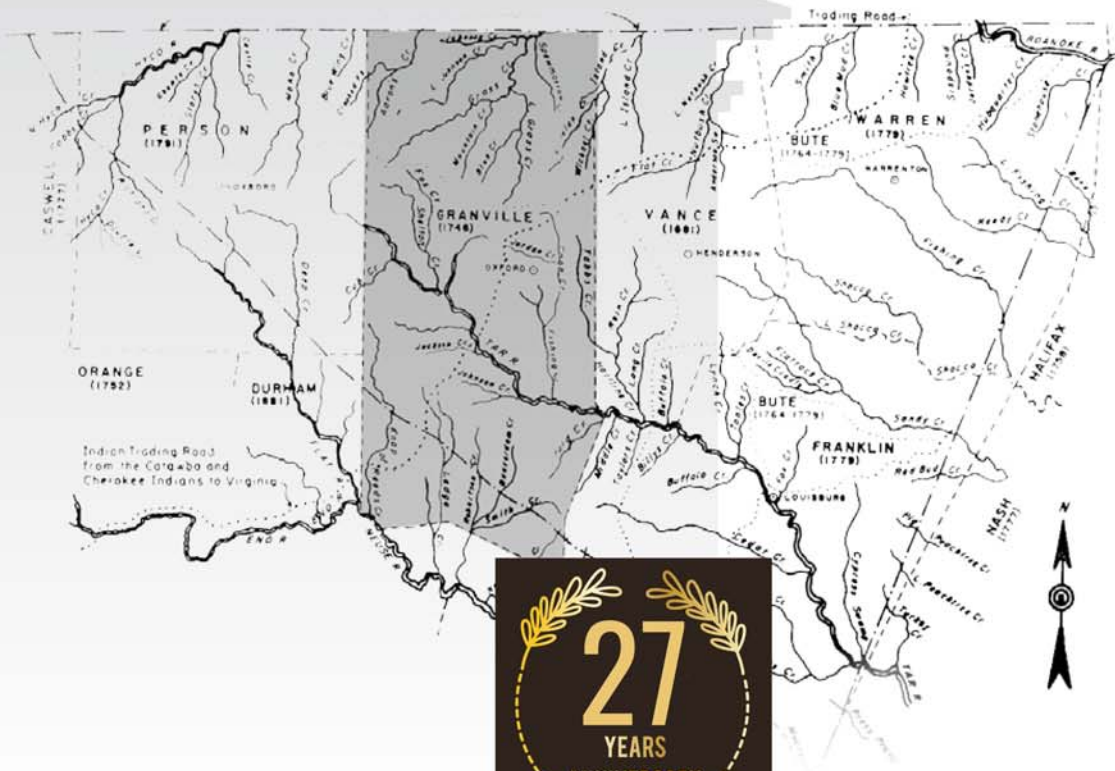


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THE SOCIETY MESSENGER

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From the President—

Fall has arrived and the temperature has finally cooled off a bit. Good time to start thinking about finding those grave sites of our lost love ones. Cold weather is just around the corner.

Word from the Richard H. Thornton Library, the conference rooms at the library will be closed to the public until further notice due to Covid mandates. The North Carolina Room is open for you to do your research.

New hours for the library are as follows:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday CLOSED

As I had posted on Facebook and the newspapers earlier in September that the Journal would be delayed due to problems beyond our control is putting it mildly. Our Journal editor Allen Dew suffered a severe accident which put him out of commission until early December. Hopefully it will not be too much longer before it will come out.

A reminder, if you have hunters in your family get them to keep an eye out for cemeteries while they are hunting. We want to find as many as we can find. Get some idea where they are located and if there is a tombstone there get the information from the stone such as name date of birth and date of death. This would help in finding if we have already catalogued the cemetery. It is better to have more information than not enough. Another note if you have a cell phone with them get the GPS and this will give us the exact location and be easy to find.

Well, I had a birthday since the last Journal came out and I have never felt so loved in all of my life. Never would I have thought that

I would get over sixty birthday cards with personal messages in each one, but some of my friends in Texas got together and they decided to surprise me with cards. One even called and sung happy birthday to me. To top it off I received over 200 messages on Facebook wishing me a happy birthday. The phone stayed busy all day and my two children took me out to dinner to help me celebrate my ninety second birthday. That is one day that I will never forget. I am very thankful to have lived to reach ninety- two.

We had a meeting in July and August this summer. In July we had as our speaker Peggy Johnson, a Granville County, Oxford native and she gave a very interesting talk on “Women of the South.”

Then in August we had our “Show and Tell” program, which is always a hit. One Granville County guy brought a pedigree chart of his Blackwell Family to the meeting and the information on this chart was what I had been looking to find for over twenty years. Needless to say, there was a copy in our North Carolina Room. I never thought to look at the many charts in the North Carolina Room. So now I can fill in a lot of information on my family who married into the Blackwell Family. The information on this chart was researched by Violet Coats, who was employed at the library before her retirement.

It is always nice to find more branches of your family tree. I am so thankful so many of them are in Granville County. Well let me get back to looking at the chart to see how many more are married into the Currin family.

Will sign off for now as Allen might be waiting on this message for the “Journal”.

Happy Researching..... *Mildred*

All of the books for sale by the Society. Books may be ordered from our publisher web site at:

<http://lulu.com/spotlight/GCGS1746>

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>
<p>Bible Records of Old Granville County Volume 1; available in Hard Cover and Paperback</p> <p>Bible Records of Old Granville County North Carolina. Names, birth and death dates, marriage dates, within old family bibles. You will not find this information elsewhere.</p>	<p>Hard Cover - \$32.00 +Shipping Paperback - \$23.00 +Shipping</p>
<p>Volume 6 of our Cemetery Book 85 Cemeteries (family, public, private). Indexed by full names.</p>	<p>Paperback - \$22.00 +Shipping</p>
<p>Volume 5 of our Cemetery Book 129+ Cemeteries (family, public, private). Indexed by full names.</p>	<p>Paperback - \$21.00 +Shipping</p>
<p>Volume 4 of our Cemetery Book 2 Cemeteries (Elmwood & Old Oxford). Over 4500 burials listed and fully indexed.</p>	<p>Paperback - \$21.00 +Shipping</p>
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<p>Hobgood Family of Granville County, N.C. Before 1850 - Volume 1 Hobgood Family of Granville County NC Before 1850 - Volume 1</p>	<p>Paperback - \$23.00 +Shipping</p>
<p>Hobgood Family of Granville County, N.C. Before 1850 - Volume 2 Hobgood Family of Granville County NC Before 1850 - Volume 2</p>	<p>Paperback - \$26.00 +Shipping</p>
<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 September, October, November 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, Harold Lee Jr.	56	B	10/28/2021	Irene Cates & Harold Adcock, Sr.
Allen, Graham Ellis "Baye"	86	B	9/7/2021	Mary Jane Waller & Graham Allen
Averett, Benjamin Hayes Jr.	85	C	11/1/2021	Goldie Morrisette & Benjamin Averett, Sr.
Averett, Carrie Frances Watson	92	B	11/7/2021	Ernest & Claude Watson
Bailey, George Spencer	88	B	9/12/2021	William Henry Bailey & Bessie Hyatt Bailey
Bentley, Nathan Ray Jr.	55	B	9/11/2021	Nathan Sr. & Elaine Morris Bentley
Blackburn, Paul Lambert	77	B	10/14/2021	Curtis Blackburn & Sudie Lee Pope
Blunt, Wilbert L.	76	B	10/21/2021	Mary E. Person
Boyd, June Belinda "Cookie"	72	B	9/18/2021	Andrew Thomas Boyd & Mattie Jackson Boyd Bayard L. Bragg Sr. & Norma Moore Bragg
Bragg, Medicus E. (Med) Broadbent, Edith Norwood Stovall	97 95	B	11/26/2021 9/12/2021	Lex Stovall & Nannie Norwood
Brodie, Ricky L. Jr.	20	B	9/16/2021	Ricky Sr. & Eugenia Davis Brodie
Brooks, Tamara S.		C	10/2/2021	Not listed
Brown, Jackye Marie Cash	64	C	9/19/2021	Jack C. Cash, Jr. & Marjorie Hobgood Cash Eddie Leon Tyler & Minnie Hamme Tyler
Brown, Marilyn Tyler		B	10/1/2021	
Brown-Setzer, Mary Jane	83	B	11/20/2021	Paul & Glen Brown William E. Cozart & Lillian Leo Ragland Cozart
Bryant, Ada Ruth Cozart Campbell, Beatrice	70	B	11/12/2021	
Henrietta Peace	88	B	11/3/2021	Alex Peace & Lethia Downey Peace
Chavis, Cornell	66	C	10/28/2021	Elame & Vanola (Green) Chavis John Gordon Cheatham & Eleanor Finnegan Cheatham
Cheatham, William H. (Bill)	75	C	10/1/2021	Elijah Alexander Cohn & Lona Johnson Cohn
Cohn, Joseph (Joe) Noel Critchler, Stanley "Old Bear" Sr.	79 81	C C	11/20/2021 10/16/2021	Norma Leigh Critcher & James Harols Critcher
Crute, Tammy Jackson	58	B	9/10/2021	Leo Allen Jackson & Mary Young Averette William Durwood Pike & Mildred Louise Sanders
Currin, Catherine Pike	71	B	9/15/2021	
Currin, Fred Herbert	81	B	10/27/2021	Embra Currin & Ida Bell Williamson Katie Longmire Fleming & Frederick Guy Fleming
Davenport, Helen Longmire	94	C	9/29/2021	
Davis, Kathleen H.	98	B	11/2/2021	Walter E. & Lila Yancey Hite Annie Bell Taylor & Johnny Tharrington
Davis, Willie Douglas	93	B	9/15/2021	
Daye, Clarence W.	62	B	10/5/2021	Wilbert Daye & Frances Washington Daye
Dickerson, Nancy Moss	69	B	10/16/2021	James Bernard "Jim" Moss & Dorothy "Dot"

				Wilkins Moss
Earnhardt, Joe Ondre	73	C	9/29/2021	Roy & Velma Earnhardt
Elliott, Robert Lee	37	C	9/21/2021	Jerry Lee Elliott & Donna W. Currin/ Henry Currin
Evans, Raymond Eugene	85	B	9/27/2021	William Hubert & Pearl Straughn
Faircloth, Donald Westley	83	B	10/7/2021	Evans
Faulkner, Gary Doyle	77	C	11/14/2021	George Barney Faircloth & Mary Elizabeth Downing
Fields, Cameron Dominique	32	B	10/29/2021	James Grady Faulkner & Tezzie Lucille Williams
Futrell, Felix Anthony Sr. (Tony)	77	B	11/27/2021	Zeda Arndria Fields
Gill, Harold Early	92	B	10/2/2021	Felix Andrew Futrell & Cora Irene Rose
Gooch, Velma Lee				Futrell
Stevenson	87	B	10/24/2021	Early Gill & Maddie Lunsford Gill
Gore, Erin Margaret	36	?	10/2/2021	Ollie Vann Stevenson & Onie Hicks
Gray, Roswell Park	68	C	10/28/2021	Onie Gore & Phyllis Dameron Gore
Green, James Dennis "Pete"	80	B	11/23/2021	Roswell Gray III & Mary Helyn Jones
Greene, Nancy Thurman	76	?	10/10/2021	James G. Green & Wardeen Hughes Green
Greenwood, Lester Jr.	90	B	8/28/2021	William Keith Thurman & Katherine Gibbs
Grenard, Eula Mae				Lester Greenwood & Ulysses McGee
"Mary"Thomas	77	B	9/13/2021	Greenwood
Griffin, Robert "Dwayne" Sr.	60	C	11/28/2021	Lester Thomas & Berlie Ragland
Grissom, Edith Mae				Thomas
Champion	70	B	10/27/2021	L. Evelyn Bowen & Bobby Edward
Hackney, Maria Gina	58	C	10/3/2021	Griffin
Hannon, Daniel Thomas III				James Albert Champion & Willie Mae Cox
"Tom"	83	C	11/25/2021	Champion
Harris, James Louis	72	B	10/13/2021	Not listed
Harris, Linda Faye Burwell	70	C	9/13/2021	Daniel Hannon, Jr. & Ada Newell Watkins
Harris, Susan Irene Lois				Hannon
Maude Puryear	88	B	11/6/2021	Cossie Harris & Rosa M. Evans
Hart, Christine Jennings	87	B	10/21/2021	Willie (Cat) & Louise Mayes Burwell
Haskins, Bobby Lee	83	B	9/30/2021	Orlander Lee Puryear & Mary Hall Puryear
Heath, Frederick Joseph	79	C	11/13/2021	Lee Wesley & Marion Jennings
Hilton, Alton E.	75	B	11/13/2021	Joe Lee Haskins & Helen Connell
Hobgood, Alfred Curtis	65	?	11/24/2021	Haskins
Hobgood, Vivian Williams	73	C	11/13/2021	Alvin Owen Heath & Margaret Marie Paytas
Hughes, Willis Avenell				Heath
"Nell" Smith	89	B	9/20/2021	Elmer Cecil Hilton & Mabel Myers Hilton
Jordan, Dorothy "Dot"				Charlie Pete Hobgood & Rosalee Hill
Currin	90	C	11/17/2021	Willie Williams Sr, & Viola Allen Williams
Kennedy, Pattie Lois Moore	91	B	11/17/2021	Willis Jennings Smith & Irene Wilton
King, Curtis Franklin	84	B	10/4/2021	Richmond Smith
Lloyd, Jerry Wilson	74	B	9/20/2021	Aaron and Pauline Currin
				Hubert & Hattie Harding Moore
				Courtney Rufus King & Mattie Doris
				Edmunds King
				Woodrow Wilson Lloyd & Nora Christine
				Humphries Lloyd

Lunsford, Thomas Ray	61	?	10/16/2021	Edwin Preston Lunsford & Annie Elizabeth Vaughan Lunsford Benjamin Daniel,III & Helen Pettiford Daniel
Lyons, Inez Daniel	67	B	11/16/2021	
Marcinko, Monika P.	73	C	11/17/2021	Annemarie W. Eyrich Asbury (Pick) Cheatham & Mary J. Cheatham
McDaniel, Brenda C. McGhee, Esther Ruth Jordan	63	B	5/26/2021	
Moore, Ralph Donald Jr. "Don"	101	B	11/2/2021	Mabel & Richard Jordan
	69	C	11/16/2021	Ralph Moore, Sr. & Irene Kennedy James Baron Morris & Dorothy Aiken Morris
Morris, Michael Baron Munn, William (Billy) Davis Jr.	78	B	10/22/2021	
	78	B	10/21/2021	William Sr. & Lucille Hart Munn Nannie Parker Newton & Robert Plumber Newton
Newton, Danny Ray Nutt, Jacquelin Beard "Jackie"	60	B	10/7/2021	
	92	C	9/7/2021	Roy & Lelia Beard
Overton, Patricia Rose Taylor "Pat"	82	B	10/12/2021	Serlimmer Brown & James F. Taylor
Overton, Wayne Robert, Jr.	85	B	9/28/2021	Wayne Sr. & Ida Knight Overton
Owen, Patricia Murray	81	B	11/4/2021	Ocie Fraser & Pearl Glasscock Murray
Parker, Stephon	60	B	9/19/2021	Berrie Lee Parker & Eloise Hester Parker Richard Clinton Bridgers & Emily Annie Tunstall Bowman
Partin, Alice Faye	84	B	11/9/2021	Edward Thomas Paschall & Mildred Parker Paschall
Paschall, Rosa Lee	73	B	9/20/2021	
Patterson, Janeen Hendley	76	B	9/22/2021	John Vance Hendley & Irma Burns
Peed-Neal, Iola	74	C	9/30/2021	Onis & Zelia Peed
Pettiford, Elijah D.	27	C	11/12/2021	Tara Pettiford
Ragland, Napoleon Jr. Reddick, Linda Marie Young	57	B	11/23/2021	Napoleon Sr. & Ceaster Green Ragland
Reid, William Guy, Jr. (Guy)	71	B	10/3/2021	William & Elizabeth Young
	83	B	8/27/2021	Not listed
Rouse, Jeanne Roberts	81	C	9/6/2021	Battle C. & Hazel Daniel Roberts Jacqueline Royster Taylor & Douglas Waddell Taylor
Royster, Charles Andrea	39	B	10/19/2021	
Royster, Lois Marie Duncan	82	B	11/9/2021	Herman Duncan & Lillie Duncan Betty Tingen & Jessie Morris Satterwhite
Satterwhite, Evelyn Gail	68	B	11/4/2021	Willie Lee Adcock & Aline Thomas Clark
Saunders, Lois Adcock	96	B	9/19/2021	
Scallion, Marianne	92	C	9/18/2021	Not Listed
Shambley, Lillie Currin	87	B	10/21/2021	Williamson & Mina Currin
Smith, James	71	C	9/19/2021	Not listed
Stephenson, John Quinton	73	B	11/23/2021	Quinton Judson Stephenson & Amanda Eloise Stephenson
Thorpe, James Dallas	71	B	10/25/2021	Zebedee Thorpe & Juanitta Thorpe
Tuck, James Edward	71	?	9/28/2021	Percy James Tuck & Rosa Lee Jackson Tuck
Turner, Harvey	71	B	11/1/2021	Dave & Anna Turner

Wagner, Terrie Scarlett Washington, Herbert	64 B	10/3/2021	Flem Scarlett & Bessie Jennings Scarlett
Yancey	71 B	11/8/2021	Coral & Sherrill Washington
Watkins, Rebecca Lorraine Spell	92 B	9/13/2021	Delbert B. Spell & Glennie Lester
Watts, Sharon Fleming Mullen	69 B	10/5/2021	William Wallace Mullen & Frances Winston Mullen
Whitfield, Johnnie Thompson	72 B	10/13/2021	John Wilson Thompson & Alma Virginia Jones
Wilkerson, Shirley O'Neal	85 B	9/17/2021	Edwin Ransom O'Neal & Mamie Ross O'Neal
Wilkerson, Woodrow	83 B	11/19/2021	Scott Wilkerson & Martha Wilkerson Jones
Williams, Della Mae	91 B	10/15/2021	Pender Oakley & Mittie Taylor Oakley
Yancey, Grover Jefferson	84 B	10/22/2021	Earlie Jefferson Yancey & Annie Leora Hobgood Yancey

Reaves / Reeves - Part II

by: James R. Smith

Part two covers the children of the first William Reaves and his wife, Margaret. For lack of birth dates we will use the appearance of the boys in the records as owners of land or in references in Court Minutes for they had to be 21 to qualify; thus establishing birth sequence. By tradition, most of the chain bearers for surveys were younger sons down to age 16 of the person buying the land. This helps to separate fathers and sons of same name.

William Reaves, Jr.: On 9 July 1738 he received a patent for 400 acres, which appears in the Edgecombe records of 1755. He acquired 320 acres of land in Edgecombe Co. on 6 February 1740. On September 1741 William Reaves, Jr. and wife Hardy sold 220 acres on the forks of Crockeyott Creek. Over the following years he continued to buy and sell land in Edgecombe Co. In a deed of 8 March 1748 William Reaves, Jr. and wife Hardy (Council) Reaves sold more Edgecombe land. By 1749 William Reaves, Jr. got 350 acres of land on Fishing Creek, Granville Co. He bought land and sold additional land in Granville Co. and also in Orange Co., NC. On 19 August 1751 William Reaves got a deed from Giles Hedspeth for 320 acres on the south side of Great Creek with all improvements for 60 pounds current money of VA. On 3 September 1751 William Reaves sold to Ralph Hedgepeth 220 acres in Granville Co. On 18 October 1751 William Reaves sold to Francis Myrick, both of Edgecombe Co., for 60 pounds 320 acres on both sides of Great Creek, originally patented to Ralph Hedgepeth 11 April 1745. On 1 May 1752 William Reaves got a patent for 522 acres in St. John Parish on both sides of Fishing Creek and (SCC) sworn chain carriers were Malachi Reaves and his son William Reaves. By 29 August 1754, Malachi owned the 522 acres, which he sold to his brother James Reaves. On 13 January 1753 William Reaves sold 220 acres in Edgecombe Co. on the west side of Great Creek to Thomas Tucker of Edgecombe Co. for 20 pounds current money. In the early years of the 1750s, William Reaves' name appeared in a number of Orange Co. NC Court Minute records. William Reaves was listed on the 1755 tax list for Orange Co. with four white poles and zero black poles. Names appearing in the Orange Co. records that appear to be sons of William Reaves are: 1) William Reaves, Jr., August Court 1760 when he had Stock Mark recorded and 2) George

Reaves, who got a deed for 200 acres recorded November Court of Orange Co. In 1762 a survey was made for 368 acres on both sides of Crabb Creek in Orange Co. for a William Reaves, Jr. as is recorded in Granville Land Patent books. This William Reaves is actually the III in the same family line.

James Reaves: He first appeared in May 1741 Court Edgecombe Co. as a witness. Thus he was at least 21 years old. In 1747 James Reaves got a deed for 200 acres on the south side of Great Quankey Swamp, Edgecombe Co. Recorded in May Court 1753, James Reaves and wife Millicent of Edgecombe sold this 200 acres on the south side of Quankey Creek to Bryant Edmondson. In 1754 James Reaves and wife Millicent convey 400 acres of land in Halifax Co. to John Eelbeck. On 20 August 1754 James Rives (Reaves) and wife Millicent of Edgecombe Co. and Malachi Rives sold to John Eelbeck for 60 pounds 100 acres, more or less on Great Quanke Swamp, Granville Co. On 29 August 1754 James Reaves got 522 acres from Milichi Reaves on the north side of Fishing Creek in Granville Co. In the Granville Co. tax list of 1755, James Rieves (Reaves) was listed with a son, Malichi and a total of two poles. On 30 March 1758 James Reaves and Malachi Reaves were witnesses to a deed for Jacob Perry to John Bass for 50 acres land on Fishing Creek. In November 1760 Court James Reaves and James Reaves, Jr. were named as SCC in a survey for 700 acres in Granville Co. Parish of St. John on both sides of Fishing Creek. In 1761 James Reaves was a SCC for a survey made on the north side of Fishing Creek for Thomas Bradford. In July 1761 James Reaves was a SCC for 318 acres survey for Robert Hicks on branches of Fishing Creek. Robert Hicks was an uncle of James Reeves, Jr., having married Sarah Reaves. On 9 September James Reaves and Jeremiah Reaves were witnesses to a deed for Jacob Perry to Luke Rawls for 150 acres on Fishing Creek, Granville Co. In the 1762 taxable lists. James Reaves was listed with son Jeremiah and one slave for three poles. On 7 November 1763 James Reaves and wife Milicent deed 200 acres of land on Fishing Creek to Malachi Reaves, their son. The 1764 tax list for Rowan County shows James Reaves and son William two poles. Son Jeremiah Reaves was listed separately with one pole. On 9 February 1767 James Reaves of Granville Co. sold about 200 acres on Fishing Creek to John Harris of Rowan Co. On the same date James Reaves bought from John Harris 320 acres on the south side of the Haw River. The 1768 tax list for Rowan Co. lists James Reaves, but sons Jeremiah and William are separately listed. They lived in the area that became Guilford County.

Malachi Reaves: Malachi Reaves of Granville Co. got a patent for 400 acres in St. John's Parish on Tabb Creek on 25 March 1749 he was not listed on the 1750 tax list for Granville Co. On 1 May 1752 Malachi Reaves was a SCC for a patent issued to William Reaves, his brother, who went to Orange Co., NC. On 29 May 1753 Malachi Reaves got 522 acres from William Reaves, his brother, on the north side of Fishing Creek. In 1754 Malachi Rieves (Reaves) was a SCC for a survey of 500 acres for Darwin Eelwick on both sides of Popular Creek, Granville Co. On 29 August 1754 he sold this land (522 acres) to his brother James Reaves. On the Granville tax list of 1755 Malachi Reaves was listed with son William and one slave for three poles. On 30 March 1758 Malachi Reaves was a witness with his brother James Reeves to a deed for Perry to Bass. On the Granville Co. 1762 tax list, Malachi Reaves was listed with sons William and Jonathan in Fishing Creek District. Malachi Reaves, Jr., son of James was also listed in Oxford District. On 1 August 1762 Malachi Reaves got a tract of land from John Earl. The parcel of 540 acres was on both sides of Tabb Creek. Also recorded in 1762 Court records, Malachi Reaves was a SCC for a survey made for William Hicks.

On the 1762 tax list for Granville Co., Malachi Reaves was listed with sons William and

Johnathan in Fishing Creek District. On 25 March 1763 Malachi Reaves gave a deed to William Hicks for 293 acres on both sides of Tabb Creek. William Hicks was a witness to the will of William Reaves, father of Malachi. On 25 May 1763 Malachi Reaves' name appears in a claim of land for the Parish of Granville. Son William Reaves was a witness. On 1 November 1768 Malachi Reaves sold 100 acres to Mourning Hunt, both of Granville Co. His wife, Fourton Reaves, was examined and released her dower. On 10 May 1773 and in the August Court 1774 Malachi Reaves was listed as a buyer at the sale of the estate of Jonathan White, who was a witness to the will of William Reaves, father of Malachi. On 2 January 1775 Malachi Reaves deeded to George Alston 170 acres on Tabb's Creek of Granville Co. Jonathan Reaves was a witness. On 7 August 1780 Malachi Reaves received a deed for a token amount from William Hicks, who was a witness to the will of his father, William Reaves, Sr. Editorial note: This token gift suggests that Fourton Reaves, wife of Malachi, may have been a Hicks.

NOTE: Researchers are reminded that the names of creeks and roads may have changed since this article was written.

Jonothan Kittrell, II

by: Robert G. Kittrell, Jr.

Jonothan Kittrell, II, was born in Chowan County, N.C. about 1725, the son of Jonothan Kittrell, I, and his wife Ann Kittrell. Jonothan Kittrell, I, died in Chowan County in 1748 and his son Jonothan Kittrell, II was administrator of the estate. Jonothan Kittrell, I was a resident of Nansemond County, Virginia during 1704 and entered on the Quit Rent Rolls for that year as the owner of 300 acres of land.

Jonothan Kittrell, II, moved to Granville County about 1760, purchasing a tract of land on Tabbs Creek about 3 miles west of the present town of Kittrell in the Epping Forest District of Granville County. The deed was recorded on February 20, 1760 in Book D page 25. On July 5, 1761, he received a grant of 360 acres from the Earl of Granville, and subsequently acquired large additional holdings, extending from Tabbs Creek to the Chavis Mill Road (Road from old Zeb Vance School to Kittrell).

He organized a military company, and served as its Captain for many years. In 1762, during the Hillsborough, N.C. uprising, his company was on active duty. In 1770, he was named Justice of the Peace for Granville County. In 1790, he was named a member of the First Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church Diocese of North Carolina (See the Conunicat, Vol. 81, No. 6).

Jonothan Kittrell, died in his late 80's in Granville County in 1812. His Will is in the Clerk of Court's Office in file 728.

Robert Jenkins Davis Family

by: Carol Davis Hall

Robert Jenkins Davis born 16 May 1819, probably in Warren County, NC, married Emily Frances N. Lyon, daughter of James T. Lyon and Susannah Wood, 3 Jul 1843 at Granville County, NC. R.A. Jenkins was a witness for the marriage and Robert Jenkins Davis served as surely for Robert Alexander Jenkins. Robert's mother was Elizabeth Jenkins and two of his sisters married men whose last name was Jenkins. This family probably has ties to the Jenkins family from the Northern Neck of Virginia. Robert Jenkins Davis died 20 Jun 1900 at Person County, NC. And was buried 2 Jun 1900 at what was called Hobgood Cemetery, Granville County, NC in a Cemetery Project for the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The cemetery is at the home property of what used to be the Roberson Hobgood farm. Roberson was married to Jane Catherine Lyon, sister of Robert's wife Emily Lyon.

Robert was living in Granville County up until 1845 when he bought 64 acres from John Lunsford executor of Samuel Yarbrough's estate.

Emily Frances N. Lyon, born on 27 Oct 1825 in Virginia, according to the 1900 census taker, died 7 Feb 1906 at Granville County, NC. She was buried 9 Feb 1906 at Hobgood Cemetery, Granville County, NC.

Many family members are buried either at the Methodist Church in Allensville, Person County or in Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, which is just east of the Granville County line. The eight children of Robert Jenkins Davis and Emily Frances N. Lyon were:

i. Elizabeth Jannah, born 12 May 1847 at Person County, NC; married John Henry Clay Burch in 1867. She died in 1921. They had two daughters and a son.

ii. Caroline (Carrie), born 10 Mar 1850 at Person County, NC; married George W. Burch in 1869. They had two daughters who left no heirs.

iii. William B., born 6 Apr 1852 at Allensville, Person County, NC; married Lou Margaret Hudson in 1881. He died in 1920. They had three daughters and two sons.

iv. Wesley Alexander, born 29 Jan 1855 at Person County, NC; married Loula O. Glenn. He died in 1936. They had three daughters and four sons.

v. Mary Anderson, born 13 Nov 1857 at Person County, NC; married James William Gill. She died in 1929. They had two sons and three daughters.

vi. Robert Thomas, born 11 Oct 1860 at Person County, NC. He was listed in Robert Jenkins household in the 1870 census but was not in the 1880 census. The 1880 census did not turn up any Robert Thomas Davis born 1860 in NC.

vii. Charles Theodore, born Aug 1863 in Allensville, Person County, NC, died in 1947. He married Annie Mitchel in 1888. She had a son and a daughter and she died in 1890. Charles

married Annie Royster in 1891. They had five sons.

viii. Emma Caddie, born 4 Nov 1868 at Person County, NC; married Durell Mangum in 1893. They had one son and one daughter. She died in 1948.

William Davis Family

by: Wayne Davis

It is supposed that the earliest known member of this family is William Davis, born circa 1760 in Virginia, according to Sally Terry, who is a descendant of the family that moved to Alabama. There is strong coincidental proof that the Thomas born 1780 in Granville County, and the John born 1784 who moved to Alabama were brothers.

John married Lydda Lyon, who was born ca 1793, on 26 December 1812 in Granville County and the family moved sometime after 1831 to Alabama. Lydda was the daughter of John and Liddie (Billeasly) Lyon. There are many descendants of this Lyon couple living in the Creedmoor area today. They were originally from Charles County, Maryland.

John and Lydda both died in Liberty, Hale County, Alabama.

The eight children of John Davis and Lydda Lyon, who were all born in Granville County, were as follows:

i. William.

ii. Sarah (Sallie) born 1816.

iii. Mariah born 23 Nov 1818 and died 21 Feb 1897 at Havana, Hale County, AL, at age 78. She married Thomas Lavender in 1842.

iv. Harriette born 1820.

v. Marg T. born 1824.

vi. John Sidney born 1827.

vii. Edward Warren born 1829. He married Julia Ann Lawson.

viii. Martha Ann born 1831.

JOHN WAYNE BEACH

by Margaret "Peggy" Beach, Raleigh NC

John Wayne Beach, long time editor of the Oxford Public Ledger, lived in Granville County for 17 years.

John was born September 3, 1934 in Newton (Catawba County, NC). He was the son of John Henry Beach and Mary Edna Taylor Beach. John Henry was descended from Benjamin Beach, one of the early Baptist ministers of Caldwell County. One of Mary Edna's ancestors was Captain William Sherrill, the legendary Indian fighter, whose family helped to found Catawba County.

After a stint in the US Army in Japan, John graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College with a B.A. in English and History in 1959. After teaching English and History at a junior high school in Virginia for a year, he became a staff writer and sports editor of The Morganton News Herald.

John and his first wife, Betty Pitts Rockett, married in May 1961. Their daughter, Margaret, better known as "Peggy," was born in 1962. A son, Michael, was born in 1966. John and Betty divorced in 1972. Peggy and Michael remained in Burke County with their mother. John worked as a state probation officer and in private business before becoming city editor of The Hickory Daily Record. Later, he became the editor of The Observer News-Enterprise in Newton.

After his divorce from his second wife, Frances, John moved to Oxford in Granville County, where he became the editor of The Oxford Public Ledger in 1976. He was very active in the United Way, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Optimist Club, Rotary Club, Council on the Status of Women, and was instrumental in a community effort to stop the building of a hazardous waste incinerator in Granville County in 1989 - 1990. A hands-on editor, John was involved in covering the Granville County Commissioners, the Oxford City Council and a number of high school sports. He was chairman of the Earl of Granville Festival from 1983 to 1985; director of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce; and a member of Oxford Presbyterian Church. A recipient of a number of awards, John received the State Volunteer Award in 1984. John lived in Oxford with his third wife, Dorothy, until his death in September 1993. He is buried at Meadowview Memorial Park in Oxford.

John's son, Michael, lives in Morganton. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Appalachian State University. He is now a CPA with Gould, Killian CPA Group in Asheville.

John's daughter, Peggy, received her bachelor's degree in communication from Wingate University and her master's degree in speech communication from Wake Forest University. She has worked as a staff writer for her father's old newspaper, The Hickory Daily Record and for The Charlotte Observer. Peggy was a reporter and news director at WMNC Radio in Morganton from 1994 to 1997. She is a communications specialist for the N.C. Community College System in Raleigh.

Sources: Daughter's recollections; Obituary: Raleigh News and Observer, September 2, 1993; North Carolina State Archives.

WILLIAM A. BLACKWELL FAMILY

by: Rachel Blackwell, Oxford, NC

Sources: Sarah Downey and family

The late William A. Blackwell was born in Granville County, 1872. It has been said that even at an early age, it was evident to many that his life would be devoted to the ministry, serving both God and mankind.

In his early youth, he attended the Berry Boyden Institute, Chase City, VA, and North Carolina College, Durham, NC. He taught in the Public School System for 26 years.

Rev. Blackwell was both influential and instrumental in the organization and nurturing of several churches: The New Grassy Creek, New Johnathan Creek, New Corinth, Whetstone, Vernon Hill, Mt. Gideon and Goshen Hills Baptist Churches. He offered guidance and spiritual comfort through his preaching/teaching style of ministry. In addition, he served as the secretary for the Middle Baptist and Country Line Baptist Associations.

For over 53 years, the Rev. W. A. Blackwell unselfishly dedicated his life to serving his God, his blood family, his church family as well as the community.

The inspiration that Rev. Blackwell received was two-fold. Of course, the Almighty God was his first source. The other came from his loving and committed wives.

First was Mary Strong, a devout God-fearing Christian woman, who bore him 12 children: Turner, Willie Lanson, George Nelson, Lorenzo (Sr.), Johnny (Sr.), Simon, Albert, (Rev.) Julian, Mary Bell (Thrope), Ester (Smith), Ida Zethro (Downey), and Sally Jane.

In addition to loving God and supporting her husband, she was a devoted and cherished mother. She and Rev. Blackwell were married for many years before she was called home to Glory. Mary Strong Blackwell was, and is today, loved by many.

Rachel Lee Brame became his second wife, having 6 children: Caleb, Pearline (Asbury), Sarah Lee (Downey), and Dorothy (Purdie), (Rev.) Julian, and Will Clark.

Rachel Brame (affectionately known in later years as "Mother Rachel"), joined the Flat Creek Baptist Church, Vance County at an early age.

She successfully completed course requirements, majoring in education at Hampton Institute, VA; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC; and North Carolina College, Durham (now North Carolina Central).

As a result of her efforts, Rachel was afforded the opportunity to reward others with her God-given talents as an educator. Clearly, this was a major accomplishment, considering the challenges of that era!

Countless persons were educated, motivated and encouraged (by both herself and Rev. Blackwell), affording those students an avenue to the world of possibilities and achievements that may otherwise have not been realized.

She married in 1921, reared children, purposely loving her natural born and "love born" equally. This, while continuing to effectively perform her teaching responsibilities.

Having taught in both the Vance and Granville County School Systems, Rachel retired from the Granville County System in 1945.

Rachel had joined the Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Oxford, NC upon moving to Granville County. Here also, she was greatly involved in the life of the church. She was the Assistant Sunday teacher, and diligently served as a member of the adult class, the Missionary Circle, Pastor's Aide and the FCA Club. Here again, her burning desire to positively affect the spirit of others was eminent. Truly she possessed the gift of encouragement.

Rachel Lee Brame Blackwell was a rare individual. Her uniqueness was preordained at birth. For after all, she took her first breath on Leap Day, February 29th. It would certainly be interesting to calculate the odds of this occurring!!

To know her, was to love, admire and respect her.

To the character of Rev. W. A. Blackwell, Mary Strong Blackwell, and Rachel Lee Brame Blackwell, it is evident that they loved God greatly, having powerful convictions of faith, even through turmoil, down times, strife and sometimes criticism, they stood for righteousness. May God bless their souls.

To each and every descendant:

- Realize the depth of your heritage.
- Dig deep to your roots.
- Strive to emulate your fore father's and mother's character, offering a monument to God and to your ancestry.
- Don't let your living be in vain.

Dear Lord, please bless this family by continuing the legacy via a lineage that honors, respects and reflects the essence of their existence. Amen.

Surviving (of those mentioned): Sarah Lee Blackwell Downey and Dorothy Blackwell Purdie.

BRAGG FAMILY

by: Larry B. Bragg, Raleigh, NC

Newman Nash Bragg (1793-1846) married Nancy Mitchell (1799-1879) on December 26, 1821 in Granville County. Their third child, John Henry Bragg purchased 400 acres in Granville county for 50 Shillings per acre, which he resold about four years later for 150 Pounds. The second of Newman and Nancy's eight children, James Fields Bragg (1824-1901) married Margaret Brummitt in 1856 and raised ten children.

The second child of James Fields and Margaret Bragg, Henry McDuffie Bragg married Emma Wheeler in 1883. Together they had nine children.

Their oldest son, William (Cleveland) Bragg operated the largest mule trading company in North Carolina on Main St. in Creedmoor, with his younger brother Ewell. The mule trading company was responsible for the railroad coming through Creedmoor. The railroad ran directly behind the trading company.

James F. and Margaret B. Bragg's fifth child, John Frank Bragg (Frank) (1898-2000), married Elsie Burton (1903-1995). Frank worked for many years in Oxford as sales manager for Blalock Chevrolet, later Yancey Chevrolet and lived to be over 100 years old. They had two sons.

The oldest son, Nicholas (Nick) Burton Bragg married Nancy Neese. They have four children and three grandchildren. Nick and Nancy live in Winston-Salem where Nick worked with Reynolda House, Inc., Museum of American Art. The second son of Frank and Elsie, John Frank Bragg, Jr. (Frank) married Katherine (Kathy) Broach and is retired from his insurance business, Bragg, Osburn and Associates in Charlotte. Frank and Kathy have four children and five grandchildren. They live on Lake Norman near Davidson.

The eighth child of James Fields and Margaret Bragg, Walter Brown Bragg (1874-1954), married Lillie Moss (1877-1923) producing five children, Armitta Farris, Erma Tyson, Walter Jr. (W.B.) whose twin brother died shortly after birth, and the youngest, Lillie Mae. The home place of Walter and Lillie was a farm and a general store on Tom Hunt Road, between Wilton and Tar River Station. The 150-acre farm was located on the banks of the Tar River.

Walter Brown Bragg, Jr. (W.B.) (1911-1992) married Doris Bailey (1914-1995) from Wake County, who was an English teacher at Wilton High School. Upon their marriage W.B. and Doris moved to the Bragg home place where they operated a tobacco and dairy farm most of their lives until they retired to Raleigh. They were both active members of Banks Methodist Church where W.B. was superintendent and Doris was choir director for many years. Doris also served on the Granville County School Board.

Their son Larry Bragg (1939) lives in Raleigh with his wife Nancy Story (1943), retired from

Wachovia. They have two children, Mollie and Joanna. Larry is owner of HomePlaces, LLC, a development and building company. W.B. and Doris' daughter Sally Bragg (1943), formerly married to Larry W. Ennis, is a retired principal of the Wake County School System and lives in Raleigh. Their youngest daughter Nora Bragg Harrington (1944) has two children, Paul and Julieanne, and three grandchildren. Nora is employed with HomePlaces, LLC in Raleigh as office manager. Nora was formerly married to the late Samuel Thomas Royals, Jr., and later to Dr. William A. Harrington.

After the death of his first wife Lillie Moss, Walter Brown Bragg, Sr. married Josie Newton (1906-1983) in 1931 and had two children, Dennis Carroll (1933-1960) and Emily Beatrice. Dennis Carroll married Carolyn Jones of Butner. They had two children, Dennis Jr. and Julia. Julia lives in Winston-Salem with her son William Benjamin. Dennis Jr. lives in Ormand Beach, Florida with his wife Melanie. They have three children. Beatrice married William Lyon Whitfield and they had three children.

THE BRANDON FAMILY

by: Bobby R. Evans, Greensboro, NC

Burwell Brandon, born in Virginia (circa 1785), relocated in 1830 to Granville County as a young man. The 1830 Granville County Census shows Burwell as a Free Colored Man able to read and write. He and his wife, Lucy, were farmers in the Fishing Creek community. They were blessed with five children: Betsey, Hilligard, Richard, Osh and Umstead Brandon.

After his first wife, Oney Peace died, Umstead Brandon, then age 60 married his second wife, Addie Stone, age 30 on March 25, 1896 in the Fishing Creek community. Umstead and Addie had six children: Liza, Zebidee, Cornelius, Richard, Carrie Lee and Mary Magalene. Addie died at the age of 54 and was buried at Ilong Baptist Church on October 25, 1921.

Cornelius and Beulah Mae Brandon were born December 25, 1899 and November 23, 1898 respectively. Cornelius married Beulah in 1918. They had nine children: Lorene, Cornelius Jr. (died at 16 months), Bertha, Naomi (died after a few days), Mary, Charlie, Monsie, Titus, and David. As their family grew, they moved to a five-room, unpainted farmhouse. It was a very sound frame structure and full of love with plenty of room for family visits.

Cornelius was a soft-spoken, strong father figure. He was firm, yet kind. He believed that a man's word should be his bond. Cornelius and Beulah were members of the Ilong Baptist Church where he was Deacon, treasurer and choir member and she was an usher. Cornelius was a member of the Beacon Light Lodge No. 249, Consistory No. 195 and Imran Temple No. 168. Beulah was a member of the Daughters of Isaac. They loved their children and they believed in God, family, education, and hard work. Their values have transcended generations.

Beulah loved to hide Easter eggs for her grandchildren. At Christmas, the family would gather to exchange gifts and give thanks to God for another year. Beulah would make a big dinner including pies, cakes, and corn pudding. Cornelius would brag about not ever having to work on his birthday. The reason was: he was born on December 25, 1899. When explaining life, he would sometimes say: "The world is like a barbershop; the guy with the sharpest razor does the most cutting." He believed "castor oil" was good for many ailments.

When the grandchildren were old enough, they helped harvest the tobacco. Cornelius would pick up the grandchildren on Sunday afternoon so they would be available on Monday at 3:00 a.m. to get tobacco out of the barn. Beulah had breakfast ready at 5:00 a.m. The bell rang at noon and everyone ate (they called it dinner). Cornelius always blessed the food before we started to eat. After dinner, there was a short break and then we went back to work.

Cornelius' oldest daughter, Lorene, chose farming as an occupation after marriage. His daughter, Bertha, tried farming for one year and decided it wasn't for her. Mary did public work. Charlie, Monsie and Titus went into the military and did public work after their tour of duty. David did public work and did not go into the military.

Cornelius and Beulah were "always there" for their children and grandchildren, always supportive and ready to make a sacrifice to support their family. When their daughter Bertha died at the age of 35 in 1959 and left a 15-year-old son behind, they quickly offered to let their grandson live with them while his father continued to commute weekly to his out-of-town job. The many examples of their support of their family are too numerous to cover in this article.

Cornelius farmed until around 1960, after which he worked on public jobs. Cornelius had always wanted to buy Beulah a new home and he did in 1962. They enjoyed their new home and always wanted the family to visit and spend the night. Cornelius died an unexpected and tragic death in 1968 as a result of a robbery at the service station where he worked. He was buried at the Ilong Baptist church on August 29, 1968. Cornelius' untimely death created an unimaginable void in the "fabric" of his family.

After Cornelius' death, their children made extra efforts to make sure Beulah was provided for. Beulah's new home soon became too much to take care of and she decided to let her oldest daughter take over the home in 1970. The next nine years, Beulah spent time traveling and visiting her children, spending the majority of that time living with her grandson, Bobby R. Evans, and his wife, Ophelia, and their daughter, Mechelle in Dayton, Ohio. Beulah liked Ohio, but she loved North Carolina because it was home.

The first Reunion for Cornelius and Beulah Brandon descendants was held in 1975. Beulah could not have been happier at the reunion because it was held at the new home she and Cornelius bought. She told the family: "Cornelius is smiling on us from heaven today." Family members came from all over the eastern part of the United States to attend the reunion. It was truly a great day for the Brandon family.

In 1979, Beulah started to show signs of what was later found to be the early stages of Alzheimer. She went back to North Carolina and lived periods of time with her daughters: Lorene and Mary and their families. When it was realized that Beulah needed experienced and around-the-clock care, Beulah went to the nursing home in Oxford, NC in 1982. Beulah died in

Granville County on September 25, 1990 and was buried at Ilong Baptist Church.

Cornelius and Beulah Brandon left behind a legacy of love and Christian values that still live within their descendants today.

HUSKETH FAMILY

by: Alma O. Husketh, now deceased

Edward Thomas (Chick) Husketh, Jr. was born on September 28, 1914 to E.T. Husketh, Sr. and Lillian Moss Husketh, living at that time on Walters Road near Wilton. He graduated from Wilton High School in 1931 and attended Elon College. His parents moved into the John Pruitt Lawrence Home when he was a child. During World War II he was attached to the US Army Air Corps and served from October 1944 to March 1946 in India.

On June 12, 1943 Chick married Alma O'Neal Ormond in the first Methodist Church on St. Charles Street in New Orleans. Alma's parents were William Henry Ormond and Ella White Ormond of Craven County, near Dover. Alma is a graduate of Dover High School, the Woman's College, UNC, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was an English teacher at Wilton High School from 1939 through June of 1944, then taught English at Contentnea High School, Lenoir County, 1944-46.

Returning to the Wilton community, Alma again taught at Wilton High School until she became the librarian at South Granville High School in 1962, after receiving a M.S. in Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. She retired in 1982 and taught many courses for Vance-Granville Community College through 1997.

In April of 1947 the Huskeths bought a farm on Brassfield Road which had belonged to John William Lawrence and his family. As a farmer, Chick, and a teacher, Alma, participated in many church, school, and community activities. In the 1982-83 edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest, the biography of each appears; Alma's biography and picture appear in the 1974-75 edition of The World Who's Who of Women.

On April 12, 1952 their first son, Edward Thomas (Tom) III was born; on November 24, 1954, their second son, William Ormond, was born, and on October 13, 1956, their third son, Craig Moss, was born; all of them at Granville Hospital in Oxford. Tom is a graduate of the Gov. Morehead School in Raleigh, Bill and Craig of South Granville High School and NC State University. Tom is currently employed at the Lions Club Industries in Durham. Bill is a member of the 82nd Airborne Squadron and assigned to Fort Bragg, Craig lives at 3572 Brassfield Road and was the owner of Craig M. Husketh Well Drilling, Inc.

Chick and Alma remodeled the house built in 1876 by John W. Lawrence. Chick died on May 8, 1986. Alma and Tom continued to live at 3577 Brassfield Road, Creedmoor. Tom now lives with Craig and Vickie at 3572 Brassfield Rd.

The Huskeths' grandchildren are Eric and Jared, Craig's sons, and Holly, Bill's daughter, who lives in Murfreesboro, TN.

LEONARD HENDERSON KNOTT FAMILY

by: Susan B. Hall, Durham, NC

Leonard Henderson Knott (1876-1937) was born the 14th son of Fielding R. Knott (1827-1901) and his second wife, Sallie Ann Wilson Knott (1847-1922). Len Knott was married to Lula Puckett in 1898. There were five children born to this union: Mary Belle (b. 1899 - d. 1994), Edwin Moody (b. 1901; m. Lizzie Mae Ellington, 1929 - d. 1941), Helen Wilson (b. 1903; m. Clifton Dean, 1934; d. 1977), Fielding Randolph (b. 1905; m. Eugenia Husketh, 1930; d. 1961), and Stephen Talmadge (b. 1907; m. Mildred Jordan, 1935; d. 1969).

In 1911, Len Knott married Chloe O'Brian who raised the children from the first marriage as her own. There were also five children born to this marriage: Allan Soloman (b. 1914; m. Mary Lewis Skeen, 1939; d. 1986), Leonard Hubert (b. 1916, d. 1943), Rowena Meadows (b. 1920; m. William J. Berry, Jr. 1948), Carolyn O'Brian (b. 1922; m. Francis Ricks [Spike], 1952; d. 1968), and Julian Clarence (b. 1925, m. Celestia Barker, 1950).

Len Knott was given farm acreage from his father across SR 1162 from Enon Baptist. The first house he built on this property burned in the early 1900s and it was rebuilt around 1907 closer to the road. The second house is still standing and has been restored. While some alterations have been made to the exterior, the interior has remained faithful to the original house. Len Knott also had a three-room schoolhouse built in a field next to the house where seven of his children attended. The teachers at the school often boarded with the Knott family.

Education was important to Len and Chloe Knott and many of the children continued their schooling through secondary school and college. Mary Belle finished high school at the Oxford College around 1917 and the next year she began a 46-year teaching career. In 1946, she finished college at Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) in Wilson, NC. Helen attended East Carolina Teachers College and also taught school before she married and had children of her own. Edwin attended Campbell Academy in Buies Creek, NC. Rowena finished at Women's College (now UNC-G) in Greensboro, as did Carolyn. Hubert completed college at North Carolina State College while Allan and Julian finished at the University of North Carolina.

Three of Len Knott's sons served their country in World War II. Allan served in the US Navy in the South Pacific Theater as a communications officer. Hubert learned to fly while still a student at North Carolina State College and joined the US Army Air Corps shortly after graduation. Captain Knott was stationed in Central and South America where he flew a B24 on reconnaissance missions over the Pacific Ocean. His plane went down on May 9, 1943 and while the site of the crash was located, they found only a damaged life raft, some bits of metal, and an oil slick. There were no survivors. Private Julian Knott was drafted into the US Army Infantry and saw action in the European Theater, including participation in the Battle of the Bulge.

Edwin, Fielding, and Stephen lived and worked their entire lives in Granville County. Edwin was part owner and manager of Owen Motor Company where Stephen also worked as an auto mechanic. Fielding moved to Creedmoor where he also worked as an auto mechanic. Mary Belle taught in several schools in eastern NC, living at one time in the teacherage in Saratoga. She later moved back to Granville County where she first taught at the Wilton School, and then completed her teaching career at Credle School. Helen taught in Kinston after finishing her teacher's training, and after her marriage, she and her husband, Clifton, purchased a tobacco farm adjacent to Tabbs Creek Baptist Church three miles from Oxford.

Allan moved to Durham where he had a long career with the Golden Belt Manufacturing Company, retiring in 1977 as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the company. Rowena also moved to Durham where she still lives. She worked at the American Tobacco Company and Central Carolina Bank before 1978, when she went to work with her husband in a family business. Carolyn had a long career as a home economics teacher in Littleton, NC before she died in 1968. Julian moved to Raleigh in 1956 where he was first an accountant and later a CPA with A.M. Pullen. He retired in 1987 as a partner with the accounting firm of McGladdrey and Pullen. Julian continues to live in Raleigh with his wife, Celeste.

In the 1920s and 30s, the effects of the Depression and the Granville Wilt hit Len Knott, as they did almost all tobacco farmers in the area. Because of farm, the family was able to live and eat, often providing for other members of the extended family. After Len Knott's death in 1937, his wife, Chloe, sold the farm to provide for the education of her children. She and the children still at home continued to live in the house at Enon until 1946 when she was able to build a house on Cherry Street in Oxford with the death benefits she received from her son, Hubert. Chloe continued to live on Cherry Street, with Mary Belle, until her death in 1968. Mary Belle lived there until 1992 when, at the age of 93, she moved to a retirement home and the house was sold.

Ten children, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren survived Len Knott. While none of his children or grandchildren lives in Granville County today, they have maintained ties to Enon Baptist Church and return to the Enon community for the Fielding R. Knott family reunion every August.

Sources: Family members and The Family of Fielding R. Knott of Granville County, North Carolina, 1981 written by Alice Knott Ware.

PETTIFORD FAMILY

by: Mary F. Henderson, Oxford, NC

Extensive research has been put into finding the history of the Pettiford family of Granville County. Details are sketchy since back in the early 1800s/1900s, records were not kept as consistently or accurately as they are today. From my research, I have reason to believe that my

great-great grandfather was William Pettiford, though further investigation is needed to prove this true.

William Pettiford (according to the census report of 1860) was born around 1803 in Virginia. He married Avarilla Guy Pettiford on April 7, 1842 and records indicate that his trade was that of a tanner. To this marriage it appears that there were either six or eight children; two of them may have been grandchildren. My maternal great grandfather, James "Jim" Pettiford was one of William's children who was born around 1853. He married at the age of 23 to Frances (Brandle?) Bandom, 22 years old, on November 9, 1876. This was also the same day one of his brothers got married. To this marriage the records indicate that there were five children: Alexander (Alex) Bandom Pettiford, Zeddie Pettiford (who was this writer's grandfather), Alford Pettiford, Lonnie Pettiford and Vilena Pettiford Hicks. "Jim's" second wife was Elsie Harris who died around 1950 and was buried at Mt. Moriah AME Zion Church off Highway #158 near Henderson, NC. Zeddie (3-1-1888--3-19-1958) was married to Emma Pettiford (b.10-13-1893 – d.3-5-1958) and to this marriage four children were born:

1. Jones Lee Pettiford (1924-1924)
2. Josephine Pettiford Owens (10-9-1925)
3. Clinton Lee Pettiford (2-26-1927- 11-12-2001)
4. Baby Girl Pettiford

Zeddie and Emma were my maternal grandparents and I was almost 12 years old when they died. I have fond memories of both of them, for they held a deep admiration for their family and home. They both loved Ilong Baptist Church and Pettiford Grove Baptist Church. I remember grandfather Zeddie praying those powerful prayers at church.

I recall the last home they lived in before their deaths was on the Cannady Mill Road, even though that has been 45 years ago. In the spring there were many roses adorning their yard and a narrow path that led from the house to Harris' Grocery Store. Of course, we never got tired of asking our grandfather for "pennies" to spend at the store. Grandfather Zeddie served in the Infantry Division of the Army and was honorably discharged. I do not remember him working outside the home, but my mother told me that he worked at a sawmill. My grandmother Emma was a domestic worker and was very well known in Pettiford Town to be the "seamstress" who made clothes for many people. I vividly recall her hot, delicious buttermilk "hoe-cakes", her homemade locust beer and her tea that was made from special leaves. Her ashcakes were also good. She would pull the hot ashes to the front hearth of the fireplace, and then after the ashcakes were made, she placed them in the hot ashes to cook. After they were done and before they were eaten, the ashes were wiped away.

My grandparents were two inseparable people who died exactly two weeks apart and are buried at Ilong Baptist Church cemetery in the Fairport community. Zeddie and Emma are truly missed and will be remembered through stories passed down through generations.

Sources: The Granville County Courthouse, the Richard H. Thornton Library. Writer's mother: Josephine Owens, Writer's recollection.

CHARLIE DAVID WINSTON FAMILY

by: Charles W. Dean (grandson), Oxford, NC

Charlie David Winston was born in Granville County NC on April 17th 1899. He was the oldest of eight children born to David Turner Winston and Annie Ward Winston both of Granville County. Charlie was the grandson of Bridges Turner Winston and Mary Elizabeth Overby both of Granville Co.

While growing up in the Grassy Creek area of Northern Granville, Charlie along with his five brothers and two sisters helped with the day to day chores of family living. As they became older they would help their father with the many duties of running several farms. When Charlie completed his schooling in Granville County he went on to finish his secondary education at Buies Creek Academy in Buies Creek NC.

In the fall of 1918, Charlie enrolled at North Carolina State College and prepared to enroll in the Army Officers Program. At this time World War I was still going on. While in the fall semester of that same year Charlie narrowly missed death when the great influenza epidemic swept the nation. He was expected to die and was placed in a ward at the infirmary with others who were beyond help. While on the verge of death, he was visited by his father D.T. Winston who prayed to the Lord for his son's recovery. Through the family's strong faith in God and the Lords everlasting grace, Charlie shortly thereafter made a full recovery. A short time after his recovery peace was declared and World War I was over.

Charlie, feeling what he had just narrowly escaped death left school to set out to see the country. He traveled to Canada where with his knowledge of tobacco helped Canadian farmers with the curing process. After a summer in Canada Charlie left and went to Detroit Michigan where he worked for several years as a trolley car operator in the city. During this time away from Granville County Charlie wrote his beloved mother and father on a regular basis.

After five years in Detroit he came home to Granville County to stay for good. He bought a farm and antebellum home, built in 1831 which was called Edgewood in the Grassy Creek community. During this time Charlie married the love of his life, his neighbor Helen Grey Elliott (b.05/24/1902-d.10/28/1976) of Adoniram NC which is now part of the Cornwall community.

Helen was the older daughter of Laurison Elliott and Emma Wilbourn Elliott. She was the granddaughter of Leroy Elliott and Laura Elliott. Charlie and Helen were married on December 17th, 1927 at the bride's home by the Rev. J.U. Teague, Pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist Church. Charlie and Helen had four children, Marion Winston Dean, Charlie David Winston Jr., Julian Warren Winston, and Elliot Ward Winston who died as an infant. Charlie and Helen were well liked and respected in the community. They were active and long term members of Grassy Creek Baptist Church, where Charlie served as Deacon, Sunday school teacher and clerk of the church. Helen also served the church well, as pianist and adult Sunday school teacher and in the Women's Missionary Union.

Throughout his life Charlie was a dedicated mason along with his father D.T. and his six brothers. They were members of the Adoniram Lodge in the Cornwall community.

During those years of raising a family until his early 80's Charlie was a prominent tobacco farmer in Granville County. From his early beginnings in the mid 1920's Charlie worked hard to establish a tobacco and livestock farm. Every day of his life except for the Sabbath was spent working in those fields to help provide a living for the family. However, this could not be done without the love and support of a strong wife such as Helen. During these years Helen's sisters Opie and Gladys Elliott came to live with the family. Charlie and Helen were both honest, cheerful people who both shared their love of the Lord and Church. They both had a way of making everyone around them feel better with a kind word and a helping hand, even if you were a stranger.

Our family tradition that will always stay dear to our hearts was the Christmas Eve dinner that both Charlie and Helen planned every year. They would have Helen's family, (the Elliotts) over for dinner with all the adults and children gathering for this festive occasion. They would all eat and socialize before unwrapping the Christmas gifts that everyone brought. It was a most wonderful time for everyone.

Charlie and Helen had seven grandchildren, Rebecca Winston Desrosier Jean Marie Winston Borst, Julian Warren Winston Jr., Judy Winston Smith, Laura Dean Blackley, Sandra Dean Pruitt, Charles W. Dean. Also there are nine great-grandchildren, Lauren Marie Borst, Jeffrey W. Winston, Ashley Winston, Chelsea Winston, Evan Vienneau, E. Landon Blackley, Nash Dean Blackley, J. Scott Pruitt, and Harper G. Pruitt.

On October 28th, 1976 Helen age 76 died after a period of declining health. Having suffered this great loss Charlie moved forward in his life as a widower and held fast to his faith that the Lord would see everyone through times of great despair and anguish.

Pa Pa Winston retired from tobacco farming in his early 80's but still remained active on the farm. My grandfather lived another fourteen years in good health until his death March 1st, 1991 at the age of 91.

Grandfather and Grandmother are deeply missed by one and all. Truly they were the last of a special breed of people. The salt of the earth, the cornerstone of the family and community.

WILLIAM DOCK FRAZIER FAMILY

by: Mark W. Wheelless, Raleigh, NC

William Dock Frazier was born March 22, 1876 in Granville County, NC, the son of James Henry Frazier and Elizabeth J. Hester. He married Ada Panola "Nolie" Mallory on December 19, 1895 in Nash County, NC. She was born in September 1878 in Granville County, the daughter of Sidney C. Mallory and Lucille J. York. Nolie died September 15, 1927 in Edgecombe County, NC. Dock remarried on February 4, 1929 in Edgecombe County to Ethel Gertrude Oakley (Nolie's niece). Ethel was born October 1, 1908 in Martin County, NC, the daughter of John Lee Oakley and Mattie Gertrude Mallory. Dock died June 29, 1939 in Edgecombe County and is buried with his first wife at Greenwood Cemetery in Tarboro, NC. Dock had twelve children in

all, ten by his first marriage and two by his second.

(1) Lela Frazier, born and died prior to 1900.

(2) William Sidney "Yank" Frazier, born May 28, 1898 in Nash County. He married Myrtle Freeman on November 28, 1917 in Nash County. He died November 2, 1958 in Nash County. He is buried at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Nash County. Their children were Helen Christine, Rachel Olivia, William Horace, and AB.

(3) Myrtle Hall Frazier, born May 29, 1902 in Nash County. She married George Lee Boone on October 15, 1919 in Nash County. She died February 5, 1985 in Nash County. She is buried at Pineview Cemetery in Rocky Mount, NC. Their children were William Phil, Bessie H., George Daniel, Julian Green, Nora Elizabeth, and Margie Leigh.

(4) Maggie May Frazier, born and died between 1900 and 1910.

(5) Lucille Elizabeth Frazier, born January 21, 1906 in Nash County. She married Kerg Staton Dew on March 2, 1924 in Edgecombe County. She died November 21, 1976 in Edgecombe County. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Their children were Kerg Dew Jr., James Dock, John Alfred, Betty Lou, Margaret, Billy DeLotch, Sue Ann, and Benjamin Earl.

(6) Annie Evelyn Frazier born March 31, 1908 in Nash County. She died September 29, 1988 in Wake County, NC. Her children were Ada Lou Frazier and Peggy Joyce Frazier.

(7) Eva Gertrude Frazier, born and died on March 31, 1908 in Nash County.

(8) Hennis Panola Frazier, born November 19, 1914 in Nash County. She married Dennis Syris Faircloth on May 13, 1933 in Nash County. Their children were Betty Jean, Marion Virginia, Panola Gray, and Sylvia Fay.

(9) Henry Edward "Buddy" Frazier, born May 26, 1916 in Nash County. He married Sallie Felisah Raynor on December 13, 1936 in Edgecombe County. He died November 27, 1974 in Edgecombe County and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Their children were Minnie Velma and Edward Stephen.

(10) Clifton Dock Frazier, born September 29, 1918 in Nash County and died young.

(11) Ethel Janelle Frazier, born September 21, 1937 in Edgecombe County. She married Thomas Patrick Hedgepeth on August 17, 1958 in Nash County. Their children were Lisa Janelle and Dana Michelle.

(12) Mattie Ruth Frazier, born January 15, 1939 in Edgecombe County. She married Franklin Delano Jenkins on October 26, 1958 in Nash County.

Sources: Frazier family Bible, county records, tombstones, Census records, and interviews.

HICKS FAMILY

by: Pauline Dickerson Harris, Oxford, NC

Charles H. Hicks, son of William H. Hicks and Martha Slaughter and Saluda Dement, daughter of Thomas J. Dement and Harriett Pitchford were married on December 14, 1870. Their children were: Henry Harrison, Charlie Allen (Bud), Albert Richard and Hattie.

Henry was born May 30, 1872 and died February 1, 1925. He married Carrie Ophelia Dickerson on January 21, 1895 and had the following children: Sam, Nellie, Flora, Hubert, Ernest, Eva, Roxanna, Darius, Leona and Inez. Flora, Roxanna, Darius and Leona died in infancy.

Sam married Myrtie Dickerson, with no children. After divorcing Myrtie he married Eva May. Their children were: Sam Hicks, Jr., Betty Lou and James Earl.

Sam Jr. married Jannie Simmons and had the following children: Mike and Lisa. Betty Lou married Tollie Conn and had the following children: Deborah and Betty. After divorcing Tollie, Betty Lou married Willie W. Henley, Jr. James Earl married Wanda Ellis and they had no children.

Nellie Jane Hicks married Tommie M. Dickerson, a World War I veteran, and had the following children: Pauline, Darius, Thelma, Henry and Hal Thomas. Darius and Thelma died in infancy and Hal Thomas died at the age of six. Pauline married Osborn Harris and had a son, James (Jimmy), who married Freida Dement. Henry Hicks Dickerson married Jerry Lane and had the following children: Mike, who married Iris Barnes, and had sons Ben and Dan; daughter Cindy who married Garry McFalls and had son Dustin; and Jerry Thomas who married Karen Jones and had twins Sarah and Andrew.

Hubert Hicks married Helen Harris and had the following children: Nelson, Hubert Jr., Elizabeth, Dorothy and Joe Billy. Nelson married Mary Tuck and had daughter, Sherry. Hubert Jr. married Evelyn Crews and had the following children: Michael, Helen and Linda. Elizabeth married Brodie Jones and had sons Brodie, Jr. and Gary Joe. Dorothy married Wiley Tingen and had a son, Terry. Joe Billy married Betty Smith and had the following children: Kyle, Curtis, Joe Billy, Jr. and Stacey.

Ernest Hicks married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Dickerson and had the following children: Henry, James, Joyce, MaryAnn, Carrie, and Shirley. Carrie died at the age of eight and Shirley died in infancy. Henry married Frances Jones and had children, Rives and Vickie. James married Peggy Haskins and had no children. Joyce married John Cash and had children, Diane and Dwonie. Mary Ann married Jack Barger and had children, Kenneth, Pamela and Cynthia who died in infancy.

Eva Frances married Albert May and had the following children: Albert, Jr. (died at birth), Winston and Robert. Winston married Rosalyn VanDyke and had children, Barbara, Patricia and Debbie. Winston was married second to Frances Breedlove Brown. Robert married Eunice Capps and had children, Diane and Tommy.

Inez Hicks married Early Currin and had the following children: Betty Ann, Bobby and Judy. Betty Ann died before the age of six. Bobby married Jo Ann Collins and had sons, Bobby Jr. and Ronnie. Judy married Glen Wilson and had daughter, Glenda.

Charlie Allen (Bud) Hicks married Bettie Roe Dickerson on February 13, 1901 and had the following children: Lessie, Frank, Laster, Annie Lou, Lucy, Flora and Haywood (a World War II veteran).

Albert Richard Hicks married Nora Brummitt on November 25, 1913 and had the following children: Titus, Catherine, Hillman, Charlie Thomas, Mildred, A.R. Jr., and Caroline.

Hattie Hicks married William Edward Dement on March 3, 1912 and had children, Leona and Elbert. Leona married Benny Beasley and Elbert married Elsie Clayton. Elbert was a prisoner of war in World War II. He was captured on February 14, 1943 and escaped on April 12, 1945 with other prisoners. He was discharged on August 12, 1945.

PHILLIP WHITE FAMILY OF WILTON

by: Hal Boyd Pickard, Knightdale, NC

When asked about his White ancestry, my grandfather used to laugh and say, "Our line is easy to trace. Until Papa, only one boy in each generation had children." He was correct for three generations.

Our line begins in NC with George White and his wife, Susannah Read, who migrated to Granville County from Mecklenburg County, VA. There is evidence that George White owned land in Granville earlier than 1768, but he may have maintained a residence in VA until 1784 when he purchased 1100 acres from Thomas Banks in the area of Granville, which is now Wilton. His son Phillip's descendants remained in this area until the 1940s.

In his 1790 will, George made bequests to his wife and to 10 children - 7 sons and 3 daughters. Children named were Mary White (married a Meginnes), William White (married Bathia Lyne and moved to TN), Ruth Read White (married Jesse Carter), John White (married Agnes Mayfield), Coleman Read White (married 1st Sela Bradford, 2nd Polly Cole), Phillip White, Ann Read White, Garrott White, Joshua White (married Rachel Allen) and Joseph White (married Nancy Mann). George had a mill, which he left jointly to four of his sons - Coley, Phillip, Garrot, and Joshua. The family Bible was left daughter Ruthey Read Carter.

Phillip White (1768-1845) was named coexecutor of his father's will and, after his mother's death, was to receive the 200 acres of dower land. On 7 February 1797, a marriage bond was issued to Phillip but unfortunately the name of the bride was omitted. In his will, he identified her as "Ann." Phillip and Ann White had three children: Holly White who married Lemuel Mitchell, William Read White, and Jackey White who married Gilford D. Sims and moved to TN. Ann was listed in her son's home in 1850, age ninety.

Before 1830, William Read White (c. 1789/9 -1884) married Frances "Frankie" E. Gill (1796/7-aft. 1870), daughter of Joseph and Mary Gill. They had two sons William Read White, Jr. who died young and William Philo White. William Read, referred to in the family as "Colonel Billy," was listed as a trustee on the deed for the land for Banks Chapel Church.

William Philo White (1836-1917), known in the community as Philo and to his grandchildren as "Pap," in 1858 married Nancy M. Mitchell (1837-1913), daughter of Booker Allen Mitchell and his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Hester. Philo and Nancy made several additions to the home located on the Philo White Road (SR 1623) in Wilton, where they raised their six children.

They were Elizabeth "Bettie" White (c1859-bef 1880 - did not marry), Mary "Mollie" White (1862-1933 - did not marry), Nancy "Nannie" R. White (1866-1943 - married Joseph Stephen Kirkland and had two sons, Loren and Julian), Sallie White (c1865-bf 1880 - did not marry), Phillip Allen White (1868-1936), and William Philo White, Jr. (1874-1944 - did not marry). At the 1911 dedication of the New Banks Chapel building, it was noted that Philo was one of eleven present who had attended the dedication of the old church some fifty-eight years earlier.

In a report to the County commissioners, dated Dec. 3, 1868, W.P. White stated that there was only one county owned school-house in School District no. 39, on county owned land and that W.R. White had the deed. He reported 200 school age children in the district - 70 white males, 62 white females. 37 colored males and 31 colored females.

William Philo White, Jr. and sister, Mollie remained at the home place throughout their lifetimes. After Uncle Philo's death, nephew Loren Kirkland bought his cousin's interest and moved to the property. The family graveyard was located at the side of the home, and Loren had the remains moved to Banks Chapel Cemetery.

Phillip Allen White (1868-1936) is the one who broke "the one male in each generation to have sons" pattern. In 1892, Phillip married Kate Moss Blackley (1874-1961), daughter of William Alexander Blackley and his wife, Eugenia Eveline Minnis. Through the years, Phillip and Kate had eight children - seven sons, one daughter. In order to have access to better tobacco producing land, in 1902, Phillip moved his family to the Zebulon area of Wake County. The first five of their children were born in Granville Co., the youngest three in Wake. Their children were:

1. Percy Livingston White (1893-1967), married Mae Elizabeth Southhall and had two sons and four daughters-Percy Livingston White, Jr., Mary Frances White, Evelyn Eugenia White, Dorothy Alease White, and Wilbur Allen White.
2. Williard Allen White (1895-1971) married Hoye Jones (no issue).
3. Halbert Francis White (1896-1973), married Evie Marie Scarboro and had a daughter and a son - Frances Marie White and William "Billy" Scarboro White.
4. Katie Bet White (1899-1940) married Louis Lambreth Liles and had one son, Jack White Liles.
5. Waldo Reid White (1901-1982) married Ruth Mayo Cherry and adopted a son Henry Lee (Jack) White.
6. Durward LeGrand White (1904-1993 - my grandfather) married Mary Elizabeth Eakins of Pender County and had a daughter and a son Mary Elizabeth "Beth" White and Phillip Eakins White.

7. Ashley Glenn White (1907-1974) married Loree Honeycutt and had one son, Ashley Daniel White.
8. Wallace Wilcox White (1913-1979) married Martha Marietta Whitely and had one daughter and three sons - Jeannette Moss White, Wallace Paul White, Phillip Allen White, and Willard Reid White.

Sources: Marriage bonds and license, birth and death certificates, census records, Deeds, Banks Chapel history, Wills of George and Phillip White, estate records, tombstone inscriptions, Granville Co. School List.

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