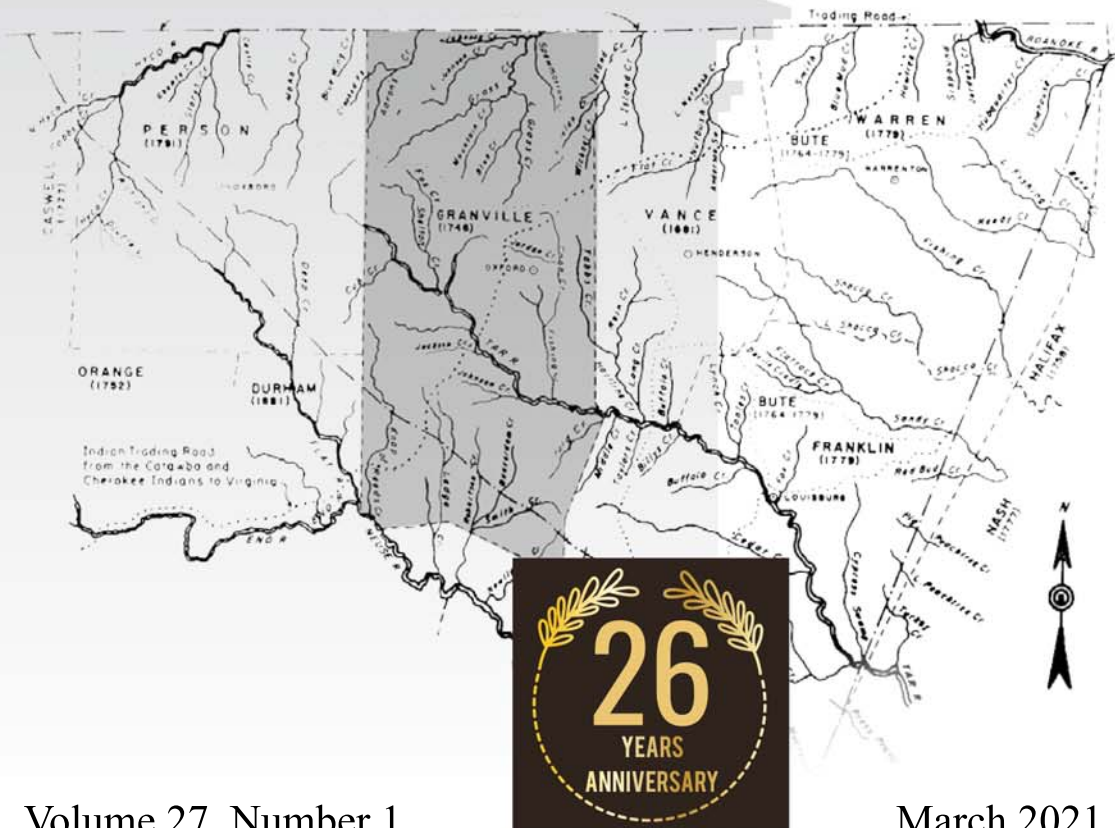


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THE SOCIETY MESSENGER

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From the President—

Happy New Year to each of you. 2021 has started off being busy. Getting a lot of research done that was put off previously.

First thing is a question. Have you had your Covid-19 vaccination yet? I received mine on January 24 and February 21, having to travel 40 miles each way to get them. Had to go to another county to get them. No problem with reactions to either.

Now if the powers to be will open up the libraries we will be happy campers.

As most of you know that I try to stay busy, but I have realized that I need to slow down a bit. So last year I had worked for the Board of Elections in Granville County since I retired in 1996 and with all those years, I resigned from that job last year. I hold the record of registering the most citizens in one election (647) at the One-Stop voting site. Seeing the voters was always a welcomed sight each time.

Now in February of this year I decided to give up another job that I was involved in and that was the Creedmoor Planning Board. I have always been interested in our town and its happenings. I would go to the commissioners meeting to find out what was going on. In January 2001 the then Mayor Darryl Moss appointed me to the Planning Board at that meeting. I continuously served on the board and serving as chairman of the board on two different times. I resigned from the board at our February 11 meeting after serving 20 years. To my surprise the now Mayor Robert Wheeler proclaimed Mildred Goss Day in Creedmoor on February 11, 2021. He did the proclamation citing what I had contributed to the town during my

time on the board. During this time, I have served as town historian. Researching the town history finding some interesting things in the process.

The best part of serving on the board was being involved in the approval process of the new intersection of Highway 15 and 56. That to me was the best improvement in town.

We still are waiting on the opening of the library so we can start back having our monthly meetings. In the mean time we have been answering email inquiries helping those that have hit the block wall. Mark at the library states that the emails have kept him busy. Also the phone calls requesting information from the library holdings.

Allen our webmaster has been busy with his Dew family. He just had a birthday to celebrate. Wishing him a happy birthday. He is continuously adding to the Cemetery Census page.

Now, help me solve the relationship of my family. My oldest sister Marie married Robert W. and Robert's sister married the uncle of Marie. Then, the daughter Sheila of my younger sister Edith marries the grandson of the uncle of Marie, they have a son A.J. So, what is the relationship of A. J. to Marie and Robert?

I know that A. J. is the grandson of Edith.

These intermarriages can really mess up the lineage of your research.

Will close for now until next time, happy researching.

Mildred

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These make excellent gifts

<p>Marriages Registers Granville County, North Carolina 1866-1894 available in Hard Cover and Paperback - by GCGS</p> <p>Extracted marriage records of Granville County, North Carolina 1866 through 1894. Section one, 1866-1867, is Cohabitation marriage records of freed slaves immediately after the Civil War. Section two is marriages from certificates filed in 1869 through 1894 in the Register of Deeds Office in Oxford, North Carolina. Book includes an Index of all names of Grooms and Brides.</p>	<p>Hard Cover - \$37.00 +Shipping Paperback - \$27.00 +Shipping</p>
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<p>Volume 6 of our Cemetery Book 85 Cemeteries (family, public, private). Indexed by full names.</p>	<p>Paperback - \$22.00 +Shipping</p>
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<p>Keeping Up With the Joneses by Shirley Jones Mallard A book about the Rafe Jones Family of Granville County, North Carolina.</p>	<p>Paperback - \$19.00 +Shipping</p>
<p>Jeremiah and William Frazer - The Frazers of Granville County, NC by Phil Jones. Progenitors of Frazier families of Granville County.</p>	<p>Hard Cover - \$25.00 +Shipping Paperback - \$16.00 +Shipping</p>

GCGS Deaths for December 2020, January, February 2021

Editor's Note: This listing shows the deaths from the obituaries of three newspapers (Oxford Public Ledger, Butner/Creedmoor News and Henderson Dispatch) for the specified time. Names are listed as they appear in the papers. Their listed age, whether they were Buried or Cremated (many people would be looking for a tombstone and gravesites with burials, but with cremations they need to look for a death certificate or an obit), date of death and parents if listed. Some funeral homes do not list the parents.

Adcock, Dora Lee Dickerson	86	C	2/27/2021	Furnie O. Dickerson & Laurie N. Kearney Dickerson
Adcock, Virginia Francis	86	B	2/11/2021	Simeon Black & Oie Black Boyce
Adcock, William Tyler "Tyler"	23	B	2/8/2021	William "Todd" Adcock & Terry Lovings Adcock
Allen, Ancie Howard	73	B	11/28/2020	Joe Lee Allen & Laura Bullock Allen
Allen, George "Dwight"	69	B	1/17/2021	George & Mary Wilkerson Allen
Askew, Brenda Hunt	72	C	3/1/2021	Charlie Hunt & Pauline Newton
Ayscue, Kay McBride	76	B	1/11/2021	Johnny William McBride & Christine Bates McBride
Baker, Paul Dean	87	B	1/7/2021	James Louis Baker & Eva Eason Baker
Barnett, Eloise Watson	82	C	2/19/2021	Not listed
Bass, Carrie Hester	92	B	1/12/2021	Harvey Hester & Pearl herndon Hester
Baynes, Helen DeClue			1/28/2021	Odile & Stanley Sylvester DeClue
Belongie, John Hugh	52	C	1/1/2021	Alfred Fredrick Belongie & Shelby Bass Belongie
Bentley, Mary	73	C	1/1/2021	Paul Howard Balmer & Nita Lois Vaughan
Black, Mary Alice Cozart	97	B	12/15/2020	James Thurston Cozart Jr. & Sallie Dean Cozart
Blevins, Geraldine "Gerry" Ray	82	B	3/2/2021	Robert D. Ray & Lilly R. Ray
Boyd, Kathy Paulette	69	B	2/27/2021	James Emmett Boyd & Katherine Lunsford Boyd
Boyd, Kenneth Ray Sr.	54	B	12/8/2020	Alfred W. Boyd, Jr. & Julia Cifers Boyd
Boykin, Mary Rose	80	C	2/11/2021	Elijah Thomas & Mattie Watkins Thomas
Brame, Wesley Ray	35	B	1/16/2021	Berry & Josie Brame
Brogden, Naomi Evans	87	B	1/22/2021	Willie Knight Evans & Nannie Lou Duke
Brooks, Robert Jr.	86	B	12/20/2020	Robert & Pearl Wilkerson Brooks
Brooks, Ronald Ray Sr.	66	C	1/22/2021	Rassie James Brooks & Gracie Day Brooks
Bullock, Lula Mae	74	B	12/9/2020	Alvis & Lula Johnson Bullock
Burwell, Alijah	54	C	2/10/2021	Harriett Elizabeth Burwell
Burwell, Harriett Elizabeth	74	B	2/13/2021	Not listed
Carey, Jeanette Maynor		B	1/23/2021	Burl & Evelyn Maynor
Carrington, William Kirkland "Kirk"	56	B	12/19/2020	John D. Carrington & Madge Fort Carrington
Cash, Duwonie Edward	67	C	11/19/2020	John J. Cash & Joyce H. Cash
Cifers, Benjamin Buster	71	C	1/12/2021	Richard Harvey Cifers & Inez Woodlief Cifers
Claiborne, Danny Phil	68	C	12/12/2020	Dorothy Mae Beal & Melvin Fitchel Claiborne
Coley, Patricia Grissom	72	B	12/13/2020	William Thornton Grissom & Virginia Doris Faucette
Cooksley, Hazel Marie	92	B	12/23/2020	Mildred Anderson & Clifford White
Cozart, Louis Edward	93	B	12/20/2020	Noah & Mary Jones Cozart
Crews, Joseph Martin "Marty"	61	C	2/14/2021	Edgar Reid "Buddy" & Barbara Breedlove Crews

Cromer, Bruce Wayne Sr. "Scooter Bill"	67	B	12/18/2020	Charlie Floyd Cromer & Kathryn Place
Currin, Amy Lee Womack	91	B	1/20/2021	William Lockett Womack & Alma Matthews
Currin, Ann Williams	68	B	12/3/2020	Dudley B. Williams Sr. & Lucy Aronstead King
Currin, Mary Honeycutt	86	C	1/26/2021	Max & Mae Davis Honeycutt
Daniel, Deborah Tippet	67	C	12/4/2020	Thurman & Mildred Smith Tippet
Davis, Lois Frances Blackwell "Honey"	85	B	1/29/2021	Edward Leonard & Hallie Mae Daniel Blackwell
Davis, Titus Gilbert	93	B	12/25/2020	J.L. Davis & Beulah Bradford Davis
Davis, Viola Cozart	90	B	2/23/2021	Ollie Cozart & Hattie Cozart Royster
Dean, Vassel Lenwood	84	B	1/23/2021	William Albert Dean & Fannie Garrett
Dease, Rebecca W.	83	B	1/23/2021	John H. Watson & Mattie Moon Watson
Dickerson, Rosa Elizabeth	86	B	1/9/2021	Woodrow Wilson Dickerson, Sr. & Rosa Burchette Dickerson
Elliott, Clifton Howard "Cliff"	81	B	2/1/2021	Frank & Annie Bray Elliott
Forte, George Yelverton Jr.	84	B	10/11/2020	George Yelverton & Annie Mae Forte
Fuller, James Currin	87	B	1/13/2021	William H. Fuller & Macha Currin Fuller
Fuller, Randall "Randy" Owen	56	B	1/15/2021	Vernon Owen Fuller & Carolyn Crowe Fuller
Garrett, Bonnie	75	C	2/28/2021	Winnie Braswell
Gillis, Glenn	56	C	12/12/2020	Not listed
Green, Dempsey Cheyene	63	B	1/10/2021	Eugene Dempsey Green & Edna Mae Jones
Gregory, Gladys Mae	82	B	1/20/2021	Isom Thornton & Lucy Hawley Thornton
Grenard, Bernard Edward	58	B	1/30/2021	Robert & Flora Belle Grenard
Grissom, Leonard	75	C	3/1/2021	Charlie & Nellie Grissom
Harris, Edwin Hawkins Jr. "Ed"	83	B	12/21/2020	Edwin Sr. & Mildred Boyd Harris
Hart, Francis Eugene	87	B	1/29/2021	James (Jim) & Pauline Burnette Hart
Heisler, Phyllis Lorraine	65	C	1/31/2021	Franklin & Jane Heisler
Henderson, Jason Jordan	52	B	1/22/2021	William Jordan Henderson & Sandra Whitt Grissom
Henderson, Lucy Mae	90	B	2/5/2021	Minnie Peirce Perry & Richard "Chink" Whitted
Hensley, Charlotte Thorp	95	B	1/5/2021	Henry N. Thorpe, Sr. & Eugenia Crews Thorp
Hentze, Terri Likens	52		1/18/2021	Jean Oberembt Adams & Eddie Pearl Hufford
Hester, Essex Lazzlo "Zeke"	72	C	1/8/2021	Robert Lee Lester, Sr. & Rebecca Royster Hester
Hogenauer, Margaret Theresa (Peg)	95	C	12/4/2020	Francis & Elizabeth (Fitzmaurice) Scholan
Howard, Margaret Satterwhite	85	B	1/7/2021	Merlin & Gladys Davis Satterwhite
Hunt, Samuel W. "Bo"	91	B	2/4/2021	Charles Bryant Hunt, Sr & Mary Jeanette Elam Hunt
Hutson, Johnnie A.	66	B	2/22/2021	Richard Daniel Hutson & Rosa Marie Overby
Hutson, Mary Louise Rhew	75	C	1/4/2021	James Sexton Rhew & Mary Magdalene Young
Jaber, Robyn Lee Rankin	58	C	2/23/2021	Billy Jo Rankin & Brenda Swain Rankin Currin
Jackson, John Lindsey	71	B	2/1/2021	John O. Jackson & Ida M. Jackson
Jacobs, Doris Marie Boyd	72	B	12/22/2020	Thomas Crawford Boyd & Elsie Mae Brogden Boyd
Jefferson, Bettie Louise	73		2/17/2021	Richard & Allie Bet Tunstall Jefferson
Jenkins, Alice Bailey	98	B	2/16/2021	Johnny Howard Bailey & Ora K. Bailey
Jones, Lonnie Owen	73	C	1/5/2021	Bennie Spencer Jones & Alice Inez Boyd
Jones, Willie Lee	80	B	1/14/2021	Joseph (Red) Jones & Lucy Ann Allen Jones
Keeling, Rodney Wayne	46	B	3/4/2021	Mike & Louise Keeling

Keith, Elbert Cecil Jr.	66	B	12/16/2020	Elbert Sr. & Margaret Wheelous Keith
Knott, Crawford Maurice	91	C	12/10/2020	C.F. Knott & Elsie Pruitt Knott
Lockett, Randolph A.	80	C	11/22/2020	Alfonso Lockett & Landora Reed Lockett
Lyon, Alfred Warren	93	B	2/11/2021	Joel Logan Lyon & Lurline Coley Lyon
Martin, Marjorie "Jean" Short	73	B	2/28/2021	Herbert Riddick Short & Dorothy Wilson Short
McCaden, Barbara	82	B	3/1/2021	James C. Moseley & Polly Gray Mseley
McGhee, Arvell Sr.	73	C	12/18/2020	Not listed
McGohan, Wayne Melvin	73	C	2/5/2021	Joseph Milburn McGohan & Doris Louise Stiles McGohan
Miller, Marshall Alston	74	C	12/12/2020	Henry & Mary Lizzy Wilkins Miller
Moss, Elvis	73	B	1/12/2021	Not listed
Murray, Thelma Clark	100	B	2/25/2021	Everett & Annie Johnson Clark
Nance, Jenny Elizabeth	83	C	12/18/2020	Pender Nance & Sallie Ann May Nance
Newcomb, Jerry Kevin	58	C	1/29/2021	Linda Watkins Newcomb & Jerry Thomas Newcomb
Noblin, Dan Vickers	83	B	2/22/2021	Robert Marsh Noblin & M. Maude Breedlove
O'Brien, Frances Daniel	84	B	3/4/2021	Armie & Mabel Daniel
Overby, Mary Lonon	59	C	12/10/2020	Willard Osborne Lonon & Stacey Taylor Lonon
Parham, Raymond Randolph	94	B	1/31/2021	Raymond Watkins Parham & Tazzie hart
Parker, Lucy Mae Harris	82	B	1/17/2021	Herbert & Mabel A. Harris
Parker, Walter Franklin Jr. "Scroogie"	75	B	2/1/2021	Walter Sr. & Emma Sue Wiles Parker
Parrish, Ella Ruth Wilson	85	B	1/7/2021	Samuel Edwin Wilson & Lela Hamlin Wilson
Pettiford, Claude Jr.	82	B	2/14/2021	Not listed
Phillips, Michael Scott Jr. (Scottie)	23	C	2/4/2021	Scott & Jennifer Phillips
Pipkin, Kay Ross	66	B	2/22/2021	Reuben Vernon Ross Jr. & Thelma Riggs Ross
Pittard, Paula Yancey	75	C	3/7/2021	Oscar Randolph Yancey & Mae Powell Yancey
Poe, Robert Alexander	62	C	1/12/2021	Alexander Earl Poe & Beverly Ann Council
Preddy, Thomas Warren	82	B	1/22/2021	Leo Clifton Preddy & Annie Lou Hicks Preddy
Pulliam, Clementine Neal	78	C	1/6/2021	Dock Clemon Neal & Inez Elizabeth Mann Neal
Ray, Kimberly Lloyd	55	B	12/17/2020	Ray Douglas Lloyd & Linda Henley Lloyd
Renuart, Anthony Andrew "Andy"	51	C	2/3/2021	A.W. "Jim" Renuart & Ruth "Kim" Renuart
Rice, William Booker	88	B	1/9/2021	Arthur & Lucy Morris Rice
Rigsbee, Luna Dell	97	B	2/17/2021	Walter Leonard Munn & Mamie Blackley
Roberts, Mary Ella Thaxton	95	B	1/16/2021	William Merritt Thaxton & Beulah Haithcock
Robertson, James "Jake"	95	B	2/4/2021	Willie & Margaret Robertson
Royster, Diane	64	B	12/9/2020	Cleveland & Viola Overby Royster
Royster, John Douglas	64	B	1/28/2021	John Major Royster & Bernice Chavis Royster
Royster, Thomas Sampson Jr. "Sam"	83	C	12/24/2020	Thomas Sr. & Katherine Watkins Royster
Satterwhite, Norvelle	84	B	1/11/2021	William & Lula Lyon Thorpe
Saunders, Hallie Mae Adcock	90	C	12/15/2020	Otha David Adcock & Mary Hester Wiles
Shotwell, Flora Edward Riggan	93	B	2/23/2021	Jacob Edward Riggan & Martha Flora Henderson Riggan
Sidney, Deborah Davis	86	B	2/13/2021	Robert Henry Davis & Mary Allen Davis
Smith, Barbara Cotton	85	B	2/14/2021	George Cotton Sr. & Carrie Smith Cotton
Smith, Hattie Leora Downey	87	C	12/17/2020	Silas Downey & Annie Royster Downey

Strong, Geneva Harris	69	B	1/25/2021	Robert Harris, Sr & Pearline Downey Harris
Strong, Tracey E.	42	B	1/13/2021	Not listed
Talbott, Mary Helen Daniel	76	B	2/10/2021	Graham Howerton Daniel & Helen Averette Daniel
Taylor, Darline Spencer	60	B	12/9/2020	Pleason Edmonds Kittrell & Lenn Spencer
Taylor, Rosa Mae Jones	86	B	12/17/2020	Walter & Fannie Jones
Thompson, Brenda Jo	65	B	1/10/2021	Charles William (CW) & Julia Mae Montague Thompson
Thorpe, John H.	75	C	2/7/2021	Not listed
Timberlake, Eugenia "Jean" D.	95	B	2/14/2021	Marvin S. Douglas & Pearl E. Douglas
Tucker, Kathryn Warren		C	2/18/2021	Mike & Gail Ashworth Warren
Wallis, Phyllis (Phyl) Reyburn	91	C	1/2/2021	George Clkare Reyburn & Bernice Margaruite Ransom
Watkins, Sally Griffin	72	C	2/24/2021	Not listed
Wilkerson, James Horner "Big Jim"	82	C	12/19/2020	Robert & Marie Wilkerson
Williams, Dallas O'Brian	62	B	2/13/2021	Sarah Downey Williams & Dallas W. Williams
Williamson, Annie Flora Compton	87	B	12/19/2020	Jesse Lee Compton & Helen Genevieve Patterson
Wilson, Benjamin Franklin	83	B	1/12/2021	Francis Coley Wilson & Ruby Odell Wilson
Wilson, Fannie Bell Spencer	88	B	3/1/2021	Reid Spencer & Fannie Bell Skipwith Spencer
Young, Janice Hammock	76	B	1/28/2021	Maudie & James Hammock Sr.
Youngblood, Robert Watkins Jr.	90	C	1/16/2021	Robert W. Youngblood & Grace Newton Youngblood

Zachariah Herndon Burnett Family

by: Rhonda Burnett-Bletsch

Zachariah Herndon Burnett was born in Chatham County to Fearington Burnett and Mary Herndon on July 3, 1828. He had three older siblings (Martha, Addison, and Atlas) and a younger sister (Lanna). His father Fearington was a farmer. His mother Mary, called "Polly", was the eldest daughter of a wealthy Orange County planter named Zachariah Herndon and his first wife Amelia Rhodes. Many of Polly's brothers and half-brothers were prominent Granville county residents such as Rhodes Nash, Henry Clay, and Duncan Cameron Herndon.

Zachariah Burnett must have arrived in Granville County sometime before age eighteen when he was recorded selling a 191-acre parcel of land on "Adcock's Creek" to his maternal uncle Rhodes Nash Herndon. Both uncle and nephew are described on the 1846 document of sale as residents of Granville County.

He was probably already residing in the county by March 19, 1845, when he married Martha Jane Garrett (b. September 12, 1828). Martha was the only daughter of Amos and Martha Garrett who were Granville County farmers. Both bride and groom were only sixteen years old at the time of their wedding.

Zachariah and Martha were founding members of Shady Grove United Methodist Church, which filed its earliest deed in 1855. They faithfully attended and supported this church throughout their lifetimes. Its original building survives and contains a stained glassed window dedicated to them both. Many of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren attended this church until it closed its doors in the 1970s.

In 1872 Zachariah's childless maternal uncle Duncan Cameron Herndon bequeathed to him a 350-acre tract of farmland that became the site of his home place, which still stands and is pictured above. Duncan's will describes the land as "lying on the waters of Hatchers Run and adjoining the poor house past the Solomon Howard and Zack Critcher tracts." Today this farm lies along a sizeable portion of Hallie Burnette Rd. and Lake Devin Rd. The majority of this land is still farmed by Zachariah's descendants.

Zachariah became a very successful tobacco farmer. Numerous real estate deeds indicate that he accumulated much additional property in Granville and neighboring counties. These records also suggest that he was a man of affluence who loaned money liberally to other farmers.

Martha bore Zachariah fourteen children, eleven of whom survived him. Their children were Charlie Farrington, Ira Addison, Lucian Atlas, Joan Elizabeth ("Bettie"), Junius Moore, Cora Rhodes, Ella, John R., William H., Robert Longmire, Hallie Garrett, Emma, Cameron Herndon, and Loretta.

Their oldest son, Charlie Farrington (b. September 22, 1847), married Minerva Flemming who was the daughter of John and Nancy Flemming and the niece of congressman William Flemming of Granville County. They had no children. Several property deeds suggest that Charlie Farrington was likewise a farmer and land owner, although family tradition also recalls that he practiced medicine in an office on his in-laws' property near a present-day Hester. Like many "doctors" of his day, he did not hold a medical degree.

According to the family Bible, Ira Addison and Lucian Atlas were twins (b. June 3, 1849). Ira married and had three children: Marvin, Colbert, and Esther (m. Bunn). His sons opened a store together in Durham in 1900 and soon installed a 1-valve bottle-filling machine in the back room. They began bottling Good-Grape but were asked in 1904 or 1905 to begin mixing and distributing Pepsi-Cola as well. Marvin, who eventually bought his brother out of the business, distributed his soft drinks all around to Piedmont using a horse and wagon. In the 1930s Coca-Cola brought suit against competitors claiming they had been off the market in the 1920s and could no longer use the name "Pepsi-Cola." "Pop" Marvin went to Washington to testify that he had mixed and sold Pepsi continuously through the 1920s resulting in Pepsi-Cola winning the case. Some of Marvin's descendants are still involved in the Pepsi business.

Lucian Atlas married Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Averette and had nineteen children: Gary, Flora (m. Thomas Luther Green), Jesse Rose (m. Cooper Pitt Wheeler), Minnie (m. Watkins), Pearl (m. Wheeler), Charles, Carrie (m. Crews), Maggie (m. White), Gracie (m. Albert Critcher), Birdie (m. Longmire), Lillie Allene (m. William Gentry), Elma (m. Felix Robert Wilson and Guy Brunson), Christopher Columbus "Lum," Mildred Bee (m. Roy Dean), Lucius, Betty (m. Linnie Everett Widney), Jesse Pitt "Buster," George, and Marvin Brantley.

Joan Elizabeth "Bettie" (b. June 15, 1851 d. April 15, 1931) became the second wife of a distant

relative, Addison Burnett of Chatham County. Bettie had no children. After her husband's death she lived with her younger brother Robert. Her will bequeaths property in Chatham County to this brother whom, during her extended final illness, she had described to friends as the "lion of our tribe." She was buried alongside many relatives in the Burnett family cemetery (pictured in next column) adjacent to the home place.

Junius Moore (b. October 1, 1852) married and had one son named Joseph. Leaving no heirs, Joseph bequeathed his extensive property to his many surviving cousins at the time of his death in 1962.

Cora Rhodes (b. July 10, 1854) appears to have died at a young age although there is a significant discrepancy between the date of demise recorded in the family Bible (November 9, 1868) and the date on her tombstone in the family cemetery (March 10, 1876). The tombstone probably is correct, because Zachariah did not inherit the land on which the family cemetery lies until 1872. It seems unlikely that he would bury a daughter on land that he did not own.

Little is known about Ella (b. June 5, 1856) other than the date of her birth listed in the family Bible. The date of her death is not recorded in the Bible. She is not listed among the surviving children in Zachariah's will, nor is she interred in the family cemetery. Thus, she probably passed away before 1872 when Zachariah inherited this property.

John R. and William H. were also twins (b. November 19, 1860). Little is known about these sons, neither of whom married nor had children. John lived for a time with his brother Robert and is buried in the family cemetery (d. November, 1930).

Robert Longmire (b. February 21, 1863) purchased his siblings' interest in the home place tract after their father's death. He married Phoebe Knott, the fifth of ten children born to Fielding Knott by his second wife, Sallie Ann Wilson. Robert and Phoebe lost two sons in infancy (Robert Lee and "Little R.L.") but had three surviving sons: Zachariah Fielding, Hubert Herndon, and Hallie Garrett. After the death of Phoebe in 1920, Robert married her half-niece, Annie Lee Clay. Both Robert (d. October 8, 1934) and Phoebe are buried in the family cemetery. The home place is still owned and farmed by their descendants.

Zachariah's eleventh child, Hallie Garrett (b. January 13, 1865) died at age 21 (d. March 10, 1886) and is buried in the family cemetery. He was apparently close to his older brother Robert, who named a son for Hallie.

Emma (b. August 8, 1866) married Joseph Bennett Knott, the seventh child of Fielding Knott by his first wife and cousin Mildred Ann Knott. Emma and Joseph moved to Virginia where they produced ten children: Willie, Lessie Arrington (m. Marvin Newcomb and Charlie Beck), Frank Edward, Robert Lee, Clossie Rose (m. Robert James Callis), Joseph Carl, Ollie Bryant, Sidney Cannady, Emma May (m. Benjamin Napoleon Keys), and Nellie Gray (m. William Lawrence Young).

Cameron Herndon (b. November 9, 1868, d. May 4, 1930) married Ella Mayne Poole. They are both interred in the family cemetery alongside three children lost in infancy ("Little Hays," J. Lawrence, and Daisy Owen) and one who died as young adult (Charlie Flourney). Their surviving children were Olan Hayes, Lillian (m. Brooks), Earle Cannady, and Camella (m.

Schreyet). Camella wrote a book based loosely upon her family entitled *Nine Strikes of Death* describing the impact that the loss of four children and other relatives had on her parents. Although the book is written in a very formal style, contains anachronisms, and liberally blends fiction with fact, it provides valuable insight into this family.

Loretta does not appear in the family Bible but is mentioned in Zachariah's will. She married twice, first a Hopkins and then Cecil Smith. By her second marriage, she bore a son named Carlton.

Martha Garrett Burnett died May 19, 1896 and was buried in the family cemetery alongside many children and grandchildren. Zachariah Herndon Burnett lived five years after his wife, two of which he spent confined to bed in failing health. He died on December 10, 1901 and was buried next to his wife. According to a family story, Zachariah's long-time farm hands held him in such high regard that they tearfully lined the path to the family cemetery to pay their respects as his body was carried to its final rest. His obituary remembers him as a quiet, unassuming, old-fashioned gentleman with an exalted character, high integrity, gentlemanly bearing and a warm heart (Oxford Public Ledger, vol. XIV, no. 44). Zachariah's tombstone reads, "His memory is blessed." Surely the memory of both Zachariah and Martha is blessed given that their union has (at last count) produced over 350 known descendants.

Evan Ragland Family

by: J. Daniel Mahar

Evan Ragland (c1713-1775) is the son of Stephen Ragland and his wife Mary, natives of Virginia who settled in Northampton, North Carolina. Evan was born between 1713 and 1717, probably in New Kent County, Virginia. In 1730, Evan's father moved his family to Bertie County, North Carolina. Stephen Ragland acquired large acreage in that part of Bertie that became Northampton County, ran a ferry, served as the tobacco tax collector and owned a warehouse. Evan's mother is identified as a member of the Hudson family; however, this has not been proven beyond the frequent use of the "Hudson" name among the Raglands and their close association with the family.

Evan began acquiring land in Granville in the 1740s, and in 1748 he sold his house and home farm in Edgecombe County and settled in Granville. His Granville plantation would grow to more than 2,000 acres; most located along Flat Creek, a branch of Nutbush Creek. This district would become known as "Raglands." Evan worked this farm with an enslaved labor force of considerable size for the time; six taxable slaves in 1762 and at his death in 1775, twenty-four enslaved people were listed in his estate. The Occonechi Indian trail bordered his property and Evan was licensed as an ordinary. He traded extensively in cattle, in addition with his other farming activities. During the French and Indian Wars, Evan was appointed a First Lieutenant of the Granville Militia, and later was appointed Captain of the Granville Foots, a position, which

he held until 1763. It is not clear if Evan ever saw action in the War. Evan also was involved in civic issues and was a member of the first vestry of Nutbush Chapel in 1758. Today, Kerr Reservoir covers the lands of Evan's home farm.

By 1744, Evan had married Amey Merritt of Halifax County. Amey is the daughter of widow Mary Merritt and her father was probably either Nathaniel Merritt, who died in 1735 or his son Benjamin. Amey is believed to be a descendant of Charles Merritt (1652-1718), an early pioneer of North Carolina who was settled on the Chowan River by 1707. Evan Ragland wrote his will on the 27th of April 1775, which was proved in November Court of 1778. Amey Merritt Ragland survived her husband and her will was proved in February Court of 1790. The children of Evan and Amey (Merritt) Ragland are known to be:

Benjamin Ragland was born about 1745 and died about 1818 in Allen County, Kentucky. In 1772, he married Anne Tucker in Granville. She was the daughter of Joseph Tucker and his wife Lucy Wilson. The couple had issue: a daughter whose name is unknown; John; Richard; Benjamin, who married Betsey Shipley; Sarah, who married John Hart; and Amey.

Hudson Evan Ragland was born about 1748 and died in 1814 in Elbert County, Georgia. He married first about 1767 in Granville to Milley, the daughter of John Farley Thompson and had issue: John Rochester; William Thompson; Benjamin Hudson; Henry G.; and Tabitha. Hudson Evan Ragland married secondly about 1797 in Elbert County to Patsy Cosby and had issue: Evan and James Oliver. Patsy died in 1805. In 1806, Hudson married a third time to Sally, the widow of Stephen Evans.

Mary Ann Ragland was born about 1753 and died in 1826 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. She married in 1773 to Ambrose Barker (c1750-1816), the son of John Barker and Lucy Reeks of Surry County, Virginia. Ambrose was a Justice of the Peace in Granville County and moved his family to Tennessee. The Barker children are: John Green, who married Sarah Powell; Benjamin; Amy, who married William Scarbrough; Andrew; Lucy; Susan; Mary; Elizabeth; Ambrose; Joshua; Zach; and possibly Charles Barker.

William Ragland was born about 1756 and died in Granville County in 1824. William is believed to have married Emily Sneed. Emily is believed to be the daughter of Capt. Samuel Sneed and his wife Jane Dudley; however, this has not been proven. William Ragland had the following children, all believed to be by Emily: Nancy, who married Samuel Creath; Evan, who married Aggie Williams; William, who married Elizabeth Bates; Charity, who married John Wilson; Hudson (1787-1820); Frances, who married Abner Booth; and Polly, who married J.W. Harris.

Amey Ragland was born about 1758. In 1774, she married William Glass in Granville County. Though William Glass appears to have been active in Granville politics, little is known of the family or their fate.

George Ragland was born about 1760 and died, probably in Georgia, about 1789. He married first Anney Merritt (1760-1845), the daughter of Richard Merritt and probably a cousin. Anney is known to have had only one child, Haley Ragland, who married Elizabeth Lacy. George also had a child born out of wedlock in 1786 by Dinah Hick; however, the name and fate of this child is unknown.

Reuben Ragland was born about 1763 and died 7th of July 1805 in Granville County. He married in 1790 to Mary Perry O'Briant, the daughter of Patrick O'Briant of Granville County. The couple raised a large family of whom more is written about elsewhere in this publication.

Stephen Ragland was born about 1768 and died in 1787 in Granville County. He never married and had no children.

Reuben Ragland Family

by: J. Daniel Mahar

Reuben Ragland (c1763-1805) is the son of Evan Ragland and his wife Amey Merritt. The Ragland family settled in the Nutbush Community of Granville County around 1748. Reuben was born about 1763 and died in Granville on the 07th of July 1805. Reuben was still a minor when his father died in 1778 and he inherited his father's home farm of about 440 acres from his mother upon her death in 1789. Reuben expanded this farm to 774 acres, which was worked by an enslaved labor force of at least fourteen people. His estate papers name his slaves as: Rachel, Peter, Permellie, Susan, Sarah, Cob, Lucy, Rachel, Bob, Henry Kit, Sandy, Peity, and Mealy. A Christopher is named in a deed in 1807. One slave, Rachel is noted as the mother of Peter, Permellie, and Piety. Reuben inherited from his father's estate: two men Charles and Jacob and a boy, Bob.

In 1790/91, Reuben married Mary Perry O'Briant the only daughter of Patrick O'Briant of Granville County. The couple raised six children to adulthood. Within two years of Reuben's death, Mary remarried to Zachariah, the son of Aaron Pinson and his wife Delilah Stovall. The few records Zachariah left in Granville County are almost all suits involving his management of the Ragland estate. The heirs appeared to have sued Pinson and his wife for mismanagement and attempts to sell assets to satisfy debts. These suits are not specific enough to tell us about the family conflicts and how they were resolved, but indicate the Pinson marriage was troubled and relations with the Ragland children was strained. Mary had daughters by Pinson: Julie, who married Thomas Brame; and Susan Maria, who married William G. Weaver. There may have been a third, "Annie", who also married a Weaver. Some researchers believe that Mary died in the 1820s; however, tax records show her son, Littleton Ragland presenting taxes for a Mary Pinson in 1833, and her son-in-law sold a slave named Seth in 1843. Granville records do not document the fate of either Mary or Zachariah Pinson. Reuben and Mary (O'Briant) Ragland's children are:

Elizabeth Ragland "Betsey", who was born about 1792 and married Thomas, the son of Thomas Clayton and his wife Sarah Coleman of Person County. The Clayton's children are: Reuben, who married his cousin Amelia Jones; Thomas, who married Sarah Cozart; Harriet; Sally, who married a Burton; Minerva; Emily; Lucinda, who married a Mangum; and Lemuel C., who married Sarah Burch.

Obriant Ragland was born about 1795 and died in Greene County, Arkansas about 1865. Obriant married first Catherine Lassiter on the 14th of November 1816. Catherine is the natural born daughter of Jane Winifree. Her father was William Lassiter, a large landowner in Granville, who later adopted Catherine. Obriant had issue by Catherine: Mary; William Alexander; Emily; and George. Obriant married second Livina Thompson in Arkansas and had two children: Joannah and Sarah.

Lemuel Ragland was born about 1797 and died unmarried in Granville County in 1847.

Frances Ragland "Franky" was born about 1800 and in 1824 married Edward Royster (died 1869), son of John Royster. The Royster's children are: William H.; Harrison R.; Emily F., who married Robert C. Harris; and Reuben MacDonald "Mac", who married Frances Thomas.

Ann Ragland "Nancy" was born about 1802 and married in 1826 to William (1795-1861), the son of Brereton Jones and his wife Martha Dianna Bressie. The family lived in the Oxford District of Granville County where Nancy died in 1883. The Jones children are: Mary Indianna, who married Dudley S. Gooch; Amelia, who married Reuben Clayton; Emily; Cephas; Dr. William Joseph, who removed to Johnston County, NC where he married twice; Robert B., who married Virginia Mayes; Amanda H.; and Wesley Y.

Littleton Ragland was born about 1804 and died in Granville County in 1868. In 1838, he married Amey, the daughter of Brereton Jones and his wife Martha Dianna Bressie. Amey died by 1830 and Littleton never remarried. The couple had no children.

Harriett Ragland was born about 1805, probably after her father's death. She is not named in Reuben's estate papers, but is mentioned in the estate of her brother, Littleton. She married Willis Hays and the family removed to Prospect, Giles County, Tennessee. The Hayes children are: James; George; John; Melissa; Mary; and Benjamin.

Arnie Frances Knott Family

by: Lucy H. "Cookie" Currin

My maternal great-grandmother's name is Arnie Frances Knott (born 1 May 1843) in Granville County, North Carolina. Great-grandmother's parents were David W. Knott and Lundy B. Wilson. Solomon George Wilson and Priscilla Stark also of Granville County were her grandparents. I think that Arnie Frances is a pretty name but I have not been able to prove for whom she was named. I am very partial to family names and I am certain that somewhere in the family genealogy the names Arnie and Frances can be traced.

When my husband and I named our four children the names were all significant. Our oldest, a son, was named for his father, therefore our son's name is Earl Carlyle Currin III. If I had a second son, he would have been named for my father, Sterling Givens Hawthorne and my

maternal grandfather, Robert Lee Buchanan, making the name of Robert Sterling. We were later blessed with three daughters: Kristin (Hardy cousin) Hawthorne (my maiden name), Lucy (my mother's name) Sterling (my father's name), and Maurene (my husband's grandmother's name) Buchanan (my mother's maiden name). I know how important it is to spell a person's name correctly and I am very proud of my full name: Lucy Brown Buchanan Hawthorne Currin.

My great-grandmother's name, Arnie Frances is generally misspelled and incorrectly recorded. The middle name Frances is most of the time correct or either omitted. In the Abraham Plains District of Granville County Census of 1850 she is listed as Amy. The 1860, Island Creek District of Granville County Census listed my grandmother as Arna. I have found that she is either left out completely or listed, as Annie Frances in family genealogy. Her marriage bond of 18 July 1863 to Marion McDonald Wilson names her as Arny F. Knott. My maternal great-grandparents had seven children: Junius Lee, William Henry, Drucilla George, Hugh Latimus, Addie Belle (my maternal grandmother), Dora Hester, and Lot O. I suppose that she gave up on the correct spelling of her name and did not pass her name to any of her children nor did she pass on the names of her husband, parents or grandparents.

Addie Belle Wilson (born 3 October 1873 in Granville County) married Robert Lee Buchanan (born 10 January 1864 in Warren County) on 7 September 1908 in Warren County. They lived in the Buchanan Homeplace located in the Nutbush District of Warren County in a home built by Robert Lee Buchanan's father Alexander Samuel Buchanan in 1853. Addie Belle Wilson's husband (Robert Lee Buchanan) was the seventh son of a seventh son and was always said to have mystical powers because of this fact, especially when it came to removing warts and skin blemishes.

Their first and only child, a daughter, Lucy Brown Buchanan was born 27 May 1909. This daughter (my beloved mother) was named for her paternal great-grandmother, Lucy Brown daughter of William Brown (b. 1724) and Mary Polly Smith (b. 1728) both of Warren County. My Grandma Addie was a wonderful wife and mother. She took care of her husband, Robert Lee, her mother-in-law Mary Margaret Tunstall who lived in the home with them, her brother-in-law, James Alexander Buchanan who also lived in her home, and her daughter, Lucy Brown. I never knew my Grandma Addie due to the fact that she died on 8 September in 1936 before my parents even met. However, I have always felt very close to her and I am so thankful that my mother kept her memory alive for me so that I could know so much about her.

I have always felt that in some ways we were very much alike. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed making every kind of pickle and preserves that one could imagine. She wore her hair up like I do and I am so thankful to have some of her hair clips that I sometimes wear. She liked jewelry and I have her wide wedding band and her gold watch that she wore around her neck.

Grandma Addie was an accomplished musician and played the violin and the piano. She had a beautiful alto voice, as did my mother. My grandma Addie died at home, 8 September 1936 with my mother at her side. Miss Addie, as she was called by many, was a loving wife and mother, and a good neighbor and friend. She was a member of Young Memorial Presbyterian Church in Drewry where she is buried. I keep her picture on my mantel and her memory always in my heart.

John Lyon Family

by: Gene F. Lyon

This summary by the writer was compiled of his pioneer Granville County family from a direct, with a few "notably" historic exceptions, genealogical descent research with proof. Seven generations depicted.

John Lyon was one of eight children born of Henry (1710-1778) and Anna Morris Lyon in Cecil County Maryland April 2, 1740. Henry's will date May 8, 1778. John was a Private (#340) in the American Revolution. He married Lydia Billingslea (1758-1838) May 6, 1773. They moved from Anne Arundal County Maryland to Virginia, then to Granville County, purchasing land at "Lyon's Station" November 8, 1796. Of this marriage there were eight children, John M., Clement, James, William Henderson, Sarah Jenkins, Liddie Davey, Zachariah T. and Elkanah. "Notable": Zachariah T. Lyon (1782-1815) served in the War of 1812, married Nancy Lanier (1791-1840) February 6, 1809 and had one son Zachariah Inge Lyon (1815-1887) in Granville County. Zachariah Inge was very successful with his son James Edwin in the business of manufacturing smoking tobacco (J. Ed. Lyon and Company) using brand name "Pride of Durham" and later a company with John R. Green manufacturing the famous "Durham Bull", sold in 1886 and later to American Tobacco Company, using the famous name "Pride of Durham" and "Bull Durham".

Elkanah Lyon (November 1786-May 1847) married Celia Fleming (1791-1863) July 31, 1813 who was the daughter of William Fleming and Mildred Dalby. Elkanah and Celia's home was at Hester. Elkanah served in the 4th Regiment, 2nd Company-Militia of NC in the War of 1812. Eleven children of this marriage survived to his will of 1847; Elizah H., John Fleming, William M., Edward B., J.B., Ann Christian, Robert, Frances C., Nathaniel C. (his daughter Cora Alice Lyon married James Coleman Fleming parents of Euva Fleming Lyon), Elkanah Edward, Thomas B. "Notable": Thomas B. built the first house/manor in Creedmoor (still standing) and named it "Creed Moor". He later (1886) established the first Post Office on this land and deeded to (1888) Durham and Northern Railway Co. right of way for rails and depot. A town was incorporated March 6, 1905 named "Creedmoor".

Elkanah Edward Lyon (April 27, 1824-April 12, 1912) married Margaret J. Parker of Orange County May 18, 1849, was a noted large scale tobacco farmer and recognized innovator developing flue cured tobacco, details noted in a book "The Bright Leaf Tobacco Industry 1860-1927". He was awarded an engraved and silver tobacco leaves detailed goblet in 1852 by N.W. Martin Company of Richmond, VA for the best hogshead sold in Richmond at \$46 per hundred and noted in the "Richmond Daily Times". The cup has been handed down to the eldest son for five generations and is now with Gene Fleming Lyon. He served as Captain in Company A. 44th NC Confederate Infantry and was wounded May 16, 1863 protecting a railroad bridge over the South Anna River just north of Richmond and resigned from the Confederate Army July 23, 1863. He resumed tobacco farming in Granville, served as Magistrate 30 years, a Mason and 50-year member of Bullocks Methodist Church, and a member of the NC State Legislature 1878-81. There were five children from the marriage of Elkanah Edward and Margaret Parker Lyon: Edward DeWitt, Katherine, Emmaline, Sarah Adelaide and William Harrison.

William Harrison Lyon (April 6, 1850-Nov. 20, 1910) married Henrietta Bragg (1853-1927) February 13, 1873. He continued the successful tobacco business of his ancestors and was also a lifetime member of Bullocks Methodist Church at Hester. He built the farmhouse in 1872 now occupied by a Lyon family descendant Spencer Watts Lyon. There were eight children, Euel Harrison practiced medicine in Bahama, NC, William Elkanah played football at U.N.C. then to Yale Law School, Otha DeVanne undergraduate Trinity College (Duke) and U.N.C. Law School, Ward, Wade, Clyde attended Salem College as a music major, Spencer Watts and Claude Edward.

Claude Edward Lyon (May 19, 1874-March 28, 1951) married Euva Fleming (1878-1960) February 1, 1899, daughter of James Carlton Fleming and Cora Alice Lyon Fleming. Claude was a successful business man assisting in management of the family tobacco farm, owned with Carl J. Mangum "Creedmoor Supply Company" retailing horses, mules, seed and feed, groceries, cattle hogs and work clothes; the largest mule dealer in the southeast establishing Creedmoor as "Mule Town" from 1906 to 1950, Southgrand Chevrolet Dealership with son Harry, drugstore building, funeral home and bank building, active in Democratic Party, School Board, organizing Commissioner of County Water Commission, and Bank Director. There were three children from the union of Claude and Euva Fleming Lyon, William Harrison (Harry), named for his grandfather, Euva Mae attended Woman's College U.N.C. and James Fleming.

James Fleming Lyon (April 16, 1906-May 7, 1961) married Frances E. Johnston (1908-1988) September 7, 1929. Frances graduated from Duke in 1929 and Fleming from U.N.C. Pharmacy School 1927. He worked in the early 30s with another pharmacist, Ben Council, at Five Points Drug Store in Durham and they developed a headache powder sold across the counter, later to become B.C. Headache Powder (B.C. Remedy Co.). Fleming sold his formula rights for \$10 to Ben Council to obtain a patent. He subsequently was chief pharmacist at Watts Hospital in Durham, with Sharpe and Dohme Pharmaceutical in Rocky Mount and in the retail drug business in Alexandria, VA. There was one child from this marriage, Gene Fleming Lyon.

Gene Fleming Lyon (May 15, 1931-) spent summers with grandparents in Creedmoor age five to seventeen, and all holidays. His grandfather, Claude, was a prime mentor. He married Peggy M. Daughtridge (1932-1976) August 8, 1954. Gene graduated from U.N.C., BS Business Administration 1954, attended Marine Corps Officers Training School in Quantico, duty at Headquarters U.S.M.C. in Washington, claim department of Atlantic Life and 36 years with Fidelity and Deposit Co., of MD retiring in Richmond 1996 a Vice President. He married Darlene M. Winters (1944-) June 16, 1988. There are four children; three from the marriage of Gene and Peggy and a daughter of Darlene, adopted by Gene, Stephen Craig Lyon, Jean Frances Dailey, Ann Fleming Lyon and Kristine Lyon Adams. His professional associations: VA Bankers, VA Community Bankers, PIA of VA and DC, IIAAV of VA, Downtown Club, Hermitage Country Club, Honorary Kentucky Colonel, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Order of Stars and Bars, Society of the War of 1812, and Sons of American Revolution.

Nelson Family

by: Mildred Currin Goss

My Nelson roots have been traced back to Matthew Nelson, who was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia on December 26, 1779. His first wife was Mary Hicks. He was married a second time to Margaret Stephens September 23, 1790 in Person County. In his will dated July 18, 1842 probated in Person County in September 1849 named his wife Margaret and the following children: Thomas H. Nelson born 12/31/1810; and Mary Nelson. These two appear to be children of the first wife. The other four children named were minors when his will was written. Major Anderson Nelson, born about 1824; Matthew Nelson Jr., born about 1828; Henry Ruffin Nelson, born about 1830 and Howell S. Nelson, born 31 May 1832.

My great grandfather was Matthew Nelson, Jr. who married Rowan "Rhody" Emily Hester, daughter of Alfred Hester and Mary Smith Hester, on July 5, 1851 in Granville County. Matthew served in Company H 24th Regiment of the Confederacy according to the pension application of his wife. He died in April 1867 and is said to be buried near Tarboro. His youngest child was only one year old when he died. Rhody Hester Nelson born 27 July 1836 died October 22, 1917 and is buried at Mountain Creek Baptist Church in Granville County. They had the following children: Margaret Ann; Emma; Matthew M.; William Howell; Dora; and Thomas H. Nelson.

Thomas H. Nelson, my grandfather, born 10 April 1866 married Helen Ramsey (daughter of John D. Ramsey and Susan Ann Humphries) on December 17, 1893 in Granville County. They had the following children: Cora Sue, born March 7, 1896; Jewel, born January 5, 1899, married James L. Breedlove (son of James Edward Breedlove and Lizzie Lumpkins) died January 30 1922 following the birth and death of a child; Janie Gray, born December 25, 1902 died March 25, 1903; Nellie, born 1904, married Albert W. Daniel; James Ray, born 1906 died December 29, 1940, single; Johnnie Matthew, born 1914, married Louvenia Fritz, died October 21, 1948.

My mother Cora Sue Nelson, born March 7, 1896, married Roger Leroy Currin, son of Crawford Christmas Currin and Minnie Belle Williamson, on July 26, 1919 in Granville County. From this marriage they had the following children: Marie Elizabeth, born July 31, 1920, married Robert D. Wilkerson and had four children; Carrie Gray, born October 2, 1921, married Lester Marion Slaughter and had five children; Charlie Crawford, born June 25, 1923, married Eileen Estelle Kiser and they had two sons; Helen Mae, born June 9, 1925, married Horace Wood and they had three children; Roy Thomas, born January 28, 1928 died June 1, 1929; Mildred Frances, born August 28, 1929, married E.B. Roland Goss and had three children; Sterling Sidney, born September 19, 1931, died August 14 1987, married Mittie Frances Wilson, born July 2, 1935, died January 14, 1994, and they had one child; Edith Rebecca, born May 10, 1934, married Amos Buford Rutledge and they had six children; and Samuel who died at birth.

We were raised on a farm in northern Granville County. My parents farmed for a living most of the time raising tobacco, cotton, corn and vegetables. We also had a peach orchard that supplied the family with some extra income. My father supplemented the family income doing carpenter

work and measuring tobacco acreage for the ASCS office in Granville County. He was also a tax lister for Sassafras Fork Township for many years. My mother was a seamstress making all of our clothes. We all went to school in Stovall with three of us graduating from Stovall High School. I married E.B. Roland Goss on September 12, 1952 in Dillon, South Carolina. E.B. was killed in an automobile accident in October 1963 leaving behind three small children; Sandra Frances, Karen Marie, and Jerry Wayne. E.B. was an insurance salesman and I worked for the State of North Carolina in Butner. I retired with forty years of service.

Francis Marion Woody and Lucy Williamson Satterwhite

by: Velma Woody Pelly

Francis Marion Woody (1846-1920) arrived in Granville County with his parents, William Henry (1816-1903) and Lucy Jones (1824-1905), along with three brothers and three sisters, from Person County. Francis volunteered at 18 years old for the Civil War and was captured June 17, 1864 at Petersburg, Virginia, was confined in prison at Point Lookout, Maryland and Elmira, New York, then was released May 29, 1865 without money or food. He begged, walked and rode boxcars to get back home. On July 2, 1871 he married Lucy Williamson Satterwhite (1846-1915). They were the parents of seven sons and one daughter. Francis Marion "Sam" went to Norfolk, Virginia to visit his son and hear Billy Sunday preach. While there, he contracted pneumonia and died.

All of the children remained in Granville or surrounding counties and reared their children here, except James Henry Woody and Francis Eugene Woody.

James Henry (1872-1925) joined the Army, married Lula Cottle June 20, 1906, and had one son, James Marion (October 26, 1908).

Francis Eugene (1873-1939) settled in Tennessee, married Alice Loveday May 7, 1897, and had five children.

John Luther (1876-1959) married Mamie Shotwell February 21, 1900. They had eleven children.

The only daughter was Geneva Gertrude (1876-1966) who married Luther Hart October 17, 1898, and had eight children.

William Thomas (1881-1948) married Mary Grace Woody January 15, 1905 and had eight children.

Jarvis Judson (1882-1957) married Emma Shotwell February 8, 1905 and their children numbered eight.

Mark Orelus (1885-1908) who married Annie Knott March 1, 1905, and had two daughters.

Reuben Archer (1887-1971) married Sadie Barrett (1885-1958) on December 31, 1914. They had two sons and five daughters. Their daughter, Lucy Velma, began her education in the one-room schoolhouse at the intersection of the Dexter and Williamsboro Road, before entering the Stovall school system the following year. The teacher was a cousin, Minnie Satterwhite. Lucy Velma married Leslie Pelley June 8, 1946, had three children: Robert David (June 4, 1950) who married Helen Richardson April 14, 1974 and had David Matthew (December 1, 1978) and Carolyn Jean (February 12, 1981); Ann Leslie (April 23, 1952) who married Harry Diamond January 12, 1985 and had no children; and Jane Elizabeth (December 22, 1957) who married William Brown Creekmore June 12, 1993 and on February 2, 1995 they adopted Michael Barrett (born January 30, 1995), and on March 12, 2001 they adopted Sandra Marie (born on April 2, 1995).

Edith Barrett (April 18, 1917) married Milton William Sager on January 16, 1946. They had Milton William, Jr. (January 19, 1947) and Beverly Woody (June 3, 1949).

Kate Elizabeth (1918-1977) married Robert Henry Carter January 3, 1948. They had Barbara Ann (March 8, 1950) and Robert Henry, Jr. (September 26, 1952). Kate served as a Navy nurse on Guam during WWII.

Wendell Holmes (1920-1986) married Evelyn Williams March 11, 1950. They had Sandra Lynn (August 8, 1961) and Paula Denise (January 31, 1965).

Reuben Archer, Jr. (1922-1994) married Margaret Hix December 15, 1948. They had Phillip Hix (September 24, 1952) and Allen Barrett (December 24, 1953)

Myrtle Crews (1928-1960) married James Roberts November 27, 1947. They had Gaile Woody (January 23, 1951).

Inez Truett (September 21, 1929) married William Loomis March 30, 1958. They had Floyd Duane (December 21, 1958), Michael William (July 7, 1960), and Clark Dana (December 10, 1961).

James Judson Woody was the fifth child of Lucy W. Satterwhite and Francis Marion Woody. He was married to Emma Thornton Shotwell in Granville County on February 8, 1905. To this union were born nine children: Gilbert Walker Woody born December 18, 1905; Ava Thornton Woody born December 31, 1907; Marion Taylor Woody born August 14, 1909; Penny Gold Woody born September 26, 1911; Vivian Allene Woody born October 1, 1913; Janie Baxter Woody born October 10, 1915; George Baker Woody born June 6, 1918; Emmy Lou Woody born November 4, 1923; and Ann Judson Woody born June 1, 1926.

The above families have teachers, professors, nurses, a minister and many successful in the business world. God has been good to them.

William Alexander Blackley and Eugenia Evline Minnis Blackley

by: Elizabeth White May

"Again has Granville county been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its best and most influential citizens. William Alexander Blackley was born September 11th, 1836, and died at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 5th day of February, 1908. He was married to Eugenia Lou Minnis January 1871, and no more devoted couple could be found in any community. As they were rarely separated in life, so death did not long keep them apart, for she followed him to the brighter land within three days, dying at 6 o'clock, on the morning of Saturday, February 8th....

"Together with all other noble young men of his neighborhood, Mr. Blackley quickly responded to his country's call in 1861 and joined Company E., 15th Regiment, which belonged to Cooke's famous brigade, and was a worthy comrade of those who on so many battlefields shed luster on the name of North Carolina. Patient, self-sacrificing, persistent and brave, he made the ideal soldier, and his conduct in war was but indicative of his whole course in life. Never sensational, never timid, always cheerful, attentive to duty, industrious and firm in his adherence to principle, he became a bulwark of defense to the cause in the dark days of reconstruction and a faithful counselor and leader for his party in the days of their prosperity.

"It has been vouchsafed to few men to wield more influence in his neighborhood and section than to W.A. Blackley, and it is a proud and comforting thought to his children and grandchildren that that influence was always for righteous living, whether in the family circle or in his relations to his church and his country. For many years, Mr. Blackley was a justice of the peace and his advice and counsel was sought by the rich and poor alike; everybody having confidence in the accuracy of his judgment and his sterling integrity...."

The above excerpts are from the memorial tribute, written by Judge A. W. Graham, published in the February 28, 1908 issue of The Oxford Public Ledger.

William Alexander Blackley, known to family and friends as Alex, was born in Granville County, son of James (c.1796-1852) and Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Cooke (c.1808-1889) Blackley. His grandfather, James (c.1767-1803), who in 1788 married Phoebe Smith (c.1770-1834), was the first of this line to migrate to Granville County, probably coming with the Alexander Snelling family in the mid 1700s. James Jr., born ca 1796, died in 1852, leaving his widow with three minor children: William Alexander, Rufus H., and Shemuel Claiborne (1840-1885) Blackley.

When North Carolina entered the War Between the States, Alex and Rufus quickly enlisted and were assigned to Company E, 15th NC Regiment. A year later, brother Shem enlisted, leaving their mother alone, anxiously waiting for word of her sons. Alex and Shem survived, Rufus did not. In December 1862, age 22 and unmarried, he was mortally wounded.

Alexander Blackley served with his company from his enlistment in May 1861 until paroled at Appomattox in April 1865. During his tenure he received four promotions, ending his service

with the rank of 1st Sergeant. He was captured at Crampton's Pass, MD in September 1862 and confined at Fort Delaware, DE until he was transferred and exchanged at Aiken's Landing, VA. He immediately returned to duty, but was wounded in the hip at Fredericksburg. By January 1863 he was back on active duty and except for a couple of brief hospital stays for illness was active until the end of the war. He was listed as a prisoner of war with Lee's Army of Northern Virginia before being paroled.

Alex returned to live with his mother, assumed responsibilities for their farm and began to participate in civic affairs. He was a 3rd degree Mason, accepted into the Franklinton Lodge in 1869.

He married Eugenia Evline Minnis of Franklin County. Eugenia, known in the family as "Lou" and in the community as "Miss Lou," was the daughter of Benjamin Wright (1815-1841) and Emily R. Cooke (1816-1897) Minnis. Her grandparents were Alan and Susannah Morgan Minnis and Howell and Leah Kearney Cooke (daughter of Shemuel Kearney, Sr. of Granville and Franklin Co. and his 2nd wife, Catherine Farmer). While attending Ladies' Seminary in Graham, NC, Eugenia completed a cross-stitched sampler which has survived.

The couple spent the first years of their marriage in the Franklinton area, where all of their children were born. Since they were both in their thirties when they married, they did not think they would have a large family. Much to their surprise, they were blessed with seven children - six lived to adulthood.

Francis "Frank" Minnis Blackley (1872-1944), married Florene Elizabeth McGhee (1876-1926). Frank had a twin who died shortly after birth. They had five children: Annie Mae Blackley (md. Alexander Somerville Powell), Alexander Minnis "Buck" Blackley (md. Allie Montague), Eleanor Lou Blackley (md. Dewey Worth Massey), Gladys Graham Blackley (md. Josie Shore Bobbitt), and Julia Clair Blackley (md. J. Spencer Pulley).

Katy Moss Blackley (1874-1961) married Phillip Allen White (1868-1936) and moved in 1902 to Wake County. They had seven sons and one daughter: Percy Livingston White (md. Mae Elizabeth Southhall), Willard Allen White (md. Hoyer Jones), Halbert Francis White (md. Evie Marie Scarboro), Katie Bet White (md. Louis Lambeth Liles), Waldo Reid White (md. Ruth Mayo Cherry), Durward LeGrand White (md. Mary Elizabeth Eakins), Ashley Glenn White (md. Loree Honeycutt), and Wallace Wilcox White (md. Martha Marietta Whitley).

Rufus Benjamin "Boot" Blackley (1875-1920), married Zelma Bragg (1887-1965) and had seven children: Ellie Lou Blackley (md. Garland Currin), Alene Blackley (md. Dennis Grady), Rufus Bragg Blackley (md. Mozelle Ripey), Robert Wilson Blackley (md. Loree Strickland), Ruth Rose Blackley (md. Fred Page), Stephen James Blackley (md. Dorothy Brake), and Edgar Jenkins Blackley (md. Frances Hunter).

Twins, Doza Wilson Blackley (1880-1966) and Oza Webb Blackley (1880-1969) did not marry. The twins were named for ministers who had served the Franklinton/Wilton area. They always dressed alike and were inseparable. They were close to their brothers and sisters and assisted in the rearing of many of their nieces and nephews.

Allie Cook Blackley (1882-1970), married Oscar L. Fuller (1874-1920) and had one son, Walter

Edwin Fuller (md. Sue Britton).

About 1885, the family moved to larger quarters in the Wilton area of Granville County. Both mothers, as well as Eugenia's uncle, Young A. Minnis, came with them and remained a part of the household until their deaths. In addition to farming, Alex operated both a livery stable and a grist mill, so the farm was a bee-hive of activity every day.

Both Alex and Eugenia died at their Wilton home from pneumonia, a complication of tuberculosis. They are buried in the Howell Cooke Family Cemetery, located on Hwy #1 near the Franklinton exit.

Judge Graham ended his tribute with:

"The many deeds of kindness, acts of charity, love and sympathy of Alex Blackley and his wife (for to mention one was to recall the other) will be remembered and cherished for years to come by people of that section of the county; ever ready to respond to the call of the needy whether for counsel and consolation in times of distress and sickness, or for assistance in time of want, they endeared themselves to all with whom they came in contact. And they have left an example that must have its good influence upon their community for years to come."

William Jones Family (1795-1861)

by: J. Daniel Mahar

William Jones "Buck" was a resident of the Oxford District of Granville County. Francis B. Hays recalls "Buck," but neglected to tell us much more than he was well known in the county. William Jones was born on the 10th of April 1795 and died on the 15th of February 1861. His birth and death is recorded in family Bibles. His obituary in the "Hillsborough Plain Dealer" states he died on the 17th of February, rather than the 15th. William is the son of Brereton Jones and his wife Martha Dianna Bressie. His father's death in 1810 was followed by the death of his eldest brother Willard. As siblings emigrated out of Granville, William became the head of Jones household, responsible for his widowed mother who never remarried, his unmarried sisters, and a brother "Bracey," who was unable to care for himself. In 1826, William married Anne Ragland "Nancy" (c1802-1883), the daughter of Reuben Ragland and his wife Mary Perry O'Briant. Nancy's father died when she was quite young and the court records suggest the Ragland heirs experience turbulent times when their mother remarried to Zachariah Pinson.

William gradually took over the land his father owned consisting of two farms. One farm of about 300 acres was located on Hatcher's Run and the other about the same size is believed to be located near present day Grissom's Store off of the road that runs between Providence and Stem; part of this farm is now owned by Bollings family. It is recalled that most of the Jones Family was buried in a family graveyard, but the yard was reportedly plowed over in the 1970's. William

worked his farm with enslaved labor, which is estimated by tax records to have been around ten adults. At his death the enslaved people in his household were Edmund, Eli, Nina, Walker, Rhoda, Martha, and Dicy. The Oxford District Voter Registration List of 1867 lists several black men with the Jones surname, Walker, Roger, Macleason, Peter, James, Gilbert, Edward, Edmund, and Alfus. As Black surnames have a variety of origins, it is hard to know if any of these men were the same people enslaved by William Jones. William Jones and his wife Nancy Ragland had the following children:

Mary Jones, also known as Indianna, was born about 1829 and died probably from complications relating to the birth of her second son in June of 1853. She married Dudley Snead Gooch in 1850 and had two children by him, William Daniel Gooch "Pomp" and Thomas Gooch. Her death in 1853 is noted in "The Biblical Recorder," which states she was a Baptist.

Amelia Jones was born about 1831. She married in 1848 to Reuben Ragland Clayton a first cousin and the son of Thomas Clayton and his wife Elizabeth Ragland of Person County. Little is known of this family, though some of them appear to have been members of the Geneva Presbyterian Church. The Clayton children are believed to be William, Prophus, Charles Thomas, James "Jim", Troy, Mollie, and Ella.

Emily Jones was born about 1832, but nothing is known of her fate.

Dr. William Joseph Jones was born about 1833, and died in Clayton Township of Johnston County, North Carolina. He married first in 1859 to Harriet Amanda, the daughter of Johnston County planter William H. Sanders and his wife Luenza Avera. From Dr. Jones' first marriage he had one child, Loula Mae Jones who married James Edward Jones of Granville County. Dr. William Jones married secondly a woman known as Lougenia, the widow of Isaac Dodd. From the second wife he had a son Alfonso Jones who married Mattie Phillips.

Cephas Jones was born about 1834 and died after 1855, when he is last taxed in Granville County.

Memucan Hunt Jones "Muke" was born on the 25th of December 1835 and died in Granville County on the 14th of March 1905. In 1861 he became executive of his father's estate, but turned it over to his mother when he enrolled in the Confederate Army. He acquired his father's farm in the Oxford District and lived the rest of his life on that property. He married Missouri A. Peed (1850-1887) on the 24th of December 1874 in Granville County by Geneva Church's minister G.A. Ferrill. Missouri is the daughter of Sherman Peed and his wife Malinda Elizabeth Falkner of Tally Ho Township. Muke had five daughters, Mary Alexander Worhtam "Zanie;" Nannie B. "Bessie" married John Harris; and Beulah married Eugene Loren Veazy.

Robert Bereton Jones was born about 1838/9 and died in Granville County in 1866. He married Virginia C. Mayes on the 27th of October 1859. Virginia is the daughter of William Mayes and his wife Lucretia Cox. Robert died without issue.

Amanda H. Jones "Mandy" was born on the 11th of April 1840 and died in Granville County on the 28th of July 1923; she is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Oxford. Amanda was a schoolteacher and never married. Upon retirement, she lived for many years with her friend Katherine Lassiter at "Thorndale."

Wesley Y. Jones "Wes" was born on the 8th of October 1844 and died the 15th of December 1914; he is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Oxford. Wes lived for many years in Granville County in the Fishing Creek Township and served as County Coroner. He later moved to either Johnston or Wake County. About 1868, he married Cornelia Moore (1852-1892); the couple had no issue.

Samuel Reavis Family

by: David C. Reavis

About 1786-87, Samuel Reavis (1721-1789), along with his wife Nancy Jones (1736-1807), four sons, six daughters, and 20 slaves relocated from Northampton County to the area currently known as Henderson. Samuel was the third son of Edward Reavis (1680-1751), who arrived in Virginia from England about 1695. In his younger years, Samuel served in the 14th NC Regiment of the Continental Army, serving in "His Excellency Guards" for Governor Caswell. Upon arriving in Granville County, Samuel and Nancy built at Rock Spring, near Eaton-Johnston School. The four sons built at Chalk Level (near Northern Vance H.S.), where two stagecoach lines crossed. Buck's 1931 Historical map of Old Granville County shows the site of Reavis Tavern there.

The oldest son of Samuel and Nancy Reavis, Lewis (1766-1843), moved from Chalk Level to Lonesome Valley (Henderson) and married Sarah Wyche (1778-1850), daughter of Peter Wyche and Elizabeth Jenkins. Lewis is recognized as the "founder" of Henderson, as he owned most of the land, and in 1836 persuaded the Raleigh-Gaston Railroad to locate a station (in front of his house) by giving ten acres of land. Lewis operated a hotel in his home and served as the town's first postmaster. At a gathering in 1836, the residents voted for the town to be named Reavisville. However, Lewis requested it be named for deceased Judge Leonard Henderson instead. These early Reavis family members are buried in an unmarked cemetery off Beck Avenue, near King Daughters Park.

The second son of Samuel and Nancy Reavis, Thomas (1768-1829), served as constable of Granville County in 1792. He married Elizabeth Marshall Dixon in Warren County, moved to Orange County, and later to Tennessee. In 1838, one of his 13 children, James Blount (1815-1867) went to Texas with Davy Crockett. While not present at the Alamo, he joined the Texas Army.

The third son of Samuel and Nancy Reavis, Samuel Jones (1776-1854), built the "Old Reavis House," which is depicted on Buck's 1931 map. The house was built about 1790 on 300 acres of land located on Indian Creek, purchased January 16, 1789 from Isham and Amey Harrison. The house is located on present-day Satterwhite Point Road in Vance County and has been continuously owned by the Reavis family. (In 1953 James Lewis Reavis and his wife Lizzie Fay Howell became residents.) In 1802 Samuel Jones married Martha Patsey Harris (1780-1850),

daughter of Isham and Martha Harris. Samuel and Martha represent the ancestors of nearly all present-day Vance County Reavises, through eleven children, since all other Reavis males left the area, or had female descendants. One of those eleven children was Lewis Pleasant Reavis (1804-1879) who married Mary Coghill (1813-1883). Lewis Pleasant and Mary further represent the ancestors of the majority of the Reavises through eight children.

The eight children of Lewis and Mary Reavis were: Martha J. (1835-1867) married John W. Vaughan; Lucy Williams (1838-1913) married Alexander Wortham; Thomas Coghill (1840-1926) married Elizabeth Waddie Best; Samuel Wesley (1843-1923) married Sallie Margaret Baskett; Della (1845-1921) married George Britian Harris (1845-?); Ella married John Jeremiah Pegram; John William (1849-1946) married Rebecca Baskett (sister to Sallie above); and Mary L. (1852-?) married John W. Vaughan (husband of her deceased sister Martha above).

Lewis Pleasant Reavis had a younger brother, Samuel Jones Reavis, Jr. (1819-1858), who married Charity High Hunt of Franklin County. Charity was first cousin, once removed, to John Penn, signer of the Declaration of Independence. She was also distant half-cousin to Presidents James Madison and Zachary Taylor, and to Sarah Knox Taylor, the first wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

The fourth son of Samuel and Nancy Reavis, William Whitfield (1800-1861), married Elizabeth Ann Wiggins (1793-1872), daughter of Fredrick and Nancy Wiggins. They had 14 children. The youngest son, Wesley Whitfield (1832-1910) owned the Reavis Race Track depicted on the 1931 Buck map, near the fairgrounds. He also donated the first fire truck to the town of Henderson. Two daughters served as Postmistress of Henderson: Elizabeth (1815-1854) served from 1865-1866, but at the end of the Civil War, relinquished the job to her younger sister, Sarah Jaquillin (1830-1921), as Elizabeth refused to take the Oath of Allegiance. Several of these Reavises are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, located on land once owned by Lewis and Sarah Reavis.

One of the daughters of Samuel and Nancy Reavis was Lucy Russell (1762-1837), who married Lewis W. Parham (about 1762-1816). Lewis and Lucy lived in the Tabbs Creek area, had seven children, and are the ancestors of many of the present-day Parhams living in Vance and Granville Counties. Those children were: Williamson married Judith Amis; Lewis, Jr. married Rachel Amis; Robert; Samuel Reavis married Elizabeth Talley; Judah Woodson married William Henry Paschall; Nancy Ann married Edward F. Bryant; and Asa Martin married Delia Hawkins Reavis (daughter of Samuel and Martha Reavis above).

Another daughter of Samuel and Nancy Reavis was Nancy Jones (1770-1861) who married John Brame (about 1770-about 1840) in 1792. One of their nine children, Samuel A. Brame (1799-1849), married first cousin Nancy J. Reavis (1802-1861), daughter of Samuel and Martha Reavis above. Samuel and Nancy Brame were the great-great grandparents of Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. (1937-?), whose mother was a Brame.

Another daughter of Samuel and Nancy Reavis was Sarah Sally Jane (1772-after 1850) who married Turner Moss (1749-1853), son of Reuben and Martha Jordan Moss. One of their five children, Thomas (1798-1852), married Sarah P. Brame, who had a daughter Ann Eliza Green Moss who married Thomas D. Hester (1814-1902), member of a prominent Granville/Vance County family.

John Lee Owen, Sr. Family

by: Ella Adcock Ellington

The old expression, "Don't ever give up!" has special meaning to the descendants of John Lee Owen, Sr. Lee was born 1865, the son of John and Emily Owen. On February 17, 1885 in Warren County, Lee married Sara Griffin, daughter of Zach and Martha Dickerson Griffin. Shortly after their daughter, Rosa Lee, was born July 6, 1890, Sara died. Very little is known about Sara Griffin except that her relatives were from Nash County. Lee traveled around doing carpentry work and working with the Telephone Company and couldn't take his young daughter, Rosa. Rosa's aunt and her husband, the Momforts, took her in, until she went to live with Tom and Ella Dickerson Hicks of the Sandy Creek area. Lee would occasionally visit his daughter.

Approximately 1892, Lee married Stella Loyd and they had one child, Carrie Pearl. At times, she stayed with Tom and Ella Hicks and other times she helped Brocius Adcock care for his epileptic wife, Mary Currin. No records show what happened to the Lee-Stella Owen marriage.

Again John Lee Owen, Sr. married, to a woman thirty-five years younger than he. He married Rosa Ball, daughter of Ludie Ball. They had six children, Sarah Owen (1919-May 27, 1998); Susie Leigh Owen (1920-1996); Ethel Owen (March 29, 1923-); John Thomas Owen, (September 9, 1927-); Beverly Owen (April 27, 1929-); and Barbara Owen (April 27, 1929-).

When it was time for Rosa to deliver her baby an ambulance picked her up and Ethel remembers her Mom turning to the children and saying, "Y'all be smart til I get home." She never returned home to her children. Rosa was diagnosed with kidney problems after giving birth to twin girls on April 27, 1929 and died due to kidney failure four days later. Before she died, she named her daughters Barbara and Beverly Owen and she found them a good home.

Eula Bowman Hatcher was in the same room with Rosa after having been in an automobile accident. She and her husband, Warren, didn't have any children, so Rosa agreed for the Hatchers to adopt the twins. They moved back home to St. Louis, Missouri.

Lee had the four other children to raise so his brother, Jack and wife Leila from Granville County were going to help by teaching the girls homemaking skills until the family could be reunited. John Thomas went to live with Will Adcock. Lee was helping put a roof on one of Will Adcock's barn. Again tragedy struck, Lee contracted pneumonia and died.

Six of Lee Owen's children kept in touch by visiting one another - Rosa, Carrie, Sara, Susie, Ethel, and John. But there was a void. What ever happened to Barbara and Beverly? Rosa, the first daughter of John Lee Owen, longed to know what happened to the twins as well as Rosa's children and grandchildren. Carrie did so likewise, the second daughter of John Lee Owen. Rosa Ball's children and grandchildren also wondered what happened to the twins. The desire they inherited from John Lee Owen, Sr. don't give up - kept driving them.

The children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and cousins joined forces to find the twins. Freddie Puckett of Granville County, Sara's son, hired a lawyer to help find the twins but died

Mar. 13, 2000. The others made efforts but to no avail. The Internet provided the means the Owen family needed to find the twins. After seventy years of separation, on April 29, 2001 members from Rosa Owen Adcock's family and Rosa Ball Owen's family traveled to Tappahannock, VA to meet Barbara Owen Hatcher Shackelford. What a reunion it was! The family is enjoying many heart-warming visits. In the spirit of John Lee Owen, Sr., never give up, the families were finally reunited.

Mrs. Susan Moss

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Mrs. Susan Moss keeps active and busy in spite of 94 years; hears and sees perfectly and gets about with ease.

A laconic little woman scraped the bottom of a paper cup from which she had been eating a liberal serving of ice cream.

"I haven't a tooth in my head, but I can eat apples and meat just as good as you," Mrs. Susan Moss, widow of the late Sam Moss said as she broke into one of her good-natured chuckles.

Her missing teeth and a well-wrinkled face, which doesn't worry Mrs. Moss, are the only things about her general appearance to betray the 94 years, she has spent in Granville County.

She is busy with the chores of farm life from "sun-up to sun-down" and when the churning, cleaning and other home duties are not claiming her attention, she may be found sitting by the fire-side, with needle in hand busily engaging in sewing or knitting. She has never found it necessary to use glasses to aid her eyes in the many tasks she performs.

Mrs. Moss was born in Granville County, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Ross. She married into the Moss family at an early age and is the mother of 10 children, five of them sons. She has 64 grandchildren, and 84 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, and what's more, she knows each of them by name and calls them at sight, and loves each as much as her own sons and daughters.

Mrs. Moss was paying her Saturday afternoon visit to Oxford when found in a hardware store eating a cup of ice cream. Between heaping spoonfuls of ice cream, she explained she was waiting there for "the boys" and was ready to go home. "There's the chickens to feed, the eggs to gather and the cows to milk," she said in explanation of her hurry.

With reluctance, Mrs. Moss agreed to visit a studio and pose for her photograph. The reporter offered to ride her in his car the few blocks to the studio, but she quickly declined. "Pshaw," she said, "you don't know me. I can walk miles." At the end of the walk along a thickly crowded sidewalk, Mrs. Moss led the way up the long steep stairway to the studio. At the top of the stairway, she seemed less wearied by the climb than her young accomplices.

Mrs. Moss said it was not necessary to adjust her stylish hat or her warm fur-trimmed winter coat before posing for her picture.

The years that have bridged her childhood have not erased her memory of childhood events and she likes to discuss them.

As a girl, Mrs. Moss learned to spin and weave and is adept at the art today, but finds that it is cheaper to buy cloth from the stores. However, she still insists on making socks for her sons and at Christmas time presented each with a warm pair, which she had made.

Mrs. Moss now makes her home with her son, Walter, on the farm near Oxford. She insists that she be permitted to assist in the home chores and she does much of the churning, bed-making, sweeping and other homemaking tasks. She is in vigorous health and her hearing is perfect.

Her sons are Walter Moss, with whom she resides, near Oxford, Sam Moss of Oxford, Atlas Moss of the Culbreth community, Jimmie Moss of the Fairport section, and Early Moss of Dabney, Vance county, and her daughters are Mrs. Florence Woodlief of Oxford, Mrs. Titus Cutts of Durham county, Mrs. Wiley Jackson of Culbreth, Mrs. Charlie Duffy of Keysville, VA and Mrs. Ben Slaughter of this county.

Mrs. Moss recalls she was about 10 years of age at the outbreak of the War Between the States and she well recalls the hardships of that period. Two of her brothers, Wyatt and Syblus Ross, wore the Gray Uniform and the man who later was to become her husband was a member of the Confederate forces.

She recalled that two Yankee soldiers rode through the Moss farm at the close of the war and her mother prepared and served dinner for them, but the soldiers rode away without disturbing any of the personal effects or property of the Ross family, although Mrs. Ross admits she was severely frightened.

On another occasion, she said her father led his horses away into thick cedars to hide them from the Yankee soldiers passing through the section.

Thomas Alexander Royster Family

by: Anne Marie Montague

Thomas Alexander Royster, known as "Kit" in the Bullock community, was born September 9, 1870 to John Henry Royster (February 23, 1827-October 18, 1893) and Esther Anne Elizabeth Stovall (October 4, 1839-May 29, 1879), who were married January 5, 1860 (marriage bond issued December 22, 1859). John Henry was the son of Banister and Lucy Royster (1850 census, Granville County). Esther was the daughter of John Walker and Lucy Barnett Stovall (Marriage bond, January 7, 1835), Granville County.

Thomas A. Royster married Frances Elizabeth Hobgood (March 20, 1883-March 10, 1959), on April 15, 1903. Fannie, as she was known, was the daughter of James Madison Hobgood (August 31, 1842-August 18, 1910) and Nancy Sheperd Adcock (July 11, 1854-February 3, 1935) who were married June 20, 1872 in Granville County.

When first married, this couple lived near Townsville. In 1905 Thomas and Fannie Royster bought from his sister Lucy Royster Frazier, the Royster home place. The Gothic Revival style home pictured above was built by John Henry Royster in the mid-nineteenth century.

Here, their family was born and reared. They were members of Bullock Baptist Church, where Mr. Royster served as deacon and church clerk. Mrs. Royster made linen hemstitched communion cloths for the church and often prepared communion from homemade grape wine, made especially for that purpose.

Kit and Fannie Royster had five girls. The first three, Nancy Leora (Nan Leigh), Ruth and Marie (the baby), appear with their parents in the front yard of the home place (above photograph was taken in the fall of 1913). Later, Ester and Lucille were born.

Nan Leigh (1906-1983) married Wesley Floyd Veasey, from Stem, and they had one child, Anne Royster Veasey (1930-1982). She married Z. Taylor Koonce and had sons, Eric and Zack Koonce. The Veaseys lived in Washington, NC, where Mr. Veasey retired as Superintendent of Beaufort County Schools.

The second daughter, Ruth (1908-1999), married Alfonso Lloyd, who was an attorney in Raleigh where they lived. They had two daughters: Jane, who retired after a career as a golf instructor at Duke University, and Lynda, who married David E. Smith. They had two sons: David E., Jr. and Mark V. Smith.

The middle daughter, Marie Hobgood (1913-1998), married Thomas Tazwell Cutts, Jr. They lived in the Stovall area, where they operated a tobacco farm and Planters Warehouse in Clarksville, Virginia. They had a son, Thomas Tazwell Cutts, III, (who married Carolyn Currin and had daughters Elizabeth Caroline Fairbrother and Patricia Anne McNeil) and a daughter, Fann Marie Cutts, (who married Robert Carroll Montague, Jr. and had a son, Robert Thomas, and a daughter, Anne Marie Montague).

Esther Stovall (1915-1999), the fourth daughter of this family, married Ralph Monroe Pittard of Buffalo Junction, Virginia, where they made their home. They had two children, Ralph Monroe, Jr., who married Joan Bowden, and Dianne Royster, who married William H. Willis and had a daughter, Kit Royster Willis Rutherford and a son, Tyler Monroe Willis. Mr. Pittard, retired from Stone and Webster Engineering Firm, continues to live in Buffalo Junction.

The fifth child, Lucille Thomas (1923-1959) never married. She worked for Robbins Mill, later Burlington Industries, in Clarksville, VA until poor health forced her to retire at an early age.

The Royster home seemed to always have its doors open to welcome family and guests. Since it was the home of John Henry, the children and grandchildren returned often. Mrs. Royster's mother, Nancy Hobgood, made it her primary residence after the death of her husband in 1910.

Teachers boarded there in the winter months and hunters from the North came to hunt game. Family visited for weeks in the summer, as was customary for the times.

Mr. Royster died of a ruptured appendix on January 11, 1925, leaving his wife with five children, the youngest two years old, to rear and educate. She remained on the family farm for a number of years and successfully operated it. Three of Mr. Royster's nephews, B.T., Elvin, and John Morgan Royster (sons of George and Lottie Royster, who lived on the adjoining farm) faithfully rotated spending the night at the house so that Mrs. Royster and her family would not be afraid.

Mrs. Royster managed well during the lean years of our nation's economic depression. She kept the family farm and educated her girls beyond high school. She demonstrated her faith in God, dignified the memory of her husband, and proved her loyalty to her family. Later, Mrs. Royster moved to Bullock and lived there until her death. She was buried beside her husband in the Royster Family Cemetery (later known as the Royster Cemetery) at Bullock, NC. The home and farm remained in the family until 1981.

Gooch's Bridge was a local Granville landmark as early as 1823, when first mentioned of the bridge is found in Court Records. Daniel Gooch (1756-1837) is the earliest known owner and probably the builder of this bridge that crossed the Tar linking Oxford to Mt. Tirzah at a place that was originally known as Gooch's Ford. From maps it is believed the bridge was located near the North Fork of the Tar River. Gooch's bridge appears on the 1833 MacRae-Brazier Map and the 1865 US Costal Survey Map. After Daniel's death in 1837, his son Daniel Terry Gooch (1807-1895) operated the bridge and tax records indicate it generated income as a toll bridge. When the bridge fell into disuse is unknown.

ONLY WAY CHURCH OF CHRIST
(African-American)

Location - 4197 Shock Overton Rd, Providence Community.

AKA: Bible Way Church.

AKA: Amazing Grace Ministry

Coordinates: 36d 14m 40.3s N; 78d 39m 28.6s W

Directions: from Oxford, take Old NC Hwy 75 south toward Providence. When you reach the intersection of Watkins Rd and Old NC 75 keep going south and turn left onto Shock Overton Rd. Drive about 0.7 mile to the church and cemetery on the right.

This is a fairly large cemetery with over 100 burials. Below is a partial listing.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
Bailey, Pervis L. Son of John Webb and Lucy Dunston Bailey.	Unknown	8 Jan 2016
Blalock, Selena Troller Wife of Lucious Walter Blalock. Daughter of Robert Troller and Isabelle Short Troller.	18 Apr 1910	17 Mar 1984
Brandon, Thurston Buster Son of Ludie Brandon and Bettie Hargrove Brandon.	13 May 1918	28 Jun 2011
Cofield, Melvin Louis, Jr. Son of Melvin L. Cofield, Sr. and Julia K. Cofield.	13 Mar 1960	4 Nov 2013
Cozart, Addie Magnolia Gregory Wife of Johnnie Lee Cozart.	13 Jan 1933	30 Jan 2007
Cozart, Elvis Son of Johnnie Lee Cozart and Addie Magnolia Gregory Cozart.	9 Nov 1956	20 Jan 2017
Cozart, Johnnie Lee Husband of Addie Magnolia Gregory Cozart.	18 Sep 1929	4 Mar 2019
Davis, Sammy Son of Samuel Davis and Viola Cozart David.	20 Jun 1955	21 Feb 1977
Davis, Viola Cozart Wife of Samuel Davis, Jr. Daughter of Ollie Cozart and Hattie Cozart Royster.	11 Jul 1930	23 Feb 2021
Evans, Connita Lashun Daughter of Connell Wilkerson, Sr. and Pamela Evans.	7 Dec 1984	8 Jan 1995
Evans, Glendora Daughter of Willie Graham Evans and Louise Harris Evans.	1960	24 Jul 2019
Evans, Wayne Major Son of Kelly W. Evans and Mary C. Royster.	Abt 1984	14 Jun 2013
Fields, Charlie Sylvester Husband of Rosa Hamme Fields. Son of Smith Cuninghame and Bella Fields.	30 Aug 1902	21 Aug 1967
Green, Tassie L. Mother of Frances D. Waters of Oxford, NC.	11 Mar 1927	14 Mar 2011
Harris, Quentin Demaryo Son of Sammy Lee Harris and Merrell Faye Harris.	Abt 1987	21 Sep 2014
Johnson, Stephanie "Tootie"	15 Apr 1995	9 Nov 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
Jones, Mitchell Son of Isaac Jones and Bessie Jones.	4 Sep 1967	31 May 2019
Lewis, Justin Antwan (PFC) Son of Presley Williams, Jr. and Angelia Lewis Fajri.	6 Oct 1997	17 Apr 2017
McNeil, James Timothy Husband of Katie Cheatham McNeil. Son of Sam McNeil and Pearl McCloud McNeil.	16 May 1925	18 Sep 1983
Overby, Bennie Lee Husband of Mary Frances Blalock Overby. Son of James Overby and Lula Downey Overby.	15 Sep 1924	26 May 1987
Overby, Donnell Son of Bennie Lee Overby and Mary Frances Blalock Overby.	26 Apr 1950	5 Nov 2007
Overby, Mary Frances Blalock "Mae" Wife of Bennie Lee Overby. Daughter of Walter Blalock and Selena Troller Blalock.	5 Dec 1927	30 Oct 1990
Peppers, Eva (Mrs.) Lived in Oxford, NC.	Abt 1957	26 Jan 2019
Speed, Doris Ann "Dorothy" Daughter of James Speed and Lillie Lee Jones Speed.	19 Jun 1957	2 Aug 1974
Speed, James Husband of Lillie Lee Jones Speed. Son of Charlie Speed and Mary Thorpe Speed.	9 Aug 1921	17 Sep 1987
Speed, Robert Lee Son of James Speed and Lillie Lee Jones Speed.	7 May 1951	8 May 2006
Stainback, Margaret Wife of Jerome Stainback.	Unknown	23 Jul 2013
Stainback, Rowena Daughter of Horace Stainback and Prince Ella Stainback.	Unknown	27 Aug 2016
Thorpe, Bettie Thorpe Wife of Lucious Thorpe. Daughter of Henry Thorpe and Mary Frances Speed Thorpe.	15 May 1889	20 Sep 1963
Thorpe, Lucious Husband of Bettie Thorpe Thorpe. Son of Sam Thorpe and Fannie Thorpe.	Mar 1886	6 Mar 1965
Torain, William Lester, Jr. Son of William Lester Torain, Sr. and Josephine Hockaday Torain.	23 Aug 1987	20 Jul 2014
Webb, John "Buck" burial at Only Way Church of Christ. Never married.	1956	8 Nov 2018
White, Geneva Cheatham Daughter of George Cheatham and Mary Floyd Cheatham.	29 May 1899	18 Jan 1974
Winston, Messiah Aaron 7 month old Son of Melvin "Maine" Winston and Zandra Janel Bowden.	2017	17 Dec 2017

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