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[A letter written by John Mercer of Brunswick County, N.C. to Alfred Galloway who moved from Brunswick to Madison County, Mississippi.]

Lockwoods Folly
30 September 1854

Mr. Galloway,

Dear Friend:

As it has been a long time since you wrote me and since I have heard from you, I have concluded to avail myself of the present opportunity of writing you a few lines calculating you would occasionally like to hear from your old and long enjoyed native land and also from your relatives and friends. Myself, wife and six children are at present all in the enjoyment of reasonable health. My old mother and father are yet in the land of the living but as a matter of course, very weak and feeble, not able to get about half their time. Your relatives on here are at present, so far as I know, all well and doing well. Some already in good **circumstances** and others getting rich. There has not many of the citizens of Brunswick died since my last letter to you. June last Mr. Charles V. Fullwood died after a long and painful illness of some five months, leaving five minor children.

Times have greatly changed since you were in North Carolina. Though the State is old and to some extent abandoned, her resources are but begun to be developed. Since the spirit of emigration has abated new energies, new enterprises and renewed zeal seem to have taken place. We have a new court house about completed, costing above \$10,000, and a new Academy 40 ft square costing \$25 to \$30, all in Smithville. Considerable improvements are going on in Smithville in the way of building and in other ways. Wilmington has improved rapidly for the last ten years, and since the railroad from Wilmington to Charleston has been put in operation additional prosperity to the town and adjacent country may reasonably be expected.

On account of extreme dry weather the past Spring and part of the summer, crops on here are extremely short and so far as I can find out, it is with some exceptions a general thing throughout the Union.

We **have** recently been visited by a severe gale on this coast resulting in the destruction of a great many vessels and valuable lives. The gale started and was at its worst about the 8th and 9th of September. The Schooner, John Potts Brown, was wrecked and came ashore on the beach at a little west of the

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PEACOCK - IMMORTALITY
LAMP & BOOK - WISDOM
SHEAF OF WHEAT - PRODUCTIVITY
DRAPE UEN - DEATH

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mouth of Lockwoods Folly. The crew and passengers were 14 in number and but one was saved. I name this because it was here among us.

I must not omit telling you that we have had considerable excitement in this State last month in regard to the election of Governor, members of the Legislature, etc.. There never was so much rejoicing in old Brunswick at any result before as at the defeat of the Whigs by the Democrats. The Whigs brought out Russell and we, the Democrats, ran Col. Gaston Meares, son of William B. Meares, deceased. Though we have been in the minority for the last ten years, we beat 25 votes, we also beat 19 votes for Governor in Old Brunswick. So you see that Brunswick is again right side up and we hope so to remain for all time. Thomas Bragg, the Democrat. beat Gen. Dockery, the Whig, about 2400 votes in the State. We have some 22 majority in the Legislature on the ballot.

I could write for three hours more, but as it would be neither profitable nor interesting will close with a request that you soon write and please let me hear something from yourself and family and our Brunswick acquaintances, the Lockes, the Portevants, Thomas A. Smith and family, and others you may think of.

Respectfully your friend and humble servant,

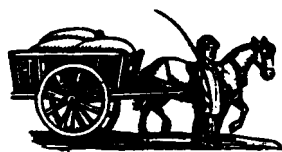
J.W. Mercer

[The above letter was transcribed by Ida Brooks Kellam for the Stamp Defiance Chapter, D.A.R. in 1937. Unfortunately there is no mention of where Mrs. Kellam got the letter. Her copy can be found in the Mercer family file, New Hanover County Public Library. Editor's note: Thousands of North Carolinians left for parts south during the antebellum period. They were looking for new cheap farm land, and the untouched stock of trees for tar, pitch and turpentine. Former southeastern North Carolinians can found everywhere, but especially in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Texas. Just look at the out of state license plates in the library parking lot. You can bet they are from these states, and you can bet you will find their owners in the Local History and Genealogy Room!].

WHERE DID YOUR NORTH CAROLINA ANCESTOR GO?

[The following was submitted by Bill Reaves, from the Wilmington Messenger, September 24, 1889.]

"Immigrant agent Wilson has been collating some statistics with reference to the number of North Carolinians in other States. He says that of runaway "Tar Heels" there are in Alabama, 23,269; South Carolina, 17,297; Georgia, 24,156; Florida, 6,297; Mississippi, 23,128; Louisiana, 6,202; Texas, 23,277; Tennessee, 41,918; Kentucky, 9,738; Arkansas, 19,727; Indiana, 20,884; Virginia, 22,505; Kansas, 5,809; Missouri, 15,925."



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 Spring 1996 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 at the Court House in **Wilmington** for the county of New Hanover on Monday, the **16th** day of Hay A. D. **1808** and in the 32nd year of Independence.

The court was opened with the usual proclamations.

Present the Worshipful: John HILL, Henry WATTERS, **Sam'l ASHE**.

James **LARKINS** and Samuel SWANN excused from attending this term as jurors.

Grand Jury drawn and sworn:

John SWANN, JR., foreman

Stokely SIDBURY

Dan'l HENDERSON

James MARSHALL

John **ATKINSON**

Samuel MABSON

Reuben EVERETT

James ALLEN

Anthony WILLIAMSON

Leonard MILLS

John **McFARLANE**

William MORRIS

John RILEY

Hillory MOORE

Jonathan STANLEY



Richard **EMBERTON** sworn as Constable on this jury.

Henry TAYLOR and Jesse COLLINS returned as Constables to attend this jury.

Ordered that a notice issue to the widow of Walter TORRENCE to appear at the next court and show cause, if any, why admn. on the estate of said TORRENCE should not be granted to William JONES.

Court adjourned till **10 o'clock** tomorrow.
Tuesday, **17th** Hay, **1808**

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: John HILL, Henry WATTERS, H. JAMES

A deed from James W. WALKER and Mary, his wife, to William GILES proved by E. J. OSBORNE, subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be registered.

Ordered that a commission issue to A. J. **DeROSSET** and H. KELLY to take the private examination of said Mary relative to her signing said deed.

Timothy **PIGFORD** appointed guardian to John, Sarah, Joseph, William, Deborah, and Andrew **EAKINS**, giving bond in

5000 lbs. with **Hinton** JAMES and Leonard MILLS, securities.

Ordered that the commissioners appointed to divide the estate of John DAVIS have until next term to make their return.

Samuel R. JOCELYN came into court and renounced his right of executorship upon the estate of Mary MALLETT.

The last Will and Testament, together with a codicil, of Mary MALLETT, exhibited in court and proved by the oath of S. R. JOCELYN, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

A deed from Wm. HOSKINS to William **HARRISS** exhibited to court under the signature of N. TAYLOR, one of the Justices of the peace for the county of **Newport, Rhode** Island, and ordered to be registered.

Stephen **FILLYAW**, **Hinton** JAMES, and Timothy WILSON appointed to divide the estate of James GREER between his heirs at law.

Admn. on the estate of Charlotte BUNTING granted to Samuel BUNTING, JR., giving bond in 2000 lbs. with Samuel BUNTING and David BUNTING as securities.

Richard **NIXON** and James FOY appointed to audit the accounts of the Excors. of Mark **McLAMMY**.

George NEWTON and Jesse COLLINS appointed to audit the accounts of Elizabeth EAKINS, guardian to the minors of Joseph EAKINS.

A deed from Solomon **HALLING** to Robert **HEWET** acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

Ordered that the county Treasurer in his settlement with William NUTT, Sheriff, allow the amount of **\$522.20**, being the amount of his account for a guard upon the jail.

William NUTT appointed and elected Sheriff of this county for the ensuing year, giving bond with William CAMPBELL and J. G. WRIGHT, securities.

A deed from William NUTT to H. B. HOWARD proved by H. WRIGHT and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from Samuel R. JOCELYN to H. B. HOWARD acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from Jeremiah SPICER to Reuben EVERETT proved by Edward ST. GEORGE, who swore to the signature of said Jeremiah, and ordered to be registered.

A deed from B. BYRNS to John McDUFFIE proved by John HENRY and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Thos. GIDDONS to Jno. McDUFFIE proved by John HENRY and ordered to be registered.

A deed from **Benj.** SMITH to Joshua G. WRIGHT proved by S. H. **SIBLEY** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from John LORD to Joshua G. WRIGHT proved by A. J. **DeROSSET** and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from George LUCAS to J. G. WRIGHT proved by Thos. HILL who swore the signature of the said George was

his proper handwriting and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Wm. G. BLOUNT to J. F. BURGWIN proved by J. G. WRIGHT and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Solomon BEESLEY to John JONES was acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from John R. LONDON to John LONDON proved by A. J. SIMPSON and ordered to be registered.

A deed from John HENRY to Daniel KERR proved by D. ROBESON and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Peter MAXWELL, John HILL, Samuel ASHE.

J. WILLIAMS vs S. BERNARD- Jury impanelled: Sam'l ASHE (Col), R. McDOUGALL, Josh CHADWICK, Chas. MURPHY, Jno. PICKET, Jno. WALKER, Cornelius MURPHY, Dan'l ATKINSON, Hosea PICKET, Robt. BENNETT, John WILLIAMS, Peter CARPENTER and find fc and assess plff-s damages — and costs. Appeal prayed and granted giving bond with Thos. SNEAD and James DIXON securities.

Ordered that the county Treasurer allow the Sheriff, Wm. NUTT, in his settlement with him the sum of \$28.32, being the amount of Benj. JACOB's bill for repairs on the jail.

William NUTT, Sheriff, allowed the sum of 30 lbs. for his last year's extra services.

Ordered that Timothy BLUDWORTH, F. T. BLUDWORTH, Wm. SHARPLESS, and James LARKINS be appointed to lay off to the widow of David WILLIAMS one year's provision out of the estate of said David.

Hinton JAMES appointed guardian to Margaret and Mary ERWIN, giving bond in 2000 lbs. with Wm. W. JONES and David JONES securities.

George ST. GEORGE came into court and made choice of Edward ST. GEORGE as his guardian giving bond in 2500 lbs. with _____ as his security.

Ordered that the Clerk of this court be allowed the sum of 25 lbs. for his extra services for last year.

Ordered that A. M. HOOPER, county Attorney, be allowed the sum of 80 lbs. for his services for the years 1806 and 1807.

Henry YOUNG vs John WILSON- Same jury and find fc and assess damages 21 lb. 7"6 and costs. Judgment agt. J. HARTMAN, security.

Admnr. HENDERSON vs E. MORSE- Same jury &c and assess plff's damages 15 lb. 19"2 and costs. Judgment agt. R. DORSEY, security.

J. HENRY vs W. MILLER- Same jury &c and assess plff's damages 12 lb. 12"6 and costs.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Wednesday, 18th May, 1808

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Peter MAXWELL, James FOY, Sam'l ASHE.

John JOHNSON vs Thos. SNEAD- Jury impanelled: Sam'l ASHE, R. McDOUGALL, Josh CHADWICK, Chas. MURPHY, Jno. PICKET, Thos. ROBESON, Dan'l ATKINSON, H. PICKET, D. ONEALL, Cornelius MURPHY, John WILLIAMS and Thos. HUNTER and find the debt did assume &c and assess damages 20 lb. & costs. Appeal prayed and granted, giving bond with Thos. COWAN and N. WILLIAMS, securities.

Agreeable to a commission issued to A. J. DeROSSET and H. KELLY to take the private examination of Mary J. WALKER, wife of James W. WALKER, relative to the execution of a deed of conveyance to Wm. GILES, make return upon the same that they have fulfilled the direction thereof and that the said Mary acknowledged she had executed said deed without fear or compulsion of her said husband.

The inventory of William GUFFORD rendered to court and ordered to be filed.

W. COLLINS vs WATERMAN- Same jury except Thos. ROBESON in whose place is Thos. SNEAD, and find &c and assess damages 15 lb. and costs. Motion for a rule on the plff to show cause why a new trial should not be granted. Rule granted. New trial granted.

A deed from John COSTIN to Wm. HANSLEY proved by James FOY and ordered to be registered.

A deed from D. BORDEAUX to D. BORDEAUX, JR. proved by A. D. BORDEAUX and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Henry WATTERS, D. JONES, Wm. GILES.

Nath'l HILL, Henry B. HOWARD, and Owen KENAN appointed to divide the personal estate heired by the children of Arthur MABSON from the estates of William MABSON and Mrs. Mary MABSON.

Duncan ROBESON came into court and qualified as a Justice of the peace for this county.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

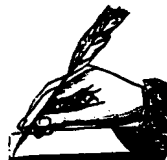
Thursday, 19th Hay, 1808

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Henry WATTERS, Wm. GILES, P. MAXWELL.

Grand Jury discharged.

Asa Hos vs Thos. HUNTER- Jury impanelled: Sam'l ASHE, R. McDUGALD, Josh CHADWICK, Chas. MURPHY, Jno. PICKET, Robt BENNETT, Dan'l ATKINSON, Hosea PICKET, Jno. NELSON, Cornelius MURPHY, Jno. WILLIAMS, Dan'l ONEILL and find &c and assess



damages 519 lb. 10 and costs.

John BLANKS, an orphan boy, bound to Henry SAMPSON to learn the trade of a chair maker.

A deed from William BUNTING to Benj. SMITH proved by Jacob LEVY who swore that he believed the signature of Isaac BISHOP, the subscribing witness thereto, was in the proper handwriting of said Isaac and ordered to be registered.

A deed from A. J. DeROSSET to Charlotte QUINCE, a Bill of Sale from the same to the same, a deed from Charlotte QUINCE to A. J. DeROSSET, and a Bill of Sale from same to the same, all proved by Joshua G. WRIGHT, the subscribing witness to them and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: John HILL, H. KELLY, W. GILES.

Thomas JENNINGS came into court and took the oath required by law to become a citizen &c.

GAUTIER & Co. vs LOWDER & ROGERS- John MITCHEL came into court and rendered his garnishment in this cause- Ordered that he be discharged.

A. HOS_____ vs Thos. HUNTER- Appeal prayed and granted giving George CAMERON and Thos. SNEAD as securities.

A deed from James DEVANE and Junius BLUDWORTH to John MURPHY proved by Cornelius MURPHY and ordered to be registered.

A deed from David HALL to Margaret SHERLOCK proved by Jesse COLLINS and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Timothy ORR to Lewton ORR and a deed from James MALPASS to Lewton ORR proved by David JONES and ordered to be registered.

A deed from James FOY to John AVERITT proved by Reubin AVERITT and ordered to be registered.

Dougald VALENTINE, an orphan, bound to Danl M c , he giving bond as required by law with J. HARTMAN and Jethro DARDEN as securities.

Admn. on the estate of John GALLOWAY granted to Thomas COWAN, giving bond in 1000 lbs. with Thos. SNEAD, security.

State vs L. BOWDEN- Jury impanelled: Sam'l ASHE, R. McDOUGALD, J. CHADWICK, Chas. MURPHY, Jno. PICKET, Jno. LARKINS, D. ATKINSON, H. PICKET, Thos. JENNINGS, C. MURPHY, J. WILLIAMS, R. TAYLOR and find the deft guilty. Judgment of the court that he be fined 20/ and costs.

State vs W. MILLER- Same jury and find the deft not guilty.

State vs Ned (a negro man, the property of John MITCHELL)- Same jury and find the deft not guilty-

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the worshipful: P. MAXWELL, H. KELLY, W. GILES.

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John **McCALL** appeared in open court and applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States and having complied with the Acts of Congress in such case made and provided and having declared on oath that he would support the Constitution of the United States and that he absolutely and entirely renounced and abjured all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever and particularly George the Third, King of Great Britain whose kingdom was the place of his nativity. Therefore, it is ordered that he be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.
Saturday, 21st Hay, 1808

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Wm. GILES, H. KELLY, J. M. GABIE
Admn. on the estate of Nancy LIVINGSTON granted to H. KELLY, giving bond in 500 lbs. with N. HILL, security.

N. HILL appointed guardian to John **McFAIL** giving bond in 1000 lbs. with H. KELLY, security.

The last Will and Testament of John NICHOLS exhibited to court and proved by J. JACOBS, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. At the same time Owen **KENAN** and Mary NICHOLS renounced their right of executorship,

Admn. cum testamento annex on the estate of John NICHOLS granted to **Rich'd** BRADLEY, giving bond in 500 lbs. with A. M. HOOPER and Wm. GILES, securities.

Jurors for Auaustr Term 1808.

Daniel KERR
Robert **LARKINS**
Wm. **LARKINS**
Michael LEE
Samuel LANE
Thomas LEWIS
Ezekiel LANE
John **LARKINS**
George **MCLAMMY**
Elijah **MCLAUREN**

Henry CANNON
Alexr, **McCULLOCH**
Nicholas **NIXON**
James PICKET
John PARKER
Thomas SNEAD
Edward **PIGFORD**
Michael BONEY
Moore WOOD
Jonathan ROTHWELL

Peter **ROBESON**
William WALKER
Joseph REGISTER
Hillory SIMMONS
Nathan WOMBLES
Robt BANNERMAN
John **MCAUSLAN**
Wm. STREDWICK
Roger MOORE
Richard QUINCE



Congratulations to John Wright Butler who received the Haskett Award during the ONHGS meeting in April. Named in honor of Delmas D. Haskett, who set the standard, the award is given annually for outstanding contributions to family history in the Lower Cape Fear region. Nobody deserves it more than John! His name is engraved on the plaque which hangs in the Library's local history and genealogy room and he was awarded the following certificate:



1995 Haskett Award

Whereas **John Wright Butler**

has been an **active** and constant supporter of the Society from the **early days**, *and*

has served as Soaety Vice President and President, *and*

has served **faithfully** on the Soaety publications **committee**, *and*

has volunteered countless hours transcribing Brunswick county **court minutes** for Soaety publication, *and*

has spent countless hours proofreading Society publications, *and*

has **cheerfully** contributed to and helped with the publishing of the *Clarendon Courier*, *and*

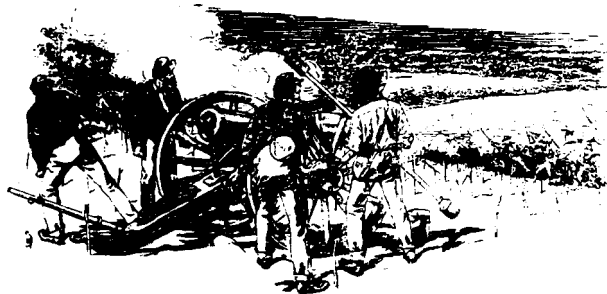
has been a strong supporter of the genealogical collections at the **New Hanover County Public Library**, *and*

has shared in an **unselfish** way his own personal genealogical research to whomever **was** lucky enough to **ask** for it, *and*

has through his **excellent** and accurate genealogical research made an everlasting and **important impact** on Lower Cape Fear family history,

Therefore,

the Old **New Hanover Genealogical Soaety** honors
John Wright Butler with the **Haskett Award**
for his outstanding contributions
to the field of genealogical research for the year 1995.



The following letter was published in the News & Observer,
Raleigh, N. C. August 30, 1881:

The Fight at Fort Fisher
By A Survivor

Warsaw, N. C. August 10, 1881
Editor Daily Review:

Having read several communications in the papers of late concerning Fort Fisher, and being an eye witness to all that took place at Fort Fisher before and during the last attack made on the fort by the federal forces, I write this note to say that Col. William LAMB was the commander of the fort while that chain of sand batteries and the mound were being constructed by the 36th North Carolina troops and about 300 negro laborers. These works were called Fort Fisher in honor of the late Col. FISHER and Col. LAMB was in command of the fort during both attacks made on the fort by the federals, and remained in command until he was wounded while leading the third charge our handful of soldiers made on the enemy's legions that were charging and pouring into the fort on the land face near the river. It was in this charge that Col. LAMB fell seriously wounded and was carried off the field to a place of safety, if such a place had been possible, and then the command devolved upon Maj. REILLY, he being the ranking officer. I must not neglect to mention that Gen. W. H. C. WHITING had previously fallen wounded while leading the second charge of our troops made on the Federal forces. How it was that Gen. WHITING was not chief in command during the fight I have never been able to learn, but that he was in the fight and wounded as above stated are certainly facts, for I saw these things and know whereof I speak. And after we were all made prisoners of war, I shall never forget what Gen. WHITING said while passing us where the Yankees were guarding us. The wounded General came along, borne on a litter by some of his own soldiers, and though it was dark, he knew us, and said, "Goodbye, boys; they have got us but you have done your duty well."

Gen. BRAGG might have displayed bad generalship in refusing to order Gen. HOKE to attack the Federal forces while landing, or afterwards, but at the same time, he displayed a wonderful sense of humanity when he refused to sacrifice the lives of HOKE's division in an already hopeless cause, because PORTER's fleet could have nearly destroyed a large army before they could have got in shooting distance of the federals while landing, or after they did land, and no doubt but Gen. Bragg was aware of this. In fact, we know he was, and the only thing for which Col. LAMB could be blamed was in not surrendering the fort on conditions Sunday

morning, January 15th. He could not help seeing then that the fort would soon be captured as all the guns on the land face were already dismounted by shot and shell from the fleet, and we did not have enough men to cope with their infantry. We were about 2,500 strong and the enemy had 9,000 troops landed and besides, the Federals believed the fort nearly impregnable and would, no doubt, have given good terms had it been proposed to them. This would have saved the lives of many who died in prison. But Col. LAMB's idea was to die but not surrender, which was a bad one while contending against superior numbers and resources.

The fleet appeared off the fort on Thursday night, the 12th of January, 1865 about 10 or 11 o'clock, and proceeded to land at once, and by daybreak were prepared to move on the fort. Of course, the land forces entrenched themselves as fast as possible and about 8 o'clock on Friday morning the fleet steamed up as near as they seemed to want to, the famous Ironsides taking the nearest position to the fort, where she dropped anchor and assumed a daring attitude and invited the fort to the combat. Everything about the fort was quiet and still. All nature seemed to be resting. You could hardly see a ripple on the ocean. Every man in the fort was at his post ready to do his duty. But this unusual silence only lasted 15 or 20 minutes, when the shrill and sharp but firm voice of Col. LAMB was heard to ring out upon the air: "**Cumberland Battery, fire!**", and the Blakely guns belched forth their heavy 128 lb. steel pointed shots, striking the wheelhouse of the Ironsides plumb, but doing her no damage whatever. This gave the signal for action and the Ironsides and the whole fleet immediately opened fire on the fort, bringing six hundred guns to bear and throwing 500 shot and shell inside the fort to the minute. All Fort Fisher opened fire on the fleet. A cloud of smoke and flame soon formed over the fort and one could no longer hear anything but one continuous roar that seemed louder than thunder. The shower of exploded shell and the Greek fire with which a great many were loaded was terrible in the extreme. The fort kept up as steady a fire as possible. Our men behaved nobly and braved the hot waves of fire and smoke and deadly showers of **castiron**. Sometimes whole detachments would be killed and wounded in trying to get to the guns where a detachment had already succumbed to the deadly hail. This continued until about midnight when the fleet ceased firing until Saturday morning at sunrise, when they opened on the fort again, more terrific then ever, if possible, and kept up the fire all day Saturday and Saturday night and all day Sunday until about 3 o'clock P.M., when the enemy discovered they had dismounted all the guns on the land face of the fort. About 500 mariners then landed and attempted to enter the fort at or near the Cumberland Battery, but Col. LAMB was still there,



and some of these guns not being dismounted, he used grape and canister shot, and drove them back with great slaughter. Seeing this movement was a failure, the enemy ordered his infantry to charge the fort by way of the gate or road leading into the fort near the river. This was done and then came the tug of war. The enemy came charging into the fort. We had a light battery stationed near the gate to defend it, and they did it nobly until overpowered by numbers, and their guns taken away from the few survivors of the company, who were made prisoners. About this time the guns on the mound were turned to bear on the gate, and the heaps of dead men there showed what effect the well-timed shell from the mound had in checking the **enemy's** entrance into the fort. The guns of the whole fleet were now turned on the mound, and cannonading was rapid and severe; but in the meantime Gen. WHITING, Col. LAMB, and other officers had rallied all the force possible and made three unsuccessful charges upon the enemy, who was now strong in numbers and within the fort, in which both Gen. WHITING and Col. LAMB were wounded, as I have stated, and a great number of men killed and wounded on both sides. What troops we had then fell back and took shelter along the sea face of the fort, which led to the mound on the right of the fort. The fleet then ceased firing so that their infantry could go down to the land face, along which they had to do some fighting. Our men stubbornly retreated toward the mound. Darkness was now hovering over the field of carnage and blood. From the mound our forces retreated to the Marine Battery on the extreme point. When we reached this battery the marines had spiked the guns and crossed the river in their boats, and we could retreat no further. We then decided to make no further resistance. The enemy marched his heavy columns down near to us and sent an officer with a flag, who asked for the commanding officer. He was told that Major REILLY was the man, and whether the Major surrendered in form and ceremony I **don't** know. We were marched out of the fort that night about three miles up the coast, where we remained until we were put on transports and shipped to northern prisons, and left the key to the Confederate States in possession of the federal authorities. But before we were marched on board the transports which would carry us North--and more than two-thirds of us to our last resting places, for more than two-thirds of our men died in prison--and while we were yet on the beach three miles above the fort, we witnessed the blowing up of the supply magazine in the fort, which contained about 10,000 pounds of gunpowder and other ordnance stores, and the enemy being encamped near by, it was said five hundred of their men were killed by the explosion as also some of our wounded. This magazine was a solid house made of timber fourteen inches square and then sand put on to the depth of thirty feet and

turfed over. These timbers were blown up about one mile high, and came down tumbling end over end as though they were as light as cornstalks. This explosion occurred on Wednesday morning, January 18, 1865, a little after sunrise. It was said that some of our men told the Yankee soldiers that there was a barrel of whisky buried in the magazine, and it being dark inside, some fellow went in with a torch to look for it. The writer passed there on the next day, and the dead and different parts of dead men were a ghastly sight to behold. The federals made a great mistake in taking Fort **Fisher**, as they could have done without it, and the Confederates made a great blunder in trying to hold it, as the time would and did come when it would have been of no use to them.

Respectfully.

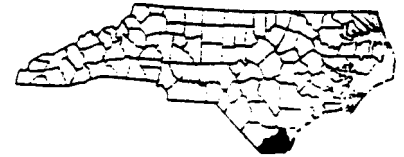
B. L. BLACKMORE

[B.L. Blackmore, the writer of the above letter, was born near **Warsaw**, Duplin County, North Carolina, July 4, 1844; died Warsaw, North Carolina, September 23, 1921. He was a **member** of Company A, 36th Regular N.C. Volunteers, Confederate States of America. Submitted by Helen Moore **Sammons**. For all the fans of Civil War research, in the next issue of the Clarendon Courier we will begin a list of men who were killed, captured, or wounded at the **battle** of Fort **Fisher**.]



Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of biographical sketches in the Courier. If you would like to contribute to future issues, please send biographical **information** along with at least one document, ie., will, deed, pension, naturalization, letter, diary **entry**, etc. Illustrations are welcome.

According to an article in the Jan-Feb Genealogy Bulletin by William Dollarhide, genealogy is rapidly becoming the number one hobby in America for adults, particularly for those in their 30s or over. According to a nationwide survey 87.5 million of **us** are "actively involved" or "somewhat involved" in genealogical research. That **means** there are plenty of cousins out there looking for you!



BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, LAND GRANT BOOK "A"

[Brunswick County was formed in 1764 from New Hanover and Bladen counties. In 1808 part of Brunswick was taken to from Columbus County. the original land grants can be found at the North Carolina Department of Archives, Raleigh, N.C. A microfilm copy of Brunswick County Land Grants, 1788-1815, Vol. A can be found in the New Hanover Public Library. these abstracts are taken from an 1883 transcription done by H.K. Ruark, Brunswick County Register of Deeds. The first number given is the page number, the second number given is the land grant number. All of the grants are signed by the then serving NC governor. On page 41, following the land grants, is a copy of a plat of David Allison's grant of 41.600 acres. Allison was a land speculator and this particular grant stretched from Town Creek, to the present day entrance to Sunny Point Military Terminal, to the town of Supply in southern Brunswick County. Copies of these interesting land plats can often be found along with the written grant and it is worth the time looking for them. The plat was submitted by Frank Galloway and John Butler. Suzanne Lamble skillfully cleaned it up for publication. Continued from the SPRING 1996 Courier.]

- P- 24, #277. Thomas Nevele - 100 acres - Livingston Creek, also mentions Peter Nevele corner. 12 Nov. 1793. [Probably Newell not Nevele.]
- P- 26, #290. Samuel Bell - 150 acres - joins his own land. 8 Dec. 1790.
- P- 27, #291. Josiah Ward - 100 acres - West side of Waccamaw River, East side of Seven Creeks. 8 Dec. 1794.
- P- 28, #285. Thomas Ward - 100 acres on Seven Creeks. 6 Dec. 1794.
- P- 29, #272. Moses Williams - 100 acres - West side of Seven Creeks. 16 Jan. 1795.
- P- 30, #290. Joseph Buck - 50 acres - East side of Seven Creeks on Boggy Branch. 6 Dec. 1788.
- F- 31, #172. William Goodman - 200 acres - Gum swamp on Waccamaw River. 11 July 1788.
- P- 37, #270. Joseph Bryant - 200 acres - Great Pond Branch. 15 Oct. 1783.
- P- 33, #271. John Rogers - 50 acres - East side of Waccamaw River opposite Trippings Bluff. 16. Jan. 1795.
- F- 34, \$307. Benjamin Smith - 100 acres - North side of head of Lockwoods Folly River joining James Bell's land. 22 Dec. 1796.
- P-35, #308. Benjamin Smith - 100 acres on both sides of Gap Branch. 22 Dec. 1796.
- P- 36, #309. Benjamin Smith - 640 acres - Lower side of Livingston Creek, a little above mouth of Lincombs branch and a place called Bandon. 22 Dec. 1796.

P- 37, no number listed. Nathaniel Hill - 100 acres - **West** side of Waccamaw at the thoroughfare of Gum Branch. 1790 (no day or month listed).

P- 38. #304. Henry Willetts - 75 acres joining his and Job Holden's land and Mr. Dupre's land. 22 Dec. 1796.

F- 39, #306. William Gause - 100 acres - both sides of Shalotte Swamp, joining Samuel D. Willetts land. 22 Dec. 1790.

P- 40, no number listed. William Gause - 50 acres - head of Little River. Also mentions Newet Edward's corner, Joseph Theams line, John Ludlam's line. 22 Dec. 1790.

P- 41, #251. Lewis Dupree - 300 acres - north side of Elizabeth River, first Bluff below the Beaver Dam Branch. 16 Nov. 1790.

P- 42, #264. John Mooney - 50 acres - South side of Sole's Mill Pond Branch, including David Marlow's improvements. 16 Nov. 1790.

P- 43, #330. Ebenezer Hewett - 50 acres - on Maple Gulley. 8 Dec. 1797.

P- 44, #314. Charles Gause - 200 acres - Middle Swamp near William Sparkman's Plantation. Also mentions Samuei Hammond's line. 24 Nov. 1798.

P- 45, #317. Charles Gause - 300 acres - North side of Middle Swamp. Also mentions Samuel Hammon's line. 24 Nov. 1798.

P- 46, #281. John Atkinson - 50 acres - East side of Cypress Creek. Also mentions Arthur Robins, James Corbet's corner. White Swamp. 6 Dec. 1794.

P- 47, #282. John Atkinson - 100 acres - also mentions James Corbet's line. 6 Dec. 1794.

P- 48, #320. Phillip Hewett - 100 acres - In a marsh on **Bacons** Island. Also mentions tract of Joseph Hewett, **Bacons's** Creek and Red Landing Creek. 2 Dec. 1797.

P- 49. #258. Benjamin Smith - 140 acres - **West** side of Cape Fear River, between Old Town and a tract lately property of Mr. Eneller (?). 18 July 1794.

P- 50. #321. William Gibbs - 50 acres - Head of **Emperor** Branch. 2 Dec. 1797.

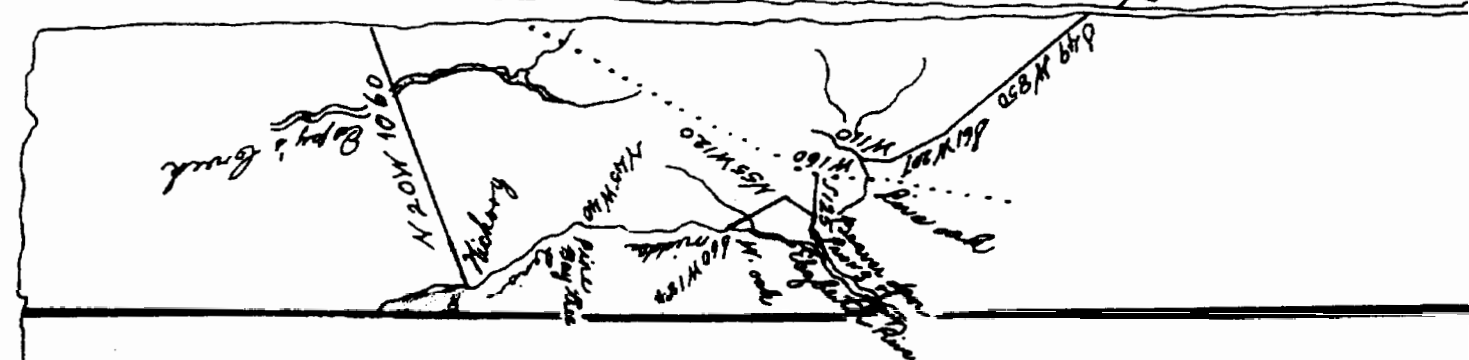
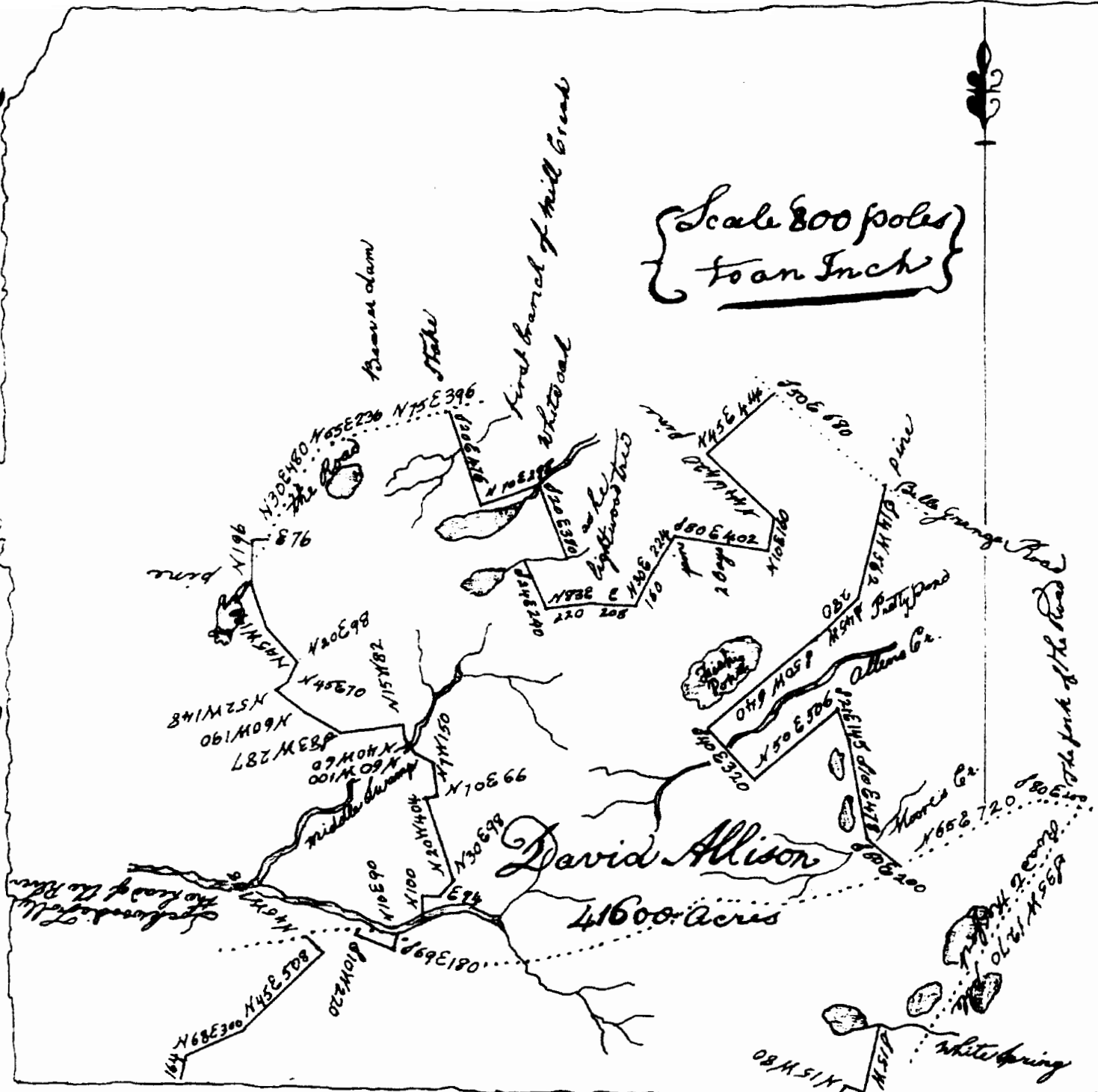
P- 51, #319. Samuel Rourk - 100 acres - Roans Branch, where Eagles line crosses it, signs it over to "mv son William Rourk." 23 July 1793.

P- 52, #315. John Roots - 100 acres - On both sides of Indian Creek. 24 Nov. 1797.

P- 53, #516. John Roots - 500 acres - Indian Creek on both sides of Boon's line, Northwest road. 24 Nov. 1797.

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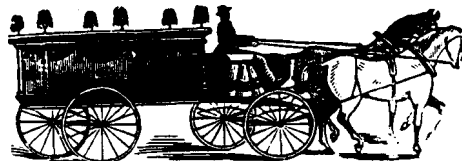


MEMORIALS

It was a sad day for all genealogists who love the history of the Cape Fear region when ONHGS member Walton Graves died on March 13, 1996. Walt and his lovely wife Mae Blake Graves were charter members and avid supporters of our society. They have opened their house several times to the society for our annual picnic, and during the past Christmas season for a superb party celebrating their home, Sloop Point Plantation, recently designated the oldest house in the entire state of North Carolina. He lovingly restored Sloop Point, was an excellent researcher and fine historian who read the Colonial Records of North Carolina for fun. Although he was only 65 years old, we are pleased that death was swift and painless. We will miss his pleasant smile and longtime **commitment** to the enhancement of history in our region. We are also sorry to hear of the **illness** of his dear wife Mae. Our hearts and minds are with you, hoping for your speedy recovery.

We lost another great local historian and genealogist on March 29, 1996 when Wayne Arnold of Burgaw passed away. Wayne, who would have reached 90 on his next birthday, was a life long collector of local history, genealogy, and lore. He was a charter member of the Pender County Historical Society and an active member of the Moore's Creek Battleground Association. He was always willing to share his vast array of local information. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his wife Mary Blake Arnold, who is currently recovering from a broken hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

On April 20, 1996, Dorothy Woods, long time assistant in the library's local history room passed away. "Dot," as she was affectionately known by all the local researchers, assisted every user with her unique combination of diligence, insight and gentleness. Her primary job was organizing and maintaining the library's extensive files. All of you who write regularly for the Reaves Collection files, have Dot to thank for your timely and courteous reply. She was also responsible for strengthening the local African-American collections. She was a good researcher and a fine librarian. We miss her, especially her sweet smile when she said "may I help you, please."





NEW HANOVER COUNTY DEED BOOK C

[Many of the earliest records of New Hanover County were destroyed by courthouse fires. What was left of the first two deed 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 out of New Hanover in 1734, Duplin County in 1750, Brunswick County in 1764, part of New Hanover was annexed by Sampson County in 1795, and last but not least, Pender County was farmed from New Hanover in 1875. The following abstracts of Deed Book C, which covers many early records of the above mentioned counties, was compiled by Ida Brooks Kellam in 1939. Continued from the SPRING 1996 Courier.]

Page 247. Francis Davis and Lewis DeRosset of Wilmington, Executors of will of Francis Veale decd. late of Wilmington, apptd. "William Veale late of Bridgewater in that part of Great Brittain called England, mariner, son of Francis Veale decds." his atty. Wit: Richard Hellier, Moses John DeRosset.

Page 248. Will of Jerimiah Griffith of North Carolina, New Hanover County dated Oct. 16, 1349. to wife Mary Griffith a piece of land on Wither's Creek joining Mr. Peter Batson's estate. Wit: James Gordon, Thomas Beesley, John Avirett.

Page 248. Will of James Sidbury of New Hanover Co. dated Dec. 1, 1748, "Proved in Open Court by Elizabeth Bishop now Eizabeth Averett, wife of Nathaniel Xverett." The Plantation where I now live, 260 acres to be sold, said land at South of Beasley's Creek. To the three children, Moses, George, and Comfort, three-fourths of the estate. Executors: Brother Woodman Sidbury and Thomas Beasley. Wit: Elizabeth Bishop, ? Dudley.

Page. 250. Feb. 23, 1749. George Moore, Esq., of New Hanover Co and Mary his wife, to Matthew Rowan, Esqr. of same place, land. Matthew Rowan and George Moore jointly owning lands on Alligator Creek. Said Moore and wife Mary sell said Rowan their interest in 3560 acres. Wit: Maurice Moore, Junr., George Hvrne, Maurice Moore, Senr.

Page 254. June 11, 1750. George Moore delivered to Matthew Rowan above named lands. Wit: John Gibbs, John Rowan.

Page 255. William Forbes, Esqr., of New Hanover Co., to John Sampson, Esqr. of same place, negro girl now in possession of Edward Porter in trust for Eleanor Porter wife of said Edward Porter. Nov. 27, 1750.

Page 256. May 2, 1750. Sarah Grove of New Hanover Co. widow, to Francis Davis, merchant of Wilmington, lot joining Ann Walker opposite lot of Dr. Armand DeRosset, said lot formerly bought of Sarah Grove from Robert Halton, Esqr. deceased. May 8, 1745. Wit: Robert Halton, John E. Hutchinson.

Page 257. Received May 2, 1750, of Mrs. Francis Davis 60 pounds sterling money of Great Brittain payment for lot. Signed Sarah Grove.

Page 257. April 16, 1750. Caleb Grainger, Esqr. of Wilmington, and Mary his wife to Ralph Bugnion (?), mercht, of same place lot of Front St. joining John Lyons. Wit: Richard Hellier, William Walker, John Jones.

Page 259. William Yeoman and John Burgwin of Charles Town, South Carolina, merchts. apptd. Benjamin Wheatly, Esqr. and Capt. Richard Quince of Cape Fear, their attys. to "apply to the Governor of North Carolina for Letters of Administration to be granted as principal creditors to Thomas Jukes, Atty. decsd. Wit: Robert Johnston, Ben Oxford.

Page 260. William Yeomans of Charles Town, South Carolina, mercht. appt. Benjamin Wheatly, Esqr. of Cape Fear, and Mr. John Burgwin of Charies Town, his attys. to collect from Mr. James McManus. Feb. 23, 1750. Wit: Robert Johnston, Andrew Peterson, Ben Oxford.

Page 261. Julv 12, 1750. Robert Ellis, late of Philadelphia, PA, but at present "residing in the City of London in Great Brittain, mercht. and Catherine his wife to Robert Ellis, Jr. Mercht. of Philiadelphia, PA, son of first named Robert Ellis, Whereas in a certain Indenture and Release bearing date respectively the 29 and 30 of Julv 1735, made between Moreau Sarrazin of Charleston, SC, Silversmith, and Elizabeth his wife, to said Robert Ellis the father, released a Plantation of 500 acres in Craven Co, SC on Black River, joining Mr. Lloyd, Mr. John Green, and Meredith Hughes, Esqr., and whereas Anthony White of Craven County, SC, Planter, did on July 14, 1736 sell Robert Ellis the father 22 acres in Craven Co. joining Elisha Seresen. And whereas John Watson of Hanover Precinct in Bath County, NC, did on Sept. 8, 1737, sell Robert Ellis the father one Lot in Newton, said "Lot was distinguished by the Plan of Matthew Higgenbotham to be Number 13." And whereas Michael Higgins did on Feb. 24, 1741 Quit Claim said lot No. 13 unto Robert Ellis, the father, so now Robert Ellis the father and Catherine his wife sell to Robert Ellis the son, said Robert and Catherine moving. Wit: Stephen Mesnard, James Sherley, William McKnight, Sealed and delivered by above Catherine Ellis in presence of Magdalene Swif, Robert Ballentine.

Page 265. Robert Ellis late of Philadelphia "but now of the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields in the County of Middlesex in the Kingdom of Great Brittain, mercht," because of moving apptd. his son Robert Ellis his atty. Aug. 18, 1750.

Page 266. Hon'l James Hambelton, Esqr., Lieut. Governor of Pennslyvania and Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex upon the Delaware, signed papers to above Attorneyship. April, 1751.

Page 267. Jan. 19, 1750. Margaret White of Wilmington, George Brown of Bladen County, Planter, and William Faris Esqr. of Wilmington Executors of Will of William White, descd. to Daniel Dubibin of New York, mariner, lot joining John Sampson, Esqr. fronting Market Street. Wit: Joshua Toomer, Ralph Bugnion.

Page 268. David Williams of New Hanover Co. Planter, to Henry Skibbow, Surveyor of same place, Plantation in New Hanover Co. in Forks of Holly Shelter Creek known by name of Skibbows Place, whereon he lately lived. Nov. 26, 1750. Wit: Richard Player, Richard Earle.

Page 269. Henry Skibbow Surveyor, of New Hanover Co., to Alexander Lillington, Gent., of same place, land joining Mr. Lillington's home place. Aug. 1, 1750. Wit: Mary Maule, David Williams, Edward Doty.

Page 270. Thomas Child, Esqr. of Wilmington, his Majesty's Attorney General of North Carolina, apptd. James Innis, Esqr. of New Hanover Co. member of His Majesty's Honorable Council of said Province and Francis Corbin, Esqr. of Edenton in Chowan Co. one of the agents of the Right Honorable Earl Granville for transacting his affairs...to be attorney of said Childs to collect for him. Aug. 1, 1751.

Page 271. Will of Henry Patterson, Joyner, in Wilmington, July 7, 1751. All estate after debts are paid to wife, Ann Patterson. Wit: Thomas Newton, John Walker.

Page 272. Ann Veale and Elizabeth Vealie both of Bridgewater in County of Somerset, Spinsters, because of moving, apptd. their brother William Veale of Wilmington their atty. to collect moneys due them by the will of their father Francis Veale, desc'd. of Wilmington, Feb. 16, 1750. Wit: Jno Cole, Vicar of Bridgewater, Hon. Parson, Clerk.

Page 273. James Spedding of White Haven in County of Cumberland, mercht. apptd. Hugh Gwyn of Whitehaven afsd. mariner, commander of the "Betty and Jenny," his atty. and agent to collect from Roger Moore, mercht. of Cape Fear. March 3, 1750. Wit: John Dove, Isaac Bellemer.

Page 274. Robert Stanton of New Hanover Co., Planter, apptd. Alexander McKeithan of Wilmington, Taylor, his atty. May 17, 1751. Wit: Thomas James, Moses Jno Derosset.

Page 275. John Rutherford of Wilmington, mercht. gave bond to Robert Halton, Gent. on June 12, 1751, for slaves purchased from Francis Davis. Wit: David Lindsay, Robert Schaw.

Page 276. Sept. 14, 1750. Robert Stanton of New Hanover Co., Planter, to John Sampson of Wilmington lot on North side of Market St. joining Samuel Swann, Esqr. and William White, desc'd. now in possession of Margaret White. Signed: Robert Stanton, and wife Fortune Stanton.

Page 278. Richard Eagles, Esqr. of New Hanover Co. to James Murray, Esqr. of same place. 170 acres on Hoods Creek, land formerly belonging to Robert Halton, Esqr. "on East by North West Branch of Cape Fear River lying in Parrish of St. Phillips." Dec. 9, 1750. Wit: James Innes, John Rutherford.

Page 279. April 6, 1749. Anthony DuBose of New Hanover Co. and Rebecca his wife to Moses John DeRosset of same place, lot on Front St. joining Thomas Hedges and Joshua Grainger. Wit: Augustus Laurens, James Robeson.



Page 281. June 19, 1748. Caleb Grainger of New Hanover County and Mary his wife to Rufus Marsden of Wilmington, lot on South side of Dock Street beginning at Elizabeth Watters eastermost corner opposite lot of Charles Harrison. The money, 26 pounds, paid by said Rufus Marsden was monev of John Scarborough, Uncle of Ann Cowan of Wilmington. After decease of Ann Cowan rents to go to Susannah Shirley and Ann Shirley. Mar. 5, 1749. Wit: Samuel Green, Richard Hellier, William Harrison.

Page 283. May 10, 1750. Richard Hellier swore to said deed.

Page 283. Jan. 21, 1750, Before Rt. Hon. Thomas Taylor, Esqr. Lord Mayor of City of Dublin in Ireland, and John Kathrens Notary...appeared Hugh Lawther, Gent. of Hurdlestown in County of Meath in Kingdom of Ireland, and declared himself to be the brother-in-law and Devisee of will of Joseph Woodward Gent. descd. late of Wilmington, N.C. Said Joseph did in Wilmington possess much property or real estate. Francis Davis, mercht. of Wilmington, obtained letters of administration of said Joseph Woodward. Hugh Lawther apptd. Mr. Lewis DeRosset of Wilmington his atty. to collect from Francis Davis.

Page 285. James Middlesex Walker, Gent. of Wilmington, apptd. Thomas O'Neal Gent., of Bladen Co. North Carolina his atty. Feb. 27, 1750. Wit: Alexander Sloan, Richard Hellier.

Page 286. August 1, 1750. Caleb Grainger and Mary his wife to John Lyon, mercht. of Wilmington, lot on Front and Second Streets, now in possession of John Lyon and John Merrick, opposite water lot of John Doughty, descd. Wit: Moses John DeRosset, Richard Hellier. "Mary Grainger wife of Caleb Grainger, Esqr. being privately examined by me, James Murray, Chairman of the Court, said she did it voluntarily."

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From the Wilmington Star, September 8, 1877... "There are two pensioners of the War of 1812 in Sampson, to wit: John Boon, who is 84 years old, and Uncle Elbert Strickland, who says he is 85. They were stationed at a place which, they say, was called Greenfield, below Wilmington, under the command of Captain Caleb Stevens."

From the Wilmington Weekly Star, June 13, 1873...(excerpt from the Magnolia Advertiser)... "Mr. C. Stevens, of Onslow, who recently obtained twenty-four Germans for laborers on his farm in Onslow County is much pleased with them. His neighbors of Richland Township propose holding a meeting on the 14th prox., to consider the best means of obtaining about two hundred more."

From the Wilmington Weekly Star, June 7, 1873... "A colony of Canadians recently settled on the Cape Fear River, below Elizabethtown, for turpentine, farming and timber business."

[Submitted by Bill Reaves.]

ONHGS QUERIES

SUMMER 1996

4-96. Seek origins and extended family of Tibby **COWEN**, lived 1797 East side of Cypress Creek, Gum Swamp, New Hanover Co., NC, next door to Thoms **LAMB**. Also, of Alexander **HENDRY/HENRY** and wife Flora **SELLERS**, their children all born in Scotland and buried in Pender Co., NC: James, born circa 1750, m. Mary **MURPHY**; William born circa 1758, married Barbara **MURPHY**; Alexander, born circa 1760, married Thankful **CROMARTIE**; John, Charles, Isabella "Bell", and Robert who may have married Thankful **HENRY** and Mary **HENRY**. **Carletta Olivia HARVEY, 1199 Hayes Forest Drive, Apt. 801 B, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-3373.**

5-96. Seek origins and extended family of Martin **WELLS**, patented **Duplin Co., NC**, land 1760; moved to Montgomery Co., TN, after 1796 with brother David **WELLS**; married to Mary, daughter of David **JONES** from ~~where~~ **Calvert Co., MD?** **Carol WELLS, 607 Williams Ave., Natchitoches, LA 71457.**

6-96. Seek origins and extended family of Alvis **KENNEDY (1814-1895)**, buried Bellevue Cemetery, Wilmington, NC; also, his son Alvis **CANADY/KENNEDY**, born 1832, his wife Mary Ann **CROCKER**, and their children Flora Ida and James Andrew **KENNEDY**. **James A. KENNEDY, 257 Woodhaven Road, Glastonbury, CT 06033.**

WELCOME

Carol Weiss, ONHGS secretary, welcomes new members: Walter H. **Schramm** from Centralia, Missouri; M. Dianne Schell from Royal Oak, Michigan; Mr. C.E. Robbins, Jr. from Lynchburg, Virginia; Frances Keith from Tallahassee, Florida; Jane M. Nicholson from Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina; and Mr. J.D. Causey from Wilmington, North Carolina. She also welcomes back former ONHGS member, Georgia W. **Smallman** from **Wilmington**. According to Carol's records the society has members from 26 different states including Maryland, Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Delaware, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, California, **Washington D.C.**, and Missouri. Please let us hear from you, and if **you** are in **Wilmington** we would love to show you our wonderful town. Send us a query and any information that you wish us to run in the Courier. This is your organization and we want to help you!

Genealogical Notes From the New **Hanover** County Public Library

Bill Reaves is back in the swing of things and adding to his extensive family files at the Library. Bill has recently given the library the following family files: **Casteen**, Derby, Glameyer, Gautier, Hale & Hales, Hand, Hollis, Hodges & Hodge, Joyner, Knowles, Kuck, **McEachern**, Morgan, Ottoway, Rulfs, and Williams (four parts). Bill will type up whatever he has in his files on your family, so please let us know if you are interested. If you want a copy of a family file send a self-addressed-stamped envelope to Local History & Genealogy Room, New Hanover County Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28601. The staff will count the number of pages and inform you as to the cost of the file (15 cents per page and postage and handling).

The local history room has recently received two grants to publish an African-American history reference book on **Wilmington**. The library thanks the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources for the grants. Written by Bill Reaves, the book will contain much genealogical data. Look for it in the near future!

ONHGS member Carletta Olivia Harvey has published her family history, **Bearden, Henry, Kersey, Harvey, Lamb and Related Families**. She has graciously donated a copy to ONHGS and it is now in the public library. Descendants who are interested may want to contact Mrs. Harvey. The book is hard cover, 389 pages, and with an every name index. It includes 8 generations of the above mentioned families with sources, family documents and pictures. Order from Carletta Olivia Harvey, 1199 Hayes Forest Drive, Apt. 801 B, **Winston-Salem**, NC, 27106-3373. The cost is \$45.00 plus \$3.00 shipping.

The editor thanks Helen Moore Sammons, Bill Reaves, Van Stilley, Frank Galloway, Suzanne **Lamble**, Carol **Weiss**, and John Butler for their contributions to this issue of the Courier. The deadline for the Fall 1996 edition is August 10, 1996.

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