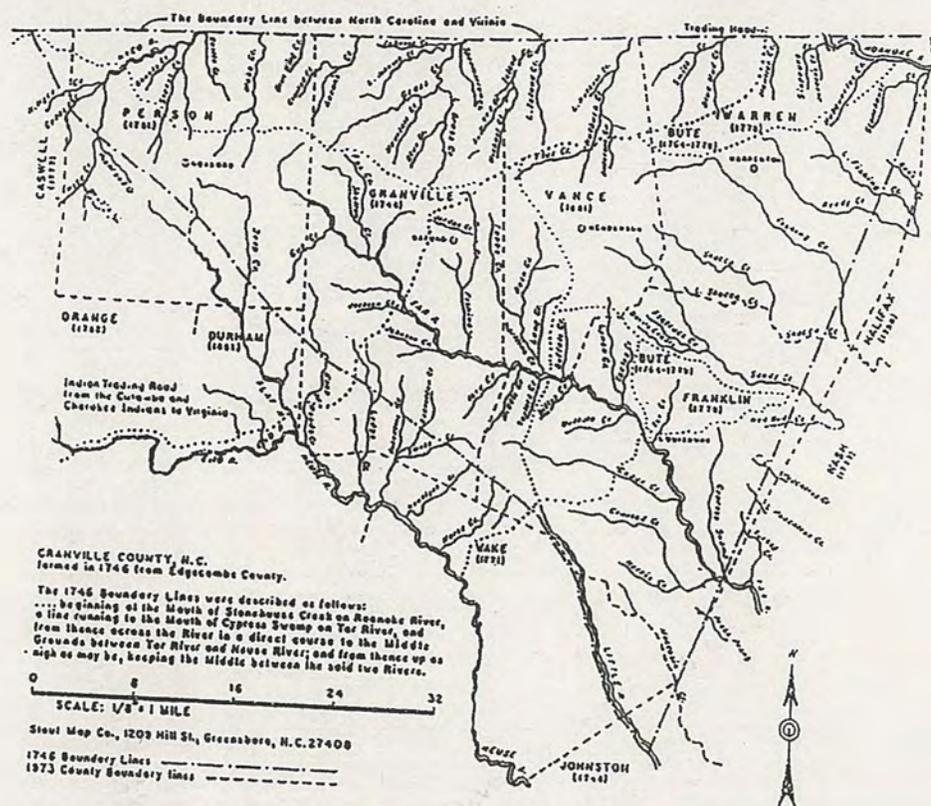


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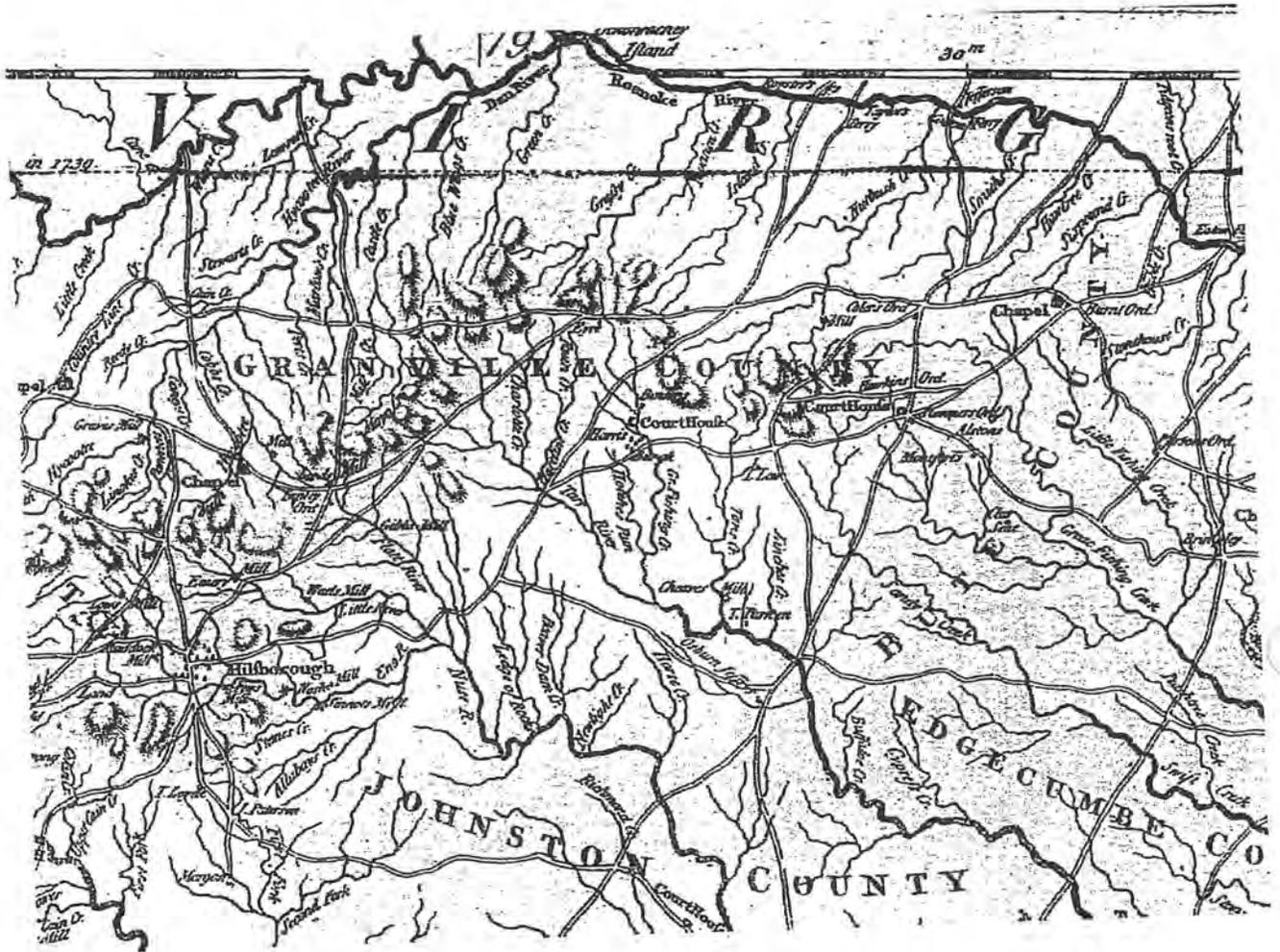
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Granville County Gazetteer
Compiled by Leonard Dean

Ten Years.....

Ten years.... August 2004 marked the ten year anniversary of the Granville County Genealogy Society. It's been wild to say the least. We've gone from just 14 members in 1994 here in Granville County to approximately 226 members from all over the United States today in 2004. People all over the United States have roots right here in Granville County. But hey, we have to remember that in the beginning Granville County covered a lot of territory – all the way westward to the Mississippi River.

We as a society have covered a lot of territory in these ten years. I like to think that we've helped a lot of people with information published in our quarterly publication 'Granville Connections'. We've published bible records, wills, marriage records, histories, maps and family cemeteries. There have been numerous articles copied from old newspapers, history books and microfilm about what people were doing when. We have published queries from you asking for help or information and obits of people you know, used to know or have heard of. Articles and/or information from you, our members, have been published. A lot of information, hopefully, that has helped you.

Two cemetery books have been published with a third one on the way. These books have church cemeteries and family cemeteries, mostly old cemeteries but some fairly new and are for sale at several locations in Granville County or through the society. (But of course I want you to buy one!) Books and microfilm have been donated to our library, which is one of the best genealogy libraries in the state.

I hope you have enjoyed our publication and newsletter each quarter. If you have old letters, bible records, wills, anything that you think may be of help to others and would like to have published, please contact me. I'll be glad to include it in one of our publications. Because of you, our members, we are still going strong after ten years. Thank you so much for your support.

Bonnie Breedlove, Editor, Granville Connections

Will Made Back in 1776 is Revealed

This will is one continuous writing, without a break or comma or period in it. The capitals are just like they are in the will.

I made the divisions, ditto marks and such.

JOHN B. WATKINS, JR.

Will of Richard Bullock, died 1764

In the name of God Amen I Richard **BULLOCK** of the County of Granville and Province of North Carolina being very sick though of a perfect sense and memory thanks to Almighty God and calling to mind the uncertainties of this life and that all flesh only yields unto Death whensoever it shall please God to call there for I appoint this my last will and Testament in manner and form following faith and principally I give my Soul unto God that gave me and my Body to be the Earth to be Buryied in such manner as my Executors hereinafter shall think fit in Sure and Certain hopes of Eternal Life through the merits of Jesus Christ my Mediator and Redeemer and for my

Temporal Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath as followith after my Just debts are paid

Item I give and bequeath my Daughter Agnes **WILLIAMS** one shilling sterling

Item I give and bequeath my son Zachariah one shilling sterling

Item I give and bequeath my son William **BULLOCK** one shilling sterling

Item I give and bequeath my son John **BULLOCK** one shilling sterling

Item I give and bequeath my daughter Susannah **SIMS** one shilling sterling

Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Ann **VANDYCK** one feather bed and furniture to the value of Eight pounds Virginia money

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Zachariah **NUCHOLLS** one feather bed and furniture to value of eight pounds Va money

Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Agatha **NUCHOLLS** one shilling sterling

My will and desire is that my lands on Elerbees Creek in Orange County be sold to pay part of my debts and I leave the Land and planation whereon I now live to my wife during her Natural Life likewise the remainder of my Estate

After my Just Debts is paid Item I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel **BULLOCK** after my wife decease the land and planation whereon I now live and after my wifes Decease I give and bequeath to my Two youngest sons Leonard Henley **BULLOCK** and Nathaniel **BULLOCK** all my Estate that is not otherwise divided between them and my Desire is that my Estate be not appraised I likewise appoint my said wife and son Leonard Henley **BULLOCK** my Executrix & Executor of this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and affixed my seal this 27th day of October 1764. Richd **BULLOCK**

Signed and sealed and declared to be his last will and Testament in presence of

William H **SHAW** (his mark)

Philemon **HAWKINS**

Julius **HOWARD**

Will proven in Granville Court Nov. 1766

The above will is a continuous writing with no commas, rearranged by me. John B.
WATKINS, Jr.

Historic Vance County, John Bullock Watkins Jr., 1941 pg 35, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

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Dear Abby: I have always wanted to trace my family tree, but didn't want to spend a lot of money doing so, any suggestions? Steve

Dear Steve: Yes. Run for public office.

North Carolina Couples Go To Virginia To Wed

*Oxford Public Ledger, December 4, 1931
Submitted by Dr. Richard Taylor, Oxford, NC*

Fifty-Seven Licenses Were Issued At Boydton During November

There is a reason why only three marriage licenses were issued in Granville County during last November while fifty-seven were issued at Boydton, Va., during the same month. The North Carolina law, which required a health certificate and five day's notice of intention to marry, drives many couples to another state to wed. All of the border counties of Virginia are doing a big marriage business on account of the North Carolina law, which in our opinion is a very good one if it could be carried out, but people will marry, and if the way is not made easy in one state they will go elsewhere to wed.

The Mecklenburg Messenger, published at Boydton, Va., contains a list of 57 couples who secured licenses there during November, twelve of the contracting parties being from Granville, the white couples being as follows:

White

Jessie B. **HUFFMAN** and Elizabeth **POOL**, Rosser **TURNER** and Eula **TROUT**, Clarence F. **NEATHERLY** and Virginia A. **FAULKNER**, Bailey A. **NORWOOD** and Julia A. **OWEN**, Burnie **BURNELLE** and Pearl **TURLINGTON**, James N. **HARPER** and Alma **BAUGH**, Frank Owen **GRIFFIN** and Esther Mae **YANCEY**, Lewis **HICKS** and Ivis **AYSCUE**, William **MONTGOMERY** and Kate **WYNNE**, Charlie Wilson **BOWEN** and Cassie Elizabeth **BUCHANNON**, Perry **ROBERTSON** and Corinne **CARTER**, Barkley Edward **DALTON** and Mildred Y. **SIZEMORE**, Clarence Wilbur **CARROLL** and Martha Ann **FAUCETTE**, Larry **GRISSON** and Sally Belle **DANIEL**, Robert F. **EAKES** and Elma L. **MCGEE**, Al **JENKINS** and Lucile **DAVIS**, Raymond **BOWERS** and Matie **TILLOTSON**, William Davis **FRANKLIN** and Annie **WILSON**, John Elson **WILKINS** and Allene **YOUNG**, Rufus **GREEN** and Sallie **WHITE**, Raeford **OUAL** and Louie **OUAL**, Luther **CAPPS** and Annie **SMILEY**, James Roy **OWEN** and Eva Doris **NEWTON**, Earnest **DEAN** and Etta **GREENWAY**, Howard **MCGARR** and Mattie **NEWTON**, George **HICKS** and Verlie **MOSELEY**, Eddie B. **HENDERSON** and Cora Ann **NEUBY**.

Colored

Edward Lewis **HENDERSON** and Roxanna **BULLOCK**, Leslie **TUCK** and Martha **MANGUM**, Buddie **FOSTER** and Martha **JOHNSON**, James **JONES** and Lilly **HARRIS**, Coleman **DENNIS** and Lou **PHILLIPS**, Jimmie **WALKER** and Susie **ALEXANDER**, James **BURTON** and Mary **HUNT**, Lewis **JEFFREYS**, Jr., and Ida **WALL**, Dallas **BRACEY** and Maggie **WILKINSON**, Berkley **TISDALE** and Rosa **WILBURN**, Andrew **MOORE** and Irene **LOCKLEAR**, Davie **HENDERSON** and Lillie **HICKS**, Baldwin **JEFFREYS** and Alice **ALEXANDER**, Lawrence **JOHNSON** and Bessie **ROBINSON**, Samuel **ROYSTER** and Pittie **PEACE**, Line **DUN** and Ella **WILLIAMS**, Solomon **DRUMMER** and Pauline **SIMMONS**, Nathan **HANKS** and Rebecca **CARTER**, Fletcher **BURNETT** and Nellie **BASKERVILLE**, Linwood **TISDALE**, Jr., and Mary **BRAGG**, Vaney S. **HESTER** and Mary E. **RICE**, Johnnie **HARPER**, Alfred **JACKSON** and Eola **PHILLIPS**, Lewis **CHEATHAM** and Pernell **CHEATHAM**, Lucious **LANDIS** and Magnolia **ATKINS**, Jeff **BASKERVILLE** and Rosa L.

JOHNSON, Ruben **BUTCHER** and Annie **BRACEY**, Winston **CRUTE** and Belle **WEBER**, William **HARRIS** and Eva **THORP**, George **HAYES** and Ruth **BASKERVILLE**, Johnnie **BAWSE** and Nannie **HARPER**.

Microfilm, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

QUERIES

Queries should be typed or legibly printed and should not exceed 70 words, not including the name and address of the submitter. Surnames should be capitalized and dates written as day-month-year. Please do not use abbreviations, as the staff will make necessary abbreviations when needed. Deadlines for submissions are as follows: February 15 for March issue, May 15 for June issue, August 15 for September issue and November 15 for the December issue. Queries will be printed as space allows and may be edited to conform to requirements and space allowances. Queries may be mailed to Granville County Genealogical Society 1746, Inc., P. O. Box 1746, Oxford, NC 27565, Attn: Editor, or they may be emailed to Bonnie at bonniebr5@cs.com or Mildred at currin5@gte.net.

Ina Lee Collins Tingen, 3159 Knollwood Dr., Apt 17A, Mobile, Alabama 36693, Inalee@aol.com

Great-grandfather James A **COLLINS**, born March 6, 1822 Warrenton, NC married Susan **BARNES**, dau of Mildred **HANKS** and Wm **BARNES**. James was a Master Printer and editor of the District Democrat, Oxford, NC. Son Thomas was also a printer and married Nannie Link **MITCHELL**. Any information on the **BARNES**, **COLLINS**, **HANKS**, **MITCHELL** families will be greatly appreciated.

Sandra Hart, fiveoharts50@verizon.net

Researching family history to hopefully pass to my grandson and have information that Gerald and Emma **JEFFERSON** had ties to a farm/plantation in Henderson, NC and that Gerald was the son of a female slave on this plantation. Family stories that have been passed down give the plantation location as "Red Clay Hill" in Henderson. I'm hoping to find someone who can identify where this would be today

Don't Forget!! We can now do one query for you per quarter



Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?" Mabel answered, "I have a suppository?" She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now, I think I know where my hearing aid is."

Interesting History of Education in Granville County

Public Ledger, January 16, 1925

Part 1 of 2

Written by Wesley F. VEASEY, Granville County Student At the University of North Carolina

BIBLIOGRAPHY

State Superintendent's Reports from 1854 to 1922; County Superintendents' report; Reports of Local School Boards in Granville County; Knight's Public Education in North Carolina; Knight's Public Education in the South.

Granville County was formed in 1746 from Edgecombe County. There are no records to show that there were any schools in the county until 1779, though doubtless there were a few schools of some kind. When the academy movement began to spread over North Carolina. Granville County fortunately shared its part.

The first incorporated school was Granville Hall Academy, chartered in 1779. This institution gave instruction to male students, but nothing else is known about it. Following this in 1779 the Williamsboro Franklin Library Society and School was chartered. Later there were many other academies chartered, and there were several academies founded that were not chartered. The chartered academies in addition to the two mentioned above were: Montpeller Academy, chartered in 1810, and described as being on the land of W.M. SNEED near Oxford; Oxford Academy, chartered in 1811 and located on the land of T.B. LITTLEJOHN, near the court house; Williamsboro Academy, chartered in 1813; Ford Creek academy, chartered in 1835; Tar River Academy, chartered in 1850; Oxford Baptist Female College, chartered in 1851; Granville Institute chartered in 1854; Oak Hill Military Academy, chartered 1861; Tally Ho Female Academy, chartered 1861; and Horner School, chartered 1883. From time to time the schools mentioned above changed their names and sometimes changed their course of study, at times new subjects were given and old ones taken out of the curriculum. These changes were made not for the purpose of serving the students better, but because each new principal and board of trustees ran the school to suit themselves. For instance Oxford Academy was chartered in 1810(?) as a male academy but three years later the school was made larger and both sexes admitted.

The unchartered schools were more numerous and possibly more important than the chartered academies. The Williamsborough Academy founded in 1805, had a useful career for a number of years. Both sexes were admitted to this school, and each had the opportunity of studying Latin, Greek, Geography, English Grammar, mathematics, reading, writing, arithmetic, and the Sciences. Some others of the academies were Pleasant Grove Academy, founded in 1812; Oxford Female Seminary, founded in 1822; Grassy Creek Academy, founded in 1823; Henderson Law School, founded in 1822; Shiloh Classical School, founded in 1827; Concord Academy, founded in 1834; Union Academy, founded 1837; and Ford Creek Academy, founded in 1837. So far as it is known practically the same subjects were taught in most of these schools as were taught in Williamsboro Academy mentioned above. However, Oxford Female Seminary may have been an exception to others to the extent that it taught in addition to the regular subjects, fine arts, music, and good manners which were particularly designed to make the feminine sex more attractive.

According to statements made by C.H. **WILEY** there were private schools founded during his term of office of which the most noted were R.H. **GRAVES'** Select School at Brownsville, Male Academy at Island Creek, High School at Oak Hill, and the Male Academy at Knap of Reeds.

One of the earliest and most noted educators in the county was Henry **PATTILLO**, a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian. He spent at least twelve years of his life prior to 1780 teaching and preaching in Granville and Orange Counties, his most important school of the period being at Williamsboro. He was chosen by Governor **TYRON** as a delegate to attend the Provincial Congress of 1775. Through his efforts "Granville Hall" was incorporated in 1779 when the country was in the midst of war. Liberal subscriptions were given to this academy, and the charter instructed the trustees to purchase 500 acres of land and to erect a building on it, but further operations of the school are unknown. After publishing a volume of sermons, **PATTILLO** published a geography, which was probably the first one printed in this state. It was printed in 1796, and dedicated to General **DAVIS**.

The Masonic order, in 1850, purchased land and erected a building near Oxford, for the purpose of establishing Saint John's College, but because of the lack of finances, the building was used for a school. A few years later the school was converted into a Female College. Again, for the lack of finances the college was unsuccessful and the property was sold under mortgage. The Grand Lodge purchased the property, and under the advocacy of John H. **MILLS** the college was changed into the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Unfortunately the State failed to make any provisions for public schools until 1839. That year a law was passed which provided that each county should have schools that voted for them and would raise half enough money by local taxation for the support of the schools; the State gave the other half from the literary fund. The board of school superintendents were to be elected by the county courts in those counties which voted for schools. In turn the board of superintendents organized and divided its county into school districts and appointed the local trustees for each district. Then the local district had to build a school house sufficient to accommodate fifty children, and to levy the local tax before it could receive the appropriation from the state literary fund. In the election held in August of 1839, Granville County voted for the proposed plan of schools and by the fall of 1840 there were public schools in the county, opened to the free white children. There is no record of how many schools there were in the county but there were more schools than there were districts. The explanation for this was that the county was divided into a few large districts, and some of them had two schools. In all probability, the children in the remote part of some of the districts that had a school could not attend the school on account of the distance.

Until 1853 there was no central supervision of the schools and as a result the schools suffered. That year Calvin H. **WILEY** was appointed state superintendent of schools and immediately the school system began to develop. The report of the schools for Granville County for the first year that Mr. **WILEY** was in office show that there were eighteen schools taught. There were two schools in some of the districts so evidently some of the districts had no school. Also at that time the county was very large, and had there been a school in each of the eighteen districts many of the children could not have attended on account of the distance. There were 3801 children of school age reported and 1752 of that number had been enrolled. The schools were kept open for four

months and the most of them were taught by gentlemen of dignity who could use hickory limbs skillfully.

The report of 1857 shows that there were still only eighteen districts but the number of schools had increased to forty five, or twenty eight new schools has been erected in four years time. There were 2180 male children and 1991 female children of school age and of this number 937 of the males and 936 of the females were attending schools that were opened for an average of five and one-eighth months. Two years later there were the same number of districts, but two more schools were opened. That year the county collected \$1232 for the schools besides the amount collected by the local districts and the money given by the state literary board. The average salary for the teachers for that school year was \$28.

With the outbreak of the Civil War the schools began to decline. In 1860 there were 47 school districts in the County and only 159 schools. The sudden closing of so many of the schools seemed to be due to the fact that teachers could not be procured because of financial difficulties. At this time practically all of the teachers were men, and the type of men that were capable of teaching saw greater opportunities elsewhere. Many of the people were not yet convinced that women could conduct a school successfully. Of the 3509 children of school age that year only 708 were attending school. The average term of the schools was four months and the average daily attendance of the pupils enrolled was just a little over 60 per cent. The efforts to maintain schools during the war period were never given up. In 1863 there were 48 districts and 20 schools taught. However the number of pupils attending had diminished to 644 and the average length of the school term to three months. The chairman of the school board in 1863 received \$5299.96, disbursed \$1769.88 and had remaining on hand \$3530.08; thus it is evident that the financial obstacle was not the greatest one as what money that was available was not being spent. The school situation continued to grow worse until 1865 there were no public schools opened in Granville County.

Very soon after the close of the war efforts were made by the state while under the Presidential Plan of reconstruction, to establish public schools. The State legislature passed laws in 1866 which allowed any town or local district to levy taxes to support a school. Also some aid was given from the literary fund. During this period the people of Granville County were slow to open schools because of the poverty stricken condition of the whole county, although a few schools were opened. However, before there was time for any accomplishments to be made under this plan of education the congressional plan of reconstruction came to change the whole system but perhaps for the better. The first legislature after the ratification of the new State constitution in April, 1868 passed laws providing for public education for both races. This system provided that there should be a county board of education, and a county examiner. Also the county should be divided up into a convenient number of school districts and a school should be taught in each of these districts. All children should have equal school opportunities without race discrimination but separate schools should be available for the two races. As there were more Negro children of school age in the county than there were white children this meant that the people of Granville had an unusual burden, rather something never experienced before, when the people were almost poverty stricken. By 1869 the new system had scarcely gone into operation, but Mr. J.B. FLOYD, the newly appointed examiner reported that there were 16 school houses, though one is inclined to think that they had been built for some time as they were reported to be in poor condition. The

task to set up a good public school system was evidently a difficult one when there was a total of 8151 children of school age, 3791 white children and 4363 colored children, and only 3118 task,(?) much opposition to public schools was found in the county.

However, in spite of difficulties some success was made by the end of the school year in 1870, if the increase in number of such schools as were taught then may be called a success. That year the total number of schools taught were 50, of which 24 were for the colored children. The majority of the white people must have opposed the schools or at least felt indifferent toward them as there were only 326 white children enrolled in the 26 white schools. There were 600 children enrolled in the 24 colored schools. In a letter to the state superintendent Mr. **FLOYD** made the following remark, "We think that the opposition to the public schools is declining, and that our people would approve of liberal educational arrangements by the general government." Ten of the schools taught were taught in any kind of available vacant house that could be obtained for the purpose. Of the 40 school houses, 17 were frame houses and 23 were log houses. One gentleman, a member of the school board, in a certain township, in reporting the conditions of the school houses said: "They do very well in warm weather." The average daily attendance of the pupils enrolled was only 63 per cent. A gentleman from one township stated: "There would have been more children sent to school but parents were unable to clothe them suitably."

The schools in 1872 had improved to some extent. The County received \$8833.50 from the State to help support the schools. Also some of the schools were receiving from the Peabody Fund; Grassy Creek was getting \$300 and Oxford \$200 per annum. Many of the white children were not yet attending the public schools, only 908 of the 3446 of school age were enrolled. At this time there were four academies and eleven private schools which many of the white children were attending. By 1873 the colored people seemed to have developed a favorable attitude toward the public schools. They had been able to have the number of their schools increased to 41 and 2996 of the 4375 children of school age were going to school.

Public Schools of Oxford and Granville, Vol 44, Hays Collection, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

Smelting and Refining Works

Public Ledger, January 9, 1890

We are pleased to learn that new life in being infused into the mining interest of Raker City in the Northern part of the county. Immense quantities of copper and iron ore have been 'discovered' and a 40 ton water jacket will be erected at once. Quite a number of Pennsylvania capitalists are interested in the mines, and the company has been recently re-organized with W. **RAKER** as President. This gentlemen has had large experience in every department connected with the mining interest.

Raker City is located near the Atlantic & Danville Railroad, and we believe will take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded them to foster and encourage the company, and help make it one of the coming mining centres of North Carolina. It has every advantage and is in the very center of silver, copper and iron deposit which exist in large quantities in Northern Granville.

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Marriage is made in heaven, but so again is thunder and lightning!

Granville County Marriages 1877

Abstracted by Mildred C. Goss

Part 3 of 4

Hicks, William - colored - son of Robert Hicks and Maria Hicks & Emily Curtis daughter of and Nancy Curtis on 24 December 1877 by Cuffee Mayo, M.G.

Hite, Edward - son of Bedford Hite and Amanda C. Hite & Susan M. Tally daughter of Beverly Tally and Emily Tally on 12 September 1877 by John W. Royster, J.P.

Horner, Charles - colored - son of Sam Horner and Arrilla Horner & Amy Harris daughter of Moses Harris and on 18 November 1877 by Jas. H. Webb, J.P.

Howard, Robert - son of Joseph Howard and Mary Howard & Emily F. Currin daughter of James C. Currin and Lucy A. Currin on 3 May 1877 by F.R. Underwood, M.G.

Hunt, Henry - colored - son of Moses Hunt and Harriet Hunt & Martha Stamper daughter of Sam Stamper and Becca Stamper on 18 December 1877 by A.P. Eaton, M.G.

Hunt, James A. - colored - son of Adam Martin and Celia Martin & Emma Frances Royster daughter of Washington Royster and Sarah Royster on 31 May 1877 by W.D. Reavis, M.G.

Hunt, John - colored - son of Alex Hunt and Mary Hunt & Jane Bullock daughter of Lewis Bullock and Jane Bullock on 19 December 1877 by Oscar Bullock, M.G.

Hunt, Robert - colored - son of Bob Hunt and Ritta Hunt & Sarah Kittrell daughter of Giles Kittrell and Lucy Kittrell on 4 July 1877 by Jefferson Burwell, M.G.

Hunt, Robert A. - son of Richd. H. Hunt and Elizabeth Hunt & Anna J. Glover daughter of David K. Glover and Eliza J. Glover on 19 December 1877 by J.T. Gibbs, M.G.

Inscore, Durand - son of Abner Inscore and Susan Inscore & Roann L. Blackley son of Howell Blackley on 18 January 1877 by W.A.Barrett, M.G.

Jeffreys, Thomas - colored - son of Wm. Jeffreys and Harriet Jeffreys & Cornelia Parham daughter of George Parham and Hanna Parham on 25 December 1877 by R.A. Jenkins, J.P.

Jenkins, Walter D. - son of Wm. K. Jenkins and Ann E. Jenkins & Flora Ada York daughter of John W. York and Jane York on 28 November 1877 by J.K. Wood J.P.

Jones, Andrew J. - son of Littleton Jones and Jane G. Jones & Amanda E. Rogers daughter of Thos. J. Rogers and on 5 December 1877 by F. R. Underwood, M.G.

Jones, David - colored - son of Mingo Burroughs and Ritta Jones & Susan Higgs daughter of Merryman Higgs and Delphia Higgs on 1 March 1877 by William S. Pettigrew, M.G.

Jones, Frank - colored - son of unknown and Sarah Jones & Clara Cannady daughter of Wm. Cannady and Susan Cannady on 28 January 1877 by William P. White, J.P.

Jones, James - colored - son of James Jones and Violet Jones & Eliza Jane Umstead daughter of Harry Umstead and Helen Umstead on 16 January 1877 by Jno. Mitchell, M.G.

Jones, Phill - colored - son of Repps Jones and Ritta Jones & Julia Taylor daughter of Manion Gregory and Sallie Taylor on 19 December 1877 by W.A. Patillo, M.G.

Jones, Ruffin - colored - son of Sterling Jones and Harriet Jones & Eliza Taylor daughter of unknown and Vacey Hart on 10 October 1877 by J.A. Stradley, M.G.

Jordan, Hinton - colored - son of & Belle Reavis daughter of on 4 January 1877 by A.G. Hesler, M.G.

Jordan, Lemuel P. - son of Joseph Jordan and Mary C. Jordan & Fannie E. Lewis daughter of Willis Lewis and Rosa A. Lewis on 21 November 1877 by D.E. Jordan, M.G.

Kittrell, Isham W. - son of Eaton H. Kittrell and Rosa P. Kittrell & Mary T. Burton daughter of Horace Burton and Margaret Burton on 19 December 1877 by J.T. Gibbs, M.G.

Knott, Caleb M. - son of Henry T. Knott and Elizabeth D. Knott & Jennie Land daughter of Alexr. Land and Mildred Land on 14 June 1877 by R.H. Marsh, M.G.

Knott, Henry - colored - son of Allen Knott and Martha Knott & Maria Burton daughter of Edmond Burton and Hannah Burton on 16 December 1877 by Madison Harver, M.G.

Lassiter, James - son of Gray Lassiter and Susan Lassiter & Demarius Huff daughter of N.M. Huff and Martha Huff on 26 September 1877 by E. Powell, J.P.

Lassiter, Thomas - colored - son of Esau Lassiter and Nancy Lassiter & Catharine Lyon daughter of Emerson Lyon and Susan Lyon on 4 January 1877 by T.J. Tilley, J.P.

Lemay, Henry - colored - son of Ratler Lemay and Martha Lemay & Lizzie Burwell daughter of Mike Burwell and Betsy Burwell on 27 December 1877 by S.P.J.Harris, M.G.

Lemay, Moses - colored - son of Ratler Lemay and Martha Lemay & Lucinda Young daughter of Richard Young and Mary young on 5 April 1877 by S.P.J. Harris. M.G.

Lewis, Thomas - colored - son of Horatio Lewis and Kitty Lewis daughter of Henry Gilliam and Rebecca Pembleton on 3 October 1877 by T.R. Underwood, M.G.

Lewis, William - colored - son of unknown and unknown & Rose Henderson daughter of unknown and unknown on 9 May 1877 by J.W. Hart, J.P.

Lewis, Jackson - colored - son of Beverly Taylor and Luvenia Lewis & Frances Plummer daughter of Frank Plummer and Sarah Plummer on 27 December 1877 by Oscar Bullock, M.G.

Lyon, Alfred - colored - son of Smith Lanier and Lucy Lyon & Nancy Daniel daughter of James Daniel and Polly Daniel on 4 August 1877 by H.T. Hughes, J.P.

Lyon, Edward D. - son of E.C. Lyon and M.J. Lyon & Dora S. Mitchell daughter of W.L. Mitchell and S.J. Mitchell on 23 March 1877 by B.B. Hester, M.G.

Lyon, Robert - colored - son of Emmerson Lyon and Ann Lyon & Edie A.T. Day daughter of Ben Day and Margaret Taborn on 22 February 1877 by F.J. Tilley, J.P.

Mallory, Sidney C. - son of Wm. J. Mallory and Ann E. Mallory & Louie J. York daughter of John W. York and Sarah J. York on 14 December 1877 by J.T. Gibbs, M.G.

Mallory, William J. - son of Charles Mallory and Rebecca Mallory & Rebecca Owen daughter of David Owen and Mary Owen on 5 December 1877 by R.H. Marsh, M.G.

Marrow, Cain - colored - son of Aaron Marrow and Phebe Marrow & Eliza Lewis daughter of James Lewis and Hannah Lewis on 18 October 1877 by W.A. Pattillo, M.G.

Marrow, John B. - colored - son of Isaac Marrow and Rachael Marrow & Annie Satterwhite daughter of Dick Satterwhite and Polly Satterwhite on 26 August 1877 by W.A. Patillo, M.G.

Meadows, Edmund - colored - son of Green Elliott and Ritter Meadows & Alice Bullock daughter of Isham Satterwhite and Peggy Bullock on 28 November 1877 by Samuel Hunt, J.P.

Meadows, Frank - colored - son of unknown and Lottie Green & Riney Dalby daughter of Adolphus Dalby and Rosetta Dalby on 27 August 1877 by Harry Crews, M.G.

Meadows, Henry - son of unknown and Lucretia Meadows & Lucy A. Bowling daughter of John Boling and Christiana Boling on 4 January 1877 by Jas. H. Webb, J.P.

Merryman, Junius - colored - son of Simon Bryant and Susan Merryman & Betty Cheek daughter of Brunsick Cheek and Jackey Cheek on 19 December 1877 by A.P. Eaton, M.G.

Mills, William - colored - son of Jack Mills and Betsy Mills & Sue Garner daughter of Len Garner and Frances Garner on 18 October 1877 by J.A. Ash, M.G.

Mitchell, Ottoway - colored - son of Ottoway Cannady and Judy Mitchell & Caroline Mitchell daughter of Henry Mitchell and Emeline Mitchell on 27 June 1877 by William P. White, J.P.

Moore, Alfred - colored - son of Saml. Moore and Hannah Moore & Christiana Walker daughter of Marcus Tilley and Amy Tilley on 6 December 1877 by Jas. A. Webb, J.P.

Moss, Willis - colored - son of Abram Moss and Mary Ann Moss & Mary Curtis daughter of Joseph Curtis and Nancy Curtis on 14 September 1877 by W.R. Reavis, M.G.

McDougall, Samuel - colored - son of Will. McDougall and Emily McDougall & Panola Smith daughter of Hawkins Smith and Charity Smith on 18 January 1877 by William P. White, J.P.

Newman, William A. - son of Reuben Newman and Elizabeth Newman & Bettie Harris daughter of John Harris and Nancy Harris on 13 May 1877 by W.A. Belvin, J.P.

Noblin, Rufus M. - son of William Noblin and Elsie Noblin & Laura P. Smith daughter of Bourbon Smith and on 9 May 1877 by J.T. Gibbs, M.G.

Norwood, Presly - colored - son of Parker Norwood and Charlott Norwood & Christian Allen daughter of Milton Allin and Lila Allen on 27 December 1877 by John W. Royster, J.P.

Nutall, Harry - colored - son of Harry Nutall and Eveland Daniel & Pattie Green daughter of John Green and Parthenia Green on 6 February 1877 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Orenshaw, George - son of George Orenshaw and Catherine Orenshaw & Mary A. Wyatt daughter of R.G. Wyatt and Fannie Wyatt on 24 April 1877 by D.E. Jordan, M.G.

Overbey, Kyer - colored - son of Gilbert Overbey and Betsy Overbey & Sally Taylor daughter of Bowser Taylor and Mary Taylor on 12 July 1877 by W.A. Pattillo, M.G.

Parham, John B.F. - son of Lewis W. Parham and Julia A. Parham & Jinnie L. Gooch daughter of Wm. Gooch and Lucy A. Gooch on 18 October 1877 by J.A. Stradley, M.G.

Parham, Macon L. - son of Lewis R. Parham and Mary T. Parham & Kate C. Allen daughter of David Allen and Allen on 19 December 1877 by D.E. Jordan, M.G.

Parham, Robert - colored - son of John Parham and Sarah Parham & Fannie Marrow daughter of Phil Marrow and Polly Marrow on 9 December 1877 by W.A. Pattillo, M.G.

Parham, William - colored - son of Moses Parham and Hannah Parham & Elizabeth Taylor daughter of Solomon Taylor and Frances Taylor on 20 December 1877 by Woodson D. Reavis, M.G.

Parker, Junius - colored - son of Henry Parker and Haley Parker & Frances Bass daughter of Turner Evans and Martha Bass on 9 October 1877 by Jeff Burwell, M.G.

Parrish, Elba L. - son of Abel Parrish and Mary Parrish & Alice S. Newton daughter of Jas. H. Newton and Nancy S. Newton on 19 April 1877 by S.P.J. Harris, M.G.

Peace, Doctor Wesley - colored - son of Doctor Peace and Caroline Peace & Wealthy Smith daughter of William Smith and Frances Smith on 12 December 1877 by John W. Royster, J.P.

Warren County

Part I

Warren County was formed in 1779. In this year Bute County was divided, and the counties of Franklin and Warren formed from it.

Warren is bounded on the north by the Virginia line, on the east by Northampton and Halifax Counties, on the south by Franklin County, on the west by Granville.

Its population (1850) was 4604 whites; 441 free Negroes; 8867 slaves; 10,365 representative population.

Its products (1840) were 3,574,296 lbs. Tobacco; 380,954 lbs. Cotton; 9584 lbs. Wool; 395,351 bushels corn; 80,193 bushels oats; 25,551 bushels wheat; 1641 dollars worth of lumber.

It derives its name from Joseph **WARREN**, of Massachusetts.

Dr. Joseph **WARREN** was a Major-General in the Provincial forces, and fell in battle at Bunker Hill, on 17th June, 1775. He was born in Roxbury, in the State of Massachusetts, in 1741. After leaving college, he studied medicine with Dr. **LLOYD**, an eminent physician of his day, and commenced practice with great success. His personal appearance, his kind address, and humanity, won his way to the hearts of all, while his intellectual superiority gave him power among his countrymen. When Great Britain declared her power to tax and govern the colonies without representation, Warren, far in advance of public opinion, openly denounced it as tyranny in its most odious forms – this, too, in the very teeth of the myrmidons of the Crown.

The massacre of the Colonists, on the 5th of March, 1770, had been held as a sacred festival by the people of Boston. Orations were delivered on each anniversary, setting forth this murder legalized by the Crown. Twice was **WARREN** the orator on this deeply exciting subject. So patriotic were his sentiments – so hostile to British power – that the officers of the army under General **GAGE**, then quartered in Boston, declared that no more such orations should be delivered. It was openly stated that it would cost the life of any man who attempted it. **WARREN** took fire at a threat so openly and tyrannically made. He solicited the honor of delivering the oration in 1775. For this post he had few rivals, and it became well known that **WARREN** was to speak. The day came, and the weather was remarkably fine. The old South Meeting House was crowded at an early hour. The British officers, armed, filled the house and aisles, and some even occupied the pulpit. All entrance to the house was prevented. But **WARREN** reached the pulpit by a ladder from the outside. He pressed forward to his post. In the bloom of manhood, flushed with the spirit of liberty, the youthful orator advanced. The British officers, seeing his coolness and intrepidity, made way for him. An awful stillness, like that which in the convulsions of nature, often precedes the fell tornado of the Indies, prevailed. Each man felt the rapid palpitations of his own heart, and saw in the pale determined face, and closed lips of his neighbor, the peril of the occasion. The daring spirit of **WARREN** arose, and, in “thoughts that breathed and words that burned,” he spoke of the early history of the colonists, their rights, and the claims of justice; how their rights had been trampled down, how violated by the tyrant power of England. His descriptions of suffering, agony, and blood of the colonists, chilled even the spirits of the British. The scene was sublime – the cause of truth prevailed. The

day passed without any violence. Warren and his friends were prepared to chastise insolence, prevent disgrace, and avenge any attempt at assassination.

This is a scene of moral courage and sublimity worthy of the pencil of the painter or the chisel of the sculptor. The thunder of Demosthenes rolled at a distance from Philip and his hosts; Cicero poured forth his invective when surrounded by the Senate and free from danger of the dagger of Cataline; but **WARREN** spoke to the very teeth of the proud oppressors of his country, resting on their loaded arms, whose errand was to overawe and whose business it was to conquer. No example in Roman history exceeds this in moral courage or in moral sublimity.

“ _____ Is there in the abyss,
Is there, among the adamantine spheres,
Wheeling unshaken through the boundless void,
Aught that with half such majesty can fill
The human bosom?”

If ancient Rome placed the statue of Brutus among those of her heroes and her gods, should not one rise to the memory of **WARREN**, to perpetuate the remembrance of this heroic act?

In June 14th, 1775, the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts made him Major-General of their forces. But he was not destined long to wear these honors. At Breed's Hill, when the Provincials, under Colonel **PRESCOTT**, were attacked by the English troops on the 17th, General **WARREN** appeared. Col. **PRESCOTT** offered him the command, but he declined, and with a musket took his place in the ranks. He was killed as the Provincials were slowly retreating from the superior forces of the British. This place has now become sacred ground. A tall monument marks the consecrated spot, “to meet the sun in his coming; the early light of the morning gilds it, and parting day lingers on its summit.”

Strangers from distant lands visit it, for it is associated in their memories with the Marathon and Plataeas of former ages, and with all the mighty struggles of determined freedom for its long lost liberty. Meet is it that North Carolina, in one of her fairest counties, has preserved the name of this noble son of patriotism, whose life-blood cemented the foundations of her liberty, and who died battling in her sacred cause!

“There were no Tories in Bute,” says her historian, and the records of truth.

When the Provincial Congress recommended that Committees of Safety be chosen in 1775, for each county, Bute rose as one man, and, on motion of Benjamin **WARD**, “one of each kin was selected to act as one of the Committee,” thus connecting with *living links* the chain of freedom.

She sent to the General Meeting, on the 25th of August, 1774, at Newbern, William **PERSON** and Green **HILL**.

To same place, on the 3d of April, 1775, William **PERSON**, Green **HILL**, James **RANSOME**, and Thomas **EATON**.

To Hillsboro, on the 21st of August, 1775, she sent William **PERSON**, Green **HILL**, Jethro **SUMNER**, Thomas **EATON**, Rev. Henry **PATTILLO**, and Josiah **REDDICK**.

To Halifax, on the 4th of April, 1776, William **PERSON**, Green **HILL**, William **ALSTON**, Thomas **SHERROD**, and Philemon **HAWKINS**.

At this Congress, Thomas **PERSON** was appointed Brigadier-General of the Hillsboro' District; Jethro **SUMNER**, Colonel of the 3d Regiment of Continental Troops. And of the Bute Regiment, Thomas **EATON**, Colonel; William **ALSTON**, Lieutenant-Colonel; Thomas **SHERROD**, Major; Green **HILL**, 2d Major.

To the Congress of Halifax, on the 12th of November, 1776, James **DENTON**, Thomas **EATON**, Philemon **HAWKINS**, Benjamin **SEWELL**, and Benjamin **WARD**.

The character of William **PERSON** is one of great interest. We regret that our efforts have been thus far unavailing, to ascertain the birth, family, education, and death of this worthy patriot. But the records afford ample testimony of his devotion to the principles of liberty, and the magnanimity of his character.

General Jethro **SUMNER** was of Warren County, an early, active, and patriotic soldier of the Revolution. His father, William **SUMNER**, emigrated from England about 1690, and settled near Suffolk, Virginia.

On the 8th of May, 1760, he was ordered "by the Hon. William **BYRD**, Esq., Colonel of the Virginia Regiment, and Commander-in-chief of the Virginia forces," to proceed (with Sergeant **NASH**) with all convenient speed to Fort Cumberland, to act as Paymaster. During this year he was the commanding officer of Fort Cumberland.

He was appointed in April, 1776, by the Provincial Congress, Colonel of the 3d Regiment of Continental Troops. William **ALSTON** was Lieutenant-Colonel; Samuel **LOCKHART**, Major.

He joined the army of the North, under **WASHINGTON**, and after that campaign, came South with General **GATES**, and behaved with great bravery on the fatal field of Camden (August, 1780).

In October following he was at Yadkin's Ford, from which General **SUMNER**, in camp, reports on the 10th of October, 1780, the defeat of **FERGUSON** on King's Mountain to General **GATES**, and by General **GATES** sent to Congress.

He joined General **GREENE**, and with him was in the hard-fought battle of Eutaw Springs, 8th of September, 1781, and commanded the Continental Troops from North Carolina; their bravery, in charging the enemy with trailed arms, contributed greatly to the success of the day.

He continued to serve in the South until the daring feat of **FANNIN**, in the abduction of the Governor of North Carolina, September, 1781. General **GREENE**, alarmed at the effect of such an outrage, ordered General **SUMNER** to North Carolina, to tranquilize the public mind,

encourage the friends of liberty, and to subdue the Tory influence. He traversed the eastern section of North Carolina, and was in the State at the close of the war.

A letter from General **GREENE**, dated at Charleston, 2d February, 1783, to General **SUMNER** says: "Were there any probability of action soon, I should be anxious to have your services in this army. But from the situation of your line, and the probable inactivity of the army for some time to come, I have no objection to your remaining in North Carolina, where you can attend to the recruiting service and your own private concerns at the same time."

After the war was over, he resigned, and married a wealthy widow (**HEISS**) of Newbern, by whom he had two children, Thomas Edward, who died without issue, and Jacky, who married Hon. Thomas **BLOUNT**, of Edgecombe, who died in Congress in 1812, without issue.

General Sumner lies buried in Warren County, near the road from Lewisburg to Warrenton, near old Shocco Chapel and Bute old court house, and bears this inscription: ---

To the memory
of
General Jethro Sumner,
one of the Heroes of '76.

History of North Carolina, pg 423 – 442, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

County Game Warden
Oxford Public Ledger, August 25, 1931
Submitted by Kitty Humphries

The Public Ledger is reliably informed that Mr. Alex **WILLIAMS** has been appointed Game Warden for the district composed of Granville and Person Counties to succeed Mr. Wiley **YANCEY**, resigned. Mr. C.H. **ENGLAND**, State Game Warden, recently visited Oxford and announced that he would name Mr. **WILLIAMS** for the position in a few days.

The open season for hunting squirrels begins on September 1. All sportsmen must have a license to hunt on the lands of another. Land owners have the privilege of hunting on their own lands without license. Boys under 16 years of age can use their father's license. All persons 16 and over are required to have a license. The buttons must be worn so they can be plainly seen. Hunting license should be carried while hunting.

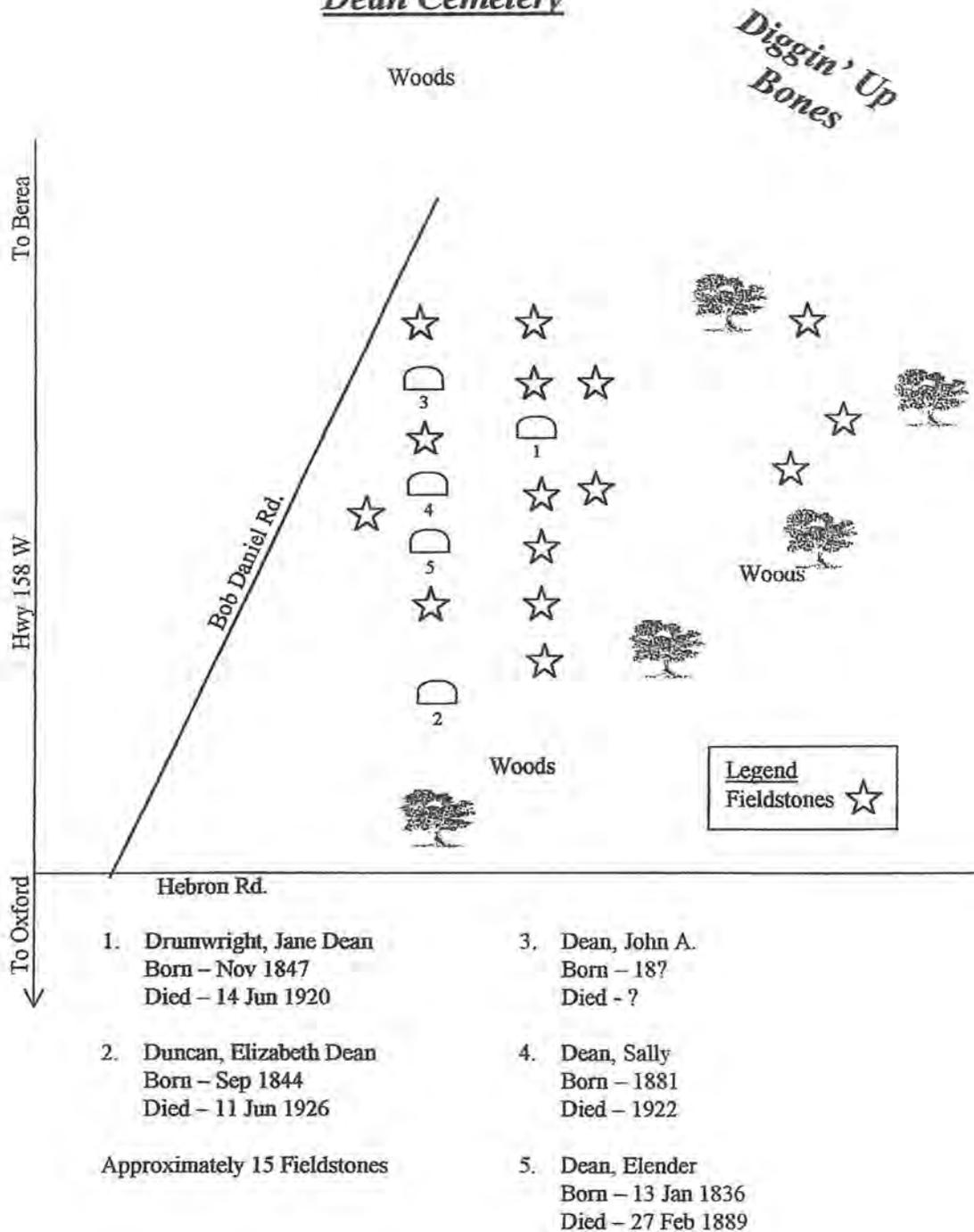
The price of licenses and the bag limit is the same as last year. Mr. Elwood **DAVIS**, in the Sheriff's office, will place the licenses on sale in a few days.

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Friendship is like money: easier made than kept. *Samuel Butler*

Dean Cemetery



Take Hwy 158W from Oxford. Turn right on Hebron Rd. (SR1150); drive 1.1 mi.; turn left on Bob Daniel Rd. (SR1307). Pass a Spanish style house on the left. A lane on the right side of the road leads to the cemetery. It can be seen from the road in the winter. It is well maintained and preserved.
Canvassed by Jessie McLam, February 1997.

List of Seniors in Granville Co. High Schools

Oxford Public Ledger, October 15, 1929
Submitted by Dr. Richard Taylor, Oxford, NC

Courtesy of the County Superintendent
For the Session of 1929-1930

Floyd Allen, Creedmoor R 1;
W.B. Bragg, Jr., Oxford R 2
Emil Preddy, Franklinton R1
Garland Smith, Hester R1
Lillie Mae Bragg, Oxford R 2
Sallie Gooch, Franklinton R 1
Pearl Lloyd, Oxford R 2

Annie Faye Aiken, Creedmoor
Catherine Curl, Creedmoor
Mildred Daniel, Creedmoor
Josephine Gooch, Hester R 3
Margaret Garner, Creedmoor
Louise Peed, Creedmoor
Reba Smith, Creedmoor
Irine Sandling, Wake Forest R 4
Dorothy Wilkins, Northside

R.T. Critcher, Oxford
James Morris, Oxford R 1
Annie Lou Briggs, Oxford R 1
Ruby Hobgood, Oxford R 1
Florence Jones, Berea
Ruby Newton, Oxford R 1
Mattie Williford, Moriah

Sherman Newton, Nelson
George Pittard, Nelson
Kenneth Clark, Virgilina
Arthur Parker, Nelson
Elizabeth Chandler, Nelson
Myrtle Watkins, Virgilina
Irene Clark, Virgilina
Willie Lee Slaughter, Oxford
Nettie Yancey, Virgilina

Bettie Nelms, Stem

Wilton School

Ben Brummitt, Oxford R 2;
James Catlette, Youngsville R2
Thomas Husketh, Creedmoor R1
Simon Blackley, Franklinton R1
Effie Lou Currin, Oxford R 2
Irene Fuller, Oxford R 2

Creedmoor School

Marie Bradsher, Hester R 1
Beulah Daniel, Creedmoor
Glaysd Estes, Creedmoor
Marjorie Green, Hester R 3
Annie Laurie Haskins, Stem
Marie Rogers, Creedmoor
Sue F. Thompson, Creedmoor
John Turner, Jr., Creedmoor

Berea School

Leva E. Clayton, Oxford
Spencer O'Brian, Oxford R 1
Helen Clark, Berea
Dixie Mae Hobgood, Oxford R 4
Edna Morris, Oxford R 1
Pauline Thorp, Berea

Oak Hill School

Luby Chandler, Nelson
Ballard Norwood, Virgilina
Hal Royster, Virgilina
Evie Sue Blackwell, Virgilina
Virgie Huff, Virgilina
Mary Winston, Virgilina
Beulah Thomas, Virgilina
Ophelia Vaughn, Virgilina

Stem School

Gracie Bullock, Oxford R 1

Zella Washington, Stem
Helen Meadows, Stem
Helen Roberts, Stem
Sudie Hopkins, Stem
Charles Farabow, Stem
Jack Ellis, Oxford R 1
Harry Lee Daniel, Oxford, R 6

Lacy Smith, Stem
Allie Gentry, Oxford R 6
Mable Mayes, Oxford R 6
Hortense King, Oxford R 1
Carroll Bullock, Stem
Alpheus Ingold, Stem
Morgan Daniel, Oxford R 6

Stovall School

Francis E. Davis, Bullock
Willie G. Woltz, Bullock
Evelyn Campbell, Bullock
Virginia Crutcher, Stovall
Alva Leigh Green, Oxford R 5
Edith Moore, Stovall
Hazel O'Brien, Oxford R 5
Janet Royster, Bullock
Rugh Sizemore, Sudan
Penny Woody, Stovall

John M. Royster, Bullock
Gladys Bentley, Oxford R 5
Dorothy Campbell, Bullock
Virginia Earl, Stovall
Helen Hicks, Stovall
Etta Norwood, Bullock
Marie Royster, Bullock
Bernice Satterwhite, Oxford R 5
Isabell Spicer, Stovall
Mildred Woody, Oxford R 5

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Colonel William Eaton of Locust Hill

When Granville County was formed in 1746, our first Court House was located at the home of Colonel William **EATON**, which is about four miles southwest of Henderson, and today known as our old Country Home place.

Colonel William **EATON** moved to this place from near Petersburg, Virginia. He died in 1759, and his will is printed in full in one volume of "Grimes Old Wills of North Carolina" which tells of the many properties he owned. He left eight children.

A son, Charles Rust **EATON**, 1744 – 1822, inherited the home place, marrying "Elizabeth – " having two sons and six daughters. Charles R. **EATON** was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Militia of Granville County in 1775 and Sheriff in 1784.

A son, Colonel John R. **EATON**, 1772 – 1829, inherited Locust Hill, but he lived at Bloomsbury, east of Williamsboro, as he married in 1801, Susan **SUMMERVILL**, living at her place.

Their oldest son, John Summervill **EATON**, 1805 – 1853, lived at Locust Hill, marring "Sally **BURWELL**". Locust Hill was left to a niece, Sally John **EATON**, who married the late Joseph **BURWELL** of our City, the place then containing 2600 acres of land. Later, the place was divided, the home place becoming the property of Captain James B. **WHITE**. Later, he moved to Henderson, the place becoming our County Home. A few years ago, it was sold off in small tracts.

Historic Vance County, John Bullock Watkins Jr., 1941 pg 34, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

Nutbush Presbyterian Church Plans Bicentennial Program

News & Observer, September 22, 1957

By Henry Dennis

Henderson, Sept. 21 – On Sunday, Sept. 29, one of the oldest active church congregations in North Carolina will hold exercises in observance of the bicentennial of its founding. Nutbush Presbyterian Church at Townsville, in northern Vance County, was established in 1757, exactly two hundred years ago, and has been active continuously since that time.

The name Nutbush is rooted deep in the history and traditions of this section of North Carolina. It bears significance in the religious life of the people, in geography, in politics and in recreation.

In addition to its religious connection, the name applies to a township in Vance County. This township is small both in area and in population. For years it was one of the first precincts to report its vote in national elections.

Elaborate plans have been made for the celebration Sept. 29. Morning and afternoon services will be held in the new stone edifice that rose from the ashes of the old frame structure that was destroyed by fire some years ago. The worship theme will be paramount, but there will be a history of the congregation, its achievements and its present status. Music, including some of the great old hymns of Christendom, will have prominent part on the program both morning and afternoon.

Between the services will be a picnic dinner on the grounds, with members bringing their own baskets to provide the food for the event.

The Scripture reading will be by the new pastor, Rev. Robert W. **CHILDRESS**, who will lead the morning prayer. The sermon, or meditation, will be by Rev. Charles S. **MCCHESENEY**, a former pastor, and the church history will be given by Dr. T.A. **SHAFER**.

In the afternoon another former pastor, Rev. J. Alston **BOYD**, will lead the prayer. Greetings from the moderator of Granville Presbytery will be given by Rev. A.E. **THOMAS**, and Dr. M.S. **WOODSON** will speak as moderator of the North Carolina Synod. The sermon will be by Rev. Mr. **BOYD**.

Nutbush church today is not large numerically. It has only about 100 members. Rev. Robert W. **CHILDRESS** is the pastor. Elders are C.U. **SAMFORD**, clerk, C.H. **HOWELL**, C.M. **WHITEHOUSE**, A.G. **MOSS**, A.L. **TWISDALE**, W.B. **TARRY**.

E.C. **MOSS** is chairman of the board of deacons, the others being C.U. **SAMFORD** Jr., W.B. **TWISDALE**, H.L. **TUCKER** Sr., F.W. **HARRIS**, J.L. **REAVIS** and W.B. **CURL**.

Mrs. W.W. **SPARROW** is president of the Women of the Church; C.H. **HOWELL**, president of the Men of the Church; Ann **CURL**, president of the Youth Fellowship, and F.W. **HARRIS** Sunday school superintendent.

Nutbush church was organized under the jurisdiction of Hanover Presbytery, which included the entire southern part of the country. The first pastor, Rev. James **CRESTWELL**, was installed on October 2, 1765, to serve Nutbush and Grassy Creek churches. In 1770, while he was still pastor, Orange Presbytery was formed, embracing among other churches, Nutbush. In 1889, Orange Presbytery was divided to form Albemarle Presbytery. Nutbush became a part of the latter unit and remained so until 1923, when it became part of Granville Presbytery, formed that year.

Rev. Mr. **CRESTWELL** served Nutbush as pastor until he moved to South Carolina in 1780, and was succeeded by Rev. Henry **PATILLO** from Orange County.

The congregation deeded to Mr. **PATILLO** 300 acres of land on Spicemarrow (or Spewmarrow) creek, on the condition that he serve as pastor as long as he was able. His ministry ended in 1801.

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Adoniram Articles

Oxford Public Ledger, September 11, 1891

Farmers have commenced curing tobacco. Quality very inferior and color bad.

Mr. Jas. **PITTARD**, son of the late G.W. **PITTARD**, and a resident of Roanoke, Va., is on a visit to his mother.

Jeff **DANIEL** need not complain of dull times selling marriage licenses between seasons. Just hold on until Oct. 15th and then look out.

We have a little stranger among us – Hugh Sidney **DANIEL**, a little son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. **DANIEL** of Clay, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. **WATKINS**.

Mr. D.T. **WINSTON** will leave for New Orleans on the 15th inst. We are sorry to part with our bright young men, but are glad to know they do well in their new homes.

Mr. M.B. **WINSTON**, of Morgan, Texas, who has been on a visit to his father B.T. **WINSTON**, Esq., returned home a few days ago and arrived safely. Some of our girls are very sad at this departure.

Owing to so much rain recently operations in the iron mines have been postponed until the 10th inst. The agent of the company says if the ore is as good as that found on top of the ground the iron will be worked very extensively at once.

Say to farmer in regard to the Gall Harrow that Granville county farmers are not big fools but the most magnanimous people on earth, believing everybody as easy to be gulled; but hold on to your plow brother. Everything is good for something. The churn power we put over in the gutter out of sight and we have forgotten it, but put you up a shed near your front gate and write on it storage for humbugs and the plow will last for a reminder many years. - Rex

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Hallowe'en Frolic

Oxford Public Ledger, October 27, 1925

A Real Community Event

To Be Held At the Oxford Woman's Club House Next Friday Afternoon and Night

The October Circle of the Woman's Club is planning two Hallowe'en parties for Friday, October 30th. One in the afternoon at 3:30 for young folks under sixteen, and the other at 8:30 for everybody in town over sixteen – both to be given at the Woman's Club House.

The spirit of Hallowe'en will reign supreme at both parties.

There will be witches and ghosts and goblins and games to make merry for the children. Mr. and Mrs. Spook will be there also to greet them.

The evening entertainment is planned as a real community event. Every citizen of Oxford is urged to join heartily in making this a real mix together occasion by laying aside their dignity and taking an active part of the frivolities. There is no age limit for everyone is to be young on this night.

The people of Oxford need to play more – mothers, fathers, daughters. There will be games etc., in which everyone can join. There will be many old-fashioned features such as the Square Dance and the Virginia Reel, lead by Grandmothers and Grandfathers of Oxford. Everyone is expected to take part in those dances.

Ghost stories will also be told by Oxford's gifted story tellers.

Everyone is requested to come in Ghost Costume with masks. Who will your partners for the dances and games be? Added zest is given by this feature, the mystery of the unknown.

The real atmosphere of Hallowe'en will be present, unique, decorations, stringed music, quaint, unreal people about; witches with their cats, weird superstitions, the fateful tests that endow Hallowe'en with its mysterious fascination – and oddly appropriate games.

Let every one come out, and not only make this occasion a success in a financial way but one of real merriment and fun.

Admission: Adults, 50; Children, 25¢.

Microfilm OxPL-34, Oxford Public Ledger, July 23, 1925 – December 25, 1925, Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me....I know we've been friends for a long time....but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Stem Stemming

Public Ledger, January 30, 1915

Mr. L.W. **HALL** and F.P. **SHERMAN** were Durham visitors Monday.

Mr. Jerome **EAKES** of Route 1, spent Monday night in Oxford.

Mr. S.J. **HUDGINS**, of Shoo Fly, is suffering from a very sore arm.

Misses Annie Belle and Fannie **AVERETT** spent the week end with Misses Mary and Ora **CRYMES**.

Messrs. E.W. **WEST** of Route 2, and Mr. W.R. **FARABOW**, were Oxford visitors Monday.

Miss Grace **TACKETT**, of Chase City, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E.A. **INGOLD**.

Mr. J.J. **GUTHRIE** is having porches built to his residence on Sunset street.

Master Ernest **HUNT**, of Oxford, spent the week end with relatives in this community.

Mr. R.S. **GREEN**, formerly of near Oxford, has moved to the Ellick **GOSS** place on Route 2.

Mr. F.M. **THOMASSON**, of Route 3, and Mr. M.H. **BRAGG** were Oxford visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie **JONES**, of Zebulon, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. S.P. **WASHINGTON**, of Tally Ho.

Mr. D.J. **BOWLES**, of Durham, visited Mr. Thomas **AIKEN**, of Route 2, the past week.

Mr. John **OWEN**, of Tar River, who has been critically ill with pneumonia is rapidly improving and is out of danger.

Mr. G.W. **STROUD**, of Tally Ho, has recently moved to the place formerly occupied by Mr. R.M. **CARDEN**, deceased.

Messrs. W.T. **ROBERTS**, Len **COLEY**, C.H. **PARRISH** and Allen **JONES**, of Route 1, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. H. Grady **COOK**, of Guilford county, who has been spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. **COOK** returned home Monday.

Mr. E.F. **WALL**, of Poole, Ky., who is on a visit to his brother, Mr. R.W. **WILKERSON**, of Route 3, spent Thursday night with friends in Durham.

Messrs. W.S. **GOOCH** and W.R. **FARABOW** returned Saturday from Raleigh, where they spent several days last week.

Mrs. J.H. **GOOCH**, who has been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. D.S. **REID**, of Winston-Salem, returned home Tuesday.

We are glad to learn that the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. **ADCOCK**, of Route 2, which has been very ill, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter **JOHNSON** returned Thursday from their bridal trip to Raleigh and will make their home near Sanders crossing on Route 3.

Dr. W.S. **COZART**, Jr., of the U.S. Marine Hospital, Boston, Mass., who has been on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. **COZART**, returned home Wednesday.

A Union meeting will be held at Knotts Grove church next fifth Saturday and Sunday with two services on Saturday. An interesting program has been prepared and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Yancey **OAKLEY**, of Route 2, received a telegram Sunday from his daughter, Mrs. K.K. **EDWARDS**, of Henderson, saying that her two year old son was at the point of death, whereupon Mr. **OAKLEY** left for Henderson on the afternoon train.

The road leading from Stem to Culbreth is said to be in worse condition than ever before. At one point near Mr. W.E. **STEM'S** it is almost impassable. It seems to be a hard matter to build a road that will stand in that section.

WALTERS and **SHERMAN** sold out their stock of goods last week to Mr. J.H. **GOOCH** and have retired from the mercantile business. We regret to have them leave our community as both are excellent men and their stay among us has been very pleasant.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the little fifteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. **STEM**, of Hester's church section, which occurred Tuesday, after a short illness with pneumonia. The burial took place Wednesday evening in the J.R. **STEM** burying ground on Route 3. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents.

The friends of Mr. E.L. **JONES** will be glad to learn that he is having splendid success in buying tobacco in Bloomfield, Ky., for The Liggett-Myers Tobacco Co. He has purchased over 400,000 of Burly tobacco since the middle of December and this quality of tobacco is bringing a good price. Mr. **JONES** is an expert judge of the weed and is 'at home' in this kind of work.

On last Thursday night about nine o'clock as freight train No. 272, going from Durham to Richmond, was coming in on the switch, a car that was heavy loaded with lumber rode the switch and ran off the track at a point opposite the Jones **MAYES** mill house. Captain J.J. **GUTHRIE**, hearing the noise came at once and quietly gathered his force of hands. Section forman, John **DEAN**, of Stovall, was called by wire and came with his hands and assisted Captain **GUTHRIE** in the work of repairing the main track which was badly torn up. After laboring all night the track was replaced so that passenger train No. 119, which has been detained in Stem all night, left about eight o'clock for Durham. The freight train remained on the siding until two o'clock Friday night. Barring the delay in traffic to serious inconvenience resulted and no one was hurt.

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in La Crosse, WI. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.

Granville County Deaths

June 1, 2004 – August 31, 2004

(Names and Ages of Residents Retrieved from Oxford Public Ledger/Butner-Creedmoor News Newspapers)

Adams, Pauline Curl	89	Fields, Thelma O'Steen	79
Allen, Willie Marvin	79	Frazier, John Clinton 'Johnny'	64
Alston, Robert Leon	16	Frazier, W. Howard	81
Annas, John Wayne	68	French, Gertie Taylor Stovall	
Bailey, Jr., Johnnie L.	22	Fuller, James Preston	72
Bailey, Sr., Louis Norman	77	Glover, Juanita Brooks Rogers	90
Ball, Carolyn Ann	62	Grady, A. Phil	59
Bass, Effie Gray	54	Graham III, Augustus 'Gus' W.	79
Bass, Mary Frances Daniel	78	Green, Annie Lee Vass	95
Beattie, Margaret Downey	55	Green, Tonya Walker	31
Bennett, Maurine Friddle	88	Gregory, Alma	67
Blalock, Teresa Cozart Bass	39	Grissom, F. Janie	88
Blaylock, Alene Keith	77	Gupton, Doris Collins	67
Brooks, Lawrence Wayne	45	Haithcock, Dorothy Carmack Roberts	68
Buchanan, Elsie Champion	83	Hammie, Thomas Sylvester 'June'	75
Bullock, Essie Wortham	91	Harmon, Hazel H.	81
Bullock, Matthew Thomas		Harris, Alphonzo	
Burwell, Jr., Nathaniel Daniel 'Nat'	71	Harris, Annie Laura Saunders	78
Campbell, Thomas Chadwick	55	Harris, Ernest 'Shorty'	53
Canada, Darrell Martin	42	Harward, Zula Marie	62
Carter, James Neal	74	Heard, Anna L.	80
Carter, Jr., Caulie Lee	83	Henderson, Alice Taylor	73
Carter, Rev. Jimmie Mack	61	Hester, Alvin	66
Champion, Estelle Morris	84	Hite, Willie Lee Owen	85
Champion, Stuart Carter	73	Hobgood, William Eugene 'Billy'	72
Cifers, Robert Ray	55	Hockaday, Thelma Hedgepeth	79
Claiborne, Sr., William David	75	Holding, William Henry 'W.H.'	76
Coley, Sr., Haywood Howell	84	Holloway, Tressie Bernice	77
Cooper, Tommy Lee 'Tuttie'	52	Hollowell-Nash, Anthony Christopher	Inf
Coran, Hazel Lu Carrie	78	Honeycutt, Sr., Marvin Leroy	93
Cozart, Rainey	87	Horn, Lillian Harp	82
Crudup, Roberta Kingsberry	82	Howard, Josephine 'Jo' W.	59
Currin, Garland Mayes 'Bubber'	78	Huff, Jr., Bernice Daniel 'Jimbo'	84
Curtis, Wyoming Wynn	62	Hunt, Crawford	79
Daniel, MacFarlene Gregory	29	Ide, Jack J.	91
Dannelly, Joan Martha Lanza	70	Jackson, Ronnie Irvin	53
Dickens, Ruby Faucette	81	Jonas, Lillian	
Douglas, Mollie B. Cates	91	Jones, Edith Rose Newton	68
Driggs, Berkley Gilbert	76	Jones, Lex	67
Dunn, Juanita Jean Marshall	69	Jones, Salonia Lemay	55
Eaton, Rev. Jesse Leon	51	Jones, Santora F.	40
Evans, Cora Thorpe	68	Jordan, David C.	44
Evans, Louise Harris	63	Jordan, Mary Matfield	67
Faucette, Thelma King	83	Keith, Dennis Chad	22

Keith, Thelma Duke	80	Weaver, Hazeline Roycroft	89
Kibler, Margaret Giese	71	Wesley, Irma Lee Griffith	84
Laws, James R.	84	West, Robert Lee	57
Livingston, Harriett Owens		West, Ullis Scott	68
Lloyd, Jr., Dr. Slayter 'S.T.'	51	Whitaker, Darla McComber	80
Lolley, Rev. Thomas E.	67	White, Jr., Isaiah	52
Lunsford, Brigitte Spiegel	50	Wilson, Magdalene Bailey	
McGhee, Sarah Morris	62	Winston, Bishop Clinton	91
McKnight, Alice Brobie	83	Wisdo, Irene Latta	77
McMannen, Sallie		Wood, Charles Richard	72
Metcalf, Elaine Rose	66	Yarborough, Manque	Inf
Miller, Margueritte Johnson	69		
Noah, Nannie Teasley	89		
Northington, Dennis Marshall	48		
Nutt, Mildred Dawson	77		
O'Brien, Harold William	65		
O'Neal, Jr., Elbert Scott	73		
Overby, Ruby Chavis	81		
Peoples, Jr., Lewis Jackson	58		
Pernell, Brenda Daniel	56		
Perry, Josephine Gooch Bullock	90		
Powell, George Vance	82		
Pruitt, Sylvia Dunn	61		
Rice, Rev. Thomas Stedman	82		
Rich, George Elmon	67		
Roberts, Colonel	92		
Robertson, Bessie Hicks	84		
Royster, William Gregory	59		
Royster, Willie L.	88		
Russell, Franklin D.	69		
Sinclair, Rasheda Ford	28		
Smith, Alsee	74		
Spencer, Edna Blackwell	92		
Stem, Sue Clayton	87		
Stephens, Laurie Anne	73		
Stone, Louise Beal	63		
Taylor, Dixie Hobgood	93		
Taylor, Jr., James 'Lightning'	62		
Terrell, Charlie Hugh 'Skeeter'	55		
Tew, Rhonda Sue	61		
Thompson, Catherine Driggs	87		
Thornton, Rev. Herman C.	75		
Tillotson, Jr., Charlie Sanford 'C.S.'	72		
Wade, Esther 'ET' Downey	63		
Walker, Breanna Marie	Inf		
Walker, Frank P.	83		
Walker, Thelma Noell	85		
Warren, Willie F.			

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