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George, John R.	Private	Co. K 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gibson, Ebenezer B.	Private	Co. E 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gibson, Raiford	Private	Co. E 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gilchrist , Angus	Private	Co. D 1 st Bat. N.C.H. Art.	Captured
Gilcott, George H.	Private	Co. C 3 rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
* Gillespie, E. H.	Private	Co. D 13 th Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Killed
Ginnett , Matthew	Private	Co. F 10 th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Ginnett , Needham	Private	Co. F 10 th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Glennan, M. G.	Lt. Aid-de-Camp	36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Godwin , Ichabod	Private	Co. E 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Godwin , Sebastian H.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gooden , David James	Private	2 nd Co. I 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Gooden , Neill	Corporal	2 nd Co. I 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Goodman, Allison V.	1 st Lieutenant	3 rd Co. G 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Goodman, Henry E.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Goodman, Henry H.	Private	3 rd Co. G 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gordon, Edward S.	Private	Co. D 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gore, Cortenus	Private	Co. K 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Gore, Jesse D., Sr.	Private	Co. K 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gore, Joshua	Private	Co. K 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Gowan , Henry F.	Private	Co. K 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gower, Henry S.	Private	2 nd Co. D 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Grady, Charles C.	Private	Co. D 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Grady, Lewis H.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Graham, Daniel W.	Private	Co. D 1 st Bat. N.C.H. Art.	Captured
Graham, Malcom J.	Sergeant	2 nd Co. C 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Grant, Solomon E.	Private	Co. K 10 th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Grantham, John Q.	Private	Co. E 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Grantham, Josiah L.	Private	Co. E 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gray, James Alexander	Private	2 nd Co. C 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Green, Samuel	Private	Co. E 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gregory, Charles G.	Prt. Act. Asst. Surgeon	36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gregory, Joseph H.	1 st Sergeant	Co. F 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Grice , Giles W.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured

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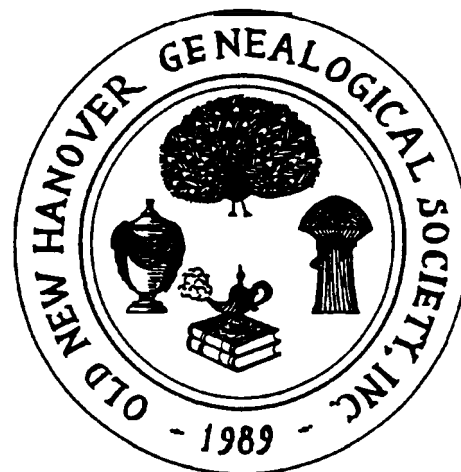
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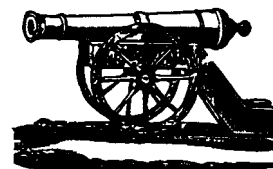
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Griffin, Ignatious Q.	Corporal	Co. E 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Griffin, N. J.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Griffin, Silas	Private	Co. E 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Griggs, Elisha	Private	3 rd Co. G 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Grimes, Edward F.	Private	3 rd Co. B 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Gurganious , James R.	Private	Co. K 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Guy, William	Private	2 nd Co. C 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Guyton , Jacob	Private	2 nd Co. I 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Hagans, Amos	Private	Co. D 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Haggard, John D.	Private	Co. C 3rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Haigh , William	Private	2 nd Co. C 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hales, Samuel	Private	2 nd Co. D 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Amos J.	Private	2 nd Co. C 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, C.F.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Hall, Daniel	Private	2 nd Co. C 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Hall, David T.	Private	2 nd Co. C 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Gaston W.	Private	Co. H 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Hall, Henry	Private	Co. A 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Hall, Jesse	Private	2 nd Co. I 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Lewis	Private	Co. C 3rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Hall, Lewis D.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Lorenzo Dow	Private	3 rd Co. B 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Malcolm	Private	2 nd Co. D 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Maurice	Private	2 nd Co. C 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Stephen W.	Private	2 nd Co. C 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, Thomas H.	Private	2 nd Co. I 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, William D.	Private	2 nd Co. C 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hall, William J.	Private	2 nd Co. C 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hamlet, Nathaniel M.	Private	Co. F 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hammons , Moses	Private	Co. E 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hancock, Zumariah	Private	Co. K 10'' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Hanie, Harvie	Private	3 rd Co. G 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Hardin , John D.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hardison, Elijah J.	Private	Co. D 13'' Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Wounded & Captured
Hardison, William S.	Private	Co. K 10th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Wounded & Captured

Hardy, John L.	Private	Co. D 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Hardy, William C.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Hare, Daniel	Private	2 nd Co. C 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
* Hare, James E.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Hare, Reddin	Private	2 nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hare, Richard	Private	2 nd Co. C 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Harmon, Reddick H.	Private	Co. C 3 rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Wounded & Captured
Harp, B. G.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Harp, G. H.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Harper, James A.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Harper, Riley A.	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Harrell, Hugh W.	Private	Co. D 1 st Bat. N.C.H. Art.	Captured
Harrell, John H.	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Harrell, Levi	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Harrelson, Brice	Private	Co. K 10 th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Wounded & Captured
Harrelson, Isham West	Private	3 rd Co. G 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Harrelson, John E.	Private	3 rd Co. G 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Harris, Edward	Private	3 rd Co. G 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Harris , James T.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hams, James W.	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hams, William H.	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hart, Hams	Private	3 rd Co. G 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hart, Hugh	Private	3 rd Co. G 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Hart, William	Private	2 nd Co. C 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Harvey, Robert	Private	2 nd Co. 136' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Harvey, Robert James	Sergeant	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Harvy, Joel	Private	Co. H 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hasing , Daniel	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Haskins, William	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hassel, William	1 st Lieutenant	3 rd Co. G 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Haste, Calvin A.	Private	Co. C 3 rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Hawes, McKinnon	Private	Co. D 13' Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Hawkins , Major B.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hawley, Francis O.	Private	2 nd Co. C 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Hayes, Francis S.	Private	Co. E 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Haynes, Francis L.	Private	2 nd Co. D 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Heady, Charles	Private	2 nd Co. D 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hedgepath, John S.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hemng, Benjamin	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hemng, Benjamin F.	Corporal	3 rd Co. G 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Herring, Daniel	Cook (Black)	Co. F 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Hemng, James	Private	3 rd Co. G 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
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NEW HANOVER COUNTY DEED BOOK "D"

[Many of New Hanover County's earliest records were destroyed by courthouse fires. What was left of the county's first two deed books, A and B, was combined to form book AB. This book was abstracted many years ago by Mae Blake Graves. Deed Book C was published in the *Courier* from 1993 to 1996. This series of abstracts from Deed Book D began in the Summer 1997 issue of the *Courier*. New Hanover County was formed in 1729 from Craven County. Bladen and Onslow counties were formed from New Hanover in 1734, Duplin County in 1750, Brunswick County in 1764, part of New Hanover was annexed to Sampson County in 1795, and Pender County, last but not least, broke away from New Hanover in 1875. The following abstract of Deed Book D, which covers many early records from the above counties, was compiled by Ida Brooks Kellam in 1939 and 1940.]

Page 85. Feb. 1763. Deed from Caleb Grainger and wife Mary to Joshua Grainger, lot on south side of Dock Street, 30 feet from Second street. Wit: John Merrick, John Henesey.

Page 86. Nov. 27, 1753. Joshua Grainger, Ship Carpenter, and Catherine his wife, to John Walker of Wilmington, ship carpenter, 90 acres on the Sound on south side of Lee's Creek, joining John Watson's line, part of 200 acres formerly bought from John Mott and Caleb Mason. Wit: Richard Lyoa, William Pugh.

Page 87. May 28, 1754. James Henry of Blackriver in New Hanover County to William Robinson, 320 acres on East side of Blackriver, joining Captain Marshall. Wit: Richard Hartley, John Campbell.

Page 88. Dec. 26, 1752. Caleb Grainger and Mary his wife, to Moses John DeRossett, lot in Wilmington joining lots in possession of Executors of Robert Walker. Wit: John Memck, John Henesey.

Page 89. May 25, 1754. Caleb Grainger and his wife Mary, to George MacKensie of Coves in Isle of Wight, merchant, 4 acres opposite town of Wilmington on Eagle's Island, joining Cornelius Harnett. Wit: John Burgwyn, James Maynett.

Page 90. Aug. 17, 1753. William Morris of New Hanover County to Thomas McLemy of same place, 30 acres on New Topsail Creek "including an acre of Ground convenient upon the South side of the Mill Fort Dirt work." Wit: William Stanton, Thomas MacKelama.

Page 91. May 1754. Joseph Blake, Esqr. and Mary his wife, (lately named while she was Mary Chaddock), to Samuel Swann, Esqr. Both of New Hanover County, 100 acres in New Hanover County joining said Samuel Swann, formerly conveyed by Thomas Hutchins to the said Mary Chaddock (now Mary Blake), part of Patent to John Marshall, dated Sept. 12, 1735. Wit: William Ross, Samuel Bridgen.

Page 92. May 28, 1754. Caleb Grainger, Esqr., High Sheriff of New Hanover County, to Hon. Matthew Rowan, Esqr., President and Commander in Chief in and over the said Province of North Carolina, lands of Robert Halton, decesd. appraised by Joseph Watters, John Gibbs, and George Gibbs, for said Sheriff who deeded it to said Rowan to satisfy demands of said Rowan against the estate. Wit: David Lindsey, Felix O'Neill.

Page 95. May 20, 1754. Caleb Grainger, Gent. And Mary his wife to John Eeds of Wilmington, merchant, 3 acres opposite

Wilmington on Eagles Island joining Mr. James Gregory's land on the North. Wit: John **Burgwyn**, James Moynett.

Page 96. May 21, 1754. Caleb Grainger, Gent. and Mary his wife, to Cornelius Harnett, merchant of Wilmington, 3 acres opposite Wilmington on Eagles Island "above the land whereon Mr. John Rutherford's Tar House now stands."

Page 97. May 1, 1754. Caleb Grainger and Mary his wife, to James Gregory of Wilmington, merchant, 3 acres opposite Wilmington on Eagles Island "above the land whereon Mr. John Rutherford's Tar House now stands."

Page 97. 1754. Caleb Grainger and Mary his wife, to John Campbell, carpenter, a lot in Wilmington on East side of Front Street "beginning 22 feet southwardly from S. E. corner of Front Street and Dock Street.

Page 98. 1754. Caleb Grainger and Mary his wife, to David Brown, taylor, of Wilmington, a lot on N. Side of Market Street "beginning 60 feet westerly down the corner of Third Street.." Wit: Charles **Lyon**, Obediah Holt

Page 99. Caleb Grainger and Mary his wife, to John Campbell of Wilmington, a lot on the northwest corner of Market Street and Third Street. May 21, 1754.

Page 100. May 7, 1754. Lewis DeRossett, Esqr. of New Hanover County and Margaret his wife to Moses John **DeRossett** of same place, water lot No. 10 in Wilmington on south side of Chestnut Street. Wit: **Alex'r McAlister**, David Brown.

Page 101. Nathaniel Moore, Gent. Of New

Hanover County, Whereas my brother Maurice Moore late of county aforesaid, deceased, willed a tract of land about three miles from Wilmington, on condition that I should assign it unto his daughter Mary Moore (now an infant) my right or claim to a certain tract of land called "York Plantation" on Cape Fear River joining land of William Gray, which last named Plantation was given me by will of my father Nathaniel Moore, Esqr. deceased, after the death of his wife Elizabeth Moore. In compliance with the will of my brother Maurice Moore, I assign my claim to York Plantation to said Mary Moore, from and after the decease of said Elizabeth Moore. April 1, 1754. Wit: Maurice Moore, Samuel Neal, Samuel **Ashe**.

Page 102. November 7, 1753. Thomas **DeVaughn** of New Hanover County to Joseph Blake, Esqr., 320 acres on Rockfish Creek. Wit: Thomas Corbett, **Antoine DuBoise**.

Page 103. Feb. 27, 1753. Caleb Grainger and wife Mary, to Samuel Green, a lot No. 35 on north side of **Market** Street. Wit: Cornelius Harnett, Thomas Memck.

Page 104. Will of Richard Player, Blacksmith of Wilmington, NC. Dated March 13, 1754. Proved Aug. 1754.

1. To wife during her natural life, my dwelling House and lot in Wilmington with all my furniture, 10 cows and calves, 2 horses and my servant woman. 2. To wife and sons Richard, John, Stephen, and Thomas Player, all debts due me, to be divided equally among them as they attain age of 21 years. 3. To son Richard Player, my working tools and money to be used to carry on the Blacksmith trade upon condition he teaches sons John and Stephen Player the same trade.

4. Legacy willed to son Thomas Player by ? Cobert, deceased, to be used by wife to purchase **negroes** to be delivered to him at age of 21 years. 5. My Plantation to be sold by my wife and money equally divided amongst my said wife and children. 6. After said wife's decease my house, Lot and **furniture** to be sold and money equally divided between sons. **Exr:** Wife, John Duboise, Esqr., William **Faris**, Esqr. **Wit:** William Robinson, John Gaines, John **Maultsby, Jr.**

Page 104. Sept. 3, 1753. Hon. Matthew Rowan and Elizabeth his wife, to Frederick Gregg of Wilmington, merchant and Rachel his wife, a water lot No. 6 in Wilmington on Front Street joining James Murray.

Page 106. Nov. 20, 1752. Caleb Grainger and wife Mary, to Isabel **MacBride** of Wilmington, widow, lot on N. side of **Market Street**.

Page 106. October 3, 1752. Caleb Grainger and wife Mary, to Thomas Norton of Wilmington, a lot in Wilmington, joining James Campbell on the N. side of Market Street to comer of Second Street, joining lot in possession of Executors of Robert Walker deceased.

Page 108. Peter Nicholson of the City of Dublin, merchant, Stephen Beck of Whitehaven, merchant, and Isaac Fletcher of same place, merchant, and Copartner with Peter Gibbons of Whitehaven, aforesaid, mariner, appointed said Peter Gibbons their attorney to collect from David Lindsay of Wilmington in Cape Fear, NC, merchant. March 7, 1753. **Wit:** George Fell, John Thompson, Hugh Dinnesed.

Page 108. Aug. 28, 1754. William **Faris**,

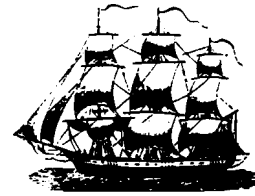
Esqr., of New Hanover County to Andrew Spearman, Planter of same place, land between lands belonging to Doctor Samuel Green and lands formerly belonging to Charles Harrison but now known as Solomon Morris and James M o m s land on New Topsail Sound, 200 acres being part of a Patent taken up by one Comfort Davis and by him sold to Benjamin Mott. **Wit:** B. Roberts, John **Simpson**, Samuel Ghent.

Page 110. June 25, 1754. Richard Quince, Esqr., of **Brunswick**, Executor of Will of Christopher Davis, late of Parish of St. Phillips in New Hanover County to Samuel Green, of Wilmington, surgeon, 640 acres on E. side of Cape Fear River. **Wit:** Richard Eagles, George Nicholas.

Page 110. William Morris of New Hanover County to John Earle, Planter, 640 acres on New Topsail Sound. April 29, 1754. **Wit:** James Morris, **Stockley Bishop**.

Page 113. June 18, 1754. Robert **Halton**, Planter of New Hanover County to Daniel **Dunbibin** of City of New York, but now in Town of Wilmington, merchant; "Whereas Robert **Halton**, Esqr., deceased **was** in his life time possessed of a tract of land in said county containing 640 acres on Smith Creek." This said tract was taken in Execution after the decease of Robert **Halton**, Esqr., in execution of a suit of John Rutherford, Thomas Jones and Barbara Clark, **admrxs.** of the estate of Thomas Clark, deceased. Said Robert **Halton** regained possession of conveys to said Daniel **Dunbibin** said tract of land on the opposite side of the main Road fronting the settlement on which the said Robert **Halton Junr.** now lives, beginning where the road leads across Smith's Creek, near Mr. **Faris' Mill.** **Wit:** Maraduke Jones, John Welsh. [To be continued.]





ARMSTRONG FAMILY

The following was transcribed in its entirety from a narrative written by Thomas James **Armstrong** in response to a letter from his daughter living at **Bogue** Swamp, NC, Mar. 21/67 asking for same. This letter or narrative was transcribed in its entirety by Stephen Carroll Pearsall, formerly of Rocky Point, North Carolina, from the original of a narrative written by Thomas James **Armstrong**, whom was my great great grandfather. I personally inspected, recorded and transcribed from the original narrative on September 29th and **30th**, 1977, said narrative then in possession of Martha Ann **Pearsall** of Rocky Point, North Carolina, that the original narrative was frayed and well worn, appeared to have been torn out of a binder or ledger. I inserted no punctuation and my recording of the **narrative** is exactly as written by Thomas James **Armstrong**. [Editor's note: We thank Mr. Pearsall for sharing this **wonderful** genealogical narrative.]

My Dear Children **believing** that a sketch of my **chequeried** (illegible) lief might possess something to interest and **frother** (illegible) to show that we **are** truely creatures of circumstances I have determined to devote a **few** of my **leasure** hours to the task I was born at So Washington the 21st A. D. day **of** April 1813 (My Father as I have been told was the son of John **Armstrong** and his wife Barbara her **maiden** name I never heard) was born on the voyage from Ireland to Wilmington NC in the year of om Lord AD 1766. I never have heard **anything** in connection of my fathers history from his infancy except that they settled in some of the near counties to Wilmington and **married** my Mother on the banks of the NE River about five miles below **Hallsville**, in or about the y e . 1793 at a place within one mile of the place where uncle Lincoln Sheffield died some time in **the** year 1863 this place once belonged to my grandfather **Isham** Sheffield. the father of my Mother, my mothers parents were **Isham** Sheffield and Barbara his wife her maiden name was **Barbara** Boney she was **three** times married first **Isham** Sheffield, second to Robert Dickson last to DR. **Wilkinson** who took her property on **defensio** (illegible) her by her first husband she had two children, viz: Mary **Sheffield** and Lincoln Sheffield I do not know which **was** the oldest but I think my mother was. by her second husband she had three **children** viz Williams Robert and Susan Williams was twice married first to Margaret **Sloan** near Magnolia the second a Miss Dickson in **Charlestown** SC by his first wife he had several children some of whom are yet living in Florida. Robert was killed in a light horse loam in Swansboro NC. **Susan** was married to Col David Hooks and lived many years near **Faison** Depot Duplin County where she now has one daughter living **Ms** Thomas Wright her name is **Eliza** they had several children all of whom moved to Alabama in or about the year 1833 Since which time **several** of them

have died. My Grand Pa **Armstrong** was also married some two or **three** times which I am not correctly informed but there **are** some reason why I think three times as I think I hear my Brother **Isham** say that he found another uncle or uncles in Georgia that he did not recollect. one of the uncles he mentioned was named Andrew Armstrong Thomas Armstrong was not an own brother of my father but was the youngest brothers he **married** a Miss Cooper of Duplin County and many years ago before my day and moved to Alabama and some 20 years ago to Miss and when I last heard **from** him he lived near Jasper, Texas with **his** fifth wife he has many children and gran children. Some of them filling **high** positions. one son Pres of a college in **Ala** another an itenerate preacher one of **his** Gran daughters husband a member of Congress. The Dicksons ware highly educated one of them a graduate of Yale College The Hooks ware not **so -- liant** (illegible) there opportunities was good but not so much appreciated. My father I learn was married in homespun pants and my mother in a **Humimings** dress. as it was termed in that day which was a fine bleached goods. they first lived where they were married and bought the first negro they ever owned old Aunt **Hannah** the mother of Phyllis. If my memory serves he was to pay for her \$500 five hundred dollars. he went to work and made a **tankiln** which **runs** 100 bbls he got on the raft with another hand and went to Wilmington when he was floating along about what is called **manhut** dock he was hailed by a Capt of a vessel and ast what he had he answered tar he ast him what he would take for it he answered \$5 pr bbl. the Capt threw him a rope or line as they term it to make fast to **his** vessel he sprang aboard counted the bbls called Father on board the vessel they took him in the **cabbin** and counted out his five hundred dollars in **specia** which my father eagerly took up and immediately put out for him home just enough money to pay for old Aunt Hannah. they did

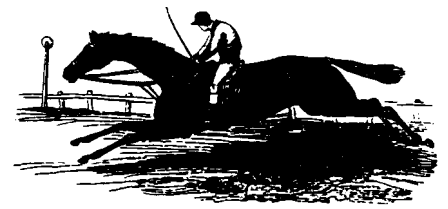
not go through with the notice of landing and **inspecting as** in this our day - I am not **informed** when or where my Grand Pa and Ma Armstrong died or were buried My Grand Pa **Sheffield** died a prisoner of war Smithfield NC in the year 1774 75 or 76 the exact time is not remembered My Grand Ma lived until 1827 (or 4 illegible) April 20th and died at her daughters Susan Hooks then living on bear swamp near Faisons depot. Sister Barbara and myself went to see her buried. Sister Barbara then had one child Mary M Caleb I will now return to my father and mother from the N East they moved to a place now owned by Clem Gillespie of Duplin near the Grove Academy then called I think the Joe Dickson place. here they lived several years. had at the time several children Viz **Isham** Hugh and Susan they all went to school in the same yard of the present **Acadamie** to Rev Samuel Stanford this was considered a school of high grade and many of the young men of that day finished their course at that school. it was keped up for many years and one time he had what was then termed an exebition spoken of as one of the most **magnificent** affairs that ever took place in all that country I have very often since my day heard old people speak of that wonderful affair if I have been correctly informed a part of the performance was of a theatrical character Uncle Robert Dickson was spoken of as the hero of some great exploit he had stages erected and the affair continued for several days

he farmed at the place just mentioned from that place my father

Duplin Court House now called Kenansville moved to the place where Wm. **Farrior** now lives. The house I suppose has long since been removed and replaced by another at Kenansville he keped a boarding house for the Sawyers Travelers also a Livary stable and I suppose a farm & store. from this place he moved to So Washington where he engaged in a very large merchandise business at Wilmington So Washington and Kenansville under the name and style of Armstrong Mc **Intire** & Mc **Gowan** they did a very extensive business so I have been told Mc **Intire** was the father of James and David McIntire of this section and Mc **Gowen** was the father of Mrs Thomas Hall at Hallsville NC. In the midst of this heavy business a very sad event happened to my father he was suddenly stricken with prelaixises lay for days and nights like one that was dead I was then some two years old but can faintly remember the bustle & confusion and well remember the Dr in attendance Dr Albert Guthrie the husband of Mrs Ann Guthrie yet in

Wilmington Oh how sad was all around the house and how my dear mother **weaped** and watched around him. this was the first downfall of our family My father never recovered again he lived a helpless invalid until his death. This **affliction** of my father and the death of Mr A McIntire forced a speedy close up of their business and I have no doubt a very great sacrifice which is generally the case under such circumstances from this date I do not remember any thing of interest for about Two years when I can remember as a dream another sad time the death of my oldest sister Susan Oh --how many tears were shed. how many seemed to be deeply affected I can remember as a dream how Uncle David Hooks took on also Brother Hugh and a negro man named **Issac** she was just from school a few days before her 16th year She was buried over a little branch just over the hill under a holly **tree** in the rear of the house but requested My Father not to move away and leave her their. I suppose she knew he expected to move. when my mother died just 10 years after the remains of Sister Susan Aunt Eva Boney and the last child of my mother was disinterred and buried by the side of my mother. here I will relate a strange thing. in a short time after they were entered by the side of Mother which was the same week in a short time their graves were covered with grass whilst that of My Mother remained without one sprig My Father frequently visited the graves and noticed this circumstance and remarked that no grass would grow their until he was placed beside her which proved to be true. See the next eight page.

I will return to So Washington at the date mentioned it was quite a thriving business place. There ware several stores on our side of the creek and several on the other Mr. James Usher the father of the present Wm Usher, he had 4 sons viz: William Patrick James & **Holland** (illegible) and two interesting daughters Miss **Eliza** and Miss Franceria They were very wealthy and lived in Much style They ware also a Dr **Laroch** and family that made a big show. The place at the time was all **fun** and frolic-horse raceing gambling & I rember a race that came off Christmas day in an old field now opposite Mrs Lewis Thomas It was what was then limered a course race a track laid off all around and a large stage erected for the spectators at the starting and stopping point. Bryant **Newkirk** owned one of the horses and I think Black head Wm Usher another I do not recollect how many ware entered but I think the purse was taken by Timothy W. **Bludworth** the father of Robert



in the second race there were many horses entered my father was there on a bony mair just purchased in very hard plight as he was fond of sport he was not hard to **persuade** Mose was called up the mane fixed up and Mose was mounted everyone **laughing** at the old bony mair. the drum was struck to make ready your horses the tracks were thrown up for, the parties all knowing their places the judges called out all **reddy** the drums struck again for the move and away they bounded. the old mair walked up she soon found she was on a race track the **first** was soon passed then the second third fourth on the starting time she left every thing behind as soon as Moses got the tack and was sure he had the **speed** he bent in his **saddle** and held his mair with all his might hollowing to the **others** to come on. I can now in my **immagenation** see Moses teeth as they shined when he passed the winning point some one or Two hundred yards ahead of all, such shouting and hollowing as they had over the old bony mair she **was** truly a fast animal but I never knew to be run afterwards. robing hen roosts was also one of the sports of that day they had one of their number a very good hearted soul TB that was all ways put forward on such occasions on one occasion he caught a very large turkey rooster and got him to a very high fence. **just** as he got on the fence the old rooster fluttered and T fell on one side of the fence and the roster on the other the others would call out hold him Tim would hold and the rooster **flutters** and then they continued for some time much to the amusement of his comrades, and did really have all his skin tom from his arms by the fluttering of the turkey I have forgotten how the matter ended but I believe the owner of the turkey came to his rescue. the robbing of the hen houses most of them flat roof then because so many people provided very heavy logs and put on them - on one occasion they got up a large party and good time foremost as usual they went to the hen house raised up the logs and sent in Tim to hand out the chickings **which** he did just as they got as many **as** they wanted they pretended to **get** desperately **scared** **dropped** the logs on the hen and decamped leaving poor Tim shut up good and fast in the hen house A good old lady Ms Brightman living on the opposite side of the creek had an old horse she called Buck which she **kept** her buck was often on our side of the creek **picking** up fodder & **corn** & where persons would feed their teams **whilst** trading, on one occasion the young men got a bundle of fodder and **sprinked** it with spirits **Turpt** and tied it fast to his tail of poor old Buck and set fire to it. if you ever saw

running and kicking it was then it burn the old fellow a little but not so much as might be imagined the old Lady **kicked** up quite a muss but the matter was settled by the payment of some small sum of money. such was some of the sport at So Washington in that day they also had many dancing parties. some few of the ladies that participated are still on the shores of time but the most of them have passed away Mr. Michael Boney Bryant **Newkirk** Timothy **Newkirk** Joseph **Newkirk** Henry **Newkirk** Jacob **Newkirk** and Berry **Newkirk** were all young men just on their first feet I have been highly entertained by Joseph **Newkirk** and Bryant **Newkirk** relating the incidence of them days they have all passed except Berry he still lives. From So Washington which was then quite a **thriving** village we moved to a place at present owned if living by the widow of Rev Samuel Stanford. this place was owned by My Grand Ma second husband **whare** she lived many years after my recollection, when she moved up near Faisons Depot My Father moved to the place, it was owned by Uncle Robert **Dickson** after his death I suppose it was thought best to sell it for a division, at that place we lived for some 3 or 4 years as near as my memory serves me, where I went to the first regular school at So **Washington** they would some times get me to go to school with them to WW Rivenbark and DR G H Mc **Millan** but this was only for pastime the (then the first regular school I ever went to was taught by Rev Samuel Stanford where his son A T Stanford now lives in about 3 miles of Magnolia Mr S was a very cruel teacher **whipped** most unmercifully and his own children worse than any others He had a tame deer which was a great terror to me he would meet us in the field and if you did not immediately divide your **dinner** with him he would back his reins and jump right on you and take a way your basket and eat all the bread **stuffs** in it Mr S was **kind** to me but I was as much afraid of him as if he had been a **deamon**. This school did not last long we then went to school to the grove Academy to Micajah Autry. Bro Ed Br John sister Barbara and myself this school continued for some two three years a number of young men finished their Education with **this** school Mr Autry bought to the school two grown Brothers Sterling and John neither of them knew their letters. this was the second year of the school. we young chaps felt quite large when Sterling and John would ask us to tel them their lessons which we were permitted to do in that school. in a very short time those young men made such fine progress as to be **reading** Latin and both made finely Educated young

men they both soon followed teaching school Sterling when last hear of him was a Methodist Iterate Preacher **Micajah** was **killed** in Texas War of 1836 John was teaching school From near Kenansville we moved to a place some three miles below Limestone here my Father built 2 log cabins some 20 feet each and a ten foot passage between them with a long **piza** all the way across the passage was finally closed up which made room for **T(illegible)** beds The house has also two shed rooms by the side off one of the cabins with a three or four feet passage between them. the property is now owned by some of the heirs of Mr Drew Hall at this place my father farmed on quite a large scale raising considerable cotton corn &. Sometimes would have a very large white help employed we would have a long table such as Mrs Mc Caleb and when they all got to the table it took something to satisfy them. at this place we had much trouble My Father Joseph **McGowan** and Hogan Hunter became security for Mr James Hall for some Thousand Dollars borrowed from the bank to buy negroes with to speculate on. He bought the negroes and took them to Georgia to speculate on Mr Hall was an honest man and though every person the same. he met with a stranger I suppose a regular such. sold him all his negroes for a large price delivered the negroes and the man was to meet him at some town and pay him the gold in a few days Mr Hall went but no man met nor did he ever **see** the man or negores again he owed considerable money besides the amount mentioned he was compelled to give right up all his affects ware sweped away I well rember the morning he came to my Fathers it was very early I think before my father was up he soon up and assisted to the fire after a short conversation the sad news was related to my father the blow was to heavy and unexpected for he fainted and fell on his face to the floor for some minutes we thought he was dead he was **rubed** and baithed and finally revived again only however to **pross** (illegible) though much more trouble and sorrow My father owed considerable money besides this every one pushed for the last dime he called a **vandue** and all the negroes ware sold Oh how heart rending to **see** those that he had owned through lief many that he had raised all sold away Uncle David Hooks who was very **kind** to us bought old Man Friday Phyllis and a boy named Bill he got those negores at low figures people know why and for what reason they were sold he also bought part of the lands which he let My father and family keep just before this date my sister was married to Thomas

Davis. he bought part of the lands and Brother John who married his sister part also Wm **Sandlin** part, at first every negro was taken away old Mr John **Whitehead** a true friend of my father sent negroes to do for us until some arrangements could be made Mr Whitehaead is the father of the present Col Whitehead, you know this must have been temble indeed from one of the wealthiest families in that section all at once we ware the poorest I however did not regard it much as it seemed to me I could work more **cheerful** than before I suppose you would like to know what the other securities did one of them took prison bounds the other ran his negroes to **tenessce** until a compromise was made I think he paid part of the debt. our troubles did not stop here in a year or so after the sale of the negroes my father was **casid** (illegible) now in this case every earthly thing has to be surrendered So that a man can swear that he is not worth 40 shilings in the world a **vandue** was called. and every item of every sort even the old Family Bible was put up, and sold as young as I was I could not see that dear old Book which I had seen my mother read so often on Sunday sold I stepped up and ran it up and it was finally knocked down to me. it is now at Mr Davises I do not know how it was arranged but I suppose some of them paid for it as I had not one cent in this wide wide world. In the horse lott with the cattle there were two little motherless heifers that I had taken when little helpless things and by close attention raised they were given to me by my father on one of them I had a bell and when I was absent or neglected them she would shake it often they wandered from the house and fallen down in their feeble condition when I would have to take them in a wheelbarrow and roll them home they finally came to them when selling I had no idea they would sell my calves. I protested but there was no use they must be sold. I had keped up my spirits very well until now but I cried as though my heart would break. My Mother tryed to console me my father also. he said he could not help it all must be sold. and my calves went. with the rest. I thought it very hard then I do not know who bought the calves but they passed in to other hands. Just after this sale court came up and my Father fixed up for court he weped and my mother weped and I believe **Bro Isham** I did not then know why he had often gone to court without weeping and why ware they weeping. Bro **Isham** Hugh and John went with him. Some of them returned that evening with the sad announcement that My Dear old helpless Father was in Jail Oh how my dear old Mother weped



how we all weped it seemed that Mother and sister Barbara would break their hearts O how sad every thing given up sold and gone and father in Jail this I believe was the 4th week in March 1826 and April My Father was permitted to take the benefit of the insolvents oath and return home We ware all some glad to see him now than ever before I do not believe any of use loved as we did when we knew he was a poor helpless prisoner. My Mother was at this time in very feeble health her feeble constitution would stand the shock no longer she took her bed and lingered until the next Thursday morning about 10 O'clock when she breathed her last. This was **truely** a sad day to me I loved my Mother as dearly as ever a Mother was loved Oh how I thought then it would be pleasant to be laid in the cold cold grave with her I well remember my Dear old Father would **call** me to him and tel me we had lost the best friend we had in this wide wide world and weep as though his heart would break My Dear Mother was buried the next day the **21st** day of April 1826 **the very** day I was 13 years old we then sent for an old Miss Polly Jones that lived about rockfish to come and keep house for us which she did until the next year April 1827 when Brother **Isham** was married after his marriage she remained a few months when I was sent to carry her to old miss **Aly** Staling near where Thomas **Pigford** now lives. My Father after the death of my Mother seemed to linger out a miserable existence he felt lonely and neglected and weped and lamented a great deal would speak of the grass not growing on My Mothers grave and say she was weighting for him about the 1st of October 1827 he was taken sick. I was sent for Brother **Hughs** family at So Washington Brother Hugh was below Wilmington **working** on what was termed a dredgering boat building what is called the **Jetus** (illegible) for the purpose of **changeing** the course of the water so as to make it deeper. Sister Julia and children went up with me and remained until after the death of my father which was in a few days. **after** we moved to Limestone as we then called that section previous to the death of my father and mother some 4 or 5 years I occasionally went to a 3 month school the first that I rember to have gone to after moveing to that place to a man by the name of **Jinkins** (illegible) at the forks of **Onslow** and Wilmington road where A **Newkirk** lives or did a few years since he was very **kind** to his student let them all do as they preferred which rendered him very popular our parents ware as they thought all doing their duty sending us to school without any regard as

to the qualification of the teacher. We then went to an old fashioned teacher Daniel Love long teaching from place to place he was a large tall man with very short neck he to was **kind** to his charge and let every one do as he thought best. He was fond of the over Joyful and would occasionally ramble off from the school house at play time and sometimes be on a burst for a week. he taught on the opposite side of the road from where the present Babtist church now stands to such teaching of course no progress was made We then went to school to Thomas **Brickle** (illegible) a perfect demon not fit to have charge of any living thing. a perfect **tryant** and whipped and cuffed us about dayly and **all** most hourly. He was rather over the common sise, dark **complexion** and black eyes If of the proper disposition would have made an excellent teacher he was well educated. he once delivered a 4th of July oration at Limestone which did him much credit I think it was printed I also went to a man by the name of Hugh Maxwell. he was an old fashioned teacher very **kind** to his **children** we all loved him because he was so **kind** but as to learning that was a mater he left entirely to our choice as a matter of course we preferred to play rather than books **which** suited him just as well. after the death of my Mother in April in June I was sent to Wilmington with Brother **Isham** where he fited me up with a new hat and a suit Black **Bumbaset** the suit was made by miss Patsy **Bludworth** who lived near where Mr Black now lives. on our way home I was left at Uncle Williams Dicksons then living on the place now owned by J P **Bannerman** but on the opposite side of the mill where I went to school to James Mc **Intire** to a house called Duncing Meeting House near the main road and within 300 yds of where J P B now lives I than first formed his acquaintance and soon formed the strongest attachment for him which has continued through lief. I also formed to **acquantance** of the Mr. Players Mr H Williams and family and many others all of whom have been strongly attached to and have often thought that I had as live be in that section as any I ever knew. I remained at this school about three months without once hearing from home, we had no mail routes, and it was seldom a traveler of any sort passed that way, we had preaching once during my stay at the old Duncing Meeting House by a Universilest Preacher Jacob H. **Fereeze** (illegible) some time the last of August Brother Edward came for me. Oh how over joyed I was to see him once more. I was very **kindly** treated where I was but home sweet home still had

some charms for me. he came on Saturday and early on Sunday morning we were off for home again. we were driving a young visious horse in and old stick chair. when we had traveled some 10 or 12 miles and had just passed a Mr **Rochells** near by the road, I looked at Bro Ed and he was fast asleep just at that instant the wheel struck a stump and over went the chair on one wheel and away ran the horse. he soon got loose from the **chair** and went bounding towards home. we followed on his track as luck would have it some charms for me. he came on Saturday and early on Sunday morning we were off for home again. we were driving a young visious horse in and old stick chair. when we had traveled some 10 or 12 miles and had just passed a Mr **Rochells** near by the road, I looked at Bro Ed and he was fast asleep just at that instant the wheel struck a stump and over went the chair on one wheel and away ran the horse. he soon got loose from the chair and went bounding towards home. we followed on his track as luck would have it a man by the name of Deal met the horse and brought him back until he met us. we went back hitched up and ware soon on our way again, and reached home in safety. I was over Joyed to see My Dear old Father again, and all seemed as glad to see me, but yet when I look around and saw My Mothers chair and bed and remembered that she was not more I was sad sad indeed. I came home to go to school to L W James near the Mr **Farrors** Wm & John they both had some 6 or 7 children each to send to school at this school I first formed the acquaintace of Miss E F she was some 11 years old I about 13 what young folks we ware to have a love **sorasse** (illegible) but with our acquaintance and attachment was formed which neither of us attempted to hide or deny it grew with our growth and matured with our years until we reaily believed that we were destined to be man and wife this continued some **three** of four yes five years when another mater **occured** to me how and in what way we would possibly make a living provide we should marry poverty with all its horrors stood out in full view before us oh how terrible to be miserable now and no way to remedy the case such was truely my unhappy condition no house no horse not one cent in this whole world nothing to do by which I could earn one dime, she did not look on the dark side but wrote on my slate T J **Armstrong** is his name and single is his lief happy will be maiden be that he doth make his **wife**. how **could** I make anyone happy without any thing on the earth I now 16 years old we had a short of a childish agreement that is no change in our

minds, and circumstances seemed to favor our plan at the expiration of 5 years that date we would be one, but in about 3 years she made other arrangement and I was left to do the best I could I will probably refer to this part of my **naritive** again as it comes in another place. More **appopertively** (illegible) Mr L W James our teacher was very well qualified to teach but was entirely to young and a wild a man for such a position. he would **sware** before his schollars and actulay made me go with him to steal Wm Sandlins water melons, on one occasion on our way home when we came to the road that turned to Sandlins field he told me to turn I refused he said if I did not he would whip me like H I was **compeled** to yield. I had no choice Just as we got to the field and he was sleighing the melons all at once there was Mr Sandlin how I rejoiced he did not seemed the least daunted but approached Mr **S** gave him the time of day and remarked that he had a very fine melons Mr **S** replied that he would have had a great many fine ones but some persons had stolen them very much James replied it was ashamed for him to be treated so and all passed off. Mr James **succeeded** by an old man by the of Wm Rhodes he was very well versed in figures and wrote a good hand but I suppose had very little knowledge of grammar geography or any thing of the sort do not suppose he **could** have written a single sentence correctly if his life had been at stake yet he was and old school teacher for many years He had Rules of his school which are now somewhere among my old papers if not destroyed a copy of which he gave me you were required to bid good morning to all when you entered the S House to say good evening when you left in the evening and required to speak to ever person you met on the road and to speak to all the family on your return home and on your departure in the morning with many other such requirements all of which we found hard to rember and observe Rhodes was succeeded by the late Maj Joseph T. Rhodes a young man just from Chapel Hill and a fine teacher reaily ever sitting in the house constantly engaged in hearing recitations and other matters. if all my school days had been with him I **think** I should at least had a fair English Education His schollars both loved and feared him. He seemed to manifest so much interest in their improvement. he was succeeded by a little many by the name of Peter Patterson a good scholar but very easy and quite you could study or not as you preferred. This now brings up to the death of my Father which occurred the 5 day of October AD 1827 as before stated After this sad event I began to

feel truly my lonely and dependent condition. no home in this wide wide world I could truly repeat those words no foot of land did I possess or cottage in this wilderness a poor way favoring boy not grown. I remained with Brother **Isham** that year and until the next fall I worked as hard as I could but did not get any compensation except the privilege of going to school again to Peter Patterson a while in the winter month Bro I was in strengthened circumstances not able to do **anything** for me if disposed I do not remember to have received one single cent for my services and was scantily clothed and shod. I had I think some 5 or 6 shoats which he let **run** in the fields to fatten which I carried to Newbern and sold and bought the first Bond cloth coat I ever had from a yellow Taylor. I had left Bro **Isham** before this and was living with T Davis over Muddy Creek he agreed to feed me and cloth me and send me to school six months to work 6 mo but the first fall and winter he had a large quantity of **Turpt** to Hall which I had to do first which required near all the winter so that I did not go much more than 2 mo and then had to walk 5 miles and cross too very wide swamps. the next summer I worked very hard part of the time. chopped **turpine** time and plowed Mr Davis was usually up before day and have every one to their work I have frequently gone in the field to plow in the morning and had to weight $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour before I could see the corn oh what folly it was to do business in such away poor man such was his idier of doing business which has never prospered with him, This was **year** 1829 In the spring of which there came along a Babtist Preacher by the name of **Curry (Carry** -illegible) and He preached at what was then called **Stafford** or Muddy Creek Meeting House From the Text And they all with one accord began to make excuse and had bought a piece of land and he could not go another a yoke of oxen and he would not and another had **married** a wife and he would be excused. This is the first sermon that I ever seemed to understand It make a very deep and lasting impression on my mind and I was truly awakened on this Great and important Subject of religion I for the first time read the scriptures regular and made the study of its sacred truth occupying all my **leasure** hours. Mr Davis made all sorts of fun of me often told persons in my presents that I would be a preacher & I would not let **anything** he said daunt me and was determined to do what I thought to be my duty. about this date one Sunday in May brother Ed came over from Brother **Isham** with the sad news that Bro Hugh

at So Washington was in a dying condition he **Isham** was just from their had been their several days I had to borrow a horse and a short time Mr D & Sister Barbara Bro Ed Bro John and his wife Hannah were on our way we reached Washington about 9 or 10 Oclock that night just on the **hill** this side of the house we met Michael Boney he ast who was their we told him he told us poor Hugh had just died. we went on to the house and found that he had truly passed away Bro Hugh was a favorite Brother with us all he left a wife and three children two of **his** children Susan and Barbara Precilla had proceeded to the spirit land. after some hours consulation it was though best that I should go immediately back after Bro **Isham** & family. I was soon on my way had already traveled near 30 miles now right back again the horse became tired and dull but Just after day if I recollect rightly I reached Brother **Ishams** and told the sad news. he however was not taken on surprise it was just what he expected we were soon on our way back to Washington and from their we went that evening to Jeremiah Hands who lived where John Moore now lives, and remained all night. early next morning we ware on our way to the last resting place of Brother Hugh near where J Hand Jr now lives their we buried Brother Hugh we ware all sad indeed from their we returned to M Hands eat breakfast and in a short time to our homes again just beyond So Washington we me the late Thomas **Irving (Luvring** - illegible) and schollas comeing from school Mr **I (L** - illegible) Thad John Ed Aman and your Aunt Mary. in the crowd was your Ma but I did not know any of them at that time I know I thought the **L (I** - illegible) family big folks. they are wore store goods at that date which was uncommon with country folks where we lived I have never visited the grave of Brother Hugh I hope yet to do so. The death of Brother Hugh at this time had a tendency to deepen my conviction on the great and important subject of my souls salvation. I seriously thought of uniting myself with the church but deferred doing so. I believe if I knew my self I was truly prepared not only for not only the church here below but for that higher and howlier church above. at the time I am writing of there were many **Unaveriless** (illegible) in our section and were **anxious** there influence should be felt there were several Univerilest papers taken that was sent to me containing Universalis seminars by very able men one I remember by a very smart man J **hist from** the Text and David seeing **Larzarus** in **Abrahmas boosome**, see the Tex in 22 & 23 and 24 V of the 16th chapter of



saint Luke. The sermon was ingeniously gotten up and well calculated to miss send a weak mind. in the mean time Mr D devised a plan to worry and heckle me he put me to plowing an ox I had much patience with the ox and he done very well until about 10 O'clock he became very tired and contrary would run over the rows get out of the plow and cut up all sorts of rusties Mr D looking on and enjoying the sport after a day or so he became so unmanabable that I could control my profsin (illegible) no longer and cursed the poor old ox this was just what Mr D wanted he was overly rejoiced nothing could have pleased him better he had a plenty to tel and to laugh about. I was motrified badly began to doubt my happy state of mind which I had just passed through and read Universilist papers a great deal and tryed and really thought I did believe Universelist doctrine. That winter there ware a great many balls and frolicks most of which I attended and first completely led astray by such follies. this brings us to year 1830 this year I rented some Turpt boxes from D Brown the most of them worn out and thrown away I though hopefully I could do something with them so I went to work engaged my board from Mr Davis did not have near as many as I would Think I had to walk three of four miles morning & night to & from my work after dipping a few weeks I began to think about how I could get it halled some 8 or 9 miles I heard of a little mari to sell at 25\$ dollars she had a jaw that run like bemes I went of one day on foot some eight or nine miles & bought the little mair had to give Brother John for security I went home well pleased with my money on Sunday I could ride all round to church I was delighted except that she was the poorest little ugly animal I ever saw I soon began in my mind to cast up what I should make on my Turpt the next was to pay bbls to pay for rafting to pay for my board to pay and my mair to feed so long that I found it would pay me over the left so I determined to wind up Mr D wanted some of the boxes so I told him if he would give me my board while working the trees pay the rent I would give him all I had done which offer he excepted Bro Isham at that time was pushed in his crops sent me word if I would come and plow for him he would feed me and my mair and give me 50 cts per day I went set in and drove hard until we laid by his crops, on settlement he said he did not expect to keep me at 50 cts per day more than a week or so but as I had been their so long he could not afford to give me over 6 pr (illegible) mo but that he would assist me to go to school to John W Stanley then teaching at the

Golden Grove Acadamie near Kenansville he procured me board at Thomas J Kenans about 2 miles from duplin Court House I sold my mair to Bro John if I recollect right for \$40 \$15 more than I gave he to pay my note. I went to Mr K and commenced school I herghted (illegible) to go very much the most of the boys were much further advanced than I was a number them young men viz D Mc Millan in the same yard miss Mary Stanley was teaching a female school in all I suppose there were some 70 schollars in the yard every day we did not make much progres in learning. Mr Stanley was a young man fond of play and we got interested we would forget when play time expired on Saturday we frequently went to Kenansville in the stores they would have fiddling and dancing it was not unusual to have 15 or 20 men on floor dancing for hours some of them cutting up all sorts of rusties other as particular as though they were in the presence of a hundred ladies this would last for hours when they would tune down and go playing cards this school ended my school days after the school broke I lingered about Mr Keniens for a few they had all been very kind and fond of me and I regretted for the hour to come when I must take my long adrent (illegible) I loved Mrs K as dearly as if she was a sister and miss Mary C more than a sister we were a great deal together and became greatly attached to each other I knew a few love songs she would have me sing, and she would sing for me, the night before I left we sat up late in the piza talked about my leaving what to do I did not know I tel her all my troubles and my destitute condition told her I was goining to Wilmington in search of something to do & we both weped and I believe she really love me as a brother. the next morning came and I made ready to leave I do not now rember how I carried my scanty ward robe, but suppose in a cotton Hkkf If I had one or roled up in a little bundle When I told Mrs K good by she weped like a child Miss C was weighting in piza to give me that last long farewell I lingered long she held me spell bound the question running across my mind is hers a sisters love or could it be any thing more circumstances forbid its being any thing more. well we must part so the long shake and hold on to the hand was given with her well wishes for my prosperity and happiness That long silent but sobing and weping farewell proved our last our long farewell. She married some few years after to a Mr Blackwell moved to Alabama and died at an early age peace to her ashes she visited Wilmington once after I was their but I did not have

the meager **amonity** to call on her I returned to Limestone for a short while and idled around among my relatives in a **shortime** there was an association at what is now called Wells Chapel then called **Bulltail** Meeting house near a creek by that name near Doctors Creek. I **determined** to go to that meeting on Saturday I started but not knowing any one that I knew of near their I went down to Michael Boneys near So Washington and stayed all night. the next day he went with me to the association, we passed by where your Uncle James now lives went round the fence and **stoped** at the upper ford. Little did I think then that place would ever posses such a great attraction for me as it did in after years. At the Association I met with many friends that I knew **Mr Newkirk** Gene Hand & others. The concourse of people was very large this was the first association I ever attended except one at Limestone. I do not remember that one single person ast me home with them. I do not remember **anything** about the preaching. as evening began to approach I though it best to leave so I mounted my pony and left. on the way some **whare** near **Leesburg** I over took Jeremiah Hand his sister and others on their way home, I had started for their house that night some 7 miles below So Washington we reached their a little in the night sister Julia was living with her father this was the first time I had since the death of Brother Hugh this was the first time I ever saw the present Hugh. The family all seemed very glad to see me and I enjoyed my visit very extensively. The next morning I proceeded my journey to Wilmington I got their about 2 or 3 **Oclock** did not trouble myself about diner I put up my nag at **H Nutts** stables in front of Mrs Beaches I then walked round from store to store and walk in, and without as much convincing ask if they wanted to employ a clerk. no was the reply every where, old **Mr** Calhardy the father **Mr** Bittencount did not want a clerk, but gave raisins crackers and other good things this cheered me up very much that night I stayed with our old friend J Wallace I do not rember whether he let me pay or not they ware glad to see me being from the neighborhood from which they had recently moved I believe I had only three dollars in the world and I expect that was borrowed after paying my **slattage** (illegible) passages & my pile was quite small. I left Wilmington rather worse than I went all hope of a situation their was give what to do I did not know that night I stayed at T Players I always found a welcome their that night he had a corn shucking I went and assisted them until we shucked the corn, the next day

I reached home or T Davises I do not now remember what I did for the next few months but I think I went to shucking and old field that I think Uncle David **Saved** (Saved- illegible) me of my fathers land after he had sold off enough to get back what money he had advanced. I do not rember any thing of interest that occurred until January of February 1831 Bro **Isham** hired me and **Willas** - illegible) **Newkirk** ea to take a load of bacon with him to Wilmington he sold I think to James Chambers we delivered our loads and **left** for home to return by So Washington we arrived at So Washington Sunday morning from this place we ware to carry up some cattle for Bro **Isham** we soon found the cattle they were almost wild we went running the cattle all over the fields very much to the amusement of **Mr** Loves boys but no doubt greatly to the annoyance of the old Gent. After raceing round several hours we finally gave up the chase gave up the cattle and left for home or brother **Ishams** he over took us within one mile of his house he was provoked we did not bring the cattle. after dropping the cattle subject he told me that **Mr** Chambers wanted me for a clerk and he hand engaged me at once at 6 pr mo and my board and washing for the first year I was glad to hear that I was wanting any where. I believe I could now point out the spot with in ten steps where this news first met my ears. Well I had nothing to do nothing to eat so I had no choice go I must but very reluctantly If any one had offered the same amount to plow on any sort of farm work I should not have gone but no go I must this was Monday evening on the following Saturday morning I was off with T Davis to Wilmington Oh how I hated to leave my native place perhaps never to make it my home again no never again on the way A Maxwell had a horse race and I was to ride Maxwells when we got their we found quite a crowd were gathered to see the race. the friends of Maxwells horse was rejoiced to see me **arrive** I had quite a reputation as a race rider generally **successful**. the horses were leading around the grounds we asured the Judges to their stands we mounted the word given and away we went and I had but little trouble in leading the way the race was soon over and the money won how much I do not know old man Maxwell supposed that pike ran as he never ran before then every wanted to drink with **success** (illegible) rider and they had some miserable whisky I had that morning taken some **spannish** brandy and now mixed it with mean whiskey it took all my wits **from** me at once **Mr** Davis said he tried every way to get me to go but I would not he got out of patience

and left me he sayed the next he saw of me I came tearing buy him with a great big drunken man behind me what became of him I do not know neither do I know any thing about him that night late in the night we reached a Mr Taylors near shaken creek we drove up to the barns says Mr Davis and hailed the dogs a terrible bad set came tearing out we ast to stay all they sayed we could I told I would stay jumped over in the midst of the dogs declaring I would stay made they all fly round went to the house they still protesting we could not stay and I went says Mr Davis in the house jumped right in the bed and left him and them to make the best arrangements they could I know nothing of all this occurance but I do know that ended my liquor days from that day forward I resolved if it ever injured me it should be out side of me and not in. the next night we camped near where Praggies (illegible) house now stands then called Smokey Tarvern old Mr Isaac Newton and Wm Newton camped with us they ware from near Doctors Creek. they went down to meet rafts next morning we arrived at Wilmington and in a shortime I was at my new vocation Oh how miserable every boddy strangers to me I as raw as it was possible to be my employer Mr James Chambers was a very crabid short crusty kind of a man what would I have given could I only been relieved of my embarrassing condition Mr Chambers & E J Hall were doing business together under the name & style of James Chambers Gr (illegible). It so happened that Hall bought the Turpt of Newton Davis and others and they were to buy what ever good Mr Chamber could furnish so the memorandums ware handed in badly written and I set to work to filling it I did not what the items ware or whether we had them or not and dreaded to ast Mr Chambers but I did ask him every thing. I wanted to know sometimes he would answer me pleasantly and at others as though he could snap my head off I bore it all patiently determaning to do my whole duty as far as I could the Mr Newtons seemed please to have me weight on them and remained true customers to me even after Wm Newton went to Georgia and died there was a fire place in the store and I got Mr C to let me burn old boxes bbls and other trash to make this soon drew a crowd to the store and I soon would ask persons warming if I could do anything in their line and some would hand out their memorandums (illegible) and tel me to fill them up such as we did not have get for them In this weigh we soon had a good Mr C changed his manner towards me and in a short time would buy wood and have it sawed it for

use. In this way my extensive acquaintance began to find me out and Mr C began to think me indispensable there ware part of business I did detest that was selling liquor by the draw to negroes yet it was a part of his business and I had it to do it was customary to drink and work until satuday night the most of them were brought to pay their grog bills. in a few I had confidence in my self and could plainly see Mr Chamber had entire confidence in me we keped a cash account and very soon the entire cash matter was left with me during the winter I suffered a great deal with the cold we ware on the shade side of the street and some days I would have to stand on the side walk nearly all day and draw. molasses with nothing on but a thin round jacke a homespun pants my pants were cotton filled with wool and dyed with broom straw a very ugly yellow colour My company formed when I first went to Wilmington was of the worst order, young men of means thought me beneath them, as such I was picked up by very hard characters such as could not associate white good company they would dress very well but the most vulgar black and set state could be mustered they ware hail fellows well met with Mr Chambers as such I supposed they were gentlemen I could mention quite a list of them but they have passed away to the spirits I and some reformed but others continued their wicked course through lief I do not remember a single one of the most wicked ones but soon died Wilmington a very wicked sickly place at this date diarrhea and billions fever was very prevelent I was first attached to diarrhea which came very near carrying off. I reduced from 168 to 122 lbs I was out all the while. I rember and old see Capt that then boarded at D Thallys where Bailey now keeps. Remarked to me seeing my feeble condition My son they will cary you on the Hill in a few days meaning St James Church yard. Poor old man he was attached and in a few days he was gone I met old Hugh Cowan one night and he had relieved by drinking burnt french brandy with cloves & spice in it the next morning I went to old man Robert Baxters and got the brandy carried it to the store and put in a cup put in the spice laid nails over it laid on the loaf sugar and set it afire the sugar soon melted and I blew out the fire and drank as warm as I could have it seemed to relieve at once and I mended very fast and soon well again. Monday the 2nd week of September 1831 was one of the most exciting times I ever witnessed in Wilmington, the people had all assembled from different parts of the country to court. That morning Ive Thomas arrived as an express from

So **Washington** with a letter from William J Love Sr of So Washington announcing that Dave Morisy and a large party of negroes had risen and ware on their way to Wilmington and that the plot had **been** revealed by Dave to **Levin Armwood** at So Washington the week before. that the **negroes** of Wilmington ware to make a remitations move and that they were to kill and sleigh all whites as they went. that this was a general rising all over the South. to arms to arms was the order of the day many **negroes** that were **suspissioned** were taken up and punished most **cruely**. some acknowledge and revealed a great deal about the move. the people were perfectly **panick stricken** to add to the excitement the sun had a large black spot over it very perceptable to the eye some of the superstitious thought the whites would be **bloted** out and the negroes be **triumphant**. the negroes ware afraid to put their heads out of doors. This excitement continued for **many** days. I suppose there were 50 or 60 or more in Jail. one **afternoon** a job met to break in the Jail to **kill** some that were called ring leaders they broke the **doors** and would soon have been in. the Jailer was on the **spot**, trying to suppress the mob at last order was in some way restored. At night there was a large meeting at the present City Hall a call was made for men to do anything that was ast to be done and nearly every man volunteered The jail was then to be blown up with it contents. Just as **arrangments** were about being made **Doye** (illegible) Chambers rode in crowd and informed them that if they would desist that the

magistrates then in sitting would deliver to them at daylight next morning the ring leaders of the plot some 4 or 6 I do not rember which I was on guard that night at a late hour I was relieved and went to the store and lay down on the counter to go to sleep I slept until day break just as I waked I heard the guns. directly another round then very soon another. I ran on with all my might just as I got to the crowd **they** were leading out one they called Prince Fuller he was declaring his innocence. he was tied to the stake and the the drums struck once make ready stop aim third fire. when the drum struck once Prince said twice more and I am gone sure enough as the drum struck the third time **poor** Prince fell I had known **him** from my youth had always liked him and still think he was innocent the community think that Prince Nichols was the guilty instead of Prince Fuller. Prince was owned by an old Lady Mrs Fuller the **Citizens** raised money and paid for him.

Note on page They were **shot** Just on top of the hill as to the cemetery on what then called Gales Hill.



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Marriage and Death Notices from the **Wilmington**, North
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[This series of marriage and death notices submitted by Helen Moore Sammons is continued from the Winter 1997 Courier. These are dated in the **1850's** and can be viewed on microfilm in the Local History Room at New Hanover County Public Library]

Sat 14 Feb 1852- Died: In Holmes county, Miss., Joseph ELLIS, Esq., in the 75th year of his age. The deceased was a native of Greene County, N. C. and was for many years Chairman of the County Court of Greene and also a representative from the same county for several years in the Legislature.

Sat 23 Feb 1856- Married: In Richmond, Va., on the 20th **inst.**, by Rev. L. P. **LeDOUX**, Mr. Louis ERAMBERT of Wilmington, N. C. to Miss Sallie F. SKINNER, daughter of Capt. Samuel SKINNER, of Richmond.

Thur 4 Sept 1851- Died: On the 17th **inst.**, at the residence of her father, Capt. Fred LESTER of the county of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Missouri F. ERAMBERT, consort of Mr. A. A. ERAMBERT of **Farmville**, aged 22 years and 6 mos. (Danville, Va., Wilmington & **Fayetteville**, N. C. papers please copy).

Sat 19 Sept 1857- Died: In this county on the 15th **inst.**, John ERWIN, supposed to be a native of Ireland, but **hailing** from New York, 24 years of age. He was a seaman saved from the wreck of the Schooner Abdel Kader and removed to the residence of Nicholas N. **NIXON**, Esq., on Topsail Sound.

(New York papers please copy)

Tues 11 May 1852- Died: In this town on Saturday, the 8th **inst.**, Eliza Augusta, aged 14 years, daughter of William and Eliza ESLER.

Tues 19 June 1855- Died: In Rahway, New Jersey, on the **10th inst.**, Mrs. Eliza M., wife of W. M. ESLER, aged 40 years, formerly of this place.

Tues 14 Oct 1851- Died: On Sunday in this town, Will Anna, infant daughter of William and Eliza ESLER.

Thur 10 Aug 1854- Died: In this town on Sunday last, Catharine, daughter of S. S. and Elizabeth EVANS, aged one year and nine mos.

Sat 12 July 1851- Died: In Philadelphia on Monday, July **7th**, Charlotte, aged 2 months, daughter of Cadwalader EVANS, of Chester and grand-daughter of C. A. **LADOMUS**.

Tues 8 June 1852- Died: On Sunday whilst bathing, Elias EVANS, apprentice boy on board the Br. Brig **Latimer** was

drowned. So far, his body has not been recovered.

Thur 16 Oct 1856- Married: At St. Peter's Church in Bainbridge, N. Y. on the 9th inst., by Rev. Bailey, Thomas EVANS, Esq., of this place, to Miss Addie FORD, of Bainbridge.

Tues 12 May 1857- Died: On the 11th inst., at his residence in New Hanover county, Mr. Amariah B. EVERETT, aged 46 years and 8 months.

Thur 20 Aug 1857- Died: In Everettesville, Wayne county, on the 14th inst., Caroline Deems, infant daughter of David B. and Sarah EVERETT, after an illness of two days.

Sat 9 Aug 1856- Died: At Smithville on the 7th inst., Miss Marietta C. EVERITT, daughter of the late Dr. S. B. EVERITT, aged 34 years.

Sat 11 Apr 1857- Died: In Darlington District, S. C. on the 28th ult., Mrs. Catherine A. EZZELL, in the 28th year of her age, of consumption.

Sat 11 Apr 1857- Died: In this town on Thursday, 9th inst., Mrs. Mary FAIRCHILD, aged 69 years.

Thur 17 Sept 1857- Died: In Sampson county on the 7th inst., Mr. William FAISON, aged 66 years and 10 days.

Thur 13 Apr 1854- Married: On Horse Swamp, Onslow county, N. C. on the 6th inst., by John A. Coston, Esq., Mr. Benjamin FARNELL of LaMotts Creek to Miss Caroline MORTON, of Horse Swamp, all of Onslow.

Sat 23 Apr 1853- Died: Mr. John FARRAR, pilot, was drowned last Wednesday twelve miles north of the New Inlet light. He was in a small pilot boat which was overturned while attempting to reach the schooner, Sea Lion, which was bound in.

Sat 14 Feb 1852- Married: In this town on Thursday last by Rev. R. T. Heflin, Owen FENNELL, sheriff of this county, to Miss Matilda A. VARNUM, of this place.

Sat 31 July 1852- Died: Mrs. FENNELL, wife of Owen FENNELL, sheriff of New Hanover county, was drowned on the 27th inst. when the steamer Henry Clay caught fire and burned near Yonkers, N. Y. Her husband was also a passenger, but escaped with his life.

Tues 6 Apr 1852- Died: In this county on the 17th ult., Mrs. Elizabeth FENNELL, consort of the Rev. George FENNELL, aged 54 years and 6 months.

Sat 1 Jan 1853- Married: In Johnston county on the 15th ult., by W. H. McCullers, Esq., Capt. J. J. FERRELL to Miss Adeline C., eldest daughter of the Rev. J. F. ELLINGTON.

Sat 22 Apr 1855- Died: In this town on the 26th inst., Sarah F., infant daughter of J. H. and R. A. FILLYAW.

Tues 22 Feb 1853- Married: In this town on Wednesday, 16th inst., by Rev. W. H. Jordan, G.M.L. FINCH to Miss Sarah, daughter of C. D. ELLIS, Esq., of Wilmington.

Tues 19 Aug 1851- Died: In this town on Saturday last, Mr. William G. **FILLYAW**, aged 41 years.

Tues 8 Aug 1854- Died: Charles FINCH, a worthy citizen of this county, was killed in this city on Thursday while assisting to raise a Democratic pole, the pole falling on him. He leaves a wife and two children.

(Raleigh N. C. August 5)

Tues 15 July 1856- Died: Mr. Robert FINDLATER, residing near Raleigh, was found dead in his bed on Wednesday last.

Sat 30 Aug 1851- Married: In New York on 14th **inst.**, by Rev. Mr. Chase, Mr. George FITCH to Miss Ruth BARTLETT, of New York.

Sat 6 Oct 1855- Married: In this town on Wednesday last, 3d **inst.**, by Rev. T. Page Ricaud, Mr. James FLEET and Miss Caroline SHOLAR.

Sat 21 Mar 1857- Died: In Mobile on the 18th **inst.**, little Kate, daughter of L. J. FLEMING, late of this town.

Thur 28 May 1857- Died: In this town on the 22nd **inst.**, Mr. Lewis FLOYD in the 55th year of his age.

Sat 26 Apr 1856- Married: At Richmond Hill, Yadkin county, on the 15th **inst.**, by Rev. Parker, Daniel FOWLE, Esq., of Raleigh, to Miss Ellen Brent **PEARSON**, daughter of Hon. R. M. **PEARSON**.

Thur 21 Oct 1852- Died: In this town on the 29th **ult.**, Isaac M., son of Mr. Nathaniel and Mrs. Lavina FOWLER, aged 5 years and 10 months.

Sat 28 Jan 1854- Married: In this county on the 25th **inst.**, by Rev. George Fennell, Mr. James M. FOY to Miss Jennette M., daughter of Stewart DEVANE, Esq.

Tues 27 Mar 1855- Died: On Topsail Sound in this county on the 24th **inst.**, Mrs. Nancy FOY, wife of Henry R. FOY, aged about 40 years.

Sat 26 July 1856- Died: In this town on the 25th **inst.**, Alvord, son of D. M. and H. A. FOYLES, aged 9 months. Funeral today from their residence corner of Dock and 7th Sts.

Sat 10 Apr 1852- Died: In this town on yesterday, Mary Middleton FRALEY, aged 10 years, 3 months, and 9 days, youngest daughter of Tobias and Amanda FRALEY.

Tues 11 Jan 1853- Died: In this town yesterday, Mr. Durant FRAZIER, formerly of **Onslow** county, N. C., but a resident of Wilmington for almost a year. The funeral will take place today at the residence of Mrs. Hoard.

Tues 12 May 1857- Died: In Goldsboro on Saturday, May **9th**, Dr. David C. FREEMAN, in the 57th year of his age. Burial in Washinton, N. C. He was well known as a member of the late firm of Freeman & Houston in Wilmington.

Thur 1 **Oct** 1857- Married: On the 29th September, by Rev. Dr. Deems, Mr. T. Charles FREEMAN to Miss Mary J. HARRISS, all of Wilmington.



Tues 24 Feb 1852- Married: At Orton in Brunswick county on Wednesday, 18th inst., at the residence of Dr. F. J. Hill, by the Rev. Mr. Wightman, Mr. William F. FREEMAN, of Columbia, S. C., to Miss Sallie John DAVIS, daughter of Mr. Thomas I. DAVIS, of this county.

Tues 27 May 1856- Died: In this town on the 25th inst., Caroline G., daughter of George R. and Sarah FRENCH, aged 16 years and 8 months.

Tues 18 Dec 1855- Married: At Timmons ville, S. C. on Thursday, 13th inst., by Rev. Elijah Hicks, Mr. William A. FRENCH, of Wilmington, N. C. to Miss Hattie P., second daughter of Rev. J. M. TIMMONS, of the former place.

Tues 8 Sept 1857- Died: At Green Swamp, Columbus county, N. C., on 3rd inst., Charles Henry, son of James and T. R. FRESHWATER, aged 4 years, 10 months and 4 days.

Thur 12 June 1851- Died: In this town on the 8th inst., Mr. William FRESHWATER, aged 73 years.

Thur 13 May 1852- Died: In this town on Tuesday last, Mr. J. FROST, aged about 60 years.

Sat 28 Nov 1857- Notice: At a special term of the New Hanover County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held on 23d of November, 1857, Lewis Swarzman qualified as admr. upon the estate of Fred FRUHLING.

Sat 15 July 1854- Died: In Brunswick county on the 13th inst., Mr. Charles V. FULLWOOD, aged about 60 years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Tues 5 Aug 1856- Died: In Smithville, N. C. on Saturday, 2nd August, Willie G., infant son of A. J. and L. J. GALLOWAY, aged 18 mos. and 15 days.

Sat 14 June 1851- Married: In this town on the 12th inst., by Rev. A. P. Repiton, Mr. Charles GANEY to Miss Ann Eliza GANEY.

Tues 28 Dec 1852- Died: Goldsboro, Dec. 23- Mr. Thomas GARDNER, who was employed at the Steam Saw Mill at Waynesboro, was killed yesterday when the boiler exploded.

Thur 3 May 1855- Died: In this town on the 30th ult., at the residence of Mr. George McDuffie, Mrs. Catherine GARRISON, wife of Jedediah GARRISON, aged 57 years.

Tues 24 Feb 1852- Died: On Thursday last, the keeper of the poor house of Wayne county, Mr. GARRISS, was stabbed to death by one of the inmates.

Tues 5 May 1857- Married: On Middle Sound on Thursday 30th ult., by John A. Sanders, Esq., Mr. Ferney GASKINS to Miss Elizabeth SMITH.

Sat 7 Feb 1852- Died: At Shallotte in Brunswick county on the 23d ult., Mr. Bryant GAUSE, in the 72d year of his age. He has been a member of the Baptist church for 30 yrs.

Thur 1 July 1852- Died: In this town yesterday, William Fergus, son of S. P. & Caroline GAUSE, aged 14 mo. & 27 days.

Tues 6 May 1851- Died: William D. GAUSE in his 19th year was shot and killed by the accidental discharge of a gun on Tuesday last. He was on a visit to his uncle, Mr. Benjamin GAUSE in Marion District, **S. C.**

Tues 22 Jan 1856- Near Rocky Mount on last Friday night, Mr. William GAY, section master on the W&W Railroad, was instantly killed when the hand car in which he was riding was hit by a locomotive.

Sat 8 Mar 1856- Died: In New Hanover county on the 15th **ult.**, Mr. David GEORGE, in the 65th year of his age.

Thur 8 Oct 1857- Married: In this county on 29th September, 1857, by J. E. Bunting, Esq., Mr. Edward W. GEORGE and Mrs. Rhoda Ann BORDEAUX, all of this county.

Sat 21 June 1856- Died: In this town on Thursday last, West Moore GILBERT, aged 8 yrs. and 11 mos., son of H. D. and Elizabeth GILBERT.

Thur 31 July 1856- Died: At St. James College, Maryland, on the 28th **inst.**, James, eldest son of Wm. R. and **Almeria GILES**, aged 19 years.

Thur 22 June 1854- Married: In this town on the 20th **inst.**, in the M.E. Church by Rev. N. F. Reid, Mr. Robertson GILL and Miss Sarah E. BALLENTON, all of this place.

Tues 21 July 1857- Died: In this town on Sunday, 19th **inst.**, John Wesley, the youngest child of R. & Sarah E. GILL, aged 7 mos. and 15 days.

Sat 7 Apr 1855- Died: In this town on the 5th **inst.**, Robert Carson, infant son of Robertson and Sarah GILL.

Sat 7 Apr 1855- Died: In this town on 23d of March last, Rosa Caroline, infant daughter of Robertson and Sarah GILL.

Sat 13 Dec 1856- Married: In Bladen county on the 2d **inst.**, by Rev. Colin Shaw, James F. GILLESPIE, Esq., to Miss M. C. CROMARTIE, daughter of George CROMARTIE, Esq., all of Bladen.

Sat 1 Aug 1854- Died: In Bladen county on Wednesday the 26th **inst.**, Mary Eliza, infant daughter of Dr. D. B. and Sarah Ann GILLESPIE.

Tues 31 July 1855- Died: In Conwayboro, **S. C.** on Sunday, 22d **inst.**, by accidental drowning, Wilson Murray, son of Eli and Mary GILLICAN, aged about 3 years.

Tues 22 June 1852- Died: Near Wadesborough on the 11th **inst.**, Miss Martha J. **GODBOLD**, of Marion District, **S. C.** She was on her way home from Carolina Female College and was killed when she was thrown out of her carriage when the horses became frightened and bolted.

Sat 7 Nov 1857- Married: In this town on Wednesday, 4th **inst.**, at Orange St. Baptist Church by Rev. A. P. **Repiton**, Mr. Lewis GORDON to Miss Elenda F. WILLIAMS, all of this town.

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COMPUGENICS by Gerald McKenzie

At the January 1998 meeting we had a rather small, but enthusiastic group to discuss "Genealogy on Line". It seems that the use of the *Internet* is growing by leaps and bounds both in the number of users and the range of topics. The number of web sites for genealogy has grown beyond all predictions. Most of the genealogy software houses now offer access to certain data files each month ... for free! Communication by **Email** has become the preferred (and fastest) method of computer users for contacting others for genealogical searches. Genealogical "live" forums or chat rooms provide amazing breadth and depth for genealogical searches. We all know how often we hit upon a lucky coincidences as the result of a roundtable of ten or fifteen people. Imagine a roundtable (forum or chat room) of several hundred or a thousand people. I personally have a list of **Email** contacts that cover over thirty states and 28 countries. In our Computer Special Interest group of around thirty local members there must be at least one contact known in every state and civilized country. At any meeting it is a simple task to ask if anyone has a contact in so-and-so place and most likely someone will have a contact or a lead to obtain one.

For those who do not want the Internet, but do want **Email** ... and for **free** ... there is *JUNO*TM who offers **Email** (and only **Email**) for free. The software provided by them is excellent and the setup is flawless. Their service is nationwide and one really has to be severely isolated to not be served by a local (non-toll) telephone number. Their software can be obtained by calling 800-654-JUNO. They do charge a nominal shipping and handling fee, but the software and the

service is free.

*Family Tree Maker*TM has released a whole new series of *Family Archive*TM CD's . The *World Family Tree*TM CD's are now up to WFT #15. Our local library has several new CD's covering PA, NJ, NY, plus many others. I expect to see many other companies get into the business of producing CD's with genealogical data and **hopefully** drive prices down through the resulting competition . What makes CD data so inviting is the ease with which a search can be performed. The drawback is the highly variable amount and authenticity of the quoted sources. Alas, that is not something new or unique to CD data.

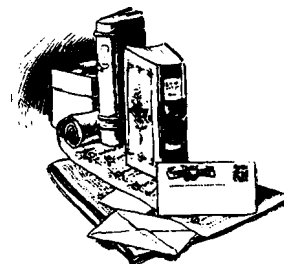
The subject for the upcoming meeting on Feb 10 of the Computer Special Interest Group is *Genealogical Printing*. In the last two years the price of high quality printers has plummeted. The competition between *Hewlett Packard, Epson, Canon, and Lexmark* among others, has really made it a buyer's market. Stores like *Office Depot* and *Sam's Club* are very competitive with prices offered by the low-priced mail order firms. And, with the advent of sales tax charges on mail orders, the purchase of printers locally becomes even more attractive to avoid shipping and handling charges. Not only have the prices dropped, but the quality of both the B & W Laser printers as well as the color printers have improved both in resolution and color fidelity. In addition, the price and quality of scanners have improved to the extent that a high quality color scanner may be purchased close to or even under (with rebate coupons) \$100.00.

With almost all of the genealogical

software now supporting picture or photo "albums" as well as audio import, it is easy to set up a audio-visual presentation of a family with their voices and their pictures. Video albums can be extracted and sent to relatives and **friends** to "play" on their home computer or can be **printed with** video and text and sent in booklet form.

So get going on the mission of recording the elders of your family and scanning those old and precious photos. Time has a way of passing much too quickly and with it go those **wonderful** people with their stories and

folklore. Shoe boxes full of old photos get tossed every year and even if some do survive, their identification is lost. While it is not certain that storage in a digital format will assure absolute longevity for these photos and voices, it will at least provide another format to turn to. **Save that old stuff!**



ONHGS QUERIES by Van Stilley

- 1-98. Seek origins of Rachel **BIRD/BYRD** who wed James **CATES** Jul 1849 New Hanover Co., NC; buried near Burgaw, NC. Also, origins of Thomas **DAIL/DALE** and wife Sarah **TRIPP**, parents of Curtis **DAIL** born 1790-1800 Duplin Co., NC. Also, origins of Susan **JERNIGAN** who wed Curtis **DAIL** Aug 1831 in Duplin Co. **Richard Dana Hamly, 7655 Hooes Road, Springfield, VA 22152-3701; (703)866-9527; dickhamly@aol.com.**
- 2-98. Seek descendants of Dr. A. J. **JONES** and wife Julia S. (**SAGE?**) **McINTYRE** of 1860s Kenansville, NC. She likely daughter of merchant Andrew **McINTYRE** who Feb 1836 in Wilmington, NC, wed Sarah Julia, daughter of Joshua **JAMES** and wife Hetty-Bella **SAGE. J. A. L. MILLER, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Drive., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328.**
- 3-98. Seek family details to distinguish two Lt. Col. William **DAVISEs** with NC American Revolution service. Also, whereabouts of **BLAIR/PARKS** Bible, in 1920s in possession of Anna **BLAIR** of Monroe, NC. Also, exchange on **SPRING, MASON, and BIRD/BYRD** families 1700-1800 in Norfolk and Princess Anne Cos., VA; Northampton Co., NC; and Sumpter and Williamsburg Cos., SC. Mrs. **Fletcher KING, 3801 Jackson Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35213.**

ONHGS member Gwen Causey, 946 Little Macedonia Road., NW, Supply, NC 28462, seeks copy of Reeves, Mercer, *Newkirk Families*, by Linda Reeves Wyatt, 1956.

Thur 6 Sept 1855- Died: In the city of Raleigh on Sunday last in the 35th year of her age, Mrs. Mary Jane GORMAN, wife of A. M. GORMAN, Esq., Editor of The Spirit of the Age.

Sat 31 Oct 1857- Died: An inquest was held this morning over the body of Edwin E. GOWLDEN, late Steward of the Schooner Wm. L. Springs. He was accidentally drowned on Friday, 23d inst. He was about 28 years of age, a native of Hull, England. He leaves a family in Philadelphia.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 6th of January, Albert, infant son of J. M. GRADY.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 4th of January, Mr. Alexander GRADY, SR., aged 74 yrs.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 4th of January, Alexander GRADY, JR., aged 50 years.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 2d of January, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Timothy GRADY.

Sat 25 July 1857- Died: In Duplin county on the 16th inst., Mrs. Ann GRADY, wife of Alexander O. GRADY, in the 53d year of her age.

Sat 2 Aug 1856- Married: In Duplin county on the 31st ult., by Rev. James M. Srunt, Atlas J. GRADY, Esq., of this town to Miss Temperance W., daughter of the late Major George E. HOUSTON.

Tues 23 June 1857- Died: In this town on the 19th inst., George Henry, infant son of A. J. and T. W. GRADY, aged 25 days.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 2d of January, Goodman GRADY, aged 45 years.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 29th of December last, Hatch W. GRADY, aged 41 years.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 15th of January, Joseph W. GRADY, son of Hatch W. GRADY, about 14 years of age.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 29th of December last, Miss Mary, daughter of Alexander GRADY, SR., in the 28th year of her age.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 30th of December last, Mary F., infant daughter of Timothy GRADY.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 30th of December last, Mr. Outlaw GRADY, aged 53 yrs.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 8th January, Mrs. Smithy, wife of Hatch W. GRADY.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 7th of January, Mrs. Susan, wife of Goodman GRADY, aged 39 years.

Sat 15 Apr 1854- Died: In Duplin county, of smallpox, on the 15th January, Timothy GRADY, aged about 40 years.

(To be continued)

From the Files of Bill Reaves

The following family files have been added to the Reaves Collection housed in the New Hanover Public Library's North Carolina Room:

Canady (Parts I & II)	Cole	Divine	Ellis	Empie
Fink	Horne	Jarrell	Kennedy	LeRay
Mathews (Matthews)	Nixon	Oldham	Padrick	Pearsall (I & II)
Penton	Powell (I & II)	Schultz	Schutte	
Sidbury	Sparkman	Stefano	Stokley	Stolter
Trask	Underwood	Usher	Wooten (Wootten)	

News from ONHGS

The membership in attendance at the January meeting voted to change to an annual renewal beginning January 1999. Members felt that it would be easier to remember a set date of a January renewal. The ONHGS Board agreed to implement this in the coming months as follows:

January, February & March dues will have no change.

April, May & June dues will be \$11.25 (Individual) & \$15.00 (Family).

July, August & September dues will be \$7.50 (Individual) & \$10.00 (Family).

October, November & December will be \$3.75 (Individual) & \$5.00 (Family).

These renewal months will have the option of combining dues for this year with the regular annual dues for 1999.

Individual renewal notices will be sent in 1998 with the amount due handwritten on them. Individual notices will not be sent after December 1998. The Courier will carry a reminder in the Fall & Winter issues.

NEW MEMBERS, by Carole Weiss

New members for the months of November, December, January and February are as follows:

Frank L. Marks	Hampstead, NC	Richard D. Hamly	Springfield, VA
Laura B. Conner	Cocoa, FL	William P. Parker, Jr.	Wilmington, NC
Joseph Sheppard	Wilmington, NC	Ann C. Hall	Wilmington, NC
Vesta Burroughs	Wilmington, NC		

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Tuesday, April 14, 1998, Jonathan Noffke, Director of the Bellamy Mansion Museum, will speak on the family history of the Bellamys. The 7:00 p.m. lecture will be held at the Bellamy Mansion, corner of **Fifth** and Market streets.

The May picnic will be held on Saturday, May 9, 1998, in the back yard of the Gov. Dudley House, 400 South Front Street. Mrs. Doris Thompson has graciously volunteered her lovely grounds, over-looking the Cape Fear River, as a setting for our annual get-together. Please bring a cover-dish and invite your family to attend with you. Festivities begin at 11:30 a.m.

The editor thanks Bill Reaves, Helen Moore **Sammons**, Carole Weiss, Gerry **McKenzie**, Van Stilley, and Stephen Pearsall for contributing to this issue.

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