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principal.

The Beasleys were active church workers. As a young man he had joined Mill Creek Christian Church where Bettie's parents were members, and served as deacon and church clerk for many years. He also took an interest in Corinth Primitive Church where his father and brothers were members.

Jeremiah sold his store to his son Claude in 1922. Bettie Taylor Beasley died 19 June 1925. In his later years Jeremiah enjoyed sitting around the store talking to customers and helping out when needed, after he finished his postmaster duties. He died 12 September 1934 and is buried in Bentonville Cemetery where Bettie was buried.

Sources: Bible, land records, *Smithfield Herald*, General Services Administration and family knowledge.

— Kathleen Beasley McClelland

DESCENDANTS OF JEREMIAH AND BETTIE TAYLOR BEASLEY

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Jeremiah M. Beasley (1853-1934) and his wife, Bettie Winifred Taylor (1848-1925) were the parents of nine children.

Preston Theodora Beasley b. 6 July 1876, the oldest son, attended small schools around Bentonville, N.C., Turlington Institute and Buies Creek Academy. Later he entered business with his father at Bentonville. 1 November 1899 he married Mattie J. Matthews in Harnett County. He was not feeling well that day as he was developing typhoid fever, from which he died three weeks later 23 November 1899.

Little Leliah Beasley b. March 21, 1878, d. 1 April 1878.

Ora Levert Beasley b. 8 June 1879, d. 10 September 1892.

Preston and Ora are buried in Bentonville Cemetery near their parents.

Mattie Bell Beasley b. 20 November 1881, d. 1 August 1970. Attended small schools around Bentonville, Turlington Institute, and Buies Creek Academy. 16 November 1905 she married David Stephenson of Wake County. Mattie taught school in Johnston and Wake Counties. David and Mattie Beasley Stephenson lived near McCullers in Wake County where he farmed. They were parents of Mildred Levert Stephenson (1907-1980), and Donald Beasley Stephenson (b. 1909). Mildred attended Peace and Cullowee Colleges and taught school. She was later Nurse Assistant to Dr. Tucker in Raleigh. Donald Stephenson farmed. The David Stephensons were faithful members of Wentworth Christian Church at McCullers where they are buried.

Claude Cleveland Beasley (1838-1947) married 1912 Georgia Fonville Gray (Fonnie) (1891-1965). See article.

Betty Almira (Alma) b. 19 January 1886, married Howard Stephen Casey at her parents' home 29 February 1912, d. 9 July 1968. The Howard Caseys lived near Mt. Olive where he farmed. They were members of Smith Chapel Methodist Church. They were the parents of two children: Margaret Hunter Casey (1913-

1975) who married Norwood McCulland and had one daughter. Wilbert Sherrod Casey (1915-1977) who married Naomi Coker and had four daughters.

Wilbert (Bert) Beasley b. 3 April 1889, d. 5 June 1959. He worked with his father for a few years, then went to Lumberton where he and his brother Howard ran a livery stable. In World War I he served in the 324 Infantry Supply Company and worked up to a Sergeant. Bert was stationed at Greenville, S.C. and later was sent to France in Europe. While he was at Greenville he met Mettie Nash Mackie (widow), and they were married 12 December 1919 in Greenville, S.C. They lived at Bentonville, N.C. a few years where Bert was a partner with his father in J.M. Beasley and Son store and farm. In 1922 the Bert Beasleys moved to Smithfield for Bert to manage W.M. Sanders store. He was the manager for many years and also managed the Sanders farms in later years. He also owned some farms. The Beasleys were faithful members of First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield where Bert served as an elder. Mettie Beasley died in 1943. Bert married 2nd 3 August 1944 Annie Belle Learned in Wallace. She was a native of Wallace and a teacher in the Smithfield schools.

Howard Marvin Beasley b. 1 July 1891, d. 1971. After attending local schools around Bentonville he went to Tyndall Academy at Kinston where he met Lillian Rose of Wayne County. They were married 21 October 1914 and were the parents of four children: Lillian Rose Beasley, Howard Beasley, Jr., Mary Elizabeth Beasley who married W.C. Phillips, has five children and lives in S.C., and Myrtie Winifred Beasley who married Robert McKellar, has two sons and lives in Charlotte, N.C. Howard and Myrtie Rose Beasley lived most of their married life in Lumberton, N.C., except a period of eight years (1929-1937) Howard and family moved to Smithfield where he ran a store for a few years. Through the years Howard, at various times, ran a livery stable, had a wholesale grocery store, a retail grocery store, was a road construction contractor for a few years and had farming interests. Howard and Myrtie Rose Beasley were charter members of Lumberton Christian Church where Howard was a deacon and elder through the years. After Myrtie died in 1946 Howard married 2nd in 1951 Inez Fields Crowder. Howard and Myrtie Beasley are buried in Meadow Brook Cemetery at Lumberton.

Baby girl Beasley born and died 14 December 1894.

Sources: Bible, marriage records, family knowledge and interviews.

— Kathleen Beasley McClelland

JOSHUA BEASLEY AND FAMILY

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Joshua Beasley was born in 1784 in North Carolina, probably in Wake County. 15 September 1805 he married Judith Ferrell in Wake County and they lived there on Joshua's farm in Saint Marie (St. Mary's) township adjoining

Johnston County.

Their first children were born there while their other children were born in Johnston County. Joshua and Judith were the parents of eleven known children: Benjamin G. (b. 1810) married (1) Susan McLamb (2) married 22 Nov. 1887 Marilda Parker Collins; Kendrick M.C. married 6 March 1835 (1) Emy Bryant, (2) married Barthena; Joshua M.; Annie married 26 December 1838 Seawell Webb; Jesse married 30 September 1841 Fannie Moore; James married 29 December 1843 Polly Jernigan; Mary Ann married 25 March 1844 James Holmes; Culia married 20 October 1843 Henry Moore; Judith married 20 May 1847 Ashley Blackmon; Ephraim Oxford 1826-1916 married (1) 18 December 1845 Edith Avery, d. 27 July 1855, (2) Elizabeth Toole, (3) 9 December 1904 Marilda Beasley; Joseph.

Joshua was in the Wake County Militia. In the War of 1812, he was in the detached militia from Wake County in 1813 that was stationed at Beaufort, N.C. under command of Captain Abner Pasteur as an artilleryman. The Americans thought the Englishmen were coming into North Carolina that summer, so detachments of militia were called up from each country to served on the coast. He was again called up in September 1814 in the militia detached from the Wake Regiment to go to Norfolk, Virginia. He was in the muster roll of artillery, First Company.

In late 1813 Joshua bought his first land across the county line in Johnston County. He purchased 190 acres "on the waters of Mingo Swamp touching Wm. Bryan's land at Wolfpet Branch along Asa Bryan's land" . . . He built a log cabin and brought his family to Johnston County to live. Many of his descendants still live in that area today (1983) in Banner township southeast of Benson.

Josh Beasley farmed and through the years gradually purchased other land in the area until he had a sizeable holding. In 1828 he purchased 400 acres along Mingo Swamp, 1830 another 300 acres. Up-stream from Wolfpit Creek and the Dismals where marshes covered acres of land Josh decided to put a sod dan. He and his son Ben started hauling dirt there using primitive tools of wheelbarrows and shovels. They hauled many loads of dirt and rocks. Rain would wash some away and they would have to do it again, but they continued and after seven years had it so it would hold the water which covers about 200 acres today, nearly 150 years later. It is reported that Josh paid Ben \$700 for his help. Joshua built a grist mill on the dam and began a milling business. He also built a sawmill there. It was the first stucture of this kind in the area of any significance. The Beasley family operated it until 1874 when Josh sold some land including the mills and pond to John Green Raynor who had married Elizabeth Beasley. The pond has been used all through the years also for recreation such as fishing, swimming, etc. Today it is still there owned by a member of the Parker family.

Many of Josh and Juda Beasley's children and descenddants lived in Banner township. Others lived in Elevation, Meadow, Ingrams, and Bentonville townships all in Johnston County. Today many of their descendants are

THE FAMILY OF JULIUS H. BROADWELL

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Julius H. Broadwell was the oldest child of John and Martha Earp Broadwell. He was born Feb. 19, 1844. His paternal grandparents were John Sr. and Achsah Gulley Broadwell. His maternal grandparents were Hutson and Sally Gulley Earp. While he was in his teens, he lived with his great-uncle Freeman Broadwell who lived near Eagle Rock in Wake County and attended a school nearby. While living there he made a profession of faith and united with Hephzibah Baptist Church. His school days were cut short because he was conscripted for service in the Confederate Army. He first served near Wilmington, building breastworks for the protection of the town. Later he was in battle near Plymouth, N.C. He was guarding Federal prisoners while the fighting was in progress between the gunboats. He said he heard every shot that was fired. After the war he returned home and helped his father farm, as their slaves were now free.

On May 5th, 1868 he was married to Sarah Ann Pittman, daughter of Harrison and Smythie Eason Pittman. In 1876 he obtained a teacher's certificate and taught in the one room school of that time. The school sessions were two or three months during the winter, and one month during the summer when crops were laid by. His pay during the early years was 25 dollars a month. He loved his pupils dearly and they loved him. He taught them a lot of things about right living and good manners. He was not harsh with his pupils, but if punishment was necessary it was quickly administered.

Besides teaching and farming, he dipped turpentine. This was a means of obtaining ready cash. The turpentine was dipped from the notched place in the pine tree and put into buckets. These were emptied into barrels, and sold to owners of turpentine stills. While loading a barrel to take to market, the barrel rolled off the cart on his leg and broke his leg. In the fly leaf of his Bible he wrote, "1870, the year of misery and suffering". After this he walked with a slight limp. In spite of this he was very active.

His oldest child, a daughter named Allie, was born April 20, 1870. She was married to Kirkman Creech, son of Rev. Worley Creech, Dec. 7th 1890, in Carter's Chapel Baptist Church. To this union were born eight children: Charles Spurgeon, Annie Manolia, Ethel Latitia, Julian Harvey, Richard Hobson, Sarah Lilly (Sadie) Worley Yates, and Martha Ruby.

Charles Freeman Broadwell, second child, born Oct. 16, 1872. He served in the Army, during the Spanish-American War. He spent some time in the Philippine Islands. He returned home and was married to Willie Ann Woodard, daughter of Joseph and Gilly Brown Woodard. To this union were born nine children. Joseph Julius, Arnold Freeman, Sarah Algie, Franklin Custer, John Aaron, Lee Harrison, Charlie Noble, (twin brother died at birth) and Willie Thelma. Charles Freeman died Oct. 6, 1962. He lacked 10 days of being 90 years of age.

Rosa Lemma Broadwell third child of J.H. and Sarah Ann Broadwell, was born Oct. 10th, 1875. She was married to Charlie Loyd Batten, son of Ransom and Elizabeth Parrish Batten, Jan. 21, 1894. To this union were born four children. (male, died at birth). Odessa, Belva Lockwood, and Charles Lemuel. Charles L. Batten died Aug. 1st, 1930. She died Sept. 26, 1952. They were buried at the Parrish Memorial Cemetery.

Birmah Lee Broadwell, fourth child of Julius and Sarah Ann Broadwell, was born April 23, 1878. She was married to Charles A. Alexander Corbett, son of David and Pasche Batten Corbett, March 7th, 1897, at Live Oak Baptist Church. To this union were born fourteen children: (first child died at birth) Lemuel Preston, Clarence Lee, Albert Anderson, Breattie, Ethel, Charlie Preston, Julius David, Ballou Talmage, Charlie Azell, Paul Revier, Gladys Virginia, Myrtle Mae, and Elsie. She died Dec. 11, 1930, he died Nov. 11th, 1950.

Lucy Gray Broadwell, fifth child of Julius H. and Sarah Ann Broadwell, was born July 8, 1879. She was married to W. Debro Stancil, December, 1897, to this union were born eight children: Ardelia, Nevelle, Roosevelt, George Vernon, David Ermit, Alma, Esther, and Joseph Kuther Debro. Lucy Gray B. Stancil, died Nov. 4th, 1938, Debro Stancil died, Nov. 6th, 1952.

Julius Hutson Broadwell was a very remarkable man, as he read a lot and kept abreast of the times. He was very sympathetic, kind, well known and liked by a great majority of people. He was a great student of the Bible, and had memorized a large portion of it. He died July 22, 1924, and his wife died April 4, 1925. They were buried in the Broadwell Cemetery.

Source: Family records.

— Belva B. Creech

BRYANS OF MILL CREEK

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The first of the Bryan family to settle in Johnston County in the Mill Creek area was Lewis Bryan, who came here ca 1764 when he witnessed deeds of land sold in the Mill Creek area. In 1770 he bought a 300 ac. plantation from Edward Lee on the north side of Mill Creek beginning up the Little Swamp where Edward Lee's fifth line crossed the swamp, part of a tract granted to Lee 4 May 1769, witnessed by John Lee & Asa Bryan. On 1 Oct. 1772 Lewis Bryan sold part of this tract to Asa Bryan. He sold 150 ac., the other part of this tract, to William Bryan. He sold another tract of 188 ac. to John Bryan on 27 Apr. 1774.

No date has been found when Lewis Bryan died, but the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of 29 Aug. 1792 give the following "that Lewis Bryan Senr. be exempt from paying a four fold tax in 1791 and that he be Exempt in the future from paying a Poll Tax on account of his age. (There were several Lewis Bryans in the county at the same time and it is not clear just which was the Lewis of Mill Ck.) On 18 Nov. 1796 Lewis made a deposition to John Bryan, Justice of the Peace, as to a land mark

er or boundary.

Lewis Bryan was a son of John Bryan of Carven County who made a Nuncupative Will 31 Oct. 1741, naming his son Lewis to receive the plantation whereon John lived on Beards Creek; daughter Sarah Bryan to receive 3 negroes and personal estate; and that daughter Sarah was to bring up his 3 small children with Sarah Bryan being the Executor of the Will. Probated 1 Nov. 1741. The Will also gave the information that 'John Bryan departed this life 31 Oct. 1741'. On 17 Mar. 1745/46 Lewis Bryan, son of John Bryan, Deceased sold to Solomon Griffith 390 ac. for 200 N.C. Money, a tract of land' which my father held by deed from John Simmons lying on the North side of the Neuse River and on the west side of Beards Creek.' An inventory of the Estate of John Bryan by Solomon Griffin, 'who had intermarried with the Executor of the Last Will & Testimony of the deceased . . .'. Much of the Bryan family information comes from a law suite in 1826 filed by John Bryan Griffin, son of Sarah Bryan Griffin & Solomon Griffin who will was dated 13 Sept. 1807 and died 24 Mar. 1816. He left no brothers, sisters, aunts nor uncles and the estate fell to next of kin, descendants of his aunts and uncles. (Clerk of Supreme Court, Raleigh, N.C. Drawyer 17/18 & Supreme Court of July 1826, from Johnston Co. Term of Court of Equity). This records gives the names of the following children of John Bryan of Craven Co.: Lewis Bryan, Sarah Bryan, Joanna Bryan, Mary Bryan, Alice Bryan and Elizabeth Bryan.

The name of the wife of Lewis Bryan has not been found and no date of death has been determined. The seven children of Lewis Bryan are (1) William Bryan b. 3 Aug. 1760 d. 11 Feb. 1846 Johnston Co. md. 14 Oct. 1783 Craven Co. Alice Vendrick (Nat. Archives File #S6699) Their children were Asa H. Bryan Jr. md. Susannah Lee 15 Mar. 1809 b. 28 Oct. 1784 d/o John Lee and a gg/gd of John Lee Esq.; Janet Bryan b. ca 1790 was living in Johnston Co. 1850 age 60 yrs.; Eliza Bryan b. ca 1798 and living with sister Janet in 1850 age 52.; Joseph Bryan b. ca 1797 (possibly the son of William); Alice Bryan; Joana Bryan md. 12 Oct. 1810 Owen Thornton; Simon Bryan md. 9 June 1819 Charlotte 'Lottie' Bryan d/o Asa Bryan Jr. William Bryan was a Pvt. in the Rev. War. and his pension went to his children.

(2) Asa Bryan b. ca 1750 d. by 26 Aug. 1822 Johnston Co. md. 18 Aug. 1778 Ann 'Nancy' Lee d/o Edward Lee and gd/o John Lee Esq. b. ca 1760 d. 6 Jan. 1847. Ann Bryan filed for a Rev. War Pension on Asa's service (Nat. Archives File #23666) Their children were: Lewis Bryan b. ca 1780 d. 1845/47 md. Amy Johnson d/o John Johnson. d. after 1850.; Mary Bryan b. ca 1782 md. Jonathan Wood; Elizabeth Bryan b. after 1784 d. after 1850 possibly in Dallas Co. Ala md. 23 Jan. 1804 Johnston Co. William Fail; Nancy Bryan b. ca 1800/1810 md. ? James H. Smith 8 Aug. 1825 Johnston Co.; Henry Bryan; Nathan Bryan md. Nancy McConnel 12 Mar. 1817 Johnston Co.; Edith Bryan md. John Smith 10 Oct. 1823 Johnston Co.; Elizby Bryan md. 23 Dec. 1824 Johnston Co. Edward Bryan; Charlotte "Lot-

tie" Bryan md. 9 June 1819 Johnston Co. Simon Bryan; Aley Bryan md. 24 Sept. 1833 Gideon Allen Johnston Co.; John L. Bryan md. Martha Ann Jones ca. 1850.

(3) John Bryan b. ca 1753 d. ca 1817 had the following children according to the law suit: Reading Bryan; Delie Fayette Bryan; Elizabeth, widow of James Welch; & Hester (Hule) wife of Miles Barfield who went to Georgia. (4) Mary Bryan md. 8 Sept. 1785 Johnston Co. William Sanders and moved to Tennessee.

(5) Elizabeth Bryan md. Samuel Elridge possibly of Sampson Co. Samuel Elridge made his Will 1 Mar. 1778 and it was probated in May 1778. He named wife Elizabeth, son-in-law David Lee (wife was possibly Anna) son-in-law Abner Ingram, son Samuel, and daughter Mildred Eldridge. (6) Charlotte Bryan md. 26 Feb. 1789 David Peacock of Johnston Co. Their children were William md. Nancy Roberson; Asa Bryan Peacock md. Katie Roberson; John Peacock; Nancy Peacock; Charlotte Peacock md. 28 Nov. 1848 Johnston Co. John Cogdell Hood; and Louis Peacock. It is thought that John & Louis Peacock went to Georgia.

(7) Sylvia Bryan (Lisha) md. 22 Aug. 1789 Aaron Godwin of Johnston Co. (8) Reading Bryan.

Sarah Bryan md. Solomon Griffin/Griffith by the time Solomon filed an inventory of the Estate of John Bryan, deceased. Their only child was Moses Griffin who died 24 Mar. 1816 Carven Co.

JoAnna Bryan md. Daniel Vendrick and their children were James Venderick; Penny Venderick; Alice Venderick who married William Bryan; Lydia Venderick and Polly Venderick both married a James Simpkins.

Mary Bryan md. Benjamin Griffin and their children were: Kezziah md. John Hill; Jesse Griffin; Benjamin Griffin; Mary Griffin md. Robert Jackson; William Griffin; Ann Griffin md. John Holloway; Sally Griffin md. William Holloway; and Betsy md. James West.

Alice Bryan md. Jonas Griffin whose will is recorded in Camden Co. S.C. Their children were Major Griffin; Jannet Griffin md. John Burton; and Jonas Griffin who went to Warren Co. Miss.

Elizabeth Bryan md. Richard Hart and lived in S.C. A son was possibly John Bryan Hart who probably was in the Revolutionary War.

William Bryan, son of Lewis, made an application for a Pension for his Revolutionary Service on 7 June 1832. The information that he gave for this application and the affidavits that were made by other persons who knew him, tell about the people who lived in the neighborhood. William stated that he "was 85 yrs. old and the name of Bryan was very numerous and widely connected and influential in Johnson Co., N.C. long before the Revolutionary War and continued so during the struggle for Independence, sharing largely in its support by their wealth and influence; same name has continued thus distinguished nearly up to this period, though many have removed to distant parts; Johnston County embraced several adjacent counties; his family lived in middle, extreme North, now perhaps Wake Co. and in extreme South end which was the

family of the declarant; his father Lewis Bryan, raised three sons, Asa born 1750, John born 1753 and William born 1760 (the declarant); known distinction of his family was of "Mill Creek" and all served in the Revolution; brother John was an officer in county and then removed to Georgia where he died about 30 yrs. age; Asa, Captain in Revolution died about 20 yrs. ago, leaving the declarant the only living son of his father Lewis Bryan; . . . There was another William Bryan who died about 20 yrs. ago who belonged to the family in the North of the County, Swift Creek; he knew him well but he did not serve in Capt. Whitley's or Griffins Co." Other persons giving depositions were Jesse Adams, Minister of the Gospel, who was born and raised in the neighborhood. John Q. Adams and Thomas Bagley, Clerk of Court and Ann Hobby all gave information about knowing William Bryan and other informative was given in this application about the Bryan family of "Mill Creek."

Sources: Johnston Co. deeds, wills, estates, court minutes Smithfield, N.C.; Revolutionary War Pension Application of William Bryan; Supreme Court records, N.C. State Archives, Raleigh, N.C.; Research files of Elizabeth E. Ross and Ozell Long.

— Elizabeth E. Ross

WILLIAM AND NEEDHAM BRYAN

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William and Needham Bryan came to Johnston County about the time it was formed, 1746. William Bryan received grants for several hundred acres of land across the Neuse River from what was to become Smithfield, joining the lands of John Smith, Sr. Needham Bryan bought land just to the south of John Smith's acres on the east side of the Neuse River all the way down to Pole Cat Ck. Both William and Needham owned lands in other areas of the county but these were the acreages where their plantations were located. William's home was at or near the intersection of present Hwy. #70 & Hwy. #210, in the area of the cemetery. Needham's home was in the area of South Smithfield where the river turns back west after leaving the downtown area. In 1968 excavation was done on the site of Needham's family cemetery and items in prior Smithfield Heralds as early as 1916 mention the old cemetery located here. At the present time the cemetery does not exist, stones having been removed for preservation some years past. Those stone found here were for Lovard Bryan, Needham Bryan, Nancy Bryan and Leah Green.

William Bryan b. ca 1724 d. by Feb. 1780, Will dated 29 May 1780 and probated Feb. Court 1780. He married Elizabeth Smith ca 1744/50 b. ca 1724 d. ca 1792 Springfield Plantation, Johnston Co. William Bryan was active in public affairs and served as Sheriff, Justice of the Peace and Justice for the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. He was appointed Colonel 4 Apr. 1776 in the Johnston County Militia and served in this capacity until he petitioned the General Assembly in Feb. 1779 to leave his command as a Justice of the

Court. He received £271. 12 Shillings and 11 pence for his services. In the years during Gov. Tryons leadership when the Regulators in the western counties were causing trouble, William Bryan sided with the Gov. and helped raise troops and supplies for the soldiers going to the Battle of Alamance. Just a few years later he was fighting on the side of the patriots fighting for independence from British rule. William served as a delegate to the Hillsborough Convention in 1775. Elizabeth was the daughter of John Smith Sr. and wife Elizabeth Whitfield.

Children of William Bryan were: (1) Lewis Bryan b. 24 Nov. 1745 d. after 1779 md. Sarah Hinton, children: Edney; Redley; Lewis and Larry (Orphans were appointed a Guardian at May 1782 Court) (2) William Bryan b. 8 July 1747 d. ca 1800 md. 31 Oct. 1778 Elizabeth Gray. Children: Frances Lee; William; Elizabeth Smith; Ann Gray; Janet Smith; Susanna Bush; William/John Gray; John Stevens; James Lewis. This William Bryan lived in Bertie Co. and served in the 1775 Provincial Congress at Hillsborough. They are buried at Snowfields Plantation, Bertie Co. (3) Arthur Bryan b. 12 May 1749 d. ca 1792 Johnston Co. md. Oct. 1773 Mary McCullers, Arthur served as a member of N.C. Senate from Johnston Co., and as a Justice for the Court. Their son, John Arthur Bryan, md. Eliza Smith 26 Nov. 1801. (4) Elizabeth Bryan b. 2 May 1751 md. 10 Dec. 1770 Col. Josiah Sasser md. 2. Col William Blackman of Johnston Co. Her children were Mary Sasser; Lewis Sasser; Blake Bryan Sasser; William Sasser; & Elizabeth Bryan Blackman.

(5) Hardy Bryan b. 4 June 1753 d. ca 1820 Johnston Co. md. Winnifred McCullers. Their children were William Washington Bryan md. Martha McCullers, Hardy Bryan; Matthew Bryan; Harry md. 8 Mar. 1810 Edith Eason; Needham Bryan b. 1788; David Bryan & John Gray Bryan. (6) Blake Bryan b. 12 June 1757 md. ca 1785 Elizabeth Blackshear b. ca 1765 d. ca 1820 Twiggs Co. Ga. Blake Bryan served in Johnston Co. Militia was at the Battle of Moore's Ck. 1776. Their children were Joseph Bryan; Mary Bryan; Elizabeth Bryan; Patsy Bryan; & Blake Bryan. (7) Esther Bryan b. 22 June 1760 d. ca 1800 md. Jonathan Smith. (8) Susanna Bryan b. 28 Nov. 1763 d. ca 1820 md. ca 1785 John Bush. They moved to Ga. Children: David Blackshear Bush; Elizabeth Bush; Zilphy Bush; Mary Bush. (9) John Bryan b. 14 Jan. 1765 d. ca 1815/20 Springfield, Johnston Co. md. Patsey Hinton b. 25 July 1775. Children were Bythan Bryan md. Julia C. Smith; Nancy Bryan md. James Hinton Smith 8 Aug. 1825 Johnston Co.; Julia md. John Smith, a cousin; Theophilous Bryan. (10) Mary Bryan b. 26 Mar. 1767.

Needham Bryan b. 31 Oct. 1726 d. by May Court 1776 Johnston Co. (Needham Bryan Jr appointed Admr. to his father's Estate) md. Nancy Smith and Charlotte Moore. Needham represented Johnston Co. in the Colonial Assembly from 1760 to 1769 and 1773 to 1775. After independence was declared he was back in the general Assembly in 1777 & 1778. He was a delegate to the Assembly to form the Constitution in Halifax in 1776. He

introduced the bill in the Assembly 23 Apr. 1777 to establish the town of Smithfield. The old Court minutes at the Nov. term 1780 give an account of the trial, conviction and execution of a party accused of poisoning a Needham Bryan and members of his family. He is presumed to have been this Needham Bryan. He deeded thousands of acres of land to his son Needham Bryan Jr. before his death. The Court Minutes of August 1777 give the 'settlement of the Estate of Needham Bryan, dec'd among the orphans of the sd deceased'. Children of Needham and his two wives were: (1) Needham Bryan Jr. b. ca 1748/50 d. 1787 md. ca 1768 Sarah Hinton d/o John & Grizelle Hinton. Children were Loverd md. Elizabeth Green; Clement; Benjamin md. Polly Stevens 14 Jan. 1800; Sarah/Sally md. John Hinton. Needham Bryan Jr. served as a Capt. of Johnston Co. Militia and was a member of the Provincial Congress meeting in Halifax in 1776 and was often found as a Justice for the court. He was known as Needham Bryan, Esq. (2) Kedar Bryan b. ca 1752 d. ca 1808 md. ca 1775 Elizabeth Smith, a daughter of Jonathan & Eliz. Smith. md. 2. Mary Whitfield md. 3. Betsy James md. 4. Anne Dickson d/o Catherine and Robert Dickson of Duplin Co. Kedar died in Sampson Co. and is buried between Clinton and Warsaw, N.C. Kader served as a Justice of the Johnston County Court and Wake Counties. He moved to Sampson Co. and represented that county in the House of Commons. Children of Kader and his wives were John Bryan; Rachel Bryan; Needham Bryan md. Margaret Slocumb; Kedar Bryan; Robert Bryan; Nancy Bryan md. Stallings; Catherine Bryan; & Elizabeth Bryan. Most of the children were by the fourth wife. (3) Winifred Bryan b. 5 May 1754 d. 5 Apr. 1783 md. Nathan Bryan s/o Hardy Bryan of Craven Co. Nathan Bryan fought at the Battle of Moore's Creek in 1776 and represented Jones Co. in the House of Commons and represented New Bern District in Congress, and died while serving there in Philadelphia in 1798. Their children were Mary; John Thomas; Nathan; Winifred Needham and Nancy Bryan. (4) Nancy Bryan b. ca 1756 md. Bryan Whitfield s/o William Whitfield. They lived at Rockford, Lenoir Co. Bryan Whitfield died 1817. Their children were: Bryan Whitfield md. Elizabeth Turner d/o Simon and Ann Smith Turner of Johnston and Wake Co.; Rachel b. ca 1783 d. 1850 md. Nathan Bryan md. 2 William Herring; William; Elizabeth; Needham; Polly; Ann; Nathan Bryan; Lewis; George; James Bryan; Winifred Bryan and Mary Ann Whitfield. (5) Charlotte Moore Bryan b. 2 Apr. 1765 d. 9 Mar. 1798 md. Lewis Whitfield 27 Oct. 1782 Wayne Co. Lewis was a Baptist Minister and served as Moderator for the Kehukee Association for a number of years. He died in Lenoir Co. 1849. Their children were Rachel Whitfield md. Wm. Wright; William md. Elizabeth Wimberly; Allen md. Edith Whitfield and Mary Jane Sloan; Janet Whitfield md. Col. Alex. Moseley; Harriett Whitfield md. Samuel Wiggins and Snode B. Carraway. (6) Rigdon Bryan d. ca 1793 in Sampson Co. (7) Esther Bryan md. Christopher Curtis.

The Bryan name is very scarce today in Johnston Co. Many of the descendants of these two men migrated to other counties and other states. They may have moved on to others places but their roots are buried deep into the soil of Johnston Co. and its early development.

The name Needham Bryan in the Johnston County records is frequent and there were four Needhams here at the same time in the early days of the county. The above record is an attempt to sort out the Needham Bryan, brother to William, and his son Needham Jr.

Sources: Johnston County Court of Pleas and Quarter Session Minutes; wills; deeds; estates; marriage bonds. Wayne Co. Courthouse records; Sampson County Court house records; 'Bryan, Whitfield, Smith' by Emma Morehead Whitfield.

— Elizabeth E. Ross

GEORGE M. AND BESSIE EDWARDS BRYANT

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George McCoy Bryant (b. Aug. 13, 1911 d. May 24, 1971), son of McCoy and Tomesia Woodall Bryant, and Bessie Victoria Edwards, daughter of Major and Della Eason Edwards, were married on Thanksgiving Eve Nov. 21, 1938, at the Johnston County Court House. They made their home with Bessie's parents and tended the little Edwards farm, as well as other farms in the community. They rented a farm from Henrietta Pilkington (daughter of W.H. Pilkington, Jr.) and were share croppers with Dr. Nelms and Wallace Williams.

On Nov. 22, 1941, a daughter, Margie Ann, was born. In less than two weeks, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and the U.S. was in World War II. The war seemed far away, but it touched everyone. Loved ones were away in battle and there were shortages of many items from food to gasoline. One grave reminder of the terrible war hit very near home, shaking everything for miles around. A truck carrying war materials exploded at Catch-Me-Eye and many people were killed and a hotel demolished. The war was over in 1945, but things would never be the same again.

On Dec. 11, 1947, another daughter, Mary Lois, was born to George and Bessie. As the girls grew up, they helped with the farm work, house cleaning, cooking, canning, and helped take care of Granpa and Granny who were both invalids before their deaths. They barned tobacco and picked cotton to earn money for school supplies and clothes. Memories of the 1940's and 1950's include playhouses much like their mother's (except more modern), name drawings at Christmas time, hog killings in the winter, family reunions in the summer and fall, relatives coming to sit and talk until bedtime, revivals and outdoor baptizings. One special day in the fall of 1950 will never be forgotten. The residents of Booker Dairy Road got electricity — what a thrill to ride down the road that night and see lights on in every house! The old bumpy, dusty (or slick and muddy when it rained) road was paved in late 1960 or early 1961.

After the children grew up and moved away,

George and Bessie stopped farming. George took a job as a regular farm hand on the Lemay Turner farm. He kept this job until his tragic accidental death in Florence, S.C. May 24, 1971. Bessie worked at a restaurant briefly, but worked for several years as a baby sitter and housekeeper, until her retirement. She has continued to stay active keeping house, gardening, spending much time helping her daughters take care of the five grandchildren, and giving of herself in volunteer Christian work.

George and Bessie Bryant's daughters grew up and another generation began.

Margie Ann (b. Nov. 22, 1941) married Paul Alexander Olsen, son of Alexander and Ruth Matthews Olsen. They had three sons, John Paul (b. Nov. 14, 1975), Joseph Samuel (b. Sept. 2, 1979), and Benjamin Isaac (b. Sept. 14, 1981). Paul is a minister and director of the Smithfield Rescue Mission, where the whole family also minister.

Mary Lois (b. Dec. 11, 1947) married Glen Warren McLemore (b. Jan. 15, 1945 d. Aug. 20, 1980). They had a daughter, Melanie Jane (b. Nov. 8, 1972), and a son, Gregory Gerald (b. Jan. 23, 1974). Lois has worked for several years as a waitress.

After Grandpa Major and Granny Della were no longer able to handle business, it became Bessie's responsibility to take care of financial and property matters. Major and Della had no Social Security benefits, and they received welfare assistance for a while. But rather than sign their inheritance over to the State, they stopped accepting the checks. They must have felt like Naboth when Ahab tried to buy his vineyard. "And Naboth said to Ahab, the Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." I Kings 21:3. Mattie had to continue receiving social service assistance, but a federal law was changed in the 1960's. This allowed Bessie to inherit Mattie's part of the property, since it was also her home and she was responsible for Mattie's care. Bessie's brothers, Jack and Willie, and sister, Nellie, also signed over their inheritances to Bessie because she was taking care of their parents and sister, Mattie.

Wanting to spare her children as much anguish as possible in property division, Bessie decided to make the necessary adjustments before her death. The little farm, East of Eden, at the curve of Booker Dairy Road has been passed down to yet another generation. The house where Bessie lives is hers for her lifetime, then it will pass to her daughter Lois McLemore. The rest of the land has been transferred to her daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Paul Olsen.

Source: Family records.

— Margie B. Olsen

SIDNEY MCCOY AND TOMESIA WOODALL BRYANT

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Sidney McCoy "Coy" Brant (b. 27 Oct. 1886 d. 14 Apr. 1943) married Emily Tomesia

Woodall Coats (b. Aug. 22, 1887 d. 23 June 1967) in Jan. 1911. Before this marriage, Tomesia had married a Mr. Coats who was several years older than herself. They had a son named George, who died as an infant or small child. Mr. Coats soon died also.

"Coy" and "Measy" had two sons and four daughters.

George McCoy (b. Aug. 13, 1911 d. May 24, 1971) married Bessie Edwards. They had two daughters, Margie B. Olsen and Lois B. McLemore. They lived with Bessie's parents between Smithfield and Selma and farmed.

Cinda (b. Sept. 6, 1913) married Arthur Radford. They had five sons, Tommy, Charlie, Richard, Addie Arnold, and Paul Radford, and two daughters, Lucinda R. Cole, and Appie R. Powell. They lived in the Princeton area and farmed. Cinda later became a nurses' aide.

Pearl (b. May 16, 1917) married Thedford Wood. They had two sons, Gary and Larry Wood, and a daughter, Janice W. Hunter. They lived in Clayton and worked at Champion Products until their retirement.

Edgar (b. Sept. 29, 1919) married Viola Pilkington. They had two sons, Ted and Cecil Bryant, and a daughter, Annette B. Edwards. Edgar served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, after which he returned to Selma and worked for the State Highway Department until his retirement.

Martha (b. May 4, 1922) married Zack Lassiter. They had six daughters, Rozella L. Herring, Shirley L. Edwards, Brenda L. Gooding, Joyce L. Dawson, Gail L. Jackson, and Jackie L. Boswell. They lived in the Pine Level-Princeton area and farmed. Martha later worked at Sylvania. After Zack's death in 1967, she married Clark Sumerlin, who died in 1974, and then Hubert Pilkington, who died in 1977. She married Julius "Bull" McLamb in 1978.

Edna Earle "Lillie" (b. Sept. 27, 1923) married J.P. Barbour. They had two daughters, Edna Earle (died as an infant), and Marie B. Robertson. They were divorced and Lillie joined the WACS during World War II. She met and married Boger McCoy from West Virginia. They had one daughter, Teresa McC. McCoy. Lillie and family lived in West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky, where Boger worked in the coal mines and automobile assembly lines.

Coy Bryant had a serious drinking problem. Often he would get drunk and force the family to leave at gunpoint. Once his oldest son, George, overpowered him and took the gun away, all the time praying for God to intervene. Strong drink took its toll. Coy left home and wandered around as a tramp knocking on doors and begging for food. Finally, when he was no longer physically able to get around, he signed himself into the old Johnston County Home, sometimes called the "poor-house". (It is now a modern rest home called Marlboro House.) Coy died at the age of about 57 years old, in Apr. 1943.

Tomesia lived with her children and sometimes helped out in homes where a new baby had arrived, or where someone was sick. For several years, as long as Grandma was able, the Bryant family met in one of their homes

about Thanksgiving to draw names for their Christmas gathering. They also had a family reunion to celebrate Grandma's birthday every August. Grandma spent her last years in a nursing home as an invalid. She died in Aug. 1967.

The Bryants were loving people who easily reached out to other people. Several of Coy and Tomesia Bryant's grandchildren are either preachers or married to preachers.

Source: Family records.

— Margie B. Olsen

CLAUDE C. CANADAY, SR. 161

Claude C. Canaday Sr. of Benson, North Carolina was born in Johnston County on January 8, 1890, the son of John H. and Lucy Williams Canaday. He was married to Willie Duncan of Benson, daughter of James Henry Duncan of Clayton Township, Johnston County and Sarah Jane Johnson Duncan of Franklin County, on September 17, 1915. Three children were born of this marriage: Janie Grey, who died in infancy; Claude C. Canaday Jr., born January 12, 1918; and Harry E. Canaday, born October 9, 1925.

Claude C. Canaday Sr. attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and practiced law at Benson from 1914 until his death on July 26, 1954. He served as mayor of Benson from 1919 to 1922, in the State Senate from 1926 to 1930, and as Superior Court Solicitor of the Fourth Judicial District from 1934 to 1942.

Claude C. Canaday Jr. was married to Mildred Benton Canaday, daughter of J.B. and Minnie Fisher Benton on June 19, 1942. Claude C. Canaday Jr. attended the University of North Carolina and began the practice of law at Benson in 1948. Two of the three children of Claude C. Canaday Jr. and Mildred Benton Canaday, Catherine Elizabeth and Claude C. Canaday III, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and both entered the practice of law. Catherine Elizabeth married Dan Johnson McLamb of Benson on August 21, 1971. They have one son, Michael Bradley McLamb.

Claude C. Canaday III married Deborah Yelvington of Johnston County on August 10, 1974. They have two children: Emily Ann and Stephen Carl Canaday.

The third child of Claude C. Canaday Jr. and Mildred Benton Canaday, Michael Benton Canaday, was born on December 19, 1970. Michael served in the Viet Nam conflict, and was attending the University of North Carolina at Greenville when he died in an automobile accident on May 2, 1970.

Harry E. Canaday attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Wake Forest College School of Law and began the practice of law at Benson in 1950. He served as Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnston County, Chairman of the Johnston County Board of Elections, Benson Town Commissioner, and as Resident Judge of the Superior Court of the Eleventh Judicial District of North Carolina from January 1, 1967 to January 1,

1981, when he retired from that office.

Both Claude C. Canaday Jr. and Harry E. Canaday served in the Second World War.

Sources: family records and newspaper articles.

— Harry E. Canaday

MERWIN SHARPE (BILL) CANADAY

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Merwin Sharpe (Bill) Canaday, born 29 June 1923 in Four Oaks, N.C., is the second son of Ralph Clarence and Onie (Lewis) Canaday. He attended Four Oaks School graduating in 1940. Following high school graduation he attended U.N.C. at Chapel Hill and graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy in March 1944. He passed his State Board Exam but had to work three months before he was old enough to receive his N.C. Pharmacy license. In April 1944 he began work with Four Oaks Drug Company and has continued there becoming the owner in 1969.

Bill was elected to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Four Oaks in 1968, becoming President of the bank in 1969, the office he continues to hold.

He is a member of Johnston County Alumni Association (President 1958), a member of Phi Delta Chi fraternity, and Johnston County Drug Club (President 1964). Bill is a member of Four Oaks Baptist Church where he has taught Sunday School in the Youth and Adult departments. Bill was a Rotarian in Four Oaks until it disbanded serving as President 1965-1966. Bill was listed in Marquis Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 12th. edition.

In high school Bill played basketball, baseball and American Legion baseball. He was a member of the baseball team at U.N.C. He likes to fish and "loves" to play golf, becoming Johnston County Club Golf Champion in 1971.

In September 1947 Bill met Elizabeth (Lib) Floyd, daughter of Fred Williams and Sarah Lillian (Bullock) Floyd of Fairmont, N.C. Lib had come to Johnston County as a case worker with the Welfare Department after graduating in May 1947 with a A.B. in Sociology, Psychology and Education from Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia where she was a member of Phi Mu sorority. Bill and Lib were married at Trinity United Methodist Church of Fairmont, N.C., 28 December 1947.

Lib changed her church affiliation from the Methodist to the Baptist after her first child was born so that the entire family would worship together. She has taught Sunday School in both Youth and Adult departments, served as President of W.M.U., Circle Chairman, Sunbeam leader, and trustee. Since 1967 she has been a trustee of the Four Oaks Public Library and serves as treasurer.

Lib traces her ancestry to the Revolutionary War on both paternal (Floyd-Pitman) and maternal (Bullock) as well as being a descendant of Alexander McMillan born in Kentyre, Scotland in the early 1700's.

Their oldest daughter, Myra June, was born 5 June 1949 in Dunn, N.C. June graduated

studying voice and baton and doing very well.

Sources: Personal knowledge, Family Bibles and relatives.

— Vara Hobbs

REUBEN HOBBY SR.

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Reuben Hobby Sr. was born about 1751. His parentage is not known as of yet. There is nothing known other than he received some form of education at least to the degree of writing his name.

He first showed up in Johnston County when he purchased 105 acres from Henry Champion 1773. Among all of his land transactions he received 13 grants from the State of North Carolina, which totaled 2,483 acres, and an additional 355 acres by individual deeds. All of his land was on the South side of the Mill Creek, White Oak Swamp, and some on Hannah's Creek. Between 1781 and 1815 he sold about 1,087 acres to individuals of Johnston County.

In 1770 he married Anna Norris. She was the daughter of John Norris Sr. She was born in 1748.

During the Revolutionary War he was in the Johnston County Militia, as a private. He also did Patriotic Service by selling supplies to the army.

On the 1 April 1812, he made out his last will and testament. This will was probated by the February Term of Court in 1815.

On the 12 May 1815 twelve commissioners, William W. Bryan, James Whitenton, Joel C. Clifton, William Wilder, Jacob Woodall, John Messer, Wiley Jones, Edward Byrd, James Godwin, and William Woodall, were appointed by the court to lay off the dower of Anna Hobby "widow of Reuben Hobby, deceased." They set aside three hundred and twenty acres on the North side of Hannahs Creek.

On the 16 November 1815 the same twelve commissioners made the land division of Reuben Hobby, deceased. Seven lots were assigned, each equalling 150 acres.

The children of Reuben Hobby and Anna Norris: John Hobby, died by the time of his fathers death in 1815. In his fathers land division Edney Hobby, the daughter of John, received 150 acres in her fathers place. He married on the 11 February 1814 to Mary "Polly" Temples. Polly Temples Hobby was appointed guardian to Rhoda and Edny Hobby "daughters of John" Reuben Hobby Jr. was born in 1787 and died on the 3 June 1876. He married Susanna Ingram.

They both went to live in Wake County later on. Rhoda Hobby, was born about 1780 and died about 1855. She married Peter Johnson about 1816; Phereby Hobby married Jeremiah Lee; Edny Hobby married on the 21 December 1803 to James Adams; Anna Hobby married on the 8 January 1810 to Joshua Johnson Jr; Mary Hobby married on the 14 August 1801 to Zachariah Lee. She had died before her fathers land division of 1815. Her only child found, Nancy, received her share of the land.

After Reuben died Anna probably lived with

her son Reuben Hobby (Jr.). In the 1830 Johnston County Census Reuben Hobby Jr. reported that he had one male forty to fifty years, probably he, and two females thirty to forty and another female ninety to a hundred years old. The ninety to a hundred years old is probably his mother.

On the 15 ? 1845 Anna Hobby made a affidavit for William Bryan of Cumberland County. This was in hopes that William Bryan would receive his Revolutionary War pension. She stated that she was in her ninety-seventh or eighth year and that she was born in the date of 1748, in the county of Johnston. She married her husband, Reuben Hobby, in the year of 1770.

By 1850 she had passed away. It is possible that she moved with her son Reuben to Wake County and died there, or she could have stayed in Johnston County and passed away here.

Sources: Johnston County marriage bonds, estate records, wills, William Bryan's Pension Records and Johnston County land records.

— Ray King

THE WILLOUGHBY L. HOCKADAY STORY

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Willoughby L. Hockaday b. 1828 and d. 1879. He was born in what became Harnett Co. N.C. but he died in Johnston Co. N.C. on April 24, 1862 Willbe Hockaday (Willbe is the way he signed his name on his war records) enlisted from Harnett Co. in the war for 3 years or duration of war. At this time he was listed as being 34 yrs. of age 5 feet 7 inches tall. A distiller by occupation and born in Harnett Co. N.C. He was enrolled by H.M. Barnes Capt. of a company of N.C. Vols. known as Black River Tigers in Youngs Artillery Batt. Roll dated:



Willoughby L. Hockaday.

Wilmington, N.C. May 19, 1862. For July and Aug. 1862 he was listed on rolls of 10th Batt'n N.C. Heavy Artillery as 2nd. Leut. March and April 1863 listed as 1st. Leut. Co. B. March and April 1864 absent from Co. sick at Camp Jackson, N.C. May and June 1864 absent on detached service. July and Aug. present and signs roll as Com'd of the Co. He was present and accounted for through Oct. 1864.

Willoughby L. Hockaday b. 1828 d. 1879 on or before Oct. 12, 1861 he md. Ridley Warrick b. ca. 1840. This marriage took place just before Willoughby went into the service of his country. The reason for me to say that he was md. before 1861 was because his son, Lynn W. Hockaday, was b. Oct. 12, 1861. I was talking to Willie Hockaday, a son of Lynn Warrick Hockaday, and he told me that when his father and grandfather, Willoughby L. Hockaday, came to the Hannah's Creek area that his father, (the one that we always called Mr. Lynn) Lynn W. Hockaday, sat in the back part of the wagon that they moved from Harnett Co. in. His job was to take care of their cat that had come along (also to settle in a new neighborhood). According to Mr. Willie: "My father said that the cat rode along fine for a few miles and then became restless and wanted to scratch him (Lynn W.) So he took a long string and tied around the cat's neck and put the cat down on the ground and let it walk. After a while the cat became tired and then my dad let it drag on the ground for a bit. Then he became sorry for the cat and took it back on the wagon. Just a few times like that and the cat decided to behave it's self."

Now I want to mention this: If Mr. Lynn was old enough to figure out a way to get along with the cat he had to be around 8 or 10 years old at the time which leads me to believe that they came to the farm and mill site in Johnston Co. N.C. around or after the close of the war because there is an Indenture dated 1871 between H.H. Hinnant and his wife, Welthy Hinnant, of the Co. of Johnston in N.C. and for and in consideration of the sum of \$1000.00 to him in hand paid by the said W.L. Hockaday the receipt of which is here by acknowledged doth bargain and sell and convey unto the said W.L. Hockaday a certain Mill Site now erected across Hannahs Creek. It is bounded by and lying beside the lands of Barzilla Blackman, Eleanor Guin and others. This Indenture was signed sealed and delivered by H.H. Hinnant and his wife, Welthy Hinnant.

There is something that puzzles me about the above Indenture because I haven't figured out yet why it wasn't delivered to the probate court til the 21st. of Sept. 1901 and recorded Sept. 23 rd. 1901 in book 4 #7 p. 355. J.W. Stephenson Register of Deeds.

On the 29th. day of June 1908 the widow, Ridley W. Hockaday, personally appeared before me W.S. Stevens C.S.C. She says she is Ridley W. Hockaday and 68 years old and a resident of Four Oaks N.C.R.F.D. 2 and she is here to apply for her widows pension. Two witnesses for Mrs. Hockaday were (1) — J.S. Massengill and (2) — Jas. Wellons. They said they were acquainted with Mrs. Hockaday and that she was the wife of Willoughby L.

Tool Bridge. This is where James and Elizabeth made their homeplace to possess, inhabit and enjoy the fruits of its lands, woods and waters at any and all times and, I might add, to raise a family that would spread the names James, Ambrose and Rains throughout the country. These names are carried on through today's generations of Lees and associated families.

We will follow the Edward Lee line. He was a son of James and Elizabeth Lee, b. ca. 1793 d. ca. 1832. His wife was Elizabeth Lee, a daughter of Stephen Lee and his wife Keziah Lee, possibly a daughter of Samuel Lee. They were married 4 Dec. 1785 Johnston Co. Their children were Betsy Lee b. ca. 1833 md. Bill Beaver, Right Lee b. 1834, killed in the Civil War, md. Margaret Ryals and had 2 sons, George V. Lee and Jerry Martin Lee; Ambrose Lee b. ca. 1839, died during Civil War; Alacola Lee b. ca. 1840 md. Jim Budd Jernigan; Sarah Lee b. ca. 1837; William R. Lee b. ca. 1840 md. 23 July 1865 Carteret Co. Hetty Ann Willis; Ursula Lee b. ca. 1843 md. William Henry Lee, possibly a son of Sterling Lee, d. 8 Jan. 1929.

William R. Lee, called 'Billy,' enlisted in the Confederate Army from Johnston County as a private. He was promoted to Sergeant and was captured by the northern army at Fort Macon. He was released and joined the Yankee troops for the bounty of \$300.00. He only received \$100.00 as shown by a receipt found among his Army records. No record has been found of the other \$200.00, if he received it. He did return to Johnston county and began to buy land; and at one time in his life he owned quite a bit of land.

Billy and Hetty Ann returned to Johnston County after their marriage. If most of the records are correct, Hetty Ann was only about 12 1/2 yrs. old at the time of their marriage. She started calling herself Esther, as found in the Bible and the only explanation I know of would be so that she could not be traced if some one were looking for her from her home area. I have been told that she was a large girl and possibly she got by the Magistrate when they went for the marriage bond or else someone of the family stood in for her. Everything worked out well for them, because they raised a house full of children and I became the husband of one of the granddaughters. Their children were: Marine b. 9 Feb. 1867 md. John Godwin; Anson E. b. 26 Feb. 1868 d. 22 June 1872; William A. Lee b. 30 Dec. 1870; Mary Ann Lee b. 5 Apr. 1872; Elizabeth Jane Lee b. 14 Feb. 1875; George W. Lee b. 6 Jan. 1877; Martha Ellen Lee b. 30 Apr. 1879 md. Perry E. Jernigan; Nelson Lee b. 14 Jan. 1881; Letha A. Lee b. 26 May 1883 d. 28 July 1886; Aerethie Lee b. 25 Aug. 1885 d. 11 July 1886.

Martha Ellen Lee md. Perry E. Jernigan 21 Feb. 1897 in Johnston Co. Perry was the son of J.B. Jernigan and his wife Alacola Lee Jernigan. Their daughter Lou Ellen Jernigan md. Charles D. Thomas. The Perry Jernigan family was living in the Bentonville area of Johnston Co. near the Bentonville Battleground Museum. At that time they were living with a man called "Long John Langston," whose wife had just died. He was very good to the Perry E. Jernigan family.

A bit of explanation for this trip back through our history. Lou Ellen has traced her ancestry back to the Revolutionary War and proven her ancestry to James Lee, who fought in that War for her NSDAR Membership. This is an honor that we are quite proud of and our granddaughter Sherri Lynn Thomas will soon be a member on their grandmother Lee's line.

Sources: Family research by Charlie D. Thomas, information gathered by Ambrose Lee and Johnston County Records of Public Library of Johnston Co.

— Charlie D. Thomas

JOHN LEE, ESQ.

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John Lee, Esq. and his family came to Johnston County in the early 1740s from the area along the North Carolina-Virginia border counties of Halifax, Martin, Bertie and Edgecombe. He had settled there ca 1720 along with Will Bryan and possible John Bryan, between the Roanoke and Tar Rivers and the 'Coneto' and 'Conoho' Creeks. He sold this land between 1734 and 1746. John was closely associated with the Bryans of Bertie Co. and there is a good possibility that his wife, Mary, was a sister of Needham Bryan. Needham was the son of William & Alice (Macland) Bryan. We know he had two brothers, William and John, and two sisters, Mary and Alice. (Will of John Mcland, Isle of Wight Co. Va. Bk. 2 pg. 437). Many early day land owners of Johnston Co. — prior to 1750 — were land owners or residents of the Conoho Creek area: John Baker, John Ballard, Robert Butler, Needham Bryan, John Bryan, William Bryan, William Taylor and many others. (Cross-Index to Johnston Co. Deeds 1746-1750 *North Carolinian Vol. 1* pg. 5-13). Their names are found on many of the land transactions of John Lee and neighbors of their earlier residences.

The earliest date associating John Lee with Johnston County is 26 July 1743, when he received grants for 500 ac. of land on the south side of the Neuse River. This land was in the Low Grounds, Mistake and Bearhill Pocosin, and Prickly Pare Marsh. He bought many other acres from land owners around Mill Creek from 1752-1765. At the time of his death in 1768, he willed a total of 1779 ac. to his heirs. Court Records and Deeds of Johnston County give the most complete picture of John Lee and his family. John Lee Esq. was born possibly as early as 1690-1700 and made his will 4 Dec. 1766. He died before the Feb. term of court as his Will was filed for probate at the Feb. term of court.

He named eight children and a grandson in his will as well as his wife Mary. Each received land and, or slaves, or money. It is possible that Mary Lee died as early as 1780 or as late as 1792. John willed her the "plantation whereon I now live and all my personal estate during her life or widowhood" and to son Thomas Lee "after my wife's decease or widowhood." He did not sell this property until 1792. This land was not listed on the 1784 Tax List of Johnston County but Thomas was living in Tenn. by this time, and no listing is found for Mary Lee. John and Mary Lee were no doubt

buried on the home plantation in a family cemetery but there are no markers today to tell us where they lie. Evidence of old buildings and graves are found and we only think that they might be buried.

The family of John and Mary Lee as found and documented by many of the descendants, are listed, but the order of birth is not always in order. (1) Robert Lee b. ca 1725 and died between 28 Oct. 1782 and Nov. 1788 when his Will was filed for probate in Johnston Co. but it is thought that he died in Branwell Co., S.C. He was buying and selling land in Orangeburg District, Winton Co., S.C. as early as 1769 and as late as 1787. His children named in the will were: Godfrey b. ca 1759 Johnston Co. N.C. d. 1805-1806 Jefferson Co., Ga. md. Elizabeth Stevens of Johnston Co.; Lewis died by October 28, 1782 md. Dorcas Odorn; Sarah md. Henry Peebles and Robert Lancaster Winifred md. (?Stephen) Blackman.

(2) Edward Lee b. ca 1725 d. between 3 June 1775 & Nov. 1775 md. Mary (possibly Allen) b. 1810-1820. Children of Edward & Mary Lee were: William b. ca 1750 md. Elizabeth (?Ingram); Lemuel b. 5 Mar. 1753 d. after 1840 md. Rains, md. 2 Nancy Alford; John b. 25 Aug. 1755 d. between Apr. 1846 & Nov. 1846 md. 25 Oct. 1785 Morning Altman; James b. ca 1758 d. 15 Sept. 1835 md. 6 July 1785 Elizabeth Rains; Stephen b. ca 1760 d. ca 1840 md. 4 Dec. 1785 Keziah Lee md. 2 ? md. 3. 14 Oct. 1821 Edith Blackman; Jeremiah b. ca 1770 d. between May 1823 & May 1824 md. 18 Jan. 1790 Elizabeth Avera; Edward b. ca 1766-1773 md. 25 Feb. 1806 Nancy Fail, moved to Butler Co. Ala. by 1840; Ann b. ca 1760 d. ca 1846 md. Asa Bryan; Edith; and Tabitha b. ca 1770 md. 16 Mar. 1792 Hopkins Lee, s/o John Lee.

(3) John Lee b. ca 1730 d. after 22 Aug. 1809 Hawkins Co. Tenn. md. 1 possibly in the 1750 ? md. 2 Elizabeth By 1790 John Lee had moved to Hawkins Co., Tenn. where he bought land from James Harrison in 1784 and from his brother Thomas Lee in 1792 and Kader Lee in 1798. He made his will 22 Aug. 1809. His children were Robert b. ca 1750-60 d. 1834 Hawkins Co. Tenn. possibly never married; James b. ca 1760 d. after 1834 possibly in Darlington Co. S.C. md. 20 Sept. 1785 Nancy "Ann" Ingram md. 2 Elizabeth Ingram; Hopkins b. ca 1760-70 d. after 1834 md. 16 Mar. 1792 Tabitha Lee d/o Edward Lee, went to Hawkins Co. Tenn.; Cader b. 6 Jan. 1771 d. 16 Feb. 1855 md. 1 Sarah/Lucinda Lee md. 2 Rachel Burke md. 3 Mrs. Susannah Turner, Johnston Co., Ark. moved to Johnson Co., Arkansas ca. 1830's.; Burrell b. ca 1775 d. after 1850 possibly Madison Co. Ala. md. Anna Smith d/o Robert & Elizabeth Smith of Hawkins Co. Tenn.; John d. after 1834; Martha d. before 1834; Sarah d. before 1834 md. Patrick; Mary b. ca 1770-80 d. after 1840. Will written 1819 Hawkins Co. Tenn.

(4) Thomas Lee b. ca 1735 d. 2 July 1816 Hawkins Co. Tenn. md. 1 ? md. 2 Mary Bryan? md. 3 1772-74 Mary Ingram Rains widow of John Rains. Thomas Lee served as a Lt. under Col. Needham Bryan of the Johnston Co. Militia in 1771, and as a Capt. of

Militia under Col. John Smith in Johnston Co. in 1777. His children were Nicholas, b. ca. 1755 d. before 16 Oct. 1799; Elizabeth b. 7 Feb. 1771 d. 6 Jan. 1842 Hawkins Co. Tenn. md. Mar. 1779 Robert Smith; Thomas Jr. b. 9 Dec. 1761 d. 19 Aug. 1828 Hawkins Co. Tenn.; Eleanor md. Joseph Long; Edith md.

Gregory; Micajah b. 1769-71 d. after 1850 md. 1 Sarah Bailey widow of Thomas Bailey, md. 2 Sarah Smith widow of John Smith Jr. md. 3 ?; Needham b. ca. 1773-4 d. 2 Apr. 1821 Shelby Co. Ala. md. Susan Bailey; John b. 1776 d. 25 Feb. 1842 Maury Co., Tenn. md. Frances Lane; Winifred b. 2 Aug. 1778 md. William Bailey; Zilpha b. ca. 1780 md. Thomas Bailey; William b. 6 Aug. 1784 Tenn. d. 30 May 1848 McMinn Co. Tenn.; Edward b. 30 July 1788 d. 15 Mar. 1873 Hawkins Co. Tenn.; James b. ca. 1790 d. 1820's Monroe Co. Tenn.; Mary b. 1793-95 d. 1871 Ala. md. Jones Griffin.

(5) Fredrick Lee d. between 28 Jan. 1814 & 3 Mar. 1817 Chester Co. S.C. He possibly left Johnston Co. about the same time as his brother Thomas. His children were Daniel md. Jane Neeley, went to Lincoln Co. Tenn; Shadrack; James; Fredrick; Rebecca md. Sturdevant; Mary 'Polly' md. John Rives.

(6) Daughter ? md. William Ingram b. ca. 1725 d. before 1753. Her son Shadrack was willed 500 ac. of land by his grandfather John Lee Esq. None of the other children of William Ingram were mentioned in the will and it assumed that Shadrach was the only child by John Lee's daughter, and no record has been found of her name.

(7) Rachel Lee is thought to have married John Powell and died after 1768. John Powell's will is recorded in Bladen Co. 1789 & names wife Elizabeth. Family tradition says that his wife was a Lee. John Powell and John Green had lands that joined in Bladen Co. & owned land near John Lee in Johnston Co.

(8) Mary Lee d. after 1797. md. Edward Ballenger. Will of Edward Ballenger Feb. 1773 named wife Mary; Children— Mary; John b. ca. 1760 d. 1792 md. Elizabeth ; Sarah; William b. ca. 1763 md. 3 May 1788 Susanna Stephens; Feriby md. ? Andrew Collins; Absabeth d. ca. 1857 Johnston Co. md. Nathan Allen.

(9) Mary Lee md. John Green. This family is thought to have moved to Bladen Co. 1769 when he sold land to Edward Lee and Shadrach Ingram, and in 1770 John Green of Bladen Co. sold land to John Lee Jr. on the Fork of Mill Creek.

John Lee, Esq. possibly has as many descendants in Johnston County today as any one person who settled there in the mid 1700s. Due to the tireless efforts of researchers such as Weldon Johnson of Loudon, Tenn., Orlene Lang, deceased, of Bartlesville, Okla., Robert T. Lee of Madisonville, Tenn. and Lazell P. Long of Columbus, Georgia, who compiled these records of the descendants of John Lee, Esq. & are available for use in the Johnston County Room of the Public Library.

Sources: John Lee, Esq. of Johnston Co. N.C. and some of his descendants Johnston County court minutes, deeds, wills, estates, marriage records; family Bible records; cemetery records of Johnston Co.

— Elizabeth E. Ross

JULIUS A. LEE

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Julius A. Lee b. 1842 was the son of Nicholas Lee b. 1804 and Mary b. 1808. He was nicknamed "Jule Tobe" and it stayed with him the rest of his life. Julius A. Lee md. Parthenia Massengill Allen ca. 1865. Parthenia was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Lee Massengill and was the widow of James W. Allen who possibly did not return from the Civil War. There were three children born to James W. Allen; Robert Nathan Allen b. 1860, Mary J. Allen b. ca. 1862, and James W. Allen b. ca. 1864. Children born to Julius A. Lee and Parthenia Allen Lee were: Roxanna Lee b. ca. 1866 md. 22 Mar. 1892 Addison Lee s/o Edward & Martha A. Lee; Alice Lee b. ca. 1869 d. 1939 md. John Vinson Barefoot; Julius Nicholas Lee b. ca. 1873 md. Lula Blackman his step-sister and daughter of Mary C. Blackman, second wife of Julius A. Lee; Sarah Lee b. ca. 1876; Bethaney Lee b. ca. 1878 md. Robert Johnson; Hattie O. Lee b. ca. 1881 md. Thomas D. Lee; Mattie I. Lee b. ca. 1882 md. Willie Eldridge; Della F. Lee b. ca. 1885 md. Kemp Lee. (It is possible that another daughter, Winifred Lee, md. Drew Blackman and Sarah Lee possibly md. Jim Allen).

Kemp and Della Lee had the following children: Gladys Lee b. 6 Jan. 1908; Percy Lee b. 1912 d. 1969; Clara Lee b. 26 June 1917; Floyd J. Lee b. 1920 d. 1972; Eugene Lee b. 14 June 1927. Gladys and Clara have died since gathering this information. She is the person who wanted me to write about her grandfather. She said that it should not be forgotten. Here is the story as she told it to me: "According to what my mother told me, my grandfather, Jule Tobe Lee was one of a set of twins. They were born in 1842. The other twin was Julie Lee. At birth Julius showed no signs of life. He was so very small that when they finally decided that he was not living, they put him in a jar, while they took care of Julia. Then later someone noticed that the twin in the jar was moving slightly. On further examination they found that the twin was not dead. They removed him from the jar and began rubbing him, and soon he was showing signs that he was going to make it. He too, was clothed and placed in the arms of a colored woman who was standing nearby. She had a small baby of her own and took Julius also, and he was soon responding to good care. The colored woman nursed Julius and he grew up to manhood and married and raised a houseful of children, as well as his step-children."

Julius A. Lee later married after the death of Parthenia, on 2 Aug. 1888 to Mary Blackman, who was a widow also. Between them they raised a lot of children.

The above Clara Lee was the person who helped my wife, Lou Ellen and myself, Charlie D. Thomas, to elope. Later she married my cousin Albin R. Lassiter. He was the driver that night and also a witness to our marriage.

Sources: Johnston County marriage records, census records and personal knowledge.

— Charlie D. Thomas

JULIUS BOWDEN LEE AND NELLIE PARRISH HOOD LEE

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Julius was born in Meadow Township in lower Johnston County on Oct. 28, 1891. His mother died two days after his birth, and four years later he became orphaned when his father passed away. His Uncle John and Aunt Missouri Hood took him into their home and reared him as one of their own. After finishing high school, Julius was employed by Godwin's Store in Kenly. Being by nature athletic and adventuresome, he soon enlisted in the U.S. Army while he was visiting in Columbus, Ohio. During his enlistment, the Mexican Revolution of 1910 was in progress. This revolution necessitated American troops being dispensed to the Mexican border for the purpose of protecting U.S. citizens and their property from Mexican raiding parties. One of the American contingents sent into the area was from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, of which Julius was a member. During World War I, the YMCA awarded Julius first prize of a golden medallion for his essay, "What Can the United States Learn From the Great War in Europe."

Nellie, his wife, was born in the Baptist Center community, near Clayton on Sept. 15, 1883. When she was three years of age, her parents moved to Benson where her father was engaged in business, banking and farming. She attended Meredith College where she majored in music. Her first marriage was to Dr. George A. Hood, a medical doctor and Julius' first cousin. Nellie's marriage to Dr. George A. Hood lasted seven years before he passed away.

Julius and Nellie were married on May 21, 1916. After World War I, Julius and Nellie built a house on Route 1, Clayton, where they owned farm property. This property is known as Haw Meadow. For sometime, Julius and a brother-in-law, Clemuel Bryan, operated a store in their rural area known as Bryan-Lee—General Merchandise. In 1928, a store house was built on the Haw Meadow property where Julius was sole proprietor. This store continued to operate through the World War II period. During the depression of the 30's, Julius operated the George C. Bryan Cotton Gin during one year and the Harris Barnes Cotton Gin during another. A Grade A dairy was operated during the mid 30's through 1940. This was one of three Grade A dairies in Johnston County. The Jersey breed of cattle was used and the milk they produced was noted for its rich butter fat content. Haw Meadow Dairy supplied and delivered milk products directly to the doorsteps of Clayton residents as well as to business establishments in Clayton and the surrounding area.

Four children were born to Julius and Nellie: Lillian Electa, Lucille Evangeline, Richard Reginald Randolph, and John Daniel.

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Richard R. Lee

MISS LANIE LEE

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Miss Lanie Lee was born in 1871 and

erty and three partially crippled airplanes. Then he opened a flight school for G.I. flight training. He bought some planes from Piedmont Aviation (he happened to be a personal friend of Mr. Tom Davis, the president). He had so many students he had to hire a full-time flight instructor to help him, and two men to keep the airplanes running. This went well for 4½ years. During this time the week was full of students and some charter flights and Saturday and Sunday were passenger rides and lots of onlookers. It is hard for me to visualize what interest people could do on a Sunday afternoon in the days after the war, 1946-1951. According to my uncle, Marion Sasser, the favorite past time was to go to the airport and watch the planes land and take off. It was a popular meeting place. Bradley did some promoting there, advertising and stunt flying. He had six planes going at once and had a loud speaker system hooked up-played records — had a mike and would announce prizes which were always a baseball cap or a free ride. Frequently, while flying, someone would get air sick and Bradley would hand him his baseball cap and hope it would hold and not overflow until he could land.

During a lull, Bradley would go from car to car soliciting rides. So many of the people that hesitated — or refused — would say: "No sir — don't want a git no lower than digging taters, and no higher than pulling fodder." Bradley would also sell drinks and nabs, baseball caps, flight jackets and anything else to do with flying. With Bradley's six planes and about six planes owned by others parked there it made for lots of flying and the general interest was at a high peak. He had quite a popular business going for Johnston County and this was at a time that many people had their first opportunity to see planes and flying and even go for a ride.

Then in March 1951 a tragic accident took Bradley's life.

Source: Mr. Marion Sasser.

— Marcy Wiggs

THE SATTERFIELD FAMILY

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Clayton, N.C. became the home of the Satterfield family in May 1932. J.R. Satterfield was transferred to Clayton by Dillon Supply Company of Raleigh to serve as manager of Central Oil & Fertilizer Co. By the time his one year of service was completed and he was due to return to Raleigh, the family had come to love Clayton and its people, so the Satterfields remained in town.

In 1941 tragedy struck. James R. (Bud) Satterfield, Jr. was killed in a car-train accident in Benson at age 18. Three other young people of Clayton died also, and David Grey Satterfield was seriously injured.

Virginia Lee Satterfield attended St. Marys College and now works in the Industrial Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce in Raleigh. She lives in Clayton with her mother, Carmine Shields Satterfield. They both are interested in Clayton history and genealogy.

David Grey Satterfield attended Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, GA and later transferred to North Carolina State. He owned and operated Clayton Oil Company for twenty-five years. Several years ago he sold the business and is now in real estate development. He is married to Dolores Humphrey, formerly of Smithfield, and they are the parents of three children. Their daughter Jan attended Peace College and is married to John Boone of Troutman. They have one child, Robert Jennings (Rob) Boone. John Boone is a graduate of North Carolina State, and they live in Spartanburg, SC where he is an engineer with Duke Power Company. D. Grey Jr. was an employee of Westinghouse Electric Co. and now is a free lance artist. Robert Neil attended Western Carolina University and is a building contractor and associated with his father in several business and real estate developments.

Carmen Shields (Tut) Satterfield is a graduate of UNC at Chapel Hill. She is married to Harry E. (Sid) Varney, also an alumni of UNC and a native of Pennsylvania. Dr. Varney is a Dean at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. They have two sons. Dean W. Varney is a graduate of USC and is presently employed in Greenville, S.C. Kim S. Varney is manager of an apparel plant in Ridgeway, S.C. and is the father of a little girl, Summer Ann Varney.

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Virginia Lee Satterfield

ABNER SAULS

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Abner Sauls of Johnston County was born prior to 1755. His parents were William and Martha Sauls of Warren County. William in his will written February 21, 1790 and probated in November Court 1791 left his son Abner Sauls five shillings.

Richard Johnson of Johnston County died in 1769. Although no marriage record was found there is evidence that his widow Phereby married Abner Sauls. The earliest court record of Abner is in August 1782 when he appears in the court minutes in a list of jurors.

Abner Sauls made land entries for two tracts of land in Johnston County on September 9, 1778. These two tracts and one other were granted to him on December 30, 1779. The 150-acre tract was on the Catlin Prong of Little Creek. He later sold this tract to William Smith. The 200 acre tract was on the North side of Swift Creek on both sides and in the fork of Bushy Branch. This was later sold to Malcolm Gillis. The 300-acre tract was on the North side of White Oak Creek and adjoined Richard Johnson's land. In 1782 Abner received a grant for 250 acres on the South side of White Oak Swamp and both sides of Cabbin Branch. Grants for a 342 acre tract on Buck Meadow Branch and a 62 acre tract between the lines of Wm. Jones, Isaac Jones and Barnaby Lane were issued in 1790. His last grant was in 1798. This one was for 97 acres on both sides of the White Oak adjoining Needham Bryan deceased, Phillip Johnson, Sauls' own line, Caleb Penny and Henry Johnson.

A notice in the *Raleigh Minerva* Monday May 7, 1804 reads "A few days ago, Mr. Abner Sauls, of Johnston County was found dead against a tree . . . supposed to have been thrown from his horse."

Johnston County Deed Book D-2 page 227 is the source of the heirs at law of Abner Sauls. The deed written July 21, 1804 states that "Abner Sauls departed this life on or about the twenty-eighth of April in the year aforesaid . . ." Further information is that Abner died intestate and that the 800 or 900 acres adjoining the lands of Isaac Jones, Phillip Johnson, Reuben Sanders and others consisted of the plantation on which Abner "lived last before his death" and adjoining tracts. In this deed Reuben Sauls and Theophilus Pool, in right of his wife Bellison Pool, sold to David Sauls their right to the property. On May 11, 1811 David Sauls sold this land to Theophilus Pool. That is, he sold all except 100 acres which he had previously sold to Theophilus.

Abner's widow wrote her will on October 9, 1813, and it was probated in February Court 1821. In it she named her two granddaughters Phereby Sauls, daughter of Reden Sauls, and Phereby Penny, daughter of Alexander Penny. Her living children were listed as Esther Smith, wife of Richard A. Smith, Sill Johnson, William Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Reden Sauls, David Sauls, and Bell Pool, wife of Theophilus.

David Sauls married Lydia Penny, daughter of Charles Penny and Sarah Beddingfield, in Wake County (marriage bond December 3, 1799). He appears in the 1800 and 1810 censuses of Johnston County and by 1815 was living in Chatham County. In about 1833 or 1834 David moved his family to Talbot County, Georgia. His son Abner Sauls remained in Chatham County, but by 1880 was living in Wake County where four of sons and a daughter were living. For this story see *The Heritage of Wake County*. Abner and his wife Nancy Horton had twelve children. As adults they lived either in Wake or Chatham Counties with the exception of the youngest son Thomas Henry who has present-day descendants in Johnston County.

Sources: Johnston County deeds, wills, estates records, Wake County marriage bonds, records, Chatham County deeds, Talbot County, Georgia estate and census records, and personal interviews.

— Doris Harrell Sauls

CHARLES LONDON SAULS, SENIOR

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Charles London Sauls Senior, son of Thomas Henry Sauls and Morning E. Brady, was born on April 5, 1883 in Pine Level, Johnston County, N.C. At the time of his marriage to Della Smith, daughter of William Smith, he was 26 years of age and of Lenior County. The wedding took place on January 3, 1909 in LaGrange, Lenior County, N.C. There is evidence that the couple lived in Wilson County some of their married lives. Some children were born to this marriage.

In October 1931 Charles married Ruby Irene



William Thomas Sewell, age 28.



Carletta Hedgepeth Sewell, age 68.

moved away from the homeplace. Emma Ludella, born 1 July 1875, stayed on at the homeplace until she met and married James W. Hughes 17 March 1900. William Thomas brought his lovely wife to live in the home his mother had left him. They later sold the house and land and moved to Selma, Johnston County, N.C. They lived with Carletta's widowed mother, Axie Jane Rains. The house was located behind Selma school. Axie Jane willed her house to Carletta. They later sold this house and moved to Goldsboro, Wayne County, N.C.

William Thomas and Carletta Sewell had nine children, three boys and six girls. They were: John Argo, born 9 July 1901, married

Lettie Lucille Ludlum, 24 December 1921. Lettie Lucille was born 13 April 1900, died 17 April 1973. John Argo died 17 December 1966. Both John Argo and Lucille are buried in Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, Wayne County, N.C. John Argo and Lettie Lucille had five children.

Flossie Augusta Sewell, born 25 June 1903, died 3 July 1904. She is buried beside her grandparents, John and Axie Jane Hedgepeth in Olive's graveyard, Boon Hill Township, Johnston County, N.C.

Zula Mae Sewell, born 14 October 1905, married twice. Her first husband was Exum Westbrook. Her second husband was Jimmy Kearney. Jimmy and Zula Mae Kearney have four children.

Myrtle Vance Sewell, born 21 August 1907, died 9 November 1979, married Dock Leon Davis 29 December 1923. They have seven children. Three of the children died at birth. Myrtle Vance Sewell is buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

William Thomas Sewell Jr., born 6 May 1909, died 16 December 1967. He married Louise Pender 3 March 1935. They have two sons. William Thomas is buried in Wayne Memorial Park.

Ola Carletta Seawell, born 20 July 1913, married Paul Milton Teachey, 10 September 1934. They have three children.

George Arl Sewell, born 20 August 1916, married twice. His first wife was Ruth Pearce. To this marriage was born two children. His second wife was Hazel Laws. To this marriage was born one daughter. George Arl is buried in Princeton Cemetery, Johnston County, N.C.

Virginia Dare Sewell, born 30 April 1920, died 6 February 1973, married William Penn Jones, 1 December 1935. They had two sons. Virginia Dare is buried in Princeton Cemetery, Johnston County, N.C.

Helen Ruth, born 14 April 1922, died 27 December 1969. Ruth was married twice. Her first husband was Gordon Wilber Worrell. Her second husband was Jimmy Donohue. Helen Ruth and Jimmy Donohue had two sons. Helen Ruth is buried in the Princeton Cemetery, Johnston County, N.C.

William Thomas and Carletta loved their children and grandchildren. Their grandchildren fondly called them Papa and Mama Sewell.

William Thomas was a handsome man. He was gentle and kind and everyone that knew him loved him. He had a heart of gold. He was in store business until his death.

Carletta was a spry, good looking little lady, everything had to be perfect. She kept a perfect house. She could take one chicken and feed an army, and she could make a dinner that was fit for a king. She was a good christian woman and was active in her church. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church in Princeton in her earlier days. She was a member of Oak Height Pentecostal Free Will Baptist church at her death. Her favorite song was "Amazing Grace."

Early in the morning on 1 March 1938, Carletta called to William Thomas to wake up, but he didn't answer. She shook him and he didn't move. William Thomas had died of heart

failure. He is buried in the Princeton Cemetery, Johnston County, N.C.

Carletta lived a long life. She died at the age of eighty-one. She passed away 27 May 1964 and is buried beside her husband, William Thomas Sewell in the Princeton Cemetery, Johnston County, N.C.

Sources: Family records and personal knowledge.

— Robbie Sewell Moye

THE SMITHS

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The Smiths of Johnston County had large families. We find today many descendants of them throughout the state and nation as well as in the county. The Smiths were prominent in the formation of Smithfield and the county. (See related article by E. Ross).

David Turner married Jane Smith Bridgers (see H.B. Turner to William Turner article) Jane was the daughter of Samuel Smith (d. 1795) Her mother was Susanne ?. She had two brothers — Jand and Bryan and two sisters — Esther and Elizabeth. Her grandfather was John Smith Sr. (b. ? in the Isle of Wight Va.; d. 1793 in Tenn.), who married Elizabeth Whitfield, daughter of Matthew and Priscilla Lawrence Whitfield.

John and Elizabeth had seven children. They were Samuel; Ann married Needam Bryan; Elizabeth married William Bryan; John Jr. ; Alexander married Elizabeth Whitfield; Pherabee married John Hinton, Jr.; Jane married Thomas Phelps.

Simon Turner, (see related article) David Turner's father, married Ann Smith whose father was Samuel Smith, Sr. and her mother was Edith Whitfield. Samuel Smith (b. May 27, 1709; d. Sept. 1783) and Edith Smith (b. March 7, 1717) had a large family of ten children. They were, other than Ann,: David married Charity Whitfield; Alexander married

Poole; John married Sarah Turner; Jane married ? Hunter; Elizabeth married William Walton; Edith married twice—first William Bryan, second ? Folsom; Jonathan married Ester Bryan; and Samuel Jr. married Sallie McCullers.

Samuel Smith Sr. was the brother of John Smith Sr. Samuel settled on Middle Creek which runs into the Neuse River below Smithfield. John settled on the Neuse River, in the area which is around the bridge on highway 70 to Raleigh. There is a sign on Bridge Street which identifies where the home of John Smith Jr. stood.

On December 4, 1811 a Samuel Smith sold David Turner land that was below Smithfield and on the north side of Neuse River. This tract is located in the area of the bridge over the river on U.S.301. It contained two thousand eight hundred acres. It included his plantation.

This land was formerly owned by Needham Bryan. He willed it to Benjamin Bryan who then deeded it to Bryan Whitfield and Samuel Smith. Later Bryan Whitfield deeded it for his mother's part to Samuel Smith.

We find that the Smiths were involved with the cause of independence. Ann Smith Tur-

ner's husband was a major, her brother was a major too. Her father performed patriotic service and civil service. Her Uncle John was also involved with both.

Samuel Smith Sr. was a delegate to the Provincial Congress at Hillsboro, August 21, 1775; a member of the committee to elect representatives to the Continental Congress, August 12, 1774; a member of the Committee of Correspondence, 1774; and was appointed Justice of the Peace in Johnston County, December 23, 1778.

Sources: D.A.R. records, Johnston County Deeds and Wills, Family Bible records: "First Family of Smithfield" by Ross.

— Margaret Lee Walker

BENJAMIN SMITH

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BENJAMIN SMITH came to Johnston County ca. 1783 from Franklin Co. N.C. He was possibly the eldest son of John and Elizabeth Hawkins Smith of Franklin Co. John Smith made his will in Franklin Co. on the 9 Aug. 1787 and died before Jan. 1, 1788, when his will was filed for probate at the Jan. session of court. He was a miller by trade and willed his mill seat to his son Joseph, Benjamin having already moved to Johnston County. John named the following in his will, wife Elizabeth Hawkins Smith; sons Benjamin, Joseph, John and William; daughters Margaret Smith, Hannah Hawkins Lockhart, Martha Rogers, Lucy Hancock, Mary Cooper and Judith Priddie; granddaughters Tabitha Overton, Silah Overton and Tiss Overton, children of his deceased daughter. Elizabeth Hawkins Smith made her will 3 Oct. 179- and it was probated soon after in Franklin Co. She named son Joseph; daughter Lucy Hancock; grandson John Smith, a son of daughter Sally Smith. Joseph Smith, brother of Benjamin, remained in Franklin Co. where he died by Sept. 1841, wife Sarah Smith to receive the mill and the land whereon he then lived; daughters Polly Hayes, Patsy G. Hayes, Sally Davis, Firiby Ann Stone; son Joseph N.M. Smith's five living children Sally Ann, Martha, Benjamin, Abner and Joseph Mosely Smith; and grandson William S. Vaughan. The name of Hawkins and the name of Joseph Mosely continues down through the family.

Benjamin Smith bought his first tract of land 24 May 1783, 134 ac., from William Earp, on the south side of the Neuse River, beginning at Hinton's Corner, joining Willets Ck., Spring Branch, and Narrons line to the river, and up the river, including the buildings. In Jan. of 1785 he bought 100 from William Wall, a plantation on the north side of the Neuse River on both sides of Hinton's Creek, joining Isaac Hinton. He also bought 350 ac. in two grants from the state, 24 Sept. 1785, joining John Gulley, Sr., Issac Hinton, John Page, John Price and his own lines. By 1810 he had owned nearly 1570 ac. of land. Benjamin was called to serve as a juror at the August term of court and served in this capacity for several sessions of court thru the years. He operated a ferry on the Neuse River near the present town of Clayton,

for at the Feb. 1790 term of Court Minutes "Ordered that Isaac Hinton be appointed overseer of the Road leading from Benjamin Smith's Ferry to Buffalow Bridge and that he with all the hands between the Old Road and Neuse River and between sd. Road leading to Smiths Ferry and William Hinton's Mill Path, work on the road and keep it in good order." He was also a Miller, possibly having a mill near his ferry. He served as a juror at New Bern Superior at the March 1793 Term, for which he received £ 7 and 4 Shillings.

No date is known for the birth of Benjamin Smith but it was probably before 1760. He made his will 27 Oct. 1827 but it was not probated until May 1832 and it is possible that he did not die until 1832. He was quite an old man by this time. He named his wife Martha, but she was, no doubt, a second wife. She was Martha Moss Morse who had been married first to a Jenkins. She named five children in her will who were by this first marriage: Lewis Jenkins who married Betsy Rivers; Howell Jenkins; daughters Jane Jenkins, who married Braswell Bridgers and Elisha Harrison; and Sally Stallings, wife of Isaac. She also named her five Smith children.

Children of Benjamin Smith were: 1 — Judith Smith md. Avera and 2nd. md. Walthal. She made her will in 1848 and died before Aug. of that same year. Her Avera children were Christian who md. John F. Ellington and had a daughter Cornelia, William Avera, John Calvin Avera, Lizza Avera md. Lovet Spivey in Johnston Co., and Tranquilla Avera md. Cook.

2. Elizabeth Hawkins Smith first married a Hinton and then married on 22 July 1802 Samuel Norsworthy in Johnston County.

3. Christian Smith md. 14 June 1805 Jonathan Busbee, possibly of Wake County. A Johnston Busbee lived in the Auburn community of Wake County and operated a post office there in 1833. It was also a stage stop on the road from Raleigh to New Bern.

4. Lucy Smith md. 11 Feb. 1815 Bennett Nutt in Johnston County. 5. Martha Smith md. 13 July 1837 Henry Penny, who died before mid 1846. She then married on 20 July 1846 in Johnston County, William H. Coats.

6. Benjamin Hawkins md. Elizabeth E. Youngblood 1 Jan. 1838 in Johnston Co. In his father's will, Benjamin H. Smith received the plantation on the river beginning above the mouth of the Mill creek, down to Tarver's old line and Price's line, a horse, saddle, bridle and a still. This property could have been the old ferry site on the Neuse River. Benjamin Smith died suddenly 25 May 1845 leaving his widow with three small children, Martha, William and Joseph Benjamin Smith b. 18 Aug. 1844 d. 2 Mar. 1912 md. 20 Jan. 1870 Haskey Gulley b. 23 Aug. 1853 d. 11 May 1890 d/o Needham and Jaley Grady Gulley. After the death of Benjamin, his wife Elizabeth married 3 Nov. 1847 James Henry Jones.

7. Elizabeth Smith md. 14 Nov. 1838 Henry W. Johnston Jr. in Johnston Co.

8. Joseph Mosely Smith md. 24 Mar. 1845 John. Co. Julia Ingram. The census lists the following children in their household: Dallas Smith, Lonzo T. Smith, Zeloyas (sic) Smith,

Elias Smith and Deliar Smith.

10. William Jordan Smith had children Benjamin C., Martha, Richard, James L., Nannie, Puss, Dock J., Annie and William Smith. His estate was filed in Johnston County in 1904.

The names of Benjamin, Hawkins, Joseph and Mosely Smith have been carried down in this branch of the Smith family for several generations in Franklin and Johnston counties. Many descendants from this family live in the Clayton area of Johnston county today.

Sources: N.C. Archives files from Franklin, Johnston and Wake Counties — wills, estates marriages and deeds Research files of Elizabeth E. Ross, Clayton, N.C.

— Elizabeth E. Ross

BUDD ELMON SMITH

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When I was asked to submit this sketch about Dr. Budd Elmon Smith, I finally sorted personal letters and memorials received after his death in 1976. The memorials vividly illustrate his varied interests and influence including contributions to colleges, public schools, libraries, churches, beautification programs, scholarship funds, civic clubs, the Cancer Society, associational missions, the American Rose Society, Boys Homes, Boy Scouts, industrial development commissions, and hospitals, including one in Thailand.

Budd Elmon Smith was born in the Meadow Community of Johnston County on February 9, 1910, to James Lonnie and Hettie Vira Lee Smith. His brothers included James Garland, Thomas Lee, Cedric Talton, and John Thel. Lucile Smith Peacock and Ellameta Smith Johnson are his sisters. He credited his mother and Mr. A.G. Glenn, principal of Meadow School, with encouraging him to be the first young man in his community to go to college.

He attended to the University of North Carolina, receiving his A.B. (1931), M.A. (1934), and Ph. D. (1942) in botany, and earning Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Omicron Delta Kappa. His postdoctoral work was done at Duke University and the University of Hawaii. Wake



Dr. Budd Elmon Smith and Ethel Knott Smith.

Armon, married Sylvia Bare of Roanoke, Virginia. They had two sons, Michael and David. Michael has two children.

The Robin William Smith family lived in the Meadow Community, near Four Oaks, and in Bentonville. Several of his children and grandchildren were members of Mill Creek Christian Church in Bentonville.

Sources: Personal knowledge; Johnston County courthouse records; and family records.

— Annette B. Parker

SAMUEL SMITH SENR. AND SAMUEL SMITH JUNR.

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Samuel Smith, Senr. came with his family & many other immigrants from the area of Bertie & Isle of Wight Co. Va. and settled ca 1743 along the shores of the Neuse River in what was then Craven County. The early Court records of Johnston County have not survived but the Land Grant Records of the Sec. of State record many Land Grants issued to Samuel Smith as early as 21 May 1741-200 ac. on the South side of the Neuse River, 20 Nov. 1744 five grants of 100 ac. on the Neuse River and Swift Ck. four grants April 1745 of 900 ac. on the Neuse River and Swift Creek. He bought & sold many acres of land over the early years of Johnston County and many of the records may be for Samuel Smith Senr. and some for Samuel Smith Junr. but there is no way of separating the two much of the time. Both men were appointed to serve in numerous positions in the County Government from the beginning of Johnston County as proven in the Court Minutes of the Pleas & Quarter Session Minutes that have survived from 1759 until the 1800's. In 1750 Samuel Smith was appointed as a Justice of the Peace and 1774 he was appointed to serve on the Committee of Correspondence, and was representing Johnston County at the Provincial Congress in Hillsborough in Aug. 1774. He served on numerous Grand and Petit Jurys for the Court, and a Court Justice at many of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. He was too old to serve on active duty during the Revolutionary War but did many acts of Patriotic duty for his country.

Samuel Smith Senr. was born 27 May 1709 possibly Va. d. 14 Sept. 1783 Johnston County, N.C. md. ca 1737 Edith Whitfield b. Mar. 1717 possibly Va. d. 3 Sept. 1785 Johnston Co. Samuel made his will 17 Feb. 1779 and it was probated at the Nov. term of Court 1783. Samuel Smith's Plantation & manor house were south of Smithfield on the waters of Middle Creek. The two Samuel Smith's, father & son, applied for & received more than 5,000 ac. of land from the Counties of Craven and Johnston. It is hard to distinguish between the two Smiths Land Grants if Senr. & Junr. is not specified.

The children of Samuel and Edith Whitfield Smith were: (1) John Smith b. ca 1737 d. ca 1813 Johnston Co. md. Sarah Turner b. Bertie Co. d. after Feb. Court 1813. She relinquished her right to be Administratrix of the Estate of her deceased husband. John Smith was

known as John Smith, Yr. to distinguish him from the other three John Smiths in the County. John received "the plantation where he now lives and all adjoining land, 486 ac.," in the will of Samuel Smith. John's property was in the western portion of Johnston Co. along Woods Branch. He served in the Johnston Co. Militia during the Rev. War & his name often appears in the Juror list for sessions of Court. Sarah Turner Smith was the daughter of William Turner of Bertie County, who willed Sarah and her heirs slaves in 1771, were divided between her children in a 1807 Deed in Johnston Co. Their children were Patience and Daniel Averyt in Johnston Co.; Etheldred d. by Nov. 1807 Johnston Co.; Aaron md. Winifred Vinson and died after 1850 Johnston Co.; John Jr. md. Betsy Rivers Johnston Co.; Turner no info.; Alexander lived Johnston Co.

(2) Samuel Smith Junr. b. 12 June 1744 d. 8 May 1809 md. 1 Salley McCullers b. 26 Sept. 1751 d. 5 Mar. 1778 m. 2 Zilphia Blackman b. 15 Feb. 1755 d. 24 Mar. 1813. Samuel's Will was probated at Aug. Court 1809 and Zilphia's will probated Aug. 1813. Samuel Smith Junr. was a large landowner and served as a Major in the Johnston Co. Militia during the Rev. War. His plantation was north of Smithfield on the Neuse River and his family cemetery is the oldest one to survive in Johnston County today. Salley's stone is the oldest found in the county.

Their children were: Karen b. 20 Apr. 1770 d. 15 Sept. 1844 md. Reuben Sanders s/o Hardy; Edwin b. 13 June 1772 md. 1 Temperance Hinton & 2 Elizabeth McCullers. David b. 10 June 1775 d. 1806 possibly never married; Salley b. 5 Mar. 1778 md. Henry Jones; Elizabeth b. 22 Mar. 1781; Samuel G. b. 5 Aug. 1781 md. Nancy Bryan; John McKinnie b. 23 May 1786 d. 1815 unmarried; Zilphia b. 31 July 1788 md. Robert McKinnie, Wayne Co.; Larkin b. 13 Nov. 1790 d. after 1813; Julia b. 29 Oct. 1794 d. 1866 md. Bythan Bryan Johnston Co.; Alvan b. 12 July 1794 went to Miss.

(3) David Smith b. 7 Sept. 1746 d. 10 Mar. 1795 Harnett Co. md. Charity Whitfield b. 6 Apr. 1756 d. 21 Aug. 1818. David Smith lived the portion of Johnston that was cut off for Harnett Co. in 1855. These records were taken from the Family Bible that was in the possession of a descendant, Ms. Jane Williams, Dunn, N.C., some years ago.

(4) Jonathan Smith b. ca 1760 d. ? md. 1 Esther Bryan md. 2 Winifred McCullers. Their children were Elizabeth; Esther unmarried; Edith b. ? d. Oct. 1821 Wake Co. md. William Turner b. ? d/Aug. 1821 Wake Co. s/o Simon and Ann Smith Turner of Wake Co.; Simon b. 20 Mar. 1804 d. ? md. Martha McCullers 22 Aug. 1829; Jonathan b. ca 1806 d. 1898 Wake Co.

(5) Alexander Smith b. ca 1763 md. Phereby Pool.

(6) Jane Smith md. 1 Joel Williams md. 2 ? Hunter.

(7) Edith Smith m. 1 Needham Bryan md. 2 ? Folsom. Edith Folsom made her will 29 July 1791 & it was probated at Feb. Ct. 1793. The children were all by Needham Bryan & were William; Samuel; Needham; Esther; Ann; Barbara; dau. md. ? Massey;



Family cemetery of Samuel Smith, Jr.

dau. md. ? Folsom; dau md.

Alford; Selah md. Robert Watkins.

(8) Elizabeth/Eleanor? md. Capt. William Walton/Walston.

(9) Nancy "Ann" Smith b. ca 1739 d. 25 Nov. 1819 Wake Co. md. Simon Turner b. Bertie Co. s/o William Turner d. 9 Apr. 1783 Wake Co. Simon Turner came to Johnston Co. ca 1759 and settled along both sides of Swift Creek in what is now Wake Co. He was a large landowner and served on many Court appointed duties in Wake County. He served as a Major in the Wake Militia during the Rev. War.

Their children were John b. 3 Sept. 1770 md. Mary Smith d/o Alexander of Cumberland Co. died as a fairly young man; Simon b. 16 Sept. 1766 md. 1 Nancy Peters md. 2 Sally Bustin d. 30 Apr. 1824 Tenn. Served as Clerk of Superior Court in Wake County; Edith b. 26 Aug. 1777 d. ca 1838 Denmark Tenn. md. 1 Hardy Sanders Jr. s/o Hardy & Lucy Utley Sanders m. 2 William Bryan of Johnston Co. Many of these children went to Tenn. & Miss.; David d. 13 Oct. 1822 Johnston Co. md. 1 ? md. 2 Jane Smith Bridgers widow of William Bridgers and d/o Samuel Smith & gd/o John Smith Senr.; William d. Aug. 1821 Wake Co. md. Edith Smith d/o Jonathan d. Oct. 1821 Wake Co.; Mary 'Polly' md. Charles Taylor lived in Wake Co.; Matilda md. Green Hill lived in Wake Co.; Elizabeth md. William Jones and lived in Wake Co.; Jonathan d. ca 1801 was never married; Winifred md. Barnabas Lane. They died young leaving 6 orphan children, Polly, Sally, Simon, William, Ann and Henry Lane of Wake Co.

The two earliest Samuel Smiths made a great contribution to the building of Johnston County and to the population increase following their moving into the county ca 1743.

Sources: Johnston County Minutes of Pleas & Quarter Sessions; marriage bonds; wills; estate records; deeds. family Bible records; Bryan-Whitfield-Smith Genealogy — T. Whitfield; research files of Elizabeth E. Ross Wake County records & Wayne Co. records in N.C. Archives. Raleigh, N.C.

— Lib Ross

ROBERT WILLIAM SNEAD

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Robert William Snead was the son of Thomas Snead and Serena Ward. Robert was born

1940) and Nancy Ann Thompson (b. 15 May 1869 d. 27 Apr. 1950. Wilbert and Nora Stafford had ten children:

1. John Richard Stafford, born 15 Dec. 1913, married Erma Gray Martin (b. 4 Aug. 1914). They had one child, Ada Kateleene. John Richard married Gloria Davis and they had four children: Johnnie, Robert, Earl, David, and Richard.

2. Wilbert Leon Stafford, born 18 Feb. 1916, married Mildred Lawhorn and they have four children: Barbara Jane, Wilbert Leon Jr., Linda and Thomas.

3. Lionel William Stafford, born 18 June 1919, married Rosa Williford, and they have one son, Walter William Stafford. Lionel married Edna Worley, and they have three children: Authur, Cynthia, and Jimmie.

4. Nora Pauline Stafford, born 9 Mar. 1921, married Lonnie B. Tadlock and they have five children: Audrey Faine, Betty Elaine, Lonnie Danny, Don Anthony, and Timothy Glenn.

5. Lucy Rachel Stafford, born 6 Apr. 1923, married Nathan Allen Potter (b. 7 Apr. 1913) on 22 Mar. 1941. They have two children: Kenneth Jasper (b. 23 Aug. 1946) married Lonnette Killelte, and Leigh Ann (b. 5 Oct. 1954) married Frank Zimmermann. They have a son, Joseph Anton, born 27 Aug. 1981.

6. Alice Louise Stafford, born 12 Nov. 1924, married Joe Robertson and later married Raymond Popkey. Louise has a daughter, Dianna who married John Thompson. They have two children, Shellie and Johnnie Ray.

7. Henry Stevens Stafford, born 27 Sept. 1927, married Ann Berryhill. They have no children.

8. O'Max Gardner Stafford, born 8 Jan. 1930, married Alberta Pennell. They have three children: Deborah Ann, Judy, and Ronnie. Max later married Sue and they have two children: Bryce and Ann Marie.

9. Edgar Earl Stafford, born 21 Feb. 1933, married 14 Mar. 1953 to Faye Wiggs (b. 24 Jan. 1934). They have a son, Edgar Earl Stafford, Jr., born 6 Jan. 1955.

10. Annie Marie Stafford, born 18 May 1935, married Gilmore Hartley. They had three children: Kathy, Vickie Faye, and Gary.

Wilbert and Nora were farmers and enjoyed making music. They had many talents. Nora played the organ, guitar, and the accordion "squeeze box," as well as the piano.

Wilbert was a blacksmith, logged the woods, operated a portable sawmill, and a sugar cane mill.

Wilbert and Nora Stafford lived next to John Lewis Martin, in the Mashies of the Neuse Islands, on the south side of the river.

Sources: Family Bible and personal knowledge obtained from Earl Stafford, Goldsboro.

— Geraldine Martin Dudley

ALLEYE BAILEY STALLINGS

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Alleye Bailey was born July 6, 1894 in Nashville, N.C. She attended the Kenly Academy, Kenly High School, and Peace College. Alleye married Wiley Anderson (Jack) Stallings on May 7, 1918. The couple lived in Charlotte and

Black Mountain, N.C. until they moved to Kenly in 1932. Mrs. Stallings had boarders in her home in the 1930s. Records show the meals were 35 cents. She ran the Kenly Hotel in 1939 and 1940 when meals were 85 cents.

Jack Stallings was in the National Guard in the 322nd Inf. Regt. in Wilson. He was a member of a quartet that sang all over North Carolina and the east coast. After going overseas, the quartet continued to be a source of entertainment. Mr. Stallings was commissioned during World War I in France. He took particular pride when his son William was commissioned while serving in Europe during World War II.

Alleye and Jack were friendly, loving people who were surrounded by friends all of their lives. Alleye's front porch was a gathering place for many years. Their musical talent drew music lovers to their home while the couple lived in Kenly. The traditional Bailey family Christmas dinner was held at Alleye's until her death in November, 1979.

Their son William B. Stallings is Colonel of Infantry, Retired, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He is married to the former Evelyn Tutor of Wilson, N.C. Bill and Evelyn Stallings have four children: William B., Jr., born October 12, 1949; Robert W. born November 30, 1950; Virginia Evelyn, born September 30, 1952; and Patrick A., born December 18, 1958.

Sources: Personal knowledge and Alleye Bailey Stallings's personal papers

— Suzanne Bailey

THE STANCIL ANCESTRY

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The first Stancil of whom we have knowledge is John Stancil, born in England ca. 1662. He migrated to the Colonies and arrived at Henry Neck, Virginia aboard the ship *MARY*, November 6, 1683. The next written record of his presence in the New World is contained in *Virginia Magazine of History*, Volume 29, Page 406. There it is recorded that in the year 1704 he paid quit-rent for 500 acres of land situated in Nansemond County, Virginia.

John Stancil married Katherine Hardy, the daughter of John Hardy. Three sons were born of this marriage, they were: William, Peter and John Jr. It is from this John Jr. and his son, John III or senior, that the Stancils of Johnston County, descend.

John Stancil Jr. was born before 1700. He married Sarah Smithwick, the daughter of Edward and Sarah Godfrey Smithwick. They were the parents of five children: John III, Godfrey, Rebecca, Mary Bentley, and Elizabeth Barbee.

Chowan County Court documents for the year 1718 disclose that he was a witness to a signature on a Will and Deed transaction during that year. He received his first tract of land in 1719 by a grant from the state of North Carolina, the tract containing 388 acres and adjoining the Morrastock River and Charlton Creek. This grant is recorded in the Office, Secretary of State, Raleigh, N.C., Book No. 8, Page 201, File 854. This property became a part of Bertie County when it was established

in 1722.

John Stancill III born ca. 1725 was the first Stancil of whom we have knowledge that settled in Johnston County. About 1760 he left the Conetoe Creek Community of Pitt County and came into Johnston County; he settled in the area that is today O'Neals Township. Official documents fail to show him as John III; however the name is listed as John or John, Senior; they are the same and one person for this era.

In 1781 he purchased from John Pittman, two tracts of land containing 550 acres each and situated on both the north and south sides of Little River. Documents on file in the Johnston County Register of Deeds Office reflect that in 1793 he provided that his son, Godfrey, was to receive his land on the north side of Little River and that John, Jr. would receive his land on the river's south side. Sons Nathan and Johnathan were to receive his land in Wake County. Also mentioned in the 1793 document was his grist-mill which was to remain undisturbed until after his death. Extensive research leads us to believe that this mill was erected by James Lockheart prior to the year 1781 and stood on Mulatto Branch adjacent to the present Johnson Manufacturing Company on N.C. Highway 222 approximately one mile east of Stancills Chapel.

The John Stancill II/Sr. home stood approximately 250 yards southwest. Around thirty-five years ago, the grinding wheel from this site was uncovered from the sand and is currently in use at the Atkinson Mill of Johnston County.

The North Carolina State Census for the period of 1784-1787 list two Stancil families residing in Johnston County. They were John, Senior and his son, John, Jr. Both lived in Captain Houlder's District which later became O'Neal's Township.

When the first Federal Census of 1790 was taken, the John Stancil, Senior household consisted of three free white males 16-years of age and upward; three free white males under 16-years; three free white females and five slaves.

Although we have been unable to ascertain the given names of the three daughters born to John, Senior and his wife, Polly, we have been able to learn the names of three son-in-laws. They are Thomas Pender, Frederick Holmes and Randolph Moore.

The John, Jr. home of 1790 consisted of only him, his wife and one male Negro slave named Jacob.

John, Jr. was born ca. 1755 and died ca. 1816. On August 29, 1785 he married Zelpha Grice. However, local court minutes dated February 28, 1821 show that Patsy Stancil was appointed Guardian of his orphan children: William, Patsy, Winchester, Jonathan and Samuel. The children who had attained their majority were not shown on that court document and it is my opinion that he was also the father of John, born ca. 1795. Guardian, Patsy Stancil, was wife No. 2.

Samuel Stancil, my great-great grandfather, married Martha (Patsy) Renfrow on July 20, 1838. The children born of this marriage were James Henry, John Thomas, Josiah and Jacob. John Thomas Stancil was

my great grandfather and the father of John Archer Stancil, my grandfather.

Spelling of the name Stancil differs in many areas of the country. Even in Johnston County it has been spelled Stansel, Stancel, Stancell, Stansil, etc. etc.

An 1831 list of early parishes in England mentions Stancill township, parish Tickhill, W.R. Yorkshire, Population 66. This village was located near Doncaster, England. Even in England the spelling may vary as it does in America.

Sources: Genealogical assistance from contacts in England, research performed in the Johnston County Room of the County Library at Smithfield, N.C., State Archives at Raleigh, Johnston County Court Records. Countless personal interviews with other Stancils' in several states.

— Worth Hayes Stancil

GEORGE IRA STANCIL

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George Ira Stancil, 1880-1935, the son of John Thomas and Delanie Catherine Sasser Stancil, was born and reared in Johnston County, Beulah Township, Glendale Community. He married Eva Ann Mercer, 1901, of Duplin County. They farmed in Johnston County the first year then moved to Duplin County, where their first child was born. Their twelve children, their spouses and children are listed as follows:

1. Effie Irene, born 1902, married James Robert Renfrow of Buckhorn community, Wilson County, 1922, and were farmers in Johnston County, Glendale Community. Children: Grace Golda, 1924, Ralph Viron, 1930, James Robert Jr., 1941. (1) Grace married George Dettenmeyer, Chicago, Ill., airline pilot until retirement 1982. They reared three children, Gary, Lynn, and Heather Ann. (2) Viron farmed with his father until 1951. He started work at Newport News, Va. at shipyard, and is still working there. He has never married. (3) James Robert Jr. married Gale Reeves and they had one child, Roberta. He then divorced and married Patty Smith of Raleigh. Effie now lives with Grace in Virginia.

2. Thomas Emmette, born 1903, Duplin County but grew up in Glendale Community and married Dessie Morris, 1902-1981, of Wayne County. They were farmers and merchants in Glendale Community and reared three children. (1) Thomas Emmette Jr. operated a crop dusting business in eastern N.C., married Mary Alice Rivenbark, two children Thomas Emmette III and Alice Marie, later married Alice Austin Wall; he died of cancer 1980. (2) Rose Marie, 1928, married James Walter Sweesy, 1945, of Pennsylvania. They reared: Thomas Ira, 1948; Michelle Marie, 1949; Robin Stancil, 1954; Christopher Bradley, 1960. James, A.F. (ret.) died 1971. Rose lives in Goldsboro, N.C. (3) Martha, 1941, married Jack A. Benedict, 1957. They had Gerri Rene, 1958; Derek Allen, 1960; Morris Dale, 1961.

3. Delanie Ethel, born 1905, Duplin County, grew up in Glendale Community, Johnston County, married Julius Nevell Stancil, 1919. They were farmers then Nevell became a Bap-

tist minister. They reared three children: (1) Norma Ethel, 1921, married Randolph Moore, a railroad engineer. They had two daughters: Roslyn Janet and Donna Christie. (2) George Arnold, 1922, married Mary Elizabeth Ward, served in U.S. Army in W.W.II, then became an electronic technician for Martin Aircraft Co., Maryland. Children are: Sondra Gail and Victoria. (3) Lucy Reba, 1925, married Lawrence E. House, 1946, a Marine veteran. Children are: Larry Stancil, 1947; Jane Marcia, 1950; Bradley Steven, 1958; Mark Christopher, 1961; they live in Greensboro, N.C. Nevell died 1962. Delanie now lives in Middlesex, N.C.

George and Eva moved to Johnston County and farmed his father's land in Beulah Township. He served as Justice of the Peace for several years, operated a cane mill and cooked syrup for people of the community. They were members of Holly Springs F.W. Baptist Church and reared their children in a Christian home. The following children were born in Johnston County:

4. George Ralph, born 1908, married Ethel Hales of Ocala Fl., 1935. They lived 1½ years in Dos Rios, Ca. Ralph worked as a cowboy on Rodeo Valley Rancho. They returned to Fl. in 1937 and bought land. Ralph farmed and Ethel worked for an accounting firm. Children: (1) Georgeanne, 1942, CPA, married Glenn Schore, 1960; sons: Theodore, 1962; Alexander, 1964. (2) Renn, 1944, M.S. Ed., taught school, married Bobby Hinton, 1971. Children: Darcee, 1973; Kip, 1975; Ty, 1977; Brent, 1978; Coree, 1981. (3) Hale, 1946, graduate Stetson Law School, elected Marion County Judge, 1982, married Rebecca Warner, 1973. Children: Stephanie, 1975; Karen, 1977; Suzanne, 1979; Kathryn, 1981. (4) Harold, 1949, after high school, joined U.S. Marines, served in Viet Nam, married Linda Jones, 1972.

5. Celia Rachel, 1910, married James Graydon Renfrow, 1926. Graydon is a retired farmer and Rachel is retired from Belk-Tyler Company. Jimmy lives in Chicopee, Ma.; Gilda, J.G. Jr. and Harold live Rt. 1, Lucama, N.C., Wilson County. All are members of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. Children: (1) Donald Eugene (Jimmy), 1927, U.S.A.F. (ret.) married Elizabeth Gorski, 1952 had one child, Donna, M.A. Soc.; (2) Charles Edward, 1929, died in infancy; (3) Gilda Gray, 1931, married Walter E. Six. Children: Mark, 1956; Matthew, 1958; Derek, 1960. (4) James Graydon, Jr., 1935, married Denise Vick, 1964. Children: Meredith, 1966; Katherine, 1968. (5) Harold Thomas, 1944, married Linda Thomas, 1971. Children: Lisa, 1967; Michelle, 1972; Vincent, 1974.

6. Mamie Alma, 1913, graduated Peggy's Beauty Culture School 1936, married Eddie Carraway, 1941, owned hair styling business in Farmville, N.C. Eddie died 1970. Mamie married Charles Blair, 1972. They live in Ocala, Fl.

7. Eva Vazelle, 1915, married William Henry Batts, 1935, owned Beauty Shop in Wilson and later in Hertford. Vazelle was divorced and married Francis Nixon Jessup 1955. He died of heart attack 1961. Vazelle taught cosmetology at College of the Albemarle until retirement

1981. She lives in Hertford, N.C. Children: (1) William Henry Batts, Jr. graduated from U.S. Naval Academy 1959, Retired U.S. Navy 1980 as Commander. Now employed by CP & L as a Nuclear Engineer, married Brenda Brown, 1962. Children: Clair, 1963; David, 1965; Timothy, 1966. (2) James Ralph, 1940, graduated from N.C.S.U. statistics degree and mechanical engineering degree, married Mary Frances Baker, 1960. Children: Julia Renee, 1961; James Ralph, Jr., 1964.

8. Lola Myrtle, 1917, married Grover Eason, 1933. Both are retired and live in Wilson, N.C.; Children, six; grandchildren, thirteen; great-grandchildren, one. (1) Wyla Jean, 1934, married Al LaVie, 1957. Children: Sharon, 1958, married Andrew Nelson 1976, one child, Tiffini Nelson, 1980; Kimberly, 1960; Alfred, 1961; Karen, 1965; (2) Lelon Woodrow, 1939, U.S.A.F., eight years, married Brenda Wiggins, 1967. Children: Lee, 1969, Renee, 1970, Jennifer, 1981; (3) Frank Edwin, 1941, U.S.N. six years. (4) Margaret Carol, 1945, m. Robert Miller, 1977, had one son, Michael, 1978; (5) Grover, Jr. 1949, married Carolyn Nichols, 1971. Children: Christy, 1971, Benjamin, 1974, divorced 1978, married Bonnie Mattenley, 1980, Jes-rah, 1981, James 1982. (6) JoAnn, 1954, married Douglas Alexander, 1981, had one son, Joshua Mark, 1982.

9. Hilda Mae, 1919, married Jesmon Cedric Hales, 1936. Cedric died 1970. Hilda married Harold W. Stover, Lancaster, S.C., 1977. Harold died 1979. Hilda lives in Fremont, N.C. Children: (1) Jesmon Arnold, 1940; married Betsy Lane, Eureka, N.C., 1964, now living in Prattville, Ala., children: Jeffrey, Jessica, Mark. (2) Mary Ann, 1946, married Lewis A. Weisiger, Goldsboro, N.C., now living in Ft. Worth, Texas, children: David, Jonathan, Jesse.

10. George Ira, Jr., 1920, U.S. Navy 1940-1963, lives at homeplace of father, George, and grandfather, John Thomas Stancil; married Jeannette Hunnicutt of Ga., 1944; Jeanette died 1970. G.I. married Julia Pollack Atkinson, widow of Carlton Atkinson of Kenly. Children: (1) George Ira III, 1951, M.A. Ed., U. Md., married Carol Malinoni, 1976, son, Evan Malinoni, 1981; (2) Don Gordon, 1953, engineering degree Holding Tech. works for N.C.D.O.T., married Mena Woodard, 1973, son, Dustin Woodard, 1979. (3) Shirley Ann, 1955, dental assistant, married C.M. Powell, 1977, lives in Kenly, children, Joshua McCoy, 1981, Cennamon Nicole, 1982. (4) Ellen Jane, 1957 married Gordon Price, live in Richmond, Va; children, Amy Jeanette 1976, Seth Parker 1979, Melissa Ruth 1982.

11. Harold Lloyd, 1924, attended Glendale High School, joined Navy, 1941, served in Patrol Squadron in Norfolk, Va., was assigned to USS Franklin CVA 13, 1943, was killed in action October 13, 1944, at age 20.

12. Dorothy Jane, 1926, married Robert E. Dennison, U.S.A.F. veteran, 1944, lives in Philadelphia, Pa., works at Temple University, Philadelphia, Bob is retired. Children, (1) George Robert, 1945, married Patricia Ann D'Agostino, sons, Christopher Robert, 1970, Eric Matthew, 1972. (2) Warren Eric, 1951,



Seated left to right: Meta, Amos, Naomi (Johnnie) Maggie Mae Turner. Standing left to right: Mamie, Katie Lee and Carrie Lenore.

and Flossie Lamb Pittman. Meta and Rudy had a boy, Donald Rudolph (b. March 7, 1951) and a girl, Teresa Lynn (b. Aug. 7, 1955) Donald married Wanda Lee Holt on August 18, 1973. Her parents were Luby and Audrey Stephenson Holt. Teresa married Randy S. Sullivan on August 17, 1975. His parents were Joseph and Ruth Hines Sullivan. Teresa and Randy have one son, Brandon R. Sullivan (b. March 3, 1978, in Raleigh).

Naomi Ruth, "Johnnie", (b. Jan. 4, 1923) was the first child's birth recorded in the county birth index for that year. Johnnie married John Harrison Reeder Jr. (b. Aug. 22, 1919, in Springerton, Ill.) They were married at Fort Bragg, N.C. on November 3, 1945. John was an army career officer. He retired a colonel. His parents were John H. and Minnie Spruill Reeder.

Two of their children were born in Lynchburg, Va. — Sherry Gail (b. Aug. 1, 1946) and John Harrison III (b. Oct. 21, 1949). Tera Marlene (b. Oct. 17, 1951) arrived when they were in Bedford, Va. Then, San Juan, Puerto Rico was their station when Melanie M. (b. Nov. 11, 1955 made her appearance.

John Harrison III, married Deborah Jean Tatum in Raleigh on July 17, 1971. They have two children — Timothy Michael (b. June 23, 1975) and John Harrison IV (b. Feb. 1, 1978); They were both born in Raleigh.

Robert Lee Turner, "Bobby," (b. March 7, 1926) married Eunice Lee, the daughter of Jim and Rena McLeod Lee. They had two children — Robert Lee Jr. (b. April 2, 1947) and Tommy (b. Jan. 13, 1952)

Bobby is now married to Frances Williams (b. June 30, 1931). She is the daughter of Carlton and Grace Williams.

When Bobby arrived in France near the end of World War II, he was sent straight to the hospital with mumps. He was released from the hospital about the time that the war was over in Europe.

Maggie married James R. Durham (b. Nov. 1, 1880; d. Sept. 24, 1943). They lived near Four Oaks.

Maggie lived in Smithfield with her daughter, Mamie, after Mr. Durham died. The writer saw her one time there. She died on her seventy-ninth birthday, August 2, 1963. She is buried in Riverside Cemetery. Amos had been buried in the Johnson Family Cemetery. His children had his body moved to be by their mother.

Sources: Family members, birth, death, and marriage records, deeds in Johnston Co.

— Margaret Lee Walker

SIMON TURNER

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Simon Turner came to what is now Wake County ca 1759-60 and settled along the waters of Swift Creek, land that is now along Hwy #50 south of Garner, N.C. At that time it was Johnston County and cut off into Wake County 1771. Simon was the son of William Turner of Bertie County. The name of his mother is not known as she is not named in the Will of William Turner dated 30 May 1770 and probated in 1771 Bertie Co. William willed to sons Simon, William & James; granddaughter Elizabeth, daughter of Etheldred; and daughters Jennet House, Elizabeth Brown and Sarah Smith, wife of John Smith Sr., son of Samuel and Edith Whitfield Smith of Johnston Co., land and slaves in Bertie Co. Simon's brothers William and Etheldred and sister Sarah Smith came to Johnston County with him or follow him there soon after 1760.

Simon Turner b. ca 1730/40 md. ca 1760 Johnston Co. Nancy "Ann" Smith b. ca 1739 d/o Samuel and Edith Whitfield Smith of Johnston Co. They were possibly married in Johnston County but no record has been found.

Simon Turner purchased land in Johnston County as early as 1759, when he was called to serve on the July 1759 term of court as a member of the Grand Jury. He was constantly called as a juror on the Petit or Grand Jury of both Johnston & Wake Counties. He served as a Juror at the March term of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Court 1783, made his Will on 9 Apr. 1783 and died by the June term of court when his Will was filed for Probate. Ann Turner made her Will in Wake and died 25 Nov. 1814. They are possibly buried on the home plantation in the Family Cemetery but there are no markers visible for them. There was only two of the children over the age of 21 when Simon died in 1783 and at the March 1788 term of Court, Ann Turner was made Guardian to Edith, Matilda, Mary, William, Jonathan, David & Elizabeth Turner. Winifred had reached the age of at least 18 by this time and did not need a guardian or she was possibly married by 1788. Children of Simon and Ann Smith Turner were:

(1) John Turner b. 3 Sept. 1770 d. by 3 Dec. 1787 md. Mary Smith d/o Alexander & Elizabeth Whitfield Smith of Aversborough, Cumberland Co. Their daughters Ann & Elizabeth married Whitfields and are mention in many of the land transactions & division of the heirs of Simon Turner.

(2) Simon Turner b. 16 Sept. 1766 d. 30 Apr. 1824 Maury Co., Tenn. md. 1 13 Sept. 1797 Nancy Peters md. 2 3 Nov. 1811 Sally Bustin/Bastin. Simon (Jr.) served as Clerk of Superior Court in Wake County for many years. His children were Elizabeth Ann Turner b. 23 Nov. 1793; Parker Turner b. 1 Mar. 1797; Mary Susanna Turner b. 23 May 1800 md. Henry H. Turner (s/o William Turner) Apr. 1818; John Thomas Turner b. 5 May 1804 md. Jane Fort; Nancy Matilda Turner b. 8 Mar. 1807; Simon Theophilus Turner b. 3 Nov. 1809 d. 5 Apr. 1891 Carrollton, Miss md. Martha Ann Eddins 24 May 1831; Martha W. Turner b. 18 Oct. ?; David Turner b. 18 Apr. md. Martha Ann Clarke 31 Jan. 1837. Many of this family went to Denmark, Tenn. and later to Carrollton Co., Miss.

(3) Edith Turner b. 26 Aug. 1777 d. 1837 Denmark., Tenn. md. 1 Hardy Sanders Jr., md. 2 3 Mar. 1815 William Bryan of Johnston Co. Her children were Simon T. Sanders b. 16 Apr. 1797; William Sanders b. 12 Sept. 1799; Cythia Sanders b. 12 Nov. 1801; Elizabeth Sanders b. 6 Jan. 1804; Hardy Sanders b. 3 June 1806; Samuel Washington Bryan b. 2 July 1818 Moved to Miss. by 1836; Emela Jane Bryan b. 13 Jan. 1816 never married; Mary Turner Bryan b. 5 Feb. 1820 md. Alex. Ray and moved to Utah.

(4) David Turner b. before 1783 md. possibly twice. Records in Wake & Johnston indicate that his children were David Turner, who lived in Johnston Co.; John B. Turner; Lucinda Turner md. Bryan Smith; Martha Turner md. Thomas Rice, Samuel S. Turner md. Edith Mitchner and Mary "Polly" Turner never married. David Turner owned property in both Wake and Johnston Co. & possibly died in 1822.

(5) William Turner b. before 1783 d. ca Aug. 1821 (Ral. Register) md. Edith Smith (Death

Cert. of Simon) d. 22/25 1821 (Raleigh Register) William & Edith both died in the same year and Parker Rand was appointed Guardian to their minor children. Records in N.C. Archives have many records about their property and Guardian Reports. Their children were Henry H. Turner md. Mary Susanna Turner d/o Simon Turner; Mary A.E. Turner md. Willie H. Williams 11 Jan. 1832; James died before 1825; Samuel died young; Simon S. b. 1819 d. 1917 md. Charlotte Ann Hart md. 2 Mary Ann Whitaker 22 Nov. 1881; William David Turner b. 23 Aug. 1813 d. 29 July 1885 md. 1 Christianna Walton 4 June 1836 md. 2 Mary Walton 21 Jan. 1851.

(6) Matilda Turner b. before 1783 d. 5 May 1835 (Raleigh Register) md. Green Hill;

(7) Jonathan Turner b. before 1783 d. by Feb. 1801 possibly never married. His property was divided between his sisters and mother in 1809, 880 ac. of land.

(8) Elizabeth Turner md. Jones;

(9) Winifred Turner md. Barnabas Lane and both were deceased by 1809 when Jonathan's property was divided. Johnston Co. Court Minutes of 31 May 1802 note the following "David Turner of Wake Co. was appointed Guardian to Polly, Simon, Salley, Anne, Harry & William Lane orphans of Barnaby Lane deceased."

(10) Mary 'Polly' Turner md. Taylor.

Simon Turner owned more than 2000 ac. of land in Wake and Johnston Counties that he willed to his children. He left 18 slaves to the heirs naming each one of them in his Will. He was not an old man when he died, possibly between 40 and 50 years of age. He served as a Capt. & a Major in the Wake Co. Militia and was a bondsman and Security for many legal transactions. He served as Executor of Wills and Administrator for many Estates of his neighbors. Only John and Simon were of age when their father died in 1783, and he appointed them along with wife Ann as Executors of his will. Descendants of grandson Simon S. Turner still own some of the original Turner lands in Wake Co. along Swift Creek and several family cemeteries dot the countryside of southern Wake Co. on property that was Turner land. Most of the Turners were of the Methodist persuasion and many of the later generations are buried at nearby Hollands Church in Panther Branch Township.

Sources: Wake Co. deeds, wills, estates; land divisions; Wake County Census — N.C. Archives; marriage bonds and marriage register. Wake Co. Courthouse. Johnston County wills; deeds; estates; marriage records; Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Minutes. N.C. Archives Raleigh, N.C.

— Elizabeth E. Ross

WINIFRED EDITH TURNER 609

Winifred Edith Turner (b. Dec. 28, 1867, d. March 21, 1941), daughter of Hadarezer B. and Dorcas Core Turner of Wilson's Mills, married Henry Douglas Walker (b. Aug. 23, 1868; d. June 30, 1952). He was the son of Francis (Frank) and Sallie Rentrow Walker of Nashville, N.C.

Papa Walker's father died when he was a child, so he and his mother lived with an older sister and her husband. At the time that Mammy Walker and Papa were married, he was living in Wayne County, and she in Johnston County. They were married in Raleigh on July 27, 1892.

The first time that Papa went to the Turner home to see Mammy Walker, she met him at the door and asked him if he was a Republican or a Democrat. Her daddy had asked her and she had told him Democrat, not knowing. Of course, Papa wanted to know why. She told him that if he was not a Democrat, he might as well not even come in because her daddy would not allow a Republican in the house.

Mammy Walker was so called because when her first grandchild was born she said that she didn't want to be called any form of "grandmother." She would rather be called "mammy," just as an old colored mammy.

Many mornings in the cold winter she would call us in when we were going by her house to school to give us hot coffee. In the afternoons she would have biscuits with molasses for us on the way home.

Mammy Walker loved a circus and thought it was the right of a grandmother to carry her grandchildren to the big tent. I believe it was her main joy in life to see us at the circus.

Now don't get the idea that she believed that anything that we did was all right. She would tell us if we didn't behave ourselves that she was going to tell Papa. That would straighten us up even though he never did punish us in any way.

Papa learned the shoe making trade. He made shoes for a living until mass production took over. He then repaired shoes. With this trade he supported his wife and six children. He didn't give them all the material things that they wanted but more important — the knowledge and value of work and an example of living as a Christian.

Sources: Cemetery markers, census, death records, marriage records, family members, personal knowledge.

— Margaret Lee Walker

HENRY THOMAS UNDERWOOD 610

Henry Thomas Underwood, the son of John and Elizabeth Underwood, was born October 29, 1847 in Wake County. In the 1850 Census, he is listed with his parents: John — 30; Elizabeth — 26; children, Asa — 12; Arthur — 8; Martha — 6; and Henry — 4. His father is a farmer. By the time of the 1860 Census, John is deceased. Asa Jackson is married to Nancy Bridgers and living in the City of Raleigh. Henry's mother, Elizabeth, is listed as a domestic, but there is no mention of Henry Thomas; Martha, or Arthur. It is assumed they are with their mother and just not listed. In 1870 A.J. and Nancy have moved into the Wilder's District of Johnston County. H.T. is also in the same district working as a farm hand for W.R. Parrish, and Elizabeth is keeping house for A.B. Richardson in the Marks Creek District of Wake County. By the year 1880, Asa and Nan-



Underwood, Henry Thomas and wife Adelaide Brinkley Underwood.

cy and his sister Martha are listed as living in the Oneal's Township of Johnston County. This is the first mention of Martha since 1850.

Henry Thomas married Adelaide Brinkley, the daughter of Harrison Brinkley and his wife, Mary Ellen Gregory, on November 18, 1870. They became the parents of ten children: Marzilla, born ca. 1872, married Thomas Parrish on August 10, 1889; Henry Harrison, born 1875, married Bethanie Winnefred Grant; Minnie Ray, born July 5, 1876, married Charlie P. Wood; Cora, born 1880, died as an infant; Florence, born 1882; died as an infant; Addie Omega, born July 7, 1887, married Henry Thomas Le Neave; James William, born October 29, 1888, married Bertha E. Parrish; John Hubert, born June 14, 1891, married Mattie Agee Hornbuckle; Lester Earl, born September 17, 1892, married Eula Mae Coats; and McDonald McCray, born September 7, 1899, married Dessie Alma Creech.

Asa Jackson and Nancy did not have any children, and Martha did not marry. They lived near Bethany Church, but there is no record of their burials. Since there is only the one reference to Arthur in the 1850 Census, he either died young or moved away. So Henry Thomas is the only child to marry and have children and grandchildren. His mother, Elizabeth, was listed as 55 years old in 1880 and died sometime before the 1900 Census.

Henry Thomas and Adelaide were farmers for as long as they were able. Then they lived with their children, many times one of them staying at one child's home and the other staying with a different child. Henry Thomas died of a stroke on April 17, 1926 at the home of his son, Lester, and Adelaide died seven years later. They were both members of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church and were buried in the church cemetery. Henry Thomas was a quiet, gentle man with a white mustache and was sorely missed by all after his death.

Sources: Johnston and Wake County census records, cemetery records, and personal knowledge.

— Zelda Braswell Wood

HENRY HERMAN VINSON 611

Henry Herman Vinson was born on March 18, 1893. He was the son of James Thomas Vinson (1863-1925) and Ella Austin Vinson