

Old Dobbs Trail

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COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

Greetings to you in this new year 1988.

The big issue facing us in this new year is that June will soon be leaving us. How we will miss her. An Executive Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 13, to discuss how the Newsletter would be published after June leaves. Several possibilities were discussed and I think we have come up with a plan to carry through until June when a new set of officers will take over. What we need urgently is material. So please, please, you out there, if you have anything that would be of value to another member send it on to Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27530.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 26. Place to be announced later. Our "show and tell" was such fun last year we have decided to do it again for our next meeting. Those of you who plan to attend start thinking about what your story will be.

Those of us who have been in this organization for quite awhile will remember well David Johnston and his family. They are still in Layton, Utah but do not know for how long. David is with the Ground Launched Cruise Missiles and with the new treaty coming up he is expecting to be reassigned at any time. David was a great asset to our society when he was with Seymour-Johnson. That is the trouble with our military members. Just when we get to love them dearly, they are up and away again. I will bring David's newsletter to the next meeting for anyone to read if they so desire.

Don't forget, we need newsletter material and if anyone local would like to volunteer their help we will greet you with open arms.

Sincerely,
Yvonne C.Hatch, President

UP-COMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 26, 1988 - Quarterly meeting of Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society. Our program will be "Show and Tell". This means bring an heirloom and tell us the story behind it. The place and time of the meeting will be announced in the February newsletter.

27-30 April, 1988 - The 1988 Conference in the States of the National Genealogical Society This year the Conference will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi. It will be called "A Family Affair" and will be hosted by the L.W. Anderson Genealogical Library. For more information on reservations and costs contact: NGS Conference, 4527 17th St., N., Arlington, VA 22207-2363.

QUERIES**FELLOWS, WILLIAMS, MC KINNIE, CRAWFORD, HOOKS AND BLACKMAN**

Need information on William FELLOWS and wife Susannah WILLIAMS. He died sometime after 1792, she died 1839. Three daughters; Olive married John MC KINNIE, Ann married John CRAWFORD, and Mary married Hilliary HOOKS. Susannah married second Joah BLACKMAN. If you have any information on these people, please contact:

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BENBROOK, MEQUIRE, LEATON, COFFEY, ALEXANDER, GUNNING, AND HEWITT

Would like to exchange information with anyone researching Ezekiel BENBROOK (b. 1748, Dobbs Co., NC; d. 1840, Posey Co., IN -- m. Mary MEQUIRE 15 Nov 1773). Related surnames LEATON, COFFEY, ALEXANDER, GUNNING, HEWITT.

BOYET/BOYT/BOYTE/BOYETT/BOYETTE, LANGSTON, GOODWIN, BRISTER, WILLIAMSON, COON, RABORN

Would like to exchange information with anyone researching:

- (a) Thomas BOYET - b. @1710, Nansemond Co., VA; d. @1779, Dobbs Co., NC.
 - (b) Shadrack BOYET, Sr. - b. @1765, Dobbs Co., NC; d. @1808, Wayne Co., NC.
- Related surnames LANGSTON, GOODWIN, BRISTER, WILLIAMSON, COON, RABORN.

BARNES, WHITE, MC GUFFEE, WILLIMSON

Thomas BARNES was a land holder in the MS Territory as early as 1809. He was chosen as a delegate from Claiborne County, MS and served as the first speaker of the MS State Legislature from 1817 - 1819. He came from North Carolina, but I have not found out where. Any help would be appreciated. His wife was Mary ____? His dtr., Martha BARNES, married Nelson WHITE in Hinds Co., MS. Their dtr., Anne Eliza WHITE, (b. 1822 - d. 1904, Lawrence Co., MS) married William MC GUFFEE in Hinds Co., MS in 1840. Their dtr., Malinda, was my great grandmother. Related surnames WHITE, MC GUFFEE, WILLIAMSON.

If you have any information on the above, please contact:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning in February, Carol Peele has consented to take over the Corresponding Secretary's job until elections in June. She will take care of the mail, keeping the membership list up-to-date, coordinating material for the newsletter, getting the newsletter material to the typist and seeing that new members get their past months newsletters. I wish to thank Carol for taking on this job as I know she is very busy.

Also Frances Andrews and Odessa Jackson have offered to pick the newsletters up from the printer, staple, stamp and mail them.

Which leaves the last of our problems. Getting the newsletter typed. As of now, we have several volunteers to type in different months. However, we could use some more typists. If you are available to type the newsletter for any given month, please contact Carol Peele or Yvonne Hatch

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Please be aware that Frances Andrews was rushed to the hospital with a ruptured appendix last week. As of now she is doing fine but is still in the hospital in Goldsboro.

Ms. Frances Parkinson also sent us the following copy of the rejected Revolutionary War pension petition for Ezekiel BENBROOK (1748-1840).

DECLARATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE ACT OF
CONGRESS OF THE 7th JUNE 1802

State of Indiana
Posey County

On this 10th day of September A.D. 1834 personally appeared before the judges of the Posey Circuit Court, the same being a Court of Record, Ezekiel Beinbrook a resident of Mars Township, Posey County, Indiana aged 86 years in December next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress ----- passed June 7th 1802 - states that he was born in the year 1748 in Doubs County as it was then called (its name has since been changed - by what name it is now known declarant does not recollect) - removed from Doubs County to Montgomery where he resided when he entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 - (if his memory be correct) in the capacity of Lieutenant in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Child - his commission of Lieutenant was given him by General Rutherford. Served in said company for the term of six months - marched from Montgomery to South Carolina with the intention of going to Eutaw Springs Had marched to within about 25 miles of Eutaw Springs when our colonel received information that our services were required on Drowning Creek (as it was then called) and by the enemy's changing their position we returned to Montgomery in North Carolina where we started from. While on our return from our march towards Eutaw Springs , we had a battle on Drowning Creek at Beaty's? Bridge. Colonel Culp & Colonel Wade & Major Marsh? commanded in this engagement. We were whipt and beaten so that we were put to flight.

Removed to Wilks County in the state ;of Georgia, lived there about 10 years then removed to Carolina again where he resided until about the year 1807 when he removed to the state of Kentucky, Warren county. From there he removed to Mars Township in Posey County Indiana where he now lives. Says he has a record of his age at his son-in law's with whom he lives -- Says that his commission was signed by Gen'l Rutherford. Says that when he was preparing to remove from North Carolina to Kentucky his commission with other papers his wife burnt not thinking that it would ever be any service to him. His discharge was also burnt at the same time. Says that he has no documentary evidence whatever to prove his services nor does he know of any person or persons by whom he can prove his personal services as a soldier & officer of the Revolution. Says that he served the full term of six month as Lieutenant as above stated. For which he claims a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except -- or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any county of any any state or township. Affidavit sworn to in open court this day and year aforesaid.

(signature of EZEKIEL BAINBROOKS)

W. E. Stewart, clerk

The following is a list of our members with their names of interest when we have them.

January 21, 1988

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If your names of interest do not appear, I do not have them. If you would like to see them published, please send a card with your name, address and names of interest to the Society!

The following letter is what I recieved from the National Archives when I sent of for copies of an ancestor's claim to the Southern Claims Commission. (See our December 1987 newsletter.) Enclosed with the letter was NATF Form 72 (9-85) which I filled out and returned with the amount asked for copies (\$5.00 minimum).

October 8, 1987

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Dear Ms. Beason:

In response to your letter of September 24, we searched the records of the Commissioners of Claims (the Southern Claims Commission) among the records of the U.S. House of Representatives. The results of our search follow.

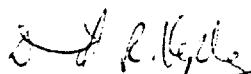
The Commissioners of Claims, popularly known as the Southern Claims Commission, was created in 1871 by an Act of Congress to settle the claims of loyal citizens of the South for stores and supplies taken by the United States Army during the Civil War.

According to statute there were two instances by which claims were "barred" due to inaction by a certain date. One instance relates to the initial filing of a petition for a claim, while the other pertains to the subsequent submission of evidence. In order to receive any consideration by the Commissioners, a petition for the allowance of the claim had to be filed by March 3, 1873. Any claim filed after that date was "barred from consideration, regardless of its merits." For those filed by that date, each claimant was required to assemble all possible evidence showing his or her right to payment for stores or supplies lost. An Act of June 15, 1878, provided that the Commissioners of Claims would not accept any evidence on behalf of claimants filed after March 10, 1879, except in rebuttal of evidence introduced on behalf of the Government. All claims for which evidence was not filed by that date were also "barred forever thereafter."

The papers in the disallowed or barred Civil War claims listed below are among the records in our custody. We can provide copies of these claims for 35 cents per page with a minimum order of \$5.00. Before we can provide copies, however, you must obtain authorization for that purpose from the Honorable Donald K. Anderson, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC 20515. When you have received authorization, please send a check or money order, payable to the National Archives Trust Fund (NNLR), to the National Archives Trust Fund Board, PO Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384. Please enclose your payment along with the white and goldenrod copies of the NATF form 72 in the attached envelope. The pink copy of this form is for your records; consult the back of it for further information.

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John Wells	49			X	7

Sincerely,



DAVID R. KEPLEY
Chief, Reference Branch
Legislative Archives Division

Enclosures

For those of our membership who would like to know more about Dobbs County, here is a short history of its formation and some maps showing approximate boundaries. While it was a county, Dobbs held parts of many of the surrounding counties so it is sometimes very confusing to try to find old records. We try to publish what we can of Old Dobbs, but because we are based mainly in Wayne County, we have more on Old Dobbs and Wayne County than on some of the other counties who made up part of Dobbs. If you have, or know someone who has, more information on Old Dobbs County, please let us know so that we can publish it.

FORMATION OF DOBBS COUNTY

Dobbs County was formed in 1758 from Johnston County. It was named in honor of Arthur Dobbs, an Irishman, who was governor of North Carolina from 1754 to 1765. Dobbs County was abolished in 1791. From the book The Formation of The North Carolina Counties, 1663 - 1943 by David LeRoy Corbitt. I am reprinting copies of the actual descriptions because they contain so many names.

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