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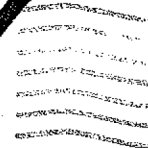
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# Olde Dobbs Trails

First Newsletter



The following is taken from THE FORMATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES 1663 -- 1943, by David Leroy Corbitt:

DOBBS

Dobbs was formed in 1758 from Johnston. The act was to become effective April 10, 1759. It was named in honor of Arthur Dobbs, governor of North Carolina, 1754-1765. It was in the eastern section of the State and was abolished in 1791. The county seat was on Walnut Creek. In 1779 it was moved to Kingston (later changed to Kinston), which was established in 1762. Kinston is the county seat of Lenoir. (CR VI, 1233, 1276; SR XXIII, 495, 592, XXIV 291, 613; XXV, 468; Laws, 1791, ch 47, Manual 1913 P591, Battle, 22).

...That from and after the Tenth Day of April next the said County be divided by the dividing line between the Parish of St. Patrick and the Parish of St. Stephen; and that that part of the said County which is now the Parish of St. Stephen; remain, be called, and known by the name of Johnston; and that part of the said County which is the Parish of St. Patrick, be thence-forth erected into a distinct County, and be called and known by the Name of Dobbs. (S.R. XXIII, 495).

PART OF CRAVEN WAS ANNEXED TO DOBBS IN 1764.

...and they or a Majority of them, are required and directed, within three months after the passing of this Act, to run and Mark, or cause to be run and marked, a Line from the South West Bridge near James Caddel's to Carnegy's Old Field, and Rattle Snake Branch; then a direct Line to William Randal's Mill, on Trent River; then to a Place where Abraham Bailey lately lived; and from thence South to the bounds of Onslow County; and that all that Part of Craven County lying to the Westward of those Lines be annexed to Dobbs County; and the Inhabitants thereof

shall be liable and subject to the same duties, taxes, and impositions and intitled to the same privileges, benefits, and advantages, as the other inhabitants of the said County of Dobbs. (S.R., XXIII, 630).

THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN PITT AND DOBBS WAS AUTHORIZED TO BE ESTABLISHED IN 1764.

...the said dividing line between the Counties of Dobbs and Pitt; from Blount's Ford on Little Contentney Creek, to Luke White's, then up the middle Swamp to William Wilson's, and from thence to the Nearest part of Edgecombe County; which said Lines, when run by the Commissioners aforesaid or any two of them, shall be by them entered on Record in the Court of Each of the said Counties of Dobbs and Pitt, and shall thereafter be deemed and taken to be the dividing lines between the said Counties. (SR, XXIII, 629).

WAYNE WAS FORMED IN 1779 FROM DOBBS:

...the said county of Dobbs be divided, and that William Caswell, Charles Markland, William McKinnie, Senior, Etheldred Ruffin, and Benjamin Cobb, or a majority of them be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners for running the dividing line, who are hereby directed to run the lines of the said county of Dobbs so that they ascertain the middle part of said county, which when discovered, they shall run a line north and south through the middle part of said county; and then all that part of said county which lies eastwardly of the dividing line, shall continue and remain a distinct county, by the name of Dobbs, and that all the other part shall be a distinct county by the name of Wayne. (SR, XXIV, 28)

PART OF DOBBS WAS ANNEXED TO JONES IN 1788

...that all that part of Dobbs county lying between the following lines, beginning at Dortche's Mill on Trent-river, running from thence a direct line to Widow Jerman's, and from thence to Duplin line, then with the same to Onslow line, then with Onslow line.

to where Dobbs and Jones line intersect the same; and that all that part of Dobbs between the said lines be, and the same is hereby added to and made a part of Jones County. (S.R., XXIV, 958).

GLASGOW AND LENOIR WERE FORMED FROM DOBBS IN 1791.

...the said county of Dobbs be divided, by running a direct line from where the dividing line between the said county of Dobbs and Wayne County crosses Bear Creek to the head of Wheat Swamp, a little above Richard Hodges's, then down said Wheat Swamp, to William Killpatricks', and from thence a direct line to the Craven County line, opposite the mouth of Little Contentney; and that all that part of the late County of Dobbs, lying South and South-east of the said lines, be held and deemed a distinct county, by the name of Lenoir; and that all the remainder of the said late County of Dobbs, lying North and North-west of the aforesaid lines, be held and deemed a distinct county, by the name of Glasgow. (Laws, 1791, Ch. 47).

FAMILIES OF INTEREST SHEET

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