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## PROGRAMS

Tuesday. March 21. 1995 (7:00 pm, 105 Bear Hall, UNCW) Weynette Haun, author of countless volumes of NC abstracts, will speak on court minutes. Mrs. Haun's contributions to NC genealogy are immeasurable. She is a former recipient of the NC Genealogical Society's life time contribution award.

Saturday. April 29. 1995 (11:30 am. Moore's Creek National Park) ONHGS will have their annual picnic. Due to a conflict in dates, Mr. Bill Bennett will not be able to speak that day, but another speaker will be provided. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship of genealogists, the beauty of the park, and the hospitality of Pender County.

Saturday. May 20 1995 (9:00 am. large meeting room, New Hanover County Public Library) ONHGS will have a genealogy fair. Speakers will feature many topics including computer genealogy. An "ask the experts" session will help you with your personal research problems. There is no cost for the workshop.

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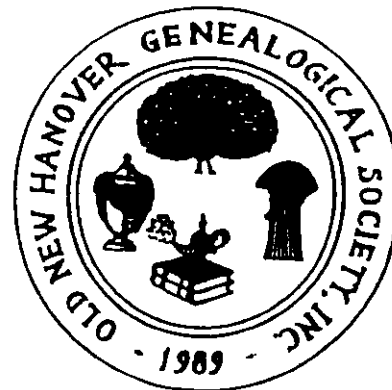
The ONHGS Book Department is pleased to announce, that with the help and hard work of many volunteers, we now have for sale two new volumes. The New Hanover County. North Carolina 1840 Federal Census and Onslow County. North Carolina. Voter Registration. 1902-1908 are hot off the press and getting a good response. Delmas Haskett, Jo Galloway, John Butler, Dean Jarrett, Ann Hutteman, Lenore Gordon, and Helen Moore Sammons were all involved in these projects. Thank You!

In the wings, but soon to appear, are Columbus County Voter Registration (being indexed); Duplin County Voter Registration (being typed); Sampson County Voter Registration (we need an indexer); and New Hanover County Tax List, 1895 (being proofed).

In the works our biggest project is the New Hanover County, North Carolina 1870 Census. This census is very important for our area because in 1870 Wilmington was the largest city in North Carolina, former slaves were enumerated for the first time, and Pender County was still a part of New Hanover. This is a revised edition of a former volume done by volunteers in the library's North Carolina Room. We have added the state or country of birth, and the value of real and personal property. It is a large undertaking and will be in two volumes.

Take a look at the 1995 Winter edition of the NCGS JOURNAL. Thirteen of our publications received good reviews. The book department is proud of our record. If you want to volunteer, call Dean Jarrett (910) 763-4071 or Beverly Tetterton (910) 341-4394. Dean Jarrett, Publications Chairman

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**MEMBERSHIP:** The membership of the Society is open to all individuals and organizations interested in genealogy upon payment of dues which are renewed annually on the anniversary of the original membership. Dues are: Individual and Institutional - \$15.00; Family - \$20.00; Life - \$225.00. Mail dues to Treasurer at the above address. Members are encouraged to submit surnames of the families that they are researching to be included in the Society's ancestor roster. They also receive a 10% discount on all publications and free queries in the Clarendon Courier.

**NEWSLETTER/JOURNAL:** Members receive the Society publication, the Clarendon Courier, which is published quarterly; Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. The deadline for submission of material for publication is Feb. 10, May 10, Aug. 10 and Nov. 10.

**MEETINGS:** Monthly meetings, unless otherwise notified, are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. September through May. Unless notified, the meetings are held in room 105 of Bear Hall on the campus of UNCW.

**QUERIES:** Queries are published free for members when space is available. They should be typed or legibly printed on separate sheets of paper, each with sender's name and address. Each query should state geographical connection to Southeastern North Carolina, or adjacent areas, and such dates as will place them in context. They are subject to editing. So that the editor will understand them, please do not abbreviate. Mail queries to Van Stilley, Queries Editor, at the above address.

**BOOK DEPARTMENT:** The Society has for sale 66 genealogical abstracts. Your membership allows you 10% discount on all publications. For a list of books for sale, send a SASE to Book Department at the above address.

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS**

[This series of New Hanover County Court Minutes submitted by Helen Moore Sammons is continued from the December 1994 Courier. The Court Minutes prior to 1800 were abstracted many years ago by Alexander Walker. They are available in four volumes and can be purchased from **ONHGS**. Mrs. Sammons began her series in 1805. Spelling was recorded as seen and a \_\_\_\_\_ is given when the abstractor found the minutes impossible to read.]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

At a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions began and held for the county of New Hanover at the Court House in Wilmington on **Monday the 5th day of January AD. 1807** and in the 31st year of Independence.

The court was opened with the usual proclamation.

Present the Worshipful: William Giles, **Sam'l** Bludworth, Jere Nichols.

Grand jury drawn and sworn:

Owen <u>Kenan</u> , Foreman	George <u>Ormsby</u>
Henry <u>Williams</u>	Clark <u>Perry</u>
Robert <u>Larkins</u>	Jacob <u>Hartman</u>
John <u>McCall</u>	Owen <u>Fillyaw</u>
John <u>Larkins</u>	Thomas <u>Jennings</u>
Lewis <u>Toomer</u>	James <u>Howard</u>
Thos. <u>Murray</u>	



Ordered that an order passed some terms ago, appointing commissioners to divide the personal estate of A. Shaw, be rescinded and that A.J. DeRosset, James Walker, Senr., and John Bradley be appointed to divide the same.

Samuel Stuckey excused from the fine imposed on him for non-attendance as a juror and made choice of Hays. G. White as his guardian. Ordered that the said guardian give bond in the sum of 450 lbs. with William W. Beatty as security.

Ordered that the estate of James Bludworth, which now remains to be divided according to the Will of the said James, be divided among Portevant, Ann, Robert, Milton, and Alfred Bludworth and that Ann Bludworth, widow of said James, be appointed guardian of Ann, Robert, Milton, and Alfred Bludworth, who are minors, to attend to this division, and that Timothy Bludworth, Allen Shaw, and James Moore be appointed **commissioners** to make the division and return their proceedings to court.

Thomas Rogers, John Herring, and Walter Torrence appointed to divide the personal estate of John Devane agreeable to law. Ann Julia Devane appointed guardian to the minor children of said John Devane for the purpose of attending to the division.

A deed from John M. Matchett to Swinson Gurganus proved by James Newton and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Thomas Alderman to Daniel Sellers proved by James Newton and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Samuel Newton to Isaac Newton proved by James Newton and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

**Tuesday, 6th January, 1807**

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: John Hill, H. James, Wm. Giles.

Benajah Hines, an orphan boy about 16 years of age, bound as an apprentice to John Wayne to learn the trade of bricklayer.

Admn. on the estate of Samuel Mason granted to Mary Mason, his widow. giving bond 2000 lb. with James McIlhenny and James Telfair as secys.

William Giles, Hanson Kelly. Esqs., appointed to take the oath of Hannah Cook and Eliza Lord relative to the execution of the Will of Mary Meek.

Davis Jones, Timothy Bludworth and Sam'l Buxton appointed to divide the personal estate of Pettigrew Moore agreeable to his will. James Moore appointed guardian to the minor children to defend their interest in the said division.

Admn. on the estate of John Boylan granted to Elizabeth Boylan, giving bond in 2000 lb. with Wm. Blake and Owen Fillyaw as secys.

Ordered that John Beauford, a mulatto fellow now in prison, for whom F. Fontaine and John McLellan became security for the procurement of a certificate for his freedom, and it appearing to the court that the said mulatto is a free man, that he be released from prison upon F. Fontaine's paying his jail fees and that the bond of the said Francis and John be cancelled and given up.

A deed from Joseph H. Bland to A. J. DeRosset proven by J.G. Wright, subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

A deed from James Foy to John Nichols proved by Charles Morris and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from William Nutt, Sheriff, to Jesse Wingate and another from same to Jacob Levy, acknowledged in open court and ordered registered.

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful William Cutler, Sam'l Bludworth. D. Bordeaux, Sam'l Haws.

A deed from John Hill, to Robert Mitchell acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

A deed from John Swann to Alex. Henry proved by Thomas Archibald and ordered to be registered.

At an election for two inspectors, there being the following justices present, to wit: Samuel Ashe, Sam'l Bludworth, William Giles, John Hill, Hinton James, Henry Watters, David Jones, A. Bordeaux, Sam'l Haws, Thos. Bludworth, Timothy Bludworth, John Bludworth, David Jones, H. Kelly, P. Maxwell, James Foy, John Swann, J. Nichols, Wm. Cutler, R. Nixon, J.M. Gabie, Thos. Bishop, when upon an open and fair balloting, David Williams and Roger Moore were elected.

William Sharpless, George Newton. John Colvin appointed to settle the accounts of Joseph Eakins' estate between guardian of the heirs of said Joseph and the admrs.

Ordered that Jeremiah Hulett be noticed to appear at next term and produce to the court the indenture of Adam Bludworth and to show cause why the said indenture shall not be rescinded.

Ordered that James Andrews building a good, safe, and sufficient bridge over South River near the old bridge where J. Andrews, Senr.. lived, within 18 months and provided the county of Bladen do concur with this court in making a toll: for each and every carriage, 5 cents a wheel, horses and persons included; for every man and horse, 5 cents; for every foot person, 3 cents and for all loose cattle, hogs, and sheep, 1 cent a head.

A deed of marriage settlement from Christopher Dudley and Leah Spicer to Richard Nixon proved by Alexander Hall, subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Wm. Bludworth, Sheriff, to Arch. M. Hooper proved by W.W. Jones and ordered to be registered.

A deed from John C. Craft to Patsey Craft proved by Henry Williams and ordered to be registered.

A deed from C. Walker, guardian to the heirs of H. Halsey, to Benjamin Smith acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

Th audited accounts of Priscilla Sill, **admrx.** of Oswell Sill, rendered to court and ordered to be filed.

The acct. sales of the estate of Henry Eudy rendered to court and ordered to be filed.

A deed from Mallett, Tulloch, Estis to John Estis proved by D. Mallett. subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Henry Toomer and Mary Toomer to Richard Bradley proved by Roger Moore who swore that he believed the signature of John Moore, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto be in the proper handwriting of the said John.

A deed from Mary Moore to James Moore and others proved by James Berry and ordered to be registered.

A deed from John L. Moore to James Moore proved by James Berry and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

**Wednesday. 7th January 1807**

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Sam'l Ashe, Hy Watters, D. Bordeaux

John Wilson vs D. Bordeaux- Jury: By Byrns, Jno. McFarlan, David Turnan, George Newton, Thos. Robeson, H. Taylor, Wm. Wilkinson, Fred Gause, Thos. Howe, Robt Mitchel, H. Picket. R.E. , and find the deft did assume and assess plffs damages 22 lb. 10 costs.

John A. Campbell came into court and made choice of Richard Nixon as his guardian and ordered that he give bond in 2000 lbs. with C. Dudley and H.B. Howard, secys.

On motion ordered that notice issue to Wm. Morris to show cause, if any he can, why the indenture of William Hines, an orphan, who was bound to him some courts ago, should not be rescinded and it is further ordered that the said Wm. Hines remain with his mother until the said Wm. Morris appears.

Ordered that John Nelson, a prisoner in custody of the jailer, be carried by the Sheriff before the Grand Jury to give evidence on a bill of indictment.

A deed from Arch. Cutler and Lucy, his wife, to Wm. King proved by Mich'l Hines. Ordered that a commission issue to John Hill to take the private examination of Lucy Cutler relative to her free consent in executing said deed.

A bill of sale from Mary Kirkwood to Sarah M. Potts proved by Robert Brown, subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be registered.

A deed of marriage settlement from J. Potts and M. Kirkwood to Jos. G. Wright and R. Mitchell proved by John McKellar and ordered to be registered.

S. Potter vs Evans & Coxeter- Same jury and find &c and assess the plffs damages 1\_\_ damages and costs. Value of the writing 40 lb.6"3.

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

Present the Worshipful: Wm. Cutler. Hy Watters, H. Jones



R. Campbell vs J. Hoadley. Same jury except Jno. McFarlan, Thos. Robeson, and Thos. Howe in whose place is Richard Taylor, Mich'l Lee, and Jas. Moore and find the debt did assume &c and assess damages 2 lb. 5 & costs.

Ordered that the sheriff do pay Jethro Darden the amount of his acct- 25 lb. for erecting stocks and pillory.

Excors of Oliver vs Hedgeman h Ashe- Judgment of the court that there is no such record.

Court adjourned til 10 o'clock tomorrow.

**Thursday 8th January. 1807**

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: John Hill. H. James. Wm. Cutler, Wm. Giles.

S. Potter vs Evans & Coxeter- Jury impanelled: By Byrns, C. Dudley, Hy Taylor, George Newton, Jas. Coxeter, Jas. Telfair, Wm. Batts, Jere Spicer, Sam'l Bludworth, Jno. Calhorda, Wm. Harriss, Jno. Jacobs and find &c and assess damages 1\_\_\_ and costs.

Wm. A. E. Brownlow came into court and made choice of James Brownlow as his guardian and ordered that the give bond in 1000 lbs. with Sam'l Jocelyn and John Blanks, secys.

B. Jacobs vs D. Taylor- Same jury except Jno. Jacobs in whose place is John McFarlan and find the debt did assume &c and assess plff's damages 75 lb. and costs.

Admr Jocelyn vs Richard etal- Same jury except Jno. McFarlan in whose place is Jno. Jacobs and find the debt did assume &c and assess damages 89 lb 13" 9 and costs.

A deed from Samuel Ashe to Thomas Yarborough acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

John Blanks vs Exors J. Dean, Judgment of the court that there is no such record- Appeal prayed and granted.

A. Peden vs N. Swaney- Same jury and assess plff s damages 52 lb. and costs.

W. Campbell vs D. Jones- Same jury and find the debt did assume &c and assess damages 117 lb 17"9 and costs.

Court adjourned until 3 o'clock this evening.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Sam'l Bludworth, Wm. Giles, H. James.

Ordered that Henry Hoskins be allowed the sum of \_\_\_ for ringing the bell for this court for the last year.

J. Parker vs John Earle- Jury: B. Byrns, Jere Spicer. Jas. Telfair, Geo. Newton, Jno. McFarlan, Hy Taylor, Wm. Batts, C. Dudley, Sam'l Bludworth. Jno. Calhorda, Jas. Coxeter, Wm. Harriss & find the debt did assume &c & assess damages 123 lb. 4 & costs.

A deed from Wm. Nutt, Sheriff, to John Mitchel acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

Grand Jury discharged.

A deed from Malakiah Hambleton and Ann Hambleton to Richard Bradley proved by the oath of George Hooper who swore that he believed the signature of Joseph Tilly, the subscribing witness thereto (who is dead) to be in the proper handwriting of the said Joseph.

A deed from Caleb Grainger to Henry Toomer proved by the oath of David Jones, who swore that he believed the signature of Wm. Robeson, the subscribing witness thereto, was in the proper handwriting of the said William.

A bill of sale from Lewis Hines and Robert Williams to Joel Henry proved by J. M. Gabie and ordered to be registered.

A bill of sale from James Allen to James Walker acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

**Friday. 9th January. 1807**

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: John Hill, Wm. Cutler, Jere Nichols.

John Walker appointed a coroner for this county.

James Walker, Owen Kenan, and Thomas Snead appointed to audit the accounts of Robert Howe as an executor of Thomas Moore.

State vs John Walker- Deft submits and is fined 5 lb. & costs.

State vs R. Bailey- Jury Impanelled: By Byrnes, S. Bunting, H. Moore, G. Newton, J. Allen, J. Barrott. Thos. Robeson, Wm. Wilkinson, Joel Parish, Hy Young, M. McKay, Wm. Davis and find the deft not guilty. Ordered that W. Green, the prosecutor, pay the costs.

State vs. Thos. Parker Same jury except Hy Young in whose place is John McAuslan and find the deft guilty. Ordered that the prisoner receive at the stocks this evening at 3 o'clock twenty-five lashes on his bare back.

State vs E. Wood- Same jury and find the deft not guilty.

State vs D. McKay- Same jury and find the deft not guilty.

Ordered that R. Moore, former Sheriff, be amerced the sum of 20 lbs. nisi for not paying the monies on tow executions returned by him satisfied "Admr. Erwin vs Excors. Erwin".

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Jere Nichols

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

**Saturday, 10th January. 1807**

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Wm. Giles, J.M. Gabie, J. Nichols.

Ed. Robeson & ux. vs Susan Ashford- Owen Kenan appointed guardian to Susan Ashford for the purpose of defending the interest of said minor in the division of the estate of B. Ashford.

Richard Bradley, Thomas Jennings, Wm. Wilkinson, Thos. Cowan and Jacob Hartman appointed to divide the real estate of Richard Player, dec'd.

Hanson Kelly, Thos. N. Gautier and C. Dudley appointed to audit the accounts of Thos. Jennings as admr. of G. Jennings.

John Wilkins and Thomas Callender appointed to audit the accounts of N. Hill as admr. of Mrs. Howe and settle th same among the heirs.

Cayder Bryan, an orphan, bound to Michael J. Kenan.

Petition- James Dixon & ux. vs Excors. D. Thompson. Ordered and decreed that the defts pay to the plffs the sum of one third of the net amount of assets with such interest as the defts shall have received or ought to have received, to be ascertained by the clerk. Decree upon examination 199 lbs. 3<sup>3</sup> and costs.

Venire for the Superior Court April Term, 1807

John McDuffie

Matthew Johnson

Charles Murphy

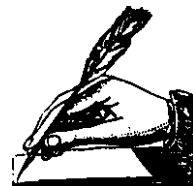
Charles Gause

William Armstrong

Thomas Jennings

Solomon

Nehemiah Harriss



Venire for the Superior Court April Term, 1807 Continued..

John Taylor, KB	Daniel <u>Kerr</u>
Nathan <u>Wombles</u>	Sam'l <u>Bludworth</u>
Jonathan <u>Sikes</u>	John <u>Page</u>
Lewton <u>Orr</u>	Jesse <u>Croom</u>
Arch. <u>McCaleb</u>	Jeremiah <u>Hand</u>
William <u>Corbett</u>	Edward <u>Johnson</u>
John <u>Herring</u>	Richard <u>Eagles</u>
Reuben <u>Rogers</u>	Isasc <u>Newton</u>
Owen <u>Kenan</u>	Thomas N. <u>Gautier</u>
Hanson <u>Kelly</u>	Timothy <u>Hatcher</u>
John <u>Larkins</u>	James <u>Walker</u> , Senr.

Jurors for the County Court May Term. 1807

Sam'l <u>Herring</u> , Senr.	James <u>James</u>
James Devane	Enoch <u>Newton</u>
A. <u>Cutler</u>	Wm. <u>Robeson</u>
Nathaniel <u>Gufford</u>	John <u>Sellers</u>
Sam'l <u>Bunitng</u> , Jr.	Haysly <u>White</u>
Aaron <u>Morgan</u>	Wm. <u>Pigford</u>
Bushrod <u>Miller</u>	Jacob <u>Pigford</u>
Joel <u>Parrish</u>	James <u>Ramsey</u>
William <u>Shaw</u>	Luke <u>Townley</u>
James <u>Collins</u>	William <u>Moore</u>
Ronald <u>McDugold</u>	John <u>Rivenbark</u>
Simon <u>Sellers</u> , Senr.	Benjamin <u>Sanders</u>
Solomon <u>Highsmith</u>	James <u>Henry</u>
William <u>Andrews</u>	James <u>Bland</u>
Zachariah <u>James</u>	Joshua <u>Taylor</u>



To be continued in the Summer 1995 Courier.

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A Glossary of Legal Terminology

[The following glossary covers some of the legal terminology used in early records, ie. court minutes. The definitions of the following legal terms was taken from the American Association of State & Local History's Technical Leaflet 855. It was compiled by Judge Shelby **Myrick** of Savannah Georgia, for the 1969 World Conference on Records, sponsored by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Latter-Day Saints, Inc., holders of the original copyright.]

Administration - management of intestates' estates.

Administration of Estates - The management and settlement of the estate of an intestate, or of a testator who has no executor, performed under the supervision of a court, by a person duly qualified and legally appointed, and usually involving (1) the collection of the decedent's assets; (2) payment of debts and claims against him and expenses; (3) the distribution of the remainder of the estate among those legally entitled thereto.



Administrator - A person lawfully appointed to manage and settle the estate of a deceased person who has left no will or has named no executor.

Administration Cum Testamento Annexo - administration granted in cases where the testator makes a will without naming an executor or the one named is disqualified or unable to perform.

Administration De Bonis Non - Administration granted for the purpose of administering such of the goods of a deceased person as were not administered by the former administrator.

Administration De Bonis Non Cum Testamento Annexo - Administration granted when an executor dies leaving a part of the estate unadministered.

Ancillary Administration - ~~When~~ a person leaves property in a state other than that of his residence, ancillary administration may be granted in such foreign state for the purpose of collecting the assets and paying the debts there, and bringing the residue into the general administration.

Appraiser - A person appointed by the court to ascertain and state the true value of goods or real estate.

Appraisalment - Valuation of property.

Beneficiary - Party benefitted.

Cestui Que Trust - One who has a right to a beneficial interest in and out of an estate the legal title to which is vested in another.

Coparcenary - Estate held in **common** by female heirs.

De Bonis Non - Of the goods not administered.

Decedent - A deceased person.

Devastavit - Wasting an estate by an executor or administrator; consists of any act, omission or mismanagement by which the estate suffers a loss.

Distributee - A person entitled to a share in the distribution of an estate.

Distribution - Division of the estate of an intestate.

Dower - Widow's estate in her husband's property.

Dowager - A widow endowed.

Dower Right - The right of every widow to a life estate in one-third of all her husband's real estate owned by his at his death.

Estate - The interest anyone has in lands or in any other subject of property. Property composing the assets of a decedent or person under guardianship.

Guardian - A person lawfully invested with the power, and charged with the duty, of taking care of the person and managing the property and rights of another person, who, for some peculiarity of status, or defect of age, understanding, or self control, is considered incapable of administering his own affairs.

Heirs-At-Law - Those persons designated by law to succeed to the estate in case of intestacy.

Hereditament - Anything capable of being inherited.

Inherit - To take as an heir upon the death of an ancestor.

Inheritance - Property inherited.

Intestacy - Without making a will; a person who dies without making a valid will.

Inventory = Schedule of personal property.

Letters of Administration - The instrument by which an administration or administratrix is authorized by the probate court to have charge and administration of the goods and chattels of an intestate.

To be continued in the SUMMER Courier.. .





Genealogy Notes from the New Hanover Library

The following family files have been added to the Reaves Collection: Henry (Hendry), Hutaff III, Murphy, Pope, Ramsey (Ramsay), Scott, Sneed, Toms, Ward and Wood.

You may request a copy of a family file by writing to Local History Room, New Hanover Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Send a self-addressed-stamped envelope and the library staff will advise you as to the number of pages and costs per file. We are all appreciative of Bill Reaves who so generously shares with us his valuable family files!

We have added some compact disks to the collection. Census indices for most of the Southern states and early New England states are available. There are also some marriage records. Alas, the printer has arrived and has been installed, so you can now get copies of the data.

The latest addition, thanks to the sale of our publications, is a complete nine volume set of Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, by Huxford. It seems that a good percentage of Southeastern North Carolinians left the naval stores industry here and went to Georgia, making our family ties strong. Many of our folks went to the Wiregrass area. The library has had these volumes on our wish list for years and we thank Jane Bailey and the Society for making it come true. With budget cuts inevitable, these gifts continue to make us a treasure house of genealogical information. A big thank you to all who volunteer on the publications committee enabling us to purchase important collections for the library.

Have you tried using the Social Security Death Index?

[Among the compact disks in the library is the Social Security Death Index from 1962 to 1993 (they are updated **yearly**). If you don't know where to find your cousins, you might try this comprehensive index. With the use of the name only you can find the place of death and social security number. Don Blake has submitted the following help in decoding the Social Security Number. It is taken from "Social-Security-Numbers and Other Telling Information" by Simson Garfinkel, published in the Whole Earth Review. Fall 1989.1

The first three digits of a person's Social Security Number indicate the state that the person was living in at the time the number was assigned (see below). The exceptions to this rule are the numbers in the 700-729 range, which were issued by the Railroad Retirement agency, the only such retirement plan to have its own block of **SSNs**.

001-003 NH	004-007 ME	008-009 VT	010-034 MA	035-039 RI
040-049 CT	050-134 NY	135-158 NJ	159-211 PA	212-220 MD
221-222 DE	223-231 VA	232-236 WV	232 NC*	237-246 NC
247-251 SC	252-260 GA	261-267 FL	268-302 OH	303-317 IN
318-361 IL	362-386 MI	387-399 WI	400-407 KY	408-415 TN
416-424 AL	425-428 MS	587-588 MS	429-432 AK	433-439 LA
440-448 OK	449-467 TX	468-477 MN	478-485 IA	486-500 MO
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586 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS		700-729 RAILROAD RETIREMENT		

\* Number 232, with middle digits 80 has been allocated to North Carolina from West Virginia.

Petitions For Divorce

[The following petitions, submitted by Helen **Moore Sammons**, were found in the Wilmington Chronicle. The dates behind the names indicate the date the notice was in the newspaper.]

New Hanover County Superior Court of Law, Spring Term 1845--  
MELINDA GIFFIN vs PETER V. GIFFIN (21 May, 1845)

New Hanover County Superior Court of Law, Spring Term 1846--  
CATHERINE A. STANLY vs JOHN W. STANLY (13 May, 1846)

New Hanover County Superior Court of Law, Spring Term 1847--  
ELIZA M. SHINE vs JAMES B. SHINE (2 June, 1847)

Columbus County Superior Court of Law. Spring Term 1845--  
JOSEPH RAY vs SARAH RAY (14 May, 1845)

Columbus County Superior Court of Law, Spring Term 1847--  
ELIZA E. DeSHIELDS vs MARTIN A. DeSHIELDS (12 May. 1847)

Brunswick County Superior Court of Law, Fall Term 1848--  
ELIZABETH W. MILLS vs BENJAMIN G. MILLS (17 January, 1849)



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Early Military Records of North Carolina

[From the Wilmington Morning Star, 7-16-1880, submitted by Bill Reaves.]

An attempt is being made to gather together the records of NC troops in the war of the Revolution and of 1812, but it is a difficult and perhaps hopeless task. The records of the Revolution are miserably meager, consisting for the most part, of the vouchers for pay and receipts for the same. These bear no reference to the company, regiment or brigade of the soldier, and are nearly valueless, of course. The records of the war of 1812 are incomplete. Several of the books containing the certified copies of the muster rolls are missing. These records were a part of those thrown into the rotunda of the Capitol by order of Chief Justice **Pearson** in 1868. At that time the missing numbers were taken by a party of the city, now dead. Not long before his death he stated that he had the records in his possession, and would return them upon payment of \$50. The Auditor, to whom he made the proposition, did not entertain it. The man's relatives now claim to know nothing of the whereabouts of the invaluable documents.

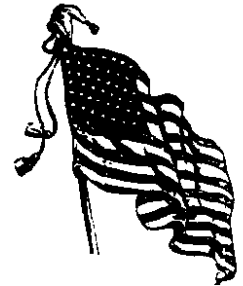
**Names of Officers and Privates in Company H of Volunteers for the Mexican War**

[This company consisted of volunteers from New Hanover and Wake Counties. The following list was taken from the March 3, 1847 issue of the Wilmington Chronicle. Submitted by Helen Moore Sammons.]

<b>OFFICERS:</b> William J. <u>Price</u> , Captain	G.E.B. <u>Singletery</u> , 1st Lieut.
William B. <u>Flanner</u> , 2d Lieut.	Edward <u>Yarbrough</u> , 2d Lieut.
J.B. <u>Whitaker</u> , 1st Sergeant	D.H. <u>Black</u> , 2d Sergeant
H. <u>Bonham</u> , 3d Sergeant	Edward <u>Rowlett</u> , 4th Sergeant
Charles _____ 1st Corporal	J.D. Gorman, 2d Corporal
Wiley <u>Harding</u> , 3d Sergeant	J.C. <u>Champe</u> , 4th Sergeant

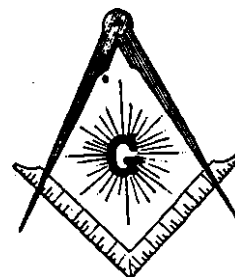
**PRIVATES:**

Wm. H. <u>Armstrong</u>	W.M. <u>Jones</u>	Thos. <u>Stevenson</u>
E.B. <u>Ashe</u>	William <u>Lewis</u>	Richard <u>Salmon</u>
S.A. <u>Baldwin</u>	J.C. <u>Lumsden</u>	Orrin R. <u>Smith</u>
Wm. D. <u>Barclay</u>	J.Q. <u>Mallard</u>	Thomas J. <u>Taylor</u>
A.D. <u>Bordeaux</u>	W. <u>Messick</u>	Charles <u>Turlington</u>
Stephen <u>Boyd</u>	Robert H. <u>Melvin</u>	R.J. <u>Twisdale</u>
Armar <u>Brothers</u>	Bryant <u>Moore</u>	Charles H. <u>Utley</u>
John W. <u>Burns</u>	Benjamin H. <u>Mott</u>	S. <u>Woodward</u>
James <u>Crawford</u>	George <u>Morrisy</u>	John M. <u>Walker</u>
F.B. <u>Crenshaw</u>	John <u>McGuire</u>	James <u>Wilson</u>
J.P. <u>Davis</u>	Wm. L. <u>McDaniel</u>	Lewis <u>Witherspoon</u>
Isaac M. <u>Daniel</u>	Caleb <u>Nichols</u>	Charles <u>Walton</u>
Edward <u>Dudley</u>	Calvin P. <u>Nobles</u>	J.R. <u>Wren</u>
Simeon T. <u>Daniel</u>	Joseph B. <u>Parsons</u>	John <u>Young</u>
<u>Wm. Ellington</u>	Robert D. <u>Paschall</u>	James <u>Morgan</u>
Geo. W. <u>Freeman</u>	Richard <u>Perry</u>	Chesly <u>O. Oliver</u>
James <u>Fowler</u>	N.K. <u>Peebles</u>	James <u>Jenkins</u>
Henry <u>Garrish</u>	George <u>Richardson</u>	Wm. H. <u>Jenkins</u>
Isaiah L. <u>Goodwin</u>	George <u>Rich</u>	Jessee <u>Roberts</u>
Robert <u>Green</u>	Thomas G. <u>Scott</u>	<u>Marsden Scarlett</u>
Edward D. <u>Hays</u>	Wm. L. <u>Skipper</u>	Joseph <u>Hardie</u>
G. Holmes, Jr.	Hogan H. <u>Smith</u>	Henry <u>Smythe</u>
Isaac <u>Harvey</u>	John H. <u>Simons</u>	



**RECRUITING SERVICE, UNITED STATES ARMY**

By the 9th Section of the act of Congress, approved February 11th, 1847, each non-commissioned officer, musician, or private now in service, or who may hereafter be enlisted during the present war with Mexico, and who shall receive an honorable discharge, either by expiration of his term of enlistment, or for disability incurred in the course of his service, will be entitled to a warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he will be at liberty to locate in **one body**, upon any of the public lands that may be subject to private entry; or he may, at his option, when honorably discharged, receive treasury script to the amount of one hundred dollars, bearing 6% interest, payable semi-annually, and redeemable at the pleasure of the Government. [Extract from General Orders No. 4, Wilmington Chronicle, 24 March, 1847.1



18th **Century** Freemasons

[St. John's Lodge No. 1 of the Lower Cape Fear is the oldest Lodge in the area and one of the oldest in the United States. Founded in **1755**, they are **240** years old! Records from 1755 to **1786** are missing, but records after that are fairly continuous and in good condition. The following article appeared in the Wilmington Weekly Star on December 24, **1875**. The writer was looking back at the old **masonic** records of St. John's Lodge No. 1. Submitted by Bill Reaves.]

The St. John's Lodge held a meeting on February 3, **1797** and the following were present:

**OFFICERS:**

John Brown, W.M.                      A.B. Toomer S.W.                      Samuel Mason, J.W.  
 Christopher Dudley, S.D.    J.H. Gee, J.D.                      J.W. Voswinkle, Treasurer  
 George Jennings, Tyler.

**MEMBERS:**

John <u>Allan</u>	John <u>Telfair</u>	Thos. <u>Robeson</u>	John <u>McIlhenny</u>
Wm. <u>Smeeton</u>	Richard <u>Kelly</u>	Sedgwick <u>Springs</u>	Henry <u>Urquhart</u>
Wm. Snell	Benj. <u>Adoylette</u>	Thos. <u>Murphy</u>	Edward <u>Jones</u>
John <u>Brown</u>	And. W. <u>Ure</u>	Gilbert Green	Isaac <u>Bernard</u>
George <u>Reid</u>			

**VISITORS:**

Geo. <u>Graves</u>	Osiath <u>Danforth</u>	John <u>Hamilton</u>	Absalom Q. <u>Vernon</u>
Thos. <u>Finlay</u>	Solomon <u>Norton</u>	John <u>Quinn</u>	C. <u>Williams</u>

We find the following additional names in looking over subsequent proceedings of the Lodge:

Robert <u>Leyster</u>	Jacob <u>Lavy</u>	Nathaniel <u>Hill</u>	Peter <u>Pelham</u>
Thomas <u>Heathy</u>	John <u>McFarlane</u>	Thomas <u>Cowan</u>	Samuel <u>Slocum</u>
Benj. <u>Blaney</u>	Archibald <u>Cutlar</u>	Wm. <u>Bernton</u>	<b>Artemas Davis</b>
Jos. <u>Burch</u>	Nathan <u>Foster</u>	Tobias <u>Cobb</u>	Geo. <u>Buchanan</u>
Michael <u>Murphy</u>	Benj. <u>Gardner</u>	R.W. <u>Thaker</u>	Hance <u>Kelly</u>
Samuel <u>Vance</u>	Thos. <u>Keenan</u>	L.A. <u>Dorsey</u>	John <u>Fergus</u>
Wm. Henry <u>Hill</u>	James <u>Price</u>	<u>Amherst Bartlet</u>	Wm. <u>Cutlar</u>
Roger <u>Cutlar</u>	Benj. <u>Mills</u>	James <u>Mumford</u>	Wm. <u>Kiddie</u>
<u>Archbald M. Hooper</u>	Caleb D. <u>Howard</u>	Stephen <u>Bernard</u>	Samuel <u>Morgan</u>
Jos. <u>Milne</u>	Thos. <u>Callendar</u>	J.G. <u>Wright</u>	J.P. <u>Caswell</u>
Jacob <u>Hartman</u>	Wm. <u>McCandry</u>	Isaac Bell	John <u>Lee</u>
Wm. <u>Bunting</u>	Thos. <u>Fitzgerald</u>	S. <u>Masson</u>	Robert <u>Cox</u>
David <u>Jones</u>	Dr. <u>Halling</u>	Daniel <u>Smith</u>	Jno. <u>McAllister</u>
Cuthbert <u>Riggs</u>	Owen <u>Kenan</u>	Wm. <u>McSween</u>	Jethro <u>Durden</u>
B.E. <u>Jones</u>	Hugh <u>Stallings</u>	John <u>Lord</u>	A.M. <u>Isaacs</u>
Thos. <u>Hill</u>	J. <u>Bishop</u>	John <u>McAuslan</u>	J.W. <u>Walker</u>
John <u>Bradley</u>	T.A. <u>Abrahams</u>	Geo. <u>Bocock</u>	B. <u>Jacobs</u>
Peter <u>Miss</u>	James <u>Carson</u>	E. <u>Luske</u>	Simeon <u>Metcalfe</u>
Wm. <u>Darnell</u>	Benj. <u>Butterfield</u>	James <u>Carpenter</u>	B. <u>Childs</u>
Daniel <u>Elliott</u>	Michael <u>Quinn</u>	David <u>Silvester</u>	David <u>Still</u>
James <u>Babbage</u>	Abel <u>Judson</u>	H. <u>Buckley</u>	



NEW HANOVER COUNTY DEED BOOK C

[Many of the earliest records of New Hanover County were destroyed in courthouse fires. What was left of the first two deed books, Books A and B, were combined to form Book AB. They have been abstracted and published by ONHGS member Mae Blake Graves. New Hanover County was formed in 1729 from Craven County. Bladen and Onslow Counties were formed from New Hanover in 1734, Duplin County in 1750, Brunswick County in 1764, part of New Hanover was annexed by Sampson County in 1795, and Pender County was formed from New Hanover in 1875. The following abstract of Deed Book C, which covers many early records for the above counties was compiled by Ida Brooks Kellam in 1939. Continued from the September 1994.]

Page 110. June 2, 1746. Robert Colley, Planter of New Hanover to Thomas Clark of Wilmington. Mercht., 640 acres in New Hanover County formerly bought from Hugh Blening in 1744. Wit: Jeremiah Bigfurd, Elkanah Allen

Page 112. Robert Colley of New Hanover, Planter, to Thomas Clark merchant of Wilmington, one Boat or Pettigu now lying at Neels Landing on North West River of "the Burthen of about twelve Tons: and one boat of 16 tons, now lying at my saw mill. June 2. 1746. Wit: Jeremiah Bipfurd, Elkanah Allen.

Page 112. William Lewis of the Welch Tract in County of New Hanover to Robert Walker of Wilmington, mcht. 640 acres in New Hanover County on West side of North East Branch of Cape Fear River, now in possession of said William Lewis and James Cook. Wit: Timothy Bloodworth, Jas Cook, Mary Pedcock, Jno Cook.

Page 113. Edward Moseley, Esqr. of New Hanover to Mary Porter, widow, of same place, 12 slaves. Jan. 27, 1745. Wit: Hannah Stokeley, John Swann, Sarah Porter.

Page 113. Thomas Hedges, carpenter, of Wilmington, to Francis Davis of same place, mercht. one negro. June 13, 1746. Wit: James Campbell, William Harrison.

Page 114. Henry Laurens of Charles Town in Province of South Carolina, mercht. because of moving, apptd. George Nicholas, Esqr., of North Carolina, his atty. to collect from "Augustus Alurans, Planter, late of Parish of St. James Santee in South Carolina and of his heirs" etc. Dated at Charles Town, SC, Mar. 1, 1745. Wit: Thomas Smith, Junr., William Dry.

Page 114. James Fergus, Surgeon, of Cape Fear River to William Lord, Innholder of same place, lots 125 and 126 on West side of Cape Fear River, Nov. 19, 1745. Wit: Cornelius Harnett, William Dry.

Page 115. May 24, 1746. Sarah Porter and Mary Porter, Executrixes, and Edward Moseley, Roger Moore, Samuel Swann, John Swann, and Thomas Jones, Executors of will of John Porter, mercht. late of New Hanover County to George Logan, GEnt., 2000 acres "in Bladen County formerly called Bath County near the How and Eno fields and joing on the lands of Edward Moseley and George Pollock, Esqr.".. "which was granted by the Lords Proprietors of Carolian to Major George Pollock as by Patent, April 9, 1730, and by him conveyed to Thomas



Jones of New Hanover Precinct, Aug. 1, 1730, and by Thomas Jones to said John Porter April 20, 1739. Wit: Lewis DeRossett, Moses DeRossett.

Page 115. Sept. 10, 1746. George Logan, Gent, of New Hanover to Roger Moore, Esqr., of same place, above named lands in Bladen County. Wit: Robert Walker, Rufus Marsden.

Page 116: Oct. 28, 1743. John Edwards of Pennsylvania to Charles Gaven of New Hanover Co., Planter. 200 acres in sd county on Rattlesnake Swamp, joining Richard Evans. Wit: Jno Harper. Josiah Thomas.

Page 116. July 3, 1746. Joseph Cox of New Hanover to James Ratliff of same place, 100 acres in New Hanover County. Wit: Henry Hollinsworth, Jos. Wilson, James Murray.

Page 117. Feb. 13, 1744. William Perry of New Hanover County and Ruth his wife to Anthony DeBose, lots in Wilmington on Front Street joining Thomas Hedges and Joshua Grainger. Wit: Jno Williams, Nathaniel John.

Page 118. Sept. 8, 1744. Benjamin Beveritt of New Hanover, Planter, to Jacob Bone of same place, Planter, 100 acres in sd County on Maxwells Creek. Wit: Jas Smallwood. Alexander Colvin.

Page 118. Sept. 8, 1746. Benjamin Beveritt of New Hanover to George Fuch of same place, 100 acres on Maple Branch that runs into Maxwells Creek of North West side of Cape Fear River, part of tract sold to Jacob Bone.

Page 119. Mary Porter, widow, of New Hanover owes 2850 pounds to Edward Moseley, Esqr. of same place for mortgages and slaves. Jan. 29, 1745. Wit: Hannah Stoakley, Sarah Porter, Jno Swann.

Page 121. Donald McKichan of Bladen County, Taylor, to Alexander McKichan of Brunswick, Taylor, in County of New Hanover, lot with a "good dwelling House, Kitchen and Garden" in Brunswick Town in New Hanover County. Said lot was first purchased by Edward Jones from Col. Maurice Moore in 1730 and by sd Jones to Richard Price, Bricklayer, and sd Price to Capt. William Dry, decd. in 1735, who left it to his son William Dry, merch.. of Brunswick, and by last named William Dry to sd Donald McKichan in 1741. May 2, 1746. Wit: John Campbell, Duncan McCoalskey.

Page 121. Evan Jones of New Hanover, Because moving, to Archibald Douglas of same place, 500 acres on North side of North East River, 320 acres of which he formerly purchased from Clifton Bowen in 1743. June 4. 1746. Wit: Jeremiah Veal, James Rutherford.

Page 122. Jacob Glover, Planter, of New Hanover, to Capt. Francis Brice, Planter, of same place, 165 acres in sd County on North East Branch of Cape Fear River, formerly granted to Jacob Glover in 1745. Dec. 4, 1746. Wit: Henry Hollingsworth, William Laws, Elizabeth Laws.

Page 122. Dec. 10, 1746. Peter Cliff of New Hanover County, Sail maker, to James Oram and William Veal, mariners, of same place, lot in Wilmington on



North side of Red Cross Street. Wit: John Doughty, Archibald Nicholas.

Page 123. Will of Robert Walker. I, Robert Walker of Province of North Carolina, and the County of New Hanover. ... make this my last Will and Testament. Item: I bequeath to my sister, Christian Walker, ten pounds sterling to be paid in Naval Stores or Deer Skins to defray the charge of her passage to England. Item: My Executors to see Real Estate and Personal property in North Carolina in such a manner as they shall think to the advantage of my family, reserving to my beloved wife Ann Walker, one-fifth of all my personal and real estate. The remainder I leave and bequeath to my beloved children, my sons William Montgomery Walker, John Walker, and James Walker, and my daughters Ann Walker and Margaret Walker. Item: I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Ann Walker. Executrix, and my friend **Eleazer** Allen, Esqr., and Matthew Rowan, Esqr., Mr. Thomas **Jones**, and Mr. Joseph Blake. Esqr., Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Feb. 10, 1746. Robert Walker. Wit: James **Moir**, Thomas Armstrong, Francis **Davis**. Proved March Term of Court, 1746.

Page 123. Sept. 10, 1746. Francis Veal of Wilmington to William Veal of same place, lot on North side of Dock Street, beginning at West end of Smith's Shop. Wit: Richard Player. Simon Player.

Page 124. Francis Veal of New Hanover Conty to John Rutherford of same place. mercht., one acre on Great Island opposite lot now possessed by me in town of Wilmington, formerly purchased by sd Veal from William **Ford**. Jan. 19, 1744. Wit: Thomas Clark, Thomas Turnbull.

Page 124. "Charles Town, South Carolina. This is to certify all officers Civil and Military or whom it may concern that John **James**, born in North Crolina, was **Inlisted** in my Independent Company posted in this Province on the ---- day of May 1746 and served to the -- day of August in the same year, from which time being absent to this date, he is this day discharged at the request of several Gentlemen of both North and South Carolina. Given under my hand and Seal at Charles Town, this Feb. 15., 1746." Robert Hodgson.

Page 125. Public Instrument. Jan. 19, 1744. Made by Gilbert Allison. Notary and Tabellion Public, dwelling in Dublin, Ireland, by personal appearance of Mr. Charles **McCartney**, mercht. of the City of Dublin, appointing Mr. Henry **McCulloch**, Junr. of North Carolina, his atty. to collect from "Robert Walker late of the City of Dublin and William **Faris** of the City of Wilmington. merchants." Document signed in the presence of Honb. John Walker. Esqr. Lord Mayor of City of Dublin.

Page 125. Ann Walker of Wilmington, widow and Executrix of the estate of Robert Walker, esqr. decsd. made bond to Charles **McCartney** for 222 pounds. May 14, 1747.

Page 125. Henry Bishop of New Hanover County, Planter, apptd. John **Sampson**, Esqr., his atty. June 10, 1747. Wit: James Smallwood, Daniel Willis.

Page 126. John **Ashe** of New Hanover To Nathaniel **Rice**, Esqr., 320 acres on fork at Old Town Creek "which said land was granted to my Father John Baptista





Ashe. Wit: Samuel Swann, Henry Hyrne, Francis Veal.

Page 126. "North Carolina". Will of Christopher Monk, Planter of Cape Fear. Dated March 25, 1743. Item: To Wife, Milly Monk, one shilling sterling. Item: To Friend. Jehu Davis, my stock of Horses and cattle and all bonds, bills and notes due me. Executor: Jehu Davis. Signed Christopher Monk (seal). Wit: Thomas Assope, Berringer Moore.

Page 127. Will of John Musgrove. Dated March 11, 1746. Proved June 1747. Item: Estate to be divided between wife, Mary Musgrove, and children John, Catherine and Gibbs Musgrove. Excutors- Wife Mary Musgrove, John Davis, Jehu Davis. Wit: John Moore, William Davis, John Potter.

Page 127. John Rutherford of Wilmington, mercht. apptd. his "loving brother James Rutherford and Thomas Turnbull, merchants" both of Wilmington, to sell lands etc. belonging to him in New Hanover County, giving them full power to Charter ships etc. and to transact any manner of business "Relating to the Company of Clark and Rutherford"...which "I the sd John Rutherford am impowered by virture of certain Powers of attorney from James Murray, Esqr., James Innes, Esqr., Mr. James Rutherford, Capt. John Lamb, David Thompson, and Mr. Robert Ellis to take and receive" from persons indebted to them. June 10, 1747. Wit: Richard Hellier, John Campbell.

Page 128. March 11, 1746. Donald Dunbabin of City of New York in America, mariner, to Rev. James Moir of New Hanover County. North Carolina, 250 acres on Long Creek in New Hanover County, joining Thomas Clark. Wit: Thomas Turnbull. Richard Hellier.

Page 128. Dec. 5, 1746. Henry Skibbow, Planter of New Hanover to Samuel Green of Same place, Apothecary, land on Topsail Sound, joining Motts line, Michael Lowber and Watts line. Wit: Richard Hellier, William Harrison.

Page 129. May 1747. James Smallwood, Gent., of Wilmington to Rowland Crocker of same place, Planter. 200 acres of Island Creek, formerly belonging to John Porter by Patent dated 1735 and by sd Porter conveyed to James Smallwood May 14, 1742. Also 400 acres on Island Creek formerly granted Richard Earl in 1738 and by him to sd Smallwood in 1741.

Page 130. Dec. 20. 1746. Henry Skibow, Planter of New Hanover County to Samuel Green of same place, because moving, land on Topsail Sound.

Page 131. Joseph Pointevint and Samuel Pointevint at present of New Hanover Co. To Roger Haynes "all those Parcels. Plantations or Tracts of Land Butting and bounding to eastward on land of John Marshall and the Rev. Doctr. Richard Marsden" on Prince George's Creek, joining heirs of Andrew Legare, 1000 acres. Feb. 10, 1731. Wit: Roger Moore, Richard Marsden, John Marsden. Recorded 1747.

Page 131. Sept. 30, 1746. James Morris of New Hanover Co. to Samuel Thistlewood, Planter, of same county, 220 acres gratned James Morris near Holly Shelter Creek, joining Mr. Samuel Swann. Wit: Richard Scott, Solomon Morris.

Page 132. Charles Harrison of New Hanover County. to Isaac Greeb of same place, land in New Hanover County.

Page 133. Henry McCulloch of Soracity in New Hanover County apptd. Mr. Frank Davis, mcht., in Wilmington his atty. to collect from his Excellency Gabriel Johnston, Esqr., Eleazer Allen, Esqr., the executors of Robert Walker, Esqr. decsd. and ye widow of the late William Rowan, May 21, 1747. William Houston, Francis Savage.

Page 133. At Court in New Hanover County at Wilmington. Sept. 1747. "Present Matthew Rowan, Edward Hyrne, William McRee, John Sampson, and William Ross, Esqrs., Justices, personally appeared John Ellis mariner and made oath on the Holy Evangelists that being shipt on board the "John and William", Thomas Corbet master, on a certain voyage from Cape Fear to the Port of Bristol in Old England, sailed 21st of June 1747, last past for sd port of Bristol and on the day following very early in the morning a little after our rising William How a mariner on board sd ship went up aft and saw no vessel but one to Leward making all the sail she could but some time after discovered a vessel to windward and a barge on head of us and came up with us in three or four hours time and Barge and Sloop both fired at us and took us, that is the Brigatine "John and William", Thomas Corbet, master. The name of the Spanish Privateer as the deponent, was "St. Gabriel the Conqueror." The Captains name of this deponent I knoweth not but after seven weeks or thereabouts it was Retaken by a Tow Galley and Schooner, the former belonging to South Carolina and the latter to St. Simons, to which place this deponent was carried. And this deponent saith that ye Spaniard, immediately after the taking of the Brigatine "John and William" on the very same day Dispatched sd Brig. for Hispaniola and he was informed since which time this deponent hath not heard any more of sd Brigatine. "John and William" was the property of Rufus Marsden and no one else as this deponent was informed. John Ellis

Page. 133. Aug. 10, 1747. William Farris. Esqr. of New Hanover County to Thomas O'Neill, mercht. of same place, lot which sd Farris now lives on, joining William Farris Tar Lot and Wharf. Also one acre of Island in town of Wilmington. Wit: John DuBois, Samuel Green, Charles Gannon.

Page 134. James Rutherford of New Hanover , General, to James Ollerson of sd County, Planter, 360 acres on Maxwell's Creek. Sept. 8, 1747. Wit: Augustus Laurence, Thos. Turnbull.

Page 135. Henry McCulloch, Junr., of Mew Hanover Co. apptd. David Linsay, merchant of same place his atty. to collect debts due him or due Mr. Charles McCartney of City of Dublin, Ireland. May 16. 1747.

Page 135. Margaret Hotson of Town and County of New Castle Upon Tyne, widow and admx. of John Hotson, late of New Castle, master and mariner, deceased, because of moving, appointed William Farris of Wilmington Cape Fear North Carolina, Esqr., her atty. to collect debts, etc. of sd John Hotson, desc'd. Oct. 26, 1744. Wit: William Robson, George Humble, David Linsay.

To be continued in SUMMER Courier..

**QUERIES**

1-95. Seek origins, info, and descendants of John EDENS and wife Margaret, daughter of innkeepers Robert and Sarah SAGE, who was widowed 1843 at age of 72; children Robert, Sara Sage, and Ann EDENS. Also, seek current address, descendants, or COWAN-JAMES-SAGE research papers of **Mrs. Robert HACKER** of Wilmington, in 1970s in Arlington. VA. Also, descendants and graves of Ephraim SHOLAR and wife Martha PUGH, Pender, Co., NC. James Alfred Locke MILLER, Jr.. 2810 K Carriage Drive. Winston-Salem, NC 27601-5328.

2-95. Seek ancestry of Mary HOLMES (ca 1749-1831), wife of Captain James JAMES (1748-1796). Both died in Duplin County., NC. Henry **deLeon SOUTHERLAND**, Jr., 47 **Greenway** Road. Birmingham, AL 35213-4215.

3-95. Seek connection between LANE and POWELL families of **Duplin** and **Beaufort/Craven** Cos., NC, and their origins in Eastern Shore MD and VA. Van A. STILLEY, 3812 Sweetbriar Road, **Wilmington**, NC 28403; tel. (910) 392-6604.

[Editor's note: We have not had many queries lately. Being able to contact one another and share information is an important reason to join any genealogical society. Let's hear from you!]

[From the Wilmington Commercial, 11th of May, 1847. Submitted by Helen Sammons.]

TAKE NOTICE-- To All Whom It May Concern:

V.R. Peirson, having made up his mind to leave the town of Wilmington on the first day of October next, takes this method of publicly announcing to the Citizens of Wilmington his intentions, open and above-board.

My only reasons for publicly making known my intentions, are, that some few suspicious characters have, at almost every time of my leaving home on business, publicly expressed their opinions that I had run away; and even went so far at one time as to take a solemn oath in the sight of God, that to the best of their knowledge and belief that I had "sloped" and closed my doors, turning my young men out of doors, whom I had left in charge of my business.

It is true I had nothing when I came; not even a nag to bring me from Charleston. Captain T. MARSHALL, that good and generous soul, was kind enough to advance my passage for me, for which, and many other favors from the good citizens of Wilmington, I humbly return my sincere thanks. If I owe anything to any individual in this State, they will please call on me before the first of October. I hope my friends will not think this amiss.

I am not stimulated with the least idea that there will be a single tear shed on my departure; my only motive is to stop the frequent calumnies, that when I go I will run away. This is fair warning to stop me, if there are any claims on me.

I hope the learned will not criticize this bad composition. I never have been favored with a day's schooling. This will be a sufficient apology. I brought nothing when I came, and shall carry nothing when I **go**-- having lived for about eight years among you, paying for everything I have enjoyed. I leave with regret this town. To my friends ever devoted and most respectfully, I bid you adieu.

VAN RESSALEAR PEIRSON, of **Goshen**, New York



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The Clarendon Courier will begin a new look in 1995. It will continue to be published four times a year, but instead of March, June, September, and December, it will come out in Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. You should get the Courier approximately the same time that you do now, this just gives us a little more time to deal with unavoidable delays, ie. printing schedules. Also the page numbering of the Courier will continue from one issue to the next. For example the last page of the Spring issue is page 20 and the first page of the Summer issue will be page 21. This will allow us to better index the publication. As you may have noticed the Courier is becoming more of a journal and less of a newsletter. Thanks for all the kind words and support over the years, concerning the Courier. Beverly Tetterton, Editor.

**Washington, D.C. Genealogical Research Trip**

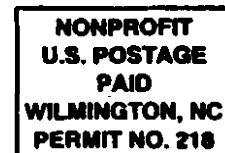
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