Newsletter of the OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

August 1987

P.O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27530

Vol.3, No.2

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

Starting a new policy, this is my first message to you. In lieu of the minutes being published in our newsletters, they will be put into a loose-leaf note book which can be read by you, if you wish, at our general meetings. These will include both Executive and General Meeting minutes. I plan to have monthly Executive Meetings to attend to business that does come up between General Meetings.

As most of you know, I was not present when I was elected as your new president. Thank you for the honor and I hope I do half as well as those that preceded me. At the same meeting it was voted on that we change from monthly general meetings to a quarterly luncheon meeting. I have contacted the manager of the "Goldsboro Hotel" and it has a small room that will be available for us to use. I have spoken for that room for our next meeting on 12 September 1987. I believe it is quite fit for a place for us to meet as it is a historical site in Goldsboro. Many of us have nostalgic thoughts of when that was the only quality place to eat in Goldsboro. The prices of meals are in line with others and the menu varied enough to please any appetite. I hope to see as many as possible there at 11:30am on the above mentioned date.

Besides the general staff of officers of our Society a fine staff has agreed to assist Jun Beason with the newsletter. They will also be members of my Executive Board. They are: Frances Andrews, Frances Deans, Odessa Jackson, Carol Peele and Gladys Weeks. All are capable genealogists with much to contribute. I urge you to look through your own files for material for our newsletter. The more we have on hand makes it that much easier for the newsletter staff to come up with a good informative newsletter.

At our next general meeting there will be a need to make a few amendments in our by-laws. Keep this is mind.

See you in September.

Yvonne C. Hatch, President Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society

NOTICES

WORKSHOP

Forsyth County Genealogical Society is offering a Workshop on the English September 25 & 26, 1987 in Winston-Salem, NC at Centenary United Methodist Church. If you would like registration information, prices and the agenda call June Beason at 778-8527. This workshop is not about the highland Scots, the Scotch-Irish, or the Welsh. It is about the English who were Anglican, Baptist, Quaker, and Record Makers.

FAMILY REUNION

There will be a Whitfield Family Reunion the second Sunday in October. The theme of the reunion will be the Civil War. If you would like more information on this reunion, please contact '{address removed}

LIBRARY

In reading the Friendly Reminders from the Wayne County Public Library, I found that there has been over 75 books added to the Local History Room that the library bought from Broadfoot Publishing Company. Included was a selection of historical books, county histories, biographies and North Carolina authors. The Broadfoot Publishing Company specialized in North Carolina related books, especially Civil War subjects.

Also, Carolyn Griffin wished me to bring to you attention a special set of books now housed in the Local History Room. This set is in the glass case next to the microfilm reader. The name of it is The Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. It consists of 128 volumes and contains official correspondence and records from both armies including actions that went on with the Indians in the West and small home actions that did not deal directly with the War. The set has one book that is an index. It tells you which volume you will find that name in and then each volume has its own index for that particular book. It is an excellent source to check for your people during the War.

BY-LAWS

The following changes must be made in our by-laws to bring the wishes of our members into alignment with our legal by-laws. Please read the following changes and be prepared to vote on them at our September General Meeting.

Number 4 of the by-laws reads: "Publish a quarterly newsletter whose emphasis will be previously unpublished material relating to the Old Dobbs Co. area." It should be changed to read "Publish a monthly newsletter" etc. Under Meeting in Number 6 it states: "The Society meets on the second Sunday of each month at 3:00pm." This should be changed to read "The Society meets the second Saturday of the month each quarter (September, December, March and June) at a place and time to be announced in the Society newsletter." If you would like a copy of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society Constitution and By-Laws, please let me know. Or if you would prefer, we could publish it in the newsletter.

NOTICE: I would also like to publish a list of members and their names of interest in the newsletter. If you would like your names of interest included, please let me know.

June Beason, Editor {phone number removed}

QUERIES

LEE Need information on Needham LEE, Arthur LEE and James LEE, who were on the tax record of Old Dobbs Co. in 1765. They were all in Sumpter, Williamsburg Co. SC by 1772. Arthur LEE was descended from Philip LEE, son of Richard and Laetetia LEE. Would like to establish the relationship between Arthur and Needham LEE. If you have any information on this family, please contact:

{address removed}

LANGSTON/LANKSTON Would like information about Levi LANGSTON who died in Wayne County, February 1818 and his children; Zilphia, Cullen, Tobias, Furney, Chelly Ann and Barnabus. Barnabus is our direct decendent. He married Louisa RICHARDSON, date unknown. Levi's grandfather was Jacob of Wayne County. Names of Levi's parents are unknown. If you have any information on this family, please contact: {address removed}

If anyone has an interest in the LANGSTON/LANKSTON family Ms. Lankston sent an 8-generation pedigree chart. If you wish to see this, please contact June Beason, {phone number removed}

WAR OF 1812

The following article was received from the North Carolina Society of the United States Daughters of 1812 for release at will.

As the nation moves toward the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, a North Carolina patriotic organization is celebrating its own anniversary.

The North Carolina State Society of the U.S. Daughters of 1812, organized in 1912, observes its 75th birthday this year, while commemorating the Tar Heel state's role in the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

The society's members are lineal descendants of one or more ancestors who rendered civil, military or naval service to the nation between 1784 and 1815--the period between the end of the American Revolution and the end of the War of 1812.

"We think of the War of 1812 as the 'Second War for Independence'--overcoming the British invaders this final time was needed to establish ourselves once and for all as an independent nation, rather than a group of rebellious colonies," said Mrs. Archibald Reeser of Eden, state society president.

"It was during the War of 1812 also, that Francis Scott Key wrote the 'Star Spangled Banner,' which eventually became our National Anthem."

The U.S. Daughters of 1812 recognizes all types of service to the young nation during its critical first 30 years, Mrs. Reeser said, not only that of soldiers, sailors or legislators.

"So many public services were performed by citizen volunteers then; there were very few fulltime government employees. Ordinary citizens were called on to be overseers of committees for such tasks as maintaining the roads or building bridges," Mrs. Reeser explained. "The county courts were run by justices chosen from among the general population. Jury service was an important contribution to local government performed by respectable property owners.

"Descendants of early justices and jurors are eligible for membership in the society."

At present the North Carolina society is particularly interested in paying tribute to several hundred unsung heroes of history—the delegates who represented North Carolina's counties and larger towns in the state's Constitutional conventions in Hillsborough in 1788 and in Fayetteville in 1789.

"We have had some members already joining on this service of their ancestors," said Mrs. Reeser, "but we'd really like to have more of them represented in our membership."

Some well-known North Carolinians who participated in the Constitutional effort were the delegates to the national convention in 1787--Alexander Martin from the Piedmont and easterners William Blount, Hugh Williamson, William R. Davie and Richard Dobbs Spaight.

"James Iredell fought hard for the Constitution, with pamphlets and speeches," Mrs. Reeser added.

The North Carolina Society is organized into three chapters, each with a membership concentrated in the mountains, Piedmont or coastal plain area.

Cherokee Chapter, organized primarily of western N.C. members, will host the annual State Council meeting in the Gold Room at Greensboro College Sept. 26. Other N.C. USD1812 units are the Triangle area's Governor William Hawkins Chapter and the east's "Snap Dragon" Chapter, named for the privateer vessel commanded by War of 1812 hero Capt. Otway Burns.

Mrs. Reeser noted that North Carolina Daughters will host members from across the nation this fall for a tour of Crossnore School in Avery County. The school is one of several mountain schools receiving support from USD1812 and other hereditary and patriotic societies.

Other educational and patriotic programs supported by the society are the American Merchant Marine Library, Bacone College for American Indians, Veterans Rehabilitation and the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore.

One of the society's first projects was installation of a huge stained glass memorial window at St. Michael's Church, Dartmoor, Devonshire, England, in honor of the 218 American War of 1812 prisoners of war who died at Dartmoor Prison. The captured seamen helped to build the church during their imprisonment. Daughters from North Carolina and 15 other states will visit the church this summer, during an official society tour of England.

USD1812 also maintains an active grave-marking program for 1812 veterans. In its Rhode Island Avenue headquarters in Washington, D.C. are kept the society's collection of early 19th century antiques and a genealogical and historical research library.

The Daughters' emblem features a five-pointed star resting on an anchor. Its official colors-blue and gray-were the colors of federal era military uniforms.

"Proving the service of an ancestor for membership in the U.S. Daughters of 1812 is not difficult," said Mrs. Reeser. "Most sizable libraries have the published 'State Records of North Carolina' and the North Carolina 'Muster Rolls of the War of 1812.' These volumes include thousands of names of persons who rendered some type of service.

"Minutes of the county Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the 1784 - 1815 period are available at the state archives in Raleigh. These also give thousands of names of our forebears, with some listed as elected officials and others as volunteers for public projects. We'd like to honor them all."

Mrs. Reeser said she hopes the Constitutional bicentennial will "inspire eligible North Carolina women to seek membership" in the U.S. Daughters of 1812. Interested women are invited to address inquiries to her at 315 Pinewood Place, Eden, N.C. 27288.

(The following is the list that came with this information.)

DELEGATES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS - 1788, 1789

ANSON COUNTY - Samuel Spencer, Lewis Lanier, Thomas Wade, Frame Wood, Daniel Gould, Jessie Gilbert, Pleasant May, David Jameson.

BEAUFORT COUNTY - Nathan Keais, John G. Blount, Charles Crawford, James Bonner, Thomas Alderson, William Brown, Richard Grist, Alderson Ellison, Silas Arnett.

BERTIE COUNTY - William Gray, John Johnston, Andrew Oliver, David Turner, William Johnston Dawson, Francis Pugh, David Stone.

BLADEN COUNTY - Thomas Brown, Goodwin Elleston, John Cowan, Duncan Stewart, Thomas Owen, Joseph Gaitier and Samuel Cain.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY - Lewis Dupree, Alexious Forster, Benjamin Smith, William E. Lord, William Gause, John Hall, Dennis Hawkins, John Caims, Jacob Leonard.

BURKE COUNTY - Charles McDowall, James Greenlee, Joseph McDowall, Robert Miller, Joseph McDowall Jr., William E. Erwin, John Carson.

- CAMDEN COUNTY Henry Abbott, Isaac Gregory, Peter Dauge, Charles Grandy, Enoch Sawyer.
- CARTERET COUNTY David Wallace, Willis Styron, William Borden, Thomas Borden, Jr., John Wallace, William Sheppard, John Easton, Malachi Bell, John Fulford.
- CASWELL COUNTY Robert Dickens, George Roberts, John Womack, John Graves, James Boswell, Robert Payne, Robert Bowman.
- CHATHAM COUNTY Ambrose Ramsey, James Anderson, Joseph Stewart, John Thompson, George Lucas, William Vestall, Robert Edwards, John Ramsay.
- CHOWAN COUNTY Michael Payne, Charles Johnston, Stephen Cabarrus, Nathaniel Allen, Edmund Blount, Lemuel Creecy, William Righton; James Iredell and John Mare--
- CRAVEN COUNTY Richard Dobbs Spaight, Joseph Leech, Abner Neale, Benjamin Williams, Richard Nixon, John Allen, Thomas Williams; John Sitgreaves and Isaac Guion representing the town of New Bern.
- CUMBERLAND COUNTY Alexander McAllaster, Thomas Armstrong, William Barry Grove, James Porterfield, George Elliott, John Ingram, John Hay, James Moore and Robert Adam.
- CURRITUCK COUNTY John Humphries, Spence Hall, Joseph Ferebee, James Phillips, William Ferebee, Thomas P. Williams, Samuel Ferebee, Andrew Duke.
- DAVIDSON COUNTY Thomas Evans, Thomas Hardiman, Robert Weakley, William Donaldson, William Dobins, Charles Gerrard, Joel Rice, Robert Ewing, and James C. Mountflorence.
- DOBBS COUNTY Richard Caswell, James Glasgow, Winston Caswell, Banjamin Sheppard, Nathan Lasseter, Simeon Bright.
- DUPLIN COUNTY James Pearsall, James Gillespie, Robert Dicson, Lavan Watkins, James Kenan, Wm. Dicks, Francis Oliver, Charles Ward, James Pearsall.
- EDGECOMBE COUNTY Elisha Battle, Robert Digges, Etheldred Gray, William Fort, Bythel Bell, Etheldred Phillips, Thomas Blount and Jeremiah Hilliard.
- FRANKLIN COUNTY William Lancaster, Thomas Sherrod, Durham Hall, John Norwood, Henry Hill, Jordan Hill and William Christmas.
- GATES COUNTY William Baker, Joseph Reddick, James Gregory, Thomas Hunter, David Rice and John Baker.
- GRANVILLE COUNTY Thomas Person, Joseph Taylor, Thornton Yancey, Howel Lewis Jr., Elijah Mitchell, Peter Bennett, Edmund Taylor.
- GREENE COUNTY John Sevier, Alexander Outlaw, John Allison, George Doherty, James Wilson, Asahel Rawlings, James Roddy.
- GUILFORD COUNTY David Caldwell, William Goudy, Daniel Gillespie, John Anderson, John Hamilton, Richard D. Caldwell.

- HALIFAX COUNTY Lunsford Long, John Whitaker, John B. Ashe, Peter Qualls, William Wooten, Willie Jones, John Jones, John Branch, Egbert Haywood, Marmaduke Norfleet; William R. Davie for the town of Halifax.
- HERTFORD COUNTY George Wynns, Thomas Wynns, Lemuel Burkitt, William Little, Sam Harrell, Robert Montgomery, Henry Baker, Hardy Murfree, Henry Hill.
- HYDE COUNTY Abraham Jones, John Eborne, James Jasper, Michael Peters, Caleb Foreman, Seth Hovey, James Watson, John Alderson.
- IREDELL COUNTY Adlai Osborn, Adam Brevard, Musentine Matthews, John Nesbitt and David Caldwell.
- JOHNSTON COUNTY Samuel Smith, Hardy Bryan, William Bridgers, William Hackney, Matthias Handy, Joseph Boon, John Bryan, William Farmer, Everett Pearce.
- JONES COUNTY Nathan Bryan, John Hill Bryan, Edward Whitty, Frederick Hargett, Jacob Johnston, William Randall.
- LINCOLN COUNTY Robert Alexander, James Johnston, John Sloane, Joseph Dickson, John Moore, William Maclaine, John Caruth.
- MARTIN COUNTY Whitmill Hill, Nathan Mayo, William Slade, John Stewart, Thomas Hunter, William McKinzie, William Williams.
- MECKLENBURG COUNTY Joseph Graham, Robert Irwin, Zachias Wilson, Joseph Douglass, Caleb Phifer, James Porter.
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY William Loftin, William Kindall, James McDonald, James Tindell, Thomas Ussory, Thomas Butler, William Johnston, James Turner, David Nesbitt, James Crump.
- MOORE COUNTY John Cox, John Carrell, Cornelius Coud, Thomas Dyson, William Martin, Donald McIntosh, Neill McLeod.
- NASH COUNTY William S. Marnes, Howell Ellin, Redman Bunn, John Bonds, David Pridgen, Wilson Vick, Hardy Griffin.
- NEW HANGVER COUNTY Timothy Bloodworth, John G. Scull, John Huske, John A. Campbell, James Bloodworth, Thos. Devane, John Pugh Williams; and William N. Hill and Archibald Maclaine for the town of Wilmington.
- NORTHAMPTON COUNTY John Bendford, James Vaughan, Robert Peebles, John Peterson, James Vinson, Halcott B. Pride, Samuel Tarver, Samuel Peete.
- ONSLOW COUNTY Robert Snead, Daniel Yates, Thomas Johnston, John Spicer Jr., Edward Starkey, John Spicer, George Mitchell, Edward Ward.
- ORANGE COUNTY Alexander Mebane, William Mebane, William McCauley, William Sheppard, Jonathan Lindley, James Christmas, Thomas H. Perkins, William Strutwick, Joseph Hodge; Absalom Tatom and Samuel Benton representing Hillsborough.
- PASQUOTANK COUNTY John Lane, Thomas Reading, Edward Everegain, Enoch Relfe, Devotion Davis, John Swan, Thomas Banks.

- PERQUIMANS COUNTY Samuel Johnston, William Skinner, Joshua Skinner, Thomas Harvey, John Skinner, Joseph Harvey, Benjamin Perry, Ashbury Sutton.
- PITT COUNTY Sterling Dupree, Robert Williams, Richard Moye, Benjamin Bell, Arthur Forbes, David Perkins, William Blount, Shadrick Allen, James Armstrong, Samuel Simpson.
- RANDOLPH COUNTY William Bowden, Zebeedee Wood, Edmund Waddill, Reuben Wood, Nathan Stedman, Thomas Douglas, Jeff. Henley, William Bailey.
- RICHMOND COUNTY Edward Williams, Alexander Watson, William Robinson, Duncan McFarland, Benj. Covington, John McCallaster, Charles Robertson, Darby Harragin.
- ROBESON COUNTY John Willis, John Cade, Elias Barnes, Neil Brown, John Regan, Sion Alford.
- ROCKINGHAM COUNTY James Gallaway, Charles Gallaway, William Bethell, Abraham Phillips, Isaac Clarke, John May, John Dabney.
- ROWAN COUNTY Griffith Rutherford, Bazel Gaither, Thomas Carson, James Brannon, George Henry Barringer, Matthew Locke, John Stokes, Matthew Chambers; and John Steele for the town of Salisbury.
- RUTHERFORD COUNTY George Moore, George Ledbetter, William Porter, James Holland, Richard Lewis, William Johnson, Richard Singleton, James Whiteside.
- SAMPSON COUNTY David Dodd, Curtis Ivey, Lewis Holmes, Richard Clinton, Hardy Holmes, James Spiller, James Thompson, William King.
- SURRY COUNTY Joseph Winston, James Gains, Charles McAnnelly, Absalom Bostick, Matthew Brooks, Gideon EDwards, Edward Lovell, George Houser.
- TYRRELL COUNTY Hezekiah Spruill, Edmund Blount, Thomas Stuart, Josiah Collins, Simeon Spruill, Samuel Chesson, Jeremiah Frazier, Hugh Williamson.
- WASHINGTON COUNTY Robert Allison, James Stuart, John Tipton, Robert Love, William Houston, John Blair, Joseph Tipton, Landon Carter, Andrew Green.
- WAKE COUNTY Joel Lane, Thomas Hines, James Hinton, Nathaniel Jones, Brittain Sanders, Henry Lane, William Hayes.
- WARREN COUNTY Wyatt Hawkins, James Payne, John Macon, Thomas Christmas, Henry Montford, Benjamin Hawkins, Philemon Hawkins, Solomon Green.
- WAYNE COUNTY William Taylor, James Handley, Richard McKinnie, Burwell Mooring, David Cogdell, Josiah Hernigan, Andrew Bass.
- WILKES COUNTY William Lenoir, Richard Allen, John Brown, Joseph Herndon, James Fletcher, Benjamin Jones, William Hall.
- NOTE: Counties now in Tennessee not listed.
- This list was sent to us courtesy of N.C. Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812.

page 8

The following letters were received from Minos D. Miller, Jr., Judge, Jennings Invisiana for those who are interested in research in Essex. England.

June 26, 1987

Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society c/o June Beason {address removed}

Dear Friends:

On a recent visit to Essex County Council, Chelmsford, England, I met Mrs. Pat Wawn, Chairman of the Library, Museum and Records Committee. In my opinion, the Archivists of Essex Shire have acquired and organized the best (County , or Shire) collections of records and indices in England. The records are particularly helpful for genealogical research.

As you will see from the enclosed Xerox copy of Mrs. Wawn's letter and attached enclosures, her committee has a project to improve the excellent opportunity for research by establishing a Lineage Bureau specifically directed to American visitors who wish to trace their British origins. They seek financial support.

You will note the special interest expressed in working with genealogical societies and communities which share a name with an Essex town or village. This would apply as well to those who have ancestors who lived in Essex Shire.

We hope you will find it proper to make this information available to your membership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely, Minos D. Miller Jr. Retired Judge

The xerox copy of the letter was as follows:

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL Members' Suite County Hall Chelmsford CM11LX England

telephone 67222

date 8 June 1987

Dear Judge Miller,

It was a great pleasure to meet you last week. I know Dr. Emmison was thrilled to see you at the Shire Hall and we were all moved and impressed by your kindness in coming so far to share the occasion. I hope next time you are in Essex, you and your wife will find time to come and join me for lunch here at County Hall.

I mentioned to you our project to establish a Lineage Bureau where our many American visitors who come across to trace their British origins, could be welcomed properly and given assistance. Our hope is to site this in the splendid setting of Cressing

Temple, a farmstead now owned by the County Council and once an estate of the Knights Templar. The Bureau would be housed in the 17th century farmhouse, close to the two largest early timber barns in Europe and a manorial courthouse dating from the 16th century or earlier.

In order to try to set up the Bureau we are hoping to attract support from the United States. We shall want, for example to approach many of the genealogical societies and some of the communities which share a name with an Essex town or village. Our great hope is that the Bureau will not only improve the service that we can offer to our Transatlantic visitors but will provide an opportunity, in a small way, to cement co-operation and friendship between our two communities.

If there were any way in which you could point us in the direction of either individuals or organisations in the United States who might be able to help us, I should be extremely grateful. On our side there is enthusiasm and a keenness to see this idea succeed, but we recognise that we need, in this area of possible support from the States, to find out a good deal more.

With kindest regards Mrs. Pat Wawn Chairman Library, Museum and Records Committee Essex County Council

The enclosure was an article on Cressing Temple, the Essex manor in which they hope to house this Bureau. More information can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Wawn at the address at the top of her letter.

The following index of names were gleaned from letters written by Anna Maria Rhodes Ward Hill to her niece Anna Maria Rhodes, daughter of James Rhodes. The niece, Anna was married to Dr. Garber and lived in Alabama, and the letters were dated from 1 March 1851 to Jan 1857. If anyone has an interest in any of the names mentioned below a copy of the letter in which they appeared may be had by writing to:

Cullen B. Hatch, Rt. 4, Box 87, Mt. Olive, NC 28365

Arrington, Dr. Bain, Mrs. Barden, Dr. Barfield, Sallie Battel, Rieves Borden, Edwin Bowden, Mr. Cobb, Mr. & Mrs. Coodel, David Collier, George Coner, Mr. Deemes, Mrs. & Prof. Edy, Mrs. Everett, Bab & Miss Fonvill, Caroline Garber, Anna, Dr. & Nonna Germain, Mr. Green, John

Griswold, Ann, Benj. James & Judge Hall, Eli & Eliza Harmon, Mrs. Hatch, Ann, Joseph & Louisa Herring, Cowen Hill, Buck, Cal, Genr'l, James & Mary Hopton, Mrs. Kornegay, Betty Larkins, Catherine Mann, Mr. Montfort, Cal, Louisa & Pearce, Mag, Mary & Mr. Pope, Dr. & Mr. Randolph, John

Rhodes, Elizabeth J. (Mrs. Barden) Sasser, Nancy Singleton, Dr. Slocumb, Haner Smith, Ann, Dr., Eliza, John, L., Mary, Miss & Pauline Snead, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Umphes, Sarah Uriah (Bass) West, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Weymes, Mr. Whitfield, Genr'l & Georgeana Wright, Eliza

OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

PresidentYvonne Hatch
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding SecretaryJune Beason
TreasurerGeorgia Futrell

COMMITTEES

NewsletterJune Beason, Editor
MembershipJune Beason
ProgramSadie Whitfield
Budget & FinanceGeorgia Futrell

Newsletter Committee - Frances Andrews, Frances Deans, Odessa Jackson, Carol Peele and Gladys Weeks

OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY P. O. BOX 617 Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

