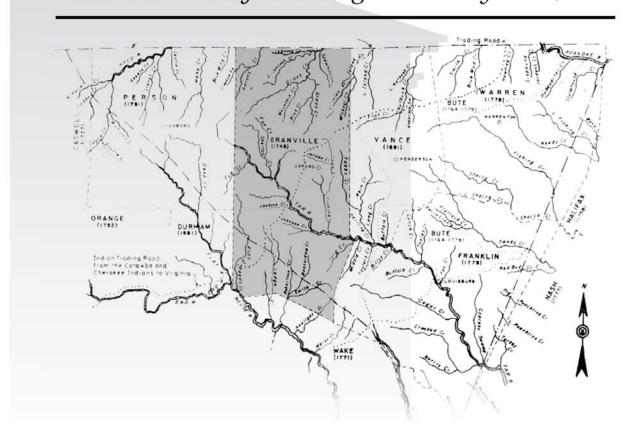
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THE SOCIETY MESSENGER

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From the President—

Another busy three months for the Society. Working with Allen Dew with the Cemetery Project, I went to the County Manager to see if we could get a layer added to the GIS Mapping for Granville County to flag our cemeteries. I was prepared to really put up all of the advantages of having this and low and behold after hearing my request he surprised me with his answer. He said it would be no problem and to give him a few weeks and his mapping person would take care of this. So we will be able to pull up a cemetery that we have catalogued and you will see the location of it on the Granville County map. This will be great for researchers from out of the county for locating their family cemeteries.

The Society members attending our monthly meeting voted to purchase a large TV to go in the small conference room at the library so the patrons will be able to do Power Point presentations and Webinars, etc. when the large conference room is being used. They voted to purchase a Dell Computer for the North Carolina Room due to the increase in patrons using the one already there. There should be no waiting to use one, especially people coming from out of town. We had one from the United Kingdom to visit recently.

Also, a Lavalier Wireless Microphone compatible with the sound system already installed in the conference room will be donated by GCGS for the sound system in the large conference room. The sound system was donated by another member with a hand held microphone. We are

bringing the library into the twenty first century.

Other exciting news a member had donated money for a large flatbed scanner that has been added to the North Carolina Room. You will be able to scan your large documents and email it to your home email address. This is another way to save copying cost. I tried this and it worked perfect.

The Library Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of a Book-Eye 4 Scanner for the North Carolina Room. So you out of towners bring your thumb drive with you so you can scan the documents to your thumb drive to take back home with you. This will save you money from making copies of the documents. When you get home you can print the documents.

Another addition to the North Carolina Room is the microfilm of the Henderson Daily Dispatch; the newspaper from Henderson made the donation. Also 34 books received as donations this quarter. We are trying to get the complete set of Virginia Regimental Histories in our North Carolina Room. Before donating one please look in our collection to see what we already have or call the library at 919-693-1121 and they can pull it up, if you do not have a computer or internet service.

The position for the Library Director was posted in September and our Interim Director was given the position as of October 1, 2018. Will Robinson is well qualified for the position. Welcome aboard. He is helping the Society members by answering questions they may have. Will is

working with us to bring the North Carolina Room up-to-date. We did not know that we had been corresponding with him at the Wilson Library for at least five years before he came to Granville County. We had been exchanging publications with the library.

We are looking for new members to join our Society this year. Go to our website gcgs.org print the application, fill it out, select your choice of membership and mail it with a check for the amount to GCGS, P.O. Box 1746, Oxford, NC 27565. Be sure to include your email address since that is how we maintain contact with our membership. You will receive our quarterly for membership. Our award winning Journals are searchable on our website. Who knows, you may get through that brick wall searching our Journal.

We strive to include in our Journals marriage, birth, death, cemetery, wills, estate, some court records as a large amount of people migrated through Granville County on their way south, west, and east. We include current deaths in Granville County in each Journal. One of our members abstracts these from the local newspapers. We have one member who cuts the obits from the local newspapers, dates the obits, puts them in plastic sleeves and donates them to our North Carolina Room. They are filed in alphabetical order. These obits include a lot of family information. When you visit the library ask about these.

After reading our Journals let us know what you would like to be added, or send us an article on your family to go in our Journal. You may not realize that at one point in time Granville County went all the way to the west coast.

We took our yearly vacation in July and did not have a meeting. In August we had our Show and Tell which is always interesting. Some members did not have anything to share so we had a discussion on finding information, what to look for, and where to look.

Michael Felts, our Granville County Manager, was a speaker in September. He filled us in on happenings with the library. He answered many questions from the members. He thanked our Society for donations and our time to the library. When he was told the approximate amount the Society had donated in equipment, books and money, he was very surprised. This has been a blessing for the library and the tax payers of Granville County. Our goal is for the library to be the best destination point for research on the east coast.

I guess that I had better end this message and get ready to work the One-Stop Voting in the county. I get to see people this way that I don't see otherwise. It will be some long hours, but this is our right, don't forget to vote.

Happy researching,

Mildred C. Goss

GCGS Deaths for June, July, August 2018

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), date of death and parents if listed. Some funeral homes do not list the parents.

Adcock, Richard R. "Dickie" Sr.	62	C	7/30/2018	James Astor Adcock & Willie Lee Adcock
Aiken, Sandra Frances Goss	64	C	6/15/2018	Mildred Currin Goss
Allen, Angela L. "Angie, Ann"		C	6/16/2018	Earnest "Doc" & Mary "Honey" B. Allen
Allen, James	88	В	6/8/2018	Gilbert & Annie Bullock Allen
Alston, William Bernard	55	В	7/13/2018	Christine Greene Floyd & William E. Alston
Anderson, Mary Etta	77	C	6/26/2018	John & Rhodie Wright
Blackley, Mattie Ann	81	В	6/5/2018	John Pegram Gooch & Beatrice Overton Gooch
Blackwell, Judith "Judy" Carolyn Parham	76	В	6/29/2018	David A. "Jack" & Mary Ann "Mae" Milton Parham
Blackwell, Maria Kerr		C	8/4/2018	Frances Worthington Taylor & Graham Waverly Harris
Bourdeau, Barbara Wilson	60	C	5/31/2018	Erdene E. Christian & Tom Bailey
Brandon, Keith	57	C	6/4/2018	Not listed
Braswell, Dortohy Green	90	В	9/2/2018	James Arthur Green & Mary Timberlake Green
Braswell, Linwood T.	71	В	6/17/2018	Linwood Braswell & Lula Green
Brooks, Waverly Haywood	66	C	7/6/2018	Zelma Riley Brooks & James Marshall
Bunting, Jan Yvette Jordan	55	В	8/21/2018	James Jr. & Mary Elizabeth Mayfield Jordan
Capps, Clinton 'Pete' Weldon Jr.	90	В	6/29/2018	Clinton Capps Sr. & Lucy Anne Shearin
Capps, William Emmitt 'Dickie"	93	В	8/31/2018	Clinton & Lucy Shearin Capps
Carson, Al		C	9/4/2018	Daisy Tatum Carson & John Royal Carson, Jr.
Cates, Darius Tremayne	31	C	8/19/2018	Ricky Cates & Anita Pettiford Perry
Champion, Wade Merrett Sr.	80	В	8/14/2018	Thomas Merrett Champion & Estelle Morris
Chavis, Catherine	69	В	7/13/2018	Nathaniel Chavis & Christine Shipman
Chavis, Ida B.	87	C	7/18/2018	Robert & Janie B. Allen Ridley McGhee
Clark, Mattie Ella Royster	92	В	8/31/2018	Herbert & Phyllis Beatrice Marrow Royster
Coleman, William Howard III	56	C	6/25/2018	William Jr. & Giovannina "Jennie" Petrivelli Coleman
Comer, Venita Gregory	89	В	8/24/2018	Frank & Maggie Taylor Gregory
Cooper, Ruth Holman	95	В	7/30/2018	Elijah & Dora Peace Holman
Copeland, Thomas Lee	87	C	8/19/2018	Tom & Sadie Perkins Copeland
Cozart, George Thomas	79	В	5/18/2018	Willie Cozart Montague
Cozart, Kayden L.	6 mo	В	7/24/2018	Anthony Cozart Jr. & Letesea Perez
Crews, Jessie	66	C	7/29/2018	Waymon & Mittie P. Crews
Critcher, Dale Pitts	95	В	8/2/2018	Joel Anderson Pitts & Iola York
Crompton-Owens, Samantha Lynn "Sam"	41	C	6/9/2018	Rick & Linda Crompton
Currin, Jo Ann Maynard	82		7/7/2018	Hazel Massey
Dames, Richard Martin	83	В	7/20/2018	John Daniel & Henrietta Brandon Dames
Daye, Annie "Sweetpea" Meadows	58	В	8/15/2018	W.A. & Annie Lou Meadows

Dickerson, John Madison (Matt)	57	В	7/17/2018	Douglas & Betty Ann Currin Dickerson
Dixon, Margaret Lucille Tippett	91	В	7/3/2018	Farris Bragg Tippett & Joe Peace Tippett
Dixon, Nancy Wilkinson	66	C	8/6/2018	William(Billy) Jethro & Eleanor Newton Wilkinson
Downey, Lucy M.	86	В	8/22/2018	Samuel & Mary Downey
Dworsky, Seymour Leonard	97		6/25/2018	Meyer Dworsky & Ida Bruckner Dworsky Becker
Eaton, Bobby Wayne Jr.	51	В	7/28/2018	Bobby Eaton Sr. & Betty Eaton McGhee
Edwards, Kristen Leigh	28	C	7/20/2018	Kim Edwards, Drew Edwards (Joy)
Elliott, Mozelle Stroud Hill	88	В	6/4/2018	Robert Kitchin & Bettie Clayton Hill
Elliott, Raymond Wayne	65	В	6/23/2018	Raymond H. & Mozelle Hill Elliott
Evans, Dorothy Marie	83	В	6/17/2018	Fred & Bessie Evans
Farrell, Nelson Manley "Buddy"	77	В	7/3/2018	Nelson James Farrell & Jessie Elizabeth Singleton
Farrior, Dorothy "Dot"	74	В	8/8/2018	Lloyd Harris & Bessie Hunt
Faulkner, Lillian Grace	0	В	5/31/2018	Kenneth T. Faulkner & Ashley R. Campbell
Fields, Frelia Street	96	В	5/31/2018	Not listed
Frazier, Michael Todd	50	В	8/25/2018	Robert Jones Frazier & Brenda Milton Frazier
Freeman, Lonnie James	88	В	6/6/2018	Albert & Olivia Freeman
Fuller, Viola Morris	88	В	8/24/2018	Thomas & Maggie Brown Morris
Garrett, John	78	C	7/23/2018	Hullie & Leona Garrett
Glasscock, Al	78	В	7/28/2018	Alfred & Ruth Glasscock
Glover, Bessie Mae Hawley	93	В	8/31/2018	Eugene & Janie Chavis Hawley
Goode, Frank R. "Buddy" Jr.	67	В	6/23/2018	Rebecca Taylor & Frank O. Goode Sr.
Green, Evelean	77	В	7/13/2018	Samuel & Allie Mae Green
Gregory, Edith Rice	86	В	6/24/2018	David & Annie Mann Rice
Gregory, Sheila	57	C	6/11/2018	Douglass "Sonny" & Lueive Dennis Gregory
Guthrie, John Thomas "Tom"	72	C	6/12/2018	Not listed
Hargrove, Andrew A. "Dubby"	88	В	5/18/2018	Alex Hargrove & Gennie Terry Dawes
Hargrove, Helen Thomas	74	В	7/10/2018	Jim Mack Thomas & Thelma Hester Thomas
Harris, Demorreo	40	В	9/9/2018	Rickie & Francie Gillis
Harris, Jacqueline Antionette Thomas	63	В	7/10/2018	Artelia Louise & Lonnie Thomas Sr.
Harris, Sylvia D. "Sis"	61	C	8/2/2018	Mary Sue & Herman Lee Downey Sr.
Hayes, Elma Dallas	98	C	7/20/2018	Isaac T & Ethel R. Smith Hayes
Hearin, Deborah Louise Woody	73	В	7/4/2018	Clyde & Edith Edwards Woody
Hicks, Nellie Hunter	82	В	6/13/2018	Paul Hunter & Priscilla Cook Hicks
Hill, Evelyn C.	94	C	7/30/2018	Jim & Cora Clark Cash
Holloway, Ralph N. "Daddy Ralph"	91	C	8/5/2018	Not listed
House, Terry Michael	57	В	8/14/2018	Betty Jean Bowling
Howard, Mary Alice Crticher	93	C	6/20/2018	Casper Percy & Lillian Fuller Critcher
Howell, Virginia Louise Herman	91	В	6/27/2018	Freddie Lee & Lucy Hicks Herman
Hulsey, Stanford "Stan" Owen	73	В	6/28/2018	Lemuel O. & Lola F. Hollingsworth Hulsey
Humphries, Franklin Mack Henry Jr.		C	6/20/2018	Nancy Humphries
Hunt, Robert "Bob" David	92	В	6/20/2018	Francis Earle & Addie Breedlove Hunt
Jackson, James Howard	74	C	7/22/2018	Howard J. & Ruth L. Jackson
Johnston, Ellen Dian Anderson	75	В	7/8/2018	Corrine & Thomas Anderson

Jones, Helen	48	В	5/18/2018	Harvey & Mathulia Majors
Jones, Robert L.	89	В	6/14/2018	John & Hattie Crosby Jones
Justice, Artelia	99	C	8/12/2018	Not listed
Keolavanh, Khamtanh	87	C	8/18/2018	Kham & keiam Keolavanh
Kittrell, Shirley O.	55	В	9/4/2018	Queen Morgan Overby & George T. Overby, Sr.
Lawson, James A.	77	В	6/20/2018	Howard & Nellie Lawson
Lewis, William Mason	88	В	6/16/2018	Not listed
Mathews, Elizabeth Ann Wilson	76	В	6/17/2018	Francis Coley Wilson & Ruby Odell Wilson
McGhee, Ricky Junior			8/27/2018	Harold & Sarah Ann McGhee
Monroe, Frank Roosevelt Jr.	82	В	7/3/2018	Frank Sr. & Vinney Simpson Monroe
Montague, Hazel Sherman	85	В	7/24/2018	Lottie Denny Sherman & Gattis Luther Sherman
Morris, Ida Mae (Self)		В	6/26/2018	Marcus Franklin Self,Sr. & Annie Mae Grady Self
Murray, Herbert Bradley Jr.	68	C	6/21/2018	Herbert & Sarah Elizabeth Knott Murray
Neely, Virginia Garrett	90	C	8/30/2018	Not listed
Norman, Collis Raymon Jr.		В	6/12/2018	Collis Sr. & Emma Spruill Norman
Oakley, Louise Faucette	100	В	8/16/2018	Lonnie & Hettie Burchett Faucette
Powell, Ada Lugene Wilkins	77	В	6/5/2018	Charlie & Ada Little Whitt Wilkins
Pugh, Julous Preston	76	В	8/12/2018	James Preston Pugh & Lillian Hite
Puryear, Edward "Eddie" Allen Sr.	53	В	6/17/2018	Wardell & Nerene Walters Puryear
Revely, Terrance M. "Tee"	23	C	8/19/2018	not listed
Russell, Irene	89	C	6/15/2018	Haywood & Nellie Rogers Russell
Sadler, Blanche Wilkins	82	В	6/1/2018	Cal & Mary Wilkins
Satterwhite, Westley 'Wes" Walker	35	В	6/8/2018	David W. & Debbie Rose Williams Satterwhite
Scott, Renae Celine	49	В	8/30/2018	Henry & Barbara Evans Holt
Shiflett, Margie Gay Zimmerman	93	В	5/22/2018	James Thomas & Lester Liles Gay
Sizemore, Jerry Lee	74	В	8/3/2018	Norman Sawyer Sizemore & Ina Kearney Sizemore
Smith, Gladys 'Sister" Morris	72	В	6/28/2018	Roney Buck & Myrtle Bowling Morris
Smith, Ronald Nikita Sr.		В	6/26/2018	Mary Smith
Sneed, Carl Vel "Pookie"	58	В	7/7/2018	Robert Sneed Sr. & Annie Mae Sneed Moore
Stallings, Emma Leigh	94	В	7/23/2018	Walter Edward & Emma Duke Strange
Steed, William "Blue"	96	C	not listed	Richard & Cora Branch Steed
Strother, Edgar Vernon "Pete" Jr.	85	В	8/31/2018	E.V. Strother Sr. & Nina Duke Strother
Stroud, Carolyn Ann Satterfield	71	C	6/23/2018	Mary DeBause & Charles Gray Dillion
Taborn, Edward Garfield	74	В	6/11/2018	Nathaniel & Elizabeth Peace Taborn
Thomas, Hazel Mae Campbell	85	C	8/3/2018	William & Addie Belle Newton Campbell
Thornton, John Wayne	78	В	6/23/2018	Eugene & Mary Lucille Adams Thornton
Thorpe, Mary Katherine	76	В	6/29/2018	Jim Mack Thomas & Rometa Harris Giles
Tillotson, Christine "Pete" Boyd	90	В	7/15/2018	Clarence Boyd & Nannie Miller
Tucker, Douglas Eugene	57	В	9/18/2018	R. Douglas Tucker & Faye Freeman Tucker
Vaughan, Douglas M. Sr.	82	В	6/10/2018	Not listed
Walker, Carolyn	65	В	6/1/2018	Junious Roy Linzsey & Katie Downey Linzsey
Waller, Harry	74	В	5/14/2018	Not listed
Wheeler, Willie Gray Frazier	90	В	8/20/2018	Conley Thomas Frazier & Essie Dare Blackwell

White, Gladys Chambers	91	В	6/7/2018	Lee & Elizabeth Turner Chambers
White, Henry Mason	65	C	8/23/2018	Henry & Alberta White
White, Loudella Mitchiner	71	В	7/7/2018	Roy & Linda Mitchiner
Wilkerson, Curtis Eugene	51	В	5/30/2018	Zora waller & Zelotis Wilkerson
Williamson, Leroy	84	В	6/13/2018	George & Rosa Mae Wilson Williamson
Williamson, Patricia Luffman	72	В	6/25/2018	Jasper Newton & Frances Hayes Luffman
Winston, James Edward	78	C	7/31/2018	Bertha & Shurney Winston Sr.
Winston, Willie	85	C	6/29/2018	Not listed
Wood, Helen M. Currin	92	В	7/13/2018	Roger L. & Cora Nelson Currin
Woolfolk, Mildred Catherine Sydnor	88	В	8/16/2018	Willie & Mildred Simms Sydnor
Yancey, Mary Anna Russell	74	C	7/29/2018	Heywood & Nellie Rogers Russell

Wish List for North Carolina Room

[&]quot;Abstracts Of Pittsylvania County, Va., Deeds 1783--1790" by Gayle Austin.

[&]quot;The Land Tax Lists Of Pittsylvania County, Va., Deeds 1782--1802" by Gayle Austin.

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

[&]quot;Edgecombe County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Volume 2" compiled by the Edgecombe County Genealogical Society.

[&]quot;Some Colonial And Revolutionary Families Of North Carolina, Volume I & II", by Marilu Burch Smallwood.

[&]quot;Dream of a House, The Passions and Preoccupations of Reynolds Price", by Alex Harris, edited by Margaret Sartor.

[&]quot;The Teepee, 1974 J. F. Webb High School Annual".

[&]quot;From Log Cabins To The White House: A History Of The Taylor Family", by Mary Tower Brewer.

[&]quot;North Carolina Doughboys on the Western Front", by R. Jackson Marshall III.

[&]quot;Worthy of Record The Civil War and Reconstruction Diaries of Columbus Lafayette Turner", edited By Kenrick N. Simpson

[&]quot;North Carolina Troops 1861-1865: A Roster, Volume 20, Generals, Staff Officers, and Militia", edited by Matthew Brown and Michael Coffey.

[&]quot;Below The James Lies Dixie", by Rouse Parke, Jr.

[&]quot;Thoroughfare For Freedom, The Second Atlas of the Cumberland Settlements 1779—1804", by Puryear,

Masters and Drake.

- "Virginia Atlas And Gazetteer" by the Delorme Company.
- "The Virginia Regimental Histories Series"-- the North Carolina Room has the 12th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 36th, 37th, 39th, 59th, Va. Home Guard, Miscellaneous Va., Heavy Artillery, Grimes Battery, Virginia Reserves and VMI Cadets regimental books.
- "Virginia Deeds, Volume 3, 1777--1779", by T.L.C. Genealogy.
- "Virginia Deeds, Volume 4, 1779--1786", by T.L.C. Genealogy.
- "Afro-American Death Notices from Eastern North Carolina Newspapers 1859-1935" by Barry Munson.
- "Abstracts Of Pittsylvania County, Va., Deeds 1783--1790" by Gayle Austin.
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- "The Schoolmaker, Sawney Webb And The Bell Buckle Story", by Lawrence McMillin.
- "Citizens of Halifax County, N. C., and Vicinity 1824-1825" by Barry Munson.
- "Growing Up In Pilot [Franklin Co., N.C.]", by Sylvia Bunn Watkins.
- "Smells Like Grandma's House", by Sylvia Bunn Watkins.
- "Whittle's Mill [Mecklenburg Co., Va.], An American History", by Max B. Crowder.

Contributions and memorials are welcomed for website subscriptions (such as Fold3 and Newspapers.com) as well as book donations

The Mitchells of Granville County

by: Dianne Mitchell Hoyle, Franklinton, NC

There have been Mitchells in and around Granville County for over 300 years. The Mitchells of Granville County are descendants of the Mitchels of Lunenburg, York and Brunswick counties of Virginia.

The first positive heritage is the death listed in the Charles Parish Register of York County Virginia who was traced to Abraham Mitchel as 28 November 1696 and his wife Mary who died 30 August 1692. Among

the children born to them were two sons, James Mitchel b. January 9, 1683 and John Mitchel b. July 17, 1685.

Granville County Deed Books show acreage purchases around Grassy Creek, Nutbush, Ruin Creek, Island Creek and Liles Creek to be over 5,000 acres purchased between 1751 to 1757 by the Mitchels.

A son James Mitchel was born to James Mitchel b. in 1707 and d. before February 1779. On April 6, 1751 James Mitchel received a land grant in the Parish of St. John's Province of 677 acres on both sides of Grassy Creek from the Earl of Granville. James Mitchel's land adjoined the land owned by John Penn who signed the Declaration of Independence.

James Mitchel was known as a landed planter, a vestryman and a former British appointed official. He served in both his Majesty's Army and the Revolutionary Army. On April 17, 1754 James Mitchel received a land grant in the Providence of North Carolina lying on both sides of Beaver Pond Creek from the Earl of Granville for 300 acres of land. Land purchased at Nutbush Creek in 1757 (now Vance County) is the earliest transaction found to be part of "Manor Plantation" which is known today as "Pool Rock Plantation." A son David Mitchell (first show of the double L to the Mitchell name) was born to James Mitchel July 3, 1732. He served as a Justice of Peace. He was later a private in the Revolutionary War in 1778 and later was made a Captain.

A son John Mitchell was born to David Mitchell in 1776 and died around 1855. John Mitchell had a son Booker Allen Mitchell born in 1803, died August 1864. Booker Allen Mitchell lived in Cedar Creek Township and was a member and Elder of Banks Chapel Methodist Church at Wilton in 1847. John Wesley Mitchell, the eldest son of Booker Allen Mitchell b. September 3, 1834 and d. January 23, 1917 owned lots of land around Wilton and his home place around Mt. Carmel Congregational Christian Church. He gave the land for Mt. Carmel church and he and his sons built the original church with the help of Mr. Sid May. He also owned a tobacco factory and a store near his home. He hauled the tobacco to the factory in covered wagons.

At the age of 29 he joined Colonel Dolby's 43rd regiment, NC Militia in the Confederate Navy. He was assigned to service on the Confederate Ram Albemarle. He served during the battle of the Ram Albemarle and three US Navy ships on April 18, 1864. The Albemarle sank the USS Southfield, drove the USS Miami and another Federal ship from the Plymouth area. He served on the Ram Albemarle until his discharge from service in the summer of 1864 due to typhoid fever.

A son, Johnnie Henry Mitchell was born to John Wesley Mitchell October 7, 1868 and died May 15, 1937. Arthur Edward Mitchell was the youngest son of Johnnie Henry Mitchell and Etta Wright. He was born October 7, 1912 and died December 24, 1998. He lived his entire life around the Mt. Carmel area. He had two daughters, Faye Mitchell Bridges b. May 30, 1944 married to Steve Bridges and they had a daughter Melissa Bridges born September 24, 1969. The other daughter is Dianne Mitchell Riggan Hoyle born February 27, 1948. She was married and divorced from E. Riggan and is now married to Andrew Hoyle. She had two children Wendy R. Ross, b. June 5, 1968 that had a son b. September 24, 1987 and a son E. Shane Riggan b. August 26, 1971, which at the age of 18 legally changed his last name to his mother's maiden name of Mitchell. He also has a son Nicholas Shane Mitchell born January 10, 2001. Shane Mitchell owns land in both Granville and Franklin counties. He operates his own business, Greenhill Nursery and Landscaping, and has developed a subdivision, Stonefield.

Another son of Johnnie Henry Mitchell was Jessie Lee Mitchell. He had a son; Harold Lee Mitchell, born March 6, 1931 married to Peggy Wheeler. They had a son Larry Mitchell b. May 22, 1956 married to Eden Wilson and they had two daughters Jessica Mitchell born November 1983 and Jennifer Mitchell born

January 1986. Also a daughter, Karen M. Blackley born November 1963 married to Robert Blackley and they have a son Bruce Mitchell Blackley born December 24, 1997.

Harold Mitchell owned and operated a store, Mitchell's Western Wear for many years in the Brassfield area of Granville County and developed a subdivision in this same area known as Mitchell Acres. He is a member of Mt. Carmel Church where he is also a Trustee as have been many of his ancestors. Many members of the Mitchell family are buried in the church cemetery. Larry Mitchell; son of Harold Mitchell owns and operates a Nationwide Insurance Agency in both Granville and Franklin County.

Naomi Hockaday Cash

7 Jun 1926 – 30 Jan 2002 as told by Carolyn Cash Wilkins

"Hello. My name is Naomi Cash. Naomi like Ruth and Naomi, and Cash like money." "You may not know me now, but after you get to know me, you will never forget me." This is what Naomi told a customer who was in her checkout line at the Big Star. The lady didn't know Naomi, but after this introduction and meeting her, she never wanted anyone else to check her out. Naomi loved people and truly enjoyed the 35 plus years she spent working with Big Star/Colonial Stores. She made many lasting friendships and always told each customer, "You come straight back!" The company was sold to Harris Teeter in 1988 and a heartbroken Naomi was the last one to leave the day the store closed.

This vivacious lady was not ready to retire and very soon made plans to fulfill a lifelong dream of making "a pretty doll". She attended doll-making classes at Vance-Granville Community College. This hobby became a passion and in a one-room "factory" behind her house on Lawrence Road, Creedmoor, NC Naomi created about 500 dolls. Each doll is a work of art and priceless treasure. She enjoyed sharing her enthusiasm and knowledge with anyone willing to listen. Although some dolls came from the same molds, each was uniquely different because of hairstyles, clothing, etc. Clothing designs ranged from bib overalls to elegant wedding dresses with all the trimmings. Each outfit was beautifully detailed, and the undergarments were no less important for the outfits to be complete. Each doll that was not sold (adopted with birth certificates) or given away became special "members" of her family. At the age of eight, she was taught the basics by her mother and helped sew for her family. After continuing to sew through the years for herself, her daughter, family members, and friends, she became a very talented and accomplished seamstress.

Naomi was the daughter of Willoughby Allen (6-17-1886 - 4-24-1956) and Lessie Overton Hockaday (10-23-1905 - 5-4-1963), and the granddaughter of James Wiley (4-18-1851 - 31-1920) and Catherine Bailey Hockaday (4-6-1855 - 2-14-1917). Growing up in southern Granville County on a tobacco farm with a family of five brothers and four sisters was very special. Though times were hard, there was always plenty of love. Being the oldest of ten children, she quickly became a "little mom".

As both parents worked in the fields and had to "clean up new ground" each year on their 75-acre

farm, she was left with the responsibility of attending to the little ones. She was told to bring the baby to the field to be fed when the hands on the clock reached a certain number. She related. "Washing on a scrub board was hard work, especially with all those baby diapers." "It was my job to hang the clothes out on the line, even at night, while my brother held the light. I never quite understood why I couldn't hold the light and let my brother hang out the clothes?!" She told about milking two cows before going to school and helping to churn the milk and make the butter. Often, homemade biscuits and preserves were the main course. There was always good food to eat as they had chickens, hog meat in the smokehouse, dried fruits, homemade preserves, and canned vegetables from their garden. They once had a pet goat, but after he kept getting on top of the car, her daddy prepared him for a meal and invited the neighbors. That was one meal she had to pass up!

Christmas time was very exciting at their house. The children found their longest stockings to hang over the fireplace and the last one passing through the hallway on their way upstairs to bed would blow out the lantern. Naomi was usually the first one up before daybreak, waking up all the rest. They would grab their sparklers and run back to bed. Their beds would be scattered with fruit and nuts. Occasionally they got sparklers and one small toy. One Christmas morning she was so excited because Santa brought her a porcelain doll. After breakfast, her daddy asked if she wanted to go with him to get the cow. As she never turned down an invitation from her daddy, she laid her doll in a chair and headed out with him in the snow. When she returned, her doll had been dropped and broken. She learned a very hard lesson about taking care of what she had, as she never got another porcelain doll.

On a rare shopping trip to Oxford with her mother and aunt, Naomi saw the most beautiful porcelain doll in a store window, which she wanted more than anything. Her aunt offered to buy this doll for her, but her mother said, "No, she must learn she cannot have everything she wants." Naomi said she felt that never having the beautiful doll that she so dearly wanted created the desire within her to make one of her own.

Working on the farm was hard work, but it was made fun when they would race or sing together in the fields. This was their favorite pastime, especially with her mother or little sister, Lessie Lina, playing the piano by ear. After graduation, Naomi went to work in Henderson and lived in Kittrell with her grandparents (Robert and Cora Overton). Occasionally she got the chance to come home by bus. She related that after several visits home, when they would gather around the piano, one of her brothers or sisters would have taken her harmony part and she would have to learn a new one. After all the parts were taken, she said, "Finally, I asked Mama to pitch that bass note for me." "I could not believe the next time I came home that my brother, Herbert, was singing bass!" "Oh well, I just wanted to encourage the others anyway, so I will just doodle, doodle, doodle!" As they grew older, her sisters, Emily, Inez, Lessie, and Rosalie were frequently invited to sing at nearby churches. Elvis enjoyed singing and playing his guitar. Reuben played the harmonica.

Naomi enjoyed reflecting on favorite childhood memories, especially playing with her two brothers, Allen Jr. and Bruce. She said, "One day, me, Allen Jr., and Bruce were walking in the woods. All of a sudden, Allen fell in an open well. We were crying and I was screaming, "Allen's gone!" "Allen's gone!" All at once, he caught on a limb and pulled himself out. We went crying and running all the way home looking like drowned rats to tell Mama and Daddy all about it."

Another time, she put on a pair of Allen's britches to go blackberry pricking. When he saw her, he started crying, "Naomi had got on my britches!" In response, her mother told him to put on her dress. When he came out of the house wearing her dress the family became hysterical with laughter, and he never wore another dress. Naomi said that her daddy did all the shopping. One day before he left, her mother told him not to buy her any more high top shoes. When he came back home with high top shoes, (because he felt they would protect her ankles), she spoke not a word, but immediately took them to the woodpile and chopped the tops off.

Naomi never remembers her parents arguing. Though there was a 20-year age difference, they deeply loved and respected each other. Leading by their example, they taught the children of God's love from the Bible. Many times they were seen kneeling together by their bed, holding hands praying, her mother wearing a white homemade nightgown with her long braids almost touching the floor. Their faith in God sustained them during many hardships, miscarriages, death of two newborn babies, and death of her 19-month-old brother, Robert, who died of liver cancer in 1934. After his death, with the permission of her parents, a team of doctors from Duke came to their house and did an autopsy under the car shed.

Naomi enjoyed telling about the day she met her husband-to-be, Preston Cash (8-30-1920 11-17-1999). He lived only two miles away on a farm with his parents, Wilbur and Nello Cash, and they ran a small country store. The snow was deep and her brother carried her to Cash's Store on the wagon to ask one of the Cash boys, Ronald, for a ride to the Creedmoor Bus Station. Ronald could not take her, but Preston, whom she did not know at the time, could. This ride led to a marriage that lasted 49 1/2 years. To this union was born one daughter, Carolyn Annette Cash (6-25-51). She married Julian Dwight Wilkins, son of Helon and Hettie Wilkins of Stem, on 10-19-69 and from this union were born two sons, Steven Dwight Wilkins (9-14-73) and David Julian Wilkins (6-25-77). Steven married Christina Lewis and they live in Graham. David lives in Ashboro. Carolyn has worked for the Granville County Department of Social Service since 10-1-1970, which formerly housed the Colonial Store her mother worked in for 23 years.

Naomi was a beautiful person, a wonderful friend, and a precious mother. Though she lost her battle with cancer January 30, 2002, her spirit continues to live on in each of us.

Royster - Washington Family

by Gertrude Royster Washington

Gertrude is the daughter of Ollie and Missie Jane Puryear Royster. She is the granddaughter of Barnett and Lucretia Smith Royster. Gertrude was born in Granville County in 1926.

Gertrude's education began at South Hill Elementary, a two-room frame building, in the Oak Hill Community. The teachers were Rev. Willie A. Blackwell and his wife, Mrs. Rachel Brame Blackwell. They were dedicated teachers who believed in strict discipline; therefore, their students

knew they had to learn reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The three-mile, daily walk to South Hill did not bother her or her sisters because they were anxious to learn. Having been trained by the Blackwells and her parents. it made it easy for Gertrude to pass the end-of-grade test in order to enter Mary Potter High School in the fall of 1940.

The bus trip to Mary Potter in Oxford was over 15 miles one-way. In 1941, Joe Toler High School opened in Northern Granville. William E. Baptiste was the principal. The school was named in honor of Joe Toler, the man who donated the land for the school. Gertrude entered Joe Toler as a ninth grader and graduated third in her class (1944). She was allowed to graduate from the 11th grade because she had accumulated enough credits.

In the fall of 1944, Gertrude entered North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC and graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in French, English and social studies. In 1965, Gertrude received a Master of Arts degree in French and English from North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Since jobs were hard to find in Granville County, it was necessary for her to seek employment elsewhere; therefore, she accepted a position at Mather School in Beaufort, SC where she taught French, English and American History for five years. Mather was an all-girls private boarding school that was organized in 1867 by Rachel Crane Mather under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The school housed high school and junior college students. At that time the teachers were required to stay on campus in the dormitory.

There were day students from Beaufort and surrounding areas that came to the junior college for transfer credits. Many of the students from Beaufort had returned to school after their children had gone off to college.

In 1956, one of her junior college students introduced Gertrude to her nephew, Augustus, who was on leave from service at that time.

They became close friends. After he left for a tour of duty in Korea, Gertrude accepted a position at Adkins High School in Kinston, NC. Augustus kept in contact and so did his family.

When Augustus returned home from Korea, they were married on June 15, 1958 at Penn Avenue Baptist Church in Oxford. Rev. Willie Hall performed the ceremony. Her father, Ollie, gave her away. He was happy because all of his children were happily married.

In 1960, following the death of her father in 1959, she was employed at Stovall-Shaw High School in Stovall where she taught French, English and American History,

In 1965, she joined Augustus in Fort Benning, Georgia. This was a short stay because President Johnson ordered his entire unit (the First Calvary Division at Fort Benning) to Vietnam. This was a sad time for her and their daughter, Caprice, who was only four years old. Uncle Sam did give the service men time to relocate their families. So Augustus moved his family to his hometown in Beaufort, SC. Things turned out well because Gertrude was reemployed at Mather Junior College

and was able to get an apartment on the campus.

Mather had become a co-educational junior college and the president was Dr. Clayton F. Smith, the first man to serve in that position. The school had really grown in what seemed to be only a few years.

During the summer while visiting her father in Oxford, Gertrude learned that her old job at Stovall was available, so she and Caprice moved in with her Dad. He was happy because he never wanted his children to be too far away from home.

In 1968, Stovall-Shaw was merged with J.F. Webb High School where she taught in the English Department until she retired in 1987.

Gertrude loved her job and her students. It was a pleasure to be able to give back, especially in the county where she was born. She served as senior advisor from 1980-87. To her, it was a joy to have those kids strive to meet their graduation requirements, but the greatest joy was seeing the students walk across the stage graduation day. The experience she had in those four schools; Mather Junior College, Adkins High School, Stovall-Shaw and Webb afforded her a wealth of knowledge that will remain with her forever. In 1978, she served as Granville County's Teacher of the Year.

Gertrude retired in 1987 and opened Oxford Travel Agency with Samuel and Esther Cox. In 1999, she retired again. Now she helps her husband in the shoe repair business.

In 1969, her husband, Augustus retired from the army after serving in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam and settled in Oxford with his family. He later entered Vance-Granville Community where he received an AA degree in Business Administration and a diploma in Electrical Installations.

In 1974, Augustus opened the Village Shoe Shop where he trained several workers, including his foster son, Melvin and several nephews.

Caprice, their daughter, graduated from Webb High School with honors in 1979. She entered Duke University in the fall. Three years later, she transferred to NC A&T State University where she had the opportunity to work with astronaut, Ron McNair.

Caprice joined the army where she met and married Jeffrey Simmers. Jeffrey is the son of Judie and Jerry Simmers of Newark, Ohio. He is making the army a career. Jeffrey is a graduate of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. Caprice works at a private school in San Angelo, Texas where her husband is based. They are the proud parents of seven wonderful children: Chantal, Malina, Anna, Debra, Augustus, Nathan and Uri.

Melvin became a part of the Washington's household in 1970. Upon graduation from Webb High School in 1986, he joined the army and served two years in the infantry in Germany. He returned home and married his high school classmate Rosalind Johnson. To this union two girls were born: Shante and Malice.

Constance Crockett, their oldest, is married and has three children: Calvin LaShona and Percy. Percy is attending college. LaShona and Calvin have joined the work force. Constance is employed in finance in one of the major hotels in New Orleans, LA where they live.

Gertrude and her husband enjoy working with several organizations on the local and state level. They have received many awards for their work.

Capt. Samuel Sneed

by: J. Daniel Mahar, San Francisco, California

Capt. Samuel Sneed (1723-1806) settled in the Island Creek District of Granville County by 1761. In the early years of the 19th century, Samuel moved to southern Person County and developed farms straddling the Flat River in what was once known as St. James District, now Mt. Tirzah. Though the Sneed family is not well remembered in the county today, this family intermarried with many of the prominent families in the region and played a notable role in the political and economic environment.

Samuel Sneed's earliest origins are undocumented; however, it is likely that he came from Caroline County, Virginia. It is believed he descends from the early 17th century settlers Samuel and Alice Sneed of New Kent County, Virginia. In Caroline County, few records have survived into modern times to allow us to clearly identify Samuel and his family of origin; however, enough survives to document a John Sneed (1703-1773/4) who raised a large family and is the best candidate for Samuel's father-in-law, Thomas Dudley of Amelia County, can be traced back to Caroline County. Many Sneed family historians have confused Capt. Samuel Sneed with other men by the same name, most notably the Loyalist Samuel Sneed of Anson County, NC; Samuel Sneed of Lunen-burg County, Virginia; and a Samuel Farrow Sneed of Hanover County who is said to have married a Ruth Dudley about 1732.

There is evidence of only one wife for Capt. Samuel Sneed, Jane the daughter of Thomas Dudley. Samuel probably married Jane in Caroline County, Virginia before 1755. Thomas Dudley settled in Amelia County, Virginia from Caroline County about the same time Samuel came to the Granville region. Jane Dudley outlived her husband and left her own will dated May of 1813.

Capt. Samuel Sneed left numerous records. Between 1761 and 1780, Granville deeds show that Samuel Sneed acquired 2,131 acres of land and in 1767 tax lists show him as one of the largest slave owners in the region with 15 taxable slaves. The tax list names slaves: Meade, England, Sam, Quamany, Will, Tarty, York, Hampton, Betty, Priss, Judah, Nan, Lucy, Rachel, and Phoebe. In Person County he acquired at least 720 acres on either side of the Flat River farmed by an enslaved work force exceeding twenty people.

Several of Samuel's children participated in the American Revolution. Samuel Sneed would have been in is fifties and perhaps too old to have actively participated in the Revolutionary War; however, in an undated entry in the Granville Court Minutes Samuel qualified as Lieutenant of the Militia. Before the Revolution a Samuel Sneed was an officer under General Waddell in the conflict against Regulators at Potts Creek on the 10th of May 1771. Waddell's campaign against the Regulators was a reaction to the outbreak of violence in Granville County where county officials such as Judge John Williams were severely beaten and Richard Henderson's home (or barn) was burned by rioters. As Samuel was a friend and neighbor of both men and

their relationship was cemented by marriages of their children, his participation in support of these people would make sense.

Samuel's obituary in the "Raleigh Register" states his age as 83 years old, placing his birth in 1723. Samuel's will is dated the 22nd of November 1800 and was proved in December of 1806; however, the administration of his estate continued for another twenty odd years. The inventory of Samuel Sneed's estate only lists enslaved people who were assigned to the dower share: (Men) James, Ruben and Granville and (Women) Rachel, Esther and Rose and two girls Lyddy and Tempy. By 1813, when the estate was inventoried again, probably due to Jane's death, there were a total of thirty-five enslaved people. Samuel's children are:

Emily Sneed married in 1775 to William (1756-1813), son of Evan Ragland and his wife Amey Merritt. Emily died before 1803. Emily is not named in family papers as Samuel's daughter; however, naming patterns place her as a daughter. Her children are believed to be: Nancy married Samuel Creath; Evan married Aggie Williams; William married Elizabeth Bates; Charity married John Wilson; Hudson (1787-1820); Frances married Abner Booth; and Mary who married J.W. Harris.

Capt. Stephen Sneed (1756-1821) married Mary (1761-1826), the daughter of William Williams and his wife Phillis. Stephen and his children were active in Granville County politics and business. Stephen served as County Clerk of the Peace, ran an ordinary, and owned a racetrack. His Williamsboro home, "Sneed's Mansion," played center stage to Granville politics. The house still stands next to St. John's. Stephen's children are: William Morgan Sneed married Frances "Fanny" Ridley and served as County Clerk for Granville; Dr. James Sneed married Elizabeth Crouch and lived in Halifax Co., Virginia; Maj. Archibald Henderson Sneed who removed to Burke County, Georgia and married first Abagail Latham and secondly Mary Latham; Dr. Richard Sneed of Williamsboro, NC and Henderson, KY married Lucy, the daughter of NC Supreme Court Judge Leonard Henderson; Junius Sneed of Salisbury, NC married Julia Rowan Taylor the daughter of NC Supreme Court Judge John Louis Taylor; Stephen Koutousoff Sneed of Oxford and later of LaGrange, Tennessee married Anne Martin Lyne; Emily Dudley Sneed (1797-1827) who died unmarried; Sarah Williams Sneed (1802-1837) married Rev. William Mercer Green, the first Episcopal Bishop of Mississippi and founder of the University of The South; Samuel Farrar Sneed married Octavia Roddy in Georgia and later settled in La Grange, Tennessee; and Albert Gallatin Sneed married Marie Frances Bullock and settled in Canton, MS.

Dudley Sneed settled in Georgia where he was rewarded a land grant in Lincoln County for his Revolutionary Service. Dudley Sneed died by 1810 and his estate papers were recorded in Granville County. His wife is unknown, but she is believed to a daughter of Abraham Mitchell and his wife Messianah Davis. Dudley's children settled in Richmond and Morgan Counties of Georgia and included: Nancy married Floyd Jarvis; Leaston married Rebecca; Dudley married Sarah Ann Culbertson daughter of Sen. James Culbertson; Samuel who married Sarah Croft; and Sophia who married Alfred Inman.

Philip Sneed married Jemimah Ann, the daughter of Abraham Mitchell and his wife Messianah Davis. Philip lived in Person County and about 1805 removed to Salisbury, NC where he died between 1810 and 1821. Philip's estate papers have not been found, but various records suggest his children might be: Dudley, William, Robert, and Joseph. A Philip Sneed turns up in Burke County, Georgia at the same time as Dudley Sneed.

John Sneed inherited part of his father's Flat River plantation in Person, where he died about 1808. John married Susanna "Suckey," the daughter of John Redd and his wife Catherine Sneed of King William County, VA. John had issued: Polly; Catherine; James; Samuel; Landis; William; Arman: and Stephen married Frances Burton.

Lemuel Sneed inherited part of his father's Flat River plantation in Person County where he died in February of 1825. Lemuel married Elizabeth, the daughter of John Redd and his wife Catherine Sneed of King William County, VA. Lemuel's children are: Francis Timberlake; John R: Thomas married Nancy Gray; Elizabeth D. married Thomas Burton; Samuel married Nancy Cothran; America J. Sneed (a son); and Nancy A. married Walton Loftis.

Col. Thomas Sneed was born on the 22nd of July 1772 and died the 18th of August 1825. He was a wealthy planter in Person County and served one term in the NC Legislature. Thomas married Nancy (1774-1811), who was probably the daughter of Jonathan Parker. Thomas and his wife are buried in the Sneed family graveyard 12 miles outside of Roxboro on NC HWY. 55. Thomas' children are: Jonathan P. Sneed who lived at Eno Lodge in Salisbury, NC; Dudley married Jacobina Parker; Sarah "Sally" married Thomas Vanhook Hargis; Samuel R. Sneed; and a daughter who married Phillip Moore.

Hannah Sneed married Samuel Farrar Williams (died 1835), son of William Williams and nephew of Judge John Williams of Granville. The Williams family settled in Henderson County, Kentucky; probably on land the Williams family had obtained as investors in the Transylvania Land Company. Hannah died by 1814.

The Williams children are: John married Susannah Starks; Alfred married Karen Happock Cawthorn; Nancy married George Negley; Dudley married Betsey Roscoe; William; Margaret "Peggy" married Lewis Lambert; Jane Dudley "Ginsey" married George Hardin; and Samuel S. married Catherine Stephens.

Nancy Sneed was born on the 7th October 1766 and died in Granville County on the 23rd of June 1822. She married Daniel, the son of Joseph Gooch and his wife Rachel.

Benjamin McGhee Family

by Barnetta McGhee White

The McGhees of Granville County, descendants of Robert and Carolina McGhee, share a colorful history. They were farmers who prospered through hard and honest labor. They were strivers who believed in educating their children and in seeking spiritual guidance for preparing themselves for daily living.

Benjamin Franklin McGhee (1885-1960), was the ninth child of the fourteen children of David and Rosa Norman McGhee. Ben thoroughly enjoyed working on the family farm, but when his father became ill with cancer, it became necessary for him to leave the farm to find work, which would produce the cash needed for special medical care for his father. Local doctors, who had treated David as best they could, suggested he go to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore where there was more knowledge and better care.

Ben went to Richmond, Virginia where he started out as a dishwasher and worked his way up to master chef.

His father had surgery at Johns Hopkins but later the disease returned. Ben then took his father to a cancer hospital in Richmond where he had additional surgery but it was too late.

With the passing of his father, Ben took over the family farm, which he purchased from the other heirs in 1946.

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren:

Ben married the former Lula Fountain of Roxboro who bore him five children: Ellain McGhee Brooks (Irving), Marion McGhee Land (Crawford), David Griffin McGhee (Bessye), Barnetta McGhee White (Richard) and Benjamin F. McGhee, II (Essie and Lora).

Ellain, the first born, became a mathematics professor and founded her own travel agency. Her daughter, Karen, mother of two, teaches in Atlanta, Georgia.

Marion, who also found joy in teaching, bore three lovely children. Her eldest son Crawford II, is an Information Systems Manager. The second son, Michael is self-employed as a Program/Project Management Consultant and Deborah, her youngest, is a Financial Analyst and Entrepreneur.

David, who pursued a career in the United States Air Force, met an untimely death as he was crushed by his tractor while preparing a playground for children of the Antioch Community. His only daughter, Rosalind, pursues a career in Industrial Relations in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Barnetta McGhee White, university professor and author, excels in the field of genealogy. Much of this article comes from her family history, "In Search of Kith and Kin." Her daughter, Dr. Patricia White, is a veterinarian who specializes in dermatology. Her son, Richard II, is a Director of Properties at the Memphis-Shelby County Airport of Memphis, Tennessee.

Benjamin F. McGhee II, his father's namesake, worked as an aerospace engineer with NASA in Houston, Texas. His daughter Brenda and son Benjamin III are pursuing degrees in higher education.

Benjamin F. McGhee would be pleased with the progress of his descendants as they continue the family legacy.

The Hunts of Granville County

by Daniel A. Hunt

According to the book "The Herndon-Hunt and Allied Families" authored by Hood and Nesbitt, and published by the Bynum Printing Company in 1930, a Francis Hutcheson of Kentucky stated: "That the Hunt family was one of the prominent families of Colonial days is known by all students of our early history...the Hunt men were devoted husbands and fathers, full of civic pride, and good providers, bearing their responsibilities to the community and nation bravely." The authors added: "They were men of determination and courage. They were reared strong Christians."

There were at least two possible origins of the name Hunt. One states that it is from the Saxon word "Hunt" meaning wolf; and the other claims that it is from the Teutonic word "hunta" referring to one who hunts. Perhaps our early Anglo-Saxon ancestors were professional wolf hunters. At least three coats-of-arms have been recorded for the name dating back the 12th century England. On the coat-of-arms of the Granville County Hunts the motto reads "Virtue Parta Tuemini" which may be translated as "Protect your family with

valor" or "defend what is required with valor".

One of the earliest Hunts of colonial history, who may or may not have been a predecessor of the Granville county Hunts, was the Reverend Robert Hunt of the Jamestown Colony. The names of other Hunts who contributed to the early history of Granville County, including Memucan Hunt, can be found in the referenced publication, but their histories are beyond the scope of this report.

The taproot of the Granville County branch of our family tree appears to begin with John Hunt who lived on Goshen Road at the time Granville County was formed in 1746. The Herndon, Taylor, Penn, Longmire, Crew, Breedlove, Hester, Aiken, Lemay and Wicker families were closely related to the Hunts in the early history of the county. It is probable that many of these families emigrated from southern Virginia looking for tobacco land.

John, who died before 1768, and his wife Mourning, were the parents of young John who married Frances Penn (cousin to John Penn, signer of the Declaration of Independence for North Carolina). Their son, John Penn Hunt, married Sarah Longmire. One of their ten children, Joseph Penn Hunt, married Martha Crews. This marriage produced nine offspring including my paternal grandfather, David Nicholson Hunt.

David N. Hunt married Adelaide Caison Hester, the daughter of William Stephen Hester and Melissa Crews. David was a rural letter carrier, whose horse, Benbo, pulled his buggy 27,000 miles over Granville County roads delivering mail. He was a lay preacher and conducted a number of weddings in the county. David and Adelaide had six sons and three daughters. Two of the sons, Raymond and Kilgo, fought in the trenches in France during World War I. William moved to Texas. Joseph, the oldest, was a letter carrier in Granville County for more than 30 years. Raymond moved to Charlottesville, Virginia and worked in the C&O Railroad. John died of Typhoid when he was a student at Trinity College. Kilgo worked at Duke University in security. Lula Hester married twice, but there were no issues from either of these marriages. Two other daughters died in infancy. Francis Earle, the youngest, clerked in several local businesses in Oxford, was an amateur musician and wrote a folksy article "Grits and Gravel" under the pen name of T. Moses Jones for the Oxford Public Ledger for many years. Earle married Addie Breedlove, who taught in a one-room school, clerked in Hall's Drug Store, and later ran a floral business. They had three sons; F. Earle Hunt, Jr., Robert David Hunt and Daniel Anderson Hunt. After service in the 8th Air Force, Earle Jr. graduated from NC State College and he then married Nan Gordan of Zebulon in 1946. They had two daughters, Nancy and Elizabeth, three grandsons and two granddaughters. Earle Jr. spent most of his career as a tobacconist in Central America, with the greater part in Mexico. After retirement, Earle and Nan purchased the John Usry farm in the Wilton community, from the estate of his maternal grandmother, Alletta Usry Breedlove.

After serving in the US Merchant Marines, Robert D. graduated from Brevard College and received a BS and a Masters degree from East Carolina University. While serving a hitch in the US Army, he married Judy Stout of Siler City, NC, in 1952. They have one son, Robert David Hunt, Jr. He married Jo Schaub from Chapel Hill, and they had three daughters. Robert Senior served as a Boy Scout executive and taught school in Eastern North Carolina. During the latter part of his career, he was principal of the Wilton Elementary School. He is well known as District Governor of District 31G of Lions International covering eleven counties in central Carolina. He traveled to many countries worldwide, and has visited all of the states in the United States.

Daniel A. served in the US Navy during World War II. He received an AB degree from East Carolina and a Masters in Science from Ohio State University. He also had continuing studies at the University of Cincinnati and Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. It was in Baltimore, Maryland, that he met and married Jean Brownley in 1951. After working as Director of the Easton Branch Laboratory,

Maryland State Health Department for 10 years, he joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commission Corps. When he retired in 1982, he and his wife moved to the Anderson's Place Farm, his maternal grandfather's home place in Wilton. They had five children; Daniel Jr. married Patricia Word; Laurie Lynn married John Fitzgerald; Christopher Lee (deceased); Brett Fenhagen married Lori Kale and had one daughter. His second wife, Eileen Byrd, had two daughters. The youngest son, Timothy Lee, married Sue Kooi and they have one daughter. Dan and Jean have fifteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The three sons of F. Earle Hunt, Sr. lived in or retired to the Wilton community and were active members of Banks United Methodist Church, one of the oldest congregations in Granville County dating back to 1769. Descendants of David N. Hunt now live in many locations across the United States and in New Zealand.

The Preddys of Granville County

by Rancher C. Preddy and Thomas Warren Preddy

The best information available would indicate this family originated in Normandy, a province of France, at about the time William the Conqueror migrated from Normandy to Somerset County England. The French name was Prideaux, and it is supposed that after having been moved to England this was anglicized to Priddy. "The Dictionary of Old Families in the United States", in the State Library of Richmond, Virginia shows that all the Priddys, who came to this country, came from Priddy Parish, Somerset, England.

The Land Grant Book in the Register of Lands Office in Richmond, Virginia shows that about July 1, 1653 one Robert Priddy was given a land grant, by the King, of 377 acres of land in York County, Virginia in consideration of bringing over from England eight persons and forming a colony. Again in 1655, he received a grant of 400 acres of land in New Kent County for forming another colony of eight persons and later in 1665 he was made a Captain of the Militia and received another grant. Such records as are available suggest that these military ranks were given for service in the army against the Indians. The name Robert seems to have followed through all generations and is quite prevalent among the generation at the present time.

As the early settlers migrated westward in the Colony of Virginia, the Priddys settled in several counties in Virginia, including Louisa County, Fluvanna County, Charlotte County and others. Afterwards, Granville County, North Carolina was formed in 1746. Soon thereafter settlers came to county of Granville. Among those arriving were the ancestors of the Preddys who now reside in the counties of Granville, Franklin, Wake, and Durham.

The history and genealogies of Old Granville County, North Carolina 1746-1800 includes the will of Robert Priddy, dated July 2, 1759 and probated December 18, 1759. In his will he named his children: Robert, Anne, George, William and Thomas, and children of his deceased son Harlow: Charity, Mass, and Kendish. Also named were daughters of Anne his daughter: Susana and Patience. The heirs received parcels of land and some received monies.

According to records of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Susana Priddy was married to Thomas Banks, founder of Banks United Methodist Church in 1762. A bronze marker at the front entrance of the Banks Methodist Church reads that Thomas Banks is buried in the Berry Priddy Cemetery, which is located east of Wilton off Highway 56. Thomas Banks was born in Virginia in 1709 and died in Granville County in 1789.

Listed in early marriages of Granville County was William Priddy's marriage to Sarah Matlock on September 6, 1781. They had the following children: Elizabeth born 1786, Clara born 1789, Benjamin born 1791, and Berry born 1796.

Berry Priddy and Barbara Goodson were married March 9, 1816 and they had the following children: William, Ann, Alexander, Joseph and George.

Most of the Preddys now residing in Granville County, North Carolina are descendants of George. George was born in 1820. He married Eliza May on January 8, 1849. They had the following children: Elizabeth, Susan, Mary Frances, Robert Lee, Thomas and Louis.

George served as a private in the Civil War, as did brothers Alexander and Joseph. George was killed in the Battle of Seven Pines, near Petersburg, Virginia on June 23, 1864.

The early Priddys settled in the Wilton community along Fort and Middle Creeks in the Brassfield Township. They owned their land and raised tobacco, cotton, corn, and other feed crops. They also raised cattle, swine and sheep. Most all the early settlers were self-supporting.

After the Civil War the Priddy name changed to Preddy. It is unknown as to why the change occurred.

Robert Lee Preddy, son of George and Eliza May Priddy, was born January 21, 1851 and died February 9, 1919. He married Ettie Jeffreys on December 24, 1873. She was born May 20, 1855 and died June 19, 1943.

Robert Lee and Ettie Jeffreys Preddy had nine children as follows: 1) Joseph Lee Preddy, 2) Lucy Gray Preddy, 3) Wayne Littleton Preddy, 4) Rosa Maude Preddy, 5) Rom Cleveland Preddy, 6) Leonadus Leo Preddy, 7) John Alex Royal Preddy, 8) Alberta Vivian Preddy, and 9) Jesse Cade Preddy.

Living grandchildren of Robert Lee and Ettie Jeffreys Preddy are: Emil Livingston "Dunk" Preddy (son of Joseph Lee), Alice Daphine Tippett Hare (daughter of Rosa Maude), Lizzie Louise Preddy Pittard, Myrtle Gray Preddy Hunnicutt,

Virginia Elizabeth Preddy Jones, Rancher Craven "Doc" Preddy (children of Wayne Littleton), and John Royal Preddy, Jr., Frances Clay Preddy Ferrell, Paul Lofton Preddy, Janet Marie Preddy Dorsey, Janie Marion Preddy Sanford, Walter Troy Preddy and Grady Lee Preddy (children of John Alex Royal "Roy").

There are presently living 55 great grandchildren, 85 great-great grandchildren, and 24 great-great grandchildren. Many of the descendants continue to live in Granville County.

Harts of Granville County

by Charles Christopher Patton

Henry Phillip Hart: The first Hart to come to Granville Co., NC appears to be Henry Philip Hart. He was born in Surry, England, March 24, 1717. Henry Christening Hart, male born 24 Mar 1717, Christened 30 Mar 1717, recorded in Saint John The Baptist, Croydon, Surrey, England was the son of Joseph Hart and Ann. He was in Orange Co., VA before May 29, 1741. There he applied for a Headright land grant.

From The Magazine of VA Genealogy vol. 26n.4 Nov 1988 p. 248, article: "Importation's in the Orange Co. VA Order Books 1-8, by Barbara V. Little Order Book 2 p. 368. On 29 May 1741, "John Kines, Henry Philip Hart, Robert Appleby, Robert McPherson, Margaret McPherson, Alexander McPherson, Susanna McPherson, Joseph Harris and Mark Fink in open court severally made oath they were imported from Great Britain or Ireland immediately into this Colony and that this is the first time of proving their importation in order to obtain land . . . "

Henry Philip Hart and wife Mary appear in Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol. VI, Virginia in the Cedar Creek Monthly meeting, Hanover County, VA. Also listed are his children James Phillip (b. 20 Jun 1741), William (b. 13 Feb 1743), John (b. 18 Mar 1745), Joseph (b. 3 Dec 1748), Elizabeth (b. 3 Feb 1751). His son Pleasant is not listed in those notes but does appear in Henry Philip's will of 1782 in Granville County, NC. There may have been other children.

Henry Phillip was found in the records of Lunenburg County, VA in 1757 and on the 1769 Tax List of Granville County, NC. Manuscript, microfilmed 1970, Library of Congress MFM 28037, Vol. II [Records 1762-65].72. Wm. Royster, of Lunenburg Co., VA to Henry Philip Hart of Gr. Co. Lease, Oct 12, 1762. Conveys for life of H.P. Hart, and Mary, his wife, tract of land on South side of Jonathan's Creek, bt. by Wm. Royster from John Bain, adjoining line of John Stovall, Jr. Cons: Yearly rent of L 0 20 p for himself [Hart], and 10 shit. for each of his sons while they live with him. Wit: Aaron

Penson Sr., Wm. Hart. P.5. (This Aaron Penson Sr. is likely to be the first settler to settle in Northern Granville. There were "long hunters" before him but they did not clear land or build cabins. He is mentioned in Wm. Byrd's book "The Dividing Line" published from his diary of 1729, while surveying the NC/VA line. Aaron's Creek is named after him. He married Della Stovall daughter of John Stovall Sr.)

By 1769 all of Henry P. Hart's children were grown and some of them had married. They all moved to Granville Co. in or before 1769. Their home was west of Grassy Creek Church on the waters of Jonathan Creek.

A few years later only Henry P., Joseph and John remained in Granville, the others had moved west to Western NC, KY, and TN.

When the Revolutionary War started both John and Joseph were given a commission as Lieutenants. John later became a Captain. They served in the Granville Militia. John's service took him to the Greenville (Pickens District of) SC. Henry Philip Hart died in Granville Co., in 1783. His will is dated April 7, 1782 and recorded in Granville Co. Will Book #1 pages 233 and 234.

John Hart (1745-1800): John had married Elizabeth (???) of Granville Co. sometime between 1793-1800. John and Elizabeth, along with all their children, all of whom married by then, moved to Greenville District

of South Carolina. John died there in 1800. Following is a complete transcript (including misspellings) of the original will of John Hart recorded in the estate records of Greenville Co., SC Estates, Apt. 4, #227:

"In the name of God amen. I John Heart of the County of Greenvill and state of South Carolina do make and ordain this to be my last will and desire -- Item, my will and desire is that all my Just debts should be paid -- Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Elisabeth one bed and furniture and one pine chest to her and her heirs for ever; Item my will and Desire is that the remainder or residue of my Estate should be sold upon a credit of twelve months and the money arising from such Sail to be equally divided in the following manner -between my daughter Mary Turner, my daughter Fanny Hester, my daughter Elizabeth Crenshaw, my daughter Sally Fraiser, my daughter Nancy Cleaton, an my Grandson Thomas Turner, to them and their heirs forever. I appoint Cion Turner and Lewis Fraiser my whole and soal Executors to my Estate in witness I have Hereunto set my hand and affx'd my seal This second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred. John (his mark) Hart. Witness: Wm. Robertson, Millington (his mark) Easley, Thomas Easley.

John Hart's daughter Mary was married to Sion Turner as proven by a deposition given by her found in the Revolutionary War Pension file for William Duncan's widow Sarah Turner Duncan (W-21015). On 28 August 1841 in Greenville District, SC, Mary Hart Turner stated that her father, John Hart, had been a 1st Lt. in the Revolutionary War and William Duncan served under her father. She lived in Granville Co., NC at the time of the Revolution.

The obituary for Mary Hart Turner appeared in the GREENVILLE MOUNTAINEER and said she died on 1 Sept 1848 in the 85th year of her age. Said she and her husband were natives of Granville CO., NC, had been married about 60 years; and had lived in Greenville District for the last fifty years.

This information, if reliable, makes Mary Hart born about 1763; married about 1788; and lived in Greenville since about 1798.

His daughter, Elizabeth Hart, born 1772, was married on Feb. 23, 1793 in Granville Co., NC,

William Crenshaw. After John's death, William and Elizabeth Crenshaw, along with some other members of John's extended family moved west to the Mississippi River. They went up the river to New Madrid, MO and established homes and farms. They were in the center of the New Madres Earthquake of 1811. The following is an account of the Quake written by a descendant of the Crenshaws.

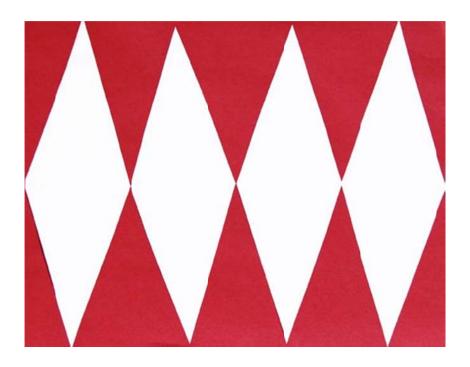
"This is a true story about the New Madrid Earthquake the winter of 1811 and 1812. My ancestors, William and Elizabeth (Hart) Crenshaw lived through this terrible time and lost everything they had. Their youngest child, Frederick Rinechor Crenshaw was born during their stay in New Madrid. The man who wrote this story is one of my Crenshaw cousins (from the Illinois branch)" Patty Crenshaw, 2001 (Gallatin Co. IL).

On that fateful morning, the Crenshaws and their neighbors were suddenly awakened by the groaning, creaking, and cracking of the timbers of their cabins, by the rattle of furniture thrown down, and by the crash of falling chimneys. In fear and trembling they hurriedly groped their way out of their houses to escape the falling debris and remained shivering in the winter air until daylight. The repeated shock during the night prevented them from returning to their tottering dwellings. Daylight brought little improvement to their situation, for early in the morning another shock, preceded by a low rumbling and fully as severe as the first, was experienced. The ground rose and fell as earth waves, like the long low swell of the sea, and passed across its surface, tilting trees until their branches interlocked, and opening the soil in deep cracks as the surface was flexed. Landslides swept down the steeper bluffs and hillsides as considerable areas were

uplifted. Still larger areas were sunk and became covered with water emerging from the earth through fissures and little craterlets or accumulating from the obstruction of the natural surface drainage. On the Mississippi, great waves were created which swamped many boats and washed others high and dry on the banks, the return current breaking off thousands of trees and carrying them out into the river. High banks caved into the river and whole islands disappeared.

During December 16th and 17th, shocks continued at short intervals, but gradually diminishing in intensity. January 23 of 1812 there was another shock similar in intensity and destructiveness to the first. This shock was followed by about two weeks of quiescence, but on February 7, there were several alarming and destructive shocks, the lasts equaling or surpassing any previous disturbance, and for several days the earth was in nearly constant tremor. For fully a year from this date small quakes occurred at intervals of a few days, but there were no more destructive ones. A total of 1,874 shocks were recorded between December 16, 1811 and March 15, 1812, but many more occurred in the succeeding year.

It is a little wonder that the Crenshaws concluded to leave that inhospitable land. Their houses had been destroyed and attempts to rebuild were defeated by continuing disturbances. Furthermore, their large land holdings had been partially submerged by the sinking of the ground and subsequent accumulation of water. All that is now left to mark the site of their once fertile fields is an area known as the "Niger Wool Swamp." So in 1812, probably after the shocks of February 7, they moved to Mississippi and the Ohio Rivers about a hundred miles to the settlements new Shawneetown in the then Territory of Illinois and newly formed County of Gallatin. After 200 years the Crenshaws/Harts from Granville Co. are still in Illinois.



Granville County Flag (red & white)

WatsonFamily Cemetery (Charlie Stovall Rd)

Name Birth Death

Pleasant, Walter Lee 8 Jul 1930 21 Nov 2017

Son of Annie Pulliam Watson. US Army veteran.

Watson, Annie Pulliam 13 Apr 1912 23 Apr 1980

Wife of Robert Walter Watson. Married 30 Aug 1935.

Watson, Mildred H. 16 Apr 1950 Reserved

Wife of Thomas V. Watson.

Watson, Robert Walter 15 Apr 1908 11 Aug 1993

Husband of Annie Pulliam Watson. Married 30 Aug 1935.

Watson, Thomas V. 5 Dec 1941 18 Sep 2013

Husband of Mildred H. Watson. Son of Robert Walter Watson and Annie Pulliam

Watson.

Yarborough, Angel 27 Oct 1980 27 Oct 1980

Daughter of Mitchell W. Yarborough and Betty Hodges Yarborough. Granddaughter of Robet Walter Watson and Annie Pulliam Watson.

Location - 8522 Charlie Stovall Rd, near Person county line.

Directions: from Oxford, take Hwy 96 north through the Oak Hill community and turn left onto Charlie Stoval Rd going west. Travel Charlie Stovall Rd for about three miles when it takes a right turn heading north. Travel another 0.4 mile to 8522 Charlie Stovall Rd. The cemetery is behind and to the right of the white house.

Survey by Bonnie Hodges Meeler in October 2018.

Davis Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery (Grassy Creek Rd)

Name Birth Daniels, Ruth Abt 1899 Death

1 Jun 2013

Age 94.

Gooch, Frederick Abt 1925 16 Sep 2014

Age 89. Husband of Ethel Lee Gooch. Son of Minnie Royster. Father of Maxine

Gooch, Janet Gooch anf John W. Gooch.

Gooch, Henderson 10 May 1910 4 Aug 1969

Father of Ida Bell Gooch Turner. Father of Ida Bell Gooch, Edna Mae Schelhammer

Gregory, Eddie Gooch, William Gooch, Moses Gooch.

Richards, Annie Laura Chavis Abt 1924 2 Jul 2016

Age 92. Wife of Willie Lee Richards. Daughter of Percy Chavis and Betty Frances Chavis. Mother of Willie Sherman Richards, Howard Lee Richards, Louis Stanley

Richards.

Royster, Hubert, Jr. 24 Aug 1947 7 Jan 1968

Son of Hubert Royster, Sr. and Cora Lee Clark Royster. SP-4 US Army, Vietnam,

CIB & PH. Killed in action.

Royster, Hubert, Sr. 1 Sep 1920 31 Aug 1969

Husband of Cora Lee Clark Royster. Son of John Henry Royster and Nannie Webb

Royster.

Turner, Ida Bell Gooch 10 Jul 1941 8 Jun 2015

Age 73. Wife of Lionel Turner. Daughter of Henderson Gooch ad Nettie Harris Gooch.

Location - at the corner of Grassy Creek Rd and Davis Chapel Rd, Stovall.

The cemetery is on the south side of Davis Chapel Rd and the church is across the road on the north side of Davis Chapel Rd.

Partial survey by Allen Dew in August 2016.

Hobgood Family Cemetery (Hwy 158)

Name Birth Death 1855 19 Jul 1890 Averett, Claudia Cynthia Hobgood Wife of William R. Averett. Daughter of James Benton Hobgood and Elizabeth House Hobgood. Averett, William R. 20 Mar 1853 6 Aug 1880 Husband of Claudia Cynthia Hobgood Averett. Son of Thomas R. Averett and Martha Wright Averett. Currin, Lucy Hobgood 19 Jul 1829 4 Jan 1891 Wife of William Abner Currin. Currin, William Abner Feb 1814 11 Dec 1867 Husband of Lucy Hobgood Currin. Hobgood, Elizabeth House 27 May 1812 25 Dec 1887

Hobgood, James Benton 13 Sep 1807 26 Jun 1885

Husband of Elizabeth House Hobgood. Son of Fowler Hobgood and Eliza Goss Hobgood.

Wife of James Benton Hobgood. Daughter of Joseph House and Cynthia Wrav

Hobgood, Rebecca Blalock

House.

becca Blalock 21 Feb 1840 20 Jan 1913

Wife of Samuel Crawford Hobgood.

Hobgood, Samuel Crawford, Sr. 24 Dec 1836 27 Apr 1884

Husband of Rebecca Blalock Hobgood. Son of James Benton Hobgood and

Elizabeth House Hobgood.

House, Joseph 1783 1875

Husband of Cynthia Wray House.

Location - off Hwy 158 just west of Elam Currin Rd, about 4 miles west of Oxford. **Survey** by Allen Dew in February 2017 from information furnished by Lewis Hobgood Averett and Becky

Burroughs Currin.

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