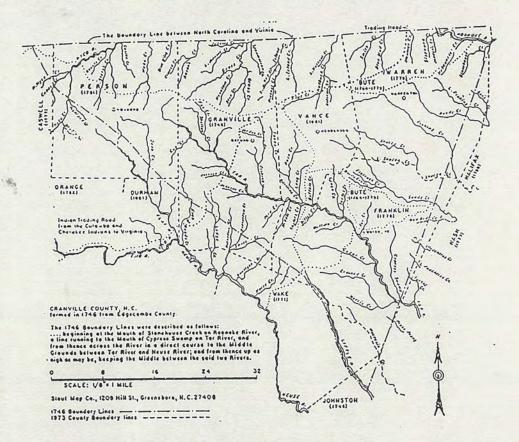
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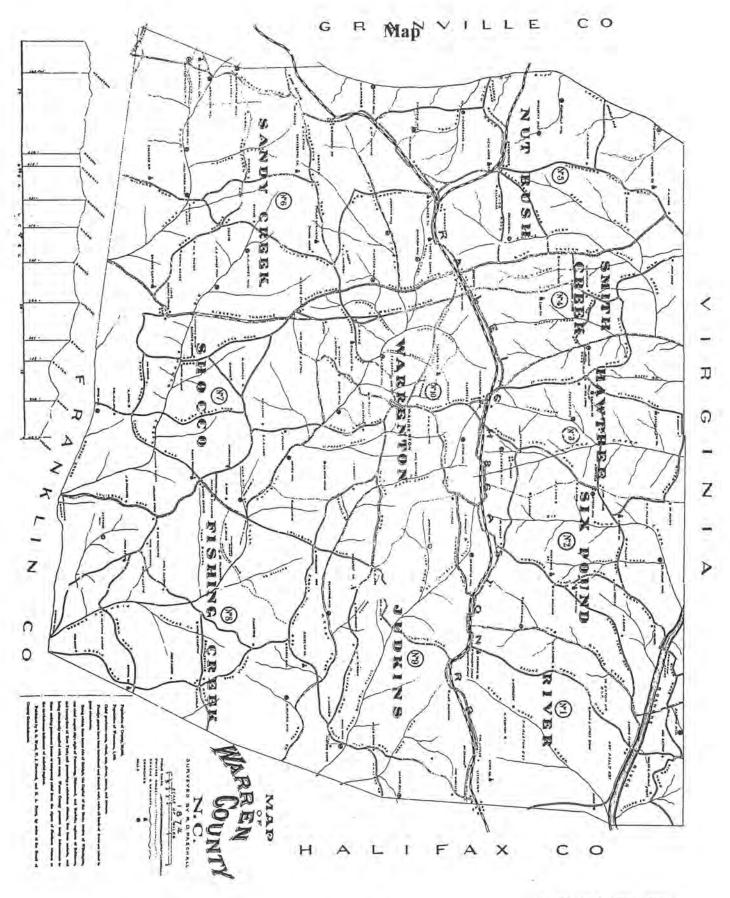
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A Monument to Black Initiative and Courage

Central Children's Home 1883 - 1990

Early Days 1883-1907

In the aftermath of the Civil War, and even more so following Reconstruction, there were thousands of children, black and white, left homeless. Parents, enfeebled by malnutrition, fell victim to tuberculosis, typhoid, malaria and pellagra during their child-rearing years. Others existed in such poverty that they could not support the children born to them.

Something clearly had to be done. The 1868 Constitution of the State of North Carolina declared that there shall be "as soon as practicable, measures devised by the state for the establishment of one or more orphan houses, where destitute orphans may be cared for, educated and taught some business or trade."

In the economic chaos of those times, however, "as soon as practicable" meant some time in the distant future, and it was a private organization, the white Masons, who responded first to the challenge and established an orphanage for white children in the buildings formerly used by St. John's College in Oxford, North Carolina.

That was 1873. For almost 10 years the Masonic Orphanage was the only orphanage in North Carolina. The state, perhaps glad to be relieved of its constitutional duty, made an appropriation to the Orphanage, amounting to \$10,000 in 1879.

But there was nothing for black children. In that same year a bill was introduced in the State Legislature to establish a Home for them, but it failed to pass. It is not known whether its sponsors were black or white.

The onus, then, of doing something for black children fell on the black citizens of the State. The first move came from the Shiloh and Wake Baptist Association in 1882. The Reverend Doctor Augustus **SHEPARD**, pastor of the Colored Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina, proposed the formation of the Colored Orphanage Association, two years before, it may be noted, white Baptists took a similar action. In this he was supported by a young teacher in the Henderson schools, Henry Plummer **CHEATHAM**, who was later twice to be elected to the United States House of Representatives, to defeat an opponent who advocated denying the vote to black people, and to be North Carolina's last black congressman and during his first term, the only black member of Congress in the entire country. The rigors of Jim **CROW** laws and the disenfranchisement of Blacks were still a few years away.

Both Mr. CHEATHAM and Mr. SHEPARD had been born into slavery, and Mr. SHEPARD had actually been given away as a wedding present to his master's daughter.

The institution which grew out of the Colored Orphanage Association was thus the second orphanage to be founded in North Carolina, and one of the first to serve black children in the country. It was named in 1885, for some reason, "The Grant Colored Asylum," in honor of President Ulysses S. **GRANT**, who died in that year, but on receiving a charter two years later

became the "Colored Orphan Asylum of North Carolina," which was its official name for the next 40 years.

At first it was supported by Baptist churches and Sunday Schools and by private donations. It might have become a small Baptist institution and most likely, in view of its limited support, not have lasted very long. But its leaders had a wider vision. It was to belong not primarily to the Baptist Church, but to all the black people in the state. Its main objective, according to Mr. **CHEATHAM**, was to "assist North Carolina in the uplift, that is the civilization and Christianization of the masses of the Negro race through this class of children of the race," and 40 years later, when required by the Duke Endowment to state who owned it, it reported its owners to be "the colored people of North Carolina." Note, too, that its mission was to assist the state in what it saw the state ought to be doing, rather than do the state's job for it. This, and its undenominational nature, may have made it much more possible for the state to appropriate money to it as well as assuring it a wider clientele.

It was not, however, until the Home, under the name of the Colored Orphan Asylum, was incorporated and received a charter from the state in 1887, that it began to receive support from two of its major sponsors or from the state itself. The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association was founded in 1889 and as a condition of being granted a charter was required to name a "charitable object." It selected the Orphan Asylum. A 1912 amendment cancelled this provision, but support was continued on a voluntary basis. Three presidents of NCM at least have served on the Home's board of directors, Dr. A.M. **MOORE**, C.C. **SPAULDING**, and J.W. **GOODLOE**. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina agreed in 1892 to give the Home 10 percent of their gross receipts. This amounted to \$180 in 1900 but did not become a substantial amount until the 1940's. Parker **MCLENDON**, in his study of grants-in-aid to Children's Homes, states that the first state appropriation to the Orphanage was \$1,000 in 1891, but he had the Orphanage not founded until 1890. This amount was gradually increased until it amounted to \$6,000 by 1902.

Earlier, however, the orphanage subsisted largely on the generosity of friends. The Association had located a farm of 23 acres a mile and a half from Oxford, which they purchased for \$1,565, although one account speaks of six acres with two dilapidated buildings. A white Canadian lady, Miss Bessie HOCKINS, provided furniture and a house. Mr. Henry HESTER, a black businessman, promised to pay for food. The Reverend M.C. RANSOME offered the Home's Superintendent board and lodging. But perhaps the most touching gift was that of Mrs. Aldine COGSWELL, who not only worked without pay as what was probably the Home's first Matron, but took in washing and contributed what she earned to the Home. Messrs. HESTER and RANSOME were among the original incorporators of the Orphanage, along with Messrs. SHEPARD and CHEATHAM, Joshua PERRY and W.A. PATTILLO, who, like Mr. CHEATHAM, were to be superintendents of the Home, M.E. THORNTON, who was to be President of the Board, Isaac ALSTON, Oscar BULLOCK, A.B. FLEMING, J.C. JEFFRIES, J.W. LEVEY, J.T. REYNOLDS and A.G. LONG.

The Reverend Joshua **PERRY** was elected as the Institution's first superintendent. He served only a year. Then for two years Miss Bessie **HOCKINS** was superintendent, the only time that the Orphanage has been headed by a woman, and a white woman at that. She was followed by the Reverend W.A. **PATTILLO**. There is some evidence that the Home did not actually open its doors until some time in 1886 and that the first two superintendents supervised putting the place in order and preparing to accept children. Mr. **RANSOME'S** offer to house the superintendent was made to Mr. **PATTILLO'S** successor, the Reverend Robert **SHEPARD**, brother of the founder, in 1886 and Mrs. **COGSWELL** did not start her work until that year. The Home's ledger lists the first child as having been admitted on December 15, 1886, towards the very end of Mr. **PATTILLO'S** term. Mr. **PATTILLO'S** son claimed him to be the Home's first superintendent. It is possible that a few children lived informally at the Home before that time, but if so, there is not record of them.

Many Homes have made something of a heroine (or hero) of their first child. If eight year old Amanda **STEWART** from nearby Oxford was indeed the Home's first pupil, or even if she was not, she would be a fitting symbol and should be remembered. Amanda, like all too many children at that time, died of tuberculosis at the age of 11. The Home, at that time, kept remarkably good records and it is reported of her that "her last hours were spent in leaving messages for her relatives and on viewing some of the glories that awaited her, and with an exultant cry of 'Jesus, Jesus!' she entered into rest. Her body was interred in the family graveyard of her grandfather's plantation." She was not the only early arrival to become a convinced Christian. The fifth child to come, a girl named **LORNER**, who was 13, was partially paralysed, but is reported as having led all the other children to Christ and after graduation to have cared for two small orphan children herself.

Not all of the children, however, became model citizens. Among the first 25 to be admitted one young lady returned to her mother in New York, where the two of them kept an immoral house. Another was dismissed because, as the record says, she was an "evil influence."

Strangely, 20 of the first 25 children were girls, a trend which was reversed a few years later. They ranged in age from three to 13. Rather more than half were full orphans; the remainder had lost at least one of their parents. The Home, to its credit, never took the position, common to most church sponsored Homes, that to lose one's mother did not entitle one to charity as one's father could and should continue to support one. Of the first five boys, one went to college and one enlisted in the Army and fought in the Spanish-American War. Amanda was the only one who died while in care. Indeed the orphanage had a better record than most Homes in the matter of deaths. There were apparently no epidemics of typhoid or diphtheria which killed off so many children in other orphanages, which is somewhat surprising in view of the primitive toilet facilities, and few little girls who came to the Home in such a debilitated condition that they did not last very long. Two little girls were placed for adoption, one successfully and one not. None of the children ran away.

This was something of a contrast to the record 10 years later, where in a similar sample of 25 there were 18 boys, 10 of whom absconded. The proportion of full orphans was about the same, but one child was admitted who had both parents living. They were, however, separated.

Robert **SHEPARD** served as superintendent for 20 years, from 1887 to 1907. Unfortunately we know very little of what happened during those years or indeed for the first 20 years of his successor's term, so that we do not know how much of the progress that the Home made in these

40 years was due to Mr. **SHEPARD**. The earliest Board minutes we have are those of 1926 and the earliest Annual Report that has been preserved appeared two years later. Even the Home's ledger, which does record the coming and going of children, is far less informative in the 1900's than it was in the 1880's. We do know that there were 55 children in care by the end of Mr. **SHEPARD'S** first year and 110 twenty years later. We know, also that Mr. **SHEPARD** discontinued the practice of placing children in private homes, although he was still doing so in 1900. The Home at that time required that a parent, custodian or guardian turn the child over to the Home completely and promise not to interfere with any plans made for the child. This provision, which was common practice at that time, appears in both the 1887 charter and its revision 1927.

We do know that Mr. SHEPARD accepted the position without the promise of any remuneration. We know also that during his tenure the Home acquired more land and several buildings were erected or utilized. The original building, which may have been Miss **HOCKINS'** home, or more probably the six-room house which Mr. **PATILLO'S** son states that his father sold to the Home along with 25 acres, served as the Superintendent's home, a dormitory, a dining room and a kitchen, while the girls' building, at that time a frame building, included an infirmary and school rooms. By 1895 the Home had a farm of 44 acres.

We do, however, have one little window into the past. Bessie **HAMLIN**, aged nine, came to the Home in 1893 along with her sisters, 13 and 11. She stayed at the Home for 13 years – 13 happy years, she avered 60 years later, with some sadness in it, but with the blessings outnumbering all else. On her way to the Home she was berated by an old woman for going to an orphanage when she was big enough to be hired out to nurse white babies. An employee of the Home, Mr. Henry **CLAY**, met her and her sisters at the train station in Durham. Of Mr. **SHEPARD** she says, "I think I've never known anyone finer than Rev. and Mrs. **SHEPARD**. They talked to us and made us feel at home; then Mrs. **SHEPARD** took us to the Matron, Mrs. **VALENTINE**, a very motherly middle aged lady, who in turn took us to our room where a bed had been readied for us". It appears that the three sisters shared this bed, in a long room with several beds.

Bessie continues: "The next morning was cold and rainy and I had became very homesick. We had to walk about the distance of a city block to the boys' building for breakfast. At the door was one of the larger girls with a big bowl of sulphur and molasses and a tablespoon. As we went into the kitchen each one of us had to take a spoonful of the stuff. They said it would keep us from catching the itch. . . At breakfast another old lady, Mrs. Aldine **COGSWELL**, who had charge of the cooking [and] seemed more like a Grandma asked the blessing for us. I will never forget that blessing: "Gracious Lord, humble our hearts and make us truly thankful for these and all other blessings for Christ's sake. Amen." Mrs. **COGSWELL** died on Bessie's 14th birthday, June 30, 1897.

The first Christmas **BESSIE** spent at the Home was the "saddest in my life", according to Bessie. There were no presents and **BESS** thought that Santa was very unfair. All the Orphanage children got was a third of a bit of stick candy, donated by the missionary society of Kittrell. Later Christmases were much better, with presents, a Christmas tree and fireworks.

For four years **BESS** was one of a small group who gave concerts for the benefit of the Home throughout the state and even as far as Tennessee and West Virginia. One group even went to Texas. **BESS** was given a scholarship to Shaw University, where she met her future husband, as did her sister **MAGGIE**. Both young women married doctors. The middle sister, **MARTHA**, married the Reverend Nathaniel **BROOKS** and became the mother of a future Superintendent of the Home. Bessie also states that her two sisters were adopted, the older one by Mr. and Mrs. **SHEPARD** themselves, but she was not, because she did not want to be.

Mrs. **PICKETT**, as she became, recounts a couple of incidents that throw some light on Mr. **SHEPARD'S** style. When, after giving a Cantata at the City Opera House, some of the older boys and girls walked home with their girl or boy friends, Mr. **SHEPARD** held Court after morning prayers next morning. After long and heated discussion and charges and countercharges rather mild punishments were ordained. But among the girls who were sent to their rooms and put on light diet for a day for walking home with a boy was a girl, as Mr. **SHEPARD** said, "knee-high to a duck", which caused a great deal of laughter. She and her boyfriend, **GLEN**, had followed the older children. **GLEN**, on another occasion, showed some initiative. Mr. **SHEPARD** never whipped a boy until several days had passed, so that he would not do it while he was angry. **GLEN**, in the middle of being whipped pretty hard for throwing a stone that cost another boy an eye, stopped the proceeding by asking Mr. **SHEPARD** if he wasn't still mad at him. The fight in which **GLEN** had been involved had arisen, incidentally, from a game of marbles, which was a forbidden occupation.

Mr. SHEPARD emerges from Mrs. PICKETT'S memoirs as a kindly, deeply religious man who could relate to children. The **HAMLIN** girls may have been unusual students but the Home can certainly be proud of what it did for them.

Many things, both national and in North Carolina, affecting children occurred in Mr. SHEPARD'S time. The first Juvenile Court was established in Chicago in 1901. The first White House Conference on Children was in the planning stage. The "Century of the Child," as it has been called, began. Closer to home churches were funding orphanages – the white Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Orphanages all date from the 1890's. But very little of this activity rubbed off on black children in the South, for the 1890's was the decade in which black people were deprived, bit by bit, of their civil right, segregated and relegated to as inferior status. It is enormously to the credit of Mr. SHEPARD and people like him that they retained as much as they did of the respect of white leaders and that at least two prominent white men served on the Board of Directors of the Home.

In 1907, Mr. SHEPARD'S last year, the North Carolina Legislature, which was now, contributing about 80 per cent of the Home's income, appointed two black board members, Dr. G.C. SHAW and Mr. PATILLO, to be a Board of Audit to oversee the expenditures of the Home. This brought an almost violent letter to the Governor from two white members of the Board, R.W. LASSITER and M.L. COLEY. They objected not to the fact that the two gentlemen chosen were black, but to the power this measure placed in the hands of Dr. SHAW, who was opposed to Mr. SHEPARD'S policies, and could not hamstring his administration, and Mr. PATILLO, whom they accused of having sought power for himself under the guise of lobbying for an increased appropriation. The incident is significant in that it illustrates the rather

delicate situation in which the orphanage was to find itself for many years to come, that of being almost totally dependent on the legislature which, although generous, did not entirely trust it to manage its own affairs. But it should be noted that both auditors chosen were black.

Mr. SHEPARD resigned in 1907, shortly after this incident. He left to manage a similar Home in Forsyth County, which was, for a number of years, the only other Children's Home for black children in the state. In 1941 the Boys' building was named for him. The Board then elected its most distinguished member, ex-Congressman Henry Plummer CHEATHAM, to the superintendency. Mr. CHEATHAM, at the age of 50, began a second and no less worthwhile career.

A Monument to Black Initiative and Courage, Central Children's Home 1883 - 1990, by Alan Keith-Lucas; Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

Pension Board Meets

Submitted by Dr. Richard Taylor, Oxford, NC

The county pension board met Monday morning in the office of the Clerk of the Court to receive applications for pensions and to attend to such matters as might come before it. The board consisted of Dr. S.D. BOOTH, Messrs, M. BLALOCK, and B.I. BREEDLOVE. About twenty five applications were presented and allowed. They were.

W.D. Perry, 8th N.C. battalion A.J. Dickerson, Co E, 23rd N.C. J.W. Bradford, Co G, 47th N.C. B.I. Slaughter, Co B, 70th N.C. A.J. Dalby, Co K, 6th N.C. Francis Allen, Co D, 30th N.C. I.H. Stegall, Co A, 30th N.C. James Clark, Co I, 23rd N.C. W.J. Downey, Co B, 70th N.C. J.H. Breedlove, Co G, 23rd N.C. W.S. Eakes, Co B, 12th N.C. S.J. Currin, Co B, 12th N.C.

Harvey Hobgood, Co F, 17th N.C. W.A. Beck, Co I, 47th N.C. E.J. Jenkins, Co A, 33rd N.C. J.C. Cox, Co G., 14th Va. D.Y. Hunt, Co G, 30th N.C. D.H. Beck, Co A, 44th N.C. W.B. Rovster, Co B. 70th N.C. David Burchett, Co E, 46th N.C. A.H. Bragg, Co I, 63rd N.C. J.W. Hunt, Co K, 6th N.C. Lucus Estridge, Co E, 47th N.C.

Elizabeth A. Ross, widow of John Ross, of the senior reserves.

Application for increases were made by the following:

W.C. Peed, Co D, 30 th N.C.	J.W. Mitchell, Navy
C.R. Thomasson, Co E, 46 th N.C.	John Forsyth, Co E, 46 th N.C.
Geo. P. Stroud, Co E, 46 th N.C.	L. Meadows, Co B, 16 th N.C.

The board will have another meeting on Monday the 20th of July to attend to the matters that were not disposed of at this meeting.

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Granville County Marriages 1877 Abstracted by Mildred C. Goss Part 1 of 4

Adams, Jessee M. - son of Dempsey Adams and Elizabeth Adams & A. Frances Loyd daughter of J.M. Loyd and Sarah Loyd on 15 April 1877 by James B. Floyd, M.G.

Adcock, Arren W. - son of Jos. J. Adcock and Amanda Adcock & Mary A. Haithcock daughter of Kinchen Haithcock and Mary Haithcock on 17 October 1877 by Jas. H. Webb, J.P.

Adcock, Bengaman - son of Alaxezander Adcock and Sabrina Adcock & Vicktora Tatum daughter of Whington Tatum and Emaly Tatum on 22 July 1877 by Richard D. Jones, J.P.

Alston, Darling - colored - son of Britton and Dilsey Alston & Caroline Mallory daughter of Wm. Mallory and Jane Mallory on 15 September 1877 by John T. Gibbs, M.G.

Anthony, Charles - colored - son of Anthony Wicker and Sarah Wicker & Lizzie Walker daughter of on 20 September 1877 by Joshua A. Stradley, M.G.

Bailey, John A. - son of John Bailey and Priscilla A. Bailey & Nancy G. Loyd daughter of Jas. M. Loyd and Sarah Loyd on 28 October 1877 by M.G. Hunt, M.G.

Ball, Peter - son of Isham Ball and Betsy Ball & Malissa Finch daughter of Elijah Finch and Patsy Finch on 26 December 1877 by S.P.J. Harris, M.G.

Ball, Wm. A.Z. - son of Jno Ball and Mildred Ball & Jane F. Dixson daughter of Jno Dixson and Roan Dixson on 3 January 1877 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Banks, John - colored - son of Harvey Banks and Melvina Banks & Mary Crews daughter of John Walton and Milly Smith on 6 October 1877 by James Hunt, M.G.

Bennett, Isham Jr. - colored - son of Isham Bennett Sr. and Rose Bennett & Frances Gooch daughter of Phil Chavis and on 26 December 1877 by W.A. Pattillo, M.G.

Bennett, John - colored - son of Stephen Bennett and Jane Bennett & Jane Brown daughter of Joe Brown and Sarah Brown on 6 October 1877 by James A. Hunt, M.G.

Berkley, John - son of John B. Berkley and Mary Berkley & Sallie Buchanan daughter of R.S. Buchanan and Isabella Buchanan on 29 November 1877 by R.I. Devin, M.G.

Blackley, Thomas - son of Wm Whitfield and Mary Blackley & Hixey McGehee daughter of John McGehee and Sallie McGehee on 4 January 1877 by Moses J. Hunt, M.G.

Blackwell, James - colored - son of Robert Black and Lucy Blackwell & Harriott Stovall daughter of Jim Stovall and Hannah Stovall on 27 December 1877 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Bobbitt, John - colored - son of Newton Moss and Amy Bobbitt & Luvenia Allen daughter of George Allen and Charity on 2 July 1877 by M.V. Marable, M.G.

Bobbitt, Theophilis - colored - son of unknown and Anny Bobbitt & Sallie Mangum daughter of Dud Mangum and Ann McGehee on 1 April 1877 by J.B. Floyd, M.G.

Boyed, James W. - son of Wm. Boyed and Lydia Boyed & Julia Hudson daughter of Cephas Hudson and Manie Hudson on 5 April 1877 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Brandon, Crutch - colored - son of unknown and Elizabeth Brandon & Lucy A. Parker daughter of Henry Parker and Mahyaly Parker on 19 February 1877 by Jefferson Burwell, M.G.

Brandon, Isiah - colored - son of Chesley Brandon and Susan Brandon & Sallie Pettiford daughter of Wm. Pettiford and Averilla Pettiford on 22 November 1877 by W.D. Reavis, M.G.

Brodie, George - colored - son of Washington Brodie and Jane Brodie & Julia Satterwhite daughter of Ely Satterwhite and Franky Satterwhite on 3 October 1877 by A.P. Eaton, M.G.

Buchanan, James - son of Robt. S. Buchanan and Isabella Buchanan & Bitha F. Tillotson daughter of Henry Tilloston and Elizabeth Tillotson on 27 December 1877 by R.I. Devin, M.G.

Bullock, Duncan - colored - son of Talton Haskins and Sarah Haskins & Ann Smith daughter of Vincent Smith and Tempy Smith on 29 July 1877 by Jas. H. Webb, J.P.

Bullock, Eustace Coseway - son of Jas. M. Bullock and Amanda M. Bullock & Mollie C. Bryan and Lucy Bryan on 17 October 1877 by D.E. Jordan, M.G.

Bullock, Richard - colored - son of Buck Bullock and Sallie Hockady daughter of Laura Daniel daughter of Moses Daniel and Candice Daniel on 4 November 1877 by C.M. Rogers, J.P.

Burnett, Ira A. - son of Z.H. Burnett and & Rhoda D. York daughter of John W. York and Jane York on 24 December 1877 by J.K. Wood, J.P.

Burnett, Lucius A. - son of Z.H. Burnett and Martha Burnett & Bettie Averett daughter of Thos. R. Averett and Martha Averett on 25 February 1877 by R.H. Marsh, M.G.

Burton, John - colored - son of Eaton Burton and Emeline Burton & Milly Burton daughter of unknown and Lucy Perry on 16 August 1877 by S.P.J. Harris, M.G.

Byrd, Micajah - colored - son of James Holder and Betsy Byrd & Lucy A. Steward daughter of Manson Steward and Elizabeth Steward on 13 September 1877 by F.R. Underwood, M.G.

Cannady, Samuel H. - son of Wyatt Cannady and Elizabeth Cannady & Sarah Morris daughter of Addicus Morris and Elizabeth Morris on 23 August 1877 by James L. Purefoy, M.G.

Carnal, Lewis J. - son of J.W. Carnal and Elizabeth J. Carnal & Harriet Arrington daughter of Wm. Arrington and Harriet Arrington on 23 August 1877 by Wm. H. Smith, J.P.

Chappell, Andrew J. - son of Benja. Chappell and Elizabeth Chappell & Frances Moore daughter of unknown and Patsy Moore on 14 February 1877 by Wm. E. Bullock, J.P.

Clark, John W. - son of John D. Clark and Winnie Clark & Bettie D.C. Wright daughter of Daniel Wright and Lucy A. Parrish on 31 October 1877 by S.P.J. Harris, M.G.

Clark, Peter - colored - son of Robt. Clark and Eliza Clark & Fannie Smith daughter of Jone Smith and Riter Smith on 26 December 1877 by John W. Royster, J.P.

Clayton, Erasmus -son of Joseph Clayton and Frances Clayton & Nannie Jones daughter of William Jones and Martha Jones on 13 December 1877 by Jas H. Webb, J.P.

Clayton, Charles - son of Reuben Clayton and Amelia Clayton & Emma S. Gooch daughter of H.S. Gooch and J.R. Gooch on 11 February 1877 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.

Clements, Henry - colored - son of Elijah Clements and Adeline Clements & Mary Rowland daughter of Ben Rowland and Ann Rowland on 12 August 1877 by W. A. Pattillo, M.G.

Cole, Dewit C. - son of Horace Cole and Martha Cole & Mollie N. McCraw daughter of J.L. McCraw and V.C. McCraw on 14 November 1877 by William S. Pettigrew, M.G.

Cooper, Abraham - colored - son of Lawrence Cooper and Nancy Ellis & Maria Taylor daughter of London Taylor and Jane Davis on 8 February 1877 by Lewis G. Ragland, M.G.

Cooper, Alexander - colored - son of Moses Cooper and Katy Cooper & Rosa Jones daughter of Stephen Waller and Adeline Jones on 3 February 1877 by W.H. Smith, J.P.

Cooper, James - colored - son of Lawrence Cooper and Alley Cooper & Annie Taylor daughter of Bowser Taylor and Mary Taylor on 7 June 1877 by Walter A. Pattillo, M.G.

Cordle, Lewis J. - son of Lewis Cordle and Margarett Cordle & Emma G. Loyd daughter of Nat Loyd and Martha Loyd on 1 February 1877 by S.P.J.Harris, M.G.

Cousins, Harrison - colored - son of Isaac Cousins and Aggie Cousins & Macey Ann Kelly daughter of Andrew Kelly and Ann Kelly on 14 November 1877 by M.V. Marable, M.G.

Cozart, Dallas - colored - son of Sam Cozarts and Roasetter Cozart & Caroline Harris daughter of Anderson Harris and Emma Harris on 24 June 1877 by John Mitchell, M.G.

Cozart, William D. - son of D.B. Cozart and Rebecca Cozart & Elizabeth E. Hall daughter of John W. Hall and Martha Hall on 27 May 1877 by Joshua A. Stradley, M.G.

Crews, Leroy L. - son of James A. Crews and Martha Crews & Fannie E. Johnston daughter of John Johnston and Constance Johnston on 19 December 1877 by J.T. Gibbs, M.G.

Crews, Mark A. - colored - son of Stephen Gregory and Jane Crews & Henrietta Paschhall daughter of John Paschall and Emily Paschall on 10 October 1877 by H.T. Hughes, J.P.

Currin, William - son of James Currin and Elizabeth Currin & Lurena Crenshaw daughter of Jas. Crenshaw and Graves Crenshaw on 5 October 1877 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Dalby, Luke - colored - son of Adolphus Dalby and Rosetta Dalby & Martha Green daughter of Abe Green and Latta Green on 27 August 1877 by Harry Crews, M.G.

Daniel, Beverly - son of Martin Daniel and Elizabeth Briggs & Parthenia Ragan daughter of John Blackwell and on 17 May 1877 by Wilkins Stovall, J.P.

Daniel, Jerry - colored - son of Essex McKisic and Sarah Cawthorn & Ellen Waller daughter of Stephen Waller and Lucinda Waller on 2 November 1877 by Jno. Mitchell, M.G.

Daniel, Thomas - colored - son of Buck Daniel and Darcus Daniel & Julyann Yancy daughter of Benjamin Yancy and Oany Yancy on 20 December 1877 by John W. Royster, J.P.

Davis, Joseph D. - son of unknown and Leathy Haswell & Louisa A. Dilliard daughter of H.P. Dillard and Caudis Dilliard on 15 May 1877 by J.W. Wellons, M.G.

Dement, John S. - son of S.E. Dement and Maria Dement & Vendelia McGehee daughter of John McGehee and Sally McGehee on 14 July 1877 by D.H.Grenn, M.G.

Dickerson, Rufus - son of Whitnal Dickerson and Catharine Dickerson & Lucy R. Kimball daughter of D.J. Kimball and Susan Kimball on 15 July 1877 by Wm. M. Blackwell, J.P.

Dickey, William W. - son of D.F. Dickey and Elmira Dickey & Emma Oakley daughter of Addison Oakley and Martha A. Oakley on 31 October 1877 by G.W. Ferrill, M.G.

Downey, Doctor - colored - son of Davie Downey and Sarah Downey & Sarah Smith daughter of Joseph Smith and Ritta Smith on 19 December 1877 by John W. Royster, J.P.

Downey, Morris - colored - swon of Moses Downey and Chaney Downey & Joanna Tilley daughter of unknown and Maria Barnes on 18 January 1877 by W.D. Reavis, M.G.

Duncan, William H. - son of John B. Duncan and Altana Duncan & Jennie Gordan daughter of Henry Gordan and Sallie Gordan on 25 March 1877 by Albert Blalock, M.G.

Dunn, John - colored - son of William Dunn and Mary Dunn & Hannah Fuller daughter of unknown and Maria Fuller on 25 October 1877 by Erastus Powell, J.P.

Roads of the County

Public Ledger, April 8, 1914 Submitted by Dr. Richard Taylor, Oxford, NC

Granville County Has a Very Active And Energetic Good Roads Association Dr. N.M. FEREBEE is the Popular President

Granville county has a "Good Roads Association". Dr. N.M. FEREBEE is President; C.D. RAY, vice-president; and J.F. WEBB, secretary. The directors are: Dr. N.M. FEREBEE, C.D. RAY, J.F. VEASEY, J.F. WEBB, C.H. CHEATHAM, W.L. UMSTEAD, A.W. GRAHAM, R.H. GOOCH, B.F. DEAN, A.D. PITTS, Dr. J.L. BULLOCK, D.A. BURWELL, L.W. HALL and R.L. BROWN. Its motto is "Good Roads the Year Round". The annual fee for the county association is \$1.00 a year, but by affiliating with the State and National Highway Association a fee of \$2.50 pays the dues for the three associations. Up to the present fifty members have been secured for the county association, thirty-eight of whom have also joined the State and National Association. This fee of \$2.50 includes one year's subscription to Southern Good Roads and also entitles the members to "Good Roads" literature sent out from time to time from the central offices.

There is a big awakening in the interest in roads in the county. This is shown in many ways but in no more substantial way than the recent interest in dragging the roads. Whole communities have organized for this dragging and the different members take turns in using the drags after each rain. One of the completest organization is on the Berea road. Sam WHEELER, Crawford KNOTT, J.M. PHIPPS, J.T. MIZE, and R.B. DEAN have taken this road all the way from Oxford to Berea, a distance of ten miles, and have agreed to keep it in good order with the drag. Each one of these men has a drag of his own so he does not have to run over the neighborhood looking for one when he gets ready to drag.

The Enon road is also well organized. F.Y. CURRIN, Taylor HOBGOOD, D.C. FRAZIER, West and Len KNOTT, and Jeff AVERETT are the leading members of this neighborhood organization. The Providence road is not far behind. Eugene MOSS, Titus and D. CURRIN, Walter AVERETT, Carl PIPER and Luther OAKLEY forming a strong team to keep that road in good shape. Up toward Culbreth Graham DANIEL and others will continue the work.

Down around Wilton and Brassfield preparations are being made for regular dragging. Otis **JENKINS** is having a number of drags made to distribute to the men along the road in that section. Dr. **HOLLOWAY** has sent for a drag to use on his road. W.S. **HOWELL** has asked for one to be used by himself and brother on the Cannady road.

J.I. GORDON and C.R. GORDON on the Corinth road have made requisition on the Good Roads Association for a drag to be used in their neighborhood. In other sections the farmers are becoming aroused to the importance of the use of this simple and inexpensive implement. In fact every farmer ought to have one. He could drag his section of road and not miss the time, for the time suitable for dragging is usually when the land is too wet to plow. The Granville County Good Roads Association has undertaken to furnish a drag to every farmer in the county who will agree to use it. Already a number have been made and material for others has been ordered.

The only thing necessary is for some one to start it in each community. Unless it is an unusually dead neighborhood the others will fall in. For further information address the Granville County Good Roads Association.

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Oxford in By Gone Days

Oxford Public Ledger, November 5, 1909 Submitted by Leonard Dean, Raleigh, NC

Dr. Theodore Kingsbury Pronounces Oxford to have Had High Rank as an Intellectual Center Dr. Theodore B. **KINGSBURY** in his regular Sunday contribution to the News and Observer has the following concerning Oxford:

"Having lived at Oxford most of my time in my early days, until I was about thirty and latter still was there for some six or more years, I am naturally partial to that village of marked attractiveness and culture in the past. No village of its size between 1840 and 1860 possessed more genuine cultivation, as I am convinced, and in this I include the whole South. I have written of this before, and refer to it again for a special purpose. Oxford has had rather a unique population ever since it was but a crossroads, in 1756, when Rev. Hugh MCADDEN first passed by it or perhaps a little latter. By the way he mentions a Baptist Church on Fishing creek, at which he preached as early as 1756, a fact that has escaped the appreciation and attention of Baptist ministers. Mr. MCADDEN thence went to another section of the then great old country in the same year, and makes a most striking, memorable statement concerning the people in that section and at so early a time. I have not this account beside me and it is many years since I read it, but I recall that he said that he found the inhabitants intelligent, hospitable, refined, and hungry for the gospel. That, remember, was not far from the middle of the eighteenth century. But that was not what made me take my faber in hand at this time. I recently thought of the fact that early in the last century Oxford was well equipped for that time with educated physicians and other citizens - then a tiny village. Two of its physicians were alumni of the University of North Carolina, Dr. James RIDLEY and Dr. James YOUNG. Their names appear in the journal of the University. In their old age, when I was but a boy, I knew them well. Oxford had fine schools by perhaps 1825, and the graduates were met with later, I recalled, when I had attained my majority, and they were to be found all through the eastern section of the State. HORNER'S great male school did not begin until 1851, and what a noble work for the youth of this and other States has it done! Among the distinguished scholars and men of rare ability Oxford has had, and who are found in the small towns. I may mention Judge Robert GILLIAM, who took highest honors at the University, and was elected to Congress, but died before having taken his seat; Hon. Abraham W. VENABLE, markedly gifted as a speaker and of wide attainments, served six years in the Federal Congress, was a native of Virginia, from Prince Edward county, I think, and descended from a well known family of that great State; Prof. James H. HORNER, LLD., who was graduated with the highest honors of the University of North Carolina, was born in Orange county, and never had a superior as a teacher in this State, and had the degree of LLD. conferred upon him by his University; Marcellus V. LANIER, a native of Mecklinburg county, Va., educated at its famous University and honored by the University of North Carolina with the LLD degree, which was so justly bestowed, for he was a lawyer of the highest rank for learning among North Carolinians. So much so was this true, that I happen to know that the late Chief Justice PEARSON, said to a prominent rival of Dr. LANIER'S in Granville: "If there is any more learned lawyer in North Carolina than Mr. LANIER, he does not appear before the supreme Court." This too, from probably the most learned Chief Justice of North Carolina who ever held that high position. These are all buried in Oxford. Another lawyer of real ability and a graduate of North Carolina, who is buried at Oxford, is Leonidas C. EDWARDS, who was born, I think, in Person county. The late able and eminent Hon. B.F. MOORE, of Halifax county, say

that Mr. EDWARDS was the best master of English or any lawyer he practiced with in the Raleigh district at that time.

Oxford contained several men of worth for so small a village. It probably had prior to 1860, not more than seventy or eighty votes, and of these there were some thirty or more who were not only well educated but who could have written a respectable article. Two of its merchants were University men, and others of the same class had partly good educations and were blessed with excellent intellectual parts.

There were a dozen lawyers, some of whom had real ability and were graduates of colleges and Universities as were James S. AMIS, who took a high standing at the University of North Carolina; T.B. VENABLE, educated at Hampden-Sidney; George S. SPRUILL at a college I do not recall; Calvin H. WILEY, DD., the ablest of the Superintendents of Public Instruction, an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, with highest honors, and perhaps one or more others I do not just now recall. Mark you it was a town or village of not more than 700 or 800 inhabitants, Negroes included, and there were an unusual number of these, the total population considered. But this will do and it is my last contribution relative to Oxford. I was not born at Oxford but at Raleigh.

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Sheriff Officers Are On The Job

Oxford Public Ledger, October 16, 1925

Moonshiners Getting Ready For Heavy Mid-Winter Sales

As a preliminary movement to suppress the manufacture and sale of moonshine liquor in Granville County, the sheriff's deputies sallied forth this week to get the lay of the land in anticipation of the "big business" the moonshiners will wage between now and Christmas.

Constable E.N. **BRAGG**, accompanied by two or three deputies, made a trip to the foothills of Bowling mountain this week and took note of the ravines and by paths, so as to come upon the violators unawares and trap them, or capture them in the event they made a break.

While passing through the foothills of Bowling Mountain this week the officers found a fivegallon capacity cooper still hid in the woods and brought it to town, and the owner, perhaps, is wondering how in the world the officers find out where stills are hid.

Many of the moonshiners are no doubt readers of the Public Ledger and we herewith clear our conscience by explaining a little. It is this way: A law was enacted once upon a time forbidding the manufacture and sale of liquor of any kind. The law gives the Sheriff and his deputies the right to seize and destroy such concerns wherever found. If you will stop breaking the law by the manufacture and sale of this old vile stuff, the Sheriff and his deputies will not be caught in the act of destroying because there will be none to destroy.

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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.

01-04 Vivian Oney, 5533 Lotus Ln., Oxford, NC 27565, email - oney@gloryroad.net

Seeking information on the parents of Elizabeth WILLIAMS who died prior to 1850. Frederick Harris BOBBITT, b. 1800, d. 1884, married Elizabeth WILLIAMS about 1834. Both buried in Schloss, NC (outside Louisburg), Franklin County. Children named Randal BOBBITT, b. 1834, and John R. BOBBITT, b. 1839. Parents of Frederick Harris BOBBITT were Randel BOBBITT and Elizabeth HARRIS. Any and all information appreciated.

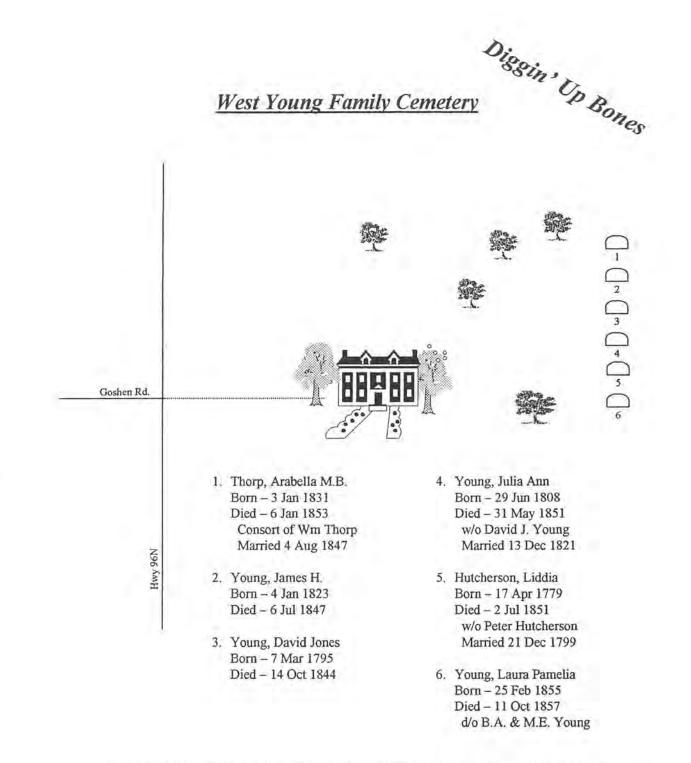
02 – 04 Sallyann Marable Hobson, 11433 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-2542, 301-593-1669, email – <u>shob777@earthlink.net</u>

Not related to but researching families of Edward Travis MARABLE, Lunenburg County, VA and Mecklenburg County, VA; Edward G. BUTLER, wife Catherine CHAVASSE; Richard H. HAMME. Other families living (1829 – 1871 then Granville County) approximately 2 – 3 mile radius of present day location of Harris Chapel. Researching deed information in attempt to identify boundaries of "Cedar Lawn Plantation" owned by Edward T. MARABLE and wife Elizabeth D. Butler MARABLE (reported destroyed by fire 20 July 1885). Original families living on adjoining lands in 1829 – ELLINGTON, HAMILTON, GRISSOM, Absalom DAVIS, Steven K. SNEED; 1849 – George W. HARRIS, ALLEN; 1858 – James CREWS, Senr., Drury TURNER, Edward CREWS, James COOPER; 1871 – David BARKER, John B. HICKS, Chestine ALLEN, E.N. CREWS, E.T. CREWS, D.R. TURNER. Any and all information appreciated.

03 - 04 Diane Walker, 797 Hubbs Rd, Camden, TN 38320-6814, 731-584-4098

Trying to find information on William D. WILSON (1823-1864) of Granville Co, NC, married (1857) Virginia Ann TOONE (1832-1902). My grandfather, Coleman James WILSON (1862-1932) was 2 when his father was killed in the Civil War. Want to find any court records regarding these. Have letter dated 1888 indicating John R. WILSON was administrator of Billy WILSON'S estate and executor of his father's will. Letter was sent to Dallas Co, AR where Coleman James WILSON lived. Any and all help would be appreciated.

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



Note – Arabella was the daughter of David Jones Young & Julia Ann Jones. She was the first wife of Dr. William Thorp who is buried in the Thorp Family Cemetery at Goshen.

From Oxford drive north on Hwy 96N toward Oak Hill. At the Oak Hill sign across from Goshen Rd to the left, turn right on the lane to the old Young house. The cemetery is on the far side of the house in a cow pasture and is surrounded by a crumbling stone fence. Canvassed by Jessie McLam and Kitty Humphries, February 2002.

Stem News Letter

Oxford Public Ledger, January 8, 1926

Mr. J.H. **SMITH** left Wednesday afternoon for the Eastern part of the state, to take part in a meeting beginning Sunday, the 19th at Bowden. The preaching will be done by Rev. G.M. **MATTHEWS** of Clinton, who is regarded as a very fine preacher.

A fire which raged for two days on Meadows mountain on Route 2, doing considerable damage to timber, was extinguished by the rain Monday.

We regret to note the illness of Mrs. J.T. GOOCH of Sunset St., who is confined to her bed with a severe attack of Grippe.

Misses Elizabeth and Ruby **DANIEL**, who spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. **DANIEL** of Route 3, left Monday, the former to her work as teacher at Boardman high school and the latter to resume her studies at Chowan College.

Mr. L.F. COTTEN and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. COTTEN of Oxford Route 6 spent the week end with friends in Beufort county.

Miss Bessie M. OVERBY and Mr. Hugh A. SUTHERLAND, were united in marriage in the Fifth Baptist church, Washington, D.C. Dec. 24th, Rev. John E. BRIGGS performing the ceremony. After spending a few days with Mrs. SUTHERLAND'S parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. OVERBY of near Tally Ho, they left Wednesday for their home in Richmond Va., accompanied by Miss Thelma OVERBY who had also been spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. OVERBY.

Rev. L.H. **JOYNER** was "pounded" by the members of Roberts Chapel church, during the Xmas as an expression of their appreciation of his services as pastor the past three years. Mr. **JOYNER** has the happy faculty of retaining the esteem and good will of all his churches.

Mr. W.H. WHITAKER purchased a new Sedan automobile last week, and Mrs. L.M. CRYMES, a coupe.

Miss Omega **NELMS** who is teaching at Frazier public school, in Person county, returned to her work Monday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.G. **NELMS**.

Miss Harriett **THOMASSON** of Route 3, who is a member of Kernersville High School, received a wire message, Friday apprising her of the burning of the High School building, a \$75,000 structure, which indefinitely delays the reopening of the school.

Ora LYON, wife of Hubert LYON, colored, died at her home in the colored section, Friday night after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. She is survived by a husband and three children.

Mr. J.W. FARABOW, rural carrier, Route 3, moved Thursday to his place in front of Tom AIKEN'S formerly occupied by R.L. WASHINGTON.

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Mr. W.A. GOOCH of Route 1, will occupy the residence vacated by Mr. FARABOW.

Mr. J.H. DANIEL and family, who have been living at the RUSSELL place, near Tally Ho, for seventeen years, are moving to the J.H. STEM place on Route 3. Mr. H.G. MCFARLAND of near Oxford, will occupy the RUSSELL place.

Mr. F.S. **HARDEE**, student at the A.&E. College, Raleigh, returned home Sunday from a visit to his brother, Mr. P.B. **HARDEE** at Sebastian, Fla. Oranges and other tropical fruits are growing in the latter's yard. Mr. **HARDEE** visited many of the principal places of interest in the Peninsula state and was delighted with his visit.

For the first time in a number of years, we are without a Drug Store here, The Stem Drug Company, having closed its doors because of the death of Elder MCKINNEY'S nephew.

Mr. W.L. **PEACE** of Oxford has recently purchased the J.B. **MAYES** old mill property and Mr. J.H. **GOOCH**, the Jesse **BULLOCK** store house near the depot.

Mrs. J.M. **BULLOCK** installed a radio last week, which was a Christmas gift from her children. This is the fourth radio to make its advent in Stem, the others being, Prof. E.C. **JERNIGAN**, Prof. J.G. **FEEZOR** and Mr. J.C. **HUDGINS**.

Mr. S.R. WINTERS of Washington, D.C. who spent holidays with relatives on Route 1, returned home Monday. Mr. WINTERS is living a strenuous life, all of his time being filled as there is an increasing demand for his articles by the leading magazines of the country.

Mr. J.H. **OVERBY** of Oxford Route 6, while at the home of Mr. W.B. **CASH**, a near neighbor, was taken critically ill, Tuesday night. When Doctor **HARDEE** reached him he was thought to be in a dying condition having had several convulsions. He was carried home on a stretcher and other physicians called but his chances of recovery are doubtful.

Mr. and Mrs. D.S. REID of Winston Salem, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J.H. GOOCH.

Mrs. J.C. HOPKINS spent the week end with relatives in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. HOPKINS spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W.C. BRAGG at Gorman.

Mr. L.O. GOSS of Route 2, killed a wild turkey Tuesday afternoon which weighed after it was dressed, eleven pounds.

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Membership Handbook Correction:

Walker, Diane, 797 Hubbs Rd, Camden, TN 38320-6814; (731) 584-4098 Researching: WALKER, WILSON, TOONE, TUNE, GREEN

Name and Addresses of White Teachers in Granville County

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Wilton High School

R.F. Coats, Principal, R1, Franklinton Miss Mary Jenkins, R1, Franklinton Miss Ruth Strother, Hester Mrs. J.H. Sandering, R2, Youngsville Mrs. Mary N. Allen, R1, Creedmoor Mrs. F.H. Averett, R2, Oxford Miss Thelma McGowan, Rt, Creedmoor W.J. Bullock, R1, Franklinton Miss Irene Whitfield, R1, Creedmoor Miss Eura Strother, R1, Franklinton Miss Annie Belle Smith, R1, Hester Miss Ethel M. Holmes, R2, Youngsville Miss Claire Kearney, Franklinton

Creedmoor High School

J.A. Pitts, Principal, Creedmoor Mrs. Nancy Parham, Creedmoor Miss Mary Amis, Creedmoor Miss Mary Lacy Palmer, Creedmoor Miss Virginia Clay Smith, Creedmoor Miss Etta Washington, Creedmoor Miss Ollie Lyon, Creedmoor Mrs. C.R. Mangum, Creedmoor Mrs. Kate Burch, Creedmoor

L.E. Worsley, Creedmoor Miss Nell Sutton, Creedmoor J.K. Dorman, Creedmoor Mrs. C.B. Lawrence, Creedmoor Miss Hallie Jones, Creedmoor Miss Wilma Garrison, Creedmoor Miss Mildred Nunnery, Creedmoor Miss Zora Cox, Creedmoor

Stem High School

J.G. Feezor, Principal, Stem Miss Vera Joy McBane, Stem Miss Bernice Usry, Stem Miss Pauline Hobgood, Stem Mrs. C.H. Washington, Stem Miss Maude Hofler, Stem

R.M. Usry, Principal, Berea Mrs. Ila D. Currin, R1, Oxford Miss Lillian Fuller, Berea Miss Ellie Williford, Berea

V.C. Kiser, Stem Miss Mack Harris, Stem

Miss Bessie Mangum, Stem Miss Frances Smith, Stem Miss Mary Cox, Stem E.C. Jernigan, Stem

Berea High School

Mrs. Louise Jones, Berea Miss Mary Emma Carrington, Berea Miss Nannie Lou Adcock, Berea

Frederick High School

G.A. Wilson, Principal, Oxford R4 J.A. Core(?), R7, Oxford Miss Gladys Campbell, R4, Oxford Mrs. Alice Daniel, R4, Oxford Mrs. Alma D. Nevils, R4, Oxford

Oak Hill High School

W.C. Poe, Principal, Virgilina, Va. Miss Caroline Morrow, Virgilina, Va. Mrs. J.E. Bouldin, Virgilina, Va.

M.F. Hayes, Virgilina, Va. Miss Marjorie Burton, Virgilina, Va. Miss Alice Chandler, Nelson, Va.

Miss Helen Bullock, Virgilina, Va. Miss Janie Clayton, Virgilina, Va. Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Virgilina, Va. Miss Pattie Morrow, Virgilina, Va.

Stovall High School

R.C. Young, Principal, Stovall Miss Ruth Howard, Stovall Miss Julia Burwell, Stovall Miss Lelia Currin, Stovall Miss Mary Royster, Stovall Miss Sarah Macon, Stovall W.F. Veasey, Stovall Mrs. Ruth White Byrd, Stovall Miss Jessie Daniel, Stovall Miss Sallie Norwood, Stovall Miss Mrytle Crews, Stovall

Teachers of the Schools Not Consolidated

Miss Naomi Moss, R2, Kittrell Miss Viola Hester, R3, Oxford Miss Mary Renn, R6, Oxford Miss Gladys Tapp Jones, R1, Oxford Miss Mary Belle Knott, R1, Oxford Miss Mary Hart, R6, Oxford Miss Asa Rhew, Rougemont Miss Fannie Campbell, Bullock Miss Onnie Lou Daniel, Oxford Mrs. Foy Nelson, R5, Oxford Mrs. W.T. Lee, Oxford Miss Eudell Tunstall, R3, Oxford Miss Hallie Norwood, R6, Oxford Miss Virginia Hart, R1, Oxford Mrs. W.S. Crews, Oxford Mrs. J.Y. Crews, Hester Miss Thelma Wilkinson, R1, Oxford Miss Blanche Norwood, R7, Oxford Mrs. Mable H. Barker, R5, Oxford Mrs. Pauline Thorpe, Berea

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Young Couple Wed

Public Ledger, January 27, 1915

The following announcement has been received by friends in Oxford:

Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell PATTON announce marriage of their daughter Lucie Lillian

To

Mr. Willie Wiggins ALSTON on Thursday, January the twenty-first nineteen hundred and fifteen Morganton, North Carolina

The bride is well known in Oxford where for several seasons she has held a responsible position in the millinery department of the Long Co. Mr. **ALSTON** is one of Oxford's rising young business men and his many friends congratulate him on winning so fair a bride and extend to them best wishes for a long and happy life. After a trip to Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. **ALSTON** will be at home in Oxford, with Mrs. Baldy **WILLIAMS**.

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How City of Henderson Was Started

Chalk Level, North of Present City Proper, Was First Location; Lewis Reavis Gave Much of Land for Site.

The reader will have to pardon some duplications in this section of our history. They are somewhat necessary to show the "tie-up" of the stories.

There was no settlement here before the railroad was run. It was the three thousand acre farm of Lewis **REAVIS**, and I am told that the land on which our station was put was his "hog pasture". In those days, certain sections of farms were set aside for farming, others for pasturage, and so forth.

Chalk Level was about a mile and a half northeast of here, and there the north-south and eastwest stage coach roads crossed, so there were the tavern, stores and houses. This place is now the A.A.C. Co., fertilizer plant site.

The railroad was started from Gaston in 1835 and reached Chalk Level about 1836. Around 1836, a picnic was held at the old home of Samuel **REAVIS** and at that time Rock Spring Methodist church was there.

The object of this picnic was to sell stock in the railroad and to name the new city. I understand that "Lawyer John D. **HAWKINS**" presided over the meeting and that "Lawyer Archibald **HENDERSON**" was the principal speaker. When the question of a name came up, the people wanted to name the city "Reavisville" for Lewis **REAVIS**, but he refused the honor and asked that it be named "Henderson" for his friend, "Chief Justice Leonard **HENDERSON**" who had died in 1833; also for the son "Lawyer Archibald **HENDERSON**."

By 1838, the railroad had reached Henderson, and the place is listed as a post office. The railroad was finished by 1840, and in February 1841 the "City of Henderson" was incorporated by the legislature. It is the "100th anniversary" of that event that is being celebrated in the "Henderson Centennial."

The growth of the city was very slow at first, until around 1872 D.Y. **COOPER** and others started the tobacco market. It is said that around 1860, to come from New York, you had to buy a ticket to Kittrell and then hire a horse and buggy to bring you back to Henderson.

In 1871 about half of the stores in the city were burned.

By 1880, Henderson had grown so much that it was decided to ask that a new county be formed with Henderson as the county seat. This resulted in the formation of Vance county in 1881, which is the reason that a part of our centennial celebration is the forming of Vance county sixty years ago.

In writing the charter for the city in long hand, it was written "1,000 miles from"; however the clerk caught the error and changed this to "1,000 yards." The center of the city is the intersection

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of Garnett and Montgomery streets, and the city limits were later changed to a radius of 1,200 yards from the above intersection. Lately a small section outside of this radius has been added.

As a result of the small radius, we have to make a census report of around 7,000 people, while a directory lately gotten up shows we have a population of about 14,000, including the suburbs.

So, starting with nothing one hundred years ago, we feel proud of the growth in population of our city, and our growth in every other way is very pleasing to us!

Hayes Collection, Vance County, Vol 93, pg, 10; Richard H. Thornton Library, Oxford, NC

Dexter Dots

Oxford Public Ledger, September 11, 1891

Our merchants were very busy last Saturday selling goods.

It is said that Mr. Charley H. GREEN mad some fine cures of tobacco last week.

Messrs. Charles CREWS, Oscar YANCEY, Thomas RICE and Anderson BREEDLOVE cured some nice tobacco last week.

Mr. A.L. GOOCH is in the Northern cities this week purchasing the fall stock of goods for Messrs. GOOCH & GREEN.

Two of Dexter's worthy young girls, Misses Alvata GREEN and Iola B. GOOCH, have entered the Oxford Female Seminary.

Mrs. Isabella WILLIAMS, who has been spending some time with her niece Mrs. O.T. BARKER, has returned to her home near Oxford.

Mrs. Laura **KING**, of Warren County, has been spending several weeks with relatives near Dexter. She returned home Saturday.

Mr. A.L. **GOOCH** has the finest corn crop our eyes have flashed on in some time. We expect he will have to use a step ladder in gathering it.

Rev. W.S. **HESTER** is greatly in favor of a classical school at Dexter and we trust that with his long experience he will strive and succeed in getting us a good school here.

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Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.. - Copied

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Numerous Villages And Communities In County

Historical Significance and Naming of Some Localities is Indicated; Routing of Roads in Early Days Outlined

Notice: In this I am starting in the Middleburg section, then Williamsboro, then Dabney, and so on.

Chalk Level is now the A.A.C. Co. fertilizer place. For many years before Henderson was started, the Richmond-Raleigh stage coach road ran by Drewry, Flat Rock, Chalk Level, through here by Bobbitt, (not Kittrell I am told) across Sim's bridge to Franklinton.

While an east-west road, "Halifax-Hillsboro" road ran by Cokesbury, Chalk Level, or two miles north of Henderson, to Dabney and Oxford.

This caused the tavern, stores and such to be here. The road is level here and the soil sandy, so probably some one named the place for the Chalk Cliffs of Dover in England.

Greystone is named for the Rock Quarry here. In my childhood days this was worked with convict labor, and I remember the high wire fence and the guards on it.

Brookston gets its name from a Mr. **BROOKS** having a store here. This later became **CHURCH'S** store.

Middleburg was cut out of the woods around 1860, by the **HAWKINS** family. The name means "middle way," Raleigh to Weldon.

Manson is for the MANSON family, who married into the HARGROVE family.

Drewry was named by our "Joe and Goody" **MARROW** for their father, Drewry **MARROW**, about 1900, when they rebuilt the railroad, Manson to Townsville. Its previous name was "Enterprise".

Bullocksville is where Richard BULLOCK settled in 1743.

Flemingtown is where Peter FLEMING and his brother settled in 1787 coming from Scotland. There are many FLEMINGS there today.

Cephas Springs is where Cephas **DANIEL** lived about 1840. His people started the **TURNER** place, east of here.

Flat Rock is where there is a large flat rock which the old road crossed. My grandfather lived at the Hunter **SATTERWHITE** place, 1855-76, and a story in the family is he had a dog that could hear and recognize his buggy crossing this rock. The dog would bark, the cook would put his biscuits in the stove, and by the time he got to the table the hot biscuits were ready for him.

Gooch's Grove is where our L.R. GOOCH was raised and he owns land there today.

C.Y. HARRIS is a store by that name.

Williamsboro was named "The Lick", meaning a good hunting or meeting place, by the Indians. "Byrd's Dividing Line", in 1729, found so many hazel nuts on a stream that they named it "Nutbush", and from that, this place is "Nutbush" in early Colonial Records. In 1772, Judge John WILLIAMS of Montpelier, gave this land to his son-in-law, Col. Robert **BURTON**, who changed the name to Williamsboro, in honor of the judge.

In 1787, it was chartered, laid off into the present 90 foot street and 75 foot lots were sold at six pounds each. A chart of the purchasers is at the R.A. **BULLOCK** home.

Townsville was first called Lynesville, as James LYNE had a store between the railroad and the Episcopal church. When the Roanoke railroad was run about 1855, Joseph TOWNES of Montpelier gave them land for the station, so the name was changed to Townsville in his honor.

Boydtown is land in front of the Wm. H. BOYD home, "Belvidere."

WOODSWORTH is for that family. Many lived here and they were kin to the HARGROVES.

Taylor's Ferry is where there was an old ferry over the Roanoke river in Virginia. This **TAYLOR** lived near Macpelah at Townsville.

Starke's Mill is where there is a very old mill, which was run by the STARKE family some years ago.

Marrows Chapel is because of the old church here, started by the many MARROWS here in 1825.

Hick's cross roads is where the HICKS family live and have a store.

Kelly's cross roads is on a road by St. Andrews to Williamsboro, here Jesse KELLY, father of our Miss Sue KELLY lived.

St. Andrews is for a Presbyterian church started there about 1900.

Dabney is for a Dr. DABNEY, who lived there and had a store.

Huntsboro in Granville county, named for John and Mourning HUNT, who lived there about 1760 or later.

Dexter was "Midway" some years ago, as it was midway Oxford to Williamsboro. When it was made a post office some other place had Midway name. The Post Office Department submitted a list of names they could use, and the committee picked Dexter as it sounded "short and snappy."

Watkins was named by Major John C. **WINDER**, superintendent of the S.A.L., when the railroad was run, Henderson to Durham. It is for his friend, our merchant, Samuel WATKINS.

Bear Pond. I understand some man claimed that he was a great bear hunter, but when he found a stuffed bear skin the crowd had hid in the swamp, he did some running.

Gill Siding is because here years ago, the Dave and Jim GILL crowd unloaded their fertilizer.

Kittrell, when the railroad was run about 1838, George KITTRELL gave the land for the station. He refused the honor, so they named it for his young son. George, who was father of our Joe and Bob KITTRELL.

Lynbank was the home of George **BURNS** who came from Lynbank, Scotland about 1840. This is the Bill **HARP** place today.

Egypt, years ago, some families from this section moved to Person county. Their corn crop failed and like the Bible story, they "went down in Egypt" for what they needed. A high hill is here called Egypt Mountain.

Bobbitt was the store of Patrick **BOBBITT**. The old name was "Five Points", and the North and South stage coach road used to pass here. Its first name was Hayesville.

Balance Rock is over in Franklin county. Dr. R.J. **GILL** gave the old mill place to the young people's organizations, and much has been spent to fix it up for the Boy Scouts and such. A large rock is balanced on top of another rock, which causes the name.

On Epsom Road, we have Gillburg, where the GILL family lives.

Cokesbury is for the Methodist church there. There was a noted preacher named Bishop **COKESBURY** in their church history.

Epsom was for many years called Duke's Store as Simon W. **DUKE** had a store there. They decided to ask that it be made a post office. Some other place had Duke so many names were proposed. Talking in the store Dr. W.J. **JUDD** or Dr. B.P. **ALSTON** looked on the shelves and noticed a package of Epsom salts. "Let's name it Epsom," he said, "as the word means 'healthy,' and the place is so healthy," So that was done.

On Aycock school road is Vicksboro. This used to be **COLEY'S** Crossing, as a store of that name was there. A Miss or Mrs. **SPEED** was postmistress around 1880 and changed the name to Speedesville. Later Horace **FINCH** was Postmaster, and about that time the name was changed to Vicksboro, for Vicksboro, Miss. of which place Mr. **FINCH** was a great admirer.

Carey's Chapel is for a Baptist church there. I do not know who the "CAREYS" were.

Pegram's store is for the **PEGRAM** family, who used to have a store in the forks of the road there.

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Granville County Deaths December 1, 2003 – February 29, 2004 (Names and Ages of Residents Retrieved from Oxford Public Ledger/Butner-Creedmoor News Newspapers)

Adcock, Macie Burnette	94	Daniel, Marie Louise Knott	79
Allen, Maybelle H.	96	Daniel, Nancy Newell	
Allen, Vermale Rich	75	Daniel, Sr., Dorsey Wharton	79
Alston, Ethel Thorpe	87	Daniels, Nancy Pilley	83
Ayscue, Jr., Wiley Wheles	70	Daye, Joe Herman	90
Bair, Rex Jordan	37	Denny, Eulie	79
Beck, Frances Downey Reynolds	89	Dobbins, Mary Lee Dixon	
Blackwell, Lena Milton	92	Eakes, Olan Day	90
Booth, Rose Marie	67	Elam, Annie Keith	81
Boyd, Edward Ollie	82	Ellixson, Johnnie Brown	85
Braddy, Mamie Cox	89	Ervin, Georgia	93
Brodie, Armstead E.	82	Estes, Dewey Cecil	74
Brown, Ella Faust Smith	91	Evans, Roger Davis 'Joe'	71
Brown, Mary Marable	87	Fields, Sammy	44
Brummitt, Mary Alice Gupton	67	Fuqua, Wilma Sue	75
Burns, Willie Mae Bailey	80	Garcia, Daniel Justin	5 mo
Campbell, John T. 'Tommy'	53	Gholson, Audrey Main	84
Carlyle, Sylvia James		Glasco, Jr., Charlie Thomas	79
Carr, Betty Knott	104	Glosson, Mary McKenzie	48
Cash, Linwood E.	84	Green, Lillian Batchelor	56
Cash, Miriam Arrington	77	Greene, Mamie Lee Boyd	92
Cathey, Lillian Syrett	92	Grissom, John Ed	71
Catron, Jack Morris	58	Guill, Pearl Journigan	93
Caviness, Thomas 'Jeff' Jefferson	81	Hall, Augusta Morton	92
Chambers, Glendora Marie	56	Hall, Doshia Richards	95
Chavis, Christopher George	28	Hare, Daphine Tippett	84
Chavis, Ella Faust Smith	91	Hargrove, Benjamin 'Fats'	72
Cheatham, Rudolph Owen	67	Harris, James Holmes	82
Clark, Claude H. 'Nub'	80	Harris, Otha Lee	72
Clark, Earl Thomas	82	Harris, Thomas	89
Clark, Ruth Adelle	88	Harward, Bobby Joseph	68
Clayton, Minnie Tunstall Satterwhite	87	Haskins, Marian	
Clifton, Leroy	79	Hawkins, Listerine Greenwood	79
Coghill, Sr., George P.	68	Hawley, Udallus	68
Cox, Sr., Hubert L.	84	Henderson, Dinnah Allen	97
Cozart, Carl	91	Herres, Eliza Ellen	92
Cozart, Mattie L.	94	Hester, Mittie Mae	86
Cress, Sr., Fred Alonzo	90	Hibbs, Marguerite Harris	93
Crews, Barnes McArle 'B.Mac'	83	Hicks, Nora I.	109
Crews, Charlotte E.	92	Hicks, Ray F.	89
Crews, Dorothy Overton	84	Hicks, Waverly B.	78
Cross, Eola Rice	80	Hielema, Mary Elizabeth Spencer	77
Crow, Lila Gooch	88	Hilton, Virgil M.	68
Cruise, Ethel Brogden		Hobgood, Hazel Ford	85
Currin, Brenda Blackwell	57	Hobgood, Katherine Dillehay	74
Currin, Elizabeth Taylor		Hobgood, Lisa Ann	41
Currin, Sr., James W. 'Bill'	77	Hobgood, Royster	79
Daniel, James 'Bubba'	71	Howell, John Nelson	54
Daniel, Louise Knott	79	Hunt, Nan Gordon	79

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Hunter, Sr., Shelton Leonard	49 83	Skinner, Alice J. Slaughter, Norman Eugene	56
Hutcherson, Harvey	85	Smith, Gloria Faye	48
Hutchinson, Mary Farrior	89	Smith, Jr., Al 'Rude Boy'	43
Jenkins, Walter	96	Stebbins, Jean Curtis	74
Jones, Mary Lessie	51	Stovall, Lucy Wrenn	79
Keller, Karen Carrera	85		49
King, Ellen Gooch		Strother III, Edgar Vernon 'Vern'	61
Landis, Inez Cooper	96 86	Stuckey, Jerry D. Sturgis, Lola Frances Tyndall	62
Lassiter, James 'Byrd'	62		81
Laswell, Priscilla Boyd		Taborn, Rebecca W.	84
Leabhart, Robert M. 'Bob'	73	Tart, Hattie Geneva Duckworth	83
Loranger, John Edmund	84	Taylor, Elizabeth Newton	65
Lumpkin, Ethel Owen	80	Taylor, Lillie Peace	
Lyon, Lymon	83	Taylor, Nelson Ferebee	83
Mangum, Gerarldine Brinkley Moss	68	Teasley, Jr., Thomas	40
Mangum, Vicki Carter	53	Thorpe, Eva Cooper	78
McGarr, Macie Newton	92	Tingen, Sr., Melvin Earl	62
Meadows, Ruth White	67	Tippett, Jason Edward	30
Montague, Milton Sylvester	53	Turner, Charles Daniel	87
Moody, Irene C.	80	Vann, Robert Wells	84
Moore, Lewis Sylvester	69	Vaughan, Charlie Hoover	74
Moore, Margaret Stith	81	Vaughan, Donald Patrick	47
Moore, Ressie Smith	93	Vaughan, Ruby Claud Harris	85
Moss, Edna Charlene	76	Wall, Alma Bailey	
Moss, William 'Toot'	61	Wall, Marcus W. 'Punch'	82
Myrick, Edward L.	82	Waller, Jeremiah	68
Newton, Georgia Mae Brooks	89	West, John 'Luke'	79
Newton, Lizzie Parker	82	Whitfield, Christine Breedlove Wilder	71
Oakley, Raymond 'Mutt'	89	Wilkerson, Beverly Ann	43
Oakley, Robert Nelson	67	Wilkerson, Ethel Mae Davis	72
Oakley, Sidney Ray	71	Wilkins, Agnes Lewis	79
Owens, Jr., Michael S. (Sean Ethan Owens)		Wilkins, Raymond Edward	57
Parham, Earl Alexander	61	Wilkins, Thelma Clark	85
Pate, William 'W.B.' Benson		Williams, Ethel Phillips	88
Paulus, Vera Brooks	45	Williams, Nancy Jo 'Flash'	56
Peace, Lucille Teasley	63	Williams, Rev. Howard Alton 'Howie'	43
Perry, Robert Earl	64	Williamson, Lawrence Watkins	74
Pickard, Frances Norwood	67	Williamson, Pauline Byrd	86
Poe, Dorothy Blalock	79	Wilson, Frontis Lee	82
Poole, Arthur Melvin	56	Wilson, Mildred Hall	88
Rackley, James Edward 'Jim'	80	Wilson, Ricky Joe	48
Ragland, Jr., Shepard	64	Winfrey, Daniel Scott	32
Rambeaut, Elvis 'Eddie' G.	74	Woodlief, Carl L.	83
Ray, Bradie Lee	82	Woodlief, Millie Garrett	81
Riggan, Robert Madison	63	Wortham, Bernice Eleanor Roberts(Cate)	75
Royster, Charles H.	58	Wortham, Juanita Smith	80
Royster, Nettie Washington	81	Wright, Jr., George Lonnie	69
Sanders, Sr., Zebulon Ross 'Zeb'	78	Wright, Toriano	33
Satterwhite, Belinda J. Harris	24	Yancey, Oscar	67
Seate, Allene Williams	86		
Self, Charlie Harrison	88		

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