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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

Some of you may not know that we in Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society are a major component of the Wayne County Historical Association, and fall under the 501(c)3 Tax-exempt status of the Historical Association.

At our June 1994 meeting the new WCHA By Laws were presented. These By Laws were written by an Ad Hoc Blue Ribbon Committee. Your President sat on this committee. According to these By Laws, the WCHA will conduct the membership drive in January. At that time, you will be given an opportunity to select the component(s) you wish to join. To comply with the new January dues date, each of us in Old Dobbs will be asked to adjust the dues schedule. Since each of us has already paid dues thru June 1995, next June we will ask you to remit dues for only 6 months. This will then put us on schedule with the WCHA and our dues of \$10 for a full year will be required in January 1996. There will be notices in the forthcoming Newsletters to remind each of us of this change.

THERE WILL BE A GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 21, 1994, AT THE WAYNE COUNTY MUSEUM (another component of the WCHA). THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED BY HERITAGE QUEST FROM 6 to 10 PM. THE COST WILL BE \$10 per person. ELLIOTT FUTRELL IS CHAIRMAN FOR THIS EVENT AND WILL BE SENDING OUT INFORMATION. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE.

Our September Meeting will be held at 11:30, 24 September at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, onr Ash St. at Berkeley Blvd. I hope to see a large turnout for this Fall meeting.

Elizabeth Lordon Elles

SEND YOUR ARTICLES IN FOR PUBLICATION. WE HOPE TO HAVE TWO (2) PAGES OF QUERIES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BUT WE NEED ARTICLES ON YOUR RESEARCH.

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 If you have sent Queries and have not seen them in print,
 just bear with us. We have been inundated. If you see a query
 which you can answer, please help your fellow genealogical researcher.....Ed.
- DORTCH-WHITFIELD Looking for gr grandfather of William Theophilus
 DORTCH who was a WHITFIELD; the father of Benjamin WHITFIELD
 who m. Delilah Griffin dau of John GRIFFIN. Contact:
 {address removed}
- JOHNSON-KEA-SKINNER Looking for info on James JOHNSON who had connections with SKINNER and KEA families and owned land on Falling (Fawling) Creek-Lenoir Co, N.C. late 1700's early 1800's. Families migrated Darlington, SC before ging to Union, Hopkins or Caldwell Co., KY. Write:

{address removed}

HOWELL - Need info on HOWELL family in NC for period 1740-1750.

HOWELL family from VA. Write:

{address removed}

ADAMS-HOOD-BYRD-MANLY-BRANCH - Would like to correspond with others researching these families of Wayne/Johnston Cos., NC. Write or call collect:

{address removed}

- HOLLAND HALES ADAMS Wish to correspond with anyone working on
 Absalom HOLLAND d. 7 Jan 1863 (how did he die?). He m. Nancy HALES,
 She remarried Charney Adams 3 June 1867. I lost her after the 1870
 Census. Contact: {address removed}
 Check LOOSE ESTATE PAPERS IN NC Archives for info on
 Absalom HOLLAND you might find more info on him....Ed.
- CATER Searching for NC origins of James CATER m. Eleanor (c1778?).

 Need parents and <u>all</u> other info. Is this the James CATER who shows up in Rowan Co./Halifax Co., NC records? James d. 1798 in Newberry Co., SC. Ch. were Daniel, Elizabeth, William, James, David, Eleanor and Joseph. Contact:

 {address removed}

Editor's note....

This entire article has been included in this issue because of the importance of this early Dobbs, Wayne, Lenoir Cos. Family. It's easier to digest if you can read the whole thing at one time. Your comments will be passed on to the author. Thanks to Mary Spiron for submitting it for our Newsletter.

WHICH ELISHA UZZELL? By Betty Fisher Cox January 1994

Too many branches of the Uzzell family claim to be descended from Elisha Uzzell, Jr., son of Elisha Uzzell, Sr. of Wayne County, North Carolina who died in 1798. It has been my goal for several years to identify the real Elisha Jr. and assign the other "Elisha's" to their correct fathers. After gathering extensive records, I submit the hypothesis, based on circumstantial evidence, not hard facts, that the real Elisha Jr. is the Elisha Uzzell of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. If any Uzzell researcher can offer proof that this is wrong, I would welcome the information!

There were Elisha Uzzell's in several areas of the country at the same time. By collecting data on each, the "real" Elisha, Jr. could be identified, I reasoned. A summary of the information on each Elisha is listed below.

Elisha Uzzell of Franklin County, North Carolina - This Elisha has been claimed by his descendants as the Elisha, Jr. named in Elisha Sr.'s will probated in 1798 in Wayne County. As this Elisha was born 29 Jan 1787, according to Bible records, he would not have been old enough to be the Elisha, Jr. who helped his father with surveying, and who was listed on the 1790 census as "Elisha Uzzell, Jr." In order to be the head of a household, a man had to be twentyone. This Elisha was married to Tabitha Boon who was born in 1797, and their first child was born in 1817. The "real" Elisha was witnessing court records, etc., when this Elisha was just a small child. According to articles in the Wayne County Heritage Book, this Elisha was the "real" Elisha Jr. but it appears to be impossible. So who was his father?

Elisha Uzzell of Maury County, Tennessee - He first appears on the 1820 census in Maury County, with a wife and twelve others in the household. The Maxwell History on page 336 says that this Elisha was from Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and his father, Thomas, emigrated from France to America as a commander of a ship under LaFayette. Again, the dates do not match. This Elisha could have been a descendant of Thomas, as the immigrant's son, James, stayed in Isle of Wight County and had numerous descendants there, while his brother, Thomas, went to North Carolina, and established a large family in that state. This Elisha appears on the tax list of Maury County in 1817 and married according to some records, Ann Cohea. Who is this Elisha?

Elisha Uzzell of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky - This Elisha is the "real" Elisha Jr., if the circumstantial evidence listed below is correct. Elisha, Sr. wrote his

will in 1795, leaving each child twenty-five shillings except for Feraby Wilson, who received eight shillings. This handwritten will is in a distinctive writing style that closely matches that of the Elisha of Muhlenberg County who served as court clerk, justice of the peace, and sheriff. On Elisha Sr.'s will his signature is very shaky, obviously signed by either a very sick or elderly person, and obviously different from the writing in the rest of the will. The witnesses are also in different handwriting styles. The will was probated in October 1798. Elisha Jr. appears on the tax list in Muhlenberg County in 1799. In the 1800 census there is not an Elisha Uzzell in North Carolina; the only one in the country is in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

Below is a list of other circumstantial items of interest:

- On Jan. 16, 1793 Elisha Sr. deeded to Elisha Jr. 200 acres. Elisha would have to be at least 21.
- Elisha of Muhlenberg County was skilled in surveying according to court records. The "real" Elisha Jr. in Wayne County helped his father in surveying.
- 3. Elisha of Muhlenberg County was involved in many court activities. His signature and writing are on numerous documents. This signature matches a signature on a deed to Wilson heirs in Wayne County. These heirs were the children of Feraby Uzzell Wilson who was the sister of the "real" Elisha Jr.
- Although no will has been found for Elisha of Muhlenberg County, his known children's names are similar to the children of Elisha Sr.: Lucretia, Feraby, Polly, Elisha.
- 5. The families in Wayne County have many connections with families in Muhlenberg County: Stanley, Moore, Whitfield, Smith, Bennett, Oates, Goodman, Jernigan and Mercer. Many of these families were neighnors of Elisha Uzzell in Wayne and Dobbs Counties, N. C.
- Isom Uzzell was in the Hopkins/Muhlenberg County. Kentucky area by 1818. His son, Bennett B. Uzzell, married Lurchannah Oates, daughter of Jethro Oates. Isom settled in Missouri and later his son, Bennett, joined him there. About the same time, Elisha B. Uzzell, Jr., son of Elisha Uzzell of Muhlenberg Co. also went to Missouri. Isom's brother, Thomas Jordan Uzzell, went from Sumner County, Tennessee to Marion County, Illinois. Thomas named his son Elisha A. Uzzell. There is a court record in Summer County, Tennessee in which Isom is sued by his children because he kept the slaves that had been left to their mother, Nancy, granddaughter of William McKinne. In Johnston County, NC, Isom married Nancy Blackman in 1791. Her mother was the daughter of William McKinne who died in 1786. Johnston County is adjacent to Wayne County.

daughter, Polly, married Allen Groves in 1806 in Sumner County, Tennessee and moved to Hopkins County also. Isom's other daughter was named Zilpha. Elisha Sr. of Wayne County had a sister named Zilpha who married James Pearsall, Sr. Nancy Uzzell of Muhlenberg County had a daughter, Pearcey, born about 1805, the only time that name appears. Is this a nickname for Pearsall? The Maxwell History says that Isom was the son of Benjamin Uzzell, the son of Thomas Uzzell and brother of Elisha Uzzell Sr. of Wayne County. However, other family records list no son of Thomas named Benjamin. Most family records list Isom as the son of Thomas, Jr. brother of The connection between the Elisha Sr. Uzzells of Wayne County and the Hopkins/Muhlenberg County areas indicate that there was definitely family connections.

- Elisha of Muhlenberg County was married to a woman named Chelly according to a deed in 1819. This name is found in Wayne County records, especially in the Goodman family. In Lenoir County, Chelly Goodman entered a claim for 50 acres on the west side of Whitely Creek adjacent to Henry Goodman. In 1809 in Muhlenberg County Stephen Standley was given letters of administration on the estate of Silvy Goodman. deceased. Elisha Uzzell and William Standley were his securities. The orphans of Silvy were Martin, Penny, and Chelly. Chelly Uzzell died 24 May 1843, according to the Concord Baptist Church Minutes. In the Hopkins County census, Chelly Uzzell is listed as head of household with 2 males and 2 other females in the household. Her age listed would have shown she was born between 1760 and 1770. Elisha of Muhlenberg was born about 1765. More research on the Stanley families of Wayne County, N. C. and the Stanleys of Muhlenberg/Hopkins Counties, Kentucky may show more connections on the Uzzells also, as Elisha Uzzell Sr.'s wife was Dorcas Stanley.
- Another Uzzell, James, appears in Muhlenberg County on the 1802 tax list. That is the only year he is there. James appears on the 1810 census in Wayne County.
- 9. On Hardy Hynes(Hines) Revolutionary War Pension application, he stated he enlisted in Dobbs, Wayne County on April 16, 1776. He was allowed pension while a resident of Muhlenberg County in 1818, age fifty-nine. He died March 22, 1832 Posey County, Indiana. His wife, Sarah, stated she had twelve children: Feraby, born May 25, 1788 and the youngest one, Chelly, born March 10, 1807. An affidavit by Elisha Uzzell stated that he had known Hardy Hynes for a "great number of years." If he had known him for a long time, it had to be in Wayne County. Note the names of the daughters. In Hopkins County 1870

census is a Chelly Slaton, born 1807 in North Carolina. Was this Chelly Hynes?

In Deed Book 12 of Wayne County deeds, Lewis 10. Jernigan made a deed to Elisha Uzzeli, a resident of the state of Kentucky, for land in the state of Tennessee, that was bounty land which was given to his father, Gardner Jernigan, for his service in the Revolutionary War. It was witnessed by Major Uzzell, son of Elisha Sr. It was dated April 14, 1823. At this time, the only Elisha Uzzell in Kentucky, was Elisha Uzzell of Muhlenberg County. On February 17, 1824, Elisha Uzzell sold his personal estate to Calvin Uzzell. It was witnessed by Chelly Moore and John W. Uzzell. There are no other records after that day in Muhlenberg County or Hopkins County for Elisha Uzzell, Sr. As mentioned before. Chelly Uzzell appears on the 1830 Hopkins Census as head of household. Attempts to find the land Elisha bought in Tennessee have failed. Where did he go? Travel was risky in 1824. especially for a sixty-year-old man.

Apparently the southern Uzzell families are descended from the Isle of Wight County, Virginia families of James and Thomas on the tax list in 1782, and the North Carolina families shown in Wayne and Dobbs Counties: Elisha Sr. and Elisha Jr. in Wayne County, and Thomas Uzzell and Isum Uzzell in Dobbs County. With the destruction of so many of the court records I fear that all the descendants of these men will not be found. The Isum Uzzell in Dobbs County presents another mystery since the Isum Uzzell later of Missouri did not marry until 1791; could he be an Isum Jr. or even a nephew? Isum of Lenoir County sold land in Wayne County granted to Thomas Uzzell on Mill Branch, 85 acres in Feb. 1792. This usually showed father-son relationship.

Elisha Uzzell of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky appears to be the son of Elisha Uzzell, Sr. of Wayne County, North Carolina. Attachments include copies of his signature on various documents, a family group sheet showing what is known about him, and a copy of the deed abstract from Lewis Jernigan to Elisha Uzzell of Kentucky. If anyone can add to the information in this paper or contribute facts instead of circumstantial evidence, please get in touch.

Betty Fisher Cox

ELISHA UZZELL

BORN: about 1765 Wayne County, North Carolina

DIED: after Feb 1824

OCCUPATION: Farmer, court clerk, sheriff of Muhlenberg

County 1817.

FATHER: Elisha Uzzell, Sr. MOTHER: Dorcas Stanley

WIFE: Chelly _

Born: about 1765 North Carolina

Died: 24 May 1843 Muhlemberg County, Kentucky

CHILDREN: at least 10

1. Thomas Uzzell Born: abt 1786-1790

Dorcas Mercer Married: 8 Oct 1818 Muhl. Co.

Died: bef Aug 1825

2. Nancy Uzzell Born: abt 1791

John Hill Married: 24 Aug 1815 Muhl. Co.

Died:

Lucretia Uzzell Born: abt 1792

William Pedcock Married: 7 Oct 1830 Hop. Co.

Died:11 Nov 1856 Crawford, MO

4. Elisha B. Uzzell Born: abt 1794

Susan _____ Married:bef 1825

md/2Mandley Yarbrough Died: bef 1850 Missouri

5. Sally Uzzell Born: abt 1795

Hugh Smith Married: 27 Feb 1812 Muhl. Co.

Died:

6. Daughter Born: bet 1795-1800

7. John W. Uzzell Born: bet 1800-1810

Elizabeth Uzzell Born: bet 1800-1810
 Thomas Colleas(Collins) Married: Dec 1826 Muhl. Co.

Died:

9. Calvin Uzzell Born: bet 1800-1810

10 Daughter Born: bet 1800-1810

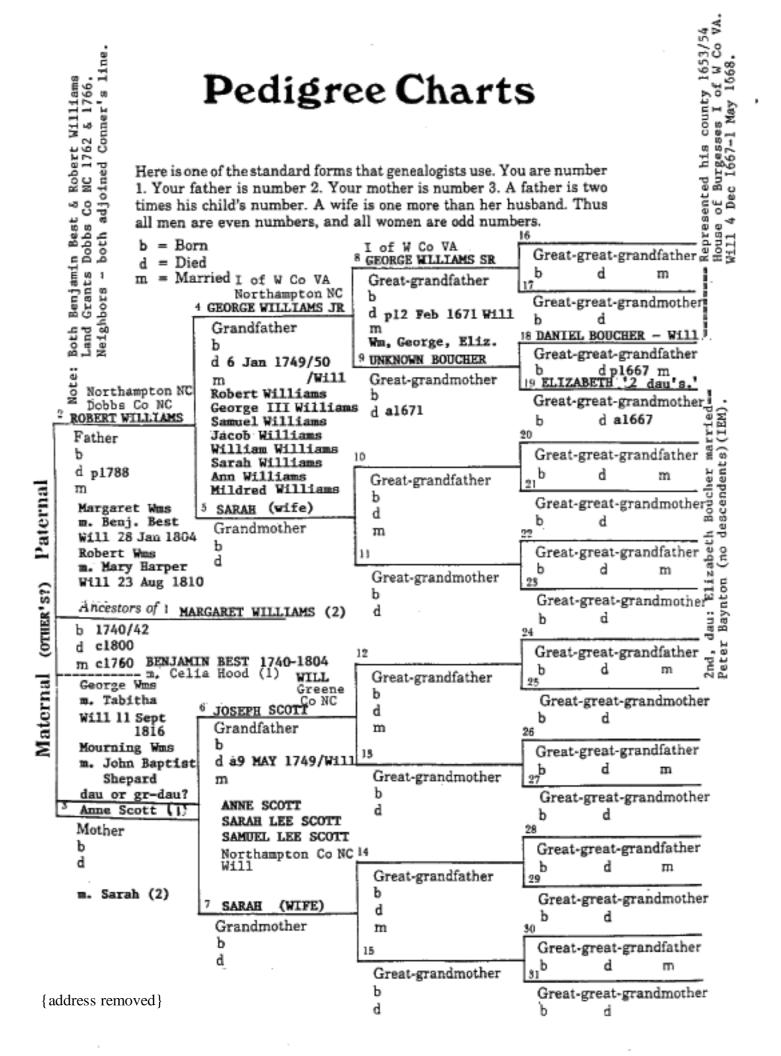
11 Mary Jane Uzzell Born: Mar 1811 Muhl. Co. Isaac Moore Married: 7 Mar 1838 Hop Co.

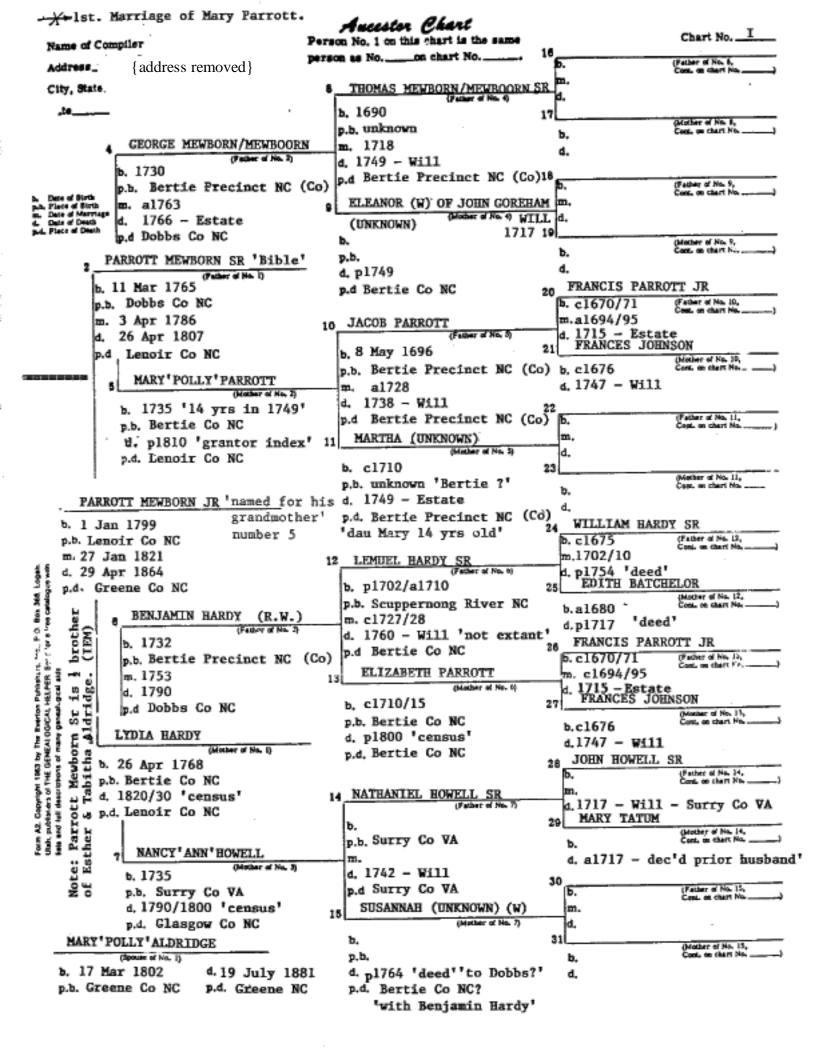
Died: 12 Apr 1884 Muhl. Co.

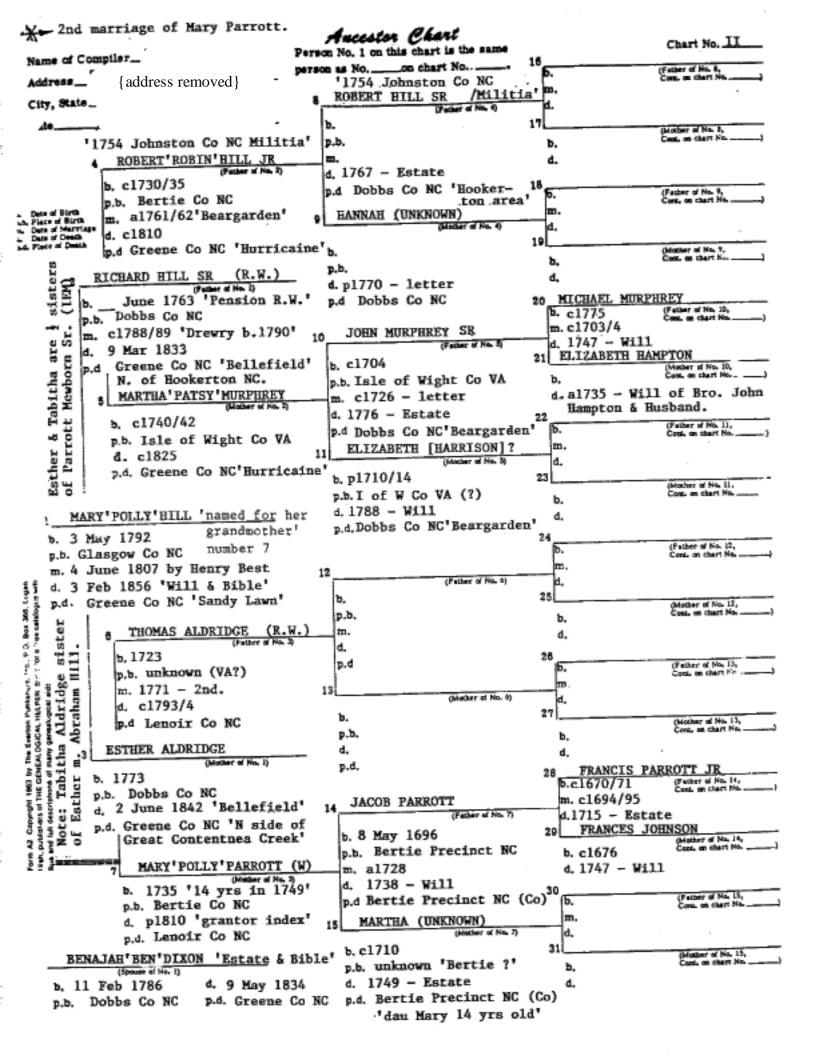
12 Son Born: bet 1810-1820

13 Son Born: bet 1810-1820

Sources: Muhlenberg, Hopkins County, Kentucky Court Records and Cemetary records; census records.







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Wayne County Historical Association

PURPOSE

To preserve the history of Old Dobbs County and the history and genealogy of its families. To promote friendship and exchange information.

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

Quarterly issues of the newsletter "OLDE DOBBS TRAIL" Free Queries in the newsletter for members. Guest speakers and lecturers at meetings.

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