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[The above list will be continued in future Couriers and will include the many enlisted men as well. This list was obtained from the library at the Fort Fisher State Historic Site in Kure Beach, North Carolina. It was compiled from North Carolina Troops 1861-1865, published by the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. The following letter written from Governor's Island, New York, hopefully presents the conditions of the majority of prisoners mentioned above, although many did not fare as well as John N. Kelly.]

Governor's Island, New York
 January 28th, 1865

Miss Nancy Kelly,
 Elizabethtown, North Carolina

Dear Sister,

Some days ago, I wrote Mollie a note, in which I stated that we were being carried to Fort Delaware. We had heard last Thursday evening. We are in very comfortable Barracks, and our fare is all that Prisoners could ask of any People. We have met with kindness ever since our Capture; but no where have we received better treatment than here. We are only afraid that we will be sent to some other prison, which is very probable, as I learned our stay here is only temporary. I have not as yet been able to learn where the enlisted men have been sent, have not **seen** or heard from Colin and Daniel since they left Fort Fisher, on the day before we left there. I hope they have met kind treatment and that you have had a hearing from them in this. I am in my usual degree of health- feel the **extreme** cold very sensibly when "out doors," but get on very well "indoors." As most others did, I lost most of clothing too at Fisher, but I am in hopes I will get along with what I have. The most of Officers are in the usual good health. Hope you are enjoying fine health, and continue to do well. I will not write more this time. You can address me here, if moved, letters will be forwarded- I send you 2 U.S. postage Stamps- Remember me kindly to all my friends- Keep in good heard, all will come well yet.

Good Bye Sister.

Your brother John N. Kelly



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 formed from New Hanover in 1875. The following abstracts of Deed Book C, which covers many of the earliest records from the above mentioned counties, was compiled by Ida Brooks Kellam in 1939. Continued from SUMMER 1996 Courier.]

Page 286. Will of Roger Moore of the Parish of St. Phillips, New Hanover County, March 7, 1747/8.

1. To son George Moore and his heirs a plantation called Kendall, an all lands bounding on Mr. Allen's Creek and all lands between the Thorofare and Black River known by name of Maultsby's Point, all lands on the Island opposite and one half of tract of land in fork of River known by the name of Mt. Misery, same to be divided as son George sees fit and then "my William" to take his choice one year after my decease, and 500 acres on North West River between lands of Mr. John Dallison, decsd. and that tract bought of Mr. John Porter decsd. on Nuest River near Saxapaw Old Fields, 325 acres, a lot in Brunswick where Mr. Ross now lives, joining Dr. Fergus's House with the wharf and all improvements.
 2. To son George a negro.
 3. To son William Moore my Plantation called **Orton** where I now dwell, joining Kendall and all lands Southward on Creek, 2500 acres, also 640 acres at Rocky Point, joining Mr. Allen's and the remaining one half of 5500 acres known as Mt. Misery and all the tract bounded by the river and Smith's Creek and 5000 acres near the Head of Eno Old Fields.
 4. To sons William and George, slaves.
 5. To daughter Sarah Smith, 5 pounds, she having already received a legacy from me left by her Grandmother.
 6. To daughter Mary Moore, 1800 pounds but on these conditions that my Executors take release for legacy left her by her Grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Foott, and she is to marry by consent of the Executors and her Aunt, Mrs. Sarah Allen.
 7. To daughter Ann Moore, 1800 pounds on same **terms** as to daughter Mary Moore.
 8. To son-in-law Mr. Thomas Smith a lot in Brunswick where Mr. William Lord resides.
 9. To sons George and William Moore, residue of my estate, they to maintain their sisters Mary and AM until their legacies become due or they marry.
 10. To wife Mary Moore all estate that was her own at **time** of our marriage-- also mill to be built on Brier's Creek. In case of death before completion of mill said wife to have work of four slaves "now at **Nuce**" until mill is completed.
 11. Daughters Mary and Ann Moore at their marriage to take their choice of any of the house slaves except Bess who is at liberty to choose any one of my children for her master or mistress.
- Executors: Sons George and William Moore.
Wit: William Forbes, Richard Quince, George Logan. June 30, 1750.

page 291. Sarah Porter of New Hanover County, widow executrix and General Legatee of Will of her deceased husband John Porter to Rebecca Moore of same place, slaves. Wit: Francis Alexander, Robert Nixon.

Page 293. June 22, 1751. Gibbons Jennings, mercht. of New Hanover County to Samuel Collider of same place, blacksmith, 200 acres joining on West land of Henry Bishop, by Patent of Feb. 17, 1737. Wit: Nicholas Lober, Michael Lober, Junr.

Page 294. William Faris, Esqr. of New Hanover County for "affection I bear unto John Hinds, son of Walter Hinds of Martin Tomb near Cavin in the Kingdom of Ireland" 460, part of land whereon "Clifton Bowen now lives called Tarr Field and granted me by Patent," said land being in Duplin County, North Carolina. March 25, 1750. Wit: David Lindsay, Isaac Fariss.

Page 295. William Faris, Esqr. of New Hanover County to William Hinds land on West side of Long Creek, part of grant made to me Feb. 1738. Wit: Isaac Faris, David Lindsay.

Page 296. William Faris, Esqr. of New Hanover County for "love and affection I have and bear unto Thomas Carson (at present a minor) son of Rev. Mr. Carson of County of Cavin in Ireland 540 acres on Smith's Creek bought from Caleb Grainger, Feb. 1747. March 25, 1750. Wit: David Lindsay, Issac Fariss.

Page 297. Robert Shank, Gent. of Castle Ally, Cornhill, London, a person worthy of Good credit, received said testimony from Sir. Samuel Pennant, Knight, Mayor of London, Dec. 22, 1747. Robert Shank took oath that he saw Samuel Starks, mercht. of London, surviving partner and executor of will of his father Samuel Stoke late of London, mercht., did execute a letter of atty. "to and for the use of Lewis DeRosset of Cape Fear in North Carolina, mercht."

Page 298. Dec. 21, 1749. John DaCasta, Notary Tabellion in London, Witnessed the above letter of attorney of Mr. Lewis DeRosset. Said Mr. Samuel Starke appointed said DeRosset atty. to collect from Mr. William Dry, mercht. of Cape Fear, the surviving partner of the House which lately went under the Messrs. Porter and Dry." Wit: Joseph White, Robert Shank.

Page 299. Hugh Blanning, William Bartram, John Lucas and James Lyon of Bladen County, North Carolina Planters, made bond to Ephraim Vernon of New Hanover County Jan. 15, 1751. Ann Vernon named as wife of said Ephraim Vernon. Wit: Joseph Howard, John Howard.

Page 300. March 28, 1751. William Ludman, Notary Public in London accepted Testimony of Thomas Bascom of St. Martin's LeGrand in the District of Westminister, Warehousman, who appointed Richard Quince of Brunswick in North Carolina, mercht. to collect "from John Morris now or late inhabiting at Brunswick, aforesaid mercht." Wit: John Evert, David Lunder. Registered May 1852.

Page 301. Feb. 22, 1750. Thomas Finney of Wilmington, North Carolina, mercht. and Mary his wife, to Samuel Chester, Junr., Carpenter of same place, part of

"lot which was sold by John Maultsby, Senr. to Edward Mitchell, Sept. 3, 1734, and by him sold to William Norton, Senr., March 25, 1735/36 and by said Norton sold to John Porter June 14, 1740 and by said Norton sold to Finney Nov. 24, 1742. Wit: David David, Isaac Fariss.

page 302. William Moore, mercht. in Brunswick to Capt. John Russell, 55 acres joining town of Brunswick, Oct. 31, 1751. Wit: William Ross, Richard Quince.

Page 303. May 14, 1752. Thomas O'Neill, Gent. of Bladen County, North Carolina to Francis Davis and William McKenzie of Wilmington, merchts., because of moving, lot in Wilmington on Front Street and running in length down to the river. Wit: Alex'r McKeithan, Peter Simmons.

Page 304. May 15, 1752. Thomas O'Neill, Gent. of Bladen County, North Carolina to Francis Davies and William McKenzie, merchts. deed to Lot. Wit: Alexander McKeithan, Peter Simmons.

Page 306. Daniel Laroche of Parish of Prince George in Craven County, South Carolina appointed Henry Daubuz of same place his attorney, May 1, 1752. Wit: Isaac Secrae, Cheeseborough Isaac Waldron, Wm. Hardson.

Page 307. Daniel Laroche of Craven County, South Carolina, mercht. appointed Samuel Swann, Esqr., of New Hanover County in Province of North Carolina his attorney, to take possession of plantation belonging to said Laroche in New Hanover, also lot in Wilmington conveyed to Mr. John Porter by deed from Daniel Dunbibin and James Brown, one joining lot bought by said Porter of William Norton, one lot formerly belonging to Rev. Richard Marsden and one lot commonly known as Rolfs Spring Lot. May 1, 1751. Wit: Thomas Blythe, Henry Daubuz, Isaac Waldron, Wm. Hardson.

Page 309. Mary Dick of Craven County, South Carolina, widow, made bond to Daniel Laroche and Wm. Flemming, both of same place, merchts. on April 20, 1749. Said Mary Dick plantation on Smith's Creek in New Hanover County from said Laroche who came into possession of it from John Porter. Said Laroche sells Henry Daubuz part of bond of Mary Dick which is already assigned to Mary Miller to pay Mary Miller for bond due from said Laroche. To said Mary Miller first and after deducting value of George Powley, Jr., and bond of Hannah Pool both of aforesaid mentioned, said assignment to Mary Miller, Jan. 3, 1752. Wit: Thomas Blythe, William Blythe, Isaac Waldron, Wm. Hardson.

Page 312. March 13, 1752. John Burgwyn of Wilmington, North Carolina, mercht. to Daniel Evans, mercht. of same place. Partnership dissolved and John Burgwyn pays Samuel Evans 30 pounds. They shall procure discharge from attorneys, Messrs. Irving and Bomar of Charlestown, merchts. for said Samuel Evans' bond and also discharge Evans' bond to Mr. John Samuel, mercht. of London. Wit: John Davis, Junr., Alexander Duncan.

Page 314. Robert Ellis, Junr. "late of City of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania," by John Rutherford of Wilmington to John Merrick of Wilmington, mercht., lot on Front street paying Robert Ellis rent. Wit: Hugh Purdue, Francis Ervin, Alex'r Duncan.

Page 316. Feb. 26, 1752. Robert Ellis, Jr., by his atty. John Rutherford, to John Merrick, mercht. of Wilmington, "Whereas John Watson late of Hanover Precinct in County of Bath in Province aforesaid Planter, decsd. "sold Robert Ellis, Junr. lot in Newton on Sept. 6, 1737, whereas Michael Higgins late of New Hanover County did renounce his claim to said lot Feb. 25, 1751, which he might claim by virtue of John Watson's deed to him **confirming** the sale from John Watson to Robert Ellis, whereas Robert Ellis the Elder and Catherine his wife gave their son Robert Ellis, Junr., aforesaid lot on July 12, 1750, whereas Robert Ellis the Younger appointed John Rutherford his atty. on May 31, 1751, so said lot was transferred to said John Merrick." Wit: Hugh Purdue, Francis Ervin, Alex'r Duncan.

Page 319. May 15, 1752. William Moore, Esqr., of New Hanover County to Maurice Moore, son of Nathaniel Moore, Gent., a plantation of 640 acres joining Maurice Moore, son of Col. Maurice Moore, said land was granted by John Lord Carteret and the rest of the Lords Proprietors by patent dated June 20, 1725 and signed by George Burrington, Governor of Colony, to Roger Moore, Esqr. and by said Roger Moore's will of June 30, 1750 given to said William Moore. Wit: Samuel Ashe, George Hyrne, Jno. Burgwyn.

Page 321. Nathaniel Averitt of Onslow County, North Carolina and Elizabeth, his wife, "Whereas George Bishop late of New Hanover County deceased, was owner of many valuable lands which by will were granted to his son Stoakley Bishop has become entitled to dower and thirds of said estate of said George Bishop deceased, hence Nathaniel Averitt and Elizabeth sell to Stoakley Bishop and do quit claim to Stoakley Bishop all dower rights to said estate." May 14, 1752. Wit: Francis Davis, George Nicholas.

Page 223. Will of William Watters of New Hanover County. Oct. 25, 1751.
 1. To son William Watters "when he shall attain the age of twenty years," a tract of land bought of Cornelius Harnett, decd. known as Patridge Bluff.
 2. To daughter Elizabeth Watters one third of slaves. 3. To wife Sarah Watters, money left from sale of Plantation my father left me called Mulberry, and all residue of legacy left me by her father's will, Mr. Edward Salter, decd. which I have not yet received. 4. To brother Joseph Watters my wearing apparel except linens. 5. To brother Samuel Watters "one gold ring not exceeding value of one pistol and one of my wigs." 6. To sister Sarah Lillinston one gold ring. 7. To sister Martha Dalrymple one gold ring.
 8. I appoint the care and education of my children to wife Sarah Watters **during** her widowhood but not after her marriage to brother Joseph Watters.
 Extrs.: Wife Sarah Watters, brother Joseph Watters, Hon. Matthew Rowan. Wit: John Watters, Ann Hodges, Mary Grainger.
 Codicile: To three younger brothers Joseph, John and Samuel Watters all my right to tracts of land left by my father Samuel Watters decd. To brother Joseph land joining upper part of mine called Patridge Bluff; to brother John land joining brother Joseph and tract between Ephraim Vernon and part of Blue Banks on NE side of NW River in Bladen Co., to brother Samuel part of tract between Ephraim and Blue Banks and two tracts at White Marsh on Waggamaw Swamp in Bladen Co. Will of said father Joseph Watters dated Oct. 17, 1739. Codicil dated Oct. 10, 1751. Wit. to codicil: M. Dalrymple, Mary Grainger, Ann Hodges.

To Be Continued.

Try Visiting With Your Ancestors

by Gerald W. McKenzie

When I **first** started to research my family¹ genealogy my interest was concentrated on getting the facts. It seemed **all** important to be able to uncover and prove those seemingly sacred events of birth, baptism, marriage and death. However, in the process of obtaining these **all important** data, I found myself becoming much more aware of additional information contained within such documents or uncovered on the way toward obtaining the documentation. The reading of a will or a civil marriage would reveal many things about the individuals involved and in turn cause me to wonder about what their lives were like and what was going on in the world around them. I soon found myself searching through gazetteers, history books, journals and other sources of what the place, period and populace were like that surrounded "my person". It was this kind of knowledge that revealed much more of the essence of "my person" far beyond that of those hard and fast genealogical events searched for, revealed, proven and labeled so methodically. Several extracts **from** the story of my great-grandfather will serve to illustrate how one can learn enough beyond those facts to almost visit with your ancestor.

Preface Story Synopsis:

*My great-great grandfather came to Canada in 1839 as the result of a strong **disagreement** between the Canadian and Maine **lumbermen** of the **Madawaska** on exactly where the border was between the United States and Canada. Because the area was on the mail route between Quebec*

*City and **Halifax**, Nova Scotia, the British became paranoid over the possibility that the U.S. might interfere in **the dispute** and encroach on or even invade the **region**². **Such an invasion** could easily extend to the Saint Lawrence River which was a mere thirty **miles from** the Maine border. The British had begun a hasty construction of Fort **Ingall**³ on Lake Temiscouata (near Cabano) at the head waters of the Saint John River, the main travel route to Saint John, New **Brunswick**. Dr. William **MacKenzie** was a British **army** surgeon who was sent to Fort **Ingall** with a contingent of **troops** to man the fort and insure control of this strategic area. It was clear that **if the** upstart Americans of the United States were able to proceed west to the Saint Lawrence that all of the eastern provinces might fall into their hands and become states. This would include the Gaspé region of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward **Island**. While stationed at Fort **Ingall** Dr. MacKenzie was assigned the operation of a hospital (located in a home⁴ **confiscated** for the purpose) in nearby Riviere **du Loup**. At some point in his stay in Riviere **du Loup**, Dr. MacKenzie met Henriette **Ouellet** by whom he had a son⁵, my great-grandfather, William Alexandre **McKenzie**. Dr. MacKenzie was never to see his son as he was ordered to return to England before his son's birth in 1841. Henriette was not able to go to England with the Doctor and had to be taken in by a family named Pelletier. Henriette died in*

² see Webster-Ashburton Treaty in most Encyclopedias.

³ A reconstruction of Fort Ingall exists on Lake Temiscouata. The archives there contain a series of letters between Dr. Jean-Etienne Landry (stationed with Dr. MacKenzie) and his sweetheart in Quebec City, Caroline Lelievre. It was in these letters that the existence of Dr. MacKenzie was revealed. In one letter Dr. Landry writes about making a crutch for Dr. MacKenzie "who has broken his leg" and another in 1839 stating what a severe winter it was, and another indicating the recovery of Dr. MacKenzie.

⁴ The original home was still existing and used as a residence in 1993.

⁵ Via a Notarial act, Dr. MacKenzie and Henriette Ouellet entered an accord of a "rearing, upbringing and education" of the yet-to-be-born child of this union. William Alexandre McKenzie's birth is recorded in the records of Saint Patrice (Church) de Riviere du Loup. Attending the baptism were Henriette's brother-in-law and wife.

¹ see "finding William McKenzie" American-Canadian Genealogist, Vol. 19, Number 3, Issue 57 Summer 1993, pg 106.

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1850⁶ leaving her orphaned son to be adopted by the Pelletier family. The remainder **of this** story is about the orphaned son told with the help **of the** many documents uncovered about him and the people he who lived with or nearby.

Little is **known** about the childhood of young William up until the time of his marriage in 1860 except for where he was living⁷ and the fact that he attended college⁸ at Sainte Anne de la Pocatiere just about twenty miles upstream from Riviere du Loup. The "Rang" maps of the time show the Pelletier plot next to Isaac Lavoie plot. So, sometime between his birth in 1841 and his marriage in 1860, he met his **future** bride who was raised **just** next door to where he was living. An interesting comment on the times is revealed in the fact that every **fifth** plot of land was occupied by an English family which served as a possible spy network to preclude any possible uprising or rebellious acts by the predominantly French people living in the area.

*[My wife and I visited the area in 1993 and were able to tour the actual sites **of the** Pelletier and Lavoie properties which were on the eastern edge of Riviere du Loup. The original home of the Isaac Lavoie **family** still stands as a storage room **of home** which is now a Bed and Breakfast called Les Beaux Matins. The storage room is about twelve by twenty feet and probably **served** as the main room **of the** original house. **On** the other side of the city we visited three houses built in the early **1800's** adjacent to each other, one of which was the hospital ran by Dr. **MacKenzie**. The*

*original Saint **Patrice** Church **still** stands attached at the rear **of the** newer and much larger church in downtown Riviere **du Loup**. The original documents are no longer kept locally, they are in the Quebec Archives in at **Laval** University just outside Quebec City..]*

In 1860, William married Thecle Lavoie. The civil marriage⁹ is documented in a notarial document which tells us much about William, Thecle, the families involved and the practices of the times.

Mr. **Olivier** Belleau, a baker is identified as the "**Guardian** of William Pelletier, adopted son of the deceased Joseph Pelletier, when living- a river pilot". In the declaration of properties: "The earthly goods of the future wife [Thecle Lavoie] consisting of one **milking** cow, two sheep, one bed complete, but without the canopy curtains, one chest of clothes, a spinning wheel, six knives, six forks, six spoons, six plates, various pieces of furniture and real estate-which will be given to her here-after-such goods and real estate shall remain the personal property of the said wife." In another series of articles, the **future** bride is given a dowry by the adoptive mother-in-law Catherine April, widow of Joseph Pelletier. The dowry is extensive and contains several pieces of real estate and a house. However, there were conditions placed on the donation of such a dowry. Among other promises to pay certain taxes due on the property and caring for the elderly Catherine April in sickness and in health is a promise: "at the time of her death-to have the donator

⁶Henriette's burial is recorded in the records of Saint Patrice Church

⁷per the 1851 census for Riviere du Loup

⁸per the College records of 1855-1857 ... the major portion of the education was English language courses and Agriculture.

⁹dated September 25.1860 between William Pelletier, son of William McKenzie and Henriette Ouellet.

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[Catherine April] buried and have a Church Mass said for [her] remains there present and thereafter for the following year, to have **fifty** Masses celebrated for the repose of [her] Soul in Heaven."

How thorough these civil marriages were and how revealing. Apparently, Thecle was **financially** well endowed and had a house of her **own** to live in...provided, of course, that she care for her provider of the dowry. William must have been most appreciative of his adoptive mother. The church marriage on the same day took place at Saint **Patrice Church**.¹⁰

*[As another aside, the religious history of my family is most interesting. From the time of William Alexandre McKenzie's birth until my father married my mother, all of the **McKenzies** of this line were brought up in the Roman Catholic religion. My mother was the daughter of a staunch Scot-Presbyterian father and a Methodist mother. Her parents would not allow a Roman Catholic marriage nor would my father's parents allow a Protestant marriage. **So**, to break the impasse, my parents eloped and were married by a justice of the peace. While neither side could deny their marriage, my mother's father insisted on an additional church marriage and my father's side opted for a long coldness. My father and mother decided that their children were to be raised in the Protestant religion. Since my father had six brothers and seven sisters who all were helped by him at one time or another, this cold war could not long endure. In 1995 when I published "**The Family History and Genealogy of William Alexandre McKenzie of Riviere du Loup**" this very large extended family **descending from** William Alexandre **McKenzie**, who had **all** grown up in the Roman Catholic Church. **finally** recognized that*

¹⁰ the church record is very brief, but notably, it is between William McKenzie and Thecle Lavoie...not William Pelletier.

*they were all descendants of a Presbyterian Doctor and a Catholic maiden. Except for the quirk of fate that took Dr. **MacKenzie** back to England without Henriette, all of their descendants might well have been good Protestant subjects of the British Empire.]*

William and Thecle had either six or seven children. The **church**¹¹ records list births of William, Joseph, and **Alfred** Wildrey and a death record for Albert, all of whose parents were listed as William McKenzie and Thecle Lavoie. I strongly suspect that Joseph was named after the adoptive father of William Alexandre McKenzie and also that Albert is the middle name of Joseph. This is strongly **confirmed** by the fact that no other documentation has ever been uncovered [for this specific family] for either a Joseph or an Albert McKenzie nor for a Joseph or Albert Pelletier in the remote case that this person saw fit to take on the Pelletier name for some reason. William and Thecle had three **daughters**¹²: Amanda, Elise and Marie.

In 1879, William Alexandre McKenzie **moved**¹³ his entire family to **Salem**, Massachusetts. The economic conditions of the time in Canada were temibly depressed and the cotton **mills** of New England were booming and there were jobs to be had. After moving to Salem, this

¹¹ saint Patrice Church of Riviere du Loup.

¹² per the 1880 U.S. census of Salem, Essex, Massachusetts

¹³ The Petition for Naturalization of Alfred Wildrey documents his entry into the U.S. by train from Riviere du Loup through Newport, VT to Salem, MA.

General Notes:

Spelling of McKenzie/MacKenzie... Mc f a American born, Mac for Scotland born.

French spellings used where appropriate, but without accents.

Try Visiting With Your Ancestors

by *Gerald W. McKenzie*

McKenzie family of seven (assuming the death of Joseph-Albert) became a very large family. While the eldest son William never **married**, **Alfred Wildrey** had fourteen children, Amanda (Lebel) had twelve, Elise (**Gagnon**) had six and Marie (Reason) had twelve. I have **successfully** tracked down over three hundred living descendants. Most of them now know of their McKenzie roots.

Because of a thorough research of documentation other than the "vital record type of materials, I was able to visit with my ancestor. I went to the city where they lived and walked the lands that they lived on and farmed. I entered a part of a home that had been theirs in the 1800's. At Fort **Ingall** reconstruction I was able to touch and feel the kind of life my great-great-grandfather experienced as a military surgeon and read contemporary narrative about him. I was able to meet with people who had common ancestors of Henriette Ouellet.

In 1992, when the Historical Society of Riviere du **Loup** "discovered" the existence of Dr. **MacKenzie** (in Dr. Landry's letters), the material about Henriette Ouellet and their son **William** Alexandre and his family, they were puzzled by the apparent disappearance of the **McKenzies** in late 1870. Almost on the same day of their "discovery" a letter arrived at the society **from** me asking if the society had any knowledge of the parents of a William Alexandre McKenzie. After nine years of searching, a 150 year old mystery had been solved. I finally knew the origins of my

great-great-grandfather and Riviere du **Loup** had solved the mystery of what had become of the **McKenzies**.

I have corresponded regularly with my **friends** in **Riviere du Loup** and visited there twice. A strong bond exists between us that bridges the gap of language, culture and time. Out of this quest to know my long dead ancestors came a cherished, new **friendship** with the living.

Try visiting with your ancestors and watch **carefully** for what else might be there.





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 Summer 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 15th day of August, A. D. 1808 and in the 33rd year of American Independence.

The court was opened with the usual proclamations.

Present the Worshipful: Wm. GILES, Hy WATTERS

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Tuesday, 16th August, 1808

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: William GILES, P. McBRIDE, Joseph LAMB.

Admn. on the estate of Walter TORRENCE granted to Richard PARRISH, giving bond in 4000 lbs. with James DEVANE and John BLUDWORTH as securities.

Jesse COLLINS, Peter McBRIDE, George NEWTON, Allen SHAW, and James SHAW appointed to divide the estate of Joseph EAKINS between the widow and children of said Joseph.

Grand Jury drawn and sworn, Roger MOORE, foreman,

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| Nicholas NIXON | Elijah McLAMMY |
| John LARKINS | John PARKER |
| Henry CANNON | Alexr. McCULLOCH |
| Thomas SNEAD | John McaUSLAN |
| James PICKETT | Jonathan ROTHWELL |
| Sam'l LANE | Josiah REGISTER |

James JENNETT sworn as Constable to attend this jury.

Almond HALL and Janes FOY appointed to audit the accts of the admr. of Cassandra CAMPBELL.

Benj. SUTTON, surviving Excor. of Thomas SIMMONS made known to court his renunciation of the Executorship.

Admn. on the estate of Thomas SIMMONS granted to Hillory SIMMONS, giving bond in 2000 lb. with B. BYRNS, Thomas LEWIS, and Ezekiel LANE as securities.

Charles B. MORRIS appointed guardian to Ann and Mildred NICHOLS, giving bond in 500 lb. with James FOY and Reuben EVERETT as securities.

Thomas DEVANE, Nicholas FENNELL, Robert MURPHY, Daniel

KERR, and Duncan ROBESON appointed to lay off the dower of the widow of John DEVANE, JR., deceased and to divide the lands amongst the children and the personal estate between the widow and the children.

Abel RUSSEL, an orphan boy, bound to Abram BEESLEY, giving bond with John EVANS and Joshua TAYLOR securities.

John M. GABIE appointed to audit guardians, executors, and administrators accounts during this term.

John JERRY, an orphan boy, bound to M. Mc_____ giving bond &c.

Ed ROBESON & ux vs Susan ASHFORD- Division returned and ordered to be filed.

The audited accts of Excors. John BATTIS rendered to court and ordered to be filed.

Account sales of the estate of Elizabeth HENDRICK returned to court and ordered to be filed.

Account sales of the estate of Robert NIXON rendered to court and ordered to be filed.

The will of Thomas FITZGERALD proved by the oath of James MORAN, subscribing witness, and ordered to be recorded. At the same time A. F. MCNIELL qualified as excor. thereto.

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: William GILES, Joseph LAMB, Hinton JAMES.

Admn. on the estate of Thos. ROBESON granted to N. HILL, giving bond in 250 lb. with S. R. JOCELYN and Wm. W. JONES, as securities.

Zephaniah SPICER came into court and made choice of James FOY as his guardian, giving bond in 2000 lb. with Richard NIXON and Nicholas NIXON as securities.

J. COLLINS vs Admr. of GIDDONS- Jury impanelled: Robt LARKINS, Edward PIGFORD, R. BANNERMAN, P. ROBESON, Wm. WALKER, Thos. LEWIS, George McLAMMY, Michael LEE, Bart BYRNS, Hillory SIMMONS, E. LANE, Jonathan STANLEY, and find the deft did not assume &c.

Richard EMBERTON and Henry TAYLOR returned by the sheriff as constables to attend this court.

William BUTLER, Spirus STANLEY, and John TAYLOR appointed to divide the personal estate of Abel MORGAN.

Richard EMBERTON fined 20/ for neglect of duty.

J. J. OLIVER vs F. FONTAINE- Same jury &c and find the deft did not assume.

A deed from Rich'd QUINCE to Thos. WILLIAMS proved by Henry WILLIAMS and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from F. Timothy BLUDWORTH to Thos. WILLIAMS proved by S. S. BLUDWORTH & ordered to be registered.

A deed from Solomon and Sarah HALLING to N. HILL proved

by Wm. B. MEARES and ordered to be registered.

A deed from J. B. LAROQUE to Wary MABSON proved by J. G. WRIGHT and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from Edward WILLIAMS to Joseph SUMMERSET proved by Henry WILLIAMS and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Wm. NUTT, Sheriff, to Elijah SHEPPERD proved by Hillory SIMMONS and ordered to be registered.

A Bill of Sale from Jacob LEVY to C. WALKER proved by James ORME and ordered to be registered.

A deed from George MCKENZIE to John SCOTT proved by Jacob LEONARD and ordered to be registered.

A deed from M. J. KENAN to Daniel NOBLE acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Wednesday, 17th August, 1808

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Wm. GILES, H. JAMES, Joseph LAMB.

Charles GAUSE vs S. NOBLE- Jury impanelled: Robt LARKINS, Ed PIGFORD, Thos. LEWIS, P. ROBESON, Wm. WALKER, Michael LEE, Geo. McLAMMY, E. LANE, Dan'l ORRELL, H. SIMMONS, Robt BANNERMAN, and John WALKER and find the debt did not assume. Appeal prayed and granted, giving bond with Thos. COWAN and Thos. SNEAD, securities.

Assignees J & J HARGRAVES vs Peter CARPENTER- Same jury and find that the debt did assume &c and assess plffs damages 183 lb. 4"10 and costs. Motion for a new trial. Motion overruled. Appeal prayed and granted, giving bond with Jacob HARTMAN and Wm. WILLIAMSON as secys.

A deed from A. D. BORDEAUX to Wright REGISTER proved by Josiah REGISTER and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Jeremiah CASTEEN to Roger LARKINS proved by Hillory SIMMONS, subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

A deed from A. HARPER to A. D. BORDEAUX proved by Daniel BORDEAUX and ordered to be registered.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Thursday, 18th August, 1808

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: William GILES, Joseph LAMB, John M. GABIE.

Andrew SCOTT appointed guardian to Martin and Bartholomew JONES giving bond in 500 lb. with S. R. JOCELYN, Edward J. OSBORNE, and John D. TOOMER as secys.

Francis DEVANE came into court and made choice of Francis DAVIS as his guardian, giving bond with Richard PARRISH and Jno. BLUDWORTH as secys.

John M. GABIE, Allman HALL, O. KENAN, and Wm. HARRISS appointed to lay off to the widow of Henry HOSKINS one year's

provision for herself and children.

Mary ALLEN appointed guardian to John and Catherine ALLEN for the purpose of defending a suit at law "Jno. LORD vs Heirs of Jno. ALLEN."

John COLVIN, Allen SHAW, and David JONES appointed to divide the estate of William PALMER.

Upon the petition of the Excor. of Joshua BRADDY, ordered that a female negro woman by the name of Jenny be emancipated and set free from slavery, N. HILL giving bond &c.

State vs M. HANCOCK- Jury impanelled: Robt LARKINS, Ed FIGFORD, Thos. LEWIS, P. ROBESON, Wm. WALKER, Michael LEE, Geo. McLAMMY, E. -LANE, Jas. DEVANE, Hy SIMMONS, Robt BANNERMAN, and Solomon MORRIS and find the deft not guilty.

Ordered that London, a negro man of Jno. WALKER's be permitted to carry a gun upon his master's plantation.

Court adjourned till 3 o'clock this evening.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the Worshipful: Wm. GILES, Joseph LAMB, D. JONES, SR.

State vs J. CLIFFORD- Same jury and find the deft guilty and judgment of the court that he receive 15 lashes on his bare back at the public whipping post.

State vs Joel HENRY- Same jury and find the deft guilty. Judgment of the court that he be fined 20/ and costs.

State vs Othello- Same jury and find the deft guilty. Judgment of the court that he receive 50 lashes on his bare back at the public whipping post this evening and that he receive 50 more tomorrow at the same place and that he be branded on the right cheek with the letter T.

Venire for Superior court October Term 1808

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| Thomas COWAN | Henry YOUNG |
| John FUTCH | William NEW |
| John HILL | John GUION |
| James FOY | William MALPASS |
| Ezekiel REGISTER | Sam'l RZVENBARK |
| Geo. BANNERMAN | Stephen ANDREWS |
| Jno. ATKINSON | Thomas LEWIS |
| John WADDLE | John BLUDWORTH |
| John BYRNS | Benj. GIDDONS |
| Wm. ANDREWS | Robert MURPHY |
| John MILLER | Jacob SHEPHERD |
| Robert ORMSBY | James RAMSAY |
| James PICKET | Asa ROOKS |
| William BATSON | Francis SAVAGE |
| Allen SLOAN | David JONES M. C. |



Compugenics by Gerald McKenzie

This is the first of a series of articles written to facilitate the use of the computer in genealogy and family history. The articles will be brief and to the point and **hopefully** valuable to all. Your inputs and suggestions for topics as well as **specific** material are most welcome. Call me at 799-8068.

Just Found Out a source for converting the databases created the program called **GENEA-LINK** into **GedCom 2.1** format. The **GedCom** file may then be imported into most of the newest **DOS** or **WINDOWS** genealogy programs. For those of you who have used the **GENEA-LINK** program and have many hundreds of individuals in your data base, this conversion **program**¹ should make you happy!

Do's and Don'ts..... I was talking to a lady recently who was operating her computer while a nearby thunderstorm raged. She talked about a bright flash followed quickly by a loud crash of

¹**GENLINKG.EXE** was written by **John Steed** who publishes the genealogy program *Brothers Keeper*. Many thanks to Steve!!!

thunder. Her computer screen blinked and the computer re-booted only to display a fatal error message. In a few short seconds she had experienced the loss of a hard disk drive and worse all of her genealogy data for over three thousand individuals. She had **not** created any backups for her data!!!!

Please! Do not operate your computer during a nearby thunderstorm! A surge protector might save your system **from** a **line** surge or a distant power line strike, but it will not in most cases protect your system from a very near strike.

And...Please! Please! Please! back up your data files after every several hours of work. Put these backup disks in a safe place and periodically admire them for the peace of mind they will bring to you. You can always easily re-install the genealogy software, but your data is precious **and** the agony of re-doing it **all** is pain beyond belief

I plan to institute a series of computer forums in the near **future** and hope to have a lively set of discussions on a wide variety of topics involving computers and genealogy.

ONHGS COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

The computer interest group will meet at 6:00 pm in the small meeting room of the library, prior to the monthly meeting of the Society. Future topics include:

October 8-- Genealogical Software (Comparisons, Pluses & Minuses, Getting Help)

November 12-- Data Bases & Sources (Value & Validity, Prices & Worth, Access & Availability)

January 14-- To be announced.

February 11-- Genealogy Online (What's out there, Costs and Value, Getting Help & Networking)

March 11-- Genealogical Printing (Printer Capabilities, Software & Utilities availability, Getting Help)

April 8-- Genealogies and Publishing (Fonts & Pictures, Format and Content, Publishing/Publishers)



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 form Columbus County. The original land grants can be found at the NC Dept. of Archives, Raleigh, NC. A microfilm copy can be located in the New Hanover Public Library. These abstracts are taken from an 1883 transcription done by H.K. Ruark, the county register of deeds at the time. The first number given is the page number, the second number is the land grant number. All of the grants were signed by the then serving NC governor. Continued from the SUMMER 1996 Courier.]

P 54 #313. Arthur Wingate, 200 acres, Grimes corner, Stevensons Bridge, 20 June 1797.

P 55 #325. Isaac Skipper, 100 acres, East side of Waccamaw River, Green Swamp in Crusoes Island, including his own improvements. 1 Dec. 1797.

P 56 #361. Abram Baker, 200 acres, east side of Ram head, a branch of Pinch Gut, joins David Allison, Henry Taylor, & John Green, & his own line. 20 Dec. 1798.

P 57 #360. Abram Baker, 50 acres, mentions land he bought from Quince Sellers, Robert Galloway now Caleb Davis corner, also William Goodman line. 20 Dec. 1798.

P 58 #326. Nathan Benson, 200 acres, Southside of Wild Cattle Branch. 8 Dec. 1797.

P 59 #336. Mark Reaves, 100 acres, both sides of Wild Cattle Branch. 8 Jan. 1798.

P 60 #337. Mark Reaves, 158 acres, Southside of Seven Creeks excepted from him out of a survey of David Allison, joins William Norris, John Beck and his own land. 8 Jan. 1798.

P 61 #338. Mark Reaves, 100 acres, mentions line of John Beck and Wild Cattle Branch, Frederick Branch. 8 Jan. 1798.

P 62 #339. Mark Reaves, 200 acres, Boziers Bay. 8 Jan. 1798.

P 63 #311. Job Holding, 50 acres, Doe Creek. 22 Dec. 1796.

P 64 #258. Job Holding, 150 acres, Doe Creek. 9 July 1794.

P 65 #333. Job Holding, 250 acres, on seashore joining his own land, Randal Hewett, Simkins Branch. 18 Dec. 1797.

P 66 #356. Elisha Sellers, 100 acres, East side of Starboard Swamp. 20 Dec. 1798.

P 67 #362. John Willetts, 100 acres, West side of Shallott River, mentions Thomas Stanaland late survey. 20 Dec. 1798.

P 68 #365. Joseph Humphries, 50 acres, Fork of Dutchman Creek & Jumping Run. 20 Dec. 1798.

P 69 11324. David Hewett, 100 acres, joins Jacob Hewett line. 2 Dec. 1797.

P 70 #329. Jacob Hewett, 100 acres, Skipper Branch, Sarah Daniell upper corner. 8 _____ 1797.

P 71 11332. Thomas Leonard, 200 acres, Middle swamp, mentions John Johnston, William Sparkman line, old road called Daniell road. 18 Dec. 1797.

P 72 11385. Thomas Leonard, 300 acres, South side of Town Creek, including Plantation whereon his father resides, Russells Branch, corner of John B. Ashe 720 acres, Crabapple Branch, Solomans Branch. 23 Dec. 1798.

P 73 #432. John McKenzie, 390 acres, West side of Cape Fear, lower side of Allen's Creek, tract of land was confiscated property of Estate of Thomas Hooper. 10 July 1788.

P 74 #433. John MacKenzie, 591 acres, **mentions** Allen Creek, land confiscated property of Thomas Hooper. 10 July 1788.

P 75 #434. John MacKenzie, 268 acres, mentions lower side of Allen Creek, confiscated property of Estate of Thomas Hooper. 10 July 1788.

P 76 11436. John MacKenzie, 353 acres, upper side of Allen Creek. 10 July 1788.

P 77 0437. John MacKenzie, 429 1/2 acres, upper side of Allen Creek, mentions Nutt's line. Confiscated Estate of Thomas Hooper. 10 July 1788.

P 78 #438. John MacKenzie, 448 1/2 acres, upper side Allen Creek, confiscated property of Estate of Thomas Hooper. 10 July 1788.

P 79 #439. John Mackenzie, 675 acres, upper side Allen Creek, confiscated property of Estate of Thomas Hooper. 10 July 1788.

P 80 11440. John MacKenzie, lower side of Allen Creek, confiscated property of Estate of Thomas Hooper. 10 July 1788.

P 81 #372. Thomas Stanaland, 100 acres, Copas Branch, Quince's line, endorsement on back reads: Wit. Abram Baker, Jno. Wingate, 22 April 1799, Thomas Stanaland and Henry Flowers. 2 Dec. 1798.

P 82 #280. Lewis Huston, 50 acres, East side of Big Pond Branch. 6 Dec. 1794.

P 83 11367. John Robinson, 100 acres, South side of Seashore road, and Tar Kiln Bed, 20 Dec. 1798 issued, entered 25 Oct. 1796.

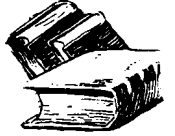
P 84 #373. Thomas Stanaland, 100 acres, Shallotte River near the Bridge, mentions Quince old line. Entered 11 Oct. 1796, Issued 20 Dec. 1798.

P 85 11374. Thomas Stanaland, 200 acres, Shallotte River, mentions Samuel S. Stanaland late survey. Entered 8 June 1796, Issued 20 Dec. 1798.

To be continued.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Secretary Carole Weiss reports the following new members: from North Carolina, Charles B. Weaver, Winston-Salem; Ms. Betsy J. Moore, Garner; Mr. Karl E. Fisher, Thomasville; Ms. Betsey P. DeVane, Garland; Hattie L. Squires, Currie; and Mrs. Nora S. Williford, **Wilmington**. From Georgia, Ms. Mary R. Doster, Abbeville; Mr. & Mrs. Leo T. Barber, Moultrie; Mr. Les Hewett, Marietta; Mr. Rebecca A. McNeal, Montrose. We also welcome new member Mrs. Dorothy P. Roberts of Richmond, Virginia.

**GENEALOGY NOTES FROM THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The local history and genealogy room welcomes new employee, Joe Sheppard, to the staff. One reason Joe qualified for the job is his knowledge and interest in genealogy. ONHGS member Sallie McClintock says "he's also nice to old ladies." Joe will be responsible for answering many of your genealogy requests by mail, including requests for the Reaves Family Files. Bill Reaves has been working on his African-American history of **Wilmington**, soon to be published by the library and has not been able to add to his family files. He says, however, "I have at least ten lined up and ready to go, as soon as I finish this project." We look forward to it Bill!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning in October, ONHGS will change meeting dates from the third **Tuesday in the month** to the second Tuesday in the month, and the meeting place will change to the large meeting room of the New Hanover County Public Library. As UNCW continues to grow, it has been more difficult to schedule a meeting room there. We have enjoyed meeting at Bear Hall, but look forward to being back at the library. Meeting dates scheduled for this coming year are: October 8, November 12, and December 10, 1996; January 14, February 11, March 11, and April 8, 1997. The May picnic date will be announced later. Please mark your calendars for a great year of genealogical fellowship.

Debbie Blake, archivist at the N.C. Department of Archives, will be our November 12 speaker. She will talk about all of the numerous primary resources at the archives. This will be a great opportunity to ask an expert on how the archives can help you with your genealogical problem.

....and for those of you planning a research trip to Raleigh, the Holiday Inn located at 320 Hillsborough Street (5 blocks from the NC Genealogy Library and Archives) is offering a special weekend package for Genealogical Societies. For \$69 per person, per night, (\$12 each additional person) Thursday through Sunday, the following package is provided: Transportation to & from the genealogical library and archives, full buffet breakfast, to-go bag lunch, overnight accommodations which include free covered parking, free local phone calls, in room coffee makers, work desks and chairs, and complimentary USA Today Newspaper. For more information call 919-832-0501. The State Library of North Carolina and the NC Archives are open, Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. 1996 Holiday closings include November 9-11, November 28-December 1.

Indian Heritage in North Carolina is the title of this year's annual workshop sponsored by the North Carolina Genealogical Society. The workshop and lectures will be held October 25-26, 1996, in Raleigh, in conjunction with the NCGS annual meeting. The workshop features nationally-known speakers Dr. George Schweitzer, Virginia DeMarce and Wesley Tauchiray. If you ever heard

rumors that there was Indian blood in your family, you need to attend. This workshop will cover all there is to know about Indian research from the North Carolina coast to the **mountains**. The cost for NCGS members is \$44.00 and \$49.00 for NCGS non-members. Registration includes a Friday night reception and lunch on Saturday. For further information contact the NCGS web site: <http://www.vnet.net/moobasi/genealogy/ncgs> or NCGS Workshops, PO Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602 or Beverly Tetterton at the library, 341-4394.

ONHGS BOOK DEPARTMENT WINS STATE AWARD!

The book department of the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society will be awarded the state's top honor for publishing at the North Carolina Genealogical Society's annual meeting in Raleigh (see above). ONHGS was nominated for the award by Betsy Dodd Pittman of Burke County. Mrs. Pittman was the former book review editor for NCGS and obviously very **impressed** by our publication history. Dean Southerland Jarrett and John Wright Butler, who have seen many an abstract into production, will be on hand to pick up the award. We thank them for their **commitment** to making available the best possible abstracts on Southeastern North Carolina, and much thanks and praise goes to the many folks who have abstracted, typed, proof-read and indexed our eighty-three publications!

From the editor...

This summer Hurricane Fran ravaged the Southeastern North Carolina coast, close on the heels of Hurricane Bertha which struck just a few weeks before. Many of our local members had damage from one or both storms, but there was no loss of life, for which we are grateful. We had just recovered and cleaned up after Bertha when Fran hit. The area was covered with fallen trees and we all experienced power outages which pushed patience levels to the limit as our food rotted in the warm and humid September sun. How did we ever live without air conditioning or computers? My computer was left alone while I struggled with the remnants of the storm, solving my own problems and helping friends and neighbors. I apologize for the late publication date of this Clarendon Courier, but I am sure that anyone who has ever been through an active hurricane season, and hopefully the rest of you too, will understand.

The editor thanks Helen Moore **Sammons**, Bill Reaves, Suzanne **Lamble**, Carole Weiss, Gerry **McKenzie**, Jane Bailey Bailey and Don Blake for contributing to this issue of the Courier. The deadline for the Winter 1996 edition is November 10, 1996.

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