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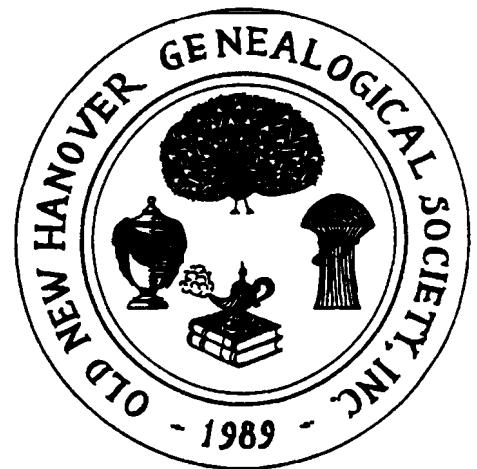
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SOCIETY NOTES

Make plans to attend the Society's **ANNUAL PICNIC** on May 22, 1999, at Moore's Creek Battleground, Cume, NC. The barbecue lunch will be \$6.50 per person. Please gather at 11:30 a.m. Pete Bell will conduct a tour of the Moore House, which is adjacent to the battleground. Park Rangers will also be available to answer any questions. Call Don Blake at 910 791-5230 for reservations. We hope to see you there!

For the past two years, Don Blake has served as the society's capable president. He leaves us to become president of the Moore's Creek Battleground Association, which is quite an honor. We thank him for his dedication and service to the society.

New officers, elected at the Society's March meeting: President, Carol **Nunalee** Weiss; Vice-president, J. D. Causey; Secretary, Doris **Waff**; Treasurer, Jim Edwards and At Large Board Member, Gerry **McKenzie**.

One of the *Clarendon Courier's* editors, Beverly Tetterton, was awarded the Society Cup by the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society on May 2, 1999, for her many contributions to local history. Congratulations Beverly!

THE PORT OF WILMINGTON
by Beverly Tetterton, New Hanover Public Library

In my nearly two decades of working in the library's North Carolina Room, hardly a week goes by that I am not asked for port records for **Wilmington**. I've often thought that I could have a best seller, if only I could reconstruct those records and give relief to those seeking to get their ancestors across the ocean, but alas, Wilmington port records do not exist! Hopefully the following portrait of Wilmington's port will shed some light on its history, and give some possible alternatives to port records.

The area's first town and port-of-call was Brunswick Town, laid out in **1726**, by Maurice Moore, the region's first permanent European settler. Approximately twelve miles from the mouth of the Cape Fear River, Brunswick Town was located on a low bluff situated on the west bank. The river was about a mile wide there and convenient to ocean shipping, but it was also extremely vulnerable to attack, as evidenced by the Spanish attack in 1748.

Competition for Brunswick Town appeared with the **founding** of Wilmington in the **1730s**. Located 28 nautical miles from the mouth of the Cape Fear River, the town was situated just below the confluence of the Cape Fear and Northeast Cape Fear Rivers. Built along seven **hills**, or high sand dunes, the town had some protection from rising tides and lurking enemies. Early landowners in the village, were John Maulsby, James Murray, James **Smallwood**, Rufus **Marsden**, Daniel Dunbibin, and Robert Walker. When Gabriel Johnston became governor in 1734, he bought land near the young settlement and set about opening a land office and incorporating the new town. The village which had been known as New Carthage, New Liverpool, and Newton, became Wilmington, in honor of Johnston's patron, Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington, when it was incorporated in 1739/40.

Although Brunswick Town began to decline as Wilmington rose in prominence, it still retained its importance as the port of entry until the Revolution. An equal distance between the two towns were the Flats, or sandbars at the mouth of Old Town Creek which impeded the progress of large vessels up to **Wilmington**. The ships lightered at Brunswick Town before going up river and then took on final cargo at Brunswick Town before departing the region. In 1734, Port Brunswick reported forty-two vessels on the river, and, by 1754, as many as a hundred ships annually entered the port. It was, however, the Revolution that seized the fate of Brunswick Town, as it was so open to British incursion that most of its residents deserted the town at the beginning of the war.

In the meantime, the Wilmington town commissioners were busy making their town convenient to shipping, by constructing public wharves and enacting commercial regulatory ordinances. By 1768, almost **three times** as many vessels cleared Wilmington as they did Brunswick Town. About the same time, the world discovered the Lower Cape Fear region's abundance of **longleaf** pine, **from which** naval stores could be had. Defined as tar, pitch, rosin and turpentine, naval stores were much in demand during the age of sailing ships and the port of Wilmington's economic picture waxed and waned with Great Britain's need for these products.

Wilmington's port was located at the foot of Market Street from its beginning until 1840. Although, an important North Carolina port, Wilmington was, during this period, somewhat of a backwater town. Seamen called the place the "sailor's graveyard," because medical facilities were just about nonexistent. **Banking** houses and hotels were few. Road, bridges, and causeways leading to the little port were not carefully maintained, and there was still the problem of bringing large vessels up the river. The advent of steam powered ships, a series of state and federally paid for navigational improvements on the

river, and the coming of the railroad, brought enormous growth to the city. This resulted in Wilmington becoming the state's largest city by 1840. The terminus of the railroad was located along the river between Red Cross and **Hanover** Streets, therefore, the port activities moved there. It remained there until after World War II, when the North Carolina State Port located on the site of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, just south of the old city, where it remains today. If your ancestor came through Port Wilmington (from the 1730s through present-day) and you want to read more about what **he/she** would have encountered, the best book available on the subject is *Wilmington, Port of North Carolina*, by Alan D. Watson, USC Press, 1991.

The US government did not officially require the accumulation of port records until 1820. Although there are some records for Port Brunswick and Port Wilmington, during the 18th century, they mainly consist of reports of imports, exports and tonnage. Immigrants entering the port are, unfortunately, are not listed. Where then, can these important records be found?

Firstly, the majority of immigrants did not enter the colonies or the United States through Port Wilmington. The shoals situated near the mouth of the Cape Fear River are extremely treacherous and were avoided as often as possible by ocean going European vessels. Folks **often** came through other ports, such as, Charleston, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Savannah, New York and others along the East Coast. From those places of official arrival, they traveled by smaller ships to Wilmington, or later, by rail and steamship.

The one giant exception to this rule is the Highland Scots. It is estimated that 40,000 Scots migrated to the area from the 1730s until the time of the Revolution. Some have said that only the "hard-headed Scotsman could brave the Frying Pan Shoals on route from Scotland. It is these immigrants, the Scots, that are most sought after by family researchers. Although there are no official port records, sometimes records can be found in the homeland. For example, customs officials in England and Scotland supplied lists of persons who took passage on ships leaving Great Britain during the years 1773-1776. These passengers bound for North Carolina are listed in *Records of Emigrants from England and Scotland, 1774-1775* and *Emigrants from Scotland to America, 1774-1775*. It was also common for emigrants to leave record of their departure at home. Parish records, insurance records and others from the public record office in London have been gleaned by David Dobson, who has done many remarkable books listing Scots who came to America. Of particular interest to the Lower Cape Fear region, is *Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1939*. Mr. Dobson also used US censuses and other American records to pinpoint the dates of emigration. Also, there are numerous books and CD-Rom products which contain passenger lists. One of the best and largest is *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, a multi-volume set (some of which is on CD-Rom) which gives immigration information and the source it was gleaned from.

What if your ancestor was never listed as a passenger or immigrant? A good strategy to follow is to check the local deeds. When does your immigrant ancestor begin to show up in the deed books? Many a deed begins, "I, *formerly of Dublin, in Ireland.* .. Early deeds, wills and court records often make reference to where immigrants came from. You should also check the LDS, International Genealogical Index. Included are the parish records of Great Britain, Germany, Norway, and other European countries. If you know when your ancestor appears in America, perhaps he left a record of himself in the old country.

Perhaps, one of the most **satisfying** places to find immigration information is on a tombstone. Citizenship and naturalization records can also be **helpful**, but will be left to another discussion. One last bit of advice on **finding** your immigrant ancestor— look at the most logical, not, the nearest port of entry. In all my years of helping researchers, I have never found an 18th century immigrant who came through the port of Wilmington and proceeded to walk to Kentucky! Just because Wilmington was a major state port, it does not mean that the majority of North Carolinians, Tennesseans, Kentuckians, etc., came through here. Do yourself a favor and study old maps that list waterways, **Indian** trails, colonial roads, etc. They will more than likely lead you to the port of entry for your ancestor. **Good luck!**

MORE SOCIETY NOTES

Recently, **Mae Blake Graves** donated her genealogical abstracts to the Society and gave permission for them to be reprinted. Among the titles are:

The Land Grants of New Hanover County (1980)

✓ *New Hanover County Abstracts of Wills* (1981) Includes wills from Will Book AB, Deed Book AB and Deed Book C.

Abstracts of Deed Book AB (1981)

✓ *Bible and Family Records of the Lower Cape Fear*, Volume I (1982) and Volume II (1983)

We are so **grateful** for Mae's generosity in making these valuable materials available through the Society. These publications will be reprinted as soon as possible.

New Publication: *Brunswick County, NC, Minutes of Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions*, Vol. IV, 1821-1825, is for sale. As with the first three volumes, John Wright Butler transcribed Volume IV. Dean Southerland Jarrett helped him proof-read and prepare the book for publication. We thank John and Dean for all their hard work on this series. The price for the 188 page book is \$28.00.

New members are: Barbara Warren, Fort Worth, TX; Lt. Col. Malcolm Dixon, San Antonio, TX; Deborah Lalla, Oak Lawn, IL; Edith Mallard Cox, Jacksonville, FL; Janice Byerly, Castle Hayne, NC, and **Adeline Z. Barber**, Wilmington, NC. Welcome!

Thank you to Helen **Sammons**, Bill Reaves and Joseph Sheppard for their contributions to this issue of the *Clarendon Courier*.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE REAVES COLLECTION

The following **African-American** family files have been added to the Bill Reaves Collection: Baker, Ballard, Bailey, Banister, **Baldwin**, Banks, **Bannerman**, Barfield, Barnes, **Bassadier**, **Baskerville**, **Batson**, Battle, Beasley, **Beatty**, Belden, Bell, Bland, **Bizzell**, Bishop, Betts, Bettencourt, Bethea, Best, Berry, Bennett, **Bellamy**, Bess, Blocker, Blount, **Bolden**, Boone, Bordeaux, Boston, Blakely, Blaine, Blanks, **Bowen/Bowens**, Boyd, **Bowden**, Bradley, Brewington, **Brinkley**, Bunting, Bullock, **Buchanan**, Brownell, Bryan, Brooks, Broadhurst, **Burgwin**, Berden, Brown, **Burnett**, Burney, **Byrd**, Butler, Burton, Carnes, Carroll, Carver, **Canaday/Canady**, Chadwick Chandler, Chavis, Cherry, Childs, Christmas, Clark, Cleapor, Cobb, **Cochran**, Coleman, Collins, **Connor**, Cooper, **Corbett**, **Costin/Coston**, **Cordell**, Cotton, Council, Cutlar, Chestnut, Chesnutt, Cutlar, **Carmon**, Capps, Crawford, Crawley, Crosby, **Cowan**, **Carr**, Carraway, Carter and Cash.

If you want a copy of one of these files send a request with a **self-addressed-stamped** envelope to North Carolina Room, New Hanover County Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 The library staff will inform you of the number of pages and the cost of sending the file (15 cents per page plus postage). You can also call us at (910) 341-4394 or contact us by **email** at jshepard@co.new-hanover.nc.us or btetterton@co.new-hanover.nc.us.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY COURT MINUTES
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
August-November Term, 1814

[This series of New Hanover County Court Minutes submitted by Helen **Sammons** is continued from the Winter **1999** Courier. These may be viewed on microfilm in the North Carolina Room of the New Hanover County Library.]

Friday, 12th August 1814

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the **Worshipful**: John **Hogg**, **Sam'l Bunting**, Jr., Alexr. **Anderson**, Joseph **Lamb**

A deed from James **Marshal** to George **Jennings** proved by Joseph **Jacobs** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Wm. **Motte** to John **Swann**, Jr. proved by J. R. **London** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from the Assignees of **Ludlow & Herring** to R. W. **Brown** exhibited under Notarial Seal of William **Kees**, Notary public of the State of New York and ordered to be registered.

A deed from George **Jennings** to Gilbert **Geer** proved by Joel E. **Hobbs** and ordered to be registered.

A deed **from** Alexr. **Hines** to James & Jacob **Saunders** proved by Samuel **Bunting**, Jr. and ordered to be registered.

A deed **from** John **Henry** to James **Poitevent** acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

James **Blanks & George Fennel**, Esqs. exhibited to court a commission appointing them Justices of the peace and took the oaths required by law for their qualification.

Proclamation made and Hector **Paine** security for the appearance of Nathaniel **Babcock** called and required to produce the body of Nathaniel **Babcock** and failed. Recognizance forfeited.

Richard **Saunders** and Owen **Kenan** appointed to examine the Book of Records made by Thomas **Robeson** and to make return in writing of their proceedings and of the book to the next term.

Ordered that John **London**, Thomas **Callender**, and George **Hooper** as assessors of town property to be allowed 3 lb each for this year, **1814**.

A deed from Gabriel **Holmes**, Jr., Sheriff, to Chas. **Murphy** acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

A deed from George **Gibbs** to Robert **Gibbs** proved by **Marston Campbell** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from **Swinson Gerganous** to Alexr. **Henry** proved by George **Newton** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Morris **Fennel** to Benj. **Giddons** proved by John **Devane** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from John A. **Davis** to Thos. F. **Davis** proved by Caleb **Nichols** and ordered to be

registered.

A deed from Major Clark, Mary Conolly, and Joshua Taylor to Frederick Foy proved by Joseph **Mumford** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Thomas P. Carey to William **Wilkinson** exhibited under the Certificate and Seal of Office of Nicholas **Perkins** Wordeman, Clerk of the Court of Williamson County, Tennessee and Certificate of C. H. **McAlister**, **Chairman** of said court and ordered to be registered.

State vs Archibald Shaw - Submission - Fined 5 lb. And costs and sentenced to five days imprisonment and **further** imprisonment until fine and costs are paid.

Saturday. 13th August 1814

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the **Worshipful**: Alexr. Anderson, **Sam'l** Bunting, Jr., Joseph Lamb

Stephen W. Eddy vs **Carleton** Walker, Benjamin Smith, Wm. Richardson. Argument
Docket - Reasons in arrest of judgment overruled and judgment for plaintiff

John Foote vs **Admr.** James Allen - Decree - Appeal prayed.

Ordered that Mrs. Serena Snead, widow of Thos. Snead, be and she is hereby appointed guardian of her infant sons, Robert and Franklin Snead, to attend to their interests on the service of the Scifa and Execution to be issued at the instance of the Excors. of Robert Allen, dec'd, against the heirs and real estate of said Thomas Snead, dec'd.

A deed from John **Beesley** to Ebenezer Rouse, and a deed from **Junius Bludworth** to James Shaw, both acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered and a deed from B. Byrns to S. **Costin** proved by Stephen **Costin** and all ordered to be registered.

Superior Court Venire

Jacob Levy

Nicholas Boon

John Averitt

Daniel Alderman

Wm **Huffham**

Jno **McAuslan**

Wm. **J. Larkins**

Robt Henry

Benj. Giddens, Sr.

Zachariah James

Wm. Hansley

Daniel **McLammy**

George Cameron

Robert Murphy

Thomas Player

James **Beesley**

William S. **Hasell**

Jacob James

Robert **Larkins**

Jacob **Pigford**

Alexr. Wilson

Sam'l Ashe (Col)

John Walker (town)

George Newton

Stephen **Fillyaw**

Wm. Corbett

Daniel Kerr

Joshua **Wooten**

James Moore (Capt)

Nath'l Gufford

County Court Venire

Paoli Ashe	John A. Lillington
John Hulet	Isaac Giddens
Ephraim Powers	Thomas Sharpless
James Ramsey	John Beesley (LC)
George Baker	George Sellers
Michael Boney	Ebenezer Rouse
Thos. Beesley	Thomas Howard
James H. Ramsey	John Bunting
James Howard	James Bland
James Blutworth	Stephen Costin
Moses Moore	James Shaw
Edward Johnston	James Lewis
Asa Guion	Chas Bannerman
John Herring, Sr.	Nehemiah Hardy
Henry Williams	John Herring

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

At a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions began and held for the county of New Hanover in Wilmington on the 2nd Monday of November, it being the 14th day of the month in the 39th year of Independence AD 1814.

The court was opened with usual proclamations.

Present the **Worshipful**: Joseph Lamb, Samuel **Ashe** (Major), John Hall, William Cutler

Grand Jury Drawn and Sworn:

Nehemiah Harriss, Foreman	
Thos. Howard	Edward Johnston
Isaac Giddens	John Bunting
Henry Williams	Thos Beasley
Chas Bannerman	Ephraim Powers
Moses Moore	Thos Sharpless
John Herring	James Bland

Charles **Nixon** sworn as Constable to attend Grand Jury.

James L. White returned as Constable failed to appear.

James L. White attended Grand Jury afterwards.

Petty Jury Sworn:

John Hulet	Stephen Costin
James W. Ramsey	John McLendal
James Shaw	James Nixon
George Baber	Robert Larkins
Ebenezer Rouse	Thomas Liddon
John A. Lillington	Abel Morgan

Admn on the estate of William **Giles** granted to Daniel **Fleming** giving bond in **3000 lb.** with Richard **Bradley** and **Marsden Campbell** as securities.

Tuesday 15th November 1814

Court met according to adjournment

Present the **Worshipful: John Hogg, Sam'l Buxton, James Blanks**

Admn on the estate of Alexr **Hostler** granted to Jas. M. **Gabie** on giving bond in **12,000 lb.** with Richard **Bradley** and James S. **Green** as securities.

Admn on the estate of Sarah P. L. **Moseley** granted to John A. **Lillington** on giving bond in **10,000 lb.** with Dr. Nathaniel **Hill** and Samuel **Black** as securities.

Admn granted to Daniel **Robeson** on the estate of Charles **Robeson**, giving bond in **300 lb** with William **Harriss** and John **McColl** as securities.

William **Harriss** and John **Hall** appointed to audit the accts of George **Jennings**, Admr of Wm. **Lequesne**.

Admn on the estate of **Grotten Barry** granted to Wm. L. **Pitts**, giving bond in **100 lb** with Wm. H. **Halsey** and Edward **Winslow** as securities.

George Washington **Brown** a minor of the age of **12** years or thereabouts bound to Daniel **McKay**; Jacob **Hartman** and Charles B. **Gause** being offered as securities and accepted.

Admn granted on the estate of John **Parker** to Ann **Parker** and Samuel **Buxton** giving bond in **900 lbs** with Ebenezer **Rouse**, John **Goff**, and Joshua **Taylor** as securities.

Joshua **James** and David **Bunting** appointed to audit the accts of Charles B. **Gause**, admr of Edward **Hansley**.

John **Taylor**, Major **Clark**, Benjamin **King**, and Jo **Lamb**, Esq. appointed to lay off and allot one years provision for the widow of John **Parker**.

Admn on the estate of William **Kirkpatrick** granted to James H. **Draughon**, giving bond in **10,000 lbs** with **H. Kelly**, **Rich'd Lloyd**, and Alexr **Hattridge** as securities.

Renunciation of Mrs. Eliza A. **Kirkpatrick** filed in office

Alexr Anderson, Esq., Jesse **Wingate**, James **Dickson**, and Wm. **McKay** appointed to lay off years provision for Eliza A. **Kirkpatrick**.

Lucy **Cutler** vs Evan **Larkins &** others - Jury empanelled, Juror withdrawn.

James **Barlow** to the use of **Foy** vs Batt **Batson &** Stokely **Sidbury**- Charles **Nixon** called as a witness and failed.

John **Chester** vs George **McLammy &** James **Nixon** - Chas **Nixon** called and failed.

Same vs James **Nixon**- Jury empanelled and find the issue for Plff and assess damages at

\$100 with interest from 1st April **1813**.

A. M. **Hooper**, guardian vs W. E. **Jury & Geo. Cameron**- Same jury empanelled and find that the defts do owe the sum of **\$177** with interest from last July **1813** till paid.

W. W. **Rodman** vs S. R. **Jocelyn**- Same jury emp. and find that Defts did assume and that there is no payment or set off & assess damages at **\$554.97** with interest from 1st July **1813** till paid.

James L. **White** vs John **Larkins**- Same jury empanelled and find the writing obligatory to be the act and deed of Deft and assess Plffs damages at **\$59.70** with interest from **18th February 1814**.

Owen **Kenan** to the use of W. S. **Nichols** vs S. R. **Jocelyn** and John **Garvie**. Same jury and find that Deft did assume & assess damages at **\$390.44** with interest from **23rd November 1812**.

Foster & Grand vs Wm. **Osborne**- The garnishment of Robert W. **Brown** filed.
Court adiourned to 3 O'clock this afternoon.

Court met according to adjournment.

Present the **Worshipful**: John **Hogg**, **Sam'l Ashe**, John **Henry**

Admr. of Leonard **Mills** vs Michael **Boney & Lewis Hall**- Same jury empanelled and find that the Defendants did assume within **3** years, that there is no set off, release, accord or satisfaction and assess damages at **\$179.80** with interest from **4th June 1814**.

Excrs. of Wm. **Nutt** vs Samuel **Bunting, Jr. & Samuel Bunting, Sr**- Same jury and find that the Defts do owe the sum of **\$201.60** with interest from **15th December 1812**.

John **Hulet** vs Admr. of Ed **Hansley**- Nul tial (?)Record- The court adjudges that there is such a record and give judgment for the sum of **\$104.18** with interest from **8th August 1812** & costs.

Ordered that Henry **Wright**, Gaoler, of this county be and he is hereby allowed the sum of fourteen dollars & five cents for the jail fees due for the keeping of Archibald **Shaw** committed to his custody by order of this court until he paid a fine for keeping a disorderly house, in which jail the said Archibald died insolvent.

Ordered that Joseph **Jacobs** be and he is hereby allowed the sum of eight dollars & fifty cents for **funeral** expenses of Archibald **Shaw**, buried from jail where he was confined by order of this court until he paid a fine for keeping a disorderly house.

A deed from John **Walker** to John M. **Gabie** proved by James S. **Green** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Peter **Robeson** to Owen Hansley proved by James **Foy** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from Robert **Musgrove** to Murdoch **McKay** proved by William J. **Love** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from James **Marshal** to Joseph **Kellogg** proved by N. **Robinson** and ordered to be registered.

A deed from **Alexr. McGowen** to Owen **Fillyaw** proved by W. J. **Love** and ordered to be registered.

To be continued

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 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 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 214. Dennis **Moore**, obligation by standing "God Father for a child of Cozn. Capt. Thos. **Corbitt** named Elizabeth: a slave. Jan. 31, 1756. Wit: Thomas **Parker**, Samuel **Lewis**.

Page 215. April 13, 1751 - Articles of agreement between D. Armand **DeRossett** of Wilmington and James **Murray** and John **Rutherford**, Esqr. And Elizabeth Catherine **Bridgen**. Armand **DeRossett** to **marry** said Catherine and she to have all property in her possession at time of marriage and at his death to have whole estate of said Armand; and she to provide for children by his former wife. Wit: Mrs. Barbara **Murray**; W. **Watters**.

Page 216. June 7, 1737 - James **Wimble** of Massachussetts Bay to Samuel **Swann**, Gent. 26 acres in New Hanover County. Wit: John **Swann**, Walter **Cross**, Jo **Donohue**. Proved, 1756.

Page 217. Jan. 5, 1743 - **Lazarus Kenny**, planter of New Hanover Co. to Samuel **Swann**, Gent. 100 acres above "Holly Shelter Creek." Wit: James **Hoyle**, John **Starkey**.

Page 218. Richard **Ogden**, Taylor, to loving son, Solomon **Ogden** a water lot in Wilmington and a front lot back of sd water lot, 1751. Wit: James **Ritchie**, James **Rowland**, Isaac **Ogden**.

Page 218. Jan. 8, 1755 - Joseph **Blake**, Esq'r. of New Hanover Co. to John **Corbyn**, Gent. Of same place, lot No. 60 between Princess and Chestnut Streets. Signed - Jo. **Blake** and Mary **Blake**. Wit: Sam'l **Bridgen**, John **Walker**.

Page 219. April 23, 1755 - **Fortain Stanton** of Bladen

Co. to William **Brown** of same place, 300 acres between Cabbage Inlet and Deep Inlet. Wit: George **Brown**, Arthur **Brown**, Edward **Langford**.

Page 220. July 6, 1756. Thomas **Campbell** of Wilmington to William **Campbell** his brother of same place, 2 lots between Chestnut and Mulberry Streets joining brother James **Campbell**.

Page 221. Michael **Lowber** to Thomas **Lowber**, 75 acres on Rich Inlet, Mar. 8, 1756. Wit: John **Earle**, Jonathan **Avritt**, Soloman **Husk**.

Page 222. Thomas **Burnett** to William **Allston** of Waccamaw, South Carolina, slaves, July 24, 1756. Wit: William **Walker**, Richard **Sullivan**.

Page 223. Feb. 19, 1756. William **Boone**, of "Berkley County in the Parish of Christ Church, South Carolina," to Joseph **Hewett** and Henry **Leonard**, Senr. of same place; "Thomas **Boone** of South Carolina, (Deceased) father of above said William **Boone** — purchased of Roger **Moore**, Esqr. (decesd.)" of North Carolina, 1000 acres and left said land to said William **Boone**; said William **Boone** sells same to said Joseph **Hewitt** and Henry **Leonard**, Senr. Wit: **Randol Hewett**, **Randol Hewett, Junr.**, Samuel **Leonard**.

Page 225. Aug. 5, 1756. George **Moore**, Esqr. of New Hanover Co. to Isaac **Ludlam** of same place, 1000 acres at the mouth of **Shalote** River joining Edward **Hyrne**, and William **Calvant**, said land granted Lewis **John** on April 26, 1730, and by him sold Roger **Moore**, Esqr. and by said Roger willed to George **Moore**, said **Ludlam** to pay "to Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel (if demended)." Wit: Samuel

Swann, James Gregory, Anthony Ward.

Page 227. April 18, 1754. James **Morris**, planter of New Hanover Co. to Samuel **Swann**, Esqr. 100 acres near Holly Shelter Creek joining Samuel **Thistlewood**, said land granted to Thomas **Morris** and by him willed his son, said James **Morris**.

Page 229. "John **Galland** and Mary **Savery** were married according to form prescribed by the Church of England," Mar. 21, 1728. Judith **Anderson**, aged 57 says she was present at above mamage and knew Nathaniel **Taylor** the subscribing person to the marriage certificate. Aug. 27, 1756. **Ann Johnston**, aged 70 years, says she was present at above mamage, Aug. 27, 1756.

Page 229. Sept 9, 1756. Margaret **Moore** of New Hanover Co., Spinster, to Caleb **Mason**, a lot in Wilmington formerly willed said Margaret **Moore** by Cosmos **Perguharson**.

Page 231. Sept. 16, 1752. Joseph **Blake**, Esqr. of New Hanover Co. and Mary his wife, to Job **Howes**, Esqr. a Plantation called the Mulberry and a tract called the Ferry joining Mulberry, 840 acres, joining Samuel **Swann** on the N.E. Branch of Cape Fear River. One tract formerly granted Thomas **Hutchins** and by said **Hutchins** and Jane his wife to Joseph Blake and Mary his wife, (then called Mary **Chadock**) before their intermarriage on Nov. 10, 1744, and the other tract patented to John **Marshall** in 1735 and by said **Marshall** and **Ann** his wife to said **Blake**, Sept. 11, 1742. Wit: **Ann Walker**, Thomas **Jones**, Caleb **Grainger**.

Page 232. Feb. 9, 1754. James **Green** of New Hanover County to Samuel **Swann**, Esqr., 220 acres on Holley Shelter Creek, said land patented Nov. 15, 1743 to Thomas **Morris** and willed by him to his son James **Morris**, and by James **Morris** to Samuel **Thuselwood** and conveyed by said **Thuselwood** to said James **Green**. Wit: George **Meares**, Ann **Moore**, Christopher **Hircom**.

Page 234. Will of Robert **Wakeley**, planter of Craven Co., N. C. Newbern, N.C. Oct. 8, 1756; Proved New Hanover Co., Nov. 1756. (1) to nephew George **Meares**, 150 lbs. (2) to brother George **Weakley**,

residue of estate.

Page 235. Will of Joseph **Jones**, Dated 9-10-1756; P. Nov. 1756. (1) estate to be divided between wife, Martha and children James, Joseph, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth and **Ann**. Exr. Wife Martha and William **Vaughn**. Wit: John **White**.

Page 235. June 13, 1754. John **Davis**, Gent. Of New Hanover Co. to James **Hassell, Junr.** Esqr. 750 acres at the head of Old Town Creek. Wit: **Ann Hassell**, Elizabeth **Jessop**.

Page 237. **Stokeley Bishop** of New Hanover County to Peter **Costin**, 50 acres on New Topsail Sound known as Waters Point. Wit: Andrew John **Pabbin**, John **Costin**, Isaac **Faries**.

Page 237. Maurice **Moore**, Gent. Of New Hanover County, to **Ephraim Vernon**, 60 acres, April 1, 1729. Wit: John Baptista **Ashe**, John **Porter**, Peter **Young**. Maurice Moore acknowledged the above "to be his father's deed." Feb. Court 1757.

Page 238. Feb. 26, 1756. William **Dry**, Esqr. surviving Executor and heir of William **Dry**, late of **Brunswick**, mercht. Decesd. To Thomas **James**, Taylor, of New Hanover Co. 350 acres on S. side of Smith's Creek known by name of **Halton** Lodge, joining lands formerly belonging to John **Maultsby**, by him to Roger **Moore**, Esqr. by said **Moore** to Robert **Halton**, Esqr. Wit: John **Rutherford**, Alexander **Duncan**.

Page 242. Aug. 25, 1756. **Ann Veal** of England, Spinster, by William **Veal** of N.C. her atty. To Isaac **Faries**, a lot in Wilmington on Market Street and Front Street joining lots belonging to Mrs. Ann **Wright** and John **Rutherford**, Esqr.

Page 244. Sept. 23, 1756. Evan **Jones**, planter, to Lewis Henry **DeRossett**, Esqr. 500 acres formerly belonging to Evan **Jones**, deceased, who willed it to his son Evan **Jones**. Wit: William **Walker**, William **Jones**.

Page 246. William **Tague** of Johnston Co. to George **Homage** of New Hanover Co. 100 acres of land. April 10, 1755. Wit: Joseph **Williams**, James **Williams**, John **Caneday**.

Page 247. Will of Robert **Potter**, Dated, **6-17-1756**, Proved Feb. **1757**. (1) to wife **Mary** cattle, horses, hogs, furniture, etc. (2) to son John **400** acres on **Rockfish** Creek (3) to son Miles, **200** acres on Old Town Creek (4) to son Robert the plantation whereon I now live at the decease of wife Mary (5) the **345** acres on Rattle Snake to be sold and divided between daughters **Mary**, Margaret, and Elizabeth. Exectrs: wife Mary, sons John and Robert.

Page 248. Will of William **Faris**, Dated **1-3-1757**. Proved Feb. **1757**. (1) negro to kinswoman Sarah **Faries'** children. Exr. Cornelius **Harnett**, **Marmaduke Jones**. Codicile, anything left after just **debtrs** are paid to be applied to finish the church of St. James Parish. The lot in Wilmington to be given to John and James **Faries**, sons of Isaac **Faries**. Wit: Caleb **Grainger**, Isabella **McNeill**, Jean **Moody**.

Page 249. Will of Richard **Hellier**, Dated May **15, 1756**. Proved Feb. **1757**. (1) my lot joining Charles **Harrison** on Dock Street to be sold to support my two children, William and **Ann Hellier**. (2) to wife, **Ann Hillier**, one shilling.

Page 250. Feb, **3, 1757**. John Gardner **Squires** of New Hanover Co. to Thomas **James**, lot No. **22**, on North side of Walnut Street. Wit: William **Robinson**, John **Jones**.

Page 251. John **Mitchell** of Bladen County to James **Kerr** and William **Bartram**, Esqr. of Bladen County, lot No. 1 in Wilmington by records of June 1, **1744**, but by new plan No. **61** on S. side of Orange Street. Aug. **30, 1756**. Wit: Benjamin **Morrison**, John **White**.

Page 251. Thomas **Finney** of New Hanover County to Samuel **Chester**, **200** acres. Dec. **22, 1755**. Wit: Benjamin **Clark**, Joshua **Grainger**.

Page 252. June **28, 1756**. Frederick **Gregg**, mercht. Of Wilmington and Rachel his wife to Thomas **Campbell**, mercht. Lot No. **32** on Front Street joining lot of James **Campbell**, deced. Wit: James **Murray**, James **Campbell**.

Page 254. Mary **Mary Jeane** of Parish of St. **Philips** in Town of **Brunswick**, widow, to daughter Elizabeth

Drinker, a slave. Jan. **4, 1756**. Wit: William **Bradley**, Algernon **Fennell**.

Page 256. Will of John **Henesey**, carpenter of New Hanover Co. Dated Nov. **22, 1756**. (1) to nephews John and James **Henesey** my land and tools and horses. (2) to children of Bro David **Henesey**, wearing apparel (3) to Bro David **Henesey**, horses, etc. (4) to sister Margaret **Henesey**, wife to David, a mare (5) to wife Catherine **Henesey**, one shilling (6) to child Mary Henesey, one shilling (7) to Bro David **Henesey** money due on account to Mr. **Blake**. Exrs. Bro David **Henesey**, William **Robinson**. Wit: William **Robinson**, John **Simpson**, James **Parrell**.

Page 257. James **Knott** apptd. Benjamin **Morrison** of N. C. his atty. to collect of Edward **Langford**, etc. July **19, 1756**. Wit: Samuel **Connell**, **Mary Connell**.

Page 258. Joseph **Watters**, Esqr. to William **Watters** **32** acres, a little Island in Bladen County opposit a Plantation called **Patridge Bluff**. April **30, 1754** - Proved **1757**. Wit: B. **Murray**, James **Murray**. Above Island above the lands of William **Watters**, **Decd.** and surveyed for William **Watters** Sept. **20, 1752**.

Page 259. Will of William **Nichols** of New Hanover County, April **7, 1757**. (1) to son John plantation on which I now live (2) to son Caleb horses and clothes (3) to grandson William, son of Caleb, a calf (4) to son James, cows, etc. (5) to son Benjamin, horses, etc. (6) to son Robert, cows, furniture, etc. (7) to wife Frances, one shilling (8) to daughter **Susannah**, one shilling (9) to daughter Elizabeth a calf (10) to **daughter** Gertrude a calf. Exrs. Sons John and James. Wit: Joseph **Stokley**, Mary **Nickson**.

Page 260. James **Baker**, **Susannah Baker**, Samuel **Watts**, Thomas **Watts**, Joseph **Bushell**, Elizabeth **Bushell** and John **Shepherd** all of **Hamton** Town and Elizabeth City County in Virginia, all heirs of Mr. Timothy **Bloodworth**, "formerly of the said Town and County but late of North Carolina, to Samuel **Lewis** of N.C. all the interest they had in the Timothy **Bloodworth** estate. April **18, 1757**. Wit: Thomas **Parker**, Peter **Manson**, Timothy **Bloodworth Baker**.

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**A LIST OF THE WOUNDED, CAPTURED, OR KILLED
AT FORT FISHER
JANUARY 15, 1865**

This series (which began in the Fall 1996 Courier) lists soldiers who were wounded, captured, or killed at the Battle of Fort Fisher. The wounded and captured were sent to **Elmira** Prison in New York or Point Lookout Prison in Maryland. The **following** abbreviations are used: Reg. For Regiment; Bat. For Battalion; N.C.T. for North Carolina Troops; N.C.S.T. for North Carolina State Troops; N.C.H. Art. for North Carolina State Troops; N.C.H. Art. for North Carolina Heavy Artillery; N.C.L. Art. for North Carolina Light Artillery; and * indicates that the soldier was killed in action. The **10th** Regiment included the 1st NC Artillery; the **36th** NC Regiment included the 2nd NC Artillery; and the **40th** Regiment included the 3rd Artillery.]

Mooney, John C.	Private	Co. K 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moore, Andrew	Private	2 nd Co. I 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moore, Enoch	Private	Co. F 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moore, James R.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moore, John J.	Corporal	Co. D 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moore, William A.	Private	Co. K 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moore, William H.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moore, Wilson E.	Private	Co. K 10 th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Wounded & Captured
Morgan, Benjamin F.	Private	2 nd Co. D 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Morgan, John W.	Private	Co. D 13 th Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Wounded & Captured
Moms, Anderson	Private	Co. D 13 th Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Wounded & Captured
Morris, Garry	Private	Co. F 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moms, Robert G.	Private	Co. F 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Moms, William T.	Private	Co. D 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Morrison, John H.	Private	Co. E 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Morrisy, Thomas K.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Morton, Benjamin	Private	3 rd Co. B 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Morton, Hardy O.	Private	3 rd Co. B 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Morton, Jones	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Morton, Julius H.	Private	3 rd Co. B 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Morton, William F.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Died (3 d)
Mulford, Charles B.	Private	Co. H 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Munn , Daniel	Captain	3 rd Co. B 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Mum, John B.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
* Murph , Daniel Washington	Private	Co. K 10 th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Killed
Murphy, James W.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
*Murphy, Matthew J.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Murphy, Miles	Private	Co. K 10 th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured

Murphy, Robert J.	Captain	2 nd Co. A 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Murphy, William T.	Private	Co. K 10'' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Wounded & Captured
Murrell, George W.	Private	3 rd Co. G 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Muse, James	Private	Co. D 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
*Nance, Daniel	Private	Co. K 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Nance, Edward J.	Private	3 rd Co. B 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Nance, Everett	Private	Co. E 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Neal, George M.	Private	Co. F 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
New, F. B.	Private	Co. C 3 rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
New, Henry Z.	Private	Co. D 1'' Bat. N.C.H. Art.	Wounded & Captured
Newman, Archibald W	Private	2 nd Co. A 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
*Newman, Jesse	Private	Co. E 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Nichols, Hazard	Private	Co. K 10'' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Nichols, William A.	Private	Co. C 3 rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Niven, Dougal	Private	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Nobles, J. N.	Private	Co. E 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Nobles, John	Private	Co. E 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Noles, Alfred	Private	Co. E 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Norman, James S.	Corporal	Co. K 10'' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Norris, Samuel F.	Private	2 nd Co. D 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Nunn, Benjamin F.	Sergeant	3 rd Co. G 40 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Oates, John C.	Private	3 rd Co. G 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Odom, Arnold	Private	2 nd Co. I 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Oliver, John P.	Private	Co. E 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
*Oliver, John Q.	Private	Co. E 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Oliver, Joseph R.	Private	Co. E 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Ottaway, Robert M.	Private	3 rd Co. G 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Outlaw, Jackson K.	Private	3 rd Co. G 40'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Outlaw, John L.	Private	Co. C 3 rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Owen, James	2 nd Lieutenant	2 nd Co. C 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Owen, John W.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Owen, Michael	Private	2 nd Co. I 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Owen, Owen W.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Owen, Thomas S.	Private	2 nd Co. I 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Padget, Edward J.	Private	2 nd Co. D 36 th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Padgett, Lewis H.	Private	Co. D 13'' Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Wounded & Captured
Page, Archibald K.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Page, Bennett	Private	3 rd Co. G 36'' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Page, John S.	Private	2 nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured

Page, Marion Dempsey	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T	Wounded & Captured
*Page, William R.	Sergeant	2nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed
Page, Zachariah	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Parker, Abner P.	Private	Co. C 3rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Parker, Alva	Private	Co. E 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Parker, Charles D.	Private	Co. H 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Parker, George D.	1st Lieutenant	Adjutant 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Parker, George F.	Private	Co. F 10' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Parker, George R.	Private	2nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Parker, Jackson	Private	Co. D 13' Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Parker, John	Private	Co. D 13' Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Parker, John W.	Private	2nd Co. A 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Parten, Elisha	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Parterson, J. K.	Private	Co. D 13' Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Captured
Partin, John	Private	3rd Co. B 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Partin, John C.	Private	2nd Co. C 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Pate, Asa	Private	Co. F 10' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Pate, Daniel	Private	Co. F 10th Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Pate, Daniel	Private	2nd Co. K 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Pate, E. A.	Private	Co. F 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Pate, Gabriel G.	Private	Co. E. 36' Reg	Captured
Pate, Jackson	Private	Co. F 10' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Pate, John C.	Private	2nd Co. K 40h Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Pate, John Lewis	Private	Co. F 10' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Pate, R. W.	Private	Co. F 10' Reg. N.C.S.T.	Captured
Pate, Stephen	Private	2nd Co. K 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Patterson, Daniel	Captain	Co. H 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Paul, George H.	Private	Co. D 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Paul, John P.	Private	Co. E 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Paul, Peter	Private	2nd Co. K 40th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Peel, James	Private	3rd Co. G 40th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Peelle, Joseph J.	Private	Co. C 3rd Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Wounded & Captured
Penfield, Charles S.	Private	Co. H 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Penfield, James W.	Private	Co. H 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Penfield, Thomas N.	Private	Co. H 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Wounded & Captured
Penny, James S.	Private	Co. D 1st Bat. N.C.H. Art.	Captured
Perdue, Charles	Private	3rd Co. G 40th Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Perdue, William	Private	3rd Co. G 40' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Perry, A. C.	Private	3rd Co. B 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Captured
Perry, Alfred W.	Corporal	Co. D 13' Bat. N.C.L. Art.	Wounded & Captured
*Perry, Daniel Roland	1st Lieutenant	3rd Co. B 36' Reg. N.C.T.	Killed

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**Saint Thomas The Apostle Roman Catholic Church Records
Combined Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths, Wilmington, NC**

[Bishop John England, of the Diocese of Charleston, SC,¹ is credited with establishing Catholicism in North Carolina. He visited Wilmington regularly from 1821 to 1843. The Very Rev. Thomas Murphy, V.F., the **first** full-time priest in Wilmington, was appointed in **January 1845**.² He was responsible for the construction of the city's first church building, St. Thomas, built between **1845-47**. Thus began Wilmington's longtime Roman Catholic history. This is the second in a series of St. Thomas Church records transcribed in full by Joseph Sheppard. These records were taken from microfilm housed in the Special Collections Department of the New Hanover Public Library. There are six volumes dating from 1845 to 1968. Baptisms list the child, parents (**P.P.**), sponsors (S.S.), and the officiating clergyman. Marriages include groom and bride, witnesses and presiding minister. Inter-faith marriages required permission, dispensations, from the bishop. Deaths are recorded with the name of deceased and officiating priest. Obsequies are proper and appropriate duties in regard to the dead.]

A.D. 1849

- February 2 I baptized Thomas, aged 3 months. P.P. William and Mary Quirk. S.S. Miss Anne **Flesher** and self. Thomas Murphy
- March 29 I baptized Mary E., aged 2 years. Slave of Mrs. Fulton. P.P. Robert and **Rachael** McKay. Sponsor - Mrs. C. **Fulton**.³ Thomas Murphy
- April 7 I performed the **funeral** obsequies over the body of Mary Anne **Dixey**, aged 6 months. A native of Wilmington. Thomas Murphy
- June 6 Stephen J. Carroll and Lucy Ann Garrison were married in my presence, a dispensation having been previously obtained from the Rt. Rev. Bishop. Witnesses - Charles N. Fennell, Catharine Fennell and others. Thomas Murphy
- July 4 I performed the Funeral obsequies over the bodies of William and John King, aged **14** years. Natives of Wilmington. Thomas Murphy
- August 7 I baptized **Phineas** F., aged 5 months. P.P. T.W. and Elizabeth **Dicksey**. Sponsor - self. Thomas Murphy
- September 15 I baptized the following slaves of Mrs. C. Fulton viz. Maria Anne, born

¹The Diocese of Charleston was founded in **1820**, and comprised the three states of North and South Carolina and Georgia. It embraced an area of **127,500** square miles. John England (**1786-1842**), a naturalized citizen from Cork, Ireland, served as bishop from **1820-1842**. Brent Holcomb, South Carolina Naturalizations, *1783-1850* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co. **1985**), **10**. **Peyter Guilday**, *The Life and Times of John England* (New York: America Press, **2** volumes, **1927**), Rev. Jeremiah J. **O'Connell**, *Catholicity in the Carolinas and Georgia* (New York: D. & J. **Sadler & Co.**, **1879**. **Spartanburg, SC**: Reprint Company, **1972**), **37**.

²**Thomas** Murphy, born November **30, 1806**, was a native of County **Carlow**, Ireland, and began his studies for the priesthood in that country. He transferred to the Diocese of Charleston and completed his studies in the seminary and was ordained by **1836**. By **1838** he was stationed in **Fayetteville**, NC and created Vicar-Forane by Bishop England. In **1844** Murphy was transferred to Georgia and the following year was assigned to Wilmington by Bishop **Ignatius** Reynolds. **O'Connell**, **402-403**. *Wilmington Daily Journal*, Aug. **18, 1863**

³Catharine **Ann McKay** Fulton brought slaves with her into her **marriage** with David Fulton (**1821-1848**). Many were **baptised** under her sponsorship as seen in the St. Thomas Church Records. The **1850** Federal Census of Slave Inhabitants in New Hanover County lists Mrs. Fulton as the owner of **12** slaves. Their ages and genders were recorded.

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November 1838. P.P. Daniel and Elizabeth: Matilda, born 1842. P.P. Momck and **Rachael**: William, born December 1842. P.P. William and Elizabeth: Sarah Jane, born June 1846. P.P. Nelson and Elizabeth: Louisa, born January 1847. P.P. the same. Sponsor - Mrs. C. **Fulton**. Thomas Murphy

September 30 I baptized Margaret, born September 15. P.P. Alfred S. and Clarissa **Price**. Sponsor - self. Thomas Murphy

A.D. 1850

January 9 I baptized Ellen Teresa, aged 7 weeks. P.P. John and Ellen **Beumann**. S.S. Charles and Rosanna **Barr**. Thomas Murphy

January 21 I baptized Mary Alice, aged 2 months. P.P. Edward and Elizabeth **Coniglan**. S.S. W. and Mary **Ferrall**. Thomas Murphy

February 5 I baptized Peter, aged 2 weeks. P.P. Peter and Sarah Jane **Lane**. S.S. Jeremiah **King** and Margaret **McColumm**. Thomas Murphy

March 10 I baptized Mary, born 6th ult. P.P. John and Isabella **Fikpatrick**. S.S. Arthur **Morgan** and Mary **King**. Thomas Murphy

March 31 I baptized Mary Jane, aged 5 months and 4 days. P.P. Patrick and Margaret **Montague**. S.S. Mrs Esther **Bowers**. Thomas Murphy

April 2 I baptized Charles Edward, aged 7 weeks and 4 days. P.P. Arthur and Elizabeth **Bowers**. S.S. Charles and Esther **Bowers**. Thomas Murphy

April 8 I **married** James **Darby** and Margaret **McColumm** according to the rites of the Holy R.C. Church. Witnesses - James **Ryan**, Charles **Barr** and others. **T.** Murphy

May 19 I baptized Mary H., aged 10 weeks. P.P. Stephen J. and Lucy Ann **Carroll**. S.S. Charles N. and Catharine **Fennell**. Thomas Murphy

June 23 I baptized Eliza S., aged 1 month. P.P. David and Mary **Connor**. S.S. Dr. B.A. **Kennedy**⁴ and Mrs. Mary **Doogan**. Thomas Murphy

June 30 I baptized Thomas William, aged 5 years and 6 months. P.P. Thomas and Ann C. **Tierney**. Sponsor John **Tierney**. Thomas Murphy

July 3 George F. Weeks and Ellen **Hussey** were mamed in my presence, a dispensation having been previously obtained from the Rt. Rev. Bishop. Witnesses - Dr. A. **Kennedy**, A. **Morgan** and others. Thomas **Murphy**⁵

August 8 I baptized Charles, born the 21st of July. P.P. Charles and Rosanna **Barr**. S.S. James **Ryan** and Sarah **Taggart**. Thomas Murphy

August 10 I performed the **funeral** obsequies over the body of Charles M. **Brothers**, aged 4 years. A native of Wilmington. Thomas Murphy

September 16 I baptized Mary Joseph, **aged** 1 day. P.P. **Fabian** and Caroline **Varien**. Sponsor - Mrs. Mary **Wood**. Thomas Murphy

⁴According to the 1850 Federal Census of New **Hanover** Co., Dr. Kennedy was 35 years of age, a dentist and **was** born in Ireland.

⁵The *Wilmington Journal* and *Commercial* newspapers, July 26 and 30, 1850, reported the marriage of Mr. George F. Weeks, of Stantonburg, **Edgecombe** County, NC, formerly of the city of London, to Miss Ellen **Hussey**, of the city of Dublin.

- September 23 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of Thomas Quinn, aged 48 years.⁶ A native of Ireland. Thomas Murphy
- October 2 I baptized Edward D.M., aged 2 days. P.P. Richard M. and Jane Johnston. Sponsor - self. Thomas Murphy
- October 27 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of Caroline Mary Varien, aged 28 years. A native of **Wilmington**. Thomas Murphy
- December 7 I baptized **Rosanna**, born on the same day. P.P. James and Margaret Darby. S.S. Arthur Morgan and Mrs. Barr. Thomas Murphy
- December 19 Nicholas Carroll and Mary C. Brothers were married in my presence, a dispensation having been previously obtained from the Rt. Rev. Bishop. Witnesses - Robert W. Blaney, Mrs. Barr and others. Thomas Murphy
- December 30 I baptized William S., aged 1 year and 16 days. P.P. William S. and Marcedonvana **Reed**.⁷ Sponsor - self. Thomas Murphy

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- January 23 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of Mary **Fitzpatrick**, aged 1 year. A native of **Wilmington**. Thomas Murphy
- March 9 I baptized James E., born January **22nd**. P.P. Jesse W. and Elizabeth **Dixey**. S.S. Charles **Bowen** and Matilda Brickhouse. Thomas Murphy
- April 9 I baptized Hanna Frances, aged 1 week. P.P. Jeremiah and **Hanna** Kings. S.S. Arthur G. and Esther Bowers. Thomas Murphy
- May 11 I baptized Charles, aged 1 month. P.P. Alfred and **Clarissa** Price. S.S. Charles N. **Fennell** and Margaret A. Bond. Thomas Murphy
- July 3 I baptized Caroline Martha, aged 3 months. P.P. George F. and Ellen Weeks. S.S. Charles Barr and Miss Anne Doogan. Thomas Murphy
- July 10 I baptized Albert, aged 6 years and Henrietta, aged 3 years. Both slaves of B. Baxter. P.P. Nonni mo and Sarah. S.S. Baxter and Doogan. Thomas Murphy
- August 13 Benjamin Rush and Mary Anne Davis were mamed in my presence, a dispensation having been previously obtained from the Rt. Rev. Bishop. Witnesses - Charles Barr, Miss Caroline Wood and others. Thomas Murphy⁸
- September 29 I baptized George W., aged 18 months. P.P. William and Mary Boyle. S.S. Peter and Caroline Finn. Thomas Murphy
- October 2 Charles William Johnson and Nancy Albert were married in my presence, a

⁶According to the **1850** Federal Census of New Hanover Co., Mr. Quinn lived in the household of John and **Isabella Fitzpatrick**, all Irish immigrants. Quinn, along with 3 other men and Mr. Fitzpatrick, practiced the trade of shoemaker.

⁷**1850** Federal Census for New Hanwer Co., lists Mrs. Reed as Mary, age **20**, and place of birth as Mexico. Her spouse William S., age 42, was **born** in Virginia and his occupation was painter. Peace between the United States and Mexico was officially declared June 19, **1848**.

⁸**New Hanover** County Marriage Bonds indicate Benjamin **Rush** was of Fayetteville, NC and Mary **Ann** Davis was of Charleston.

- dispensation having been previously obtained **from** the Rt. Rev. Bishop.
W.W. George Bowers and Catherine Bowers and others. Thomas Murphy
- October 23 I married James N. Ryan to Margaret F. Doogan according to the rites of the Holy R.C. Church. W.W. Bernard **Baxter**, Edward Ryan and others. Thomas Murphy
- December 15 I baptized Julia, aged 2 days. P.P. John and Margaret Collins.
S.S. Robert **Flanagan** and Margaret Smith. Thomas Murphy

A.D. 1852

- January 21 I baptized Mary, aged 5 days. P.P. John and Alice Thompson. Sponsor - self. TM
- January 29 I baptized John P., aged 6 months. P.P. John and Eliza **McAuliffe** of Halifax Co., NC. S.S. Joseph and Eliza Ryan. Thomas Murphy
- January 29 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of James E. **Dicksey**, aged 14 months. A native of Wilmington. Thomas Murphy
- February 2 I married **Leeman** Blanchard to Mary Anne Murray, according to the rites of the Holy R. Catholic Church. W.W. James **O.** Chambers, John Barr, and others. TM
- February 21 I baptized Henry Thomas, aged 2 months. P.P. John and Ellen Beaumann.
S.S. Paul Scherrer and Joanna Rogers. Thomas Murphy
- March 4 I baptized Mary Elizabeth, aged 2 weeks. P.P. Thomas and Margaret Churchill.
Sponsor - Elena **O.** Blaney. Thomas Murphy
- March 9 I baptized Eliza, aged 3 weeks. P.P. Thomas and Eliza **McCabe**.
S.S. Sergeant W. and Margaret **Gally**.⁹ Thomas Murphy
- April 13 I married Arthur Morgan to Louisa Lamotte, according to the rites of the Holy R. Catholic Church. W.W. John Morgan and wife, Mrs C. Lamotte and others. TM
- April 19 I married James Hughes to Margaret Fay, according to the rites of Holy Roman Catholic Church. W.W. Andrew B. Casy, Mary Rymes & others. Thomas Murphy
- June 16 I baptized Ellen, aged 26 days. P.P. George and Sarah **Randel**.
S.S. Jeremiah and Ellen **Slattery**. Thomas Murphy
- June 23 I baptized Elizabeth Jones, aged 18 months. Parent - **Winnie** Eliza Jones.
Sponsor - Louisa Morgan **Lamotte**.¹⁰ Thomas Murphy
- July 12 I performed the **funeral** obsequies over the body of Mary Joseph Verian, aged 1 year and 10 months. A native of **Wilmington**. Thomas Murphy
- July 18 I baptized George, aged 3 years. Mary, aged 2 months. P.P. **Willis** and Eliza.
Sponsor - Mrs. Rose. Also on the same day I baptized Elizabeth, aged 2 years and 6 months. P.P. John and Rachael. Sponsor Mrs. Rose.
The above children are slaves." Thomas Murphy
- August 1 I baptized Henry Groves Conner, aged 12 month. P.P. David and Mary Conner.

⁹This name is questionable because the register is **difficult** to read.

¹⁰Mrs. Morgan **was married** by this date. Whether by intent or mistake, Rev. Murphy recorded Lamotte **after** Morgan.

¹¹The baptism sub-register lists these children with the surname of Rose.

- Sponsor - Mrs. C. Fulton. Thomas Murphy
- September 20 I baptized Mary Eliza, aged 8 months. P.P. Henry and Mary Strickland.
Sponsor - Mary Powell. Thomas Murphy
- September 22 I baptized Elizabeth Eldrige, aged about 40 years, and received her into the church. Sponsor - Margaret Fay. Thomas Murphy
- September 22 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of Patrick Devlin, aged about 40 years. A native of Ireland. Thomas Murphy
- September 30 I baptized Caroline Montague, aged 4 months. P.P. Patrick and Margaret Montague. S.S. John **McGuire** and Elizabeth Bowers. Thomas Murphy
- October 13 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of Mary Eliza, aged 9 months. P.P. Henry and Mary Strickland. Natives of **Wilmington**. Thomas Murphy
- November 3 I baptized Francis Henry, aged 3 months. P.P. James and Margaret Darby. S.S. John and Eliza Darby. Thomas Murphy
- November 21 I baptized Margaret M., aged 13 days. P.P. Jeremiah and ~~Harra~~ King. S.S. James and Margaret Ryan. Thomas Murphy
- November 22 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of Herman **Heijan**, aged 15 years. A native of **Falkenburg**, Germany. Thomas Murphy
- December 12 I performed the funeral obsequies over the body of William **Hendry**, aged 33 years. A native of Scotland and a convert to the Catholic **Church**. Thomas Murphy

To be continued

Suggested Reading: Stephen C. **Worsley**, Catholicism in Antebellum North Carolina, North Carolina Historical Review, Vol. LX, Number 4, October, 1983.

Correction to this series on page 19 of Winter, Courier:

January 9, 1848 I baptized Mary Catherine, born 21" November 1847, aged 1 month and 18 days
P.P. David and Cartharine **Fulton**.
S.S, Richard William N. and Jane **Johnston**.

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In 1770 an act was introduced to the English Parliament: All women of whatever rank, virgins, maids or widows, who seduces and betray into matrimony any man by scents, paints, heeled shoes, bolstered hips, **artificial** teeth or hair, iron stays, hoops, cosmetic washes, etc., shall be convicted of witchcraft and the marriage declared null and void.

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