

Old Dobbs Trail

Newsletter of the OLD DOBBS
COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society was held April 12, 1987 at 3:00pm in the Auditorium of the Wayne County Public Library. President Elliott Futrell presided.

The President announced cancellation of the May meeting since it conflicts with Mother's Day. The June meeting which is also the annual meeting when new officers are elected and dues paid, will be on Saturday, the 13th, at the Western Sizzling Steakhouse at noon.

Fannie Widener, Nominations Committee, reported the following nominees for the upcoming year:

President - Charlotte Carrere
First Vice President - Fannie Widener
Second Vice President - Sadie Whitfield
Recording Secretary - Doris Smith
Corresponding Secretary - June Beason
Treasurer - Yvonne Hatch
Books - Mary Spiron
Newsletter Editor - Open

Frances Andrews read a letter from the National Genealogical Conference Committee regarding registration. Attendees will be allowed to register for one day only for \$25.00. The conference runs from 13-16 May. The Committee needs assistance from volunteers to help with registration for 2 hour increments and also to help man exhibits. Frances also mentioned quacks who are sending out falso genealogical information, one Elizabeth (middle name changes to suit vendor) Ross who is not the same Elizabeth Ross who signed the letter from the National Conference Committee.

A motion was made by Kathleen Wilson and withdrawn to donate \$100 each to Carolyn Griffin (from the Wayne Co. Library) and Mary Spiron (Wayne Community College) to help defray expenses while attending the conference. Another motion was made by Frances Andrews to contribute \$50 each to those two individuals for the same purpose. The change in amount was due to scarcity of money in the Treasury because of outstanding obligations. The motion was seconded by Fannie Widener and carried.

Elliott Futrell has recommended the society meet quarterly on a Saturday. This recommended change will be taken before the annual meeting for consideration.

Mary Spiron announced the carpenter had started construction on their branch library (LDS on 11th Street) and that everyone is invited to come by to visit when it is open.

Frances Andrews gave the program which consisted of playing excerpts from three tapes from the NC Genealogical Society collection. Their collection is extensive and includes talks at workshops dating back to 1983. Her listing will be made available to all members. They may be purchased for \$5 each with the exception of one.

Mary Spiron made an announcement regarding changes to books (new editions) and also new prices.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne P. Britt,
Acting Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society was held at Western Sizzling Steakhouse on June 13, 1987 at 12 noon. After an enjoyable lunch, President Elliott Futrell called the meeting to order at 12:45pm.

After Elliott had introduced our guests, Yvonne Hatch read the Treasurer's Report.

Balance on Hand	\$ 978.74
Receipts	<u>557.86</u>
	1536.60

Disbursements	<u>584.09</u>
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Balance as of 13 June, 1987	\$ 951.51
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Mary Spiron told us about the National Conference and also about the new Genealogical Library at the LDS church. The LDS Library will have an open house on Saturday, July 11. Tentative hours at this time will be: T TH 10am - 4pm

W 10am - 8pm

1st Sat. of ea. month

She also told us that we have sold 45 Old Dobbs Records books and 39 of the Marriage books.

At this time we held elections for new officers. There were 2 nominations from the floor. Yvonne Hatch was nominated for President and Georgia Futrell was nominated for Treasurer. We voted by private ballot and the following new officers were elected:

President	Yvonne Hatch
First Vice President	Fannie Widener
Second Vice President	Sadie Whitfield
Recording Secretary	Doris Smith
Corresponding Secretary	June Beason
Treasurer	Georgia Futrell

At this time we realized that a newsletter editor and someone to take care of the books were not elected positions but were to be appointed by the Executive Board. It was decided that they would be announced at a later time after the new Executive Board had a chance to meet.

Under New Business, Kathleen Wilson told us of a new book being published by the North Carolina Friends Historical Society. It is called New Hope Friends Meeting and The Elroy Community, a History by James K. Thompson. The book became available the last week in June. It is soft bound, 6" x 9", 175 pages and is indexed. The cost is \$7.50 plus \$1.50 postage when mailed. More information on the book may be obtained by calling one of the following numbers: 778-2550, 778-4273 or 778-2165.

Under Old Business the question of when and how often to meet was once again discussed. The following motions were made, seconded and passed:

That our Society have Quarterly Meetings

That we change our meeting day to Saturday

That we continue to have a monthly newsletter

The Executive Board was to check into changes that would need to be made in the constitution to correspond with these motions.

June Beason asked that everyone please consider contributing to the newsletter if they can as the job will be much more difficult without meetings every month.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

June Beason, Recording Secretary

The following articles have been submitted by Grace Turner of Wilson, NC and I would like to thank her for her contrubutions to the newsletter. It is greatly appreciated.

June Beason, Editor

TAXABLES, JUSTICES, MILITIA OFFICERS

DOBBS COUNTY, N.C.

Issues the	Justice Names		
July 1760	Thomas Edwards	1	Feb. 28, 1764
Court Days	William Speight	2	Thos Edwards
on the second	Stephen Cade	3	Wm Speight
Tuesday in	*Abraham Sheppard Jur	4	Steph. Cade
January, April	*Martin Caswell	5	Frans Mackilwean
July & October	William Wilson	6 ref. to qualify	Wm Williamson
Chars Young	Willm Williamson	7	Jas Oates
Clk	James Oates	8	Jno Shine
	John Reaford	Dead	Henry Goodman
Issued the	John Shine	9	Simon Fright Jr
23 April	Henry Goodman	10	Wm McTyer
1761	Simon Bright Junr	11	Rob. Syms
	James Calcote	12 out of County	Wm McKinney
	Joseph Pipkin	Refuses to Qualy	Step. Blackman
Issued the	William McTyer	13	New Names
5th day May	Robert Rainey	14 Clk of Johnston	Frs Mi_kil_
1762	Jno Baptista Sheppard	15 removed	Wm Hooker
	Robert Syms	16	Thos Williamson
Issued 1st	Robert Reynolds	Refuses to Qualify	John Hull
Janr 1763	William McKinny	17	John Weaver
	Stephen Blackman		Willm Randal
			issued 19th Nov.
			1764

*refused by order of Council Janry 1-1763 Clerk of Court

On following page:

March 1761
 Richard Caswell Col
 Abraham Sheppard Jur. L. Col.
 William McTyre Majr
 Charles Young Capt. Dead
 Richard Byrd Leaut
 Benjamin Caswell Ens Capt.\ Sam. Caswell Ensign
 Liut. /
 Martin Caswell Capt.
 Francis Hayser-Lieut
 Dennis McClendon-Ens
~~Wm~~ Whitefield-Capt.-Resigned
 Henry Goodman--Lieut--Capt
 Moses Prescote--Ensg-Liut Constantine Whitfield-Ensign

Wm Williams-Capt.-Dead	John Murphy Capt
Jacob McClendon Lieut removed	John Charlecroff Lieut
Isaac Hardie Ensg do	Wm Skinner Ensign
William Speight-Capt	
William Speight Junr-Lieut	
Francis Speight--Ensg	
Simon Herring--Capt---Resigned	Major Croom Capt.
Joshua Herring-Lieut	Josua Herring Lieut
Major Croom-Ensg	
James Dates--Capt.	
Anthony Herring Lieut	
Stephen Blackman Ensg	
Lewis Pipkin--Capt. Dead	
Wm McKennie--Lieut--Capt.	
Jethro Dates----Ensg Lieut	Jos. Pipkin Ensign
James Calcote--Capt. Removed	
John Cade----Lieut Capt	
Wm Ham---Enst refused to Act	John Elverton Lieut
John Sherrod-Capt.	
Thomas Lane--Lieut removed	Wm Fort Lieut.
John Peacock--Ensg Troop	
Stephen Cade---Capt.	Wm Randal Capt
William Cade---Lieut	Stephen Tilman Lieut
William Faircloth--Cornel	Armwell Hearon Ensign

From: Governors Office-Taxables, Justices, Militia Officers-Part 1, 1754-1764-G.O.
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TAXABLES, JUSTICES, MILITIA OFFICERS

21 April 1759-Dobbs: Thos Edwards Wm Speight Stephen Cade Abraham Sheppard
Dd Chas Martin Caswell Wm Wilson Wm Williamson James Dates John
Young Rayford John Shino Henry Goodman Simon Bright Junr Jas.
Callcott Joseph Pipkin & Wm McTyre.

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----- North Carolina

To the Honble The Speaker and Gentlemen of
the Houseof Assembly now siting--

The humble petition of Faithy Smith Widow

Sheweth

that your petitioners late Husband John Smith on or about
the first Day of April last Inlisted in the Dobbs Detachment
And Marched with the Army in the late expedition against the
Insurgents and in the Battel at the Alamance received a Mortal

wound of which he on the next day after the said Battel died leaving your petitioner a very poor and distressed Widdow with an Infant at her Breast and no kind of Support except the pay of her Deceased husband allowed by his Commanding Officer to the Time of his Death only which is now exhausted, your petitioner in a Low weakly Condition is likely to become charginable to the Parish

Therefore humbly pray such Assistance and relief in the premises as this Honble House shall think meet

November 20th 1771

And your petr will ever pray &c
her

Faithy X Smith
Mark

From: General Assembly Records; Box 5; December 1770-January 1771;
November-December 1771. December 20, 1771 Session.

To the General Assembly of the State of No Carolina

The Petition of Thomas Saint who is one of the People Called Quakers Sheweth that sometime in the Year 1771 He purchased of one Arthur Bryant who had Purchased at the Sale of the State of John Weaver formerly Sheriff of Dobbs County a Tract of Land Containing Seven hundred acres which your Petitioner has Since been informed the said John Weaver had entered in the Earl of Granville office and had the Same Surveyed, but did not obtain a Deed for the same, oweing as Your Petitioner is informed, to the said Earls office being Shut up, that your Petitioner Received this information in time for him to have applyed to the entry Takers office to have Re-entered the said Land which he would willingly have done, but he was also informed that he must Previous to his being allowed to make such Entry make a Particular Declaration of Fedility to the State, as Directed by act of assembly, this Declaration after due Consideration He cannot, consistant with the Dictates of his Conscience Subscribe to, of which he has made no Scruple to make his Neighbours acquainted with and Some of them being avariciously inclined have entered and one Benjamin Sharrard has actually Surveyed a part of your Petitioners Land purchased as aforesaid, your Petitioner Confideing in the Justice of the General Assembly and assuring them that he is Ready to give any Test of his Supporting the State as a Subject, which he can Consistant with his Principles. Hopes that you will be pleased to direct the Grant to the aforesaid Benjamin Sharrard for so much of his Survey as he has made within your said Petitioners line to be Stayed and not issued and that your Petitioners may be allowed to enter and obtain a Grant for his said purchase

and He will pray for the welfare of the State

Dobbs County
1778

Thomas Saint

Therefore Recommend the Granting the Petitioner his Request.

Robt Simms
Etho Ruffin
Joel Dickinson
Hardy Hooks
John Dickinson

From: General Assembly Session Records; January-
February 1779

To the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina now seting

The Petition of Sundry inhabetents in Wayne and Edgecombe Counties, whose names are here unto subscribed, humbly showeth that whereas they are informed that James Broadstreet late from the State of Georgia, is charged with killing a certain Benjamin Vickers, in the said Georgia State Some Time in the month of October last past, and we your humble petitioners being well acquainted with the said James Broadstreet, for these Fifteen years last past (except one year) in which he went to Georgia, all which Time he the said James, conducted himself a peacible orderly person, and generally maintained a fair honest character---and also being well acquainted with the said Benjamin Vickers, (until he removed to the state of Georgia) who generally was known to maintain one of the worst of characters a person Generally making free of what belonged to other persons, and a man of a very malicious disposition, often invading his neighbors Goods, which character we are well informed he also maintained while in the State of Georgia--we your petitioners humbly conceive that if the said (James) did kill the said (Benjamin) he had great provocation we therefore humbly pray that your honourable body will take said accusation into consideration, and pass an act of demnification for the said James Broadstreets conduct in the particular--and we your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray--

5th December anno Dom. 1787

Benja Cobb JP	John Barnes	
Henrey Horne Senr	Jonathan Rodgers	Jethro Harrison
Dempsey Dawson	James Gifford	Cornelius Jordan Jr.
Robt. Simms	Vincent Chance	John Dickinson
Nathan Cobb	Clabun Bateman	James Clear
Maw Turner	W. Renfro	Nathan Worde
J.C. Pinder	Hardy Robertson	Jacob Ginn
Jas Cobb	John Daniel from Georgia	Elisha Grimes
Thomas Sanders	William Hackney	David Coble
Joshua Morrish	Etheldred Bridges	John Swain
Jonathan Bateman	William Gwinn	John Broadstreet
Abm Simms	Barnes Simms	Joseph Pender J.P.
Edward Hood	Benjamin B.-----	

On reverse: Petition in favor of James Broadstreet laid over until next assembly 1787

From: General Assembly Records
November-December 1787
Session Records Box 1

Kinston Lenoir County Octr 4th 1847

William Hill Esqr Secretary of State

Dear Sir

I wish you to inform me amediately if there is on file in your office a Patent Granted to Thomas Williamson for five Hundred acres of land lying on South or east Side of Neuse River, then Dobbs county but now the Said land lies in Lenoir county perhaps the Said Lands might have been in Johnston county at that day which was 90 years ago. You will please make the Search amediately by and Send me a Copy and also your bill of Cost, Directed to Col. Thos. J. Blakely Post Master Kinston N C or rite amediately on the Subject what the cost will be and I will Send you the Same I want

the copy if there is any by the 18th of the Present month

Yours Very Respectfully

Parrott D. Waters

On reverse: Parrott D. Waters copy sent as requested 6th Oct. 1847. Fees 50cts Due to W.H.

Addressed to: William Hill Esqr, Secretary of State, Raleigh N C.
From Secretary of State Papers, Box 37

April 16, 1770-Whereas I have received Information on Oath that a certain Thomas Blake and John Curlee have for some time past been committing repeated Felonies in the County of Dobbs. One of them fired upon James Lindsay who was assisting Lindsay. James Lindsay died instantly. Reward for their arrest.

From: Governors Papers, Box 6.

William Tryon 1765-1771; 1783-1785

The above have all been submitted by Grace Turner
possible from the original.

Copied as closely as

{contact information removed above and below}

BITS AND PIECES

has the following books

for sale:

Abstracts of Will Book 1 Nash County North Carolina 1778-1868 by Williams and Griffin. Cost is \$22.50

Kinfolks of Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1788-1855 by Watson Cost: \$25.00

Abstracts of the Wills of Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1733-1856 by Williams and Griffin Cost: \$30.00

Estate Records of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1820-1850, Vol. II by Watson Cost: \$25.00

Kinfolks of Nash County, North Carolina 1778-1854 by Watson Cost: \$25.00

Estate Records in the Deed Books of Nash County, North Carolina 1781-1897 by Watson Cost: \$20.00

Abstracts of Early Deeds of Nash County, North Carolina, Books 1 - 6 by Watson Cost: \$22.50

Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Franklin County, North Carolina 1779-1797 by Watson Cost: \$22.50

Kinfolks of Franklin County, North Carolina 1793-1844 by Watson Cost: \$25.00

Abstracts of the Wills and Estate Records of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1808 by Gwynn Cost: \$25.00

Kinfolks of Wayne County, North Carolina 1793-1832 by Watson Cost: \$25.00

Court Minutes of Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1820 by Gwynn Cost: \$20.00

Guardian Accounts of Granville County, North Carolina, 1810-1856 by Gwynn Cost: \$20.00

For more information on these books, write to the above address. If you wish to buy, and you live in North Carolina, please add 3% State and 2% County sales tax. All books are postpaid.

Two books which our Society has for sale have been reviewed in the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. XIII, No. 2, May 1987 issue. They are OLD DOBBS RECORDS and EARLY MARRIAGE RECORDS OF WAYNE AND JOHNSTON COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA.

NEW SOCIETY: A new genealogical society was formed in Rowan County, NC in February 1987. For those interested, the address is: The Genealogical Society of Rowan County, P.O. Box 4305, Salisbury, NC 28144.

FORSYTH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY announces that they will sponsor a workshop entitled "The English" on September 25 and 26, 1987 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. For anyone wishing more information, you may contact the The Forsyth County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5715, Winston-Salem, NC 27113-5715

QUERIES

FOOLED RESEARCH: Lenoir-Pitt-Greene-Craven Counties. PHILLIPS, HARDY and related families. Working with others to build a single research database on these families, I would like to ask for in-put from other Old Dobbs County members. This research base would cover 1600-1850 and would provide documents on the origins of these families, their tenure in Old Dobbs and their emigrations from there. If interested, please contact:

{address removed}

EASTERLING FAMILY There is an Easterling Family Genealogical Society for those interested in the Easterling and associated names. The "head of family" was Rev. Henry EASTERLING who was born at the mouth of the Neuse River, 24 May 1733 (Craven County). Before him no connection can be made although it is believed that he is connected with a Henry EASTERLING of New Bern. For anyone interested they can contact:

Easterling Family Genealogical Society, Rt. 3, Box 81, Wesson, MS 39191

JONES I would appreciate any data on the following JONES families found in 1850 Greene Co. NC.

No. 668	Ellenor 29	no. 676 (Poor House)
	Priscilla 27	Zeffaniah 74
	Tabitha 25	Matilda 40
	Lewis 11	Samuel 6
	Sarah A. 9	Feddy 3 (Fredonia)

QUERIES (cont.)Emily 6
Martha 2Absolem 6 mo.
James K. 7
John T. 2

Sarah A. is my direct ancestor and Feddy is her sister. I know nothing about their family background so any information would be greatly appreciated. Please contact:

MASTERSON Am searching for information on one Edward MASTERSON who bought land in Dobbs County in 1768 and 1770. Edward MASTERSON was also listed in Capt. McKennies Company of the Dobbs County Militia in 1771 and 1774. I am trying to connect this Edward MASTERSON of Dobbs County, NC with an Edward MASTERSON of North Carolina who died by 1794 and whose 4 children were placed under the guardianship of James MASTERSON of Lexington, KY. If you have any information on this family please contact:

HENNING, WHITFIELD, BRYAN, GARLAND Am interested in exchanging information on these families with anyone in your area. Please contact:

REMINDER

Our year ends on June 30 so it is once again time to remember our dues. There will be a reminder in each issue through July and then no more newsletters will be sent until dues are paid. Your last newsletter will have a red star marked by the name.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP or RENEWAL
(annual membership from 1 July to 30 June)

Date_____

\$10.00 Single Member_____ \$15.00 Joint Members (2 at same address)_____

New Member_____ Renewal_____

Name_____

Address_____ Phone_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Names of Interest_____

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIETY

Old Dobbs County Records - 300 pages -----Cost \$45.00 incl. post.
Marriage Records of Wayne and Johnston Counties, NC----- \$25.00 incl. post.

Send completed form and check to: Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 617
Goldsboro, NC 27530

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