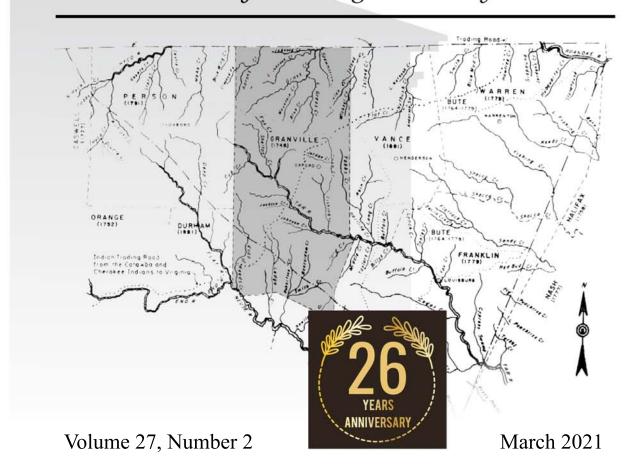
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#### From the President—

Here we are in June of another awful year being house bound due to Covid-19. A lot of people have not been able to adjust to the mandates since this started. This pandemic has broken up many homes, caused a lot of deaths from suicide, depression, and medical attention. Covid has caused many to die as well.

A lot of deaths were listed that they died from Covid, but if you checked their death certificate you will see they had a lot of underlying causes that could have been the cause of death. Covid was a contributing factor.

The press, has had a hay day reporting on this pandemic. This past year and the beginning of this year has been history in the making for future generations that will be researching their family history. This is awful history for them to read about. Let us record the actual history so they will understand what we have lived through.

Hopefully, with some of the restrictions lifted, but not all, on July 1 our beloved library in Oxford will be back on schedule as before the pandemic. The Granville County Genealogical Society will hold their first meeting since March of last year on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. We are looking for a big turnout so everyone can catch up on the researching done by members. Jessie McLam, one of our members, will be discussing Death Records. This should be very interesting.

Allen Dew has been working on another batch of books to donate to the library in the future. The pandemic has not slowed him down. He is also working adding pictures etc. to Cemetery Census and researching and adding more information to his Dew family tree. He did take time out to go to South

Carolina to a family reunion recently.

In talking with Allen, he did mention that there were a lot of cemeteries in Granville County that have not been catalogued and we need some volunteers to catalogue them after the summer is over and the snakes have quit crawling and the ticks have gone. The people that were doing the cataloguing them are unable due to health reasons or age like me. Bonnie Breedlove has recently been in the hospital and is home but not able to go out due to heart problems. Let us keep her in our prayers.

Since I have not solved the relationship of my family and no one has responded, I am asking one more time for help. Now, help me solve the relationship of my family. My oldest sister Marie married Robert Wilkerson. And Robert's sister Hattie married Lambert Currin the uncle of Marie. Then, the daughter Sheila Rutledge of my younger sister Edith marries Ronnie Boyd the grandson of Lambert Currin the uncle of Marie, they have a son Aaron Jackson Boyd. So, what is the relationship of A. J. to Marie and Robert? I know that A. J. is the grandson of Edith.

Email me if you solve this at: mildredcgoss@gmail.com

These intermarriages can really mess up the lineage of your research.

Come July stop by the Thornton and visit the North Carolina Room to see all of the book donations made over the past year during the pandemic. You will be surprised.

Will close for now until next time, happy researching.

Mildred

#### **North Carolina County Formations**

<b>County Name</b>	Year	Parent Counties	County Record History				
Alamance	1849	Orange					
Albemarle	1664	Original county (extinct 1689)					
Alexander	1847	Iredell, Caldwell, Wilkes	Many records burned by Federal troops in 1865.				
Alleghany	1859	Ashe	Courthouse fire in 1932 destroyed a few permanently valuable records.				
Anson	1750	Bladen	Courthouse fire of 1868 destroyed many court records.				
Ashe	1799	Wilkes	Courthouse fire of 1865 destroyed many court records.				
Avery	1911	Mitchell, Watauga, Caldwell					
Bath	1696	Original county [extinct after 1724]					
Beaufort	1705	Bath [original name Pamptecough, 1705-1712]					
Bertie	1722	Chowan					
Bladen	1734	New Hanover	Courthouse fires of 1800 and 1893 destroyed most of the court records and several land records.				
Brunswick	1764	New Hanover, Bladen	Many court records were destroyed by Federal troops in 1865.				
Buncombe	1791	Burke, Rutherford	Courthouse fires of 1830 and 1865 destroyed many court records.				
Burke	1777	Rowan	Many court records and most land records burned by Federal troops in 1865.				
Bute	1764	Granville [extinct after 1779, divided into Franklin and Warren Counties]					
Cabarrus	1792	Mecklenburg	Courthouse fire of 1876 resulted in the loss of a few court records.				
Caldwell	1841	Burke, Wilkes					
Camden	1777	Pasquotank	Some records were said to have been destroyed in a storage room fire; many records missing.				
Carteret	1722	Craven					
Caswell	1777	Orange	Some records were said to have been destroyed during occupation by militia troops during Reconstruction.				
Catawba	1842	Lincoln	Many court records missing; reason unknown.				

Chatham	1771	Orange	Many court records missing; reason unknown.
Cherokee	1839	Macon	Courthouse fires of 1865 (Federal troops), 1895 and 1926 destroyed many court records.
Chowan	1668	Albemarle [Shaftesbury, 1670-82]	Many court records said to have been destroyed by acting clerk of court in 1848.
Clarendon	1664	Original county [Abandoned by 1667]	
Clay	1861	Cherokee	Fire (not courthouse) destroyed all records of the county in 1870.
Cleveland	1841	Rutherford, Lincoln	
Columbus	1808	Brunswick, Bladen	
Craven	1705	Bath [original name Archdale, 1705-1712]	
Cumberland	1754	Bladen	
Currituck	1668	Albemarle [Carteret, 1670-82]	Many records of the county are missing; reason unknown.
Dare	1870	Currituck, Tyrrell, Hyde	
Davidson	1822	Rowan	Courthouse fire in 1866 may have destroyed some records.
Davie	1836	Rowan	
Dobbs	1759	Johnston [extinct 1791, divided into Lenoir and Glasgow; Glasgow renamed Greene, 1799]	
Duplin	1750	New Hanover	Many court records are missing; reason unknown.
Durham	1881	Orange, Wake	
Edgecombe	1741	Bertie	Land records prior to 1759 are among those of Halifax County.
Forsyth	1849	Stokes	
Franklin	1779	Bute	
Gaston	1846	Lincoln	Courthouse fire of 1874 destroyed many court records.
Gates	1779	Chowan, Hertford, Perquimans	
Glasgow	1791	Dobbs [renamed Green, 1799]	
Graham	1872	Cherokee	
Granville	1746	Edgecombe	
Greene	1799	Renamed from Glasgow	Courthouse fire of 1876 destroyed many court records and all land records.
Guilford	1771	Rowan, Orange	Courthouse fire of 1872 resulted in slight loss of records.

Halifax	1759	Edgecombe	Many court records are missing; reason unknown.  Land records of Edgecombe County and Bertie  Precinct are included in the Record of Deeds series.				
Harnett	1855	Cumberland	Courthouse fires of 1892 and 1894 destroyed court records and many of the land records.				
Haywood	1808	Buncombe					
Henderson	1838	Buncombe					
Hertford	1760	Chowan, Bertie, Northampton	Courthouse fires of 1830 and 1862 destroyed majority of county's records.				
Hoke	1911	Cumberland, Robeson					
Hyde	1705	Bath [original name Wickham, 1705-1712]	Name changed to Hyde in 1712.				
Iredell	1788	Rowan	Courthouse fire of 1854 destroyed many court records.				
Jackson	1851	Haywood, Macon	Many records missing; reason unknown.				
Johnston	1746	Craven	No record of fires, but many records missing.				
Jones	1779	Craven	In 1862, courthouse burned during Civil War battle; many court records destroyed.				
Lee	1907	Moore, Chatham					
Lenoir	1791	Dobbs	Most court records destroyed in fires of 1878 and 1880.				
Lincoln	1779	Tryon	No known losses but many records are missing.				
Macon	1828	Haywood	No known losses but many records are missing.				
Madison	1851	Buncombe, Yancey					
Martin	1774	Halifax, Tyrrell	Courthouse fire of 1884 destroyed many court records.				
McDowell	1842	Rutherford, Burke					
Mecklenburg	1763	Anson					
Mitchell	1861	Yancey, Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell	Several records believed destroyed during move into new courthouse in 1907.				
Montgomery	1779	Anson	Courthouse fire of 1835 destroyed many records.				
Moore	1784	Cumberland	Courthouse fire of 1889 destroyed most land records and many court records.				
Nash	1777	Edgecombe					
New Hanover	1729	Craven	Courthouse fires have destroyed a few records through the years.				
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Northampton	1741	Bertie	A few records are missing; reason unknown.				
Onslow	1734	New Hanover	Storms of 1752 and 1786 destroyed many records. Later court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Orange	1752	Johnston, Bladen, Granville	Many court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Pamlico	1872	Craven, Beaufort					
Pasquotank	1668	Albemarle [Carteret, 1670-82]	Many early records are missing; reason unknown.				
Pender	1875	New Hanover					
Perquimans	1668	Albemarle [Berkeley, 1670-82]	A few of the early records are missing; reason unknown.				
Person	1792	Caswell					
Pitt	1761	Beaufort	Courthouse fire of 1857 destroyed most of the court records.				
Polk	1855	Rutherford, Henderson					
Randolph	1779	Guilford	Many court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Richmond	1779	Anson	A few of the court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Robeson	1787	Bladen	Many of the court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Rockingham	1785	Guilford	A few of the court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Rowan	1753	Anson	A few records were destroyed by Federal troops in 1865.				
Rutherford	1779	Tryon	Courthouse fire of 1907 destroyed many court records.				
Sampson	1784	Duplin	Early court records are missing; losses may have been caused by Federal sympathizers in 1865 and clerk's office fire of 1921.				
Scotland	1899	Richmond					
Stanly	1841	Montgomery	A few early court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Stokes	1789	Surry	A few court records are missing; reason unknown.				
Swain	1871	Jackson, Macon	Courthouse fire of 1879 destroyed many records.				
Surry	1771	Rowan					
Transylvania	1861	Henderson, Jackson					
Tryon	1768	Mecklenburg					

Tyrrell	1729	Chowan, Bertie, Currituck, Pasquotank	A few of the early records are missing; reason unknown.
Union	1842	Anson, Mecklenburg	A few of the early court records are missing; reason unknown.
Vance	1881	Granville, Warren, Franklin	
Wake	1771	Johnston, Cumberland, Orange	A very few early court records are missing; reason unknown. Several deed books were destroyed in register's office fire in 1832.
Warren	1779	Bute	Some court records are missing; reason unknown.
Washington	1799	Tyrrell	Courthouse destroyed in Federal bombardment of 1862. Courthouse fires of 1869 and 1881, along with the destruction of 1862, destroyed most of the court records and many of the land records.
Watauga	1849	Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, Yancey	Courthouse fire of 1873 destroyed all of the land records and most of the court records.
Wayne	1779	Dobbs	A very few early court records are missing; reason unknown.
Wilkes	1778	Surry, District of Washington	A few early records are missing; reason unknown.
Wilson	1855	Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston, Wayne	A few early court records are missing; reason unknown.
Yadkin	1850	Surry	
Yancey	1833	Burke, Buncombe	Many early court records are missing; reason unknown.



#### GCGS Deaths for March, April, May 2021

**Editor's Note:** This listing shows the deaths from the obituaries of three newspapers (Oxford Public Ledger, Butner/Creedmoor News and 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, Cornelia Hunt	83	В	4/1/2021	Walter William & Annie Hoyle Hunt
Barker, Warren Taylor	68	В	4/16/2021	Taylor & Sallie Greene Barker
Bass, Doris Thornton	75	В	4/10/2021	Gpvernor Thornton & Beula Sidney Thornton
Bass, Frances Mary Carver	93	C	5/9/2021	Son Carver & Henrietta Carver
Bass, William	74	?	4/27/2021	Son of Evelyn Bass
Belle, Michael Anthony	58	C	1/15/2021	James McCoy Belle & Phyllis Hawkins Belle
Bishop, Pauline Ingram	91	В	4/5/2021	Paul Ingram & Mamie Mitchell Ingram
Blackwell, Dora Morris	77	В	5/23/2021	Dolyoun Mack Morris & Rosetta McGarr Morris
Blackwell, Neal		В	3/19/2021	Elwood & Nancy Blackwell
Bowman, Joseph Lee "lil Joe"	29	В	5/9/2021	Stephen Lee Bowman & Karen Pratt Guidry
Boyd, Damien Anthony	49	В	4/23/2021	Joanne Toler & Elijah Thorpe
Boyd, William Hugh Sr.	79	В	4/7/2021	Crawford lee Boyd & Annie Barrrier Boyd
Brandon, Dorothy Mae Ellison	76	В	4/30/2021	Auther "Shorty" & Dorthy Mayo Ellison
Braswell, Scotty	53	C	5/20/2021	Not listed
Briggs, Kathryn Price	85	В	5/26/2021	Verlie Charlie Price & Bessie Day Price
Brooks, Stephanie Lyn Smith	32	C	5/18/2021	Dwayne & Tina Smith
Bumper, Billy Ray Sr.	71	В	5/5/2021	Hardy Bumper & Mary B. Leath
Burroughs, William Wright "Billy"	90	В	4/7/2021	James Gilliam Burroughs & Elaine Wright Burroughs
Chambers, Tammy Gaye	57	В	4/25/2021	Clarence Bullock Chambers & Lillie Mae Dean Chambers
Cozart, Ray Dell	83	В	4/23/2021	William Cozart & Gracie Smith Cozart
Critcher, Dan Royster	87	В	3/15/2021	Calvin Judson Critcher & Lois Royster Critcher
Crute, Charles Palmer Jr. "C.P."	91	В	5/31/2021	Charles Sr. & Virginia Puryear Crute
Cufalo, Leonard Frank "Lenny"	61	C	3/22/2021	Santo & Katherine Cufalo
Dalton, Sterling Thornton	89	В	3/26/2021	Luster & Irene Dalton
DeHart, Kelly Nicole	30	С	3/24/2021	Darryl Lynn DeHart & Robyn Dehart; Kimberly Ann Moore DeHart-Carpenter & Willis Gray Carpenter,III
Downey, James Sr.	68	В	5/11/2021	James Henry Norman Downey & Sally Anne Puryear
Dunkin, Vanessa Bumpass	60	В	4/9/2021	Not listed
Elliott, Mary Alice	89	В	5/23/2021	Fred Marsh Elliott & Beulah Thomas Elliott
Estes, Crystal	67	В	3/15/2021	Edward Lawrence & Matilda Burwell Fisher
Foster, Cornell	58	В	5/28/2021	Wilbert Lee Foster & Mamie W. Foster
Frazier, Susan Harris	73	С	4/22/2021	John "Jerry" Pearson Harris, Jr. & Mary Green Theim Harris
George, Nathan Scott	17	C	5/24/2021	Chad Daniel George & Sarah "Beth" Williams George
Green, John Earl	72	В	3/8/2021	Otelia Paschal Green
Griffin, Horace Lee	58	В	5/7/2021	Ralph "Heiter" Griffin & Betty Forlines Griffin
Hall, Shirley Temple Tingen	85	В	5/3/2021	Wilton & Corrine Faucette Tingen

Hardy, Ellen Floyd	54	В	5/19/2021	Hillman Barnes Floyd & Frances Wade Floyd
Harrington, Paul Bragg	57	?	5/26/2021	Thomas Royals & Nora Bragg Harrington
Haskins, Calvin Benjamin	87	В	5/4/2021	John Paul Haskins & Fannie Bell Bullock
Hicks, Betty Lou Arnold	90	В	4/9/2021	Joseph William Arnold & Gladys Estes Arnold
High, Vance Douglas	77	C	3/23/2021	Vance Pershing High & Louise Woodlief High Honeycutt
Hobgood, Sue Koger	59	В	5/24/2021	James lee Koger & Annie Ruth Wheeler Koger
Holbrook, Josephine Jackson	77	C	4/22/2021	Felix C. Jackson & Mary Elliott Jackson
Howell, Geneva Champion	87	C	4/14/2021	Claudia Smith & James Champion
Hutson, James "Taylor"	77	В	3/24/2021	James "Cephas" & Rosa Pearl "Junnie" Hutson
Jackson, Nevaeh Starr	1	В	4/15/2021	Dale Edward Jackson & Toni Laurell Crews Jackson
Jeffrys, Arcelia Faye Taylor	76	В	3/9/2021	Irene Taylor Allen & Crawford "Rick" Allen
Johnson, Brady Nicholas	32	В	4/26/2021	Randall Allen Johnson & Lisa O'Neal Bullock
Johnson, Geraldine House	86	В	4/14/2021	Theodore & Sara Barnhill House
Kinion, Nedom Lee	86	В	3/9/2021	Matthew Kinion & Amanda White Kinion
Lunsford, Thomas Edwin	82	В	4/10/2021	William H. Lunsford & Eleanor P.Lunsford
Mason, Willie Louise	93	В	5/20/2021	Anthony & Addie Marrow Mason
McGhee, Viola Huthcerson	96	В	5/11/2021	George Washington Hutcherson & Earsell Allen Hutcherson
Nelson, Arthur	70	C	5/11/2021	Not listed
Newton, Tahnyah L.	74	В	4/26/2021	Paul L. Lambert & Evelyn Shield Lambert
Norwood, Joan Murray	64	C	4/12/2021	Lonnie Ray Murray & Lizzie Mae Englebright Murray
Parham, Vernon Cottrell Jr. "V.C."	66	С	4/15/2021	Vernon Sr. & Mary Heath Parham
Paul, Roger Leon	70	?	5/10/2021	Charlie & Sallie Paul
Perry, Patsy	91	В	5/3/2021	James Macon & Letitia Midgett Emory
Polichnowski, Mary Smith	71	C	5/25/2021	Not listed
Price, Dorothy Mae	85	В	5/19/2021	Curtis & Mildred Thorpe
Pruitt, William Leonard	95	В	3/31/2021	Bailey William pruitt & Lucy Hobgood Pruitt
Raynor, Jimmy	66	В	3/27/2021	William P. Raynor & Catherine Thomerson Raynor
Royster, Beverly Sampson "Beba"	65	C	5/24/2021	Lee Page Royster & Joyce Grimm Royster
Shearin, Melody Respess	56	В	5/7/2021	Jane Lassiter Respess
Smith, Teresa Ann	49	В	5/2/2021	Samuel & Barbara Smith
Smith, Wesley Earl	68	В	3/13/2021	Benjamin Earl & Grace Edwards Smith
Speed, Theodore Roosevelt "Pop"	91	В	3/15/2021	Charlie Speed & Mary Thorpe Speed
Strater, Wanda Corlis	64	В	3/20/2021	Johnie"Foot" Strater & Mildred Webb Strater
Tarry, William Burwell III	61	?	3/23/2021	William Tarry, Jr. & Peyton Clements Tarry
Terry, Ernestine	75	В	4/26/2021	Benjamin & Lillian Harris Terry, Sr.
Thevenin, Charline	78	?	3/30/2021	Not listed
Thomas, Darrell	52	В	5/20/2021	Helen Thomas Hargrove & Thurman Cooper, Sr.
Thorpe, Harvey	65	C	3/20/2021	James Floyd Thorpe & Geneva Green Thorpe
Thorpe, Jimmie Lee, Sr.	75	В	5/29/2021	James Floyd & Geneva Green Thorpe
Tyler, Aletta Rae "LuLu"	94	?	3/13/2021	Lexie Tyler & Ada Madelyn Mitchell Tyler
Vaughan, Lawrence Hardin	83	C	4/25/2021	Luther Martin Vaughan & Nanny Pearl Cash Vaughan
Vaughan, Patsy Mayton	65	В	5/16/2021	Eva Mae Melton Brogden & Raymond Thomas Brogden
Ward, Alexander William	70	?	3/18/2021	Vance Forest Ward, Jr. & Mildred Louise Bayne

Washington, Timothy Stacey	52	В	5/18/2021	Gloria Washington & William Ellison
Watkins, Sally Griffin "Tada"	72	?	2/24/2021	Maryland & Lillian Griffin
White, Hugh Stewart	87	В	3/14/2021	Not listed
Wilkins, Wesley Dale	61	C	5/24/2021	Elvin Bryant (E.B.) Wilkins & Mamie Paschall Wilkins
Williams, Kathy Moss	72	C	4/23/2021	Not listed
Williams, Willie D. Jr.	75	В	4/12/2021	Willie "Fats" Williams, Sr. & Viola Allen Williams
Wilson, Kenneth "Kenny" Evan	54	В	4/24/2021	Frank K. & Bessie Evans Wilson
Winn, Edith Pierce	90	В	3/20/2021	Charlie Aubie Pierce & Annie Lee Oliver Pierce;
Wright, Tommy A.	78	В	4/29/2021	Durwood & Jean Reams Wright

#### **David Blalock Family**

by: John Misenheimer

David Blalock (II) was born 1793 in Granville Co., NC and died July 29, 1872 in Stanly Co., NC. David (II) married on April 15, 1813 in Montgomery Co., NC (1841 Stanly Co.) to Martha Patsy Dennis. It is likely that Martha is the daughter of Andrew Dennis born ca. 1765 and his wife Martha born ca. 1756 and died after 1850. David (II) was the son of the revolutionary war soldier David Blalock (I) whose revolution war pension is in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

His father Pvt. David Blalock (I) was born 1756 in Hanover Co., Virginia and died during the 1840's in Rutherford Co., NC. His father David (I) married on December 21, 1782 in Granville, Co., NC to Frances Champion born ca. 1756, and she was likely the daughter of John Champion who died ca. 1823. The grandfather of David Blalock (II) of Stanly Co., NC was Caide Blalock born ca. 1727 in Hanover Co., VA and died ca. 1798 in Granville County, NC. David's (II) great grandfather and great grandmother were: John William Blalock, II and Mary Hudspeth. John William Blalock, II was born in Virginia in 1704 and died in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1791, at the age of 87.

The lineage before John William Blalock, II was John William Blalock, Sr. born in 1671, in Accomack County, Virginia and died in 1745 Louisa County, Virginia, at age 74. John, Sr., married twice: 1st Mary Terrell (Mary died without children) and 2nd Elizabeth Millington. Elizabeth was the mother of all their children. Before John, Sr., was Thomas Blalock, Jr., 1628-1677 married twice Sarah Black and Ann Christian Scott. Before Thomas, Jr. was Thomas Blalock Sr. (1597-1660) married Rachel. Thomas, Sr. came from Cumberland County, England in 1622 on the ship Forward Frigate that landed in Virginia across the Chesapeake Bay. He received a land grant of 50 acres in Accomack County Virginia. Currently this researcher does not have any additional information on the parents of Thomas Blalock, Sr.

Now back to David Blalock (II) and Martha Patsy Dennis from Stanly County, and their children are: 1) Willis born April 14, 1814; 2) Riley; 3) Jane; 4) Frances; 5) Anna; 6) Mary; 7) William born ca. 1824; 8) Henry Marshall born June 17, 1826; 9) Hannah born ca. 1829; 10) Rebecca; 11) Nancy born ca. 1832; 12) Edmund; and 13) Martha.

Next we follow 8) Henry Marshall Blalock born June 17, 1826 in Montgomery County, NC, and married ca. 1848/49 to Christina Sell born Aug. 14, 1830 and died ca. Nov. 1879. Her father was John Sell. Henry Marshall died March 20, 1905. The children of Henry and Christina are: 1) John Alex born Jan. 1, 1849; 2) Evey Ann (Evan) born 1852; 3) Mary K. born 1854; 4) Lou A. born 1856; 5) James Frank born 1859; 6) Leah M. born 1857. Henry's 2nd marriage was to Henrietta Morris on July 7, 1880. Henrietta was born in Stanly Co. on April 10, 1852, and died September 10, 1927. She is the daughter of John Morris and Elizabeth. Both Henry and Henrietta are buried at Palestine United Methodist Church. The children of Henry and Henrietta are: 1) John Marshall born April 30, 1881; 2) Louisa Anderson born Nov. 17, 1883; 3) Robert Tell born May 26, 1886; 4) David Edward born March 22, 1889; 5) Mamie Gertrude born Sept. 22, 1891; and 6) William Daniel born June 18, 1896.

Next we follow 1) John Marshall. He was born in Stanly Co., and he married March 19, 1903 to Lillie Esther Fraley. Lillie was born in Rowan Co. on March 19, 1881 and died in Stanly Co. on December 20, 1942. Lillie was the daughter of George Washington Fraley and Martha Jane Burrage. John Marshall died in Stanly Co. on May 12, 1950. The children of John Marshall and Lillie are: 1) George Henry born September 11, 1907; 2) Jennie Lee; 3) Hallie Edmond; 4) John Marshall (II); 5) Ethel Mae born May 24, 1919; 6) Mary Bell; 7) Lenord Gill; and 8) Lula (Martha?).

Next we follow 5) Ethel Mae. She was in Stanly County, and married on September 9, 1939 to Isam Roseman Misenheimer. Isam was born in Stanly County on December 15, 1912. Isam was the son of Clayborn Carson Misenheimer and Pearl Genola Roseman. Ethel Mae died in the hospital with a heart attack in Mecklenburg County on April 17, 1973, and she is buried at Sharon Memorial Gardens in Charlotte, NC.

Ethel was a loving wife, and a loving mother. She was a blessing to everyone who knew her, and she would care for the needs of others before she would consider her own needs. She once held me (her grandson John Misenheimer) on her lap, and told me that she had always wanted a dimple in her cheek like the one that I have. She said that when she was a little girl she would press her finger into her cheek for hours to try to make a dimple, but without success. Then she asked me if I knew what created a dimple. I did not have any idea. Then she told me that it meant that an angel had kissed me on the cheek, and created it. Originally Ethel's mother Lillie told this saying about the angel to her, so it is a very old saying that has been shared from one generation to the next.

The name of the righteous will live on forever, and the name of Ethel Mae Blalock Misenheimer does mean love. She was a truly good woman, and the spirit of God was in her heart. The year grandma Ethel died in April she had practically completed her hand crafted gifts and shopping for Christmas, because grandpa "Ike" had presents from her to everyone. She had made me a handmade quilt blanket, and I treasure it even now almost 30 years later. Grandma Ethel was one of a kind.

#### **Patterson Family**

by: Marsha P. Raymond

John H. Patterson (b. 1819) married Susan Rowland (daughter of Peter Pleasant Rowland and Elizabeth Susan "Polly" Weaver) in Granville County on 16 Apr 1845. John was by occupation a farmer in the Ragland District of Granville County and served as a Confederate soldier in the "War of Northern Aggression".

Their children were Mary (b. 1846); James Pleasant (b. 1849 d. 1924); Susan E. T. (b. 1850); Edwin (b. 1852); George (b. 1854); and John Whitaker (b. 1857). James Pleasant Patterson married Amanda Fitzelon Fleming in Granville Co. on 13 Nov 1872. She was the daughter of James Fleming and Elizabeth Wilkerson. In later years it is remembered that James would go to the store in Oxford in his horse drawn buggy and purchase horehound candy for his grandchildren.

James and Amanda lived in Henderson Township. Their children were: Oliver Wilton (b. 1877 d. 1908) - who drowned in the Neuse River; Lena Isabel (b. 1881 d. 1948 md. Calvin Hunt Breedlove); Susan Carrie (b. 1886 d. 1959 md. Fred Cottrell); Samuel Pierson (b. 1889 d. 1976 md. Fannie Pearl Puckett); Zebulon Vance (b. 1892 d. 1970 md. Minnie Hayes Puckett); and Rebecca Fannie (b. 1894 d. 1928 md. Robert Needham Hart).

Zebulon Vance Patterson married Minnie Puckett in January 1913 (daughter of Samuel Puckett and Roxanne Elliott). Zeb played the violin and taught his granddaughter Marsha Patterson (daughter of his son Marshall Vance and Annie Geraldine Tuck) to play chess when she was about five years old. He loved harmonica music, played violin and had a good sense of humor. He worked hard during the Great Depression of the 1930s to make sure his family didn't suffer. In fact, his son Marshall later was to say that even then they lived in "high cotton" and never missed a meal.

Zeb not only worked as a postal clerk, but as an insurance salesman, had a hatchery (baby chickens) and sold popcorn molasses balls at the general store that his daughters would make. Zebulon was a mail carrier for Route #5 in Oxford for many years. Children of Zebulon and Minnie were Mabel Hayes (b. 1913); James Percy (b. 1916); Adell Fleming (b. 1918); Marshall Vance (b. 1920); Carl Usry (b. 1924); Ray Thomas (b. 1928); and Ferebee Land (b. 1930 d. 1977).

Marshall Vance was co-owner with his father-in-law of the New Home Furniture Company in Creedmoor, which later moved to Butner. He also owned the Butner Self Storage, was a County Magistrate for many years, and served in World War II (Pacific). His wife Geri is the daughter of Ernest Polk Tuck and Annie D. Kinton. Marshall and Geri had two daughters Dan Maria (b. 1947) and Marsha Ann (b. 1953).

The children and grandchildren of Zeb and Minnie gathered often at the Patterson homestead in the country outside of Oxford. The motto on the Patterson coat-of-arms (Scotland) is "I die for those I love."

#### **Edward Adcock Family**

by: Wanda Adcock Mangum

Edward Adcock, grandson of "old John Adcock" who came to Granville County in 1741, married Tabitha White, daughter of William White, Jr. or Jonathan White in Granville County, July 4, 1780. They lived in the Knap of Reeds District, and their eleven children were:

William born 1781, married twice, first to Elizabeth Johnson 3/26/1803, second to Lethea Harris 9/23/1818, the daughter of Robert Hood Harris and granddaughter of Thomas and Sarah Harris of Granville County.

Abner married Rachel Gooch (daughter of Rowland Gooch) 12/29/1811. Abner died in 1843 and Rachel died in 1848. The two youngest children, Roland and Thomas Adcock, were orphans, and Amos Gooch and John Gill alternated as guardians for these two. Roland (Rowland) later moved to Muehlenberg Co., Kentucky where his brother David, as well as two of Rachel Gooch's brothers had moved. Abner and Rachel's children were John C., David Y., Roland, Susannah, and Thomas H. Abner stated in his will "I have allowed my son, John C. Adcock, to build a house on my land". Rachel asked for her dower after Abner died and received 66 and 2/3 acres out of 200 acres of land.

George married Elizabeth Meadows 12/27/1809, and died prior to 1841. In Edward's will Elizabeth is listed with two children - Littleton Adcock who married Lucretia Kimball on 2/28/1835, and Arena Adcock who married William Tippett 12/28/1831. A Jemima Adcock married Jesse Meadows 11/6/1817.

Stephen Adcock married Sara (Sally) Johnson 8/5/1809 and moved to Dickson County, TN. prior to 1835.

Jonathan Adcock married Patsy Johnson 9/8/1812 and moved to Dickson County, TN the same time as Stephen. Stephen and Jonathan through their nephew, Jesse - William's son, gave their brother's widow, Lethea Adcock, their parts in Edward's land settlement - \$6.36, which she collected in 1850.

Nancy married Cader Parker 3/27/1809 and moved to Person County, but was listed as "out of State" when Edward's will was settled, however, Nancy may have died by this time.

Frederick married Fanny Ford on 11/17/1813. He was a fifer in the War of 1812, died before Edward's estate was settled and the court proceeding lists Fanny and children: David, Roanne Adcock Dixon, Absolom, William and Robert (minors, and Abner, their uncle, was their legal representative for the estate).

Elizabeth "Betsy" Adcock: married David Peed 9/18/1818. They moved to Person County in the early 1800's. Some of the Peeds remained in Granville County in the same Southwestern portion and there are two old Peed cemeteries there.

Mary married John R. Hobgood, September 23, 1818, the same day that her brother, William,

married Lethea Harris. Mary died prior to Edward's will settlement in 1841, and her children Randall and Edward Hobgood are listed as heirs. On August 5, 1829, Tabitha Adcock gave Edward and Randolph (Randall) Hobgood two cows and calves.

David married Sally Frazier on 9/8/1815. He was a drummer and fifer in the War of 1812. David and Sally are out of State when Edward's will was settled.

Sally married Pomphret Melton on 2/6/1816, and bondsman was David Adcock, her brother. The settlement of Edward's will states that "Tabitha and nine of the said devisees" lived at the estate. By the time of the settlement in 1841, only 100 acres remained. Thomas Blalock bought the estate.

#### **Anthony Neil Cash Family**

by: Anthony Neil Cash

My branch of the Cash Family tree can be traced from William, Joseph, Peter, Peter Jr., Jacob Thomas, John Wesley, Jacob Eugene, James Melvin, and myself Anthony Neil Cash. For more information refer to Cash Family of Granville County, North Carolina.

Anthony Neil Cash was born November 24, 1944 in Cumberland County. My father James Melvin Cash (1916-1994) was born and raised in Granville County. My mother Edith Mozell Woodward (1919) was raised in Granville County by her mother Mary Virginia Bowles Woodward and her grandfather Reuben Cramwell Bowles. My brothers and sisters were James Darwin (1940), Donald Steve (1942), Earl Wayne (1943), Gerald Melvin (1947), Edith Catherine (1949) and Sandra Elaine Cash (1950). I married Annie Virginia Height on December 16, 1966 in Henderson, North Carolina. I have one stepdaughter Annie Louise O'Neal Jordon born July 27, 1960. Louise is married to Vience Jordon, born September 3, 1960, and they have two children, Scott Wade born January 3, 1981 and Jessica Marie Jordon born August 19, 1987.

Earl Wayne Cash was born October 11, 1943 in Harnett County, North Carolina. He was married to Elsie Odell Lynheart. They have one son Earl Wayne Cash, Jr. (Earl) born September 8, 1963. Earl married Marie A. Shelton. Earl and Marie have two children, Eli Thomas born September 17, 1988 in Bernalillo Co., New Mexico and a daughter, Sarah Marie born January 31, 1990 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Wayne and wife Sidney Ann Hardister live in Franklin County North Carolina and have two children, Charles Phillip born June 14, 1970 and Pamela Luanne Cash born September 7, 1975. Pamela married Christopher Paul Forsythe on May 22, 1999. Christopher was born September 17, 1975. They have two children Cody Wayne Cash born July 29, 1995 and Kelsey Ann Forsythe born November 7, 1999. Philip is married to Betty Annette Driver born November 26, 1975. They have one daughter Heather Elizabeth Cash. All are residents of Franklin County.

Edith Catherine Cash was born February 3, 1949 in Granville County, North Carolina. She married to Larry Ervin Schmidt on July 12, 1969 in Lakehurst, New Jersey. Graduated St. Cloud School of Nursing. Catherine has three sons, Larry Ervin Schmidt Jr. born May 1, 1971

Lakewood, New Jersey (Ervin graduated Florida Coastal Law School in Florida and is now a district attorney for the state), Brant Woodward Schmidt December 12, 1973 and Aaron David Schmidt March 24, 1979.

Sandra Elaine Cash was born April 12, 1950 in Oxford, North Carolina. She married to Lorence Herman Quintana on February 12, 1971 and lived in Tucumcari, New Mexico for 25 years and now resides in Youngsville, North Carolina. Lorence was born in Tucumcari, New Mexico on August 10, 1949 and died March 13, 1995 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is buried in the Tucumcari Memorial Cemetery in Tucumcari, New Mexico. They have two sons, Alexander James Quintana born February 28, 1990 in Tucumcari, New Mexico and Lorenzo Cash Quintana born April 2, 1979 in Taos, New Mexico.

Donald Steve Cash was born June 11, 1942 in Wake County, North Carolina. He married Madlyn Diane Mason on April 30, 1960. He join the Navy on June 18, 1959 and served on the USS Sam Houston. Steve and Lyn have two children, Christopher Steve born February 14, 1961 and Cynthia Lynn Cash born October 26, 1965. Cynthia was married on July 22, 1995 to Michael Gamel. They have one daughter Megan Elizabeth Gamel born October 26, 1999 in California. All of Steve's family resides in California.

Gerald Melvin Cash was born May 19, 1947 in Franklin County, North Carolina and married to Joyce Kathleen Height on April 3, 1967 in Vance County, North Carolina. They have two sons: Gerald Evan born December 7, 1967 and James Timothy born December 29, 1970, both born in Wake County. Evan married Brenda Rook on November 22, 1986 and they have one daughter Ryan Nicole Cash born October 12, 1987. Evan married Jamie Nicole on February 15, 1997 in Franklin County. They have one daughter Shelby Nicole Cash born March 2, 1998. James Timothy Cash married Amanda Kaye White on November 4, 1995. Amanda was born September 10, 1976. They have two sons, Lonnie James born April 18, 1996 and Jacob Kyle born June 25, 1999, both were born in Wake County, North Carolina. Gerald married Judy Gail Harper on December 13, 1995. Judy has one son Wes Adam Harper born June 20, 1985.

James Darwin Cash (Jimmy) born January 21, 1940 in Durham County. Served in the US Navy May 1958-January 18, 1961, relisted September 2, 1962-September 2, 1966. Served on the USS Ray and the USS Sam Houston. Married Joyce Rose Hill. They have one son James Darwin, Jr. born April 23, 1963 and one daughter who died at birth in 1966. She is buried at Flat Rock Church Cemetery, Franklin County. Darwin, Jr. has one daughter Karla Jaie born July 13, 2000 in Tennessee. Jimmy and wife Rena Shepard, born March 4, 1934, have one daughter, Dawn born April 8, 1971. Dawn married Jesse David Vick Jr., born September 2, 1970 on March 30, 1991. They have two sons, Jesse Holden born December 17, 1994 and James Caleb Vick born June 2, 1999. Jimmy and Rebecca Watkins have one son Michael Eugene Cash born December 30, 1976. Jimmy and his wife Debra Jean Medlin have two sons Benjamin Cole Cash born July 14, 1981 and John Brandon Cash born June 03, 1985. All of Jimmy's children were born in Wake County, North Carolina.

#### **Father Junius Moore Taylor's Legacy**

by: Rev. Bernard Holliday

Father Junius Moore Taylor was born a slave on the Jimmy Crew's plantation on June 30, 1856 Granville County, NC. His siblings were Sister Lucy Taylor Coley and Brother Joe Taylor. He attended school and was taught to read by the young Crew boys. He had formal training at these institutions: Shaw University, Princeton University, and Hampton Institute. He served as a Teacher in the Public Schools, Minister Magistrate. He married 1st Mrs. Jennie Allen and 2nd Mrs. Nannie Bell Peace. From their unions 18 children were born to this household. Two children's names were omitted from her records. Otherwise they are listed below:

Taylor Children: Walter, Lee, Otho, Dempsey, Spurgeon, Bertha, Zula, Arthur, William, Thomas, Victor, Ralph, Opie, Winona, Manie, Maranda, Harvey and Arthur.

Rev. Taylor's accomplishments were: 1. Founded church at Northside Hwy. 15 N., NC; 2. One of the charter members Pine Grove Baptist Church 1870; 3. Charter member East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association; 4. Moderator of Church Associations in NC.

He purchased the homestead of 30 acres with cash payment. Had one house across the road for rent. He taught all children the value of home ownership. Of the 16 children who lived to adulthood, 13 purchased their own homes. 14 bought land; 4 had at least one house for rent.

Rev. Taylor initiated monthly religious training classes at home for the children. He was the teacher every Monday night after the second Sunday. The order for studies were Bible Study, Prayer by every child who was a member of the church, Prayer by Mother, Prayer by Father and ended with the phrase: "Roll on happy day, when the kingdom of the world, will become the kingdom of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ". Each child had to memorize a Bible verse and recite the lines to family. Then each child had to select a particular Biblical character and talk about its life stories based on the Biblical record. All children from this Christian nurturing joined a Baptist Church, and worked in their churches as Teachers, Superintendents of Sunday Schools, Deacons, choir members, organist, and etc.

Positions held by Taylor-Coley children were Teachers, Business leaders, Lawyers, Doctor, Nurses, Cosmetologists, Farmers, Musicians, and Culinary specialists.

On May 15, 1935, the Taylor family donated several acres of land at Ledge Rock Creek to the Town of Creedmoor, NC reservoir plant.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bernard A. Holliday, grandson of Rev. Junius Moore Taylor, home residence is on the Taylor Estate Creedmoor, NC, Dutchville Township, Granville County, NC.

The Taylor Farm is listed in the North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture as one of the farms with continuous ownership over 100 years; Century citation.

#### **Clifton Dean Family**

by: Mary Ann Valencourt

Clifton Dean was born and died in Granville County, NC. His is a remarkable story. It is remarkable not because it is rich in adventure or replete with commercial achievement, nor even because it is illuminated by wartime triumphs or academic achievement. Rather, it is remarkable because of the unremitting courage, honor and integrity that marked its days. His is the story of tens of millions of Americans who form the backbone of this country, and who are the real unsung heroes that sustain us every day.

Clifton Dean was born on November 15, 1899. He was the tenth child of fifteen born to Benjamin and Mary Hobgood Dean. After attending Buies Creek Academy, Clifton entertained the possibility of higher education but family circumstances mitigated against this. He began farming in Granville County and married Helen Knott in 1934; Helen was also a Granville County native whose parents were Leonard and Lula Puckett Knott. Helen had obtained a teacher education certificate in 1924 from East Carolina Teachers College and had taught school in Kinston, NC for a number of years prior to her marriage.

Clifton and Helen bore two children. Leonard Franklin Dean was born on November 28, 1935 and his sister, Mary Ann was born thirteen months later on December 31, 1936.

Clifton and Helen worked hard and diligently to provide a good, loving and upright upbringing for their two children. Tobacco was the money crop that sustained the family and certified tobacco seed was sold for supplemental income; however, the family also grew corn, wheat, soybeans and vegetables. To a very large extent, the household was self-sustaining, growing most of the food it consumed, making its own clothing and maintaining its property and equipment by itself. Clifton and Helen's goals were twofold: to provide for the basic needs of the family, and to ensure that the two children could afford a college education. Both children finished their high school education in Oxford, Granville County. Leonard went on to complete an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from NC State University and Mary Ann graduated from Meredith College with a BA in Education in 1959. Considered too old to serve in the military during the Second World War, Clifton had remained on his Oxford farm throughout the 1940's and 1950's, and now continued to do so after his children's education was complete in the 1960's. He died in 1964 from complications caused by bone cancer. Helen survived him until her death in 1977.

The two Dean children went on to marry and start their own families shortly after completing their college studies. Leonard married Treva Wiggins of Kinston in 1959 and had four sons: Stephen, Craig, Nicholas, and Neil. In turn, three of these sons married and have produced several children of their own at the time of this writing. Not surprisingly, all four sons followed in their father's footsteps by completing undergraduate and law degrees from NC State. Sadly, Treva Wiggins Dean passed away in 1991. Leonard remarried in 1993 and now lives with his wife, Sarah Frazier Andrews in Raleigh, NC.

Mary Ann married Herbert Baucom in 1958 and had three children: Timothy, David and Melinda. All three children are married and two have children of their own. Mary Ann herself

remarried in 1979. She and her husband, Tony Valencourt, have lived and worked overseas, in New York and in Pennsylvania. They currently live in Yardley, PA.

Clifton and Helen Dean lived during epic times. The first three-quarters of the twentieth century marked epochal achievement by human civilization and the nadir of human depravity. Throughout all of this, the Deans epitomized as did millions of other Americans - honesty, industry, honor and God-fearing integrity. They provide lovingly for their children and were generous to friends and neighbors. They are followed by two generations of equally minded offspring. And that is the best legacy they could ever have bestowed.

#### LEWIS BENNETT FAMILY

by: J. Daniel Mahar

Lewis Bennett is the son of Richard Bennett and his wife Anne of Granville County. Lewis' mother has been identified as a member of the Fullilove family. The Searcy Map shows Lewis Bennett's residence in the Tar River district on the North side of the Tar River, near the town of Providence. Lewis Bennett acquired 900 acres in this area, which he farmed with the labor of fourteen enslaved people. Lewis married twice. His first wife and mother of his children is Mary, the daughter of Thomas LeMay and his wife Susannah Turner. Mary's birth is recorded as the 19th of November 1752 in the Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia. Mary's father Thomas is the son of the original emigrant Peter "May" a servant brought to Virginia by a Huguenot emigrant. Lewis married secondly Ellender, the daughter of Roger Phillips and his wife Mary; Ellender was the widow of Jeremiah Bullock. By evidence of his will, Lewis Bennett and his wife Mary LeMay had three children: Susannah Bennett who married first Sion Kimball in 1800 and secondly, Thomas Yarbourgh.

Christine Ussery Bennett who married in 1793 to Jonathan, the son of John Knight and his wife Elizabeth Woodson. The Knight children were: Woodson, Dabney, and Alfred who married Francis Amis. There may also have been a daughter Martha, who was engaged to be married to Amos Gooch in 1825; a marriage that never took place.

Charles LeMay Bennett is Lewis' only known son and led a troubled life. The proverbial skeleton in the closet accounts for the near obliteration of his name from family histories, but the tale is an important and dramatic genealogical footnote. Charles Bennett married Martha, the daughter of Solomon Walker and his wife Martha Mitchell. Their marriage in August of 1805 is announced in the newspaper, "Minerva," and a bond is found in Granville County. The marriage produced three children: Mary Jane "Polly" (1805 - 1849) married Dudley S. Gooch); Susan W. (1801/7 - 1868) married Joseph Gooch; and Lewis Bennett. Though we do not know the fate of Charles Bennett, a letter written by Granvillite John Owens Jr. dated 1816 provides a glimpse into his troubled life; the original letter is housed in the Perkins Collection at Duke University.

Owens writes of a brutal murder and robbing of a man named Hicks in Wilson County, Tennessee allegedly at the hands of Charles Bennett. The letter clearly identifies Charles as "a son of Lewis Bennett near the courthouse in Granville..." It is not clear if Charles was actually convicted of the crime, though surviving court dockets do prove he was tried. The details of the trial are lost, as Wilson County records were burnt, but a trial was held in 1818. The courts called William K. Bennett to testify at the trial of Charles Bennett; William being a cousin to Charles, the son of Thomas Fullilove Bennett and his wife Elizabeth Kerr. Other men called to testify bore recognizable family names of such prominent families as Henderson, Robb, and Donelson. If coming to testify on his behalf it is likely Bennett was not convicted.

We do know that his wife Martha remained in Granville County with her children and are named in his father's will.

Whatever the result of the trial, Martha Walker Bennett never remarried and Charles never returned to Granville. Lewis Bennett Sr. provided for his son's family and after his death, Martha's nephew Dr. James Russell provided land and slaves towards her maintenance. Martha was alive as late as 1850. Dr. Russell's sympathies towards his aunt probably reflect the troubles of his own mother in her second marriage. Hannah Walker married first the wealthy Granville landowner John C. Russell (1773 - 1814) and upon widowhood married her cousin Robert, son of Sheriff Elijah Mitchell. Robert's behavior eventually led to the State of North Carolina granting Hannah something rare for the times; a divorce. The fates of these two women show how vulnerable women were at the time, even with wealth, family, and connections. Despite their husband's bad behavior, the children by these marriages appear to have suffered little or no stigma from their wayward parent's actions. Children of Martha and Hannah married into the Gooch family and Hannah's son Col. Rush J. Mitchell was a well-respected person in the county.

#### Jacob Schlotterer / Slaughter

by: Robert Grant Terry, Jr.

Jacob Schlotterer was born in Bodelshausen, Germany on July 25, 1732 to Jacob Schlotterer and Anna Barbara Albrecht. In 1749, Jacob left Germany with his brother Martin and several cousins bound for America. They traveled to Rotterdam, boarded the ship Chesterfield, and sailed first to England, then on to America. They arrived in Philadelphia and took the oath of allegiance to the King of England on September 2, 1749. The men settled in Germantown, PA with many other German immigrants where Jacob got married and started to raise a family.

In 1757, Jacob moved his family to Granville County, NC. By this time, he had Americanized his name to Slaughter. In November 1757, Jacob Slaughter bought 640 acres along the Shelton Creek in Granville County from the Earl of Granville, the Lord Proprietor of North Carolina. Jacob was married several times. His first wife is thought to have been Mary Hoffman, who he married in Germantown, PA. His last wife was Susan Notgrass, whom he married in Granville County. Jacob Slaughter died in 1824 in Granville County, NC and his will was proved in November of that year. He named the following children in his will: Abraham (12/10/1769 - 07/18/1840), Frances (12/1775 - ?), Mary Polly, Barbary, Martha, Delanie married John Jacob Slaughter, Elizabeth (abt. 1780 - ?), Catherine, and Jacob Jr. (1765 - 1820).

Abraham Slaughter, like all of his siblings, was born in Granville County, NC and he lived and worked there his whole life. He married Joanna Scott, daughter of Thomas Scott and Alice C. Glover, on Sept. 27, 1800 in Granville County. Joanna was born in Charles County, Maryland but migrated to Granville County with her family. They had the following children, all born in Granville County. Elizabeth Glover Slaughter (7/13/1801 - 1873), Frances Slaughter (9/25/1802 - abt. 1873), Thomas Scott Slaughter (1/15/1804 - 10/19/1878), Alice Glover Slaughter (1/11/1806 - ?), Barbara Landers Slaughter (1/16/1808 - ?), Susannah Slaughter (11/9/1809 - 11/11/1860), Sarah Philpott Slaughter (12/2/1811 - 11/13/1884), Jacob Glover Slaughter (3/21/1814 - 4/25/1897) married Elizabeth P. Howard, William P. Scott Slaughter (8/28/1916 - ?) married Caty Ascue, and Charity Scott Slaughter (2/4/1819 - 4/19/1883).

Susannah Slaughter was born and raised in Granville County, NC. On December 14, 1830, Susannah married James Thorpe Terry, also of Granville County, and they began their life as farmers in Granville County. Around 1835, they moved to Orange County, NC with four children. In 1843, James purchased 260 acres of land on the Little River in Orange County from his father James Terry of Granville County for \$500. James T. and Susannah had eleven children, including my great-grandfather James Francis Marion Terry (9/12/1834 - 6/10/1910). My Grandfather, John Farthing Terry, and my Father, Robert Grant Terry, were both born and raised in Durham County, NC. I was born in Durham and lived there until just a few years ago.

Descendants of Jacob Schlotterer/Slaughter of Granville County, NC continue to live in Granville, Durham, and Person counties in North Carolina, as well as Kentucky, Tennessee, and other areas west where they migrated. Immigrants like Jacob Slaughter helped turn the wilderness of early Granville into a civilized place to live.

#### **David Goodman Crews Family**

by: Donald Fleming Crews

David Goodman Crews (5/13/1839 - 11/30/1921) married Louisa Jane Fleming (10/29/1844 - 12/2/1925) and raised eight children. He was the son of James A. and Martha A. Hunt Crews. She was the daughter of Major John and Nancy Wood Lyon Fleming.

Their children are as follows: Edgar Reed Crews (8/10/1867 - 5/30/1958) married Carrie Floyd; Luther Bell Crews (twin to Edgar (8/10/1867 - 5/30/1958) married to Carrie Burnett; John William Crews (6/21/1872 - 9/15/1934) married Tillie Moss, Martha Florence Crews (5/10/1875 - 12/6/1952) married Rufus J. Jefferys, Elizabeth Fleming Crews (2/28/1877 - 5/7/1941) married Benjamin Thomas Harris, Minnie G. Crews (6/6/1880 - 1/21/1975) married Simeon Thollie Green, James Young Crews (11/28/1882 - 8/30/1961) married Annie Laurie Crews, and Claude Fleming Crews (7/27/1886 - 11/7/1959) married Nellie Barnes.

David G. Crews served in the Confederacy and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in NC Co. E - 23rd regiment. He enlisted June 5, 1861 and was in 39 battles. He was wounded at

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Chancellorsville, Cedar Creek, Spotsylvania and Hatches Run. He was knee deep in his own blood (inside his boots) once. He was with Lee at Richmond and Appomattox Courthouse when Lee surrendered.

One of the stories, which I cherish, comes from my grandmother Nell Barnes Crews, wife of Claude Fleming Crews. We take so much for granted today - like traveling and communicating via phone, fax or Internet as well as social customs like dating. Times were different in Granville County in the mid 1800's. A good Christian man did not kiss or make advances to a lady even when they were to be married. People only saw their neighbors or other young people at church meetings or by visiting relatives. Usually a preacher would ride a circuit and only hold meetings at a particular church once a month.

Tar River Station is only 5 miles (or 5 minutes drive) from downtown Oxford and is less than 10 miles (or 10 minutes drive) from the Salem Community where the Crews family was centered. It would take all day to make the journey on horse. David visited both as much as possible-especially since there was a young lady that he was courting. They corresponded when it wasn't possible to meet. He asked for her hand in marriage in a letter but never received an answer - therefore assuming he had been rejected. Later he would see her but pride and etiquette would not permit him to ask again or to bring up the subject. She in turn was equally bound only to respond to his polite conversation. Later he would marry Louisa Jane Fleming on June 12, 1866. We would never know of this except that over 30 years later, as they were remodeling the post office, a letter was discovered between 2 boards. It was the proposal letter - never delivered and therefore returned to sender. It was the source of much humor - to everyone but my great-grandmother - it was kept in the hall desk for the rest of David G. Crews's life but mysteriously disappeared after his death.

David was a gentle, kind person who would help anyone. Louisa was an excellent cook and seamstress, extremely hard working and never idle. We have a quilt that she made and won 1st place at the county fair. They are buried in Elmwood Cemetery - Oxford. His epitaph states "He crossed the stream of death on the bridge of faith." Her epitaph states "She hath done what she could."

Their farm was rich and fertile on the Tar River. It provided more than enough for them and allowed them to send the children off for higher education. When my grandfather would drive his buggy to Dabney (15 miles for Tar River Station) to date my grandmother, he would bring corn to take care of the horse. The ears of corn were always the biggest that anyone had seen and helped reinforce the reputation that the "Crews were good provider" - (it didn't hurt that D.G. Crews approved of her and picked out the corn for son Claude to carry). The home place still stands and was inherited by son Luther who left it to his son named for his grandfather - David Goodman Crews.

My grandparents lived at Tar River from the time they were married in 1916 until the death of their first born child Hillman Stanley Crews at 18 months. My grandmother missed her family so much that they moved and purchased part of her grandfather Hillman Horace Barnes farm on the Granville - Vance County line in 1919. They had another son Barnes McArle Crews, who married Nancy Fleming Winston of Youngsville and they continue to live in the Barnes home that was built in 1860.

The family continues with three children: (1) Betty Jean Crews who married Thomas Glenn Cherry of Maiden, NC and resides in Raleigh, NC. They have two children David Thomas Cherry and Debra Camela Cherry who is married to Gregory Houck of Todd, NC. (2) Robert Winston Crews who married Kathy Anne Tatum of Mocksville, NC and resides in Mocksville, NC. They have two children Robert Winston Crews, Jr. and James Tatum Crews (3) Donald Fleming Crews who married Elizabeth Miller Hines of Kinston, NC and resides in Raleigh, NC.

#### **Thomas Apling - Appling - Applin**

by: James Reeves Smith

Thomas Apling was born in Amelia Co., VA about 1745 to Richard Apling and Elizabeth Davidson Clemens Apling. He grew up in Amelia Co. On April 10, 1751 he inherited one half of 171 acres land in Amelia Co. from his grandfather one Thomas Apling. He had one sister of the whole-blood born about 1748 by the name of Mary who married Joseph Blanks. On September 1768 Thomas Apling was a witness to deed for 50 acres from Wallace to Wallace, Lunenburg COVA. At the 1768 July Court, Thomas Appling presented Cloe, a Negro girl belonging to him before the court who adjudged her to be 12 years old. (Negro children were frequently brought to court to have an age established for them so that in due time they could be taxed after reaching age 12.)

In 1772 Thomas Applin purchased 350 acres from Jacob Winfree and wife Elizabeth of Granville Co., NC. Witnesses to the deed were William Puryear, Benjamin Smith, and John Puryear. William Puryear was a half-brother to Thomas Applin. On March 15, 1781 Thomas Aplin name appeared on the list of those paroled by Lord Cornwallis. The parole listed him from Amelia, VA. On November 6, 1787, Thomas Aplin was assigned to a jury to assist in laying out a road, Granville Co. At the 1789 February Court Thomas Aplin was named by Court as a juror, Granville Co.

At the 1789 April term of court, Thomas Aplin was appointed to April jury term, Granville Co. At the April 8, 1789 term, Thomas Aplin proved a deed from Crafton to Pumpfret. Another from William Royster to John Royster. Another William Royster, Sr. to William Royster, Jr. and the last one was from William Royster to Francis Royster, Granville Co. On August 16, 1792 Thomas Aplin was bondsman for the marriage of John Royster to Pheby Stovall, Granville Co. In 1793 Thomas Aplin was appointed overseer of a court case, Granville Co. At the 1794 February Court Thomas Aplin was qualified as a grand juryman, Granville Co.

At the May Court 1795 Thomas Aplin was appointed as an August juror for Granville Co. At August 1795 Court, Thomas Aplin was appointed to a jury, Granville Co. At the 1804 November Court Thomas Aplin was selected for the January 1805 Grand Jury, Granville Co. On January 24, 1810 Thomas Apling purchased a slave from an owner in Mecklenburg Co., VA. On January 8, 1810 Thomas Aplin got a bill of sale from Absalon Yancey of Mecklenburg Co., VA.

In November 1816 Thomas Aplin died intestate. The administration of the estate was granted to William Royster on February 3, 1817 with Joseph Hart and Gabriel Jones as securities for 10,000

pounds (of tobacco). Martha Johnson, wife of Reubin Johnson, who is sister of said Aplin, deceased, is entitled to share in the estate and is given a negro by the executor William Royster.

At the 1819 November Term Court a Petition of Richard Blanks; John Puryear; Robert Puryear; William Puryear; Frank Hester and wife, Elizabeth; William Royster and wife, Sally; heirs and representatives of Thomas Apling, deceased, VS James Blanks; Thomas Blanks; Elizabeth Smith; Peggy Bradshaw; Reuben Johnson and wife Martha; Joel Tucker and wife, Dolly; Robert Tucker and wife, Elizabeth; and Amy Clements (Clemens) the other heirs and representatives of Thomas Aplin deceased, stating that Thomas Apling died seized and possessed of 943 acres of land in Granville Co., leaving neither wife or children surviving. That Richard Blanks, James Blanks, Thomas Blanks and Elizabeth Hester as children of Mary, sister of Thomas Aplin, deceased, who married Joseph Blanks, both now deceased, claim that they are the nearest relations of the whole blood. That John, Robert, and William Puryear, and Sally Royster claim as children of the mother of said Thomas Apling by her marriage with William Puryear, deceased, and claim as being nearest of kin of the half blood. That Elizabeth Smith, widow of Thomas Smith, deceased; Peggy Bradshaw, widow of John Bradshaw, deceased; and Martha Johnson, daughter of the mother of Thomas Aplin; deceased, by her marriage with Mr. Clements (Clemens) and claim as the next of kin of the half blood. Dolly Tucker in whose right the said Joel Tucker and Dolly Tucker claim: Elizabeth Tucker in whose right the said Robert Tucker and Elizabeth Tucker claim; and Amy Clements (Clemens) are the children of William Clements, deceased, who was also a son of the mother of Thomas Aplin, deceased, by her marriage with Mr. Clements, and would be equally entitled with the said Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Bradshaw, and Martha Johnson, and that Joel Tucker and wife, Dolly; Robert Tucker and wife Elizabeth; and Amy Clements are entitled to that portion of lands which would have descended to their father had he been living. Land was laid off in nine equal lots by court order for John Puryear, Elizabeth Smith, William Clements, William Puryear, Peggy Bradshaw, Robert Puryear, Mary Blanks, William Royster, and Martha Johnson.

My interest in this family genealogy comes from my paternal grandfather Thomas Smith and maternal Grandmother Elizabeth Clemens on my father's side of the house who lived in Lunenburg Co., VA from 1762 to 1810 who are part of the tribe described above.

#### **Evan Ragland Family**

by: J. Daniel Mahar

Evan Ragland (c1713-1775) is the son of Stephen Ragland and his wife Mary, natives of Virginia who settled in Northampton, North Carolina. Evan was born between 1713 and 1717, probably in New Kent County, Virginia. In 1730, Evan's father moved his family to Bertie County, North Carolina. Stephen Ragland acquired large acreage in that part of Bertie that became Northampton County, ran a ferry, served as the tobacco tax collector and owned a warehouse. Evan's mother is identified as a member of the Hudson family; however, this has not been proven beyond the frequent use of the "Hudson" name among the Raglands and their close association with the family.

Evan began acquiring land in Granville in the 1740s, and in 1748 he sold his house and home farm in Edgecombe County and settled in Granville. His Granville plantation would grow to more than 2,000 acres; most located along Flat Creek, a branch of Nutbush Creek. This district would become known as "Raglands." Evan worked this farm with an enslaved labor force of considerable size for the time; six taxable slaves in 1762 and at his death in 1775, twenty-four enslaved people were listed in his estate. The Occoneechi Indian trail bordered his property and Evan was licensed as an ordinary. He traded extensively in cattle, in addition with his other farming activities. During the French and Indian Wars, Evan was appointed a First Lieutenant of the Granville Militia, and later was appointed Captain of the Granville Foots, a position, which he held until 1763. It is not clear if Evan ever saw action in the War. Evan also was involved in civic issues and was a member of the first vestry of Nutbush Chapel in 1758. Today, Kerr Reservoir covers the lands of Evan's home farm.

By 1744, Evan had married Amey Merritt of Halifax County. Amey is the daughter of widow Mary Merritt and her father was probably either Nathaniel Merritt, who died in 1735 or his son Benjamin. Amey is believed to be a descendant of Charles Merritt (1652-1718), an early pioneer of North Carolina who was settled on the Chowan River by 1707. Evan Ragland wrote his will on the 27th of April 1775, which was proved in November Court of 1778. Amey Merritt Ragland survived her husband and her will was proved in February Court of 1790. The children of Evan and Amey (Merritt) Ragland are known to be:

Benjamin Ragland was born about 1745 and died about 1818 in Allen County, Kentucky. In 1772, he married Anne Tucker in Granville. She was the daughter of Joseph Tucker and his wife Lucy Wilson. The couple had issue: a daughter whose name is unknown; John; Richard; Benjamin, who married Betsey Shipley; Sarah, who married John Hart; and Amey.

Hudson Evan Ragland was born about 1748 and died in 1814 in Elbert County, Georgia. He married first about 1767 in Granville to Milley, the daughter of John Farley Thompson and had issue: John Rochester; William Thompson; Benjamin Hudson; Henry G.; and Tabitha. Hudson Evan Ragland married secondly about 1797 in Elbert County to Patsy Cosby and had issue: Evan and James Oliver. Patsy died in 1805. In 1806, Hudson married a third time to Sally, the widow of Stephen Evans.

Mary Ann Ragland was born about 1753 and died in 1826 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. She married in 1773 to Ambrose Barker (c.1750-1816), the son of John Barker and Lucy Reeks of Surry County, Virginia. Ambrose was a Justice of the Peace in Granville County and moved his family to Tennessee. The Barker children are: John Green, who married Sarah Powell; Benjamin; Amy, who married William Scarbrough; Andrew; Lucy; Susan; Mary; Elizabeth; Ambrose; Joshua; Zach; and possibly Charles Barker.

William Ragland was born about 1756 and died in Granville County in 1824. William is believed to have married Emily Sneed. Emily is believed to be the daughter of Capt. Samuel Sneed and his wife Jane Dudley; however, this has not been proven. William Ragland had the following children, all believed to be by Emily: Nancy, who married Samuel Creath; Evan, who married Aggie Williams; William, who married Elizabeth Bates; Charity, who married John Wilson; Hudson (1787-1820); Frances, who married Abner Booth; and Polly, who married J.W. Harris.

Amey Ragland was born about 1758. In 1774, she married William Glass in Granville County.

Though William Glass appears to have been active in Granville politics, little is known of the family or their fate.

George Ragland was born about 1760 and died, probably in Georgia, about 1789. He married first Anney Merritt (1760-1845), the daughter of Richard Merritt and probably a cousin. Anney is known to have had only one child, Haley Ragland, who married Elizabeth Lacy. George also had a child born out of wedlock in 1786 by Dinah Hick; however, the name and fate of this child is unknown.

Reuben Ragland was born about 1763 and died 7th of July 1805 in Granville County. He married in 1790 to Mary Perry O'Briant, the daughter of Patrick O'Briant of Granville County. The couple raised a large family of whom more is written about elsewhere in this publication.

Stephen Ragland was born about 1768 and died in 1787 in Granville County. He never married and had no children.

#### The Eakes Family

by: Bennie A. Eakes, Jr.

Eakes is a well-known surname in Granville County, and is a formative part of the 19th Century county history until the present day. However little is known about the origin of the name, nor has anyone attempted to trace the path by which pre-Revolutionary War family members found their way to this part of the country.

Zachariah Eaks was the first member of the family to be included in public documents of Granville County. The 1769 tax list characterizes him as a single, white person. On July 19, 1770 it was "Order'd that the hands of the Reverend Mr. James McCartney, Jonathan White, Jr., Burgiss White, Wm. Hicks, Richard Harris, Cutbird Hudson, Christopher Harris, John Waldrop, Nicholos Medlock, John Medlock, Zachariah Eakes, John Harris, and Daniel Standard open and clear the road to be laid off from out of the New Road by Cutbird Hudson, thence to the Glebe, and from thence into the road leading from White's Racepath to Harrisburgh, and that as many of the said hands keep the same in repair, as the court shall think proper, under Daniel Standard Overseer."

In November 1774, Granville County Court documents an account of sale by Henry Wideman and Wm. Oglevie, executors. "Sold to James Bullock, William Oglevie, Henry Strater, widow Holstein, William Little, Charles Partee, John Ross, Solomon Langston, Henry Wideman, Luke Carrol, Jr., Zachariah Eats, James Claxton, Richard D. Cooke, David Cozart, George Long, Rogers Phillips, Ephraim Hampton, John Wilborne, George Moore, John Cozart, Michael Redwine, Sherwood Harris, Anthony Peeler, William Jones, George Byars, Mary Holstein, Joseph Landis, John Landis, Robert Allison, Robert William Washington, James Veazey, David Harris, William Rose, Michel Cocklerew, Jacob Slaughter, Frederick Peck, William Eaks, Frederick Rose, Mary Millar, James Cozart, William Hicks, William Jacobs, Richard Henderson, Estate of Nicholas Holstein, deceased, sold." Zachariah Eakes (April 9, 1779) is included in the

Thomas Critcher inventory of food debts owed to or from the estate.

The 1784-1787-state census of North Carolina lists a William CAK in the Island Creek section of North Central Granville County. Since this name is unknown in Granville County, chances are within the context of the following of the unusual nature of the many variations on the name of Eakes, that this is William Eaks, (Eak). Also, a Jeremiah Eaks appears only once, on the Person County taxables for 1805 under Capt. Street's company. The bastardy bonds for November 3, 1800 indicate a base born child to Mary Crafts by Zion Kimball and Zachariah Eaks. In addition, three 18th century marriages are registered under the name of Eakes in Granville County.

Timothy Eakes & Susannah Parrish August 18, 1786. Janey Eakes & John Talley February 16, 1788. Zachariah Eakes & Salley Traylor November 8, 1788.

William Eakes is also mentioned in 18th Century Caswell County deeds along with his wife Mary, near County Line Creek and Stoney Creek. Eventually, this branch of the Eakes family settled in and around Guilford County.

Uncertainty exists concerning Zachariah Eaks, between the 18th and 19th centuries. Evidence would suggest that there were three Zachariah's, one who died prior to 1800, another who may have married the daughter of 'widow Traylor' from the 1784-87 census on November 8, 1788, and the younger Zachariah, possibly brother of Woodson Eaks, who appears as a witness on Zachariah's marriage bond to Jane Tuck on May 10, 1831. Woodson and Jane G. Wilkerson were married on December 10, 1831. "Claims of British Merchants after the Revolutionary War" indicate a debt for Zachariah Eacks on 1 February 1775 "before and after [peace and always since til his death", recorded about 1801.

Zachariah Ekes, on the 1815 tax list for Mecklenburg County and at the head of the 1820 census there, may have been part of the early gold rush, returning home to Granville County to remarry in 1831. There is also a Mecklenburg County marriage record proving Jasen Blain (or John Blair) and Nancy Eaks were married on November 3, 1808. However, the names of Isham Eks included on 1810 census and a similar listing for Dudley Eks in Guilford County probably refer to Dudly and Isham East, who also appear quite often in records of Lunenburg, Halifax, and Hanover counties in Virginia, as East.

In Virginia, William and Timothy Eak, Eik, Iek, Ick, Jek, Jeks, or Eake are mentioned repeatedly in the St. Paul's Parish Register from Hanover County, known as the seat of Reverend Patrick Henry, uncle of the famous statesman and Governor or Virginia.

Prior to 1711, William and Timothy can be located in Essex County, where William Eake (or Ick) is included among 21 passengers transported on the south side of Occupasion Creek, south of the Rappahannock River, in 1704 and a Timothy Ick listed in Richmond County as well. Although the date of their arrival to Virginia is uncertain, "Eake", meaning to lengthen a garment, as "under a tuck", "tack on" an extra section of bell-rope or staff, and an additional half-glass or drink, or any augmentation, enlargement, and supplementation, are likely a Bristol, Somersetshire family, where the spelling of word meaning to "eke out a living" more usually has a silent "a" tacked on in this bristling seaport common to many early adventurers to America.

The reason so many spellings of the name appears in Virginia records is probably the result over the years of a transition from the ancient Norman families of Jekyll or Jacquelin and/or Jacques, abbreviated eventually to Jakes or Eakes, which would more properly be pronounced "Yakes". Except in French. "Ick" is an obsolete Nordic term for icicle and can be traced as far back as A.D. 700, where Aelfric mentions it as Jecilae. The Icknield Way is an ancient stretch of Roman road connecting the Southern sections of eastern and western England. Eaque or Aeacus in Greek is the son of Jupiter and Aegina renowned for piety and justice who after his death, became one of the judges of Hades.

Further research on the name and origin of Eakes is well advised. However, the discovery of Eakes family records in Hanover and Essex Counties can rule out forever the possibility that we are part of the Palatinate German Eaker (acre) family, who are located mainly in Mecklenburg, Gaston, and Lincoln Counties. We can also rule out that the name is another form of and we are therefore members of the Hicks, Leak, East, Eaton, or Aycock families, all of whom have well-documented their arrival in Granville County.

#### **Georgia Thompson Brown**

by: Tiny P. Culler

Georgia Ann Thompson was the youngest of seven daughters born to George Thompson and Emma Ross Thompson. She was born on April 8, 1893 in Creedmoor, North Carolina (Granville County), into a family engaged in farming. Later, they moved to Henderson to work in the textile mills.

Georgia had six sisters. Fannie married David Fletcher "Nick" Langley, and later Joe Thompson; Sissie never married; Jackie married Nathan Ben Horton; Hettie married William Arthur Bartholomew; Florence never married; one sister died at birth.

Georgia married William Alsie Jacobs on July 31, 1905 in Vance County. They had one daughter, Verla (no middle name), born on December 13, 1906. At a later undetermined time, Georgia married Harry Brown of California. They had no children.

At the age of fifteen and with an eighteen month-old daughter (Verla), Georgia was working for about 50 cents a day in the textile mills of Henderson. Then, somewhere between Raleigh and Durham, the Johnny J. Jones Carnival came to town.

Hot air balloons were the main attraction in those days. Crowds gathered to see the aerial act of Charles Broadwick who ascended skyward in a free-drifting hot air balloon from which he floated to earth in a parachute.

Georgia was fascinated by what she saw and convinced Broadwick that she wanted to jump. He finally agreed, but not until the family gave their permission. When she left to travel with the carnival, Georgia was assured by her mother that the baby should remain at home.

In the summer of 1908, when she was only fifteen years old, weighing a mere ninety pounds and less than five feet tall, Georgia Thompson Jacobs made her first parachute jump from a hot air

balloon and began a career that made her the sweetheart of aerial carnival crowds and a pioneer in aviation.

Because of her petite size and her doll-like jumpsuit - a white silk dress and bloomers - she was quickly billed "Tiny Broadwick: the Doll Girl." She adopted the name of her foster-father, Charles Broadwick, who was also her coach.

The hot air balloon was difficult to guide and, unlike jumps she made later from airplanes, Tiny could not always pick a target on the ground as a landing spot. She had many narrow escapes, all with only minor injuries, however.

The Broadwick act reached California, and there Tiny met a young aviator named Glenn L. Martin. They teamed together and, on June 21, 1913, Tiny went aloft in a biplane piloted by Martin. At 2000 feet, she released herself from a trap seat and drifted downward into what is now the parking lot of the Los Angeles Zoo in Griffith Park. With this performance, she became the first woman to make a parachute drop from an airplane.

Also, in 1913 at the Perry Victory Centennial Celebration in Chicago, Tiny jumped from a "hydroaeroplane" into the cold water of Lake Michigan. She was the first person on record to make a parachute drop from the outside of a hydroplane and the first girl to make a water jump from an airplane.

In 1914 at San Diego's North Island, Tiny gave the first official demonstration of a parachute to the US government, proving the success of the aerial invention developed by her foster-father.

Her daring act was watched by General George P. Scrivin, Chief of the Aviation Bureau of the US Army. When Tiny landed, Scrivin called her performance "the most daring achievement I've ever seen." As a result of this demonstration, the Army ordered its first parachute, a Broadwick "coatpack." This endorsement inaugurated a new approach to aerial safety.

In 1915 and 1916, Tiny was an exhibition jumper at the San Diego World's Fair. Then in 1922, after fourteen years of parachuting and experiencing broken bones, swamp landings, being dragged over rough grounds and rooftops and into lakes and rivers, Tiny retired. She had made over 1000 jumps.

After retiring, she was inducted into several flying clubs and received numerous awards. She became a member of the Early Bird Aviation Club by soloing before December 19, 1916. She was the only female member. She was also in the Adventurers Club, and exclusive group limited to 200 persons who had experienced some unique adventure on land, at sea, or in the air. She was a member of the Curtiss Hall of Fame. She was inducted into the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame in 1976, the same year as Wilbur and Orville Wright and Charles A. Lindbergh. She is listed in Who's Who in the World of Aviation and the Guinness Book of World Records.

Henderson Mayor Carroll V. Singleton proclaimed January 20, 1961 as Tiny Broadwick Day. On March 5, 1964, she was saluted by both the state and the nation for her contribution to aviation. At this testimonial dinner, she presented one of her original parachutes to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC, and another to the Hall of History and Archives in Raleigh, NC. In 1974, she was recognized as a hidden heroine by the Girl Scouts of America. She was honored in

Raleigh in the 1982 observance of National Women's Week, and a display was set up for her in the NC Museum of History. On November 16, 1972, the Adventurers Club of Los Angeles held a Tiny Broadwick Night at which she was presented "Gold Wings" signifying 1000 jumps.

Tiny Broadwick died at the age of eighty-five on August 25, 1978, in California, where she had made her home since retirement. At her personal request, Tiny was buried in Vance County at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Henderson, North Carolina. She left many descendants in the Henderson area. Tiny's only daughter, Verla Jacobs, married Joseph Ashton Poythress on October 4, 1924. They had six children. Verla "Dixie" Lucille married James M. Young; Joseph Carlton married Elizabeth Ann Renn; Edna Earl married Mack June Ellington; Edward Dale married Sarah Ann Royster; Tiny Joyce married Thomas M. Culler, Jr.; Jerry Clinton married Rachel Louise Lewis. Verla J. Poythress still resides in the Middleburg community where all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren live within fifteen miles of her.

Tiny Broadwick lived long enough to know that her achievements in aviation had written a brilliant chapter in the history of flight. A veteran paratrooper once looked at her parachute and said, "That thing won't work." Not only did it work, but she thrilled thousands of people and demonstrated with her aerial life preserver that human flight was safe. She paved the way for others to follow. She was, in all true respects, a pioneer. Tiny Broadwick will always be affectionately remembered as the "First Lady of Parachuting."

#### **O'Briant Family**

by: Peggy Rudd McAndrew & Jacqueline Faye Rudd McAndrew

The O'Briant family was residing in the Goshen District of Granville Co., as early as 1769 with Patrick (c.1740-c1804) listed as taxpayer in 1769 and Dennis (c.1760-1817) listed as taxpayer in 1784. No clear relationship has been found between Patrick and Dennis. Some believe they were father and son, however, others believe they were brothers. Dennis was administrator of Patrick's estate in 1804.

No proof has been found of dates of marriages of Patrick to any of his wives. First wife, name unknown, must have been the mother of his children. Second wife, in 1796, Patrick appoints John O'Bryan attorney for "my wife Elizabeth" to take possession of dower in estate of David Stroud, her late husband. Patrick's third wife may have been Atha Hester, proof of marriage on 13 Feb 1800 has not been found. Patrick's known children were: Joseph; Philip (Lucy Bressie); William (Elizabeth Sanford; Elizabeth Weaver); Mary Perry (Reuben Ragland; Zachariah Pinson); John (Martha Patsy Moss).

Dennis is believed to have married Rebecca Harris but no records have been found to support this. Dennis's will was proven in Person Co. 11 Feb 1835 and Rebecca's will was dated 13 Sep 1835. Their children were: Susannah (William Clayton); Milly (Ransom Frazier); Nancy (George T. Landers); Robert (Elizabeth Philpot); Dennis Jr. (Fanny Wilkerson); Elijah (Tabitha Cannady); Mary (Aris Vaughan); Elizabeth (Josias Carver, Jr.); Sally (John Seymore); Silvester (Susannah Clayton); Patrick (Faithy Hester).

In 1803 Robert O'Briant, (c.1783-after 1860), son of Dennis, married Elizabeth Philpot (c.1786-before 1860), daughter of William and Milly Philpot. The 1820 census showed nine children in the household of Robert. Known children of Robert and Elizabeth were:

- 1. Dennis (c.1826-before 1900) married Frances Jones, 1858, Granville.
- 2. Rebecca (c.1816) married William Mize, 1858, Granville. Robert, 78, was living with Rebecca and William Mize in 1860.
- 3. Thomas (c.1806-after 1870) who married Elizabeth Gordon (1815-after 1880) in 1835 in Granville Co. Elizabeth's parents were John Gordon and Mary Hester. John was deceased before 1850 and his parents were Archibald Gordon (whose lineage goes back to Scotland) and Caroline Mason. Family legend says that Archibald and Caroline were parents of 27 children. Mary Hester was deceased by 1837 and her parents were Zachariah Hester and Elizabeth Frazier. Zachariah's lineage can be traced back to Francis Hester of New Kent Co., Virginia and the Wickers of England; while Elizabeth's lineage dates back to the Fraziers of Bertie Co., North Carolina.

In 1862 during the Civil War, Thomas enlisted as a private in North Carolina Company A, 44th Regiment; he gave his age as 53 and enlisted as a substitute, his occupation was farmer and mechanic. He was wounded in Virginia and discharged in Feb. 1865.

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Gordon O'Briant were:

- 1. John Robert (1834-1908).
- 2. Mary Elizabeth (1838-1906) never married. Mary is buried in the O'Briant cemetery on Rt. 50 near the Wake/Granville Co. line with members of her brother, William Henry Hassell's family.
- 3. William Henry Hassell (1841-1918) married Martha Beck (1845-1928) in 1869 in Granville Co. Their children were: Eula (Allen); Luna Mildred (Beck); Cora Elizabeth (Hobgood); James Ira; Nauvie Angie; Nettie Marvin; Sallie Lector; and Luther Thomas.
- 4. Nancy (1846-?).
- 5. Samuel Dennis (1848-1918) married Sarah Dutchie Jones (1863-?) in 1880 and eventually this family settled in Durham, NC. Their children were: Mary Frances; Elizabeth; Pricilla Prudence; Ola Bell (Stanley); Hallie Thomas (Byrd); Lillie Dennis (Luguire); Erwin; Norman Dewey; Sarah Gladys (Henderson) and Paul Linwood.
- 6. Clara Mildred (1852-?).

My great grandfather, John Robert O'Briant, prominent farmer and landowner, was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Gordon O'Briant. He was born in Granville Co. 10 Nov 1834 and died in Granville Co. 17 Feb 1908. On 12 Oct 1861, he married Edna Cash who was born 24 Dec 1837 and died 23 Apr 1913 in Granville Co. Edna was the daughter of John Landis Cash (c1800 - c1846/1850) and Mary Brogden (1805-1882); John and Edna lived their married life in the Dutchville District of Granville Co. He first purchased land in 1868, owning land on both sides

of Ledge of Rock Creek in Wake and Granville Counties and also along the Neuse River.

In July 1862 John Robert enlisted in Co. E 23rd North Carolina Infantry where his name appears on the Roll of Honor of that company. He was taken prisoner July 1862 at the Battle of Wilderness and taken to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he and the other CSA prisoners were kept, suffering many hardships, including overcrowding, cold weather and inadequate food. He was paroled March 1865.

John Robert and Edna O'Briant are buried in the family cemetery behind the house of their son, Charlie Thomas O'Briant. Their graves are the only ones marked with tombstones, but there are many graves in this cemetery; some believed to be their two children who died young, and possibly Thomas and Elizabeth O'Briant, John's parents. Others are unknown.

Children of John Robert and Edna Cash O'Briant were Elnora (1863-1913) (Nathaniel Keith); ?Oarvina? (1865-c1866); Virginia Bell (1867-1900) (James Cash); Rebecca Elizabeth (1869-1922) (Judson Keith); Sarah Jane (1870-1937) (Joseph/Josiah Crudup Hobgood); William Robert (1873-1929) (Lena Jackson); James M. (1877-c1879); and Charles Thomas (1875-1933) (Effic King).

Charles "Charlie" Thomas O'Briant was born in Creedmoor, Granville Co., June 8, 1875 and died in Durham, North Carolina, September 18, 1933. Charlie was the son of John Robert O'Briant, grandson of Thomas, great grandson of Robert and 2nd great grandson of Dennis.

The marriage of Charles Thomas O'Briant and Effie Lee King took place at the bride's home in Wake Co. on December 24, 1903. Effie King was born on June 28, 1885, the youngest of twelve children born to John Louis King and Emma Lee O'Neal. Charles and Effie built their home in Granville County near the Wake County line on present day Cash Road at the intersection of Northside Road. There they raised their family of six children.

He and his family were devout members of Fellowship Baptist Church in Granville County, where he served as a deacon for a number of years. Charlie and Effie are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Durham along with many other members of their family.

Like his father, John Robert O'Briant, Charlie had a tobacco farm in Granville Co., NC. According to my mother, Nellie O'Briant Rudd, she worked in the tobacco fields along with her brothers and sisters until, in 1931, Charlie O'Briant gave up farming, and moved into Durham, NC. The farm was rented out until 1945 at which time it was sold.

In an article in the Butner-Creedmoor News, 12 Dec 1966, entitled "W.W. BILLY YEARGIN TALKS TOBACCO," Mr. Yeargin explains the history of the tobacco industry in Granville Co., NC. Mr. Yeargin relates that in the 1920s and 1930s a plant disease known as "Granville Wilt" devastated the tobacco crops. During this time many farmers either sold their farms or lost them in the depression. This probably explains why Charlie O'Briant left farming as he moved into Durham, NC, in 1931 and took a job as night watchman at the John Sprunt Hill Home.

The children of Charlie Thomas and Effie King O'Briant were:

1. Zona Lee (1907-1982) married Oscar Talmadge O'Briant in Durham in 1927. There were no

children born to this marriage. Zona and Talmadge are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Durham, NC.

- 2. John Thomas (1909-1938) married Pauline Wiggins in 1934. There were no children born to this marriage. John Thomas and Pauline are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Durham, NC.
- 3. Roy Wade (1911-1969) married Rebecca Wooddell. Children born to this marriage were Sylvia, Betsy, and Linda Kay. Roy and Rebecca are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Durham, NC, along with their daughters, Sylvia and Linda Kay.
- 4. Mary Elizabeth (1913-1985) married Roy Marshall McFarland in 1938. The child of this marriage was Shirley. Mary and Roy McFarland are buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Durham, NC.
- 5. Nellie King (1916-1978) married James Gordon Rudd in 1935. James Gordon Rudd was born in 1914 in Randolph Co., NC, the son of Daner Gordon Johnson and Lillian Foster. This marriage ended in divorce and Lillian remarried William Edward Rudd. Nellie and James moved from Durham to Portsmouth, VA, in 1937 and are buried there in Olive Branch Cemetery. Children of Nellie and James Rudd are: 1. Peggy Ann and 2. Jacqueline Faye (never married). Peggy Ann Rudd married James Michael McAndrew in 1955 in Portsmouth, VA. Children of this marriage are: 1. Carrol Ann (married Davy Dillon in Franklin Co. VA, their children are Brian, Eric and Amy); 2. Laura Leigh (married Peter Custis in Durham, NC, their children are Nadine and Nicholas); 3. Kevin Michael (married Laurie Schneider in Denver, Co, their child is Jennie, marriage ended in divorce); 4. Mark William; 5. Susan Marie; 6. Nancy Faye.
- 6. Mae Frances (1919-1981) married Haywood Lee Davis. This marriage ended in divorce. Children born to this marriage were Thomas Lee and William Douglas. Mae Frances is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Durham, NC, along with her son, Thomas Lee.

#### William Moore Ellis Family

by: Dorothy W. Ellis

The Ellis family name is of English/Welsh. It is the 10th most popular name in the USA. The first record of Ellis in North Carolina was with Sir Walter Raleigh's Colony to Roanoke Island. Two are listed on the ships log.

The Ellis family of Vance, Warren, Franklin and Granville Counties are related to who came to Surry County, Virginia by 1636. A settler in James City County in the part that became Surry County in 1652.

The Ellis family was already in Vance County when it was formed in 1881. Having come to the area in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

The 1820 census shows the household of James Ellis, one son John S. Ellis born c.1807. Marriage records show marriage to Fanny Moss 13th October 1830. Their children are the

lineage of our interest. Specifically Robert W. Ellis born 1840, married Virginia M. Wilson October 17, 1861 (daughter of Soloman Wilson and Priscilla Stark) and one son who was William Moore Ellis, born 1866 died 1931 and married 1st Oveida Perdue, 2nd Elizabeth Wortham. There were seven children by the first marriage and none by the second.

#### The children were:

- (1) Charles Earl Ellis who married Alma Jones of Mecklenburg County, Virginia. They had one child Molly Bugg Ellis who married James Leonard Elliot, their children are James Leonard Elliot, Jr., Colorado not married; Charles Elliott Ellis who resides in Sand Point, Idaho, not married; Robert Jones Elliott whose son is Ethan Robert Elliott and they reside in Coudersport, PA. Charlie and Alma raised Alma's nephew Robert (Buddy) Jones and he lives in Henderson.
- (2) Wilson Oliver Ellis married Jessica Irene Powell daughter of Ollie Powell and Hattie Garrett Powell, their children were (a) Wilson Hamit Ellis who married Bertha Beard and their children are Jane Wilson Ellis, Stephanie Garrett Ellis and Wilson Hamit Ellis, Jr. (b)James Oliver Ellis who married Rosaleigh Floyd (daughter of T.P. Floyd and Zelma Mabry Floyd) they had two children: James Oliver Ellis, Jr. who died at an early age and Wilson Thomas Ellis who is living in Virginia, (c) Betty Powell Ellis who married Daniel Gaston Currin, Jr., they had one child Daniel Gaston Currin III.
- (3) Annie Mae Ellis who married Clem McIntosh and they had one child who died at the age of 18 months. Clem's sister was Leland Howland's mother.
- (4) Thomas W. Ellis who married Verlie Blanche Weldon daughter of J.T.Weldon and Lucy Ham Weldon of Franklin County. They had the following children (a) Thomas W. Ellis, Jr., who married Dorothy Marie Wiggins daughter of Arthur Clayton Wiggins and Elizabeth Mabry Wiggins. Their children are twin daughters (identical) Dorothy Mae Ellis and Diane Marie Ellis and Thomas W. Ellis III, who married Bonnie Jane McNeill of Randolph County. They have a daughter Aspen Caroline Ellis. (b) Kermit Weldon Ellis who married Margaret Delgado. They had two children (1) Yvonne Jeanette Ellis that died at an early age and (2) Kermit Weldon Ellis Jr. who married Meredith Butler Capps. He is a lawyer in Henderson. Oveida Blanche Ellis who married J.D. Mayo and Pattie Breedlove Mayo. They have two children J.D. Mayo, III, a CPA in Asheville and Verlie Jane Mayo who married Gary Lee Norris; they have two children Phillip Franklin Norris and Oveida Leigh Norris. They live in Longwood, Florida.
- (5) Cooper Gill Ellis who married Inez Cawthorne, daughter of Edward Cawthorne and Lalie Grisson Cawthorne.
- (6) William Moore Ellis Jr., who never married.
- (7) Doris Hunter Ellis who married W.H. Bill Hester, son of Gilliam Hester of the Dabney community. They have one son, W.E. Bill Hester who married Carleen Cain of Fayetteville, NC. They have two children W.H. Hester who married Lisa Pottress and Elizabeth Hester.

#### **EVANS - WRIGHT FAMILIES CEMETERY**

Location - in the woods off the end of Lariat Lane which runs off Evans Rd about 0.3 mile inside the Granville County line west of Franklin County, south of Hwy 56.

Coordinates: 36d 06m 44.9s N; 78d 32m 00.3s W

Reported by Robbie Lilley in January 2021. The cemetery is set aside in deed records.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<b>Death</b>
Evans, Alexander "Alex"	16 Sep 1830	1 Aug 1898
Husband of Rebecca A. Evans.		
Evans, Rebecca A.	23 Nov 1830	20 Sep 1897
Wife of Alexander Evans		-
Wright, James K.	10 Nov 1844	30 Dec 1901
Husband of Catherine "Carrie" F. V	Vright. They had 3 so	ons: Glaudie, Rufus,
William.		
Wright, Lella	27 Oct 1914	24 Sep 1916
Daughter of G.A. Wright and Lula	Wright.	1
Wright, Lella Gray	10 Jun 1885	2 Feb 1904
Wife of W. Ernest Wright.		
Wright, Willie Gray	1 Feb 1904	18 Jun 1904
Son of W. Ernest Wright and Lella	Gray Wright.	



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