

# Olde Dobbs Trail

OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
of the Wayne County Historical Association

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year and I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas Season. Thank you for electing me as your President. The new board members and I are looking forward to working with you on projects and expanding our organization. Please tell us your concerns and ideas.

I hope that each of you have time to work on your genealogical research. Rhonda Konig has worked really hard on improving and adding new material to the local library History Room this past year. She is also a wonderful instructor in the use of HeritageQuest that can be accessed through the Library website and used at your home free. Take the time to visit and work in our local library.

This coming year should see Volume I and possibly Volume II of the Cemetery Book ready for publication. Our Introduction to Genealogy workshop was successful and we hope to have more workshops during the up coming year. If there is a topic that will help you or one that interest you, please let us know.

Our next meeting will be January 22, 2005 at the Wayne County Public Library in the Weil Auditorium scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Mr. Tom Magnuson, President of The Trading Paths Association, a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of North Carolina. Its purpose is to preserve, promote and study the historic Trading Path of the Southeastern Piedmont. His discussion will be about locating the trading paths that were used by Indians and early settlers. Please plan to attend and bring a friend with you.

Sincerely,

Cathy Warrick Blow  
[rblow@nc.rr.com](mailto:rblow@nc.rr.com)

**DUES:** Please note that it is time to re-new your membership if you have not already done so. The upper right hand corner of your mailing label (on newsletter envelope) will state the year that dues are paid through.

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## OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

October 23, 2004

President Lisa Corbett called the meeting to order. There were seven members present, and no visitors. Lisa Corbett welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. There was no treasurer's report as Georgia was absent.

Old Business: The Cemetery Book Volume I has been indexed and will be ready for printing soon. The members discussed offering the book on a CD as well. We need volunteers to help with Old Mill Cemetery for Volume II.

The slate of officers was presented and the floor opened for nominations. The motion was made, seconded and approved to close nominations. The motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the officers as proposed. The officers are Cathy Blow, President; Guy Potts First Vice President; Lynn Johnson, Second Vice President; Barbara Lancaster, Recording Secretary; and Lisa Corbett, corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

The workshops held at the library in October were a success, and more are planned.

The speaker was Rhonda Konig, who took the group into the Local History room and showed them how to work with HeritageQuest. The Wayne County Library has purchased a subscription and Library Card holders can access this service online from home.

The next meeting will be January 22, 2005 at the Library. Lynn Johnson reported that Tom Mangnuson will be the speaker. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Lisa Corbett

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A Kiss at the Door – from the Carolina Messenger

We were standing at the doorway, my little wife and I, the golden sun upon her, fell down so silently. A small white hand upon my arm, what could I ask for more, than the kindly glance for loving eyes, as she kissed me at the door.

I know she loves me all her heart, the one who stands beside, and the years have been so joyous, since first I called her bride. We've had so much of happiness, since we met in years before, but the happiest time of all was, when she kissed me at the door.

Who cares for wealth of land or gold, for fame or matchless power? It does not give the happiness, of just one little hour. With one who loves me as her life, she says she loves me more, and I thought she did this morning, when she kissed me at the door.

At times it seems that all the world, with all its wealth of gold, is very small and poor, indeed, compared with what I hold. And when the clouds hang grim and dark, I only think the more, of who waits the coming step, to kiss me at the door.

If she lives till age shall scatter, its frosts upon her head, I know she'll love me just the same, as the morning we were wed. But if the angels call her, and she goes to heaven before, I shall know her when I meet her, for she'll kiss me at the door.

## News from the Wayne County Library by Rhonda Konig

The Local History Room has wonderful news! Back in February the library wrote for a grant called a "Digitization Starter Grant." The good news is that we got the grant! The Digitization Starter Grant will fund computer equipment and software that will enable us to put Local History Room resources online.

Our first project is a three part, one called "On the Streets of Goldsboro: 1870s-1920s." First we will digitize the 1911-1912 Goldsboro City Directory. We're hoping this will be completed by the end of January 2005. The second portion should be completed by the end of March 2005. We will scan a book titled *The City of Goldsboro*, which was published in 1914 and contains descriptions of Goldsboro and its businesses and includes many wonderful photographs. The last part to the project will be to digitize about 60 pre-1923 Goldsboro photographs including street scenes, houses, buildings and businesses along with their historical background when possible. We hope to complete this portion of the project by July 1, 2005.

This grant was supported in whole by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Federal Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Remember that we already have some wonderful resources on our website ([www.wcpl.org/genealog](http://www.wcpl.org/genealog)) to help you with your research. Our site currently includes an overview of our collection, a pathfinder helping genealogists research Wayne County, abstracts of births, marriages and deaths in early Goldsboro newspapers, name indexes for the books *War Time Reminiscences* by Hollowell, *The History of Wayne County* by Daniels and *Strangers in the Land* by Rountree, and finding aids for our maps and aerial photographs.

And don't forget *HeritageQuest*, where you can access thousands of genealogy books, the entire US Census from 1790-1930 and PERSI.

Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application files are now in HeritageQuest! These documents contain a wealth of information. Some genealogical information which you may find in these records is: age or date of birth, residence, birthplace, names and ages of family members, date and place of marriage and date and place of the veteran's death. Sometimes these records included copies of documents such as marriage records and bible records.

To use HeritageQuest at home the only thing you need is a Wayne County Public Library card. Simply go to the library's web page at [www.wcpl.org](http://www.wcpl.org) and click on the HeritageQuest icon. If you have any questions about HeritageQuest feel free to contact Rhonda Konig at 919-735-1824 ext. 4 or [rhondakonig@yahoo.com](mailto:rhondakonig@yahoo.com).

## New books in the Local History Room:

Abstracts of Deeds, Craven County, NC 1708-1765

Abstracts of Deeds, Craven County, NC 1728-1761

Wilson County, NC 1880 Census

Afro-American Death Notices from Eastern North Carolina Newspapers: 1859-1935

The News Dispatch Clinton, Sampson County NC Obituaries: Volume 1, 1909-1911

The News Dispatch Clinton, Sampson County NC Obituaries, Volume 2, 1912 & 1914

The News Dispatch Clinton, Sampson County NC Obituaries, Volume 3, 1915-1917

Citizens of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and Vicinity: 1826-1830

Obituaries: North Carolina Civil War Soldiers and Veterans: Volume 1-6

Marriages of Wilson County North Carolina, 1855-1899

The confrontation between British troops and the Massachusetts militia at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts on 19 April 1775 marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War. It is unknown how many people served in the Continental Army, the state troops, and the local militias, but many genealogists can claim a veteran of the Revolutionary War as their ancestor. A fire in the War Department in November 1800 destroyed most of the earliest service and pension records and a fire in August 1814 in the Treasury Department destroyed more records.

During the 1890s, the War Department prepared "compiled" military service records for the volunteer soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War. The sources used were: muster rolls, pay rolls, rank rolls, returns, hospital and prison records, accounts for subsistence, ration and ordnance records, receipts for pay and bounties, clothing returns, and other records.

"HeritageQuest Online" has some of the surviving Revolutionary War Pensions available on their website. The following abstracts are from some of the pension records of men who served from Wayne County:

Absalom Ellis - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior Court on 2 Oct 1821, aged about 66 years - in the company commanded by Capt. Harrison of the Tenth Regiment and afterwards in the company commanded by Capt. Bradley for 9 months; lists his inventory of property; died leaving wife, Ferreby and sons Joshua and Daniel; two grandchildren, Amos and William, sons of Daniel Ellis; Absalom and Ferreby were married before the 1st of January 1800.

David Edwards - applied for pension in Wayne County Pleas and Quarter Sessions 22 Aug 1832, aged 69 years - drafted for twelve months, 1781 and 1782 under the command of Capt. Thomas Shute at Kinston where he resided, marched to Elizabethtown thence to Ashpole, SC to Pedee; to Deep Run in NC where a fort was constituted; marched to Haw River and on to Hillsboro where he was discharged.

William Farrell - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior Court 1 Oct 1832, aged 70 years - about the tenth day of May 1775 he enlisted in the army of the US under Capt. Harrison at Kinston; that immediately he was marched to Halifax and from thence under Capt. G. Bradly of the Continental line to Petersburg; thence to Philadelphia; thence to West Point on North River when he arrived about the first day of August 1775 and then at West Point remained until the first day of February 1776, from West Point he was marched by Col. Hogan to Philadelphia by Lieut. Col. Mebane to Halifax where he was discharged on the first day of May 1776.

Charles Gibson - applied for pension in Wayne County Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions August term; enlisted at North Hampton Court House 20 Jul 1778 as a Private under Capt. G. Bradley; served nine months in the 10th Regiment commanded by Capt. Hogan and discharged in Philadelphia; stated while in service he took the small pox and caught cold which greatly impaired his health and strength and rendered him much less capable to labor than formerly; that he is poor and has a wife to support and needs the aid of government.

Elisha Grant - applied for pension in Wayne County Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions 21 Feb 1822, aged 68 years - enlisted for three years in 1777 in a company commanded by Capt. Simon Bright in the regiment commanded by Col. John Patlok; discharged in Philadelphia; after six months, enlisted 20 Aug 1777 commanded by Abraham Sheppard Capt., Tenth Regiment of NC line; marched to Valley Forge and enlisted under Lieut. John Davis in Capt. Benjamin Williams

Company; was in the battles of Brandy Wine, Manmouth and at Charleston, SC; schedule of property included.

John Howell - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior Court October 1832, aged 79 years - volunteered soon after the commencement of hostilities between Great Britain and this country for a service of three months, which term he served as Sgt. under the command of Capt. Joseph Green, Lieut. Herring, Ensign Joseph Herring, Col. Abraham Sheppard, Gen. Caswell; was ordered to Wilmington and encamped below the town when time of service expired; in 1780 volunteered for a second term as private in the Light Horse company under the command of Capt. Thos. Grantham, Col. Benj. Exum; a three months term under Capt. Boon when ordered to meet and oppose the British Officer Craig at Wilmington; his corps principally suppressed disaffection in Wayne and adjacent counties in crippling the Tories; taken prisoner by Cornwallis and paroled; enrolled again eight or twelve months; born 29 May 1753 in Wayne County as recorded in Family Bible.

George Jernigan - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior Court 1 Oct 1832 - aged 79 years - appears to have been born in Nansemond County, VA; resident of Dobbs County when he enlisted in the winter of 1778 and served three months as a Private in Capt. Fellows' Company, Col. Caswell and Shepard's NC Regiments; enlisted in 1780, served three months as sergeant in Capt. Joseph Boon's Company of Light Horse in Col. Benjamin Exum's NC Regiment; later served short tours; allowed pension 1 Oct 1832.

George Mitchell - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior Court 1 Apr 1830 - aged 68 years - enlisted as Private for twelve months term September 1781 in a company commanded by Capt. Jones, in the regiment commanded by Col. Lytle until 4 Oct 1782 when discharged at High Hill, SC; includes schedule of property; Johnston County Court, 7 Jul 1838, Penny Mitchell, aged 82 years, made application for deceased husband's pension, was married 17 Mar 1782 by Elisha Holland and husband died in Johnston County 3 Sep 1837; Johnston County Court, 1 Jul 1850, Handy Mitchell states he is son of George Mitchell and Penny his wife, he was born 9 Jul 1785 and his parents lived together as man and wife up to George Mitchell's death.

Jethro Odom Sen'r - applied for pension in Wayne County Court 11 Aug 1832 - aged 84 years - volunteered in Wayne County in 1775 under Capt. George Miller who marched him to Newbern, then to the Widow Moore's Creek in New Hanover County where a battle was fought between the Whigs and Tories; he then returned home and volunteered under Capt. Benj'n Exum, marched to Wilmington under three months tour and discharged.

Ezekiel Slocumb - applied for pension in Wayne County Court 4 May 1833 - enlisted April 1780 as Private in Capt. Lazarus Crawford's Company, Col. Benjamin Exum's NC Regiment; was in Battle of Camden in which General Gates was defeated; joined Capt. Jonathan Smith's Company, under Col. Benjamin Sewell and Brittel in NC and was discharged after 6 months; enlisted in August 1781 and served 10 months as Sgt. in Capt. David Jernigan's Troops of Horse Men, during which he was engaged principally in Wayne, Johnston, Duplin and Lenoir counties; was born 18 Jun 1760 in Wayne County; allowed pension 21 Aug 1832. [No mention is made of the Battle of Moore's Creek of which he and his wife are so well remembered in Wayne County history]

Benjamin Smith - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior Court 1 Oct 1832 - aged 73 years - enlisted 17 Sep 1777 as a substitute for his brother Josiah Smith who enlisted and

afterwards being about to contract matrimony and procured discharge; joined at Dobbs County now Wayne; served as Private in Capt. A. Shepard's Company, Col. Abraham Shepard's 10th NC Regiment; marched to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, was in winter quarters there and placed in Capt. John Ingel's Company, Col. John Patten's 2nd NC Regiment; in the battle of Manmouth; stationed the following winter at Paramus to guard the lines; next spring helped to build the fortifications at Stony Point on the Hudson; then marched to Charleston, SC; was in the siege there where taken prisoner and held about fourteen months; exchanged 2 Jul 1780 and soon after discharged; allowed pension 1 Oct 1832; died 23 Feb 1840.

Jesse Spence - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior Court 3 Oct 1832 - aged 71 years - enlisted in Southampton County, VA, served as a Private in the Virginia Troops; from August 1780 for six months in Capt. Arthur Boykin's Company, Col. Wells' Regiment and was in two skirmishes; was a substitute for his father, Edmund Spencer; from April 1781, three months service in Capt. Whitehead's Company, Col. Blount's Regiment and six weeks in Capt. Boykin's Company, Col. Wells' Regiment; allowed pension 3 Oct 1832 while a resident of Wayne county.

Nehemiah Toler - applied for pension in Wayne County Superior 3 Oct 1832 - aged 93 years - drafted and served under Capt. Lazarus Crawford at Battle of Camden, SC where Gates was defeated; volunteered in company of Light Horse under Capt. John Grantham and Capt. David Jernigan and served three months and discharged; 16 Dec 1851, son-in-law Benjamin Strickland applied for pension, daughter's name not mentioned.

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NC Archives – Wayne County - Miscellaneous Records, 1788-1936  
CR 103.928.9, Marriage License Consents, 1891-1910  
[To Register of Deeds, W.G. Britt - continued from last newsletter]

I hereby consent to the marriage of my daughter Effie, aged 15 years with Alphonso Exum – Dec 22/09 – Christopher Coley

Dec. 26, 1909 – I hear by give my consent for you to issue license for the marriage of my daughter Bessie Batten age 14 to James R. Gay – Sidney Batten, Eliza Batten

Sept. 11, 1909 – This is to certify that i give my consent for my daughter Armilia Fairclouth and George Tilton to marry – Mrs. Rebecca Faircloth

This is to certify that A.W. Brown and Della his wife do give their consent at a license for Robert Lee to marry their daughter Anne E. Brown she being under age – July 22, 1909 – A.W. Brown, Della Brown

May 22, 1909 – I hereby consent to the marriage of my daughter Estella Wooten to Andrew Whitfield – Witness: Nathan (his x mark) Wooten, Ned Wooten

Pikeville, Sep 29, 1909 – My daughter Florence Evans is 18 years of age and wants to marry Arrie Rose and he is twenty one years of age and we are wiling for them to marry – Smithy Evans – Witness: Henry Talton

Sept. 2, 1909 – Letter from J.T. Hooks – You will please forward to me marriage license for the parties named below – Ira Dail, 23 years old, son of John R. and Sarah Dail both living, to Minnie Batten 18 years old the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month, daughter of Sylvester and Mary Batten. I will state that Minnie's father is dead, but mother living

Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, 1909 – I enclose \$3.00 – Please send by return mail marriage license for the following colored couple – Charlie Kornegay, age 20 years, mothers name Nancy Kornegay, living, father unknown and Ethel Powell, age 18 years, mother Annie Powell, living, father unknown, yours &c – W.F. English

Sept 18, 1909 – I am the grand mother of Hattie Overman. I received her from ten years of age. She is now sixteen the 7 day of Oct 1909. She desires to marry J. Benj. Person. I am wiling and so is her grand father my husband John H. Sullivant to marry J. Benjamin Person her father and mother being dead – Mellir (his x mark) Sullivant – Witness: Hugh Humphrey

6/17/1909 – I, Delia Hood mother of Henrietta Hood do hereby state and declare that I am willing for my daughter Henrietta to mary Thomas Smith and ask you to issue license for same – Delia (her x mark) Hood – Witness: James Kennon

Sir this is to certify that I have no objections to marge license beaing issued for the marge of my daughter Leon Davis to Willie McCandless – Step Father Elcana Roberts, Mother Mittie Roberts

Kenly NC, Dec 3, 1910 – You can issue licens to the Ransom Barnes to marry my daughter Alice Overman she is seventeen yrs old her fathers name is Richard A. Overman, 58 yrs old, mother Penina, 52 old – Richard A. Overman – Witness: Frank Whaley

This is to certifie that Jon Capps and wife Sarh Capps are willing to the marrage of their son Louis Capps and Nancy Westbrook daughter of Charley Frank Westbrook – Louis Capps is 19 years old Nancey Westbrook is 22 Jon Capps and wife here now set their hand and seal the 16<sup>th</sup> – John Capps, Sarah Capps, Anna A. Bass

You will issue a married lisens to J.T. Tiason to Mearrie Armettis Barnes daughter of D.R.S. Barnes – Eureka – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1908

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The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a smiling mechanic in overalls standing next to a classic car. The car is parked in front of a building with a sign that reads 'AUTO REPAIR & REPAIR SHOP'. The mechanic is holding a clipboard and looking towards the viewer. The car has a prominent front grille and round headlights.

NC Archives - Bible Records - Job Warrick Bible - Call No. 400.1.1.2026

[record contained in bible record]

Board of Supervisors - Wayne County

Grantham Township

Jany 3, 1900

To G.W. Warrick

You are hereby appointed Overseer of Section 18 of Public Roads in said Township, beginning at Granthams Store and runs to the run of Falling Creek.

You will use the hands liable to road duty on the lands of A.A. Grantham, R.A. Cox, Job Warrick, Council Warrick, C.J. Hudson, Coxlands, J.W. Kinsey, Jas. Pearsall, J.E. Byrd, G.W. Warrick

Instructions to Overseers: Roads are to be at least 18 feet wide and full 10 feet clear of stumps and runners; causeways to be at least 14 feet wide; bridges through swamps and over small streams to be at least 14 feet wide; footways to be made through swamps and over small streams, sign posts to be erected at every cross roads, and mile post for each mile of road.

HANDS LIABLE FOR ROAD DUTY: All Males between the ages of 18 and 45 years, except Township Supervisors; tools to be selected by overseer; notice to be given three days; day's work not less than 7 nor more than 10 hours. Penalty for failing to work road - fine not less than \$2 nor more than \$5, or imprisonment not more than five days, at the discretion of the Court. A substitute may be sent, or \$1 paid for day's work, in advance.

Any overseer failing to discharge his duty, on conviction, shall forfeit Four Dollars.

By order of Board of Supervisors - G.W. Bridgers, Chairman

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NC Archives – Wayne County – Roads and Alterations, 1791-1907  
CR.103.925.2

State of North Carolina – To the Sheriff of Wayne County Greeting you are hereby commanded to summon a jury of lawful men of your county to attend and lay off and mark a public road from Rd. McKinne esquire and Neuse River to Waynesborough to the greatest advantage and least prejudice of the inhabitants and return how you have executed this writ to our next court to be held for Wayne County at the Court House in Waynesborough on the third Monday in May next together with this writ Witness John McKinne Clerk of said Court – 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1811

State of No. Carolina – In obedience to an order issued August term 1817 We the jurors being lawfully summonz to view the road where Sampson Lane Esqr has turnd leading by his own house a small distance further from the old road so as run through from his Black Smith shop eastward to the outside of his plantation then a direction to Waynesboro In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 17<sup>th</sup> day November 1817 – signed: Sampson Edwards, Web Hill, James Bradbury, James Jones, Claud Hamilton, Bryan Bradbury, Wm. Fellow, Thomas Kennedy

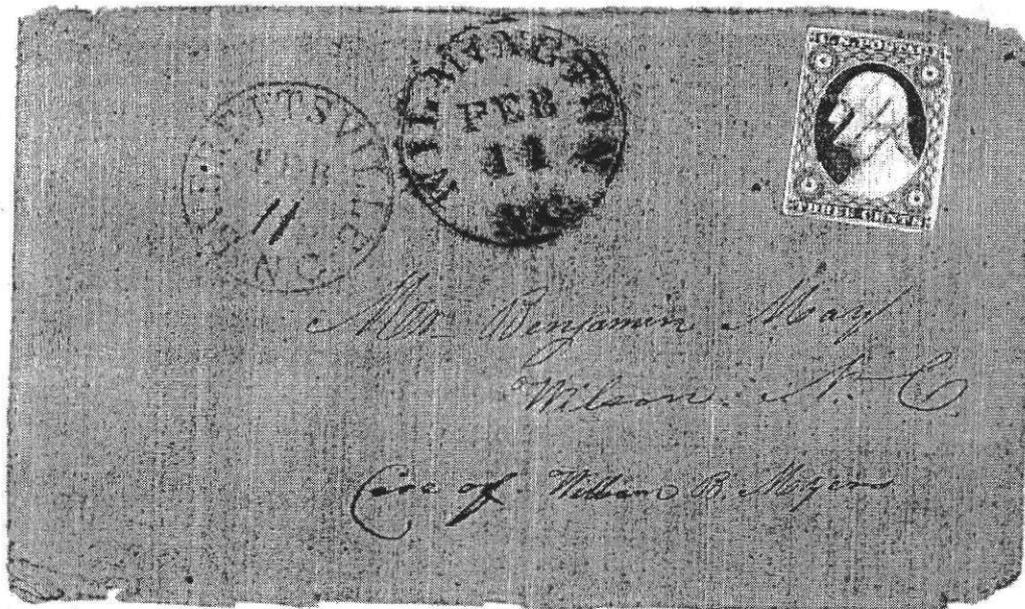
State of North Carolina - Wayne County - In obedience to the within writ I Robt. Fellow of the County aforesaid on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1817 and in the 41 year of the Independence of said state come in the proper person to the house of Arthur Jones in the county aforesaid accompanied by Asa Jernigan, Willis Jones, Edward Sasser, Henry Massy, Joshua Hastings, Lewis C. Pender, Isaac Wise, Joel Gurly, Rich'd Jernigan, Jesse Tolar, Ralph Howell & Major Howell &c good & lawfull men of the county aforesaid by me duly summoned to lay off a waggon road from Hooks road to Nuse road on the land of Arthur Jones Senr in the county aforesaid & the jurors aforesaid being duly sworn to lay off the said way according to act of assembly in testimony whereof the jurors aforesaid and I the said Shff have hereunto affixed our respective hands and seals at the place and on the day aforesaid [signatures of names mentioned above]

State of North Carolina - Wayne County - In obedience to the writ I Robert Fellow Shff of the county aforesaid on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug's't 1818 and in the 42 years of our Independence of sd State came in proper persons to the House of Barnaba McKinne on Fawling Creek in the county aforesaid accompan'd by Joel Grantham, Barnaba McKinne, Alexander McAllister, Thos. Kennedy, James Cox, Michael McKinne, John Killet, Bryan Bradbury, John Bizzel, Pearce Brogden, Frederick Grantham, William Edwards good and lawful men of the county afor'd by me duly summoned to lay off a waggon way from the horse Swamp by Col. McKinnes Mill to the Pettice Plantation into the old road in the county afors'd and jurors aforesaid being duly sworn to lay off sd road according to the act of assembly and assess damages which the owner of the land through which sd way may pass will sustain thereby upon their oath aforesaid did lay the sd way in manner and form as by the sd hereto annexed In testimony whereof the jurors afores'd our respective hands and seals - signed by above mentioned names

In obedience to an order from the county Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the county of Wayne to lay off a new road commencing near Thomas Hornes and as the order directed into the Waynesboro road at Stoney Hill which order was executed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondy of Febr'y 1819 in obedience to said order I have prosecuted with the underneath jury to lay out said road assessing the damage as they went to individual damage to Arthur Bass ten Dollars - signed: Elisha Applewhite, Ishabod Pearson, J. Parker, Redick Barnes, Thomas Ham, Jacob Barnes, Joseph Sanders, Jeremiah Bass, Matthew Fulghum, Wm. Bardin, Jacob Copeland, Silas Barnes

State of North Carolina - To the Sheriff of Wayne County Greeting you are hereby command to summon a jury of good and lawful men of your county to lay off a new road commencing at the Smithfield road near Thomas Horns, crossing Black Creek at or near Lambs Mill thence crossing the great Swamp at or near Arthur Basses Bridge thence crossing Naughunta Swamp at the place called Halls Bridge thence a straight direction to Stoney Hill in the Waynesborough road - herein fail not and have you then and there this writ - Witness Philip Hooks, Febr'y 3, 1819

State of North Carolina - To the Sheriff of Wayne County Greeting You are hereby commanded to summon a jury of good and lawful men of your county to lay off a new road leading from Black Creek meeting House running for the best advantage by Arthur Bardins to the Black Creek road near the School House thence straight to the end of John F. Cook's lane thence straight to the corner of Jesse Bogue's fence thence with the path as it now stands to Woodards Bridge on Contentnea Creek and to inquire & report with the direction of the road shall run and whether any & if any what damage is done to any and to what amount and what individual and your proceeding return into this court to be held for the county of Wayne at the Court House in Waynesboro on the 3 Monday of February next - Witness Philip Hooks, Clerk of our said Court at office the 3 Monday of November 1824



Everettsville Post Mark [on left]

***Postal History Entry – NC Archives & History***  
*Benjamin May, Wilson*

Adresse: Benjamin May, Wilson  
 Item Date: 2/11/185x  
 Origin PO: Everettsville  
 Origin County: Wayne  
 Cover Type: Envelope  
 Postmark Type: 2  
 Postmark Color: Red  
 Notes: Also Wilmington Type 8 (black)  
 Source of Record: Postal History Collection  
 Call Number:  
 Postal History Item #: 2564

From "Post Offices and Postmasters of North Carolina – Postal History Society"

Everettsville Postmasters: Eli Murray, 9 Apr 1849; Richard T. Hoskins, 10 Oct 1852; Almon Hart, 6 Oct 1855; Joel D. Battle, 10 Apr 1857; John E. Whitfield, 31 Dec 1858

John E. Whitfield, CSA, date unknown; CSA office discontinued, 26 Nov 1861; CSA office closed on or before 30 Apr 1865; Discontinued 6 Dec 1866

**OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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 lectures at meetings.

**NEXT MEETING**

**January 22, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.  
Wayne County Library  
1001 East Ash Street, Goldsboro**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL  
(Annual Membership from 1 Jan to 31 Dec)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 single member \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20.00 joint members (same address) \_\_\_\_\_

New member \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payable to: Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0617**

Query: **BASS** - Bennet Wilson BASS is said to have been born in Goldsboro around 1790. His wife's name is unknown. His children were all born in Andalusia, Alabama. His son, Bennet B. BASS, married Mary Elizabeth HOGG. They had the following children: Marcy (b. 12 Oct 1838), Wilson Bennet (b. 17 Feb 1840), Nancy (b. 2 Mar 1842), Lovina (b. 28 Jan 1843), Holly (b. 21 Dec 1845), James (b.25 Apr 1847), Bennet B. (b. 13 June 1849), Elizabeth (b. 14 Nov 1850), Martha Jane (b. 13 Feb 1852) and William Riley (b. 26 May 1854). Any assistance in finding the parents of Bennet Wilson Bass would be most appreciated.

Mr. Gail T. Burgess, 2227 E. Devon Court, Gilbert AZ 85296

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**PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE**  
(Prices include postage & handling)

**Books available from:** Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0617

**OLD DOBBS COUNTY RECORDS** (530 pages)..... \$50.00  
*Ancestral charts, Bible records, cemetery information and inscriptions, election records, military records, Old Waynesborough residents, tax records, and a Will Index of 1195 names.*

**EARLY MARRIAGE RECORDS OF WAYNE & JOHNSTON COUNTIES.**..... \$40.00  
*Existing early marriage records of Wayne & Johnston Co.*

**MARRIAGE RECORDS OF WAYNE COUNTY, VOL II 1900-1940**..... \$50.00

**WAYNE COUNTY, NC COURT HOUSE RECORDS FOUR BOOKS 1780-1896...** \$35.00  
*Wayne County Guardian Bonds from 1857-1867, Taxable Property in Wayne County from 1859-1863 (by Townships), Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions 1820-1823 with index, and Land Claims in Wayne Co. Registered with the State of N.C. with index by Martha Ellis Hill, softbound.*

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We welcome your queries and contributions for future newsletters.

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OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

There are so many interesting, informative and good things happening in the Dobbs Genealogical Society. Your Board Members are working hard for the society and coming up with some wonderful ideas and programs. I am sure you will notice some changes and additions to the newsletter. Please send comments and ideas of things you would like your newsletter to include to our Editor. Guy appreciates your input.

The Wayne County Public Library is working to update, improve and add more resources to the Local History Room. If you have not visited the library recently you should take the time to do so. Rhonda is doing a grand job in the Local History Room but she needs your input.

Our next meeting will be *April 23, 2005* at the Wayne County Museum, 116 N. William Street at **10:30** a.m. Mr. Theodore Perkins will be our guest speaker. He will be sharing his research and knowledge of Quaker history in Dobbs and Wayne counties. More information pertaining to the program is included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend with you.

Sincerely,

Cathy Warrick Blow  
[rblow@nc.rr.com](mailto:rblow@nc.rr.com)

**Membership dues reminder – there are dues still outstanding.** All our members are important to us and our dues fund so many of our programs and projects. Invite a friend to join.

**The upper right hand corner of your mailing label (on newsletter envelope) will state the year that dues are paid through.**

## OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society met on January 22, 2005 at the Weil Auditorium, Wayne County Public Library in Goldsboro, NC. President Cathy Blow called the meeting to order, welcomed the members and guests, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Barbara Lancaster led us in prayer. There were 22 people present. The minutes from our previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Lisa Corbett reported a balance of \$4,477.15 in the treasury.

For old business, Cathy Blow reported that the first volume of the cemetery book is being indexed. With no further delays we hope to have it ready for publication very soon. Volunteers are needed to help survey Old Mill Cemetery for Volume II. If you can volunteer please contact Billy Herring, 919-242-6217, the township coordinator for New Hope Township or the Cemetery Project coordinator, Elliott Futrell, 919-736-4232

For the first item of new business, the executive board of Old Dobbs presented a list of goals that they would like to see accomplished during the next two years: to encourage an increase in membership; to promote and sponsor genealogy and area history workshops and lectures; to publish Volume I and Volume II of the cemetery books; to continue cemetery listings of other townships; and to assist and promote the Wayne County Public Library Local History Room and the Family History Center.

A Library Committee has been formed with Rhonda Konig serving as chairperson. She has requested help from the membership in the development of the Local History Collection. She may send out a survey with the results determining what additions would be most helpful and beneficial.

The speaker for our April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be Mr. Theodore Perkins, well-known authority on Quaker genealogy. We will advertise this meeting in hopes that other societies will join us. If you have any "Quaker questions" please send them to Guy at [gpotts1@nc.rr.com](mailto:gpotts1@nc.rr.com) and he will forward them to Mr. Perkins prior to the meeting. Hopefully, your questions can be answered at the meeting. You may also mail them to us at P.O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0617.

Volunteers are needed to abstract pension records of Revolutionary soldiers from Dobbs County. If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact Mr. Jerome Tew. [jdtew3@earthlink.net](mailto:jdtew3@earthlink.net) He will be happy to give you instructions as to what you need to do.

It was announced that the NC Genealogical Society is collecting Family Bible records. If you would like to contribute, please send them a copy to be included in their publication. Their address is PO Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835-0022. Be sure to include a copy of the title page (page showing publication and or copyright date).

Lynn Johnson introduced our speaker, Tom Magnuson, from the Trading Paths Association, who presented a very interesting program on the subject of locating and preserving historic road beds and trading paths. After questions from the audience were answered, the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be at **10:30 a.m., April 23, 2005 at the Wayne County Museum, 116 N. William Street.**

Submitted by Barbara Lancaster, Recording Secretary

**New Additions to the History Room at Wayne County Library****January 2005**

The Changing Face of Justice: A Look at the First 100 Women Attorneys in North Carolina – by Emily Colin and Lynn P. Roundtree

Names in South Carolina, Winter 1964, Winter 1963, November 1965 – University of South Carolina

**February 2005**

Scotland County Heritage - Toe River Valley Heritage Vol. IV - Town Leaders: Littleton, North Carolina 1790-1920 by Rebecca Leach Dozier - 1850 Census of Johnston County North Carolina by Helen Marler - Courthouse Research for Family Historians by Christine Rose

Ancestry Library Edition – a subscription Internet database that contains a wide range of genealogical and historical information.

Major collections include: U.S. Federal Census 1790-1930 (with an every name index), U.K. and Ireland Census Collection, Immigration Collection, Birth Marriage and Death Collection, Military Records Collection, Biography and History Collection as well as other resources. This is available in-library only at any of our branches.

Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children: Apprentices from 1784-1902 – Alan Miller

The Jury Lists of South Carolina 1778-1779 – Ge Lee Corley Hendrix

Directory of Scots in the Carolinas: Volume 2 – David Dobson

**From the Old Dobbs Genealogical Society Meeting – January 22, 2005****“Old Roads a Path to Past”**

The old trails and paths that wind through North Carolina could provide a deeper understanding of the state's heritage and history than some written records. That's what members of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society learned Saturday, when Tom Manguson spoke about studying trading paths throughout the state.

Manguson, a member of the Trading Path Association, said that North Carolina had a century or more of unwritten history that took place before government records were kept. The Trading Path Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the state to preserve, promote and study North Carolina's historic trading path. The key to discovering that history, Manguson said, is to search for the old road beds, pathways and trails throughout the state. And when those paths are identified, they need to be preserved.

Manguson said that in the 1600s indentured servants escaped from the "cavalier mentality" of their masters in Virginia and came to live in North Carolina. Those servants, both white and

black, settled in with the Indians in North Carolina. "The Indians were adoptive at that point," Manguson said. "If a person could behave, they were accepted." Items found, or preserved, from those communities show a mixture of influences. "There were blended communities by the end of the 17th century," he said.

The bowls of a pipe maker had a European design, with an African motif, but were handcrafted by Indians, Manguson explained. But the only way to find out more about those blended communities is by studying the old roads, which are remnants of that era. Often, those paths might look like "someone took a paintbrush to a cow's tail, because they meander about," he said. "But 150 feet on either side of that old road bed holds a vast preponderance of history," he said "because everyone lived within spitting distance of the roads."

North Carolina is in danger of losing that link to its past because of urban sprawl and development. Some of the loss is accidental, Manguson said, and some has been intentional. To find, and preserve, that forgotten chapter in the state's history, look for the shallow places in a stream, or a riverbed. These, Manguson said, were the "chokepoints."

"And everyone went to the chokepoints because they were strategic points in any terrain," he explained. "The roads went from river crossing to river crossing and the towns then grew up." Sometimes two to five roads would come together at these points. "If you find these, you'll find evidence of past lives," he said. "We are urging everyone to find their old infrastructure. The roads are our heirlooms."

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### Upcoming Speakers

The speaker for our July meeting is Lt. Col. (retired) Sion Harrington, who will be talking about the North Carolina State Archives Military History Project and his recent project on the Confederate Army.

Mark Oct 22, 2005 on your calendar. Our speakers will be from the Down East Scottish Society and will be discussing our Scottish Heritage and tracing Scottish ancestors.

### **"Carolina Quakers – Our Heritage Our Hope – Tercentenary, 1672-1972"**

Edited by Seth B. and Mary Edith Hinshaw

**Early Meetings** - Following the brief three-day visit of William Edmundson to Carolina in May, 1672, George Fox made his way down through southeastern Virginia toward Carolina in the autumn of the same year. He arrived in the Perquimans area in late October, staying eighteen days, as indicated in his journal. In speaking of the meeting at Joseph Scott's home, he says, "many people were at it: a sound, precious Meeting it was, and the People were tender and much desired after Meetings." Four years later when William Edmundson visited the area again he found "Friends finely settled" in the county, and "things well among them."

Meetings for worship during the early years were held in homes rather than meeting houses, since meeting houses were not in existence. Nearly all the early homes and all the early meeting houses in the Perquimans area were located on creeks and rivers; there were no roads through the swampy wilderness, and the streams furnished the only means of travel and transportation.

In giving dates for the beginnings of early Meetings, one must remember that in most instances a local group of Friends was first granted permission to hold meetings for worship. Some time later the same group might be granted the status of Preparative Meeting. When growth and development seemed sufficient, the Preparative Meeting might be set up as an independent Monthly Meeting.

**Piney Woods** – The oldest existing Meeting in Perquimans area, and in North Carolina, is Piney Woods. In 1723 James Griffin, Moses Hill and William Hill requested the privilege of holding week-day meetings for worship in their homes. Piney Woods continued for a long time as a Preparative Meeting, becoming a Monthly Meeting in 1794.

**Great Contentnea** – In the second quarter of the eighteenth century Friends began moving into the Wayne County area. In 1740, Thomas Cox and four children (Richard, Sarah, Thomas and Elizabeth) moved from Core Sound in Carteret County to a grant of land on the south side of the Neuse River, some ninety miles to the west. Meetings for worship were held in the home of Richard Cox. The Neuse Preparative Meeting was set up, and its records begin with the year 1754.

Lower Falling Creek seems to have been located near the present town of Kinston, beginning in 1748. In the years following this group of Friends so declined that by May, 1772, it was decided that the “next ensuing meeting be held at Richard Cox’s near Upper Falling Creek.” In September of that year it was held at Great Contentnea, located about five miles northeast of what is now Fremont. From this time Falling Creek Monthly Meeting disappears and Contentnea Monthly Meeting takes its place. As an increasing number of Friends settled in the Nahunta community, the Monthly Meeting was transferred to this area.

**Contentnea Quarterly Meeting** – Friends began moving into the Neuse River area as early as 1740. The minute book entitled “Minutes of Great Contentnea, Neuse and Woodland Meetings” dates from 1748, but Contentnea Quarterly Meeting was not established until much later. The minutes of Eastern Quarterly Meeting, 1787, contain this statement: “*A request from Coresound and Contentney Monthly Meetings was produced to this meeting to have a Quarterly Established at Contentney for their Meetings. A committee is appointed to visit them and Examine their records and report to a future Quarterly Meeting whose names are Chalkley Albertson, Joseph Henley, Rich’d Jordan, Caleb White, Josiah Bundy, Benjamin Albertson, Sr., Aaron Morris, Sr., John Symons, Jr., and Aaron Morrison, Jr.*” In the 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1789, it was agreed that “the Quarterly Meeting at Contentney be established.” Minutes for the first five years have been lost, and the early procedures and actions of Contentnea Quarterly Meeting are unknown.

The Wayne County area lost many members during the great migrations before and immediately after the Civil War. Friends living in the path of destruction left by Johnston and Sherman armies suffered severely, being left totally destitute. At the close of the War the Baltimore Association supplied food and clothing for those in dire need.

One interesting insight into existing conditions may be gleaned from a statement in the minutes of the Neuse Meeting for January 4, 1865: "The clerk not being present and from the best information the minutes of the Meeting is lost or mislaid by the invading army of General Sherman's Army through the county in third month last."

**Neuse** – The Neuse Meeting had its beginnings with the migration of Friends from Core Sound area in Carteret County. In 1740, Thomas Cox and four of his children, Richard, Thomas, Sarah and Elizabeth, settled on a grant of land on the south side of Neuse River known as Quaker Neck. Meetings for worship were first held in the home of Richard Cox, beginning around 1750. He gave land for a meeting house in 1782. The written records of Neuse Preparative Meeting begin with the year 1754.

This community, as others in Wayne County, suffered severely during the Civil War period. Several families moved to Indiana. A separation in the membership occurred around 1903.

Neuse had added much to the strength of Contentnea Quarterly Meeting through the years. John S. Moore was recorded as a minister in 1882, and for fifty years following he labored faithfully for the promotion of the work in Wayne County.

**Nahunta** – The Meeting now known as Nahunta appears to have begun as Lower Falling Creek in 1748, probably located near the present town of Kinston. By 1772 most Friends in this area had "removed" and it was directed that the next meeting be held "at Richard Cox's near Upper Falling Creek." Later in the same year it was held at Great Contentnea, five miles northeast of Fremont. From this time Falling Creek Monthly Meeting disappears and Great Contentnea takes its place, later known as Contentnea Monthly Meeting. Chalkley Albertson was resident minister during the Revolutionary War period.

By 1851 a number of Friends had moved into the Nahunta community, and meetings for worship were begun. A Preparative Meeting was set up and for a time monthly meeting sessions were held alternately between the two places. After 1856 all business sessions were held at Nahunta, and Contentnea Meeting was laid down. Nahunta became a Monthly Meeting prior to 1863.

**Woodland** – Early in the nineteenth century a few Friends families settled on the south side of the Neuse River in Wayne County. Among these were Moores, Hollowells, Masseys, Stantons and Edgertons.

Since travel to the Neuse Meeting was slow and difficult, they began holding Bible School and meetings for worship in the Mineral Springs school house. Among the visiting Friends who brought encouraging messages were Isham Cox, Allen Jay, Joseph Moore and Andrew Tomlinson.

In 1873 Neuse Monthly Meeting directed that an "Indulged Meeting" be set up at Mineral Springs with Isaac Cox, William Cox, John Hollowell and David I. Grantham being appointed to attend the opening meeting. In 1875 Mineral Springs became a Preparative Meeting. A building was constructed on the lands of Jesse Hollowell in 1876. It is thought that Joshua Trueblood of Indiana preached the first sermon in the new house. The name was changed to Woodland and was established as a Monthly Meeting in 1883.

**Bethesda** – Bethesda Meeting began with the preaching of John S. Moore from the Woodland Meeting, and the special response of the Handy Lee family, who gave land and materials for building a meeting house. Some of the family names mentioned in the early minutes were Warren, Lee, Smith, Keene, Hobson, Draughon, Tew, Blackwell, Williford, Butler, Green, Phillips, Starling, Jackson, Lockamy and Core. The first minute book is dated November 26, 1886, but obviously meetings for worship and business were held prior to this time, perhaps as early as 1880.

John S. Moore was the first minister, making the trip by horse and buggy once a month. He was not paid a salary, but on one occasion the members bought him a suit of clothes as an expression of love and appreciation.

Bethesda was a Preparative Meeting under Neuse until 1908, when it was set up as a Monthly Meeting. Whitford Edgerton, John S. Moore's nephew, carried on the work in the following years.

**Goldsboro** – In response to a concern among Friends living in or near Goldsboro, Nathan D. Andrews called a group of Friends to meet in his home in 1906, to discuss the advisability of organizing a Meeting. J. Waldo Woody of New Garden spent some time in Goldsboro assisting in setting up the Meeting.

William Hollowell, G. Whitford Edgerton and Nathan D. Andrews were appointed to secure a building. On October 4, 1906, a building was purchased and the Goldsboro Monthly Meeting was established by Contentnea Quarter Meeting the same year.

The first monthly meeting session was held November 2, 1906, with Alex Edgerton as clerk. David and Sallie Sampson of Yadkin Quarter, Mary C. Woody of New Garden Quarter, and a committee of twelve members from Contentnea Quarterly Meeting were present. Joseph Peele was called to serve as minister.

**Hood Swamp** – Between 1785 and 1800 a considerable number of Friends moved southward from Virginia into the Wayne County area. Among those settling in the Hood Swamp community were these family names: Davis, Johnson, Parks, Smith and Raiford.

In 1887 a Preparative Meeting was organized under the care of Nahunta Friends. Alpheus Mendenhall from New Garden Quarter helped get the Meeting under way, along with a committee of Friends from Neuse, Nahunta and Woodland Meetings: John L. Moore, John S. Moore, Abbie Hollowell, William U. Grantham and Barney Perkins. The first pastor was Barney Perkins from the Nahunta Meeting.

In 1911 Hood Swamp and New Hope Meetings were established as a joint Monthly Meeting, the business sessions alternating between the two communities. This cooperative arrangement continued until 1919, when each Meeting was set up as an independent Monthly Meeting.

**New Hope** – Following a revival in the New Hope community around 1880, a meeting for worship was begun and met for some time in an old Grange Hall. Among the families making up the first congregation were the Grants, Peeles, Hinnants, Wilsons, Herrings, Daniels, Davises, and Wards. This group, led by Sallie Foushee, a blind minister from Cane Creek, established the New Hope Meeting.

On August 28, 1880, William and Smithy Grant deeded a two acre tract of land for the meeting house and a building was constructed soon after. For several years New Hope shared pastoral services with Oakland, Nahunta and Hood Swamp.

**Rhodes** – The first knowledge we have of Friends in the Rhodes community [Grantham] is around 1855. Although no Friends were living in the community, occasional services were held in the public school house (Union Academy) by Friends ministers. In 1890, John S. Moore, of the Woodland Meeting, began holding regular services in the community, which he continued for 48 years. Around 1896 when the school house was sold and moved away, Friends continued to hold services in the community. In 1908 the group was set up as a Monthly Meeting by Contentnea

Quarterly Meeting. The name Rhodes was adopted in honor of the Ingram Rhodes family who kept their doors open to Friends and invited them to hold services in the old school house.

A building was constructed in the late 1890s on land given by Amie Grantham, mother of B.B. Grantham. At first this was a Union Church, consisting of about forty people.

**Oakland** – The earliest information available for Oakland Meeting is derived from the minutes of the Neuse Meeting and Contentnea Quarterly Meeting. In 1882 it is recorded that Friends living on the north side of the Neuse River requested that they be allowed to hold meetings for worship in the old Grantham school house and the request was granted.

Isaac H. Cox, L.J. Moore, Abbie Hollowell and Mary E. Cox were appointed to attend the first meeting and also exercise oversight for the first year.

Construction of a building was begun in 1883 on land furnished by William U. Grantham. The building committee was William U. Grantham, David I. Grantham and Hilry Hastings. Nathan Perry gave the dedication message. Oakland was established as a Monthly Meeting by Neuse in 1915.

#### **Contributed by Theodore Perkins**

**Sarah Frances Smiley** was born in Vassalboro, Maine on March 30, 1830. She was educated in New Bedford and after graduation, taught in the same school and afterwards in a fashionable Friends' school in Philadelphia. By the early 1870s she was a preacher and a speaker of note. On a trip to Great Britain, she spoke extensively to church groups in England, Scotland and Wales.

With a pass from the War Department dated April 20, 1865, she and Richard M. Janney (R.C.J.) departed by railroad to New Bern and thence to Goldsboro with supplies of food worth about \$2,500, clothing, material for clothing, and shoes packed in four large trunks. Following are excerpts from her journal of the trip.

#### **Sarah Frances Smiley Diary – “Jottings of a Journey to North Carolina in the Fifth Month of 1865 – To My Family and Intimate Friends”**

At Kinston we could see in passing a part of the late battlefield. We were now fairly upon the fresh tract of war. Breast-works, rifle pits and deserted encampments were on every hand but saddest of all were those rude ungrassed graves with the little sticks at their head. On our way we

met a drawn-train, a study for a picture. The cars were mostly mere platforms with bags of oats, and spread over these the freight of human life, sick and wounded soldiers, white refugees and Blacks.

It was nearly 3 when we alighted in the streets of Goldsboro. Depots were so generally burnt that in our whole journey we entered but one (at Newberne). We set off to inquire for the man who could direct us to the neighborhood of the Friends, none of whom lived within six miles. After a walk of half a mile we found his house. His wife plainly in great alarm, told us her husband was in Raleigh and she didn't know a single Quaker. In evident haste to have us be gone, she pointed to another house saying "They can tell you there I reckon at Mrs. Slocum's."

Meanwhile we had learned where our Friends lived, but not how to reach them. So dreadful and complete had been the destruction, that not even a cart or an ox could be hired in the place. The army had everything. They (army) were sitting in the piazza and R.M.J. handed them our passes and briefly explained our present need. "O certainly we will send you, our horses have little to do now. Sergeant, order a wagon and driver and a cavalry escort of 15 men."

We then drove in advance of our escort to store a portion of our goods at the rooms of the Christian Commission. As I sat there waiting, I saw six young women eyeing me closely and drawing near me on the side walk when one of them advanced and said "Isn't thee a Friend?" These young women walked into town that morning, several of them 16 miles, and were to return in the same way next day. They had come for rations and help of various kinds. They told us their Mo. Mtg. was held the next 7<sup>th</sup> day and that they would spread the intelligence of our coming of which they seemed glad indeed.

We now rode on and our horses were fine and spirited. I caught enough of their bold spirit to make me less fearless in crossing the frightful rickety bridges which the horses often had to leap. We and our seat often parted company and sometimes the seat itself would spring off the wagon but we took it all very quietly.

It was sad indeed to see the desolation. For five miles we saw not a house of any size standing, only black chimneys and heaps of ruins, fields spoiled by camps or lying wastes. We rode on through rough old corn fields, into wild ravines and found at last the end of the road. Our road over the Neuse proved to be a pontoon and I was glad to see a thing of which I had heard so much. The banks were fearfully steep and the wagon had to be held behind as we walked over.

Other sights we saw from which the eye had to turn away – horses killed near the road side and lying unburied. In one place, 200 had been driven together and shot. One picturesque sight alone feasted our eyes. In front of a beautiful woodland skirting the Neuse was a Negro camp. They were preparing supper and as the rich sunset light shone through the woods, the blue smoke curled peacefully up and half screened the rich green and gold behind it.

At last a few houses could be seen across fields and up lanes, and as often as one appeared, off dashed a rider or two, leaping ditches and fences, and springing through thickets to ask if Jesse Hollowell lived there. Recrossing the bridge we rode over a deserted encampment of vast size and plunged into the forest. As the men dashed up to the gate the Mother appeared at the door, great was her consternation. "Does Jesse Hollowell live here?" She answered "Yes" but in tears. "Yes this is the place" they shouted back. What was to be their lot next she dared not think, till

glancing along the line she spied my bonnet and was reassured. For four years they had seen no one from the North and heard very little. The husband was not at home and did not return till I had retired, but he confessed to me afterwards in a quiet half coherent way, that that night he could nor refrain weeping for joy.

It was a plundered house in which we were to be guests and little like comfort was left. I asked for water as the roads had been very dusty. A little tub called a Keeless was brought in and placed before the fire on the hearth and an old sugar bowl cover held some soft soap but they had no towels. Taking my own towel and soap from my bag, I accommodated myself to circumstances. Their simple faith in their Divine Protector had been very strong and so they had taken "joyfully the spoiling of their goods."

We were by and by invited over "to tother house" to supper. This was the kitchen which is so generally a separate building. Groping our way across quite a stretch of yard in the moonlight, we sat down on little benches to our repast – some hoe-cake and a little pork, no butter, no milk. The daughters had been in town that day to claim rations and had brought home a little poor coffee and sugar. With a little help from our trunk, we did well.

Next morning after breakfast I began the work of dividing the clothing and for this end, took a list of the 20 families in the neighborhood and their circumstances. Levi Massey, Avis his wife, and five children; Joab Jinnett, Mildred his wife, and eight children; David Grantham who joined the army, his wife and three children; Needham Jinnett, Charity his wife, and two children; Penninah Whitehead and two children; and so we went on till our list was finished. The larger garments were given with reference to names but in every bundle I placed a towel and hanky, thread, cotton tape, pins, needles and buttons. Finally in every bundle I placed a package of Tracts.

The next day, Seventh, was the Mo. Mtg. and it was held five miles off. Jesse Hollowell had obtained permission of any army mule and about 7 o'clock I heard him giving order to his son, Jesse Thomas, to hook up the cart. We reached the Mtg. House at Neuse about an hour and a half before time. Most of the Friends were there an hour before. The House was not open and we sat in the shady piazza where there were nice seats. Ours was the only buggy I think. Some had carts, one couple had only a pair of wheels and an axle-tree. Many were double on horse back, and many walked. Some of the girls had come ten miles through the sand that hot morning.

In this Meeting there were 99 members ranging from 85 to a week old and 70 were at Meeting. The young Friends had very sweet pure faces and looked tidy and attractive in their homespun dresses and nice grey Quaker bonnets. The old Friends wore sun bonnets stiffened with wide strips of cypress wood. As they came in each went round the entire circle shaking hands with each, without a word of recognition and then sitting down at the end of the line would begin with slight nods the special salutations. "Thee well, Charity? How's thee, Zilphy?" To which Zilphy and Charity would quietly answer, "Tolerable."

We went to Needham Jinnett's to dinner but we were all completely over-pressured by one of the guests whose voice was like that of Stentor. Her family, who were Friends, had been somewhat plundered and now not content with telling the tale once, she must needs repeat it to each of this company. In going over the items to me, she had finished her wrongs with this climax of vexation pronounced in an indescribable burst of voice "And they left me narry a goose!" Again

and again as ignoring her termagant tongue I tried to listen to others or talk a little myself, I had to give way before this fatal point "And they left me narry a goose." At the close of dinner an old colored man who sat outside on the steps, begged permission to say a few words and proceeded with a broken but quite touching address upon one's mission and what he had heard of the meeting that morning.

We soon proceeded on our journey. We were to attend the Meeting at Nahunta the next day and were to return first to Goldsboro and then go six miles beyond to the Wilson Prisons and Jesse Hollowell was to be our guide. We reached Goldsboro and were met by a gentleman on horseback and soon learned he was a Friend and the son-in-law of the widow we were to lodge. The ride was much the same as before, old encampments in every direction, fine old forests half burned or cut down, and but few houses left.

We reached the house of our Friend and were kindly welcomed. The daughters of our hostess possessed a great deal of native refinement, and were truly lovely. The oldest daughter at home was Elizabeth and one was away at boarding school at New Garden. The son-in-law, Edwin G. Copeland, was a young man of superior character and intelligence. E. Copeland's wife was an invalid, a sound nature refined by suffering.

On First Day morning (the 7<sup>th</sup>) we started early for Meeting. A bridge on the most direct road was burned down and we had to pass some distance by "Little River" to ford it. We had a good meeting though very much smaller than the previous day. There were only five females there and the one beside me wore her checked sun-bonnet lined with newspaper. We had called before meeting at Nathan Pike's, a very humble home and largely plundered but neat. We met here a young man, Thomas Hobs, who had joined Friends since the war began.

We dined at the house of Needham T. Perkins. He is a minister and a very intelligent man. His home had been for some years in Illinois, but coming back about the beginning of the war, he had not yet seen the right time to return. Living at first on a road where the armies were passing and re-passing, he had felt unwilling to expose his children to such scenes, and so moved to the first poor house that he could find for a shelter. He was now recovering from a severe illness of typhoid fever. It was hard to break away from the interesting conversations but over such roads, though the distance back to the Wilson Prisons was but five miles, 2 hours and day light were indispensable.

In talking with Jesse Hollowell next morning he explained once more all he felt in regard to our visit and turning to me with his face aglow with kindly emotions he said: "Well Sary I reckon that thy coming did my wife a thousand dollars worth of good. Well thee knows I didn't see thee till morning but she told me that thee seemed so cheerful like, she reckoned thee'd never had a speck of trouble in all thy life, and yet thee could seem to feel for us and so somehow it just seemed to lift her right up."

Taking leave of the family as of old friends we started again for Goldsboro. On our way we passed long lines of women with baskets and bags going in to receive rations. They are not given to men unless they work in return. I presume many take the view the Richmond ladies openly express. "This is not charity you will understand, it is simply the return of what you have taken from us."

It was somehow known that we were to be at the Christian Commission that morning so when I reached there desirous of a few quiet hours to arrange the remaining trunks, what was my dismay to find quite a crowd of Friends there, young and old and Aunt Zilphy with her fearful voice at the head of them!

The house besides was all action with the arrival of new agents, stores, books and the army flies darkened everything. The trunks arranged, we went round to the Provost Marshall's to ascertain if we could reach Greensboro. I was desirous of visiting the hospital. The surgeon in attendance was from Richmond, Indiana, and a friend of Dr. L. Test. Scarcely exceeded by those in the Libby Prisons and yet this was the way their own sick and wounded were treated in a building which was designed for a college had unusual advantages. Bedding and clothing were needed, but had not arrived; the poor men lay dying with no kind hand to soothe them. On one bed a poor man in terrible agony lay struggling to raise his hands. I thought him black, but what was my horror on approaching him to find his face literally covered with flies. I stood and fanned him till the boy whose task it was had finished his dinner. He was speechless but I think he heard me as I tried to tell him of One who suffered more for him. As I passed around from couch to couch I thought how each one had doubtless some far away mother or wife, or sister, who would give so much to stand where I stood, and I tried to speak to them as they would speak.

In speaking of what I saw there to the Agent of the Sanitary Commission at City Point and expressing my horror that their supplies had fallen short in Goldsboro, he said that after all their vast efforts, such an ocean of misery had made them as but a drop in the bucket. They said "We give everything away as fast as it comes and there has been so much worse suffering – men have been dying in the streets, on the sidewalks, with no one to give them a shelter. Yesterday we brought a poor fellow in here to die. He had been lying on the hotel steps for hours." Just then word was brought in that six soldiers had been killed the day before not far from the scene of our first visit. No one knew exactly how. So cheap has life become.

A fine shower now came to cool the dusty air and refreshed by a comfortable dinner and the kindness of our excellent friends who are doing much good in the place, we started by about 3 P.M. for Raleigh.

**Contributed by Grace Williamson Turner**

### **WILLIAM LANCASTER – QUAKER**

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina  
The humble petition of William Sanders Lancaster of Wayne County  
Sheweth

That your petitioners Father William Lancaster, of Wayne county aforesaid, being one of the people called Quakers and making a matter of Conscience the keeping or holding any persons in slavery, hath according to the Custom of some among the Society of people called Quakers, Manumited a Certain Negroe woman named Patience & her Children Sam, Lelah, Rachel & Priss who are now going at large & under no controul of your petitioners father or any of his Family, as your petitioner humbly conceives, contrary to law. And as your petitioner hath been in his infancy at great labour and pains in raising the said Negroes, with flattering hopes that one day he might receive some advantage from the same by the Gift of his Father of some one or more of the said Negroes And as your said petitioner is not so tied down by his religions

principles (he having renounced Quakerism) He humbly prays that the Title of the aforesaid Negroes, may be vested in him by such mode as your Honors, in your wisdom shall think proper to Adopt. And your petitioner shall ever pray &c  
Fayetteville  
December 13th 1786.

Wm. Sanders Lancaster

Source: General Assembly Session Records.  
November 1786-January 1787. Box 4.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

My how time does fly! I can hardly believe we are already into the summer months. I hope that you can work on your genealogy "to-do" list this summer. Vacation time is usually a good time to plan a trip with a genealogical interest or spend time in the local library or a state archives.

Please take the time to respond to Guy about the newsletters. I think receiving the newsletter by computer has advantages. All the newsletters are so good and contain a lot of information, but I am running out of storage space. I think receiving via the internet is for me and if you are interested in this new method, send an email to Guy [gpotts1@nc.rr.com](mailto:gpotts1@nc.rr.com)

The Heritage Quest workshop held at Goldsboro High School computer lab in May was so informative. Rhonda does a great job teaching and attendance was great. I look forward to another workshop and hope that you can join us.

Our July meeting will be held at the Wayne County Public Library in the Weil Auditorium and will begin at 10:30 am. The Library is located on Ash Street. Mr. Sion Harrington will be our speaker. He is employed with the State Archives. He will be speaking on NC Military History Project and his Confederate Army projects. It will be a grand program.

Mark your calendars and join us.

Happy summer,  
Cathy

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**OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

April 23, 2005

The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society met on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at the Wayne County Museum in Goldsboro. President Cathy Blow called the meeting to order, welcomed members and guests, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. About 30 members and guests attended this meeting. Barbara Lancaster gave the invocation. Minutes from our last meeting were approved as written in the newsletter and Lisa Corbett reported that we have a balance of \$4,896.27 in our treasury. Lisa also reported that the newsletter labels have been corrected to reflect the current dues list. The following committee reports were given:

**Library Committee** – There will be a class in Heritage Quest basics given on May 14 at the Wade Edwards Learning Lab at Goldsboro High School. We are planning for possibly two more classes in the fall that would be of interest for genealogists. These classes will be free or only a small fee will be required. Details will be announced at later meetings.

**Cemetery Committee** – The first volume of our cemetery project is ready to be published. All we are lacking at this point is the ISSN number and copyright information. The second volume is almost complete but we are still in need of volunteers to physically help with surveying the cemeteries. Future volumes should be available faster than the first since it was a learning experience, but volunteers are necessary to get this project completed. If you are interested in this adventure, please contact Cathy Blow, Guy Potts, or Barbara Lancaster.

**Family History Center Committee** – Volunteers are still needed to help transcribe the Revolutionary War records of men who had connections to Dobbs County. If you are available to help with this project, please contact Cathy Blow, Guy Potts, or Jerome Tew.

Items of new business were as follows:

Since the cut-off date for the first volume of our cemetery book was January 1, 2000, we are in need of volunteers to abstract death records at the Wayne County Courthouse. This would be an easy way for members who are not able to tromp through cemeteries to help with this worthwhile project. Cathy Blow will be happy to give instructions to anyone who is willing to help. Barbara Lancaster has agreed to abstract the obituaries as they appear in the Goldsboro News-Argus beginning January 1, 2005. This information will eventually be published as addendums to the original volumes.

Gail Luckett has agreed to be our Scrapbook Chairperson. If you have articles or pictures pertaining to Old Dobbs events, please bring them to our next meeting(s) so that they can be included in our scrapbook or send in the mail.

We were excited to have as our speaker for the day the renowned author of many Quaker books, Mr. Theodore Perkins, who was introduced by Lynn Johnson. Since Quakers were the predominant group in North Carolina before the Revolutionary War and because about 50% of people have some Quaker ancestry, Mr. Perkins' talk was very informative and relevant to those present. After the meeting was adjourned, Mr. Perkins graciously continued to answer questions

presented by the audience. He was a delightful person and we were much honored to have him join us.

The next meeting will be at July 23, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Weil Auditorium, Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, NC. Please plan to attend.

On July 23, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., the State's Military Archivist LTC (Ret.) Sion H. Harrington III of the Archives and Records Section, North Carolina Division of Historical Resources, will present a slide program on North Carolina's role in World War II. The presentation will focus on facts pertaining to the State's contribution to the overall war effort and anecdotes related to the service of individual North Carolinians.

In addition, information will be shared associated with the on-going effort to compile a roster of North Carolinians who served in either the Confederate States Navy or Marine Corps, and the need for public assistance in gathering this information. Upon completion, the roster will be made available to the researching public, as well as to the Historical Publications Section for use in compiling a future volume of its popular "North Carolina Troops" series.

The purpose of the State Archives' Military Collection is to document North Carolina's long and proud military heritage. Among its goals is the collection and preservation of military service-related materials of North Carolina veterans, and gathering information pertinent to the State's martial history. This is accomplished through an active collection and preservation effort that focuses on three distinct sources of information: photographs, printed materials, and oral interviews.

The Military Collection accepts original or copy print photographs of North Carolinians in their military uniforms, including individual or group photographs; original copies of personal papers (e.g. letters, postcards, diaries, reminiscences, memoirs, paper or photographic souvenir items); official military papers (e.g. discharges, orders, citations, certificates, miscellaneous documents, booklets, pamphlets); and, oral interviews conducted with military service veterans. An extensive interview question guide with supplements is available free of charge via mail or email to anyone wishing to assist the Archives in conducting interviews for donation to the Military Collection.

All materials received as donations are processed and placed in acid-free containers for storage in the Archives' secure, climate-controlled locked stacks area. They are made available for on-site research in the Archives Search Room.

The collection policy of the State Archives focuses on the collection and preservation of photographs and paper-type items, and generally prohibits the accessioning of artifacts such as uniforms, weapons, medals, and like items. Potential donors of such materials should contact the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh, at (919) 807-7900.

If you have photographs, documents, or other like materials that you would like to donate to the Military Collection of the State Archives, please contact LTC (Ret.) Sion H. Harrington III at Archives and Records Section, ATTN: Military Collection, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4614; by phone at (919) 807-7314; or by email at [sion.harrington@ncmail.net](mailto:sion.harrington@ncmail.net).

## Member Queries:

Ann Storer writes: Looking for info on 3 daughters and 2 sons of John King & Patsy (Exum?). Daughter Martha married a Daniels but no first name is known or any children by this marriage. Daughter Zelphia was given land by her brother Allen King when he left North Carolina - do not know if she married or died. Daughter Lempty is only mentioned in deed of gift from her father John King. What happened to John King's sons Wilie and Colin? Any marriages for them in the late 1790's? Ann Storer, 8316 Portales St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Brian Nilsson writes: BRUTON Seeking any male descendants of Joseph Bruton (ca. 1735-ca.1811) of Craven and Lenoir Counties, NC and Colonel Simon Bruton (1761-1823) of Dobbs/Lenoir County with the hope of having their participation in a newly initiated Bruton/Brewton DNA study. I'm working with a group of Bruton/Brewton researchers in doing a DNA study to try to sort out the different Bruton families in the colonial Carolinas. Details of our study at: [http://www.familytreedna.com/surname\\_join.asp?code=E65408&special=true](http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=E65408&special=true). Would welcome any information or suggestions on locating Joseph Bruton and Colonel Simon Bruton descendants. Brian Nilsson, 969-B South Rolfe St., Arlington VA 22204-4538, [BHNilsson@aol.com](mailto:BHNilsson@aol.com)

As a follow-up to the last issue of Olde Dobbs Trail, Mr. Theodore Perkins has provided the following information about William Wade Hinshaw:

The Quaker Yeomen – Newsletter of Quaker & Related Genealogy

“The Singular Life of William Wade Hinshaw – April 1986”

“To Quaker genealogists the name William Wade Hinshaw is synonymous with the Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy. This six volume set of abstracted minutes of Quaker meetings in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Virginia are standard references. However, how many of us actually know anything about his life? Very few I suspect. For that reason, this article is reprinted.

Within the past two or three years Hinshaw of Washington, D.C. has become widely known as a man with a passion for compiling Quaker genealogical data. His monumental work in this connection, as fully set forth in this issue, speaks for itself. To the general public, however, he was far more widely known as a foremost master in the world of music long before he became a master in genealogy.

Nevertheless, many are not conversant with the contributions which Friends have made to the musical history of our country in the early years of this century, through the two world-famed artists, Hinshaw and David Bispham. Many others have doubtless failed to associate the genealogist with the Grand Opera star whose name was once a household word in music-loving homes. Hence the frequent query as to who is this man Hinshaw who is making such a to-do over old meeting records.

Even apart from his immediate and compelling interest, so vivid and dynamic a person would excite lively appeal. Think of the versatility of as man who, in short order, took college degrees

in civil engineering and music, and who, not long after, while pursuing his vocation of music, acquired a degree in law; and of a man who proved equally effective in preaching for "converts" in a Moody and Sankey meeting, and in singular stellar roles in Wagnerian Grand Opera in Berlin. Assured that readers will be eager to know more about Hinshaw the man, we have drawn upon personal letters and upon such printed matter as was available for the preparation of this brief sketch of his career.

A birthright member of Chester Preparative Meeting in old Honey Creek Quarter, Hinshaw was born on his father's stock farm in Hardin County, Iowa, on November 3, 1867. He grew up in this little country meeting, of which he is now a member, and, in company with other children of the neighborhood, attended the Chester Meeting school, and along with it, Fourth Day meeting. From the Chester school he went to the Friends Academy at New Providence, which produced in its day a surprising number of future celebrities.

Very early he showed an aptitude for music and at the age of thirteen was the leader of a brass band, composed of country boys of the community, which was quite the vogue for festive occasions in the section. A Chicago man, Mr. Laurence T. Kersey, recently published a delightful brochure giving a humorous sketch of the band, of which he too was a member. In a few months' absence of the leader, the other boys felt that they had so progressed in proficiency that new leadership would be required. But they reckoned without their host, who had likewise been "going places" with his instrument. On his return, ignorant of the conspiracy, he opened the stops of his old horn in such a dazzling exhibition of runs and trills as to leave his colleagues speechless and impotent. It was nearly twenty-five years before the hero of the horn learned of the abortive effort to displace him as leader.

On finishing the Academy, Hinshaw started his course in engineering at Valparaiso University in Indiana, some forty miles distant from Chicago. Literally, he had to sing his way through college. Though still in his teens, he was made choir leader of the Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso, for which he received two dollars per Sunday. That paid his board, and he met his tuition by leading the university band and playing cornet in the Methodist Sunday School orchestra. Those were the days of the great revival period and during his college days he led the music and sang roles for revival meetings, not only for the Presbyterian Church but also for the other churches in town.

Following the completion of his college courses in music and civil engineering, music, the avocation soon became the vocation. Going to Chicago, he became the music director, successively, for various city churches. On one occasion Dwight L. Moody, hearing him sing, urged him to join him and Sankey and lead the singing in a series of meetings in the Sam Jones Tabernacle at Meridian, Mississippi, which invitation he accepted. Young Hinshaw and Sankey shared a room together the first night, but it developed that Sankey could snore as loudly as he could sing, so it was a separate room for him thereafter.

On the way home, Moody preached at a special night meeting at Jackson. There was a huge overflow meeting in another church near by, and Moody asked his young singer to preach for it. Hinshaw had never tried to preach, and, as he says in a personal letter, "My Quaker upbringing did not conduce to make me feel particularly at home in such a situation." None the less he did as requested and with such gratifying results that he had more converts that night than did the great evangelist himself. Moody was greatly pleased and begged Hinshaw to continue with him to succeed the aging Sankey, and to become head of the musical Northampton Institute.

Although the offer was a very attractive one, financially, to an impecunious young singer, he did not feel that his mission was in that direction, and declined the overture.

While still in his twenties, Hinshaw became Dean of the Music Department of his alma mater, Valparaiso University, and after serving four years in that connection became the leading baritone of the Castle Square Opera Company of Boston. Returning to Chicago in 1902, he was chosen President and Director of the Chicago Conservatory of Music. Later he organized the Hinshaw Conservatory, and made tours of this country and Canada with his own operatic concert company. In 1910, he made his debut in "Tannhauser" with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, with which Company he remained as leading baritone for three seasons. He then went abroad for new triumphs, and was singing the prominent roles in a Niebelungen Ring Festival in Berlin in the summer of 1914 when the war broke out.

In 1917, he was elected President and General Manager of the Society of American Singers, in the intervening years, up to his recent retirement from musical activities, he produced opera comique, gave the first American Mozart Festival in this country, followed a similar one which he put on in Havana, Cuba, and has given eight hundred Mozart operatic performances in English. Altogether he has sung one hundred operatic roles in four languages – for which his stalwart, magnificent physique, as well as his splendid voice, finely fitted him. Such, in brief, has been the brilliant music career of our Quaker genealogist.

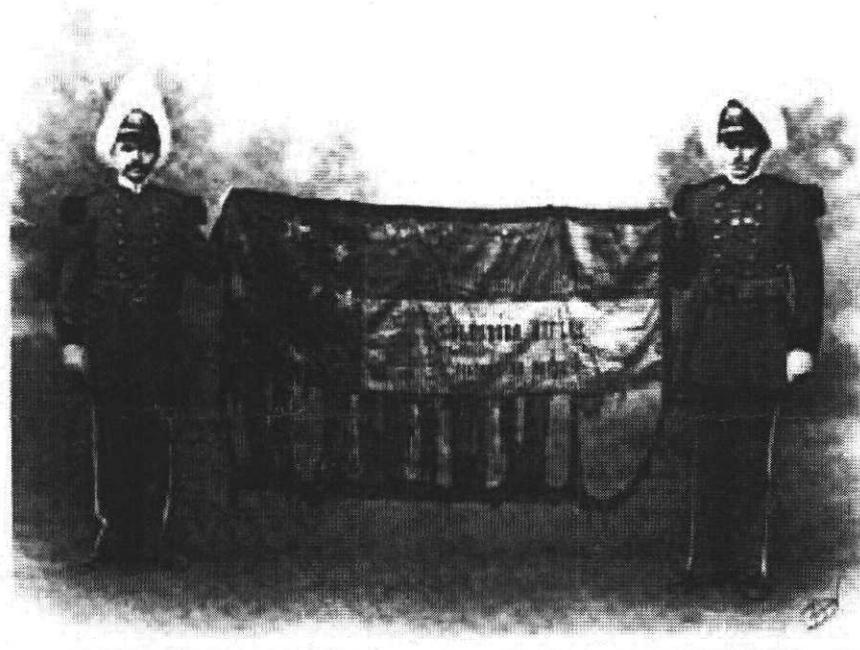
But to William Wade Hinshaw, music was more than a profession and the basis of a career – it was God-given talent of which he strove to be a faithful steward. For one cannot be in his presence without feeling something of the sense of devotion in his personality. He has a deep and abiding Christian experience which his life warmly radiates.

Some years ago this Iowa-bred Quaker musician became interested in his family tree, which led him to begin exploring the old meeting records in North Carolina. The study became a fascinating one as he observed the interrelationship between family groups in the old Tar Heel State, and the expanding relationships as Friends emigrated to the Old Northwest Territory and points west. As a result his interest in genealogy was kindled and widened. He proposed first to make a compilation of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting records only, but as the significance of the ramifications of Quaker family history grew upon him, he gradually expanded his area of operation until finally he conceived the plan of making a compilation of all the meeting records in this country, employing a staff of investigators and copyists for the enlarging purpose. And this is the house of Quaker genealogy which Hinshaw has built.

Thus, again the avocation became the vocation, for the perfecting of a thoroughgoing record of Quaker genealogy has become the ruling passion of our friend, to which he gives his undivided attention. No, not wholly undivided, for he still has an avocation which keeps him fine and fit for his task. His enthusiasm for golf is a close second to his zest for genealogy. All days that are fit, and some that aren't, find him on the links, swinging his clubs; and mean clubs they are, as his fellow players are but too well aware. As a matter of fact they have brought him awards in several tournaments. On the day on which we called upon him last December, he was radiant over having just defeated his "pro" companion, and having played the last nine holes in 35. All of which is thoroughly characteristic of the life and career of Hinshaw – whatever he does, he does with singleness of purpose and an abounding enthusiasm.

W.W. Hinshaw was first married to Anna Williams, an Iowa girl, who was the mother of his three sons and one daughter, all married. Some time after her death he married Mabel Clyde of New York, daughter of William Pancoast Clyde, head of the Clyde steamship lines. Although not a Friend, like the true helpmeet that she has proved, she works faithfully and loyally with her husband in the perfection of this monumental work in American genealogy.

Editor's Note: William Wade Hinshaw died in 1947. Those records of meetings not included in his Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy were left to The Friends Library of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. The Library will undertake no research into the several thousand cards in this collection. They will however, upon request, provide a list of paid researchers who are familiar with the collection."



Goldsboro Rifles - Soldiers & Flag

**THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT IN WILLOW DALE  
CEMETERY AT GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

*(Its origin and dedication as reported in the Goldsboro Messenger, May, 1883)*

Contributed by Glenn Fields

The information gathered in the preparation of this report on the monument is from two of the May, 1883 issues of the Goldsboro Messenger, the city newspaper. Its owner and editor was J. A. Bonitz, was himself a Confederate veteran.

In April, 1882, the Goldsboro Rifles held a festival in Goldsboro in an effort to raise sufficient funds to build a memorial monument. The monument would be erected in memory of eight hundred of their dead comrades in arms who served the Confederate States of America in defence of liberty against her northern foe. The bodies of these poor unfortunate souls had been gathered from the surrounding area under the direction of the the Ladies Memorial Association and were buried in this mass grave here in Willow Dale Cemetery.

The effort at fund raising was not a great success compared to today's expectations. They held a festival and raised \$316.00, which, in 1883, was a substantial start. For the next few months they continued their efforts and collected enough to get started. The City of Goldsboro donated the sum of \$50.00 and the good citizens of Goldsboro followed suit with a like donation of \$50.00. Now here comes the interesting part about the funds raised. As it was reported in the Monument Fund Committee report, "From Outside (Northern) Citizens----\$386.00" and if you'll look on the North side of the monument you will find inscribed the following words: "A Generous Foe Contributed To The Erection Of This Monument." So far they had raised \$802.00.

An accounting of the expenses was given in the report and they were as follows: "Stone work from Gaddess Bros.----\$615.00. Statue----\$317.00. Expenses of erecting monument----\$60.00. Total cost of the monument----\$992.00. An outstanding debt existed of \$190.00." The State furnished gratis from the penitentiary quarry the stone used in the foundation and the R & D Railroad transported the same free of cost. The W & W Railroad also generously gave free transportation from Baltimore of the Quincy granite stone work from the establishment of Gaddess Bros. It was necessary to employ an experienced mason to erect the foundation, but in order to practice all possible economy, the committee, assisted most kindly by a few others, raised all the heavy stone and the statue made of zinc bronze to their proper position by their own personal labor.

Your committee does not intend that this monument shall be unveiled and dedicated to its sacred purpose, until it shall have been paid for, and they appeal to the generosity and pride of our citizens to come to their aid.

All is now completed of this work, save the mound around its base and the committee begs of our citizens to send teams to the cemetery at once, so that it may be finished in due time. The monument had already been engraved with the date of May 10, Confederate Memorial Day.

At 4:00 PM on Thursday May 10, 1883 The Goldsboro Coronet Band, Goldsboro Rifles, Davis High School Cadets, Goldsboro Fire Ceremony No. 1, Eclipse Steam Fire Company, Old Veterans, The Ladies Memorial Association, Orator, Chaplain and Invited Guests in Carriages, Mrs. Chapman's School and The Goldsboro Graded School formed a procession at the courthouse and proceeded to this sacred place. Arriving at the cemetery, the procession marched to a solemn dirge to the spot where rest the mortal remains of the gallant dead. Here they found an assemblage of 3500 sympathizers patiently awaiting their coming and anxiously looking forward to the unveiling of the beautiful statue, under whose mound the "Brave warriors sleep, while the angel watch is on duty."

"No poet in his most ardent moment of enthusiastic joy ever depicted a more lovely and picturesque scene. Here were evidences of the taste and refinement of women's hands with floral offerings, and wherever the wandering gaze of admiring man ranged it surveyed a living bouquet of faces from Heaven's last, best gift to man. The Ladies' Memorial Association had indeed labored zealously and well, and the Goldsboro Rifles, under whose auspices the monumental project was inaugurated, had truly just cause to feel proud of their noble work".

The person designated to introduce the orator for this Decoration Day was Captain Swift Galloway, an attorney in the city and in Snow Hill, who was quite an eloquent speaker himself. The notable figure he was to present to the assemblage was former Confederate General Matt W. Ransom who was then Senator Ransom. One of Captain Galloway's passages from that introduction that I find most interesting reads:

"Standing together upon this hallowed ground, with common sentiments, hopes and destinies, memories from out of the battle smoke, the crucible and the sacrifice, come crowding thick and fast upon us—memories of the knightliest sons that ever did battle for right and fatherland—memories of deathless deeds of valor and of self forgetful patriotism in the bright blaze of that starry cross that at last went down in defeat without a dishonorable stain upon its

folds—memories of woman's pure love and trust and fortitude and undying devotion through all that long, dark, harrowing storm of war. Such memories are, in their incentive and inspirations, sufficient to make a people that owns and cherishes them, proud and prosperous, and they are the richest legacy that could be transmitted to that people's posterity."

At the end of what was quite a lengthy and eloquent introduction, the Senator spoke, without notes, for nearly an hour in his characteristic eloquence as he praised both the living and dead patriots. He spoke of the causes of the war, of the sacrifices made by all the Southern citizens and the questionable teachings that come along as spoils of war. Paraphrased from his message, Editor J. A. Bonitz of the Goldsboro Messenger wrote:

"The charge that slavery inspired the Southern people to arms he declared infamous. They might as well charge the patriots of the revolution with making war for tea. Slavery did not inspire the patriots of Mecklenburg. It did not and could not have inspired Southern fathers and mothers to give up their sons and husbands as a sacrifice. The protection of slavery could best have been secured under the Union. The South took up arms out of an excessive love for liberty—from resentment and against threatened wrongs and insults."

He eulogized the Southern soldiers for their soldierly qualities, courage, fortitude, patience and honour. No other country on the face of the earth, he said, could show such a record, that it took four years to conquer the South, and only then after 200,000 of her slaves had been armed against us.

Senator Ransom on speaking of the hard work of everyone in preparing for the occasion said the following:

"This occasion and this day will long be remembered in Goldsboro. Indeed the beautiful custom of caring for the graves of the dead heroes ought to be no short lived sentiment, to be forgotten and to fall into disuse, not even after those who inaugurated it shall have passed away. Mothers should instil it into their children, and the toddling babes of today, who see nothing in the ceremony now, will, in years to come, teach their children to ever keep alive the sacred duty in their hearts. This is as it should be. Let it ever be an object dear to a true heart and sacred to inward feeling and affection."

At the close of Senator Ransom's address there followed the ceremony of decorating, after which a salute fired by the Goldsboro Rifles ended the exercise.

#### Wayne Female College - Goldsboro News-Argus by Charles Norwood

Wayne Female College of Goldsboro existed from 1854 to 1862. It was closed due to the outbreak of the Civil War & the need for its five-year-old, four-story brick building for a Confederate Army hospital.

As the war ended with its last major battle less than 15 miles west of Goldsboro, the college hospital overnight became a federal hospital caring for the wounded from the battle at Bentonville.

In 1868, the college building was returned to its owners & permitted to resume its courses. Re-opening in the fall of 1868 under the name of Goldsboro Female College, the college continued in operation until 1881 when it became a part of the new state public school system.

When Goldsboro was first conceived, a deal between Arnold Borden & Col. Mathew Goldsborough called for the building of a hotel by Borden & a railroad station & stop-over by the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, all on Borden land. The hotel was located on the west side of Center Street almost directly behind what is now the Center Theatre.

The station was located directly in front of the hotel & in the very center of the street. In fact, the shed of the station covered the track so the train passed through the station.

Soon after Arnold Borden's death in 1846, his widow operated the hotel for several years before renting a portion of it to Rev. J. H. Brent who, with his daughter Miss Sallie Brent & Miss Olivia Wright, started a boarding school for girls who came from several surrounding counties. This was the beginning of the Wayne Female College in 1854.

In 1857 the Borden Hotel was sold to a stock company & a movement was made to build a school. Stock was subscribed quickly & sufficient amount was raised to complete the building in one year.

Those subscribing were William K. Lane, president of the company, S. Milton Frost, secretary & principal, William T. Dortch, John A. Green, Dr. S. A. Andrews, E. B. Borden, Richard Washington and W. S. G. Andrews.

This was a pretentious square building with double outside stairway & bell-tower top. In the boarding school days, the study hall & dining room were on the ground floor & class rooms on the third & fourth floors of the building. Four girls stayed in each room & every move was made by a bell.

Perhaps the earliest picture of Goldsboro in existence, a steel engraving published in Leslie's Weekly about 1860, is a bird's eye view of Goldsboro from a high point on Park Avenue about where Lionel Weil's home stood & where the Garden Apartments now stand.

This school building represented the eastern boundary of the town in those days & the loftiness of its four stories overshadowed the residences & stores south & west of it.

The Park Avenue section was a farm until near the close of the last century. This picture is filed in the Wayne County Public Library. The school enjoyed a large attendance under the direction of Rev. S. Milton Frost. Some of the teachers were Miss Nash from Pennsylvania, Miss Requa from New York & Rev. Needham Bryan Cobb who taught Latin & Greek. Rev. Frost set out the elm trees in the front yard that stand there today, one-hundred & twenty years old.

At one time (it was during the hoop skirt period) the entire tin roof was blown off in a violent storm & Frost sent to New Bern for a huge sail cloth which was spread over the building until commencement was over. (Some thought it was divine judgment being visited on the young ladies who persisted in this foolish style of dress)

In the library is an invitation to a Goldsboro lawn party to be given at the School Grove by the ladies on Friday, June 30, 1882, at 8 p.m. indicating the Elm Grove was being enjoyed by all.

In 1861, the embroidery class under Miss Requa made a handsome silk Confederate flag with these inscriptions "Goldsboro Rifles, Victory or Death" on one side & "Presented by the Young Ladies of Wayne Female College, April 1861" on the other side. The Goldsboro Rifles was a volunteer company of infantry which won distinction in the Civil War.

Miss Corinne Dortch, Mrs. Thomas Slocumb & Mrs. Broadhurst were members of (text missing) Goldsboro was one of the first eight cities in the state to establish free schools. Wayne Female College was one of the first colleges of higher education in the state.

The college building never had a name & when it was used by the city school system in 1900, it became known as the Middle Building, since it stood between two smaller grammar school buildings which were erected in 1903.

Middle Building became the high school & the other two buildings housed elementary & graded classes. A recent search for pictures of each graduating class of the old Middle Building has revealed the classes of 1906 & 1909 through 1917. It is hoped that other class pictures may be found & added to the collection now being placed in the History Room of the library.

The last class to graduate from the Middle Building was the class of 1915. The new high school building on the corner of William & Vine was completed that year. The Middle Building continued to be used for junior high grades until 1927 when these grades moved the high school building on William & Vine & the high school out to its new building on Beech Street opposite Herman Park.

The College Building, having stood for seventy years, was declared obsolete & removed. During those 60 years very little structural changes were made except during the war, when interior partitions were removed to make larger rooms. On the exterior, the front entrance & portico were rebuilt & enlarged sometime at the turn of the century.

Lizzie Koonce Papers – PC 672.1 – N.C. Archives

#### Goldsboro Female College – Miss Lizzie Koonce's Report

Miss Lizzie Koonce's College Report since the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. She has been present at morning and evening prayers 91 times – absent without excuse from morning prayers 19 times – absent from Church without excuse, once – she has been punctual in attending to all her college duties, and her grade of scholarship has been as follows:

In mathematics, respectable. In Latin, Good. In Universal History, good. In Natural Philosophy, Respectable.

We have a code of Rules for the government of the College and every pupil is required to report each day her own department. Those who have kept all the rules report, five; those who have broken one rule report, four; this taking off one mark for every violation. Your daughter has reported five, 29 times; four, four times three, once; two, never; one, never.

We have endeavored to exercise a parental and salutary discipline over all our pupils, and we hope that their parents and guardians will be pleased with their improvement.

Respectfully,  
S.M. Frost

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1857

[Included in this record is the following family history]

## History

Edward Koonce ["father of" crossed out] ["son of" crossed out] Bryan Shine Koonce died Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1852; Bryan Shine Koonce married Ann Basden daughter of Mary "Polly" Mills Basden; she died February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1848; ["he married Ann Basden" crossed out]; their children were Sarah, Francis Duval Koonce, Edward Bryant Koonce, Mary Elizabeth Koonce, Leah Simmons Koonce, John Alferd Koonce, Bryan Shine Koonce Jr.

Francis Duval Koonce born Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1837, he married Hannah Rebecca Rhodes Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1859, she was born June 19<sup>th</sup> 1838. Their children:

First a girl died three days old; Henry Bryant Koonce born Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1860; Edward Francks Koonce born 1862, died at age 5 yrs; Mary Francis Koonce born 1864, died at 21 yrs; Fannie Rebecca Koonce born March 9<sup>th</sup> 1866; Francis Duval Koonce born Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1868; Alexander Hamilton Koonce born Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1872; premature births between 1872 & 1877; John Edward Koonce Sr. born Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1876; Hannah Elizabeth (Bessie) Koonce born May 6<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Francis D. Koonce was educated at Richlands Academy and University of NC Chapel Hill. He was a lawyer, Southern Planter and owned many slaves – also had his B.A. degree in law – was gifted as an orator – he died Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1911 with paralysis

## George W. Collier Papers, PC 415 - NC Archives

Rations issued by GW Collier to soldiers families of Dudley District Wayne County NC for the months of March & April 1864

|                  |            |   | Meat   | Meal    |
|------------------|------------|---|--------|---------|
| Mary J Thompson  | 3 children | 4 | 40 lbs | 160 lbs |
| Betsy Moore      | 4 "        | 5 | 50 "   | 200 "   |
| Sally Lewis      | 2 "        | 3 | 30 "   | 120 "   |
| Dacey Fields     | 1 "        | 2 | 20 "   | 80 "    |
| Margaret B Smith | 3 "        | 4 | 40 "   | 160 "   |
| Ann Miller       | 3 "        | 4 | 40 "   | 160 "   |
| Mary Jernigan    |            | 1 | 10 "   | 40 "    |
| Betsy Lane       | 2 "        | 3 | 30 "   | 120 "   |
| Edna Sanderson   | 2 "        | 3 | 30 "   | 120 "   |
| Winy Grady       | 1 "        | 2 | 20 "   | 80 "    |
| Lucy Hines       |            | 1 | 10 "   | 40 "    |
| Alice Hines      |            | 1 | 10 "   | 40 "    |
| Edith Jones      |            | 1 | 10 "   | 40 "    |
| Evaline Sasser   | 3 "        | 4 | 40 "   | 160 "   |
| Harriett Lane    | 4 "        | 5 | 50 "   | 200 "   |
| Mary T Benton    |            | 1 | 10 "   | 40 "    |
| Charity Howell   | 2 "        | 3 | 30 "   | 120 "   |
| Jane Thompson    | 4 "        | 5 | 50 "   | 200 "   |
| Mary Creech      |            | 1 | 10 "   | 40 "    |
| Elizabeth Dixon  | 2 "        | 3 | 30 "   | 120 "   |

|                    |     |     | Meat | Meal  |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Clarrisy Dail      | 4 " | 5   | 50 " | 200 " |
| Susan Dail         | 3 " | 4   | 40 " | 160 " |
| Balsay Norris      | 2 " | 3 " | 30 " | 120 " |
| Catherine Thompson | 5 " | 6   | 60 " | 240 " |
| Sarah Price        | 2 " | 3   | 30 " | 120 " |
| Charlotte Edwards  |     | 1   | 10 " | 40 "  |
| Martha Casey       | 1 " | 2   | 20 " | 80 "  |
| Mary A Price       | 2 " | 3   | 30 " | 120 " |
| Julia Grant        | 2 " | 3   | 30 " | 120 " |
| Winy Harrel        | 1 " | 2   | 20 " | 80 "  |
| Nancy Hines        | 1 " | 2   | 20 " | 80 "  |
| Lidia Parker       | 4 " | 5   | 50 " | 200 " |
| R A Fields         | 2 " | 3   | 30 " | 120 " |
| Anna Bass          | 1 " | 2   | 20 " | 80 "  |
| Repsy Pearsall     | 2 " | 3   | 30 " | 120 " |
| Sarah Pearsall     | 4 " | 5   | 50 " | 200 " |
| Elizabeth Jernigan | 2 " | 3   | 30 " | 120 " |
| Sarah Bradly       | 1 " | 2   | 20 " | 80 "  |
| Martha Benton      | 2 " | 3   | 30 " | 120 " |
| Elizabeth Brock    | 3 " | 4   | 40 " | 180 " |

1200 lbs      4820 lbs

I hereby certify that the above rations were distributed by GW Collier agent to furnish soldiers families of Dudley district Wayne County NC  
 March 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

John Lewis Commissioner

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# Wayne County Cemetery Book - Volume 1

## At Last!

The Old Dobbs Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of the first volume of their new series of Cemetery Books. Volume 1 will contain a complete listing of all of the cemeteries in **Nahunta, Buck Swamp, and Great Swamp Townships**. This is the first update in more than 20 years and is an invaluable resource for genealogical research.

The book will be offered in both hardcover and CD versions. The CD version will be in searchable PDF format. After publication, the cost will be \$30 for either version. **However, for those who order and submit payment by September 1, 2005, the pre-publication price will be only \$25 per book (either version)!** Shipping/handling is \$5.00 per book, but if you order both the hardback and the CD versions, you will pay only one shipping charge. Books should be delivered in November, 2005.

Please complete the order blank below and mail it with your payment to:

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**P.O. Box 617**  
**Goldsboro, NC 27533-0617**

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**Johnston County Genealogical & Historical Society  
2nd Annual Meeting & Workshop  
Smithfield, NC**

**Saturday, August 13, 2005  
Cost = \$20 nonmembers, \$15 members**

**Morning Session 9:30 - 12:00      Afternoon Session 1:30 - 4:00**

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the conference room on the second floor of the Public Library of Smithfield and Johnston County located on Market Street across the street from the Heritage Center of Johnston County. Lunch will be from approximately noon to 1:30 p.m. on your own. Complete the form at the bottom of this announcement and mail it with payment to the address shown by July 30.

The sessions will be conducted by Ray King. The workshops will be about **Colonial land grants, North Carolina land grants, the use of land records in genealogy, and how to do research in a burned county**. He is the immediate past-president of the JCG&HS and a board member of the Johnston County Heritage Commission. He has 23 years experience in genealogy, has published abstracted records of Johnston County, and has had several family articles published over the years. He teaches North Carolina History, United States History, and World History in Raleigh, NC. He lives with his wife and daughter in the Cleveland Community of Johnston County.

A special "Thank you" to our initial sponsors and to those who have made donations for financial support for the annual meeting and workshops.

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Registration Form-WORKSHOP-August 13, 2005

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Name(s) you are researching: \_\_\_\_\_  
May we list you as a participant? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Make check payable to Johnston Co. Genealogical Society. Mail form to:  
Johnston Co. Genealogical & Historical Society, P. O. Box 2373, Smithfield, NC 27577

# North Carolina Genealogical Society

Presents the  
Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

## FINDING YOUR MILITARY ANCESTORS

November 11 & 12, 2005  
Brier Creek Country Club  
9410 Club Hill Drive  
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Craig R. Scott

Professional Genealogical Researcher  
CEO & President of Heritage Books, Inc.

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William H. Brown

Archivist, Editor Governors' Papers  
NC Office of Archives & History

### Friday, Nov. 11

7:30 – 8:00 Registration  
8:00 – 9:15 **"Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor"** - Scott  
9:15 – 9:45 Break and Vendors  
9:45 – 11:00 **"Military Records of the American Civil War, An Introduction"** - Brown  
11:00 – 12:00 Lunch and Vendors  
12:00 – 1:15 **"Civil War Military Records and Genealogical Research"** - Brown  
1:15 – 1:45 Break and Vendors  
1:45 – 3:00 **"Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor"** - Scott

### Saturday, Nov. 12

7:30 – 7:45 Registration  
7:45 – 8:50 **"The Development of the North Carolina Militia & Home Guard, and Effect of Confederate Conscription Laws on Military Service"** - Brown  
8:50 – 9:20 Break and Vendors  
9:20 – 10:25 **"The Forgotten Wars"** - Scott  
10:25 – 11:25 North Carolina Genealogical Society Annual Meeting  
11:25 – 12:20 Lunch and Vendors  
12:20 – 1:25 **"Pension Research: Did You Stop Too Soon?"** - Scott  
1:25 – 1:55 Break and Vendors  
1:55 – 3:00 **"Say, It Ain't Over!! An Introduction to Post-War Records with Genealogical Value for Civil War Research"** - Brown

### Registration Form

Fees (lunch is included in price):

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Make out check to "North Carolina Genealogical Society" and send with form to:  
NCGS Annual Meeting & Workshop, P. O. Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835-0022

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OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
of the Wayne County Historical Association  
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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Signs of fall are appearing each day. I hope your summer was pleasant and that you found time to work on your genealogy and history projects. I started a new project this summer. I attended some scrapbook parties to learn to put my photos in order and to tell the story that goes with the picture. It is fun and my photos are really beginning to tell the story that I want my descendants to know and they are displayed so charming and neat.

If you missed the Johnston County Genealogical workshop you missed a treat. Ray King did an excellent job instructing the use of land records in genealogical research and researching tips for burned counties.

Old Dobbs will be sponsoring a workshop about census records in October. Rhonda Konig, local history room librarian, will be the instructor. Rhonda's presentations are great and informative I hope you will attend. Also, the NC Genealogical Fall Workshop will be in November [details in last newsletter].

Presale of Volume 1 of the Wayne County Cemeteries has ended. We will order some additional volumes and CDs. It will be a great addition to your library. We hope to have Volume 2 completed very soon. We are asking all members who are able to stay and help with the recording of Old Mill Cemetery after the October meeting. A lot of people can accomplish a large job quickly. Old Mill is the only large cemetery left to complete in Volume 2. Please plan to help if you possibly can.

The devastation of Katrina has touched all of us. Americans have really had horrific disasters to deal with the last four years. Lynn Johnson reminds us that we need to share and or store our genealogical research in several places in hopes of preserving our work in the event of a disaster. With today's technology it is easy to save our research to CDs and floppy disks. Share with interested siblings, cousins or just ask friends or family members to store a copy for you.

Our October program will be "Our Scottish Heritage – Scots who settled in NC and tracing your Scottish Ancestry." The Meeting is October 22 and will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Weil Auditorium at the Wayne County Public Library. Mark you calendar and join us.

See you then,  
Cathy

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## OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

July 23, 2005

The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society met on Saturday, July 23, 2005 in the Weil Auditorium, Wayne County Public Library in Goldsboro. President Cathy Blow called the meeting to order, welcomed the approximately 25 members and guests, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lynn Johnson gave the invocation. Minutes from our last meeting were approved as written in the newsletter and a balance of \$5,177.77 was reported by the treasurer.

For your convenience, e-mail addresses for all of the Old Dobbs officers are now listed at the end of the newsletter. If you have questions or would like to volunteer for one of our projects, we encourage you to get in touch with any of us.

Cemetery Committee – Volume 1 of our cemetery book project is ready to be published. Cost will be \$30.00 for hardback or CD version, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Volume 1 contains a complete listing of all the cemeteries in Nahunta, Buck Swamp, and Great Swamp Townships. Books should be delivered in November, 2005. Volunteers are still needed to help survey the few remaining cemeteries for Volume 2. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cathy Blow, Guy Potts, Stacy Jones, or Barbara Lancaster. Volunteers are also needed to abstract the death records at the Wayne County Courthouse. This is a great way to contribute to this project if you are unable to physically survey cemeteries. Cathy Blow will be happy to give instructions to anyone who is willing to help.

Family History Center Committee – Volunteers are still needed to help transcribe the Revolutionary War records of men who had connections to Dobbs County. If you are available to help with this project, please contact Cathy Blow, Guy Potts, or Jerome Tew.

Newsletter Committee – Response to receiving newsletters by e-mail has been very positive. Approximately 40 members are participating. If you are interested in this, please contact Guy Potts or Lisa Corbett.

Items of new business were as follows:

Rhonda Konig presented suggestions for indexing our old newsletters. It was decided that we would send our old newsletters, up to the year 2000, to the Allen County Library to be indexed into the Periodical Source Index or PERSI. These old newsletters contain valuable and unique information that cannot be accessed in their present form without searching through each volume. It was also decided that we make our newsletters up to the year 2000 freely available online. More details to follow.

Since there is a conflict with our meeting at the Weil Auditorium on two of our meeting dates, it was decided that we move our meeting date to the third Saturday of January, April, July, and October. This will begin with our January, 2006 meeting. Please mark your calendars. **Our October 2005 meeting will be the fourth Saturday, October 22.**

Lynn Johnson introduced our speaker, LTC (Ret.) Sion Harrington, military archivist for the North Carolina Archives. He presented a very interesting and informative program on the role played by North Carolinians during WW II and the importance of preserving the military history

of North Carolinians. He requested our help in interviewing veterans so that their stories can be recorded for generations to come. After our meeting was adjourned, Mr. Harrington answered questions presented by the audience.

If you have photographs, documents, or other like materials that you would like to donate to the Military Collection of the State Archives, please contact LTC (Ret.) Sion H. Harrington III at Archives and Records Section, ATTN: Military Collection, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4614; by phone at (919) 807-7314; or, by email at [sion.harrington@ncmail.net](mailto:sion.harrington@ncmail.net)

**The next meeting will be at October 22, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wayne County Library, Goldsboro, NC.** Julia Batchelor and Nelson Stewart Lockey of the Down East Scots Society will be discussing the role played by early Scottish settlers in North Carolina. They will also discuss tracing Scottish ancestors. You'll be surprised at the sheer number of surnames in Wayne County that have their origins in Scotland! Please make plans to attend.

**Archivist Wants to Record WWII Veteran's Stories  
By Phyllis Moore - Published in News-Argus, July 24, 2005.**

A resurgence of interest in World War II might be helpful in collecting data about North Carolinians who served then and in other facets of the military, the state's military archivist said.

Ret. Lt. Col. Sion Harrington III of the Archives and Records Section of the state Division of Historical Resources has spent the last 10 years compiling a roster of North Carolinians who have served in various branches of the military. He has already gathered thousands of photos and documents, plus 500 interviews of veterans collected for an oral history.

On Saturday, he spoke to the Old Dobbs Genealogical Society about the effort and why it is so important to preserve the state's military history. "We're now finally realizing that we're losing more of our World War II veterans," he said, "1,400 a day or about 42,000 a month; that's a city." With the passage of time, the history will be buried and lost forever if the stories are not collected and shared, he said.

"I have gone to funerals and heard about what the person did in the service, but no one wrote it down," he said. "It won't be a bit of good after they're dead. While we have these people, we have these pictures, you're going to regret it if you don't ask them to share their stories." He said World War II is particularly significant because it was a total war effort that the country stood behind.

"We have not had a war even close to that since then to even approach that," he said. "It was, as Studs Terkel said, the last good war." He said that "everybody understood it had to be fought. North Carolinians were in every branch of service" and the nation, young and old, got involved and pitched in, even going so far as to raise money to pay for the war. "People were willing to sacrifice to win that war," he said.

Harrington said he is thankful the project began a decade ago to document information and individual stories. At that time, he said, there were still more than 70 WWI veterans still living in the state. "Unfortunately, we were unable to get all of them but we did get a lot of them," he said. "So we have a lot of them on videos or on audio."

He said the collection includes interviews from veterans of World Wars I and II, people in POW camps, and Pearl Harbor survivors. The weakest areas are the more recent conflicts, from Korea and Vietnam, to Desert Shield and Desert Storm. There are also fewer stories on women veterans, he said. "We need to get their stories," he said.

Harrington told the group it doesn't matter how short or long the person served, during war time or peace time, or how seemingly small their contribution. "If you know a veteran and want to make sure their story is preserved, talk to them," he said.

His office will even make available the questions and information to conduct the interviews, which can then be sent to the archives office in Raleigh. "We're looking for anybody who served," he said. "Some of these people have never told their story. No one's ever asked them. "You won't do anything that's more rewarding than interviewing a veteran."

Another project his office is involved in is compiling a roster of North Carolinians who served in Confederate Naval service or the Confederate Marine Corps, which only had about 500 men in it at its peak, he said. Harrington said because his office is limited in staff and time, the projects would be good ones for organizations like Dobbs as well as DAVs and American Legions to take on.

For more information on any of the archive projects or to submit photographs, papers, or other memorabilia from military veterans, contact Harrington at the Archives and Records Section, Military Collection, 4614 Mail Service Center, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4614, or call 919-807-7314.

The Dobbs Society also has several publications planned. President Cathy Blow said the first volume in a series is expected to come out in November and will feature listings of cemeteries in Nahunta, Buck Swamp and Great Swamp townships. Pre-orders are being accepted until Sept. 1, she said, and a limited number will be available for sale. For more information, call 735-1089.

### **News from the Wayne County Library by Rhonda Konig**

U.S. Population Census Class for Beginners - Learn what the U.S. Census Population Schedules are and some basic strategies to try when using them for genealogy research Saturday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Gertrude Weil Auditorium, Wayne County Public Library. To register for this free class call or come into the library's reference desk (919-735-1824 ext. 4).

### **Recent Acquisitions at the Library**

- 1850 Census of Johnston County North Carolina – Helen Marler
- Abstracts of Deed Books 15-23 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, 1794-1830 – Herman Ferguson
- Abstracts of Divisions of Estates Perquimans, North Carolina, 1741-1804 – Lori Higley White
- Abstracts of Perquimans County, North Carolina Wills, 1761-1864 – Raymond Winslow
- Abstracts of Wills Pasquotank County, North Carolina, 1752-1824
- Bladen County North Carolina Abstracts of Wills 1734-1900 – Wanda Campbell
- Bladen County North Carolina: Marriage Records 1868-1872, Miscellaneous Records 1872-1931 – Bladen County Historical Society

- The Changing Face of Justice: A Look at the First 100 Women Attorneys in North Carolina – by Emily Colin and Lynn P. Roundtree
- Chatham County, North Carolina Marriage Records, 1782-1867 – Frances Ingmire
- Chowan County Will Abstracts, 1707-1850 – Edenton Tea Party Chapter NSDAR
- Citizens of Craven County, North Carolina and Vicinity, Volume 1: 1809-1813 – Barry Munson
- Citizens of Halifax County, North Carolina and Vicinity: 1824-1825 – Barry Munson
- Citizens of Orange County, North Carolina and Vicinity, Volume 1: 1820-1822 – Barry Munson
- Citizens of Orange County, North Carolina and Vicinity, Volume 2: 1823-1829 – Barry Munson
- Courthouse Research for Family Historians – Christine Rose
- Directory of Scots in the Carolinas: Volume 2 – David Dobson
- Duplin County, North Carolina Voter Registration: 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908 – Old New Hanover Co. Gen. Society
- East Tennessee's Forgotten Children: Apprentices from 1778 to 1911 – Alan N. Miller
- Far from Home: Letters from North Carolina's Civil War Soldiers: Volume 1 – Barry Munson
- Genealogical Deed Abstracts Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Books 10-14 – Herman Ferguson
- Greene County North Carolina Cemetery Inscriptions: 1750-1970 – Mary Virginia Kilpatrice
- Guilford County, North Carolina Marriage Records, 1771-1868 – Frances Ingmire
- Halifax County, North Carolina Marriage Records, 1818-1867 – Frances Ingmire
- An Index to North Carolina Newspapers, 1784-1789 – Alan D. Watson
- Index to the Semi-Weekly Messenger Wilmington, NC: 1905 – Bill Reaves
- Index to The Wilmington Messenger: 1889 – Bill Reaves
- Index to The Wilmington Messenger: June 30th-December 31st 1887 – Bill Reaves
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## Joseph Everett of Wayne County

Joseph Everett was a man of large affairs in Wayne County. He was a son of John Everett of Edgecombe County & his forebears had settled in Virginia in the 17th century & lived for a time in Williamsburg. Joseph Everett, though possibly a nominal member of the Episcopal Church, was associated, though not a member, of the Society of Friends. He was married to Ann McKinne, a daughter of Gen. Richard McKinne, who was for over twenty years a member of the General Assembly from Wayne.

Everett became one of the richest men in Wayne County history. His land holdings alone were described as "oceans of land" and when he died in 1836, his estate was one of the largest in county court history. The aristocratic village of Everettsville, south of the Neuse River, was established by his children and named in his honor and at one time was considered to be the most "toney" address in Wayne County.

### Will of Joseph Everett – Contributed by Theodore Perkins NC Archives – Wills - CR 103.801.2 Recorded November, 1836 Court

In the name of God Amen - I Joseph Everitt of the State of North Carolina and County of Wayne being weake of body but of a Sound mind and memmory and Knowing the mortality of my boddy and that its appointed for all men wonst to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred and Thirty Six Vizt First I give and Recommend my soul in to the hands of god that give it and my boddy to its mother dust and as touching Such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased god to bless me with in this life I give and devise and dispose of the Same in the following manner and form

Itum the first I loan to my beloved wife Anney during her nachural life the Pickern Tract of Land a bout Two hundred acres including the following fields that is to say all lands on the South Side of Stoney Run with its improvements Except the Umphry Liley and Beard Lands and the Mill and Two Acres of Puvelege land on west side of the mill a bove and below the mill also the following negroes namely Jerrey Mary Washington Joan Sopha Daniel Edwin Michael Saul Latty Cuff Jacob and Clowey also Five head of Horses including my riding mare and coalt and Three more her choice Five cows and calves Eight Sows and pigs Six Ews and lambs one third of my corn pees and Potatoes Five Stacks of Fodder also I lend all my Household Fernature during her nachural life then to be Equally Divided between my daughter Jane and Son David all my Kitchen fernature to my wife also as much Porke or Bacon as my Executors may wish one yoke of my young steers also three other negro children namely Holladay Peggy and Barna

Itum 2<sup>nd</sup> I loan to my beloved Son David Everitt the tract of Land where on I now live Beginning on the River at the mouth of Stoney Run Then up the meanders of Said Run to Two white Oakes near the corner of the Pickern field Then with a line of marked trees to a corner a Post oake and sweet gum at the corner of the Fence that divides the new ground and Pickeron Field that Stands in the old path Thence with that fence and path to the Road then down and with the Road to the branch Then up the meanders of Said Branch to the mill including the mill and two Acres on the West Side for the use of the Mill Then up the meanders of the Mill Pond on the West Side near the high ground to the Big marsh Then to the Run then up said Branch to the mouth the Flag Branch Then up the meanders of the Flag Branch to the head near the Road Thence from the head of said Branch a Straight line to a pine or Post Oak and cross the Road a bout twenty Steps

and cornering at said pine and Post oake in the head of the Herricane Branch Thence a Strate line to the middle prong of Mileses Marsh and corner near the path called Beards Old Road Then runs in the western Prong of Mileses Marsh a bout twenty Steps below the path to Polly Overmans Thence down the said marsh to John Coxes line Thence with his lines to a pine in the head of a bottom Isham Edwardses corner near the big path Thence with Coxes lines to a pine near the head of the Wild Cat Branch Thence with Coxes lines to the Road Thence with West lines to Probet Colliers New Road Then down the Road to my line Thence with West and George Colliers lines to Carraways Creeke Then down the various courses of said Creek to the River Thence up the River to the Beginning containing a bout Two Thousand and Seven hundred and Fifty acres of Land be the same more or less to him and his use and Bennifit during his nachural life and Further Provided my Son David Should die and leave no lawfull heir Then the a bove named Tract of Land to goe to my Daughter Jane Smith Provided She pays or causes to be paid the following Sums To the heirs of Sally Kennedy Two Thousand Dollars To The heirs of Marry Everitt Two Thousand Dollars To Nancy Smiths heirs Two Thousand Dollars and to the heirs of John Everitt one Thousand and Five hundred Dollars all of the above named Sums to be paid within Four years after taking in possession the a bove named Tract of Land Provide my Son David Should live to have a lawful heir I then in Such case give and bequeath unto him my Son David Everitt his heirs and assigns for Ever the afore mentioned tract of land as in this Itum was first loan to him to gether with all its improvements and located as under the Loan Also a Horse called Charley also one half of all my house hold and Kitchen Ferniture that I have lent my wife also Five cows and Calves Eight Sows and Pigs

Itum 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Ann Jane Smith The Lands lying on the west Side of Stoney Run Beginning on the River at the mouth of Stoney Run and Runs with her Brother Davids as its various courses to the back line Thence with the back line to the west prong of Mileses Marsh then down the Same to John Coxes line Thence with his line to the Big path Then to Thomas Kennedys corner Thence with my line near Bradberries Branch Thence with Thomas Kennedays line to a corner near the meeting house Thence down the Road to Henry Apple Whites path Thence with the path, Known by the name of David McKinnes path, to the marsh Thence across the marsh to Henry Aple Whites corner Thence with his line Through the marsh of the Lake to his and Slocumbs corner a Black gum Thence with Slocumbs line to a Stake Slocumbs corner Thence with Slocumbs line to Bradberries Branch Thence up the meanders of the Branch to the Branch pasture Thence with Slocumbs line to Brads Branch Thence up the meanders of said Branch to Slocumbs corner Thence with Slocumbs line to his and Philip Hookses corner on the Road Thence with Hookses line to his corner a Stake in the field Thence with his line to a corner pine in a Pocoson Thence with his line to a corner pine on the old road Thence with his line to the River Thence down the River to the Beginning Containing a bout Twenty Eight hundred acres of Land Be the same more or less To have and to hold to her and her heirs and assigns forever Also Two hundred and Fifty Dollars for Planke & Scantlin and Tables

Itum 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Nancy E. Smith the Lands being on the South side of Neuce River and on both sides of Buck Swamp in Several tracts Vizt the Solomon Thomas tract a bout Three hundred and twenty acres lying on the north side of Buck Swamp a Joining Christopher Ezekeel and the heirs of Henry Hollomons line and others this William Thomas Say - One other tract of Land on the South Side of Buck Swamp it being the land that Willis Martin Deeded to me for a bout one Thousand acres also the Lewis C. Pender tract adjoining said Martin Tract for a bout Forty Seven acres one other Tract that Rachel Elmore Deeded to me for a bout Forty Seven acres also one other Tract lying on Bushes Branch that Nancy Otridge Deeded to me for Four hundred acres also one other Tract of Land lying on Both Sides of the Beaver dam Branch known by the name of the Robert McKinney Tract Including a

part of the Westbrook Land Vizt to make the Road the line from the Cross Roads Tract of Land To the Musgrave line Then with the said Musgrave lines to Falling Creeke Containing a bout Six hundred and Sixty acres also on other Tract whereon Sarrah McKinne now lives containing a bout Two hundred Acres also the William Thomas Tract on Buck Swamp containing a bout Four hundred and Sixty acres joining the Solomon Thomas Tract and others which Sally Kennedy will pass a Deede to her Sister Nancy for as I wonst Deeded it to her and cince bot it Back and neglected to take a Deede to have and to hold all the afore named Tracts of Land with all there improvements To have all the afore said to her heirs and assigns for ever also the sum of one hundred and Fifty Dollars

Itum 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mary Everitt my lands lying on Falling Creeke Vizt Charles and Elisha Pipkin Tracts and all my lands a Joining of them containing a bout nine hundred acres also a part of the Stewart Pipkin Tract That James Everitt now has in possession Containing a bout Eight hundred and Forty acres also the Richard McKinne and William Fellows Tracts containing a bout one Thousand acres of Land also the James Westbrook and Musgrave Lands that lies on the North Side of the Road say Eight or Ten Acres near the field Runing with the Road to Musgraves line Then with Musgraves line to Falling Creek Thence down the meanders of the Creeke to the River Then up the River to Whitfields Corner near the old Salt house Then out to the newbern Road also Two other Tracts The Mathew McKinne old Mill and The James Barbey Land a joining the mill containing a bout Three hundred and Forty acres The Whole Containing a bout Thirty Five Hundred acres of Land be the Same more or less to have and to hold to her and to heirs and assigns with all its improvements for Ever

Itum 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Sally Kennedy my lands lying in the Forke of Neuce River and Little River and on both Sides of the Beaver Dam Swamp Vizt The Silas and David Jernagan Tracts containing near Six hundred acres of Land also all my William Coor Lands and the Lands I bought of Lewis C. Pender and all my Pocoson and Pocoson Branch Land also my John Hamiton and Butcher Tracts one of which lies in the Edge of Johnston County containing a bout Five hundred Acres in the Three last named Tracts also the Philip B. Raiford Tract on Little River also Nathan Small Joseph Arnold and Richard Sanders Tracts lying on the South side of Nawhunty and all my land that lies a Joining of John Kennedys that I have not Deeded him also the Thomas and Jesse Coor Land Including the whole of my lands I am possesst of in the Forke of Neuce and Little River To have and to hold all of the afore named Tracts of Land with its improvements to her and her heirs and assigns forever

Itum 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Son John Everitt the Stephen Jernagan Tract of Land lying on the North Side of Neuce River and on both sides of Stoney Creek Supposed to contain a bout Eight hundred and Fifty acres of Land be the same more or less To have and to hold the a bove mentioned Tract of Land with its improvements to him and his heirs and assigns for Ever also a bout Seventeen hundred acres I Deede to him

Itum 8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Nece Mary McKinney Five Hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors within Three years from and after the Probate of this my will

Itum 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved Friend William Fellow now of the State of Tennessee to his children Four hundred Dollars to be payed by my Executors within three years from and after the Probate of this my will

Itum 10<sup>th</sup> I do hearby authorize and Direct my Executors to Sell the Following Tract of Land on a credit of one Two and Three years Vizt The John Everitt Tract of Land Lying on the Newbern Road a Joining of the Lands of Sampson Lane John Hamilton and W. Lanes containing a bout Two hundred and ninety acres be the same more or less also one other Tract in Sampson County bot at Sheriffs Sale calld Bull Pocoson wich I have Sheriffs recpt for

Itum 11<sup>th</sup> Its my will and desire That the following named Negroes be liberated and Fereede from and after one year after the Probate of this Will by my Executors and to be taken care of by them for Thair meritorious Services Rendered to me during my life Sall Stephen and Phillis

Itum 12<sup>th</sup> I loan to the care of the Contentney Meeting of Friends the following named Negroes Vizt Philip Jams Charles Dinah Julian and her children

Itum 13<sup>th</sup> I wish my stock of Books to be equally divided amongst my children

Itum 14<sup>th</sup> I do hearby authorize and Direct my Executors as Soon as may be practable from and after the probate of this my will to Sell on a Credit of Twelve months with Interest from the date all my Stock that I have not heartofore givin a way I wish my Executors to take charg of my crop and Stock at my Decease and carry them on to the Season of Fattening and then fatten all thats advisable to fatten with the Then present crop Then Sell the same at publick Sale to gether with the balance of the crop then on hand to gether with my Tools and all my Plunder that is of wasteable nachur and not other wise given away - The monies a Rising from the Sales of Such property as I have Directed my Executors to Sell to gether with my Bank Stock in the old Newbern Banke and my notes and act that I have by me all to goe in to the hands of my Executors at my Decd First my Executors are to pay off all my Just Debts Secondly they will pay off The legacies as given in this my will

And the Residue if any to be Equally Divided amongst my Children

I wish and Direct my Executors to make a deede To James Everitt for one hundred and Thirteen acres of the James Barbey land by James Everitt first complying with out contract also one Small piece to John West lying over P.Colliers new Road next the Juniper of a bout forty acres by his paying cost and charges for Entr

Lastly I doe hearby nominate Constitute and appoint my worthy Sons John Everitt and William Smith my two and Lawfull Executors to Execute this my last will and Testament in manner and form as Directed in this my last will and Testament given under my hand and Seal the day and date first Written in presents of us

Jos. Everitt {Seal}

John J. Collier  
John W. West  
G.W. Collier  
Wm Caraway

Wayne County Nov Term 1836

Then was the above will of Joseph Everitt produced in open court and offered for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of Jno W. West John J. Collier & Wm Caraway Subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded - at the same time Jno Everitt & Wm Smith Executors therein named came into court & qualified as Executors thereto let letters testamentary issue

Jno A. Green Clk

**NOTICE.**  
THE subscribers having at the November Term, 1836, of Wayne County Court, qualified as Executors to the last will and testament of Joseph Everette,—hereby notify all persons having claims against their testator to bring them forward within due time, proved according to law: upon failing to do so this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.  
JOHN EVERETTE } Ex'rs.  
WILLIAM SMITH. }  
December 7th 1836.

**Notice.**  
AT the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, held for the county of Wayne, at November Term, 1836, the Will of Joseph Everitt deceased, was admitted to probate, and John Everitt and William Smith qualified thereto and took upon themselves the Executorship of the Estate of said deceased. We therefore call on all persons who are indebted to said Estate to come forward and make payment, and all persons holding claims against said Estate to bring them forward, well authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of a recovery.  
JOHN EVERITT, } Executors,  
WM. SMITH, }  
Dec. 20th, 1836. 112.6t.

NOTICE – The subscribers having at the November Term, 1836, of Wayne County Court, qualified as Executors to the last will and testament of Joseph Everette, hereby notify all persons having claims against their testator to bring them forward within due time, proved according to law : upon failing to do so this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

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Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1836

**Richard Cox Indenture to Micajah Cox – Contributed by James Ingram**  
**NC Archives – Real Estate Conveyances, 1819-1830**  
**Vols. 12-13 – C.103.40006 [Microfilm]**

This Indenture made Twenty second day of February one thousand eight hundred & Twenty three between Richard Cox of the County of Wayne & State of North Carolina of the one part and Micajah Cox of the County of Wayne & State of North Carolina of the other part witnesseth that the said Richard Cox for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand dollars to me in hand paid by the said Micajah Cox at and before the Sealing and signing of this presents the receipt and payment where of is here by acknowledged & the said Richard Cox for himself and his heirs doth here by bargain sell & confirm unto him the said Micajah Cox his heirs executors and assigns forever a certain peace or parcel of land in the said County of Wayne situate lying and being as follows on the north side of Neuse and bounded as follows (vizt) Beginning at a small Black Gum on the river bank runs N 23 Wt 168 poles to two ashes in Willis Jones line then with his line S 38 Wt 41 poles to a maple Willis Jones corner then with his other line S 73 Wt 20 ½ pole to a pine said Jones's corner then with his line S 86 Wt 76 ½ pole to a small ash said Jones's & John Wilkinsons corner on the run of Jarrell Marsh then with the run of said Marsh as it meanders with John Atkinsons line to a Large white oak Said Atkinsons corner then his other line So 85 Wt 53 poles a warter oak his other corner then with his other line So 8 Et 108 ½ pole to a warter oak & Lawrell said Atkinsons lower corner on the bank of Neuse River then down the meanders of the same to the first station containing four hundred acres

Also one other tract on the South side of Neuse River – Beginning at a Stake & Birch by the bank of said River below the Sain Place Joseph Everits corner and runs with his line So 3 Wt 6 pole to a stake his corner then So 86 Wt 67 pole to a stake by persimmon tree his corner on the river bank above the Ferry then down the River as it meanders to the first station Containing six acres of land ---- Thirteen square pole only excepted to include the Graves of Uriah Bass Father & Mother which pieces or parcels of land, with all ways woods waters and every other

appertainence there unto belonging or appertaining the said Richard Cox for himself his heirs Executors & administrators hath hereby sold set over conveyed released and confirmed in open market to the said Micajah Cox his heirs Executors administrators and assigns and he the said Richard Cox for himself his heirs and Executors and administrators hereby covenant and promise to and with the said Micajah Cox his heirs Executors or assigns that he the Said Richard Coxe his heirs Executors & administrators shall and will warrant and forever defend the said pieces or parcels of land with all and every of Members & appurtenances free from all lawful Claim or Claims of any person or persons whatsoever unto the said Micajah Cox his heirs Ex'rs adm't'rs & assigns forever in witness where of the said Richard Cox hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed Sealed & delivered in the presents of

Richard Cox {Seal}

Levi Cox

Nathan Musgrave

Wm (his x mark) Talton

Benj (his x mark) Stricklen

Wayne County August Term 1824

Then was the within deed of sale from Richard Cox to Micajah Cox duly proved in open Court by the oath of Levi Cox a subscribing witness & let it be Registered

P. Hooks Clk

**HINTON GRANT vs THOMAS T. HOLLOWELL - #9434**  
**Contributed by Judy Ginn - abstracted by Martha Mewborn Marble**

Wayne County – Case appears to have started in Wayne County in 1857 as a Court Equity Case

The Bill of Complaint of Hinton James Grant an infant by his next friend, James S. Lane

Vs

Thomas T. Heollowell, Administrator of Benjamin William Grant, Simon Newsome Administrator of Benjamin Best Sr., Caty Grant, Robert Ham & wife Louisa, Thomas J. Vinson & wife Eliza, John Grant, Catharine Grant, Council Best Sr., Robert Best, Lemuel Best, Henry Best, Simon Newsome & wife Patience, Nancy Wooten wife (wife marked through), Elizabeth Newsome wife (wife marked through), Philip Howell & wife Winny, Andrew Scott & wife Dicey, Joseph Smith & wife Patience, William A. Thompson & wife Sally, Lemon Lynch & wife Azubah, Haywood Ham Jr., Benjamin B. Ham, Henry B. Ham, Hiram J. Ham, Kenton J. Best, Thomas Phillips & wife Mary, Nathan Boyte & wife Narcissus, Benjamin Best, Jr., Leurenia Best, Theophilus W. Best, Council Best, Jr., Nicholas W. Best, Richard W. Best, Waitman T. Best, Nancy J. Best, Robert Howell & wife Winny, William Deans, Sally Deans, James Winborne & wife Sally, Smithy Best, Elizabeth Hearn & Robert Hearne

To the Honorable Judge of the Court of Equity for Wayne County, Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor, your orator, Hinton James Grant of the County of Wayne, an infant, owing by his next friend, James S. Lane: That your orator and Benjamin Williams Grant, the intestate of the defendant Thomas T. Hollowell, and the defendants, Louisa wife of the defendant, Robert Ham, Eliza wife of the defendant, Thomas J. Vinson, John Grant & Catherine Grant are the illegitimate children of one Benjamin Best, Sr. the intestate of the defendant, Simon Newsome, by the defendant, Caty Grant, their Mother. That the said Benjamin Best. Sr., desiring to give in

fee simple, with right of survivorship in case one should die under twenty one years of age or without issue, a valuable tract of land situated in this County, hereinafter particularly described & five slaves, to your orator and the said Benjamin William Grant, who were both infants of tender years, requested one William K. Lane to draft a deed of gift conveying to the said Benjamin William Grant & your orator the said tract of land in fee simple & the said slaves should rest in the survivor and his heirs ----- on 12 September 1846 said Lane drafted the deed and it was executed and delivered with the wits as said Lane and one Council Wooten – deed registered as required by law and a copy is attached ----- the said Lane, through ignorance or mistake, omitted the words of inheritance as to the real estate and words of survivorship in both the real and personal estate whereby the intention of the said Benjamin Best will be defeated unless this Honorable Court interpose its power for the correction of the said mistakes

The said Benjamin Best Sr. died intestate in the year 1851, and the defendant Simon Newsome, is his administrator & the said Benjamin Williams Grant died intestate in the month of March 1857, and the defendant, Thomas T. Hollowell, is his administrator – the omissions were not discovered till after the death of the latter – he was under age and never married and left as his heirs – Louisa wife of Robert Ham, Eliza wife of Thomas J. Vinson, John Grant and Catherine Grant who are his brothers & sisters and together with the defendant, Caty Grant are the next of kin

The said Benjamin Best Sr. left as his heirs at law his children, the defendants, Council Best, Sr., Robert Best, Lemuel Best, Henry Best, Patience wife of Simon Newsome, Nancy Wooten a widow, Elizabeth Newsome, a widow, and Theophilus Best, the last having died intestate in the month of August 1857 leaving as his heirs at law his children the defendants Kenton J. Best, Mary wife of Thomas Phillips, Narcissus wife of Nathan Boyte, Benjamin Best, Jr., Leusenia Best, Theophilus W. Best, Council Best. Jr., Nicholas W. Best, Richard W. Best, Waitman? Best & Nancy J. Best.

Said Benjamin Best, Sr. also had a daughter, Sarah, who intermarried with one Haywood Ham Sr., many years since and died before the said Benjamin Best, Sr. leaving children who are the defendants Winney, wife of Philip Howell, Dicey wife of Anderson Scott, Patience wife of Joseph Smith, Sally wife of William A. Thompson, Azubah wife of Lemon Lynch, Haywood Ham, Jr., Benjamin B. Ham, Henry B. Ham & Hiram J. Ham

And a daughter named Elizabeth who intermarried with one Thomas A. Deans and died before the said Benjamin Best, Sr. leaving children, the defendants, Winney wife of Robert Howell, William Deans & Sally Deans; NOTE: Elizabeth was the daughter of Sarah Best Ham and a son named William Ham, who died before the said Benjamin Best, leaving children, the defendants Elizabeth Ham & Robert Ham that the said Sarah Ham also had a son named Burwell Ham, who died intestate & without issue – that the said Sarah Ham had another daughter named Polly, who intermarried with another Benjamin Best & died before the said Benjamin Best Sr. leaving children the defendants, Smithy Best & Sally wife of James Winborne. The slaves are now six in number viz: Allen, Willie, Bryan, Celah & Abram, named in said deed and a child of the said Celah, born since its execution, whose name is not recollected.

Shortly after the death of said Benjamin Best, a part of said tract of land, about 150 acres, was sold under execution on a judgement in Wayne County Court and was purchased by one Thomas Uzzell – the balance of said tract contains about 1200 acres lying on the SS of Bear Creek adj. lands of Council Best, Thomas Uzzell & others and is bounded as follows – beginning at the

mouth of Paul's branch where it empties into Bear Creek, adj. Council Wooten, near the house (does not say whose house), down a line where the path goes into Whitehall Road, adj. C. Bests, Matthew Uzzell, Joshua Uzzell, Goose Pond, head of Walnut pocosin, John M. Uzzell, line of R. W. Harper & wife's deed to Benjamin Best, Thomas Uzzell's corner of the Benjamin Smith land below where said Smith formerly lived, south prong of the Mill branch

It is in the interest of the said Benjamin Williams Grant to sell the said tract of land and a petition was filed through their guardians in the Court of Equity Spring Term 1854 and a decree of sale was made and the land was sold for \$5,500 to Theophilus Best – the proceeds are in the hands of your Orator and the said Benjamin Williams Grant --- the said Theophilus Best sold & conveyed in fee simple one half of the said tract to the defendant Council Best Sr. and the other half to the defendant, Nicholas W. Best and then Council Best Sr. conveyed his half to the said Nicholas W. Best and the said Nichols W. Best has sold and conveyed the whole tract to the said Council Best Sr. who is now in possession of the said tract

All the conveyances were made before the death of the said Benjamin William Grant and all parties were under the impression that the fee simple had been vested in the said Benjamin Williams and your orator – your orator is advised that as the deed stands now the fee simple of said lands is vested in the heirs of said Benjamin best, one half of said slaves by the death of said Benjamin William Grant go to his next of kin – UNLESS your honor interprets the power of the Court to supply the outside sions ??? in the said deed which your orator is advised this court will do to carry out the intention of the said Benjamin Best Sr.

NOTE: on the side of the paper – Benjamin Best Sr. was a wealthy man possessed of many slaves and valuable estate and before his death he by deed provided for all his other illegitimate children and for his legitimate heirs – said Benjamin Best – next word unreadable – utterly destitute and provided for at the date of the instrument herein sought to be corrected – said Benjamin Best always affirmed the place of a parent towards your orator and he recognized his duty to them

DEED - State of North Carolina, Wayne County - Know all men by those presents that I Benjamin Best of the County and State aforesaid for and in consideration of the natural love and affexion which I have for Benjamin Williams Grant & Hinton James Grant Sons of Caty Grant and for the further consideration of the Sum of One dollar to me in hand paid at and before the ensuing and delivery of these present that I have given granted bargained and sold and will by these present give grant bargain and sell to the said Benjamin Williams Grant and Hinton James Grant all the land I own on the South Side of Bear Creek containing about thirteen hundred acres also the following negroes Viz: Allen, Willie, Bryan, Celah, Abram, also all the stock of any kind on the said lands Reserving however my life estate in all the said property – on testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this the 12th day of September, A.D. 1846

Benjamin (x) Best

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in presence of the assigns made before signed

Wm. K. Lane, C. Wooten

A true copy from the Record in my office March 5th 1857

I. Klwern ??? Reg by Benj. Aycock

ANSWER OF THOMAS T. HOLLOWELL, administrator of Benjamin Williams Grant - He admits the deed was drawn and it was to convey a fee simple estate in the land and an absolute property in the slaves but whether he directed survivorship he did not know – he has been

informed such was not the fact and the allegation was not made until the death of Benjamin Williams Grant – he further stated part of the land was sold to pay the debts of the said Benjamin Best in his lifetime and not after his death – states the chain of ownership was as stated and mentioned the middle name of Washington for Nicholas Washington Best  
Wm. H. Washington was the Sol for the defendant - 1 Feb 1858

ANSWER OF WILLIAM K. LANE - 17 March 1860 - Benjamin Best sent for me and I went to his house on 12 Sept 1846 and at his request drew up four deeds for him, among them the one mentioned in this suit to Benjamin Williams Grant and Hinton James Grant and the said slaves. He said the deed was to say that if one of the children died under the age of 21 without children the whole of the said property should go to the other. The word "heirs" and the words of survivorship as to all the property was an omission of mine. The old man was of sound mind at the time of execution of the deed. The defects in the paper were not discovered until after the death of Benjamin Best. I was appointed guardian of Ben. W. and Hinton J. Grant after the death of the said Benj. Best and am still the guardian of Hinton Grant. I had before the execution of the said deed drawn a will for the said Benjamin Best in which the land mentioned in said deed was devised to the said Benj. W. and Hinton J. Grant and their heirs. I don't know what happened to the will.

ANSWER OF COUNCIL WOOTEN - Was present when the deed was written and heard him tell Mr. Lane how he wanted the deed written

ANSWER OF ROBERT HAM, THOMAS VINSON AND JOHN C. GRANT - Joint and separate answer – Spring Term 1860 – three of the defendants – they were aware that Benjamin Best Sr. did duly execute the deed referred to but were ignorant of the facts except as they had been informed by others – they believed the intention of said Best was to convey to said Benjamin Williams Grant and Hinton James Grant an absolute estate in fee simple as well as the slaves but they deny that said Best desired right of survivorship – after the death of Benjamin Williams Grant they stated that William K. Lane told them that the next of kin of the said intestate would be entitled to an equal share of said slaves but said Lane was not sure who was entitled to the said land – the defendants insist no mistake was made in the deed except that a fee simple and not a life estate in said land was intended and he intended the two grantees to own as tenants in common - 6 April 1860

Court found the land to be vested for Council Best Sr. by virtue of the several conveyances

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