** program, among others, were Tom **HOWELL**, Muchy **MAX**, Frank **FORT**, Doctor **SPENCER** and Rufus **KNOTT**.

Elias **CARR** was the Democratic candidate for governor and A. H. A. **WILLIAMS** for representative in congress.

Dr. A. J. **DALBY** was leader of the Populists, a third party, in Granville.

Dr. E. T. **WHITE** was chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee and W. A. **BOBBITT** was secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Fifth Congressional District.

Senator **VANCE** was ill.

President **CLEVELAND** was dandling a new baby, Ruth.

The Presbyterians would dedicate their new church next Sunday (July 3, 1892).

The Easter collection for the new Episcopal church was \$1613.41.

Rev. J. M. **HORNER** had assisted at the consecration of the church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.

The Masons had agreed to sell their lot to the Baptist congregation for \$1500.

Miss Cora **TAYLOR** had rendered very sweetly two solos at St. Stephen's church.

D. N. **HUNT** was secretary of the local Y.M.C.A., of which J. M. **CURRIN** was president. In the temporary absence of Mr. **HUNT**, Darius **EATMAN** acted in his stead.

The Y.M.C.A. "Promise Meeting" was largely attended.

C. E. **HARTGE** of Tarboro was in town to draw plans for remodeling the court house.

Superior court would again be held in the opera house as repairs on the court house were not finished.

The Farmers Alliance Tobacco Factory was finding a ready sale for its output.

Some primings were sold at the Farmers Alliance and Banner Warehouse for good prices (July 22, 1892).

Capt. B. S. **ROYSTER** called the Granville Grays to drill and inspection. (Mention was made elsewhere of the new armory.)

James A. **BULLOCK** was plotting the new cemetery. No name for it had been selected.

Ed **LANDIS** had been appointed a cadet at West Point, provisionally, as S. W. **MINOR** had resigned on account of the death of his father.

Those owing Dr. J. M. **HAYS** would please settle with B. K. **HAYS**. (Adv.)

L. E. **WRIGHT** wanted six more boarders and roomers at \$3 a week. (Adv.)

Citizens were warned by the chief of police not to tie cows in the street where they could get on the sidewalks. (Adv.)

Much interest was manifested by different towns in the state in the location of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home. Oxford would not put in a bid.

Interest in the new hotel scheme was growing. Everybody said Oxford needed and must have a modern, neat, comfortable new hotel.

Thirteen traveling salesmen had registered at the **OSBORN** House the previous evening.

Crowds were on the court house steps enjoying the warm sunshine. (January 25, 1892.)

T. Henry **FRENCH'S** original New York company would appear at the Oxford Opera House in "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

Harry **WILLIAMS** had returned from Bethel Military Academy.

Mr. **WELLS**, the road-machine man, was in town on business.

A game of baseball was to be played between Roxboro and Oxford teams.

HALL'S Drug Store and the Public Ledger are two business concerns of that day that have continued to the present. Other holdovers are the Banner Warehouse, now run by W. L. **MITCHELL**, son of the proprietor of those days; **TURNER'S** market, now in the hands of a grandson of its founder; and **WOOD'S** undertaking establishment, also carried on by a grandson of its first proprietor.

Some of the other advertisers in The Day of forty-six and forty-seven years ago were:

LANDIS & Sons, dry goods.

KRONHEIMER'S, clothing.

JACKSON'S confectionery, fruits, fresh read, oysters, soda and cigars.
 Joseph A. **WEBB**, furniture.
PARIS Brothers, dry goods.
 Oxford Book Store (W. W. **JONES**).
HART & Co., groceries.
 R. H. **MCGUIRE**, groceries, also tobacco hogsheads made.
 W. D. **LYNCH**, watches and silverware.
HUNDLEY Bros. & Co., building materials.
 Job **OSBORN**, merchandise broker.
 M. F. **HART** Company, dry goods, successor to **HART & LAWRENCE**.
 Banking House of J. C. **COOPER & Sons**.
 J. F. **EDWARDS**, hardware (1891).
EDWARDS & WINSTON, hardware (1892).
BROWN & JONES, groceries.
 R. W. **LASSITER**, receiver for the Bank of Oxford.
RICE & LASSITER, real estate.
 E. T. **RAWLINS**, shoes.
 Modern Tobacco Barn Company, snow sticks. Later, W. H. **HUNT**, receiver for Modern
 Tobacco Barn Company, hogsheads.
 T. H. **STEAGALL**, groceries.
BROOKS & Co., general merchandise.
 L. E. **WRIGHT & Co.**, dry goods.
 R. **BROUGHTON**, liquors.
 J. P. **STEDMAN**, drugs.
 J. J. **MEDFORD**, groceries.
 J. S. **HALL**, harness.
MOORE, DAY & Co., harness.
CAMPBELL & Co., photography.
 W. D. **EDWARDS**, photography.
 C. J. **GREGORY**, agent for Old Dominion Building and Loan Association.
 Misses L. & C. **KRONHEIMER**, millinery.
 J. R. **ROLLER & Son**, insurance.
 C. D. **OSBORN**, life insurance.
 W. J. **STEM**, Duncan Spring water.
 Mrs. R. T. **SMITH**, green-house plants.
 The Rectory, tomato, celery and cabbage plants (Rev. W. W. **WALKER** was rector).
 J. **FRANK & Co.**, meat market.
 W. **PARHAM**, pianos and organs.
 O. O. **WHITE**, tailor.
 Mrs. O. O. **WHITE**, millinery.
 James W. **WHITE**, tailor.
 John W. **HAYS**, A. W. **GRAHAM**, N. B. **CANNADY**, R. W. **WINSTON**, A. J. **FIELD**,
 H. M. **SHAW** and **STRAYHORN & WARLICK**, lawyers.
 John A. **WILLIAMS**, real estate.
 W. A. **BOBBITT**, clerk of the Superior Court.
GRIFFITH & GLENN, wagons and buggies.

OWEN, BARBOUR & SMITH, hardware and buggies.
WARD'S Fancy Grocery
T. L. HOWELL & Bro., general merchandise.
W. W. PARKER, lumber and coal.
F. N. DAY, watches and jewelry.
J. A. CREWS, sheriff, liquidating the Hicks Tobacco Company.
MOORE & ELLIOTT, livery stable.

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Dear Abby on the Cousin Relationship

DEAR ABBY: I was trying to tell my cousin that the children of one's first cousin are NOT second cousins, they are first cousins ONCE REMOVED, and she said I was crazy. I read this in your column not long ago, but unfortunately, I didn't clip it.

Will you please explain the cousin relationship again? And this time go into the grandnephew, grandniece, and great-aunt and great-uncle as well as great-grand-aunt and great-grand-uncle relationships. Thank you.

- NEEDS PROOF

DEAR NEEDS: The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is NOT your second cousin, but your first cousin ONCE REMOVED. The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin TWICE REMOVED, and HIS child is your first cousin three times removed.

Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child your second cousin twice removed, and so on.

And your third cousin? It's your great-grandparent's brother's (or sister's) great-grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed; his child is your third cousin twice removed.

The grandchild of your brother or sister is your grandnephew or grandniece.

The sister or brother of your grandparent is your great-aunt or great-uncle.

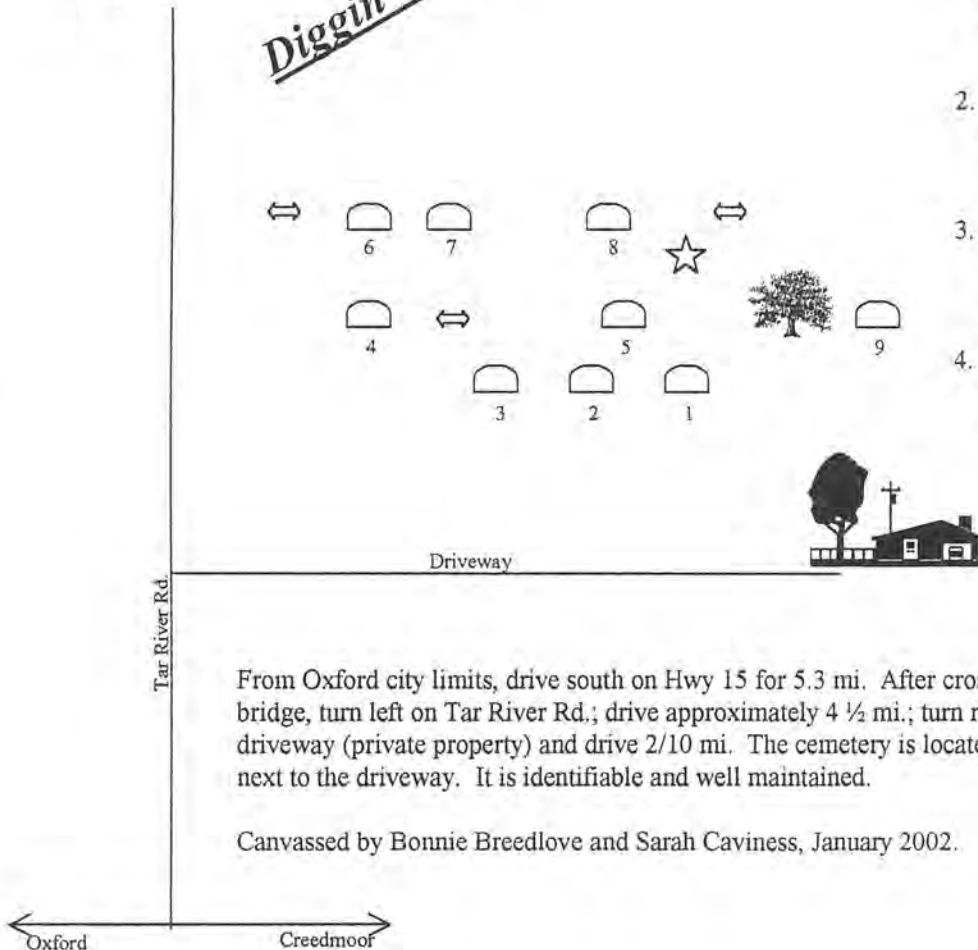
The sister or brother of your great-grandparent is your great-grand-aunt or great-grand-uncle.

Whew! Isn't this grand? Or is it great?

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Diggin' Up Bones



From Oxford city limits, drive south on Hwy 15 for 5.3 mi. After crossing Tar River bridge, turn left on Tar River Rd.; drive approximately 4 ½ mi.; turn right into driveway (private property) and drive 2/10 mi. The cemetery is located on the left next to the driveway. It is identifiable and well maintained.

Canvassed by Bonnie Breedlove and Sarah Caviness, January 2002.

1. Riggan, Mettie L.
Born - 1929
Died - 1992
2. Stroud, William R.
Born - 14 Jun 1915
Died - 5 Mar 1989
3. Stroud, Lillar H.
Born - 22 Feb 1898
Died - 23 Mar 1971
4. Haithcock, Graham M.
Born - 25 Apr 1907
Died - 6 May 1963
5. Sadler, Mae Del
d/o L. C. & T. L. Sadler
Born - 6 Oct 1913
Died - 30 Jan 1914
6. Sandifer, Mittie Haithcock
Born - 18 Jul 1877
Died - 27 Apr 1944
7. Haithcock, Peter
Born - 24 Jun 1865
Died - 19 Sep 1907
WPA records indicated
birthdate as 24 Jun 1855
8. Inscore, Lucy
Born - 8 Dec 1851
Died - 22 Nov 1917
9. Lynn, Connie
s/o W. W. & Hattie Lynn
Born - 21 May 1917
Died - 5 Sep 1917

- 1 Fieldstone
- 3 Funeral Markers

Legend	
Fieldstone	☆
Funeral Marker	⇔

Haithcock Cemetery

Granville County Deaths

December 1, 2002 – February 28, 2002

(Names and Ages of Residents; Retrieved from Oxford Public Ledger/Butner-Creedmoor News Newspapers)

Allen Jr., Otis	47	Franklin, Anna Morgan	48
Allen, Fred	79	Gibson Sr., Bobby Wayne	64
Averette, Farris Sadler	85	Gibson, Mary B. Lyon	85
Blalock Jr., Sgt. James	60	Gooch, Carrie Green	61
Bowling, Ronald Wayne "Moody"	29	Gooch, George	54
Bowman Jr., Richard Luther	72	Greene, Isobel O'Brien	81
Boyd, Vickie Williamson	38	Greene, Marguerite Ruth	86
Brady, Mae Rogers	84	Gregory, Anne Elizabeth	65
Bragg, Bettie Tunstall Hicks	91	Gregory, Edward	83
Braswell, Ray Douglas	71	Hargrove, Oney Nowell	85
Broughton, Clarence Stuart "Brodie"	88	Harris Sr., Haywood	82
Bullock, James Alston	72	Hart, Clarence	74
Bumpass, Mozelle Hunt	73	Hart, Hazel Garrett	67
Burwell, James L.	51	Henderson, Lee Toney	70
Cade, James M. "Tennessee"	74	Herring, Delois Davis	58
Carpenter, Theodore Monroe	81	Hester, Ruth	66
Cartwright, Penola B.	93	Hockaday, Elvis Leonard	57
Cash, Naomi Hockaday	75	House, Edward Darrell	65
Champion, Emma Lee	62	Howard, Cora Lee Hunter	79
Chandler, Clark E.	53	Howell, Mary Belle	80
Clark, Willie		Hutcherson, Norman	89
Clifford Sr., John Knight	83	James, Dorothy F.	81
Cook, Lillie Saunders	81	Jeffers, Rosa	
Cozart Jr., Larry Dennis	30	Jeffreys, Rachel Baker	70
Critcher, Willie Lee Mangum Adams	92	Jennings, Marty Wayne	36
Crowe, Nette Gregory	82	Johnson, Angel Allison	5 mos.
Currin, James Marshall	76	Johnson, Ruth Keith	92
Currin, Julia Noblin	73	Jones Sr., Herbert	93
Daniel III, Ben	71	Jones, Rosa Lee	94
Daniel, Alice Grey	90	Jordan, Howard "H.B."	
Daniel, Susie Wilson	82	Kay, Anne Wells	77
Daniels, Charlie Carl	78	Kearney, Edward Jarvis "Nick"	85
Daniels, Joseph M.	81	Keyes, Tracey Anne Daye	
Dargan, Infant	Inf	Laws, Thomas Franklin	79
Davis, Amos	67	Lewallen, Edith Fowler	87
Davis, Carlyle Harrison	84	Liechty, Thelma	85
Davis, Nancy L. Wade	60	Lunsford, Allie Gentry	91
Dickerson Sr., Billy Ray	53	Lyon Sr., Joseph Andrew	82
Dickerson, William Addison	80	Mangum Jr., John B.	71
Duke, Eugene Patrick	65	Mathews Jr., Richard H.	
Duke, Ruthie Forsyth Roberts	93	Maxwell, Minnie Wilson	70
Elliott, Elizabeth Haskins	93	Mayberry, Howard K.	
Evans, Georgia Anna	75	Maynor, R. B.	60
Fields, Linard	71	McCaden, Merlin	86

On The Move
Public Ledger, June 19, 1902

Items About People Who Come and Who Go

- Mr. Lucius **CURRIN** and son, of Satterwhite, were in Oxford Tuesday and called on the Public Ledger.
- Rev. J. S. **HARDAWAY** is taking his summer vacation and is on a visit to relatives in the Old Dominion.
- Mrs. J. W. **HARRELL** left Tuesday to spend a month at Buffalo Springs. Mr. **HARRELL** accompanied her and will remain a few days.
- Mr. W. H. **GREGORY**, of Stovall, passed through Oxford Friday afternoon on his return from the Medical Convention at Wilmington.
- Mr. Thomas M. **WASHINGTON**, of Wilson, was in Oxford Saturday shaking hands with his old friends who are always glad to see him.
- Mr. W. A. **MCFARLAND**, merchant of Berea, was on our streets Tuesday looking quite happy as he has a bright-eyed little girl at his home.
- Mr. J. A. **LEWIS**, another one of Oxford's most excellent book-keepers, has accepted a position in the office of W. Duke Sons & Co., at Durham.
- Mr. Thomas **JEFFREYS**, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. and Mrs. George **KNOTT**, of Kinston, attended the funeral of Mr. Alf **HOBGOOD** in Oxford Friday.
- Col. H. A. **LONDON**, the polished and talented editor of the Pittsboro Record, attended the Episcopal Convention in Oxford last week and it was a real pleasure to us to receive a call from him.

Hays Collection, Granville County History III, Vol 35, Page 306, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

Mayor Thad G. Stem Joins the Nat'l Colors

June 28, 1916

At the call of President **WILSON**, Captain Thad G. **STEM**, mayor of Oxford, tendered his services to Colonel **MINER**, ranking officer of the Third Regiment, North Carolina National Guard. By the appointment, Captain **STEM** goes to the staff as inspector of small arms practice with the rank of captain and the emoluments of major..

The military record of Captain **STEM**, now on file in the Adjutant General's office is as follows:

Enlisted in the Granville Grays February 18, 1908; promoted to corporal February 27, 1908. Promoted to sergeant July 19, 1908. Promoted to first lieutenant September 27, 1909. Promoted to Captain May 11, 1910. Retired from service on account of business February 2, 1914. Tendered his service to Col. **MINOR** June 20, 1916. Received his commission as inspector of small arms practice, with the rank of captain, June 23, 1916.

Hays Collection, Granville Grays and State Guards, Vol 130, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

List of White Teachers of Granville County

For the Session of 1919 – 1920

November 21, 1919

The following list of school teachers, now engaged in the schools of the county, was compiled by Mr. J. F. **WEBB**, superintendent of county schools:

Miss Ora JENKINS , Kittrell, Rt. 2	Miss Cordelia CAMP , Hester
W. S. HOWELL , KITTRELL , Rt. 2	Miss Bessie MANGUM , Hester
Miss Mary RENN , Oxford, Rt. 3	Miss Janie CLAYTON , Hester
Miss Bettie May CHEATHAM , Oxf., Rt. 3	Miss Ettie WASHINGTON , Oxford, Rt. 6
Miss Mattie T. WHITE , Oxford, Rt. 3	Miss Naomi HONEYCUTT , Oxford, Rt. 6
Miss Belle HARRIS , Oxford, Rt. 3	J. G. FEEZOR , Stem
Miss Bertie DANIEL , Oxford, Rt. 2	Miss Rebecca LONG , Stem
Miss Tazzie DEAN , Oxford, Rt. 2	Miss Eliza REID , Stem
Miss Ruth STROTHER , Oxford, Rt. 2	Mrs. A. M. DANIEL , Stem
Miss Mary TAYLOR , Oxford, Rt. 2	Miss Marie STARK , Stem
Miss Marie FRAZIER , Oxford, Rt. 2	Miss Myrtle WHEELER , Stem
Miss Wirta CASH , Oxford, Rt. 2	Miss Ellie WILLIFORD , Moriah
R. A. POPE , Creedmoor	Miss Carrie PHILLIPS , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Dora JENKINS , Franklinton, Rt. 1	Miss Nannie Lou ADCOCK , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Ethel HOLMES , Franklinton, Rt. 1	Miss Cyrenna ALLEN , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Eura STROTHER , Franklinton, Rt. 1	W. L. STANCIL , Hargrove
Miss Olivia BURCHETT , Creedmoor	Miss Wilhelmena THOMAS , Hargrove
E. P. DAVIS , Youngsville	Miss Loula DAFFAN , Hargrove
Miss Myrtle HOLMES , Youngsville	Mrs. Minnie R. KIMBALL , Hargrove
Miss Marguerite DAVIS , Youngsville	Miss Edith PARHAM , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Annie B. JACKSON , Wake Forest	Mrs. Mabel KNOTT , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Myrtle JEFFREYS , Creedmoor	Miss Lois DANIEL , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Siddle ROGERS , Hester	Miss Minnie ATKINSON , Tar River
Miss Mary HARRIS , Hester	Miss Alice BLAKE , Tar River
Miss Allie JENKINS , Franklinton, Rt. 1	Miss Addie BREEDLOVE , Tar River
C. J. GREEN , Stem	Mrs. L. S. RUSSELL , Berea
Miss Etta HALL , Stem	Mrs. Louis THORP , Berea
Miss Reda UMSTEAD , Stem	Miss Zela NEWMAN , Moriah
Miss Fredda BRAGG , Creedmoor	Miss Esther JONES , Berea
J. A. PITTS , Creedmoor	Mrs. R. C. VAUGHAN , Moriah
Miss Julia FARMER , Creedmoor	Miss Minnie BALL , Oxford, Rt. 4
Miss Annie PRUETT , Creedmoor	Miss Lois HESTER , Oxford, Rt. 4
Miss Ethel JACKSON , Creedmoor	Miss Lila DUKE , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Lea JACKSON , Creedmoor	Miss Eva HESTER , Oxford, Rt. 1
Miss Ollie LYON , Creedmoor	Miss Allie ADCOCK , Oxford, Rt. 1
Mrs. A. J. WILSON , Creedmoor	Miss Myrtle WILLIAMS , Oxford, Rt. 7
Miss Inabelle COLEMAN , Creedmoor	Miss Julia CURRIN , Virgilina, Va.
Miss Iola LYON , Northside	Miss Nell WOODS , Virgilina, Va.
Miss Alma KEITH , Northside	Miss Frances MITCHELL , Virgilina, Va.

Genealogy -- and your Roots:

- Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people
- "Crazy" is a relative term in my family
- A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor
- I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand
- I should have asked them BEFORE they died!
- I think my ancestors had several "Bad heir" days
- I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNEflower
- Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards, as progress
- Share your knowledge, it is a way to achieve immortality
- Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
- It's an unusual family that hath neither a lady of the evening or a thief.
- Many a family tree needs pruning
- Shh! Be very, very quiet.... I'm hunting forebears.
- Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors!
- That's strange: half my ancestors are WOMEN!
- I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes
- Genealogists live in the past lane
- Cousins marrying cousins: Very tangled roots!
- Cousins marrying cousins: A non-branching family tree
- Alright! Everybody out of the gene pool!
- Always willing to share my ignorance....
- Documentation...The hardest part of genealogy
- Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!
- Genealogy...will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?
- That's the problem with the gene pool: NO Lifeguards
- I researched my family tree... and apparently I don't exist!
- SO MANY ANCESTORS.....SO LITTLE TIME!

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LIST FAMILY NAMES BEING RESEARCHED OR HOPE TO RESEARCH _____

SPECIFY IF BEGINNER _____

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

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