

Olde Dobbs Trail

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The Wayne County Heritage Book Committee

In May 1982 The Wayne County Heritage Book Committee was formed for the purpose of publishing a book to be named "The Wayne County Heritage - North Carolina." The Committee consisted of members from the Wayne County Historical Association and The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society. The Co-Editors for The Wayne County Heritage Book Committee were Mary Johnstone from the Wayne County Historical Association and Charlotte Carrere from The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society. Marvin Woodard was selected for Treasurer of The Wayne County Heritage Book Committee.

A contract in the amount of \$60,000.00 was negotiated with Hunter Publishing Company of Winston-Salem to publish 2000 copies of the book.

In the beginning it was agreed that the profits, if any, from the book would be divided equally between the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society and the Wayne County Historical Association. It was estimated that the profit might amount to approximately \$10,000.00, or about \$5,000.00 for each of the two organizations, when all the books were sold.

Recently the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society requested the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Historical Association to divide the available funds of the Wayne County Heritage Book Committee, and that the portion belonging to The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society be transferred from the bank account of the Wayne County Heritage Book Committee to the Treasurer of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society. Accordingly a division of the account was made of the balance in the account on December 31, 1988. The balance at that time was \$6,386.43. The check of the Wayne County Heritage Book Committee in the amount of \$3,193.21 was issued to the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society.

The Wayne County Historical Association's portion, in the same amount, remains in the bank account of the Wayne County Heritage Book Committee.

As of April 1989 there are 125 copies of the book remaining to be sold. When these are sold, a further division of the profits can be made.

When funds are transferred from the Wayne County Heritage Book Committee account to the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society or the Wayne County Historical Association they should be handled by the Treasurer of those organizations.

State of North Carolina, **Office of the Register of Deeds,**

Wayne COUNTY. *June 6th* 1878

To any Ordained Minister of any Religious Denomination or any Justice of the Peace of said County:

J. H. Blount having applied to me for a License for the marriage of *Jesse James Brown* of *Wayne Co.* aged *22* years color *White*, the son of *unknown* and *Eliza Brown* the father now *dead* the mother *living*, resident of *Wayne Co.*

And *Carryna Clayton* of *Wayne Co.* aged *19* years color *White*, daughter of *Jas D. Clayton* and *unknown* the father *living* the mother *dead* resident of *Wayne County*

And the written consent of *NOT FOR OFFICIAL USE* the said *_____* to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed Marriage at any place within the said county.

You are required within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License, and with the blanks therein filled according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

J. H. Blount Register of Deeds.

State of North Carolina,

Wayne COUNTY.

I, *J. H. Blount*, as Justice of the Peace united in matrimony *Jesse James Brown* and *Carryna Clayton* the parties licensed above, on the *6th* day of *June*, 1878 at *N. A. Butts* in *Pikeville* Township, in said County, according to law.

***WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE:**

M. B. Fort of *Pikeville, N.C.*
A. G. Bradford of *_____*
D. J. Redford of *_____*

J. H. Blount J. P.

1. Name of person officiating. 2. If Minister, of what denomination; if Justice of the Peace, so state. 3. Name of man married. 4. Name of woman married. 5. Place of marriage. 6. Township. *At least three persons present at a marriage must sign as witnesses.

JUNE MEETING
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 24 June 1989 11:30AM

of Turkey. They were the parents of Mary Faison, the wife of the celebrated Baptist minister, the Reverend A.C. Dixon, D.D., (pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1870); Franklin J. Faison, Lt. Colonel, C.S.A., killed at Battle of Cold Harbor on June 27, 1862, married Susan Mary Bryan and lived near Turkey, N.C.; Susan Arabella Faison who first married Lt. Colonel Elias Faison Shaw, C.S.A., killed at the Battle of Chamberlain Run, Virginia, in 1865, second she married Thomas Kenan Bryan; Amelia Faison who married the Reverend B.F. Marable, D.D., one time pastor of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church; Edward Livingston Faison, captain, C.S.A., married Cornelia Happer, of Virginia, and lived at "Mount Pleasant".

Maria Moseley (daughter of Matthew) married the Honorable Thomas I. Faison (1802-1865) and lived at a plantation called "Summer Hill" near Turkey, N.C.

Miriam Moseley (daughter of Matthew) married first James Frederick, and second, Isaiah Thompson and lived near Faison. The late Dr. William I. Thompson of Faison was a son.

The descendants of these families number into the thousands and are scattered all over the United States. They had a pioneer spirit and they had a prominent role in building our nation.

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State of N^o Carolina

Be it Remembered that on the 22th Day of May Stephen Sasser Calep Howell William Worley Thomas Boyet of Wayne County Came before me W^m Alford Esqu^r one of the Justices for the County of Wayne and severally acknowledged themselves in Debted to His Exelency the Governor & his Sucsessers in office in the Sum of two Hundred & fifty pounds current money of said State Each to Be leved of their severel Good & channals Lands and tenements to the use of Said State on condition that if Each of them Stephen Sasser Calep Howell William Worley & Thos Boyet Do personally appear before the next Sepurer Court to be held for the District of Newbourn then and there to give such Evidence on behalf of the State as they Severally may know against Ozbin Howell consarning the mat(?) He know havel?) charge with and not to Depart with out Leving said Court otherwise these Recogence to Be of full force.

Acknoledged Before me

W^m Alford, JP

From: New Bern District Superior Court, Criminal Action Papers, 1785-1789,
D.S.C.R.206.326.2

Submitted by Grace Turner

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held at Newberne for the District of Newberne on the 29 day of March 1777 in the first year of our Indepence

The Jurors for the District afores^d. upon their Oaths present That Cornelus Layrey Edward Williams late of the Parish of St Patrick in the County of Dobbs, planters in the District afores^d. on or About the 22nd of February with force and arms at the parish afores^d in and upon William Randall & Charles Saunders then & there being in the peace of God & the State did make an assault on Each of the s^d Randal & Saunders and otherwise Ill Treat & abuse Contrary to the peace and good order and Dignity of the State afores^d.

R^d. Cogdell Foreman

From: New Bern District Superior Court, Criminal Action Papers. 1761-1775,
Broken Series, 1777-1784. D.S.C.R.206.326.1

Submitted by Grace Turner

GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS OF GLADYS B. WEEKS

COBB, MARTIN

GREEN CO., N.C. APPRENTICE BONDS, 1869 - 1888. N.C. ARCHIVES,
RALEIGH C.R. 045.101.1

MARTIN, AMANDA, AND JAMES COBB, ORPHANS, AGES: 16, 12, AND 11,
WITH C.H. HARPER ON 25 FEB 1869. JOHN M. PATRICK, PROBATE JUDGE.

COOPER, GABRIEL

ONslow CO., N.C. SOLDIERS IN THE C.S.A. CO E, P. 398, BROWN'S
COMMONWEALTH OF ONslow CO., N.C. GABRIEL COOPER, ENLISTED
16 MAY 1861 IN ONslow CO., N.C. DIED OF WOUNDS AT
CHANCELLORSVILLE ON 1 JUL 1863.

COOR, WINIFRED

WINIFRED COOR, WIFE OF OLLIN COOR AND DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM ROUSE,
DIED IN WAYNE CO., N.C. ON 6 MAR 1854, AGE 31 YEARS.
(THE NEW AREA, GOLDSBORO, NC, 15 MAR 1854)

COPE, CHARLES, POLLY, AND JOHN

LEGAL NAMES CHANGED BY ACT OF N.C. ASSEMBLY, 1800-1804 P. 18,
N.C. GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY, JANUARY 1976.

NAMES CHANGED FROM CHARLES, POLLY AND JOHN COPE TO CHARLES, POLLY
AND JOHN RAY OF WAKE CO., N.C. 1804, P. 55

COWARD, J.H. ESQ.

GOLDSBORO MESSENGER, THURS. 4 APR 1878. DIED AT HIS RESIDENCE
IN LENOIR CO., N.C., MR. J.H. COWARD, ESQ ON 22 MAR 1878.

MR. COWARD WAS AN ESTEEMED CITIZEN AND HAD TWICE SERVED THE GOOD
PEOPLE OF GREEN AND LENOIR COUNTIES IN THE STATE SENATE.
HE WAS 51 YEARS OLD.

COX, EDWIN

THE CAROLINA TELEGRAPH, GOLDSBORO, N.C., THURS. 12 FEB 1853.

MARRIED IN JONES CO., N.C. ON THE 17TH BY CALVIN KOONCE, ESQ,
MR. EDWIN COX OF LENOIR CO., N.C. TO MISS ELIZA JANE, DAUGHTER
OF THE LATE MARTIN BROCK, ESQ.

COX, PENELOPE

LEGAL NAME CHANGES BY ACT OF N.C. ASSEMBLY, 1800-1804. P. 18,
N.C. GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY, JANUARY 1976.

NAME CHANGED FROM PENELOPE COX TO PENELOPE JACKSON, OF LENOIR
CO., N.C., 1804, P 45.

WAYNE COURT MINUTES - Oct 1810

"State Vs. Isaac Dickerson - poisoning Elizabeth Dickerson - Guilty - Fine L 100 Prison for 3 months - Jail not safe - Move to Jail in New Bern."

INQUEST - Isham Cotton - Constable - Inquest on Body of Robert Peele - taken 2 May 1811 - which states that said Peele come to his death By Act of God"

INQUEST - On body of Exum Hollowell - appears he come to his death in a natural way or by fall from his horse - Mar 1813"

WAYNE COURT MINUTES - 1814

"State Vs Stephen Grant - conviction of forgery - stand in Pillary one hour, 39 lashes on his bare back and imprisoned 6 months."

STANDLEY, William, son of William Standley. Accidentally drowned in Neuse River at Saponi Landing. Inquest held in Johnston Co. on 3 Aug 1752. Stephen Cade, justice. Jury: Anthony Herring, Sr., foreman; Jacob Herring; Joseph Herring; Stephen Herring, Richard Sarcenett; Edward Grantham, Sr.; William Grantham; Thomas Tatlock; John Bird, John Standley; Henry Herring; Edward Grantham. (NOTE: other than the foreman's these are not signatures.)

STANDLEY, Timothy, son of John Standley. Accidentally drowned in Neuse River at Saponi Landing. Inquest held at the house of William Standley in Johnston Co. on 3 Aug 1752. Stephen Cade, justice. Jury: Anthony Herring (blacksmith); Richd. (x) Sarsenett; James Parker; William Grantham; Ed. Grantham; Anthony Herring (Sr.); Stephen Herring; Michael Herring; Jacob Herring; Henry Herring; Anthony(x) Herring, Jr.; William Cade. (NOTE: These are original signatures.)

HATCH, Polly. Lenoir Co.

"Married Henry Hatch in 1807 who blasted all anticipation of joy and felicity and reduced himself and the family to a wretch state of poverty. He abandoned his family about two years before and went to Georgia. She has since repaired the family fortune somewhat and now prays the legal status of a feme sole.

10 Nov 1813, signed, Polly Hatch. Subscribing Neighbors: Bryan Whitfield; Jno. Gatlin; L(ewi)s Whitfield; Wm. Croom. (Referred to committee by the Senate on 17 Nov 1813. Endorsed: Granted) (L>P> 273)

WHICH OCCUPATION?

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The Dickson family of Duplin County

The Dickson family of Duplin County was one of the most widely connected and prominent families in Colonial and Antebellum Duplin. Among the numerous descendants are the McGowan, Sloan, Graham, as well as the Owen Rand Kenan (member of Confederate Congress) families.

The first known member of the family was Simon Dickson, who was born in England C. 1607, served as an officer in Cromwell's Army, and was given a land grant near Dromore, in Down County, Ireland. He married and had several children among whom was a son, Joseph Dickson Sr. Joseph Dickson married and had many children and died at the age of 94 in Ireland. Among those children was a son, Michael Dickson who married, had children and died at 84, which was a ripe old age for the 17th century. Michael Dickson had a son, John Dickson (1704-1774).

John Dickson migrated from Ireland to Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1738, where a number of Irish families were already living. He later moved to Maryland, and in the early 1740's he moved to Duplin County (then New Hanover) and received large land grants on Goshen Swamp east of Faison. He married and had the following eight children: Michael, William, Robert, Joseph, Alexander, Edward, James and Mary.

Michael Dickson moved to Georgia about the time of the American Revolution, married and had a large family, but we have no further record of the family. William Dickson (1740-1820) married Mary Williams, settled on Goshen and the census of 1790 shows 11 in his family and 31 slaves. We know



nothing about his formal education but the late James O. Carr said of him, "He was a man of broad ideas, mature judgment and profound wisdom; and he discussed political affairs with intuitive knowledge and foresight that

was remarkable." In writing a relative in Ireland in 1790, and in commenting on the Federal Constitution he predicted that the southern states would not receive equal benefit in the

government with the northern states and that the north would eventually demand the emancipation of slavery. William Dickson was a member of all four Provincial Congresses, served in the military during the Revolution and was Clerk of the Court for Duplin for nearly 40 years.

Robert Dickson was married to Catherine Pearsall and moved to Virginia, but returned to Duplin in 1784. He represented Duplin in the legislature for six terms. He left many descendants.

Joseph Dickson was married to Mildred Gillespie and had eight sons and one daughter, Anne. He served as register of deeds, county surveyor and represented Duplin in the legislature. His daughter, Anne was married to James Pearsall and left many descendants. Late in life Joseph Dickson and his sons moved to central

Tennessee where they established large estates. Dickson County, Tennessee, is named for the family.

Alexander Dickson married and settled near Kenansville but had no children. He left his property to an educational fund. He is buried at the Rutledge Cemetery near Kenansville. Edward Dickson married and settled in Duplin. He had at least three children: Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Ann.

James Dickson, the youngest son, married and inherited his father's plantation which was plundered by the British in 1781. By 1784, he had five children: Edward, Eleanor, Margaret, William, and Alexander. The census of 1790 reports 13 children in the family.

Mary Dickson, the only daughter of John Dickson (1704-1774), was married in 1769 to William McGowan, a son of William McGowan Sr. who received a land grant in New Hanover County in 1743. William McGowan Jr. purchased land on Grove Swamp in 1771. William and Mary McGowan had the following children: John McGowan who married Mary Molton; William McGowan (1773-1860) who married Mary Jane Pearsall; Edward McGowan married and was living in New Hanover County in 1820, had at least one son, Edward Starkey McGowan, who married Julia Styron; Robert McGowan who married Susannah Hooks (sister of Mary Hooks Slocumb); James McGowan, soldier of the War of 1812; Joseph McGowan (1784-1851) who married (1) Elizabeth Murdock (2) Hannah Green; George McGowan who married Mary McIntyre; Alexander McGowan who married Cassandra Sloan; Kittie, Zilphia, Nancy; Susan; Mary; and Elizabeth.

The descendants of these families are settled all over the United States.

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