

# Olde Dobbs Trail

Newsletter of the OLD DOBBS  
COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society was called to order at 3:00pm by Second Vice-President Frances Andrews.

The September minutes were approved as written in the October newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Yvonne Hatch.

Balance on hand	\$ 694.07
Receipts	<u>812.46</u>
	1506.53
Disbursements	<u>232.22</u>
	1274.31
Workshop Collection	<u>540.00</u>
Workin Balance as of 9 Nov. 1986	\$ 734.31

It was announced that the November 9th meeting will be at Waynesboro Park if the weather is good. If the weather is not good, the meeting will be held at the Auditorium in Wayne Co. Public Library. Mary Johnston will speak on Waynesboro families.

It was announced that June Beason had offered to have the December meeting, a Christmas party, at her home on December 13. There was a question as to whether we wanted to exchange gifts or not. A motion was made and seconded to have a small gift exchange at the Christmas party and the motion was passed.

June Beason gave a report on how the planning for the Workshop was coming. All was going well except there was a need for 2 volunteers to help at the registration table. Doris Smith and Mable Roundtree volunteered to help.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to change our regular meeting time from 3:00pm to 2:00pm during the winter months. The time would go back to 3:00pm when daylight savings time resumes.

Frances Andrews introduced our speaker, John Beck whose topic was "The World We Have Lost". Mr. Beck recieved his BA from the University of South Carolina with a major in World History and his MA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His dissertation was on "Development in Piedmont South: Rowen County, North Carolina, 1850 - 1900". Mr. Beck's talk was most interesting and illuminating, bringing back memories of the past and a realization of what we have lost and what more we could lose unless we do something about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

## NOTICE

Would the two persons who forgot to pay for their luncheon on the way out at the September meeting please send their \$4.25 to the Treasurer,

## QUERIES

Need info on John Daniel MILES b. 26 Aug 1848 (?) in NC m. 1 Feb 1871 to Brazoria STAKES in Louisiana. Children: Gilbert Eugene, William Thomas, Lemuel L., John Wesley, Perina Lee, Catherine B., James Richard, Odelia Bertha, Mary Aline, and Wiley Forest all raised in LA. Would appreciate any help anyone could give me. Also have much misc. data on the MILES surname, some dating back to the 1500's with a lot from the New England area and the MO/IL area. Would be glad to share it with anyone interested. Please contact:

Am trying to locate any information on Joel ELLIS. Are Joseph ELLIS and David ELLIS his brothers? Is Martha ELLIS who married John RADFORD @ 1835 the daughter of Joel ELLIS? They were in the Bosworth area in the 1840 census. Then were in Randolph Co. in 1850. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Please contact:

*{addresses removed from queries}*

## TIDBITS

ANYONE INTERESTED IN A BEGINNING GENEALOGY COURSE; Mary Spiron will be teaching a beginning genealogy course through Wayne Community College. It will begin on December 1st at 9:00am in the Local History Room at the Wayne County Public Library. It will continue each Monday morning for 11 weeks. If you are interested in taking the course, contact either the College or Mary Spiron or come to the first class on Monday, Dec. 1st.

If there is anyone interested in an evening course please get in touch with as soon as possible.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM Heritage Publishers Services an invitation to participate in the writing of Biographical Memoirs of the Old South, Vol. 1 - The Pioneers and Early Settlers by submitting a biographical sketch of your ancestor who was born in the American South prior to 1866. You may place up to 150 words free in the first volume if it is received by November 30, 1986. They will publish a photograph of an ancestor for \$10.50. If you would like more information on this, write to Heritage Publishers Services, 2000 S. Dairy Ashford, Suite 685, Houston, TX 77077 or call collect to Jack Tyler at (713) 589-7080.

A NEW SERIES OF BOOKS BY Margaret M. Hofmann of Roanoke Rapids, NC has been announced. The Granville District of North Carolina, 1748 - 1763, Abstracts of Land Grants, Volume One has been published and is for sale from Margaret M. Hofmann, P.O. Box 446, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870 at a cost of \$24.00 pp. The first volume covers the following counties: Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Chowan, Cumberland, Currituck, Dobbs and Edgecombe. For a list of other books published by Ms Hofmann, please ask June Beason for her brochure.

FROM TURNER AND PHILBECK, 600 Lynnwood Ave., Wilson, NC 27893, we have received a list of books on mainly NC Will Records that are for sale. If you are interested in seeing this list please contact *{removed}* to see the order form.

OTHER BOOK which may be of interest to you is Home Study Courses of Interest to Genealogists & Local Historians. This book is available from the author,

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Prepaid orders only.

Salem United Methodist Church  
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Homecoming and Bicentennial Celebration  
September 21, 1986

History

We are indebted to a former member, Col. W. S. G. Andrews, for much of the early history of Salem, which was recorded in his article published in the North Carolina Advocate of February 1856.

Daniel Deans came from Virginia and settled on Stoney Creek in Wayne County, North Carolina. He was a member of a small religious group in that community. In 1786 his mind became very much disturbed about religion. His conduct was so singular at times that his neighbors thought him deranged. During one of these seasons of mental depression, he concluded to visit his birthplace in Virginia. While he was there he attended a meeting of Methodists, heard the preaching, was taught the way of life more perfectly, and experienced the forgiveness of his sins.

When he returned home, on meeting his wife, he threw his arms around her and exclaimed: "O Elizabeth! I have seen a man in Virginia, who was worth a lifetime of labor to see. If I had known how happy his preaching could make me, I would have travelled the world over to find him. He has promised to come and preach for us, and you shall hear him and be happy."

Shortly thereafter, the "English preacher," as Bishop Asbury was called, came to the Stoney Creek neighborhood. An Englishman named Watts, who lived on the east side of Stoney Creek consented that he should preach at his house.

The sermons of Bishop Asbury were preached to the small religious group at the house of Mr. Watts, in Wayne County. Daniel Deans therefore is credited with helping to introduce Methodism into Wayne County.

A few years after Bishop Asbury preached at the Watts Home, a small log meeting house was built on the west side of Stoney Creek, and called "Dean's Meeting House." It was very crudely constructed of rough logs, with holes cut for a window and a door, but no window or door was ever installed.

Some of the preachers who conducted services at Dean's Meeting House were John Buxton, John Kay, Morris Howe, and Mr. Moody. They were men of great zeal, and constant revival attended their labors.

Some years later, the little group which had been formed at Dean's Meeting House, moved to Sarah Howell's, about two miles west, and near the present location of Salem Church.

Sarah Howell had joined the church at Watts'; had lost her husband; was not in affluent circumstances; had a family dependent upon her; but she threw open her doors to the group and to the preachers. For eight years her house was the preachers' home, as well as the place of worship for the much abused Methodists, and her house was the scene of constant revival.

The preachers who officiated at Sarah Howell's were Willie Bellamy, Mr. French, Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Hince, Sam Garrott, and Henry Warren.

In 1810 the society had so much increased that it was found necessary to build a new meeting house. The first Salem church was then built. Most of the work was done by John Hooks, Hardy Cooper, John Deans, and George Deans, with "work spells" by neighbors, hauling timbers, making shingles, hewing, etc. Of those who built this church, John Hooks and John Deans became preachers. Others later sent out from that church as itinerants and preachers were: John Howell, Daniel Deans, Jr., Curtis Hooks, James Alford, Barden H. Bradbury, John Aycock, Robert Deans, and Morris Howell.

The dark days following the War between the States found the people in the Salem Church Community destitute as in many other places in the south. To add to their woes, their church

had been burned. From the ashes, a renewed religious life began in the Community with a revival meeting conducted under a brush arbor. Rev. A. J. Finlayson did the preaching and James Mahoney led the singing. Blocks of wood served as seats.

In 1869 plans were made for the construction of a building. Morris Howell gave the site, and his daughter, Elizabeth, contributed the first five dollars. The hand hewn lumber was put together with wooden pegs. The building was completed in 1873 during the pastorate of Rev. John Andrews. Dedication services were held later that year by Rev. E. A. Yates, presiding elder.

Some of the members at this time were from the following families: Crumplers, Howells, Sherards, Hooks, Starlings, Edgertons, Hams, Garris, Pates, Bizzells, Langstons, Caseys, Hills, Deans, and Scotts.

Though the membership increased, this structure served well for many years.

In 1944 the late Myrtie Montague Smith, a devoted member and energetic worker, suggested to the Woman's Society of Christian Service that a building fund be started for the purpose of adding class rooms. Her initial gift of fifty dollars was the spark needed. On August 25, 1944 the Rev. W. R. Stevens, serving his fifth year, called together the official board to outline plans for a building program. Hubert M. Howell was elected chairman, and plans were prepared and adopted, but scarcity of materials due to World War Two delayed construction.

By June 1950, through the untiring efforts and devoted leadership of Hubert M. Howell, Salem had been transformed from a one-room frame building into a beautiful brick veneered structure; with a new sanctuary, classrooms, assembly room, kitchen, rest rooms, heating plant and memorial windows. The old church was not destroyed, but was incorporated in the educational department. In a special service on May 30, 1954, the new edifice was dedicated by Rev. H. K. King, District Superintendent. The pastor, Rev. L. T. Wilson presided and Dr. A. J. Walton of Duke Divinity School delivered the sermon.

In 1953 a beautiful brick, eight room parsonage was completed and occupied. Allen M. Harris served as Chairman of the Parsonage Building Committee.

Only a few years passed, when it became evident that more space would be needed for additional classrooms. Gifts from the Reba B. Dees and Bettie H. Howell Estates got the fund raising started, and construction was begun in November 1962.

Under the watchful eye and general supervision of W. W. Barnes, Sr., the Church School Annex was ready for occupancy on the first Sunday in May, 1963, during the pastorate of Rev. R. M. Poulk.

In 1965 Salem received a gift of 1.11 acres of adjoining land from the B. B. Montague family. This grant provides a large recreational area adjacent to the church property.

In 1970, during the pastorate of Rev. James G. Snypes, a large enclosed Picnic Shelter was added to the recreational facilities of Salem. This structure was built under the general supervision of W. W. Barnes, Sr., with labor provided by members of the United Methodist Men of Salem. Required funds were raised through suppers and other activities sponsored by this group.

In 1973 the Church School Annex, which had been completed in 1963, was dedicated by Bishop Robert M. Blackburn, during the pastorate of Rev. D. M. Tyson. Rev. A. F. Fisher, District Superintendent assisted in the service.

Soon after beginning his pastorate at Salem, the Rev. Roy L. Turnage expressed a sincere interest in its early history. It was through his perseverance and leadership that the Hall of History was established in 1978. He further showed a great love for Salem by the generous gift of his personal collection of books to enhance the Church Library.

In 1984 Salem joined with all other Methodist churches in celebrating 200 years of Methodism in America. At the suggestion of Rev. James L. Bryan, Pastor, a banner depicting

200 Years of Methodism in America, and also Salem's Bicentennial was made and presented to the church by Marvin and Geneva Woodard. A stand for the banner was made and presented to Salem by Woodrow and Bertie Barden.

In August 1984 the first issue of the Salem Circuit Rider was published. This monthly newsletter, edited and published through the devoted efforts of Mrs. Barbara Davis, continues to be a most interesting and informative asset for Salem.

In 1985 during the pastorate of Rev. Chester Brown a new Hammond Organ was purchased through the efforts of a project sponsored by the United Methodist Men of Salem, and made possible by generous donations from members of the congregation.

A list of 46 ministers and 12 Church School Superintendents who have served at Salem since 1873 is attached. 20 members of Salem have entered the ministry since 1810. These are also listed.

Today, Sunday, September 21, 1986, Salem with its 240 members and pastor, Rev. Randy C. Blanchard, and guests, celebrates 200 years of christian service in this community. Assisting in this celebration are Rev. Wade Goldston, retired minister of the N. C. Conference, teaching adult Sunday School, and Rev. Roy L. Turnage, former Salem pastor, now retired, giving the sermon. The progress and service which has been realized at Salem could only be accomplished by the hard work, sacrifice, dedication and devotion of its members and pastors, and by the grace of God.

Prepared for Homecoming and  
Bicentennial, 21 Sept., 1986

by Marvin Woodard

### Ministers who have served Salem since 1873

John N. Andrews	H. M. Jackson	Kermit Wheeler
R. A. Willis	J. M. Benson	W. R. Stevens
F. C. Wood	H. E. Tripp	W. C. Wilson
W. C. Gannon	J. M. Carraway	D. W. Charlton
M. M. Journey	C. N. Stancil	A. E. Brown
John N. Andrews	F. F. Fulcher	A. G. Tyson
R. C. Beamon	C. O. Durant	L. T. Wilson
J. E. Thompson	W. A. Piland	W. O. Connor
W. H. Call	K. F. Duval	Robert M. Poulk
W. M. Roby	C. A. Jones	James A. Starnes
J. G. Nelson	H. C. Ewing	James G. Snypes
W. H. Townsend	R. E. Brown	D. M. Tyson
M. D. Hix	W. H. Brown	Roy L. Turnage
M. M. McFarland	N. C. Yearby	James L. Bryan
A. L. Ormond	J. B. Thompson	Chester D. Brown
		Randy C. Blanchard

### Church School Superintendents of Salem since 1873

Lon M. King	4 years	John H. Best	3 years
Frank Howell	22 Years	Woodrow W. Barden	1 year
Nathan A. Howell	45 years	Roy F. Pate	2 years
Leland O. Scott, Sr.	2 years	John Lee Smith	3 years
O. J. Howell, Jr.	8 years	Wm. W. Barnes	1 year
L. O. Scott, Jr.	1 year	James C. Peacock	21 years

### Members of Salem who have entered the ministry since 1810

John Hooks	Glenn Barden
George Deans	Wm. Alton Tew
John Howell	Richard James Starling
Daniel Deans, Jr.	Lewis C. Gibbs
Curtis Hooks	T. C. West, Jr.
James Alford	J. Carlie Hinnant
Barden H. Bradbury	Henry G. Jinnette
John Aycock	Glenn E. Mason
Robert Deans	Ron Snider
Morris Howell	Wm. Cerny



1860 MORTALITY SCHEDULE

New Hope District

NAME	Age	Sex	Col.	F/S	M.S.	P.B.	Mon	Occ.	C.of D.	dys
Whiter, Oma	13	F	B	F	S	NC	Aug	None	Unknown	Sudden ill
Lee, Lundy	9	M	W	F	S	NC	Feb	None	Unknown	2 yrs
Smith, Rachel E.	11	F	W	F	S	NC			Sore throat	30
Henderson	7mo	M	B	S	S	NC	May	None	Worms	20
Albert	6mo	M	B	S	S	NC	Nov	None	Teething	10
Caroline	1	F	B	S	S	NC	May		Pneumonia	14
Appy	10mo	F	B	S	S	NC	May	None	Pneumonia	14
Letta	1	F	B	S	S	NC	May	None	Pneumonia	14
Daniel	48	M	B	S	S	NC	Apr	Fld Hand	Pneumonia	10
Gabriel	39	M	B	S	S	NC	Nov	Fld Hand	Pneumonia	10
Herring, Jas. H.	3	M	W	F	S	NC	Jun	None	Sup. Murdered	Sudden
Sarah	18	F	B	S	S	NC	Apr	Fld Hand	Sore Leg	6 mos
Manuel	47	M	B	S	S	NC	Feb	Fld Hand	Burned	70
Dorah	6mo	F	B	S	S	NC	Jul	None	Sudden A Twin	
Norah	8mo	F	B	S	S	NC	Sep	None	Sudden Twin to above	
Laura	1	F	B	S	S	NC	Aug	None	Diarrhea	21
Roberts, Mary	40	F	W	F	M	NC	Jan	None	Cancer	2 yrs
McDaniel, Wm. H	1	M	W	F	S	NC	Oct	None	Unknown	12
Pennington, James	50	M	W	F	M	NC	Apr	Farmer	Congestive Chill	4
Fanny	10	F	W	F	S	NC	Mar	None	Typhoid	7
Ice	1	F	W	F	S	NC	Apr	None	Unknown	10
Infant	1	F	W	F	S	NC	Feb	None	Pneumonia	21
Cornelia	1	F	B	S	S	NC	Jul	None	Bilius Fever	28
Ervin	1	M	B	S	S	NC	Jul	None	Inflam. of brain	7
Parmlee, Solomon	8mo	M	W	F	S	NC	Jul	None	Scarlet fever	14
Harry	1	M	B	S	S	NC	May	None	Teething	4
Julia Anne	45	F	B	S	S	NC	Feb	Cook	Pleurisy	3
Bogart, Francis	1	M	W	F	S	NC	Sep	None	Teething	60
Wood, Elizabeth	63	F	W	F	M	NC	Nov	None	Consumption	2 yrs
Penny	40	F	B	S	S	NC	Aug	Cook	Inflam of bowels	7
Morgan, Wm A.	1mo	M	W	F	S	NC	Jan	None	Croup	2
Silvester	3	M	B	S	S	NC	Feb	None	Whooping cough	2
Georgianna	1	F	B	S	S	NC	Jul	None	Teething	20
Peter	70	M	B	S	S	NC	May	Frm Hand	Old Age	Sudden
Ellen	68	F	B	S	S	NC	Jun	Cook	Dropsy	2 yrs

Saulston District

Kitty	3	F	B	S	S	NC	Jun	None	Unknown	30
Arnold, Tusha	4mo	F	W	F	S	NC	Nov	None	Bilbous fever	30
Michel, Polly A.	2	F	W	F	S	NC	Jun	None	Diarrhea	21
Crawford, Bethany	70	F	W	F	W	NC	Jun	Taylorress	Polypus of womb	240
Jackson, Infant	2	M	W	F	S	NC	May	None	Diarrhea	21
Joseph	28	M	B	S	S	NC	May	Frm Hand	Pneumonia	8
Drewcilla	5mo	F	B	S	S	NC	Jul	None	Unknown	60
Radford, Ben	4	M	M	F	S	NC	Dec	None	Dropsy	90
Garner, Frances	10mo	F	W	F	S	NC	Jul	None	Diarrhea	30
Piggeon	38	F	B	S	S	NC	Nov	Cook	Typhoid	35
Sally Handley	74	F	W	F	S	NC	Mar	Farmer	Old Age	40
Infant	7mo	F	B	S	S	NC	Apr	None	Unknown	Sudden
Infant	2mo	M	W	F	S	NC	Nov	None	Unknown	1

## Saulston District 1860 Mortality Schedule (continued)

NAME	Age	Sex	Col.	F/S	M.S.	P.B.	Mon	Occ.	C.of D.	dys ill
Henry	9mo	M	M	S	S	NC	Mar	None	Scarlet fever	12
Lewis	95	M	B	S	?	Nc	Mov	Frm Hand	Old Age	
Harriett	1	F	B	S	S	NC	Aug	None	Unknown	Sudden
Willis	2	M	B	S	S	NC	Jan	None	Dropsy	1yr
Smith, Major	45	M	W	F	?	NC	Dec	Farmer	Typhoid fever	13
Lewis	2mo	M	B	S	S	NC	Oct	None	Unknown	Sudden
Shade	4	M	B	S	S	NC	Apr	None	Worms	4

Abbreviations for headings are as follows:

Age, Sex, Color, Free/Slave, Marital Status, Place Born, Month, Occupation, Cause of Death, no. of days ill. Other abbreviations include Farm Hand, Field Hand, House Servant, Inflammation of brain.

The 1860 Mortality Schedule will be continued in the next issue of Old Dobbs Trails.

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