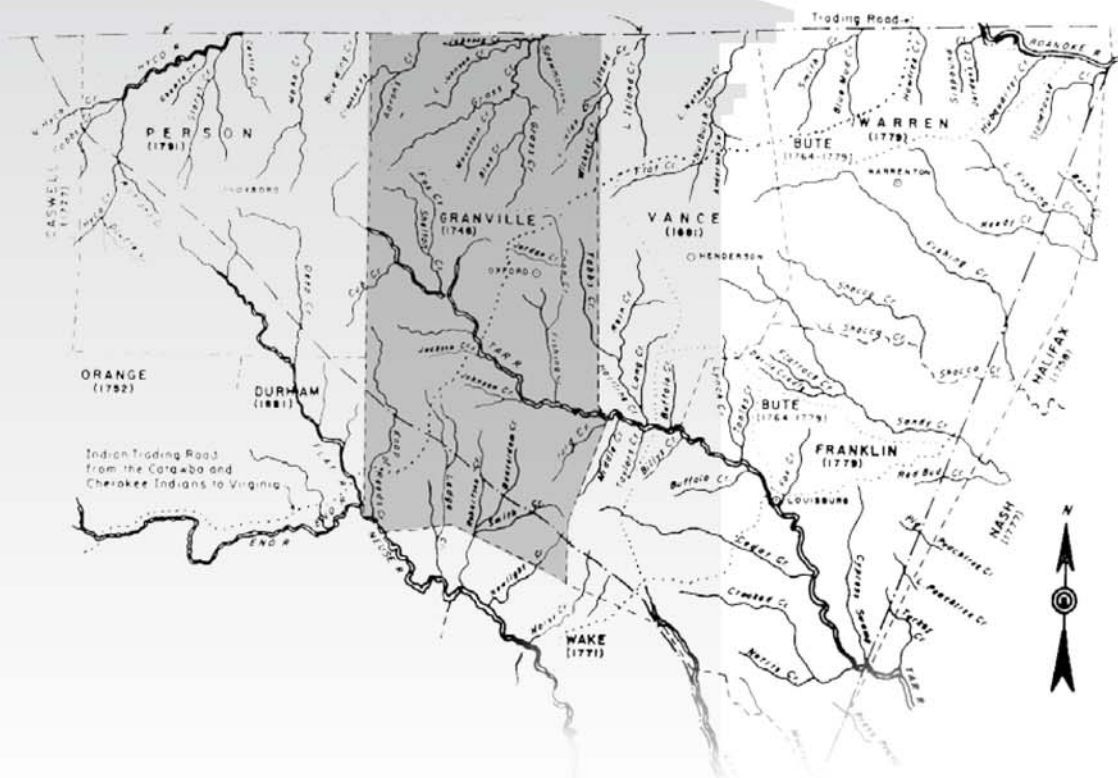


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From the President--

First things first. HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY to the Granville County Genealogical Society. We have come a long ways since 1994. We have shared tons of information with each other, while enjoying every minute of it.

We have seen the North Carolina Room at the Thornton Library in Oxford grow as we have grown. The room was a small 8X10 room with three doors and a big switch box which took up most of the space to what we have now. My goal when I agreed to organize the society was to have the North Carolina Room at the Thornton Library to be known world wide as a research library second to none.. Well, we are on our way to this.

We have had people from all over the United States and even Germany visiting and doing research in our North Carolina Room. People visiting our North Carolina Room are met by our North Carolina Room Specialist Mark Pace who is a walking history book. Mark grew up in neighboring Vance County and is very interested in the history of the area.

Now on to the holdings in the North Carolina Room. When I first started my family research 20 plus years ago , there were very few books in the North Carolina Room to use. The Hayes Collection was the biggest thing there to look in. Very few books were available for research. There was no employee assigned to the North Carolina Room. There was no computer to use. Our Society donated the first computer for the North Carolina Room. Take a look at the Acquisitions listed in each Journal and you will see what is being added to our North Carolina Room each quarter.

Also look at the wish list that is published each quarter. When we learn of a book out there and we do not have a copy, it is listed on the wish list. Anyone wishing to make a donation to our North Carolina Room can do so. A book

will make a nice memorial gift and help others with their research at the same time.

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You can e-mail us at mildredgoss@nc.rr.com or Allen Dew at allendew44@gmail.com We need this information to add to our records.

Have a nice Vacation and Happy Researching.
Mildred

The National Personnel Records Center Fire of 1973: Not Everything Was Destroyed

Dick Eastman ·

One of the big losses to genealogists and to many others occurred on July 12, 1973, when a fire destroyed many records at the National Personnel Records Center in Overland, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. The records storage facility was operated by the National Archives and Records Administration and housed military service records. The fire destroyed approximately 16 to 18 million official military personnel records. While that is a staggering number of records, it still represents only about one-third of its 52 million official military personnel files.

Sadly, the records had not yet been digitized for long-term preservation nor even copied to microfilm, the standard method of preserving



paper documents at that time. The records existed only on fragile paper and were susceptible to fire, flood, mildew, and other dangers. The building was essentially a large warehouse, filled with filing cabinets. There were no firewalls or other fire-stopping devices to limit the spread of fire. No heat or smoke detectors were installed in the building, nor was there a fire sprinkler system to automatically extinguish a fire.

The exact cause of the fire was never fully determined. However, the fire investigation later reported that cigarettes were present in several trash cans, obviously displaying a hazard in a building full of paper. Another possibility was spontaneous combustion. The same report noted that the floor where the fire started had seen extremely high temperatures in the St. Louis summer with little or no ventilation.

When the fire broke out, it spread rapidly and destroyed the only copies of millions of records. The fire destroyed the entire 6th floor of the National Personnel Records Center. Water damage destroyed many more records on the 5th floor, and additional water damage was spread throughout the building. Another problem was mold that was observed within days in the hot, humid summer weather. Officials sprayed thymol throughout the building to control any mold outbreak.

For any genealogist looking for an ancestor's personnel record, this was a great loss. It became an even bigger loss for the men and

women whose records were destroyed as it became difficult to prove military service when applying for benefits. Indeed, many people assume "all the records must have been destroyed in the fire, so I won't even bother to check." While millions of records were destroyed that day, this is unfortunate since not all of them went up in flames. In fact, many of the records did survive and are available today.

No indexes had been created prior to the fire. In addition, millions of documents had been lent to the Department of Veterans Affairs before the fire occurred. Therefore, a complete listing of the records that were lost is not available.

The National Archives reports the following losses:

80% loss to records of U.S. Army personnel discharged November 1, 1912, to January 1, 1960

75% loss to records of U.S. Air Force personnel discharged September 25, 1947, to January 1, 1964, with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.. The records of Air Force personnel with names occurring earlier in the alphabet survived.

Some U.S. Army Reserve personnel who performed their initial active duty for training in the late 1950s but who received final discharge as late as 1964.

There were no losses to the records of Navy and Marine Corps military records.

You can read more about the fire and the records that were lost at <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/fire-1973.html>.

In May 2011, the National Personnel Records Center completed construction of a new facility, located at 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Missouri. Surviving records have been moved to the new building that is equipped with the latest fire prevention technology.

While many records were indeed destroyed by fire, you should realize that not all of them went up in flames. Study the list of available records carefully. You may be surprised to find that the record you seek is still available.

Deaths for December 2013, January and February 2014

Adams, Linda Ann Elliott	68	B	01/01/14	James Edward & Pauline Boyd Elliott
Adcock, Louise Gooch	96	B	12/12/13	Noah Cheatham Gooch & Maggie Booth Critcher Gooch
Adcock, Winston Churchill	70	B	12/12/13	Otho David & Mary Hester Wiles Adcock
Aiken, Oliver Baxter	89	B	01/27/14	Oliver Henry & Lullie Lyon Aiken
Allen, Nina McClellan	93	B	02/16/14	J.R. & Julia Untz McClellan
Barbour, Treva H.	88	B	01/23/14	Luby Harper & Addie Bailey Hooks
Beal Jr., Ollie Thomas	55		01/19/14	Ollie Thomas Sr. & Annie Self Beal
Bobbitt, Mary	71	B	01/23/14	Robert Lee & Florence F. Wilkins
Borelli, Amelia		C	11/22/13	Antonio Francesco & Theresa Picardi Borelli
Boretti, Janice Decre		B	12/09/13	Fred & Rita Oreiller Decre
Boyd, Maggie Virginia Walke	81	B	01/14/14	Not listed
Boyd, Paul Crawford	75	B	01/14/14	Crawford & Lee Barrier Boyd
Branch, Devin Aaron	26	C	12/11/13	Rickie & Margarita R. Branch
Brotherton, Barry Gray	51	B	01/08/14	Ann M. Brotherton
Brown, Keyari	0	B	02/02/14	Sashika Evans & Rashawn Brown
Broyal, Tempie Ruth Hedgepeth	94	B	12/27/13	Lartha Allen & Judy Myrick Hedgepeth
Bullock, James "Baw" Adams	85	B	12/05/13	Eddie Lee & Bertha Overton Bullock
Chandler, Harold Lee	84	B	02/23/14	Marion Thomas Sr. & Ollie Sue Long Chandler
Chavis, Henry Eugene	83		12/24/13	Thomas & Inez Chavis
Chavis, Julia E.	82	B	11/29/13	Not listed
Clark, Beatrice Noble	85	B	12/22/13	Craig Edwin & Mona Marie Dusenberry Noble
Claydon, Richard William	81	B	02/15/14	John W. & Madalene Ralston Claydon
Clemons, Danny	54	B	02/06/14	Rhupert Bridges Clemons & Victor L. Clemons
Cline, Mary Elizabeth Nichols	84	C	12/15/13	William Henry & Chloe Jane Evans Nichols
Cooke Jr., William Lewis	51	B	01/03/14	William Sr. & Barbara Barger Cooke
Corbin, Sandra		C	12/06/13	Not Listed
Corbitt, Ruby Keller	98	B	02/25/14	Emma Orders & Claude Beard Keller
Council, Helen Spencer	83	B	02/09/14	Andrew Bascom & Annie Rochette Burwell Spencer
Crawford, Marjorie Crews	92	B	02/12/14	Not listed
Creech, Billy Ray	79	B	01/22/14	James Clifford & Judy Freeman Creech
Currin, Annie Ruth Clark	84	B	02/02/14	Norman & Doris Clark
Curtis, Jerry Dee	79	B	01/21/14	Ollie & Sidney Curtis
Daniel, Helen Averett		B	01/13/14	Macon William & Clara Daniel Averett
Daniel, James Robert "Bobby"	84	B	01/26/14	Albert W. & Nellie Nelson Daniel
Daniel, Julia W.		B	01/13/14	Willie Edward & Flora Hawley Williams
Davis, Shirley Temple	72	B	12/17/13	Murray & Fannie Owens Lowry
Daye, Pervis	81	B	01/09/14	Pervis Sr. & Dulcy Clemons Daye
Downey, Nicorie M.	0	B	02/02/14	Nika Thomas & Andre Downey
Dry Sr., Alan L.		C	01/30/14	Sonny & Carolyn Dry
Eaton, Odelsia	81	B	12/20/13	Not listed
Elliott, Joseph "Joe" Edward	79	B	12/06/13	Sam Howard Sr. & Helen Currin Elliott
Fields, Vincent Carlton	54		12/23/13	Clarence Thomas & Bessie Lee Gales Fields
Finch, William Charles	59	C	12/10/13	Not listed
Fisher Jr., John Asbury	83	B	01/07/14	John Asbury Sr. & Lula Walker Fisher
Flanagan, James Francis "Pat"	96	C	12/03/13	John Edward & Louise Hollenback Flanagan
Garner, Evelyn Kittrell	76	B	01/27/14	Jesse & Madeline Cheatham Kittrell
Giles, Leslie Haile	77	B	12/28/13	Not listed
Green, William Preston	93	B	02/10/14	Willie T. & Ila Bullock Green
Grissom, John T.			12/13/13	Cullom & Mamie Beal Grissom
Hargrove, George W.	85	B	12/31/13	Robert L. & Mary Hargrove
Harris Jr., Lonnie	78	B	12/03/13	Lonnie Sr & Bertha Downey Harris

Harris Sr., Fred	79	B	02/23/14	Not listed
Harris, Crawford Vernon	84		01/28/14	Eugene & Irene Mangum Harris
Harris, Matthew J.	38	B	01/14/14	James & Florence Harris
Hart, John	64	B	02/15/14	Simon Jr. & Gennie Young Hart
Hatchett, Phyllis Chavis	50	B	02/03/14	Leo & Sadie Beatrice Downey Chavis
Hazelbower, Betty Elliott	85	B	01/14/14	Merle Clarence & Rosa May Harrison Elliott
Henley, Edgar Fleming		B	02/20/14	Foster & Rosa Henley
Hester, Dorothy "Pete"	95	B	12/26/13	Andrew & Corie Allen Hester
Hicks, Mary Beatrice "Bea"	78	B	02/06/14	Not listed
Hicks, Oscar	87	B	02/04/14	Bunnie & Eva Hicks
Hicks, Ruth Fuller		B	02/16/14	Not listed
Hite, William "Billy"	80	B	01/19/14	Not listed
Hodges, Nazir Gillis	9	B	12/30/14	Isom & Labricia Williams Hodges; Cedric Gillis
Hodges, Niziya Gillis	7	B	12/30/14	Isom & Labricia Williams Hodges; Cedric Gillis
Holloway, Eddie J.	80	B	01/30/14	Frank & Zola Cozart Holloway
Houston, Virginia Grace Johnston	97	B	02/22/14	Edward & Carrie Lou Grace Johnston Sr.
Howard Jr., Demanester Billy	76		11/29/13	Not listed
Jakubuowski, Jake	75		01/21/14	Not listed
Johnson, A.Ikee B.	58	B	02/06/14	Not listed
Jones, Karen Faye Powell	57		01/01/14	Albert Kernice & Lillie Mae Philips Powell
Jones, Renette Corpening	65	B	01/08/14	John Henry Dixon & Alma Corpening
Kearney, Arline Garrett	81	B	12/04/13	Flunnoy Owen & Maey Newton Garrett
Kilduff, James Patrick	76	B	02/04/14	Patrick & Rose Ellen Keon Kilduff
Kilgore, Robert E.	84	B	01/06/14	Not listed
Lane, Arnold Junior	70	B	01/23/14	Arnold Pinkney & Idabelle Hawkum Lane
Lane, Margaret B.	86	B	02/13/14	Not listed
Locklear, Olivia Leigh	2	B	12/18/13	David & Wendy Locklear
Long, Gloria Kay Crouse	66	B	02/11/14	John William & Helen emma Colelough Crouse
Lynn, Roy Lee	74	B	12/05/13	William Hocutt & Lizzie Winters Lynn
Lyons Sr., Rickey J.			12/30/14	Charles L. & Annie M. Lyons
Malachowski, Jean Rose	84		02/19/14	Not listed
Matthews, Margaret Sheila		C	12/18/13	Not listed
McAllister, Frances	66	B	12/01/13	Not listed
McCorkle, John Timothy "Tim"	75	C	02/11/14	William Hart McCorkle & Martha Burkhead McCorkle
McLaurin, Joseph Lake "Joe"	62	C	11/27/13	Daniel Archie Jr & Mary Margaret Templeton McLaurin
Medford Jr., John William "Bill"	86	B	12/16/13	J. William Medford Sr.
Miller, Linda Smith	65	C	12/28/13	Robert Lee & Sarah Rogers Smith
Morris, Donald Wayne	71	B	12/31/13	A.E. & Virginia Puryear Morris
Moser, Juanita T.	87	B	01/21/14	John Shelby & Lula Thornton
Moss, Ted Randolph	74	B	12/05/13	Carl Irwin & Mary Lee Gordon Moss
Murray, Ocie Fraser	96	B	01/08/14	Cabel Flournoy & Emily Tuck Murray
Newby, Eula Ann (Sally) Weary	77	B	12/25/13	Amos & Cora Williamson Weary
Overby, Darryl Edward	48	B	12/03/13	Edward "Bodiddly" & Jean Wilson Overby
Paschall, James Thomas		B	12/04/13	James Thomas Henry Augustus & Lizzie Edwards Paschall
Piper, Lector Mae	89	B	12/15/13	Arthur & Lector Smith Bailey
Platt, Leonard	87	B	01/28/14	Not listed
Powell Sr., Edward Sholar	90	B	01/16/14	James Brewer Powell Sr. & Ruth Parham Powell
Proctor, Janie Horton	63	B	02/20/14	Paul Johnson & Zannie Pearce Horton
Pruitt, Ernestine Taylor	89	B	01/25/14	Vernon Williams Taylor & Banna Wheeler Taylor
Ramsey, Hortense Jones	86	B	12/04/13	James Thomas Jones & nannie Sue Wiles
Ray, Willis J.	81	B	02/24/14	Joseph Carlton & Katie Rigsbee Ray

Reinitz, Mary (Peggy) Gray	83	C	02/08/14	Harper C. & Clyde H. Jones
Royster, Louis Edward	61		01/21/14	Grant Epps & Annie Green Royster
Russell, Emma Ruth	73	B	12/28/13	Haywood & Nellie Rogers Russell
Satterwhite, Deborah Rose "Debbie" Williams	61	B	11/27/13	Elmus Jr & Iola Greene (Bittie) Williams
Slaughter, Timothy "Dwayne"	35	C	02/04/14	Stan & Debbie Slaughetr
Sneed, Essie Evora Dickens		B	02/01/14	Richard & Carrie Cross Dickens
Spruill, Louise Green	82	B	12/18/13	Samuel & Lucy Henderson Royster
Stainback, Horace	81	B	02/15/14	Not listed
Steed, Kyra Adeysha	16	B	01/22/14	Shakita Steed
Strickland, Clyde Leslie	89	B	12/06/13	William Nathaniel & Maggie Bell Grissom Strickland
Talley Jr., Tommie Raymond "Jimmy"	72	C	12/08/13	Tommie Sr. & Sadie Raymell Yancey Talley
Taylor, Layman	80	B	12/03/13	James & Rebecca Sumpter Taylor
Terry Sr., Lamonte	59	B	12/15/13	Frank & Cora Smith
Thomas, Lynette Adcock	83	B	01/07/14	Julian Carnegie & Grace Rogers Adcock
Thomasson, Edna Mae Parham	84	B	02/08/14	Russell C. & Edna Wade Parham
Thornton, Roy Lee	87	B	01/13/14	Not listed
Thorpe, Stanley M.	49	B	11/28/13	Virginia Thorpe
Vanderlip, Joyce Henderson	58	B	12/15/13	Lucille Curtis Henderson
Walker, Robert Jerome "Jerry"	41	B	01/26/14	Jane Hedrick Sullins (Jesse) & Robert H. Walker (Gayle)
Watkins, Jean Buchanan	66	B	02/17/14	Not listed
Webb, Erma Holland	96	B	01/30/14	Peter James & Penelope Daniel Holland
Whitt, Edith Hilton	80	B	02/13/14	Cecil & Mabel Myers Hilton
Wilkerson, Dorothy Cousin	83	B	01/01/14	Morbie & Fannie Smith Cousin
Wilkerson, James T.	73	B	02/14/14	Chester & Betty Bailey Wilkerson
Wilkins, Judy Kay Wiles	66	B	02/04/14	Burley Odell & Della Handy Wiles
Wilkinson, Lois Noblin Wilson	87	B	12/02/13	Jimmie & Mary Lee Wilson
Wilson, Barry Lynn	50	C	02/02/14	Bernice & Joann Wilson

Editors Note: This listing shows the deaths from the obituaries of three newspapers (Oxford Public Ledger, Butner/Creedmoor News, Henderson Dispatch) for the specified time. Names are listed as they appear in the papers. Their listed age, whether they were buried or cremated (many people would be looking for a tombstone and gravesites with burials, but with cremations they need to look for a death certificate or an obit). The date of death and parents if listed. Some Funeral Homes do not list the parents.

Recent Acquisitions North Carolina Room

Family Histories:

Going Back Home, 1999 [Blalock and Oakley Families], by Ethel Oakley Blalock, donated by Nancy Carstens.

It's Waters Returning [Crenshaw, Gregory & Griffin Families of Lunenburg & Mecklenburg County, Virginia], by Edna Crenshaw Craig.

In The Shade Of Oaks: A Story Of American Heritage [Including, Sims, Daniel and Bullock Families], by Margaret Louise Harris, donated by the author and The North Carolina Genealogical Society.

The Taylors Of Tabernacle, The History Of A Family, Volume III, Biographical Sketches, Family Journals, Correspondence, Genealogy, 1826-2003, by the Tabernacle Historical Committee, donated by Rebecca and Joseph Thornton.

Georg Peter Woltz, 1720-1785, An American Family Patriarch And Selected Lineage, by John M. Woltz, Jr., donated by the author.

Granville County, North Carolina Biographies:

The Jesse Benton [Granville County, North Carolina native] Letters (1780-1790), by Stewart Dunaway.

Lord John Carteret, Earl Granville - His Life History and the Granville Grants, by Stewart Dunaway.

Memories, autobiography of Oxford, North Carolina native, David Kerr Taylor, Jr. donated by the author.

Hugh Granville Tilley, biography of a African-American Granville County native and politician, by Teresa A. Johnson.

Granville County, North Carolina Churches:

Stovall Baptist Church, Stovall, North Carolina, One Hundredth Anniversary, August 7, 1886-August 7, 1986.

Stovall United Methodist Church, 2009 [Directory].

Flat River Baptist Association, North Carolina, Annual Reports 1930-1939, One Hundred And Thirty-Seventh through One Hundred And Forty-Sixth Sessions.

Granville County, North Carolina Schools:

Northern Granville Knights, North Granville Middle School [Annual], 1991

Northern Granville Knights, North Granville Middle School [Annual], 1992

Granville County, North Carolina Literature & Music:

An Irregular Moon, novel by former Granville County resident, Sara King.

The Closet Indian, novel by Oxford, North Carolina native, Barbara Rogers.

In A Dark Garden, first novel published by Granville County native, Frank G. Slaughter, donated by Jane Morton.

Thad Stem's Ark, by Oxford native, Thad Stem, supplemental copy donated by Martha Morton.

Kingdom Animalia, An Abstracted Reverie [DVD], by Henry Jackson, with musical score by Oxford, North Carolina native, Silvanus Slaughter, donated by Silvanus Slaughter.

Poems Of Life, by Granville County native, Dr. Joseph Vines Turner.

Granville County, North Carolina Cookbooks:

A Cooking Heritage, Mountain Creek Community Association.

Sharing Our Best, Collection Of Recipes By Women On Mission, Amis Chapel Baptist Church.

Delightful Delrayno Dishes, published by the Woman's Missionary Union Delrayno Baptist Church, Oxford, North Carolina.

Granville County, North Carolina Newspapers:

The Butner Creedmoor News, January 03, 2013 To December 26, 2013 [Microfilm] Roll #44.

Oxford Public Ledger, January 03, 2013 To July 4, 2013 [Microfilm] Roll #70.

Oxford Public Ledger, July 08, 2013 To December 30, 2013 [Microfilm] Roll #71.

Granville County, North Carolina Directories:

Henderson/Oxford, N C Polk City Directory, 2014.

Henderson, Louisburg, Oxford, Wake Forest, Butner, Creedmoor... Virgilina... Stem [Phone Directory, April, 2013] Century/Link.

Granville County, North Carolina General:

Granville County, N. C. Miscellaneous Land Records, Volume 1, (1752-1910), by Stewart E. Dunaway, donated by the author.

Granville County, N. C. Miscellaneous Land Records, Volume 2, (1748-1914), by Stewart E. Dunaway, donated by the author.

Durham County, North Carolina:

Homelands, Southern Jewish Identity In Durham And Chapel Hill, North Carolina, by Leonard Rogolf.
The Making Of America Series, Durham, A Bull City Story, by Jim Wise.

Edgecombe County, North Carolina:

Marriages Of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868, by Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette Glenn Griffin.

The Making Of America Series, Edgecombe County, Along The Tar River, by Monika S. Fleming.

Franklin County, North Carolina:

Franklin County, North Carolina, Original Wills, Volume 2: 1862-1900, abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.

The Last Flag Of Truce Civil War experiences by Franklinton native, Dallas T. Ward.

Halifax County, North Carolina:

Halifax County, N. C. - Road Records (1808-1921), by Stewart Dunaway.

To Drive The Enemy From Southern Soil, The Letters Of Col. Francis Marion Parker [of Halifax County, North Carolina] And The History Of The 30th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, by Michael W. Taylor.

Orange County, North Carolina:

The Town And Gown Architecture Of Chapel Hill, [Orange County] North Carolina, 1795-1975, by M. Ruth Little.

Hillsborough, N. C. - District Court Records - Concerning Land (1778-1806), by Stewart Dunaway.

Orange County, N. C. - Lost Deed Records (1752-1769), by Stewart Dunaway.

Kinship And Neighborhood In A Southern Community, Orange County, North Carolina, 1849-1881, by Robert C. Kenzer.

Yackety Yack [University Of North Carolina Annual] For 1941, donated by the Family of Hart Curl.

Pitt County, North Carolina:

Index And Abstracts Of Deeds Of Record Of Pitt County, North Carolina, Volume I, 1761-1785, compiled by Judith Dupree Ellison.

Index And Abstracts Of Deeds Of Record Of Pitt County, North Carolina, Volume II, 1782-1801, compiled by Judith Dupree Ellison.

Index And Abstracts Of Deeds Of Record Of Pitt County, North Carolina, Volume III, 1801-1817, compiled by Judith Dupree Ellison.

Index And Abstracts Of Deeds Of Record Of Pitt County, North Carolina, Volume IV, 1817-1832, compiled by Judith Dupree Ellison.

Wake County, North Carolina:

The Heritage, The Education Of Women At Saint Mary's College, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1842-1982, by Martha Stoops.

Stories In Stone... An Oral History Of The William B. Umstead State Park Area With Mapped Hikes, by Tom Weber.

Images Of America, Cary, by Sherry Monahan, donated by Betty Jean King.

Wake County Road and Bridge Records (1800-1869) - Volume 1, by Stewart Dunaway.

Ole Raleigh Boys Reminisce, 1909-1999, A Collection Of Memories As Told By A Generation Who Grew Up In Raleigh During A Tumultuous Century, edited by C. Russell Reynolds.

Warren County, North Carolina:

The 1949 Warrentonian [Warrenton High School Annual], Volume III, donated by Mildred Smith.

Southern Exposure, autobiography of Warrenton, North Carolina native Peter Mitchel Wilson.

Lake Book, Lake Gaston's Official [Phone] Directory [2013], donated by Betty Jean King.

Vance County, North Carolina:

Seventh Annual Report Of The Public Schools Of Henderson, N. C., 1905-1906.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report Of The Public Schools Of Henderson, North Carolina, 1922-1923.

The Bulldog [Henderson High School], Volume VI, Class Of 1942, Number VIII, Special Senior Issue.

The Pep-Pace, 1947 [Henderson High School Annual], donated by Julia Anne & Richard L. Taylor.

The 1965 Pep Pac, Henderson High School [Annual], Henderson, North Carolina, donated by Mildred Smith.

The 1967 Pep Pac, Henderson High School [Annual], Henderson, North Carolina, donated by Mildred Smith.

A Worker Need Not Be Ashamed, How to Live The Christian Life In The Workplace, by Henderson, North Carolina native, Jim A. Hogssett.

You Must Live, By [Henderson, North Carolina resident] Tuan-Phan, A Former South Vietnamese Soldier Tells His Story, donated by the author.

Other North Carolina Counties:

View From My Porch, A Look Back At Plumtree [Avery County], by Fran Vance Clemons.

Farm Heritage And Humor, & Memories Of Gold Valley [Nash County], by Bruce H. Woodard.

We Came Home To Warren Place [Northampton County], by Grace And Gilbert Stephenson, donated by Mark A. Pace.

North Carolina Biographies:

Life and Times of Edmund Fanning (1739-1818), by Stewart Dunaway.

My Link In The Chain, autobiography of North Carolina merchant, Leonard Herring, assisted by Deni McIntyre.

No Pangs Of Conscience, A History Of The [John Calvin] McNair Lectures On Science And Theology Presented By The University Of North Carolina, by Robert J. Powell Jr.

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The Papers Of Col. Richard H. Gilliam Of Buckingham County, Virginia [1825-1870], by Carl C. Rosen.

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Sad Earth, Sweet Heaven, The Diary Of Lucy Rebecca Buck... Front Royal, [Warren County] Virginia, 1861-1865, donated by Lee W. Sherrill.

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Jefferson Davis, The Man And His Hour, by William C. Davis, donated by Lee W. Sherrill.

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Will of Burwell Davis
Warren County North Carolina Will

In the name of God Amen, I, Burwell Davis of the County of Warren and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make and declare the following to be and contain my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in manner and form as follows vizt it is my will that my estate be kept together for the support of my son Samuel Davis and my daughter Jane Powell until my debts are paid when a division is to take place as follows vizt --

Item 1 I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Betty, her heirs and assigns One negro woman called Patience and her four daughters named Hicks, Caroline, Bett and Judy and their increase from and after this day.

Item 2 I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane POWELL one negroe woman called Cherry and her three children named Moses, Lucy and Bill and their increase from this time.

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy FLEMING one negroe woman called Easter and her four children named Cherry, Mahaly, Mallissa and Ally and their increase from this day --

Item 4 I give and bequeath to my son Edward DAVIS his heirs and assigns one tract of land containing three hundred acres more or less and bounded as follows vizt Beginning on the Road at Solomon Stallings Corner thence along the Road towards Davises Bridge to the old fork, thence a straight line to the wolf pit ford formerly called John CHEEKS great gate, thence down the wolf pit to Fishing Creek, thence down the Creek to Mrs. Pitchfords line, thence along his line to the Bridge. I also give to my son Edward the following negroes and their increase this time vizt Fanny, Charity, Eliza, Nelson, Joe and Demps --

Item 5 I give and bequeath to my son John S. Davis his heirs and assigns the tract of land I purchased of Baxter and being all that part of the Baxter tract that I now own on the South side of the main State Road leading from Warrenton by W. H. Browns. I also give and bequeath to John S. Davis the following negroes and their increase from and after this time vizt Anson, Dick, Rody, Sarah and Ellen.

Item 6 I lend to Winifred Davis, widow of my son Richard Davis during her life time one negroe man called Nathan and at her death I give said Negroe to my daughter Jane Powell--

Item 7 I give and bequeath to my son Samuel DAVIS his heirs and assigns all that part of the Baxter tract of land that I now own lying between the main Stage Road and the Bell Road containing 700 hundred acres more or less adjoining the lands of W.H. Browns and Richard DAVIS. I also give to my said son Samuel DAVIS his heirs and assigns all my tract of land whereon I now live except that part already devised to my son Edward, and I do desire that my son Samuel do let my daughter Jane POWELL live on the plantation where I now live as long as she may think proper. I also give to my son Samuel DAVIS all the rest and residue of my estate of every description as well real and personal except the money I may have on hand at my death which money and debts to be equally divided between my three sons Samuel, Edward and John S. Davis -- and I do hereby constitute and appoint my three sons Samuel, Edward and John S. DAVIS Executors to this my last will and Testament -- In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 27th day of June in the year 1842 --

Signed and acknowledged by Burwell Davis (seal) to be his last will in our presence -

W. C. WILLIAMS

Peter R. DAVIS

Bennett Family Bible

Family records from a Bible, published in New York, by Green Lane for the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the conference office 200 Mulberry Street 1841

On a page between the Old and New Testaments headed "Family Records under a column entitled Births

Daniel Madison Smith was born July 4th 1810
Susan A. Moody was born 26 March 1827
Sarah Alice Smith was born 26th January 1852
Eliza. Ann Crute was born 17th June 1821
Mary Elam Ferguson was born 14 September 1819

Sarah Alice Smith Family
Edward Jordan Bennett 1846
Ella Rowlett Bennett 1872
Anne Elizabeth Bennett 1874
William Edward Bennett 1877
Henry (Hal) Daniel Bennett 1879
Joseph Evans Bennett 1881
John Robert Bennett
Stephen Dodson Bennett
Norman Smith Bennett

On the same side of the same page under a column headed Marriages
Daniel M. Smith and Elvira S. Ellington was married near Memphis 3d Feby 1840
Daniel M. Smith and Susan Almira Moody was married 4th Nov 1850
Daniel M. Smith and Eliza Ann Crute was married 6th Sept 1854
Daniel M. Smith and Mary Elam Ferguson was married Decem 11th 1866

On the opposite side of page under column headed Deaths
Ann Ligon departed this life July 12th 1843
John T. Crute departed this life April the 10th 1849
Martha A. Crute departed this life Decem 27th 1858 aged about 60 years
Elvira S. Smith departed this life 28th August 1840 aged 28
Susan Almirah Smith departed this life 17th Oct 1853 aged 26
Eliza Ann Smith wife of D. M. Smith departed this life 8th Nov. 1865 aged 45 years

On a fly sheet in the front of the Bible headed Born
Mrs A. S. Bennett 1852 Jan 26
Mr E. J. Bennett 1846 Dec 6
N. S. Bennett 1891
S. D. Bennett 1888 Oct 9
J. R. Bennett 1886 Oct 9
H. D. Bennett 1879
J. E. Bennett 1881

(W. E.) E. W. Bennett 1877
Miss A. E. Bennett 1874 Jan 31
Miss E. R. Bennett 1872 Nov 10

I certify that the above information is as shown in the above mentioned Bible. This 12th day of October, 1951. Signed by Charlotte B. Monson (MacRae) Notary Public.

Robert Lee Bennett Family Bible
Copied from Vertical File Warren County Library, NC

Grandparents

William Murphy Bennett born 1815 Mecklenburg County, Virginia died Dec 1881 Warren County, NC
Elizabeth Louisa Rowlett born 1825 Lunenburg County, Virginia died June 1881
Durelle Boyd Kimball born 1831 Warren County, NC died 1890? Middleburg, NC
Agnes Burroughs Watkins born 1832 Warren County, NC died 1900? Middleburg, NC

Parents

Robert Lee Bennett Born Dec 6 1862 Granville Co. Virginia died April (?) 1945
Mary James Kimball born Jan. 8 1859 Warren County, NC
Married Dec 16 1891 Middleburg, NC by Dr Howell Cobb

Children

Archie Lee Bennett born June 20 1893 Middleburg NC died May 1945
Agnes Louie Bennett born Jan 5 1895 Middleburg, NC married Clyde Hunter Satterwhite Nov. 8, 1915.
Robert Vernon Bennett born June 1 1898 Middleburg, NC married Lucile Vaughan, later divorced
Mary Lucille Bennett born Oct 23, 1901 married Cleburn Paul Rogers Aug. 31 1927

Grandchildren

Clyde Hunter Satterwhite, Jr born Sept 16, 1916
Robert Bennett Satterwhite born June 7, 1918
James Pumphrey Satterwhite born May 10, 1921 at Henderson, NC married Altha Loretta Smith Dec. 20, 1944 at Stanley NC by Rev J. Abner Snow, Baptist Minister.
Joyce Lee Satterwhite Born April 7, 1923 at Henderson, NC
Jean Louise Satterwhite born July 12, 1925 at Winston Salem, NC

Wish List for North Carolina Room

The Taylors Of Tabernacle: The History Of A Family, Including The Genealogy Of Its Descendants With Biographical Sketches and Family Journals With Daily Accounts Of Life In Haywood County, Tennessee by The Taylor Kinfolk Association.

Virginia Atlas And Gazetteer the Delorme Company.

Railway train books by Oxford native Curt Tillotson, Jr. including:

Classic Steam Trains of the South

Southern Railway Steam Trains Volume 1-Passenger

Southern Railway Steam Trains Volume 2-Freight

Southern Railway: Diesel Locomotives and Trains 1950-1980

Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina From the Colonial Period to About 1820. Fifth Edition by Paul Heinegg, Two Volumes.

Edgecombe County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Volume 2 compiled by the Edgecombe County Genealogical Society. A

The Taylors Of Tabernacle: The History Of A Family, Including The Genealogy Of Its Descendants With Biographical Sketches and Family Journals With Daily Accounts Of Life In Haywood County, Tennessee by The Taylor Kinfolk Association.

Virginia Atlas And Gazetteer the Delorme Company.

The Life And Times Of Sir Archie: The Story Of America's Greatest Thoroughbred, 1805-1833 by Elizabeth Amis Cameron Blanchard & Manly Wade Wellman.

Citizens of Halifax County, NC, and Vicinity 1824-1825 by Barry Munson.

Growing Up In Pilot [Franklin Co., N.C.], by Sylvia Bunn WatkinsCavailable through **lulu.com**.

Smells Like Grandma's House, by Sylvia Bunn WatkinsCavailable through **lulu.com**.

Afro-American Death Notices from Eastern North Carolina Newspapers 1859-1935 by Barry Munson.

Afro-American Sources in Virginia - A Guide To Manuscripts Michael Plunkett, Editor.

North Carolina 1850 Agricultural Census: Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, by Linda L. Green.

School Annuals--particularly those with connections to Granville, Vance, Franklin or Warren Counties.

The Old Free State: A Contribution to the History of Lunenburg County and Southside Virginia. Volume II, by Landon C. Bell. The N.C. Room has Volume I.

Microfilm: Wake County Deeds & Wills.

Microfilm: Person County Deeds & Wills.

Lunenburg County, Virginia Deeds by T.L.C. Genealogy: Volume 3, 1757-1761; Volume 4, 1761-1764; Volume 5, 1763-1764; Volume 6, 1764 -1771; Volume 7, 1771-1777; Volume 8, 1777-1784; Volume 9, 1784-1787; Volume 10, 1787-1790; Volume 3, 1790-1795.

Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds by T.L.C. Genealogy: Volume 3, 1777-1779 and Volume 4, 1779-1786.

Pittsylvania County, Virginia Heritage Volume I, by the Pittsylvania Heritage Book Committee.

Abstracts Of Pittsylvania County, Va., Deeds 1783--1790 by Gayle Austin.

The Land Tax Lists Of Pittsylvania County, Va., Deeds 1782--1802 by Gayle Austin.

The History and Architecture of Nash County, North Carolina by Richard L. Mattson, 1987.
Published by the Nash County Planning Department.

Nash County N. C., Mill Records, 1782-1875, by Stewart Dunaway.

Most issues of the Oxford Public Ledger are missing for the years 1947 to 1967. Anyone with issues from this time period are urged to allow these to be microfilmed by the State Archives, which can be arranged through the N. C. Room at the Thornton Library.

The Death of Microfilm

Dick Eastman

Reprinted from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter



Genealogists love microfilm. Visit any genealogy library anywhere, and you will see genealogists in darkened rooms, hunched over microfilm viewers, trying to solve the puzzles of their family trees. I have taken several pictures of genealogists sitting at rows of microfilm readers. However, I suspect that within ten years those pictures will become collector's items, recalling an era that exists only as distant memories in the minds of the old-timers. You see, microfilm and microfiche are about to disappear.

Many of the manufacturers of microfilm and microfiche equipment have already disappeared or else have switched their production lines to other products.

The problem is economics: microfilm is expensive. Those who wish to preserve data find it faster, easier, and cheaper to scan documents on computer scanners and then make the information

available as disk images than it is to do the same thing on microfilm. Hospitals, insurance companies, government agencies, and others have already made the switch from microfilm to digital imaging. Genealogists are among the very few still using microfilm, and even that number is dropping rapidly. The demand for microfilm and microfiche equipment is dwindling. Without demand, manufacturers no longer can afford to manufacture the necessary equipment. Microfilm cameras and viewers are becoming as uncommon as buggy whips.

Microfilm cameras are almost impossible to purchase today, except perhaps for used units on eBay or at some garage sale. Twenty years ago, Bell and Howell manufactured thousands of microfilm cameras each year. Ten years ago, production had dropped to hundreds per year. Since then, the company has ceased manufacturing microfilm cameras and dropped them from the product catalog, all because of decreasing sales. Most of Bell and Howell's competitors have also stopped manufacturing microfilm and microfiche equipment.

Without cameras, no one is going to be producing new microfilms. We genealogists are going to be limited to the microfilms that were filmed years ago. However, this assumes that microfilm copying equipment is still available. The fact is that even that even microfilm duplication equipment is disappearing. The duplication equipment already in place requires maintenance and occasional spare parts. Those parts are rapidly becoming unavailable.

Of course, in order to make copies, you also must be able to purchase rolls of unexposed film. I am told that supplies of new film are also disappearing as demand drops. All the major manufacturers of microfilm have dropped out of that business although a few specialty manufacturers still sell new microfilm. Prices for unexposed rolls of microfilm are now four times the price of a few years ago, or higher.

Within a decade, it will be difficult or perhaps impossible to obtain a copy of an old microfilm, even to replace a worn-out copy of a microfilm you already own. Nobody will have the equipment or the rolls of unexposed film with which to make copies!

In addition, making a copy of a microfilm introduces fuzziness, or what the engineers call Avisual noise. Then, making a copy of that copy introduces further loss of image; copying that copy adds still more, and so on and so forth. However, a copy of a digital image is identical to the original. You can make copies of copies of copies of digital images, and each new image is identical to the original with no signal loss. Making and copying digital images is faster, more cost-effective, and easier than doing the same with microfilm.

For years, genealogists have proclaimed that digital images will never replace microfilm because the media (computer disks, tapes, etc.) doesn't last long. CD-ROM disks last only 25 years or so. Floppies don't even last that long.

The genealogists who make those claims are ignoring one very simple and cost-effective solution: copy the images to new, fresh media every few years. Remember that each digital copy is identical to the original, unlike microfilm. A digital copy of a copy of a copy is still as good as the original.

With images stored on disk, it is almost trivial to copy the images to new disks periodically. If technology changes, such as DVD disks replacing CD disks or Blu-ray disks replacing DVD disks, the old images are simply copied to new media. If file formats change, the old formats are easily converted to whatever new formats become popular.

With that process in place, the life expectancy of digital images becomes almost infinite. In fact, any well-managed data center already makes backup copies on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. If the images are available online, they are already being copied regularly to (new) backup copies. Who cares about the life expectancy of the original disks when you always have a fresh copy on a new

disk?

Any archive charged with storing a collection of images will find the periodic copying of digital images to be much cheaper than trying to maintain a large collection of microfilm images. In short, digital imaging ensures that future generations can have the same access that you and I enjoy, something not possible with microfilms.

The next equipment to disappear will be microfilm viewers.

Go to any large genealogy library today, and you will still see rows of microfilm viewers. I hope those libraries take good care of them. Ten or twenty years ago several major companies produced microfilm and microfiche viewers. Several small companies still manufacture viewers today although most of the Abig names in the business have dropped out. The small specialty manufacturers of today cannot depend on genealogists alone for future sales. Sooner or later, they will also drop out as their customer base disappears. I am guessing that you will not be able to purchase a new microfilm viewer ten years from now. Even worse, you won't even be able to purchase spare parts for the worn-out units your library already owns.

Within the genealogy world, FamilySearch, an arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons), has traditionally been the biggest user of microfilm equipment. With this huge investment already made in microfilm, you might expect the LDS Church to continue using microfilm forever. That's not true, according to numerous announcements made in recent years. FamilySearch is already moving away from microfilm, replacing it as fast as possible with digital images, mostly made from the old microfilms.

The printed books in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City are also being copied to digital images whenever copyright agreements with the authors allow. The result is that many more books are now available (by looking on computer screens) than ever before. The Library simply isn't big enough to store all the printed copies but storage space is almost a non-issue with digital versions. Even better, the books may be viewed by patrons many thousands of miles away, again where copyright agreements allow.

To be sure, the LDS Church still owns quite few microfilm cameras but no longer uses them to film old records at various locations around the world. Nobody has been able to purchase new cameras for years. The units that were in use kept wearing out, and the original manufacturers no longer sell spare parts. For a while the Mormon Church even contracted with small machine shops to make spare parts for the cameras, but that soon became cost-ineffective.

The LDS Church has now moved to digital imaging. The focus has shifted from microfilm to making digital images on site B in the original repositories B with no microfilm involved. The acquisition teams use a laptop PC and a scanner in much the same manner as you and I do at home, although the scanner is more sophisticated and ruggedized than the typical unit sold to consumers.

A separate activity involves the conversion of the millions of reels of existing microfilm created over the years by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to digital images. That effort has been underway for several years.

To be sure, millions of rolls of microfilm already exist, and they will not disappear overnight. We will continue to see microfilm readers in libraries for several more years. However, as new microfilms become unavailable, replacements of existing microfilms also become unavailable. As the reels of microfilm become scratched from use, replacements will not be available. As the microfilm viewers wear out and replacements are no longer available, the result will be inevitable.

Luckily, digital images are faster, more cost-effective, cheaper, and more practical. With periodic copying, digital images have infinite shelf life. They are also easier to send to Family History

Centers around the world and to other libraries.

The price of a new PC for use by library patrons has now dropped to under \$500 while a new microfilm viewer designed for heavy-duty library usage, if you can find one, costs \$1,000 or more. Even better, it is relatively cheap to allow library patrons to view digital images from their homes, something that is much more difficult with microfilm. The superior quality and availability, along with the lower cost of production, maintenance, and duplication, are a boon to us genealogists as well as those who follow in our footsteps.

Within a few years, some of us will be telling newcomers, I remember the good old days when we had to hand-crank microfilm viewers. There was none of this modern stuff where everything appeared on a computer screen.

Would you please hand me my slippers and cane? I'm going to go sit in my rocking chair and look at my old (digital) pictures of genealogists sitting at rows of microfilm readers.

Editors note: After reading this I thought that this needed to be distributed to the membership. It is a lot to think about, especially in the planning area of the future of our libraries. Our North Carolina Room Specialist Mark Pace is already thinking ahead with digitization of research material from our holdings.

We Are Chosen

The following article was posted on another genealogy site; thought some of you will enjoy reading it.

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up ...to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do.

It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us.

It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That

we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

-Author Unknown

The Fuller Story continued from last issue

Israel Fuller Made Deed of Gift

Israel Fuller lived for only a little over a year after his father's death. He made a deed of gift on April 19, 1778, and soon died, for the document was recorded in the May court of 1778. Israel was single and without children, but he provided for three apparent orphans. First of all, he left his loving friend Jeremiah Bailey, Jr., a sorrel mare and a black colt, all of his cattle, hogs and one gun. He also left him one negro.

Israel put into Jeremiah's care three children: Susann Smith, Israel Smith, and Cary Sutton (a girl). Jeremiah was to see to their being raised with the girls learning to read and the boy to read and write. He left his land and plantation of 175 acres in Jeremiah's care until Israel Smith reached the age of 21; then Israel was to have it. He also left three Negroes in Jeremiah's care, to be transferred to the three children when they become of age. Israel Smith was to have Israel's wearing clothes.

Israel's late entry of land went to well-beloved friend William Bailey. Sister Mary and sister Cretia (Lucretia) Bailey were to receive Israel's flock of sheep, to be equally divided; and Cretia was to receive his household goods. His saddle was to go to his cousin Tempe Fuller.

Three of the Negroes Israel mentioned were those mentioned by Solomon in his deed of gift: Judah, Tom, and Dick. The fourth was named Phil.

Solomon Fuller's sons Brittain and Solomon (II) pioneered to Randolph County, North Carolina, which was created in 1779 from Guilford County, southwest of Granville County in the Piedmont Plateau. Brittain, who had been constable in Granville County, at least in 1764, was there in time for the first tax list of 1779. On the census he was listed as head of household of eight. Solomon was in Randolph County by the time of the 1785 tax list, being listed in the 1790 census as the head of a household of 12. Brittain spent the rest of his life in Randolph County. Solomon eventually moved on.

Solomon Fuller (II) Born About 1733-1735

We guess that Solomon Fuller (II) was born about 1733-1735 in Bertie County, North Carolina, surely in the section that became Northampton County. He was married to Gilly Avent, surely in Granville County, and they became parents of a large family. In Randolph County, on August 5, 1794, the year the President George Washington and Congress authorized the creation of the U. S. Navy, Solomon deeded Negroes to his eleven children. The children, named in order were Avent, Brittain, Solomon, William, John, Ransom, Aley, Jesse, Charlotte, Sarah, and Gilly. The deed was witnessed by

Jeremiah Arnold.

The slaves were George, Charles, Isbell, Fenby, James, Tab, Rose, Bridget, Amy and Leley. On March 22, 1794, Congress passed a law forbidding American vessels supplying slaves to other countries. The Emancipation Proclamation was 69 years away.

At some point Solomon moved to Laurens County, South Carolina, where he died about 1821, the year that Napoleon Bonaparte died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

Brittain Fuller made his will in Randolph County on March 28, 1805, the year that the U. S. Marines landed on the shore of Tripoli in North Africa. Brittain named his wife Elizabeth and at least six children. Named in order were Margaret Jordan, Brittain, Mary Bailey, Benjamin, Gilly Arnold and Darling Duke. To most of these children he left “Negroes” adding, “with what I have already given.” He left Brittain 20 shillings “with what I have already given him.”

To son Darling Duke (who surely had two family names) Brittain also left 100 acres of land, “more or less,” including the plantation where Brittain lived, beginning at Haman Miller’s corner, et cetera. He also left his son a walnut table, a walnut desk with drawers, one case of bottles and “one still with all the barrels and crocks belonging thereto with one jug.” The land, however, was to be wife Elizabeth’s during her widowhood. He also left Elizabeth one horse and bridle plus “featherbed and furniture.”

It appears that there were two more daughters. A section of the will difficult to read seems to mention a daughter with the married name of Jordan to whom Brittain had not previously provided. There was surely also a deceased daughter who had been married to Edward Carroll; to her children Elizabeth, Gilly and Ann Carroll. Brittain left furniture in the hands of their father Edward.

Brittain named his wife Elizabeth executrix and son-in-law Robert Arnold, husband of Gilly, executor. Brittain died by the time of the May court of 1805 when his will was recorded.

Brittain mentioned at least ten “Negroes,” slaves, to his wife and most of the children: Sarah, Louis, Sal, Pile, George, Dice, Andrew, Nan, Lenie and Such and there seemed to be several unclear names with the probable Jordan daughter. The Emancipation Proclamation was now 58 years in the future.

John Fuller, my direct ancestor was the fourth son of Solomon Fuller (I) after Barnaby, Brittain and Solomon (II). Our guess is that he was born between 1735 and 1737 in Bertie County, North Carolina, in the area that became Northampton County.

Jones Fuller in Granville Militia

Jones was a member of the Granville County Militia for many years. On a list of 1771, he was named as an ensign in the company of “Captain Sol. Alston, now decd. The lieutenant of this company was Sol. Fuller, surely Jones’ brother. Also on the list were Israel Fuller, surely his brother, and Joseph Fuller, surely a relative. On the list of 1788, Jones was named as “Capt. Jones Fuller.” The 1790 census enumerated him as “Capt. Jones Fuller” (sic). It appears that Jones probably was a member of the Granville County Militia during the Revolutionary War years of 1775-1783, but he did not serve in the Continental Army. However, he did perform civilian patriotic service, as did various other Americans,

for after the war he received *12 pounds and three shillings for a gun* (per Colonial and State Records of North Carolina). It seems that he had other patriotic claims. Jones Fuller was named a patriot in the records of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with his female descendants eligible for membership in the organization.

At some point Jones Fuller moved from Granville County to Franklin County, North Carolina, which was created in 1779 from Bute County, which had been created from Granville in 1764. Jones was still living in Granville County in 1788, the year before George Washington was elected President, well after the creation of Franklin County. The 1790 census, the first federal census, which counted four million people living in 17 states that included regions of four future states, enumerated Jones living in Granville County, in Beaver Dam District of the much larger Hillsboro District.

The first appearance of Jones on a Franklin County tax list was in 1798, the year before George Washington and Patrick Henry died. Tax lists for Franklin County for 1807 to 1810 credit him with 922 1/2 acres of land. It seems that he also continued to own land in Granville County. He was licensed to keep a tavern in his house sometime during the period of 1798-1803, with the license probably periodically renewed. In 1800 when John Adams was President, the second federal census enumerated Jones Fuller in Franklin County, head of household of six. In 1810 when James Madison was President, the census enumerated him also with a household of six.

Jones apparently was married three times. Col. Fuller named his first wife as Ann but did not state the source. John Beattie Fuller gave her name as Ann and added a maiden name of Mann, all without verification. Jones married to Sarah Bradford, his second wife, in Granville on a bond dated May 13, 1786. Sarah was the daughter of Thomas Bradford, who named her in his will of 1786. Jones' third wife was Mrs Priscilla Harris, the widow of Edward Harris, who mentioned her in his will of 1807. When Jones made his will in 1812, the year that the War of 1812 began, he mentioned Priscilla only as "my last wife." He did mention Priscilla's three sons-in-law: Israel Bailey, John Upchurch and So Jackson, for Priscilla wanted them (on behalf of her daughters, surely) to have what she had brought into the marriage; Jones had signed a bond, probably at the time of marriage, to this effect. Priscilla also named these sons-in-law in her own will of 1812. Jones, however, left his wife "the horse I had with her."

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Jones Fuller Named Children in Will

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