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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our new year has started with it's first general meeting held on 12 September at the Golden Coral Restaurant. Twenty-eight members and guests attended, which I hope is an indicator for the future. Claude Moore gave an excellent talk as usual on the United States Constitution and brought in many side-lights on North Carolina's part in the forming of this important document.

I think that I need to up-date you on some things that have transpired that I may have neglected to mention before. I did promise to inform you on events since the minutes are no longer being published in the newsletter.

At the August Executive Board Meeting the following was discussed:

1. The Historical Society would be invited to join us in our annual Christmas party. (Historical Board agreed. Will appoint working committee later.)
2. That an agenda would be compiled for expediting our general meetings.
3. That we would ask the Historical Society if they would like an exchange of newsletters.
4. To remind members to send old pictures to the News Argus.
5. The Heritage Quest International Genealogy Forum asked our participation in their visit to North Carolina in October. The general meeting voted not to participate.

Our society had a table at the OWC Activities Coffee at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base on September 2. June Beason, Doris Smith, Frances Andrews and yours truly manned the table. We inspired some interest and at least the base people know that we exist and would welcome their participation.

At the General Meeting the Mawborn sisters reported on the new genealogy facilities at Lenoir Community College and that it will be a satellite of the Raleigh Archives to serve Eastern North Carolina. I will inform you later on who to contact if you are interested in the Society's planned trip to the new facilities.

Also at the September meeting we voted on the amendments that were cited in you last 2 newsletters. Newsletters will be published monthly instead of quarterly and the general meeting will be held on the fourth Saturday, instead of the second, in September, December, March and June unless otherwise informed in your newsletter. So many members had conflicts on the second Saturday it was decided that the fourth would be a better day.

Since June Beason will be leaving us in the spring we must start considering how we are to publish our newsletter. We have come to depend on her so much it is going to be hard to replace her when she leaves with her Major husband to other pastures. Another member that we are most grateful to is Mary Spiron, who has put so much time and effort in our book "Old Dobbs Records". At my last count we had sold fifty copies.

Let me remind you again to keep in mind newsletter items and please send your name interest to June Beason - {address removed} if you have not already done so. She plans to publish the names & addresses of members and their names of interest in a newsletter in the near future.

Yvonne C. Hatch, President

UP-COMING EVENTS

October 19 - Field trip to Library at Lenoir Community College in Kinston. If you are interested in going, call June Beason at 778-8527 for more information.

QUERIESHARTSFIELD

My great-grandmother, Mary HARTSFIELD, was born in Lenoir County, Nov. 3, 1825 and died in Pitt County, Aug. 19, 1904. The Lenoir County 1830 Census shows both Ahimeleck (Himbrick) and Benjamin HARTSFIELD with a female under 5 years of age. Which of these was the father of Mary HARTSFIELD? If you have any information on this please contact: *{address removed}*

KORNEGAY, ROBERTS

John A. KORNEGAY b. 1813 d. 6 Feb. 1886
m. Sallie (Sarah) ROBERTS, date unknown

CAMERON, COX

John M. CAMERON m. Melvina COX, dates unknown. One of their sons, David Alexander CAMERON, b. 14 Dec. 1848, d. 6 July 1920, m. 29 Dec. 1870 to Susan Margaret KORNEGAY, b. 13 Nov. 1848, d. 16 March 1894.

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

The following letters were given to us for publication by Collin and Yvonne Hatch. They are letters written by Martha Hill HATCH to her grandmother, Mrs. Hill of Dublin County, NC, as the HATCH's were on their way by wagon train to Mississippi and Alabama.

Martha Hill Hatch to Mrs. Hill, Duplin County

Saturday evening Pike County X Road
Dec 8th 1832

My dear Grand Mother

I promised to write to you on the road and have been wishing for the opportunity but have had no spare time, only on Sunday, until today. We stopped today about 10 o'clock on account of rain, the weather is very bad. We have Struck our Tents and expect to remain here until Monday. We have had very fine weather since our departure until now, except 2 days of rain one of which we were in Fayetteville. We staid there two days at Judge Potters. Mr. Hatch purchased a little carriage and also a small waggon and horse. Hesold his gig. We have all got on so far very well, we travel about 20 miles a day. We are now four hundred miles from home and we have 60 miles to go before we get to the Indian Nation, expect to pass through next week. I have been very well since I left you except the day after travelling over a very bad road. We have all had very good health and fine appetites, we stop about 5 o'clock in the evening strike our Tents build a large fire cook our dinner & supper. We all feel impatient until we have it smoking before us. Doct Wright camps a little distance from us, we occasionally visit with each other. They are all very well. We have been very agreeably disappointed in Thos Holmes he is very useful and ready to do any thing we like him very much he drives the waggon nurses the children, they are very fond of him, buys provisions. Lucy

is well-----delighted with the hilly and mountainous country. Little Catherinw has a great deal to tell Grandma about the towns and rivers, She thinks she will go to see Grandma next week. little Thos is delighted with travelling he sometimes rides in the waggon sometimes in the little carriage with his father and sometimes on horseback. Every house he passes is Grandpapas house he learns to talk very fast tell Grand Pa Thomas will write him before very long. Grandma I think of you very often and wonder if you will ever travel this long road. On my account I wish you would, but the distance is very great and would be very fatiguing on you. I wish to hear from you all, I hope my Uncles will write to me often. They must direct to Columbus, Mississippi we expect to go on there. Give my love to all my Uncles, Grandpa, to Aunt Hill, Aunt Wright and all my friends. Tell Uncle Buckner Mr. Hatch will write to him soon, he says he would write to him today but he feels too lazy. We have had an opportunity of going to Church every Sunday since we left you. We get plenty of milk, potatoes and poultry on the road we have passed through Towns crossed 14 ferrys. Our negroes get along well they do not appear to tire all in good sprits. Georgia is very hilly red worn out country it has the appearance of once havving-----g ood. A great many large elegant houses people live very thick on the road. We have just got into piny woods the first we have seen since we left N. Carolina. The negroes are rejoicing to have light wood once more, but we shall soon get into the new purchase where the land is good. Please to write to me often. I will write again when we get to our journeys end

* Buckner Hill- he married after 1835 Anna ^Maria (Rhodes)Ward, widow of Gen. Edward Ward of Onslow Co. She was the eldest daughter of Gen James Rhodes of Wayne Co.

Martha Hill Hatch to Mrs. Hill

Mr. Nolan's, Green County Dec 26th 1832

My Dear Grand Mother,

I have at last arrived at Greensboro. I reached there yesterday about two oclock in the rain. It has been raining two days, the whole country is mud and mire. We are now at the Nolon's who married Mr. Hatch's niece. They received us very kindly and I feel perfectly at home. I stood the journey very well, my health has been improving ever since I left you, we have had no sickness in our family except colds since we left home. We have been just six weeks since we started. The time does not appear half so long. We stopped at Col Moltons a short time, the family were all well, the Col went with us over to Mr Hooks, they appeared very much pleased to see us, they live in a pretty place, a white house not quite so large as the one they left. Narcissa was there, she has been staying there all the summer her husband has gone to Florida to move there. From what I can learn, she has married very well indeed, she has two very pretty children. Mrs. Hooks health is delicate she looks badly she inquired a great deal about you. They perswaded me very much to settle among them, they appear to think more of dress than any thing else. I think I had much rather live here than there. We came on from there to Aunt Laniers. I like her very much indeed. She was fixing for her daughter's wedding which took place the second night after I got there. I felt while there as if I had got to your house, she was so kind and motherly. I feasted while there on cakes and pies and every thing that was good. At the wedding the couse was crowded the people are very thickly settled all over this country much more so than in N. Carolina Lucy Dickson we left at Aunt Laniers. I have no doubt she will be pleased We came from there home with Aunt Pickette about 8 miles. Stayed there two nights. A very retty place the most elegant garden I have ever seen..... I hope you have received a letter I wrote to you from Georgia. Doct Wright has gone over to Doct Bushes about 28 miles from here, their youngest child has been very sick on the journey, in passing through the Indian Nation we had to sit up with it two nights expecting every hour it would die. Worms was the cause of its sickness. It is now nearly well.

January 4th. My Dear Grandma. I have delayed finishing my letter in order that I might inform you as to where we shall settle. in Mississippi. In three days after we arrived here Mr. Hatch concluded to go on. I left my children with Mrs. Nelson and went with him nearly two hundred miles. I have travelled since I left you more than athousand miles. I feel much better when riding. I have just got back from Columbia and found the children well. We left our negroes here. Mr. Hatch hired his negroes at 50 cents a day picking cotton, he has rented a little place in six miles of Greensboro, on which he expects to keep his expensive negroes upon. He intends to hire out his negroes, they hire for more this year than they ever have done, women go to a hundred and men 140 and 150. Thomas Holmes started to Columbus for the rest of his negroes. Mr Hatch has gone to Greensboro to try and rent a house for us. Doct Wright is staying at Doct Bushes. I believe he has rented a place near here. He is very much pleased. I have not seen his wife since I got here. Night. Doct Wright and his wife and children have come here this evening. Christopher Hatch and his family have just arrived here from N.C. and also Boas Whitfield so we have a crowded house tonight. Mr Hatch did not succeed in getting a house in town. Today so many families have come on here this winter that all the vacant houses are occupied. I expect we shall have to fix up a log cabin on the place we have rented to live in which is all the fashion in Alabama.

Doct Wright sticks pretty close to us he has rented a place two miles and a half of ours. I have seen a good many acquaintences since I have been here the people appear very clever the most of them live coarse. Cotton, cotton is all they talk about they dont appear tocare for any thing else. Money seems to be very abundant. Please tell Uncle Buckner that he must surely come here this spring and go with Mr. Hatch over the country he expects to start about May and go all over the Mississippi. There are several gentlemen all going in company they expect to be gone a month or two. This country then will be pleasant he must not visit this country in the winter it is nothing but mud and mire. You must write to me as soon as you receive this and direct your letter to Greensboro.....

* Mrs. Nelson is Maria (Hatch); 5 Jan 1822 md Francis W. Nelson and is the only daughter of Col. Edm. Hatch; since she is a niece of L. D. Hatch one of his sisters md Col Edm. Hatch.

** Ms. Lanier could be Mary, dau. of Lem Hatch who died 1777; she md. Wm Lanier between 1777 -1779.

*** Christopher Hatch is the son of Asa ^Hatch and his wife Hope (Borden) Hope Hatch was 74 years old in the Noxumber Co Census of 1850. Christopher Asa was 47

Martha Hill Hatch to Mrs. Hill, Duplain County

Green Co., Feb 9, 1833

My Dear Grand Mother

Mr. Hatch has gone to Greensboro today and I am all alone. I have been thinking about you and wishing so much that you were with me and feeling able to sit up a little. I have started this letter knowing that you feel anxious to near from me. I am glad to tell you that I have a sweet little daughter five days old. She is much prettier than either of my others were. I think we shall call her Frances Amelia. She surprised us a little by her speedy arrival but she is a fine.....child. She has been very much plagued with the.....since her birth, but it appears....wearing off. I have been....as usual only more....with pain especially at night. I have taken a great deal of Laudnum, I have been almost stuped with it until last night, paregoric and campher composed me sufficiently. I feel much better today. Mrs. Nelson is very kind she has been over to see me every day.

She only lives a mile and a half from here. Sally Wright has staid a day, and night with me. She lives three miles off through the Prarils. The mud at this season from here there makes it almost impossible for us to visit much.

We staid at Mr Nelsons three weeks before we could have our houses fixed. We have had Boston and Tom working on them ever since we moved. We have now got them pretty comfortable, more so than common. I believe we are as snugly fixed as any of our neighbors who have been here a dozen years. The people generally seem to have no notion of comfort.

We have sent to Mobile and laid in....provisions for the year. We also got some very good furniture, but gave a high price for it. Every thing here demands a high price. We went down and got a barrel of apples for which we gave six dollars I kept and used more than two thirds of the barrel, sent the rest to Greensboro and sold them for \$7. (50 cents by the dozen and 6 cents for one apple). We live on the main road from Montgomery to Greensboro, a great place for a tavern. We have a fine large peach orchard. The woman who lived here year before last dried ten bushels of peaches. Apples are very scarce in this country. They do not grow well. I have seen but very few trees. I have a garden planted a few seeds. The weather here is warmer than in N. Carolina. We have a mill in half a mile of us which is a great convenience, we have also a large Presbyterian Church about the same distance at which Mr. Hatch preaches. I am this particular in writing because I know you prefer to hear about every little thing. Mr. Hatch is on the point of buying a plantation in the neighborhood. It is said to be the best in this country, every person perswades him to buy it, they say it is a great bargain. The Gentleman who owns the place is to receive an answer this week. Mr. Hatch does not like to purchase before he explores the country, but is afraid to miss this opportunity. The owner will not sell unless he takes it now. He is yet undecided what to do, the price of the plantation is twenty thousand dollars, so much that I feel almost afraid for him to venture, The land here is very dear, 15 and 20 dollars an acre the best. On that account I fear but few of our friends and acquaintences would settler here. If he should purchase the place, I wish very much to be settled once more, although we are fixed comfortably, it is not like a home of our own.

I have laid by my letter three days. I have gained strength, have got so much that I walk all over the house and feel pretty smart. I have been low spirited but have got over it pretty much, tell Uncle Buckner that I have not had the hystericks until the day before yesterday since I left him. I then was all the time thinking about home. I thought I would have given the whole world to see my dear Grand Mother indeed I hated to part with all my relations very much, but when I parted with you I felt as tho I had left my Mother, The longer I am separated from you the more I think of you and love you. Mr. Hatch is on the other side writing a letter, and

little Catherine and Thos asleep, by little Babe lying on a little bed at my side and Easter sitting by her patting her. She has the Cholic a good deal does not sleep much at night, We have a cheerful fire and what would I not give to have you my Dear Grand Mother sitting in the corner smoking your pipe. I begin to feel very anxious to hear from you, why do you not write to me. This is the third time I have written to you. Give my love to....to Grand Pa. I hope he is well. Tell him little Thomas has been very sick, but has got well. I have his profile hanging over on the mantle piece. Thos very often wants to take down Grand Pa and kiss him. My Love to Uncle Thomas and John Buckner. Tell them I shall feel hurt if they do not write to me often. They feel nearer to me now than they ever did. I assure you I will write to you all very often. Please to write to me if you have any preaching at Union and if the Church flourishes. If there have been any additions to....and who they are, write me every particular for every thing will be interesting to me. Write to me about our old place that we left. If my Uncle has made any alteration and every thing about it. Farewell my dearest Grandma. I remain

Your affectionate Child

Martha H. Hatch

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORD

OF

BRYAN M^CCULLEN

State of North Carolina
Sampson County

Court of Pleas & Quarter
Sessions August Term 1833

On this the 21st day of August anno domini 1833 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful Justices now sitting & holding the Court aforesaid vis William J. Stevens, James Bennett, Henry Godwin & R. Coor Esq^{rs}, Bryan M^CCullen a resident of Sampson County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy eight years the 22nd December 1833 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

1. Under ~~Gen. Richard Caswell Sen. Col. William McKinney~~ Captain Joseph Sessions, Stephen Pipkin Lieut. Thomas Bizzle Ensign and served one month as a private, that he entered this service the 13th of March 1776 and was discharged the 13th of April 1776 that he was a volunteer, that when he entered this service he resided in Dobbs (now Wayne) County N.C., that he was in no battle, that he marched from Kingston where he rendezvoused to Wilmington to prevent the enemy whom it was said were on board a ship of war in Cape Fear River below Wilmington from coming up and landing, where he remained till he was discharged; that he has no documentary evidence but can prove this service by James Daniel of Wayne County.
- 2nd Under Captain John Grantham, Joshua Grantham Lieutenant in a company of cavalry and served three months as a private; that he entered this service in the fall of the year he thinks in November and believes it was in the year 1778; that this was an expedition against the tories in Dobbs County; that he was a volunteer, that when he entered this service he resided in Dobbs now Wayne County N.C.; that he was in a skirmish with the tories in Wayne County on Sleepy creek where Captain Grantham was wounded and David Jernigan also and his horse killed and one of the Tories vis Absalom Davis was taken prisoner and afterward killed; that just before this skirmish with the Tories his company joined the Duplin cavalry; that his marches were confined to Dobbs

County N.C.; that he has no documentary evidence but can prove that he was in this service by the aforesaid James Daniel of Wayne County whose affidavit is hereunto appended.

3. Under the command of Captain Michael King, William Darden Lieutenant in a company of cavalry in the fall of 1779 as he believes and served ten weeks as a volunteer and private soldier, that he was in no battle; that he was employed in collecting and driving beef cattle to Gen Greene's army in the vicinity of Salisbury; that he engaged for three months, but after having served ten weeks, his wife being in a state of pregnancy he employed James Daniel now of Wayne County N.C. to perform the residue of his term vis three weeks; that he served with no continental troops or regiments in any part of his service; that the regular officers he knew were Benjamin Harrison who was a Captain, Col. William Caswell and Curtis Ivey, the militia regiments he recollects were Col MCKinnie's & Col Abram Sheppard that he has no documentary evidence and thinks he can prove this service by James Daniel aforesaid of Wayne County N.C. or that he was in this service. Answers of Bryan McCullen the aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him by the Court aforesaid.

1. I was born in Dobbs now Wayne County NC 22nd Dec. 1755
2. I have a record of my age on a piece of paper at home kept by my father.
3. When called into service I was living in Dobbs now Wayne County N.C.
Since the Revolutionary War I've lived in Wayne, Cumberland and Sampson Counties N.C. and I now live in Sampson County N.C.
4. I was always a volunteer
5. There were no regular officers with the troops where I served. I was in twelve miles of Gen Greene's army but I saw no continental troops and for further information to this question I beg leave to refer to my declaration.
6. I never received any written discharge.
7. Hinton J. Craddock, Edward Vann, Everett Bass, Richard Wolf, James Daniel, Charles Stevens &c. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & Year aforesaid.

Test

Thomas J. Faison Clk

his
Bryan X McCullen
mark

On this the 21st day of August AD 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid James Daniel a resident of Wayne County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy eight years the 19th of April 1833 who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he is well acquainted with Bryan McCullen the aforesaid applicant, that he knew him before and during the revolutionary war and served with him in that war--

1st A one month tour of duty in an expedition to Wilmington to prevent ~~the enemy from landing from their ship of war & marching up to~~ Wilmington in March & April 1776 under Gen Richard Caswell, Col William McKinney, Captain Joseph Sessions, Stephen Pipkin, Lieutenant & Thomas Bizzle Ensign, that they rendezvoused at Kingston and marched to Wilmington where they remained till discharged

2nd This deponent did not serve with said applicant in the cavalry under Captain Grantham but this deponent saw said applicant when he entered said service and on two or three occasions while he was in that tour of service, that he thinks it was in the fall of the year 1778; that he, said applicant, volunteered for three months, that said Grantham's company were in pursuit of Tories in Wayne County

3rd That while he was in service that is while said applicant Bryan McCullen was in the cavalry service under Captain Michael King, said applicant employed this deponent to serve the residue of his term of three months which said applicant had volunteered to serve which residue was three weeks as said applicant _____ in service under Captain Michael King he thinks in the year 1779 & in the fall previous to his serving, as a substitute for him and that said applicant was employed in collecting & driving cattle

Sworn & subscribed the day & Year aforesaid

Test

Thomas J. Faison Clerk

his
James X Daniel
mark

We Richard Wolf residing in the county of Sampson & James Daniel residing in Wayne County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Bryan McCullen who has sworn to & subscribed the preceding declaration, that we believe him to be seventy eight years of age the 22 December 1833.-that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion

Sworn & subscribed the day & Year aforesaid

Test

Thomas J. Faison Clk

his
Richard X Wolf
mark

his
James X Daniel
mark

And the said Court hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter & after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier & served as he states; and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that James Daniel who has sworn to & subscribed the preceding affidavit and certificate is a resident of the County of Wayne and a credible person & that Richard Wolf who has also signed the same is a resident of the county of Sampson & a credible person & that their statement is entitled to credit and further that there is no _____
of said applicant

Given under our hands

Henry Godwin

Wm Stevens JP

Jas Bennett

R Coor JP

I Thomas J. Faison clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Sampson County hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Bryan McCullen for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my seal of office the 22nd day of
August 1833 & in the 58th year of American
Independence

Thomas J Faison Clerk

Service; Washington, D.C. Pension claim #S.9018

Letter enclosed shows that Bryan McCullen died March 9, 1835. He was allowed pension on his application executed August 21, 1833. The letter was signed by A.D. Hiller, Assistant to Administrator, May 20, 1833.

Submitted by Grace Turner. Original copied as closely as possible.

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