

# Olde Dobbs Trail

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

On 28 February 1993, I had the privilege of seeing a part of our history relived. Charles and I attended the dedication of the reconstructed bridge and the 217th Anniversary of the BATTLE OF MOORES CREEK BRIDGE. Those who fought there, both Patriots and Loyalists, were honored. It was truly a magnificent day; reenactor's rifles were fired, kilts, tartans and bagpipes were everywhere; flags were flying, presentations were made; there were recognitions of DAR and SAR (many of our own members were included); and of course, there were the standard speeches (all good, of course).

I could not help but think how each you doing research or merely enjoying your heritage, keeps alive the memory of those who are our ancestors. We do honor them as those who fought at the BATTLE OF MOORES CREEK BRIDGE were honored that Sunday.

Let us keep the Past Alive!! WORK ON YOUR RESEARCH TODAY!!  
AND SHARE YOUR FINDINGS WITH YOUR COUSINS....

I hope to see each of you at the next meeting which will be at the Western Sizzlin, 27 March, at 11:30 A.M. We expect to have another interesting program for you.



*Elizabeth*

Elizabeth Gordon Ellis

BASS: Seeking contact with descendants of John Bass, (English Gentleman) mar 1638 in Virginia to Kezia, dau of the King of Nansmond Indian tribe. John Bass was son of Nathaniel Bass mar Mary Jorden dau of Thomas Jorden of Va. Have a book handwritten by John Bass dated 1635 with 3 pages of family records. Anxious to share and exchange research. {address removed}



## Queries

BRUTON/BREWTON: Researching family of my maternal Grandmother, MILDRED ELIZABETH BREWTON BRAGG. Her family lived in southeast Ga. We descend from NATHAN JACKSON BRUTON b 1765 in Dobbs Co., N.C. Any info on this family would be gratefully appreciated.

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BUSH: Desire any info on the BUSH family, need marriage and death dates on SANDERS BUSH and wife MARGIARETTE GORDA BUSH. Listed in 1790 census as living in the New Bern Distr., Dobbs Co., N.C. which is now Greene Co. and had 2 children. I believe he is father of my grt. grandfather, SANDERS BUSH, who served in the Chatawachee Rangers, Ala. Militia during the Civil War. Any info regarding this family would be appreciated. Willing to share my research.

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STEPHENS/BYRD: Seeking information on ABSALOM STEPHENS of Dobbs Co. in 1790, and on any STEPHENS in Lenoir Co. in 1800 and before 1830. Also would like to know about NATHAN BYRD who was b in Dobbs Co. about 1790 and died Leon Co., Florida in 1834.

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MEDLIN: Searching for father of NATHANIEL MEDLIN, SR. who settled in Davidson Co., N.C. about 1830. Writing an informal book of history on my MEDLIN family. Much of the book concentrates on family connections after 1830. There seems to be a connection with Medlins of Dobbs, Johnson, Moore and Anson Counties, including the close MEDLIN Clan in Franklin Co. (Old Bute/Granville) around 1750's. BRYANT MEDLIN, SR. and Jr. lived in Dobbs Co. in 1750 and 1780. Would like to correspond with anyone in regard to any early history of the MEDLIN family in N.C. Will share research.

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LEE: Searching for more info on my NEEDHAM LEE, a tax payer in Dobbs Co. in 1769 along with Arthur, David, James a son of Timothy Lazarus and Timothy but not listed in 1779 and 1780. NEEDHAM LEE appeared in 1790 S.C. census as a tax payer. He died intestate at Williamsburg in early 1820. Documents revealed children: Needham, Jr. James, John, Winnifred, Elixabeth, Mary Jane and Kesiah. I descend from Needham Jr. Would like to correspond and exchange data with any person working on this line.

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UZZELL: Researching the UZZELL family of Wayne Co., specifically ELISHA UZZELL SR. and ELISHA UZZELL, JR. as shown in 1790 Wayne Co. census. My Elisha Uzzell b 1787 in N.C. Married Tabitha Boone in Franklin Co. 1816. I have no idea who his father is. Would like to correspond with someone working on the Uzzells of Wayne Co.

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GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS OF GLADYS WEEKS

Continued from Oct., Nov., and Dec. 1992

SEE: PINCKNEY CROOM

HARPER, AMANDA

24 FEB 1869 JOHN M. PATRICK, PROBATE JUDGE, DO BIND PUT AND PLACE AMANDA HARPER, ORPHAN, AGE 11 YEARS, WITH CHARLES H. HARPER, TO BE INSTRUCTED IN THE BUSINESS OF HOUSEWIFE.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC APPRENTICE BONDS, 1869-1888

HARPER, ANNA

AGE 9 PLACED WITH ASHLEY DIXON ON 2 MAY 1878.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC APPRENTICE BONDS, 1869-1888

HARPER, EDWIN

AGE 7 PLACED WITH STEPHEN HARPER ON 6 MAR 1869.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC APPRENTICE BONDS 1869-1888

HARPER, PATSY L.

OLIVER MURPHY APPOINTED GUARDIAN TO PATSY FEB 1858  
GREENE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1857-1867

HARPER, REDDIN

S. R. HARPER, GUARDIAN TO MINOR HEIRS OF R. HARPER FEB 1861.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1857-1867

HARRISON, MARY A.

OCTAVIA TAYLOR TO BE GUARDIAN TO MARY A. HARRISON, FORMERLY MARY A. TAYLOR.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1868-1889

HART, ELIAS HEIRS

BENJAMIN S. HARDY TO BE APPOINTED GUARDIAN ON 10 NOV 1857 TO MINOR HEIRS OF ELIAS HART. MINORS WERE CYNTHIA, BARHAM, JESSE, FRANKLIN, CELEY AND JOHN STENLY HART.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC GKUARDIAN BONDS 1857-1867

HART, JESSE

TOA BE APPOINTED GUARDIAN ON 10 MAY 1859 TO MINORS: MOEM HART, COLUMBUS AND TITUS HART.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1859

HATCHER, JESSE

SEE: JESSE BARFIELD

HEATH, KINCHIN

R. C. S. BEAMAN TO BE APPOINTED GUARDIAN ON 16 SEP 1871 TO MINORS OF KINCHIN HEATH: RICHARD, WILLIAM, BERRELL, FANNIE AND LAVINIA HEATH.

HILL, MARY

IN 1771 WAS AN ORPHAN OF MICHAEL HILL, AND THOMAS COLLINS HER GUARDIAN.  
HATHAWAY 3-460

HILL: GRISSEY, LUCY, RACHEL AND TABITHA

SEE: LASSITER, HILL, RACHEL

HINNANT, JAMES H.  
SIMEON HOOKS GUARDIAN TO JAMES NOV CT. 1852.  
WAYNE COUNTY, NC MIN. DOCKET

HOBBS, SIMON  
LEGAL NAME CHANGES BY ACT OF NC ASSEMBLY 1800-1804.  
NAME CHANGED FROM SIMEON MEWBORN TO SIMON HOBBS, 1801

HOLLAND, FURNIVAL, FURNIFORD, LEWIS, ANNE  
NAME CHANGED FROM HOLLAND TO FURNIVAL, FURNIFOLD, LEWIS AND ANNE  
TOLAR. PARENT WAS ROBERT TOLAR, 1804.

HOLLOMAN, JOSIAH AND TOBIAS  
NAME CHANGED FROM JOSIAH AND TOBIAS GARNER TO JOSIAH AND TOBIAS  
HOLLOMAN. PARENT WAS WILLIAM HOLLOMAN OF JOHNSTON COUNTY, NC IN  
1794.

HOLLOWELL, THOMAS T.  
MR. THOMAS T. HOLLOWELL, ESQ WHO DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE NEAR THIS  
TOWN EARLY TUESDAY NIGHT, AGED 67 YRS. MR. HOLLOWELL WAS ONE OF  
THE EARLY SETTLERS OF GOLDSBORO.  
GOLDSBORO MESSENGER, THURSDAY 6 DEC 1877

HOOKS, DELIA  
PLACED WITH LUBY HARPER ON 27 DEC 1870, AGE 16 YEARS.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC APPRENTICE BONDS 1869-1888

HOOKS, DILLON  
DILLON HOOKS BURIED IN CEMETERY ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE SITE OF  
THE OLD HOOKS HOUSE ABOUT ONE MILE WEST OF O. J. HOWELLS, AND 1  
AND 1/4 MILES WEST OF SALEM METHODIST CHURCH AT BELFAST, WAYNE  
COUNTY, NC A CEDAR TREE MARKS THE CEMETERY. DILLON WAS  
A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER. CHARLIE HOOKS IS BURIED THERE BUT DON'T  
KNOW IF HE HAS A STONE.  
MRS. ARNOLD EDGERTON 1954

HORTON, WILLIS, NANCY, SALLY  
NAME CHANGED FROM WILLIS, NANCY AND SALLY PATTERSON OF WAKE  
COUNTY, NC TO WILLIS, NANCY AND SALLY HORTON (REPUTED CHILDREN OF  
WILLIAM HORTON AND HOLLEY PATTERSON  
LEGAL NAME CHANGE AND LEGITIMATIZATIONS 1811  
NC LEGISLATIVE PAPERS NC ARCHIVES

HOWELL, MARY L., PENELOPE ANNE, AND JOHN H.  
GARD THOMPSON GDN. FOR CHILDREN OF HENRY HOWELL, 2 NOV 1853  
WAYNE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1852-1857

HOWELL, CHELLY  
NANCY HOWELL GUARDIAN FOR HENRY, PATSY, JOHN AND CHELLY HOWELL ON  
16 FEB 1846.  
WAYNE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1842-1851

HUGHS, JOHN

AN OLD MAN NAMED JOHN HUGHES WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM NEAR MT.  
OLIVE, NC LAST SATURDAY  
GOLDSBORO MESSENGER, THURSDAY 8 JUL 1880

HUTCHINS, POLLY

SEE: POLLY ELLIS

JACKSON, DENNIS C.

AGED 13 PLACED WITH W. J. JONES ON 19 APR 1873.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC APPRENTICE BONDS 1869-1888

JACKSON, PENELOPE

NAME CHANGED FROM PENELOPE COX TO PENELOPE JACKSON. 1804 IN  
LENOIR COUNTY, NC  
LEGAL NAME CHANGES BY ACT OF NC ASSEMBLY

JERNIGAN, JOSEPH

DIED IN GRANTHAM TWP., WAYNE COUNTY, NC ON SUNDAY LAST.  
GOLDSBORO MESSENGER, THURSDAY 10 JUN 1880

JERNIGAN, JOSEPH

MARRIED COLIN ADAMS ON 22 FEB 1830. WIT: SIMON BRYAN (W) THOMAS  
LOCKHART, JR.  
JOHNSTON COUNTY, NC MARRIAGES

JOHNSON, HENRY

BORN 6 MAR 1791 - DIED 12 AUG 1852, JOINED METHODIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH IN 1817.

JOHNSON, REBECCA WIFE OF HENRY

BORN 25 NOV 1792 - DIED 11 SEP 1851, JOINED METHODIST CHURCH  
SOUTH IN 1830.  
CEMETERY NEAR HOOD'S SWAMP IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC SR 1708

JONES, HARDY

DIED 1792 IN JONES COUNTY, NC  
OLDS NC WILLS, P. 166

JONES, JOHN F. HEIRS

JAMES A. HODGES APPOINTED GDN TO THE MINOR HEIRS OF JOHN F.  
JONES ON 15 FEB 1859. HEIRS WERE: JOHN, JULIA, WILLIAM, PEARCY,  
LOUIZA AND PENINAH JONES.  
GREENE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1857-1867

JONES, JESSE, WILLIAM, POLLY, JAMES

ELIZABETH JONES APPOINTED GUARDIAN ON 9 AUG 1858 TO JESSE A.,  
WILLIAM H., POLLY ANNE, AND JAMES JONES  
GREENE COUNTY, NC GUARDIAN BONDS 1857-1867

JONES, NANCY J. AND JAMES A.

JESSIE A. JONES TO BE GUARDIAN ON 12 FEB 1867 TO NANCY J. AND  
JAMES A. JONES MINOR HEIRS OF JAMES F. JONES.

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JONES, JOHN  
THE KINSTON JOURNAL LEARNS THAT MR. JOHN JONES, FORMERLY OF  
LENOIR COUNTY, NC BUT LATE A RESIDENT OF ONSLOW COUNTY, NC DIED A  
FEW DAYS AGO IN THE 97TH YEAR OF HIS AGE. HE WAS ONE OF THE FEW  
REMAINING VETERANS OF THE WAR OF 1812.  
GOLDSBORO MESSENGER, MONDAY, 14 JUN 1880

JONES, NANCY S.  
AGED 12 PLACED WITH PARROTT WATERS ON 1 MAR 1870  
GREENE COUNTY, NC APPRENTICE BONDS 1869-1888

JONES, SAMUEL  
DROWNED ON 24 AUG 1744 WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CROSS NEW RIVER ALONE  
IN HIS CANOE WHEN RETURNING FROM JOHNSTON COUNTY, NC INQUEST  
HELD IN ONSLOW COUNTY, NC ON 27 AUG 1744. JOHN STARKEY, CORONER.

JONES, THOMAS  
DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN LENOIR COUNTY, NC ON THE 29TH, AGE 94  
YEARS AND 4 MONTHS.  
THE NC TELEGRAPH, GOLDSBORO, NC 14 OCT 1852

JONES, TOBIAS  
DIED IN THIS COUNTY ON THE 2ND INST., AGE 76 YEARS OLD.  
CAROLINA TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, 4 APR 1850, GOLDSBORO, NC

State of North Carolina } (Site of the Register of Deeds,  
Wayne COUNTY. Dec 10 1878

To all Whom these Presents shall come, I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Register of Deeds of the County of Wayne, North Carolina, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Register of Deeds of the County of Wayne, North Carolina.

And the witness my hand and seal of office this 10th day of December, 1878.

W. E. ... Register of Deeds.

State of North Carolina, Wayne COUNTY.

I, W. E. ... and ...

the parties licensed above, on the 11th day of Dec., 1878.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 10th day of Dec., 1878.

W. E. ... Register of Deeds.

1. Name of person obtaining. 2. Date of marriage. 3. Name of county. 4. Name of state. 5. Name of person granted. 6. Name of county. 7. Name of state. 8. Name of person granted. 9. Name of county. 10. Name of state.

# Plantation experiences...

The facts in this article are taken largely from a series of letters edited by a schoolmate of mine, James C. Bonner and published in the July and October issues of the *N.C. Historical Review* in 1956 and from my own knowledge of the Williams family.

These letters were written between 1853 and 1857 by a young lady, Sara F. Hicks of Albany, New York, who met a young man, Benjamine F. Williams of Greene County, North Carolina, while he was a student at the Albany Medical College, 1845-1853. They were married in 1853.

Benjamine F. Williams (1820-1892) was the son of Joseph Williams Sr. and his wife, Avey Murphy Williams (1785-1866) and lived five miles west of Snow Hill at a plantation called "Clifton Grove." He attended Wake Forest College and later the Medical College at Albany, N.Y. While his younger sister, Mary (later Mrs. Blount) and niece Harriett (later Mrs. William A. Faison) attended the Albany Female Academy. Benjamin and Sara were married after eight years of courtship. They went to Canada on their honeymoon. They then came to Clifton Grove and this is what she wrote to her mother a few days later.

"I felt at home. At dinner we had everything quite nice. It is customary when the waiting girl is not passing things at the table to keep a large broom of peacock feathers in motion over our heads to keep off flies...yesterday we went to church in a very handsome carriage, servants before and behind...I have seen enough to convince me that the ill treatment of slaves is exaggerated at the North."

In December, 1853, Sara



Our  
Heritage  
by  
Claude Moore

wrote her mother, that there must always be two or three meats on Mrs. Williams table for breakfast and dinner. Red pepper is much used to flavor meat with the famous barbecue of the South and which I believe they esteem above all dishes is roasted pig dressed with red pepper and vinegar. Their bread is corn bread, just meal wet with water and without yeast...Mother Williams went away for the night and with the help of cook, I had a very good breakfast, coffee, beef hash, fried chicken, sweet potatoes, corn bread and soda bread."

On December 11, 1854, Sara and Benjamine were visitors of his niece, Harriett, and her husband, William A. Faison, at Pleasant Retreat plantation near Turkey in Sampson County.

She writes to her mother, "In Raleigh I met some most agreeable people. Mrs. Barringer, the ex-minister to Spain...I met him and his lady at a party at Governor Read's. Mrs. Read is a perfect lady and made me feel at home." Ben was at that time a member of the Legislature.

In writing on January 2, 1855, she wrote, "I am still staying with Hattie, where I intend remaining until the adjournment of the Legislature. They gave a large party here last Thursday at which there

were seventy present and all relatives, mostly Faisons, but four. The society in this county (Sampson) is much better than in Greene, and much like that I have been accustomed to. It is quite another thing to give a party here than with us. for here they come to pass the night and stay until after breakfast the next morning. Then there are almost as many servants as there are white people."

Dr. Benjamine Williams had a large holdings in land and turpentine and spent little time at the practice of medicine. Sara Williams was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but in Greene they went to Jerusalem Methodist Church and to a Primitive Baptist Church. She always wrote most favorable of the sermons which she heard in Sampson and Duplin preached by the Reverend James Sprunt, D.D. In 1853 the Williamses moved to a place near Waycross, Georgia where he purchased 3,000 acres of pine land. Six children were born to the Williamses.

During the War Between the States, Sara Williams was able to get a few letters through by the way of Fortress Monroe, Virginia, to her family. She became a staunch Confederate. Dr. Williams died in 1892 and she lived until 1917. We had lost touch with this family until about 35 years ago when a descendant stopped over to see us. These letters, 110 in all are now deposited with the Southern Historical Collection at Chapel Hill. The Clifton Grove house near Snow Hill was burned in the 1950's and the original "Pleasant Retreat" house of 16 rooms was burned in the 1880's.



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# ANNOUNCING

THE PUBLICATION OF A COLLECTION OF WORK OUTLINING SOME OF THE PROMINENT FAMILIES OF OLD DOBBS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA ENTITLED: THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT PEELE I AND ALLIED LINES. ALLIED LINES INCLUDE ALBERTSON, BASS, BRYAN, COBB, COX, DAVIS, GRANTHAM, GREEN, HARDY, HERRING, HOLLOMAN, HOOD, JINETTE, KORNEGAY, LANE, MILLER, NICHOLSON, PARKER, PENNY, SUTTON, AND WHITFIELD.

THE RESEARCH OF DOROTHY PARKER MOHRMANN PROVIDED THE DATABASE OF INFORMATION FROM WHICH THIS BOOK WAS CREATED. SIXTEEN GENERATIONS OF HER FAMILY ARE DETAILED; 4,042 INDIVIDUALS. THE 620 PAGE BOOK IS ARRANGED USING THE MODIFIED REGISTER SYSTEM OR BY DESCENDANTS AND IS INDEXED. THERE ARE ALSO FAMILY PICTURES AND WILL REPRODUCTIONS.

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NAME OF ANCESTOR \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Free queries in the newsletter for members.  
Guest speakers and lecturers at meetings.

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Contents: Ancestral Charts, Bible Records, Cemetery Information and inscriptions, Elections Records, Military Records, Old Waynesborough Residents, Tax Records, Will Index (1195 names).

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