

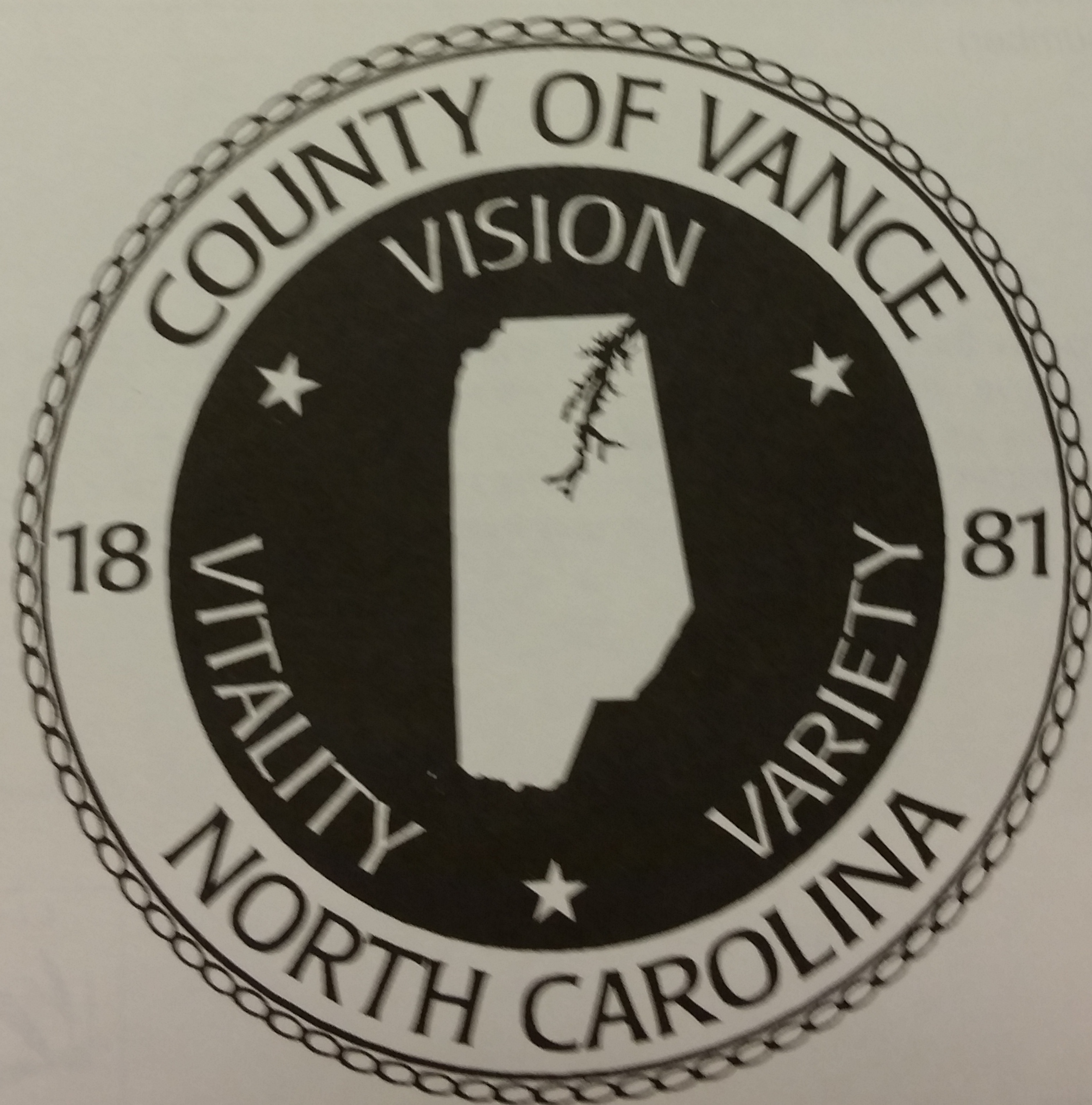
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he is now able to pursue his retirement dream of teaching and playing golf.

When you ride up and down the highways in Vance County this billboard catches your eye. In the billboard picture from left to right are: Morgan Watkins, daughter of George (Chip) and Gayle Watkins; Samuel Wilbur Brummitt; Ruth Hight Brummitt wife of Samuel; Bryles Cutts daughter of Sid and Julia Cutts.

The picture was taken summer of 2010. Sam is the son of Harold and Mattie Adcock Brummitt (see article) and Ruth is the daughter of Milton (Bill) and Betty K. Hight (see article).

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Sources: Ruth H. Brummitt

## 802 JAMES H. BRYANT FAMILY

James H. Bryant was the son of Rowland and Mary Rosa Hunt (daughter of William Hunt) Bryant and the grandson of William and Elizabeth Rowland Fearington (Farrington) Bryant. Elizabeth was the widow of John Fearington Sr. James married Mary Boswell on July 20, 1822 in Granville Co., NC. Mary was the daughter of George F. W. and Nancy "Ann" Nuttall Boswell. In the 1850 census, James and the children are listed as born in NC and Mary is listed as born in VA. Some sources state James was 1st married to Sarah Andrews, but I have not found this to be true at this time. In the 1830 census, James H. Bryant and his wife have children listed. One son is age 5-9 which cannot be accounted for in the 1840 (Fishing Creek Twsp.) and 1850 (Epping Forest Twsp.) census and all the others can be accounted for in the 1850 census. In the 1850 census they have the following children: Mary A. E., John H., Rebecca, Virginia R. and Lousia. In other documents Mary's middle initials are A. E. or E. J.; John's middle initials are B. or H.; and Rebecca's middle initials are R.R. or T. and is sometimes called "Beckie"; Virginia has the middle initial T. and is sometimes called "Jinnie" and Lousia has the middle initial C. and is sometimes called Lou.

James was born about 1793. In the 1860, census he is living in Tabbs Creek Twsp. August 8, 1867, James files a deed giving the remainder of his land to his daughters. In the 1870 census, he is living in Kittrell Twsp. and at



Home of William and Elizabeth Rowland Fearington Bryant (built c. 1765)

the age of 78 and is blind. He is not listed in the 1880 census. Mary, his wife was born about 1795 and is listed last in the 1860 census at age 64.

Mary A. E. Bryant was born about 1824 and died after the 1910 census is taken on May 5, 1910 in Kittrell Twsp. of Vance Co., NC but before January 12, 1920 when the 1920 census was taken. She never married and was living with her sister, Lousia in the 1910 census.

John was born about 1829 and is listed as a Doctor in the 1850 census. He married Alice E. Rogers, daughter of Durrell (Darrell/Derrell) and Elizabeth "Betsey" Hunter Camp Rogers of Wake Co., NC. Elizabeth Camp was the widow of William Camp of Wake Co. and the daughter

of Isaac Hunter, Jr. of the famous "Isaac Hunter's Tavern" of Raleigh, Wake Co., NC. John and Alice lived in Kittrell (Epping Forest Twsp.) In the 1860 and 1870 in the census. In 1860, John is listed as a Farmer and in 1870 he is listed as a Physician. They moved to the Holly Springs area (Buckhorn Twsp.) of Wake Co. by the 1880 census, when he is listed as a Druggist. John died after May 4, 1881 and before December 21, 1885. Alice died after December 21, 1885 and before the 1900 census. They did not have children listed in any census. I am still researching to determine if he served during the War Between the States because he would have been the age to serve.

Rebecca was born about 1832 and she married Daniel B. Stone, son of Daniel and Mary Ann Fletcher Hicks Stone. Daniel was a private in Co. G, 30 Regiment, NC Troops. He enlisted at age 20 on September 20, 1861 in Granville County, NC. He also served in Co. E, 23 Reg., N. C. Troops (13th Reg., NC Volunteers) and 2nd Company D, 12th Regiment, NC Troops (2nd Reg., NC Volunteers). I have not located the marriage record for Rebecca and Daniel but I think it occurred between 1868 and 1869 (probably in Granville Co.) based on the age of their first child. In the 1870 census they have a daughter, Molly age 1. In the 1880 census they do not have any children listed with them. In the 1900 census Rebecca reported having 2 children born and 0 living. I do not know the sex or name of the second child. Rebecca and Daniel are both listed last in the 1910 census in Kittrell Twsp.

Virginia is born about 1835 and she married Bennett Breedlove, son of Emanuel and Eleanor "Ellen" Clarke Breedlove on November 13, 1872 in Granville Co. Bennett was a Private in Co. D, 23 Reg., NC Troops in the War Between the States. Virginia and Bennett are living in the Kittrell Twsp. during the 1880 census and have a son, James Emanuel (4) and a daughter, Mary (1). In the 1900 census they live in Durham, NC and they have a son, James (24) and a daughter, Eunice (21). Mary is not listed in the 1880 census. Bennett was killed in an accident by a train on December 18, 1905 in Roanoke Rapids, NC. James Emanuel is listed in the 1910 census in Edgecombe Co., NC and is married to Callie I. (last name unknown) with two daughters; Virginia A. age 3 and Clarine I. age 5/12. In the 1920 census, James is a widower and living with his daughter, Virginia A. age 12 in the house of his Great-Aunt, Louisa C. Bryant in Watkins Twsp. I have not found any other information on Callie I. and Clarine I. Bryant. James stated on a WW I draft registration card that he was born June 24, 1875 and his closest relative is Virginia Breedlove (his daughter). In the 1930 census, James is a lodger and living with Luther and Ebbie Grissom in the Kittrell Twsp. Virginia A. married Jesse Critcher in Vance Co., NC. Eunice married Samuel J. McCurdy. Bennett and Virginia also had a daughter, Kate Glennora that married Bingham Clements.

Louisa was born about 1838 and died after a deed was registered in Vance Co., NC on April 12, 1920. She is listed in Watkins Twsp. (which was Kittrell Twsp. in earlier census) in the 1920 census. She never married and lived with her sister, Mary in the home of their great-grandparents, William and Elizabeth Rowland Fearington Bryant where she died. The house was standing in the early 1930's and people in the Watkins Community remembered it had a spiral stairway against a wall and books, papers and household items were left in the house after Lou died. In the early 1940's only the chimney was left standing and now there is nothing remaining of the house. Information about this house is recorded by Miss Edwin "Eddie" Sue Goree of Texas in "A Family Mosaic: Fragmentary Sketches of Our Forebears in America" compiled in 1931 and published in 1961 by J. (Jonathan) D. Goree.

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Sources: "A Family Mosaic" by Miss. Edwin "Eddie" Sue Goree, Granville and Vance Co's., NC wills, deeds, marriages, court minutes, maps and U. S. Census records

## 803 ANNIE MAE GILL BUCHANAN

Annie Mae Gill was born April 21, 1916. She is the daughter of Benjamin Claude Gill, Sr., born November 8, 1888 and Annie Bell West Gill, born May 10, 1893. Benjamin, Sr. was the son of Leonidas Edward Gill and Polly Best Gill. Benjamin died September 15, 1971 and Annie Bell died October 14, 1985 and they are buried at the Gill cemetery with Benjamin's parents Leonidas and Polly Best Gill. Annie Bell's mother was Mary Ann Riggins West, born May 24, 1847 and died February 25, 1922 and father was Thomas Spencer West, born September 28, 1848 and died April 11, 1934.

Annie Mae attended Cokesbury School (see



Annie Mae with male cat 'Prissy'

related article) and Aycock School. She had three brothers, Benjamin Claude Gill, Jr., Benjamin Edgar Gill and Virgil Cline Gill of which are all deceased. Annie joined Carey Baptist Church when she was fifteen years old and in 1987 she moved her membership to Cokesbury United Methodist Church. On February 24, 1937 Annie Mae Gill married Elmer William Buchanan in Warrenton, N. C. He was born December 8, 1906 in Vance County and died on September 2, 1988. Elmer and Annie Mae had one daughter Shirley Buchanan (see related article James Clifton and Shirley Buchanan Edwards). Elmer was the son of John Willis Buchanan, born 1873 and died in 1940 and Florence Clark Buchanan, born 1876, died in 1949. Elmer had two sisters, Lilah B. Floyd and Sallie Bet B. Vaughan and one brother, Ollie Thedric Buchanan.

Their grandchildren are Michael, Barry and Terry Limer. Annie has eight great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

Annie Mae enjoys working in flowers and cooking. Elmer almost always owned a hunting bird dog or some other kind. Annie enjoyed her cat. One day the cat went off and never came



Elmer with dog