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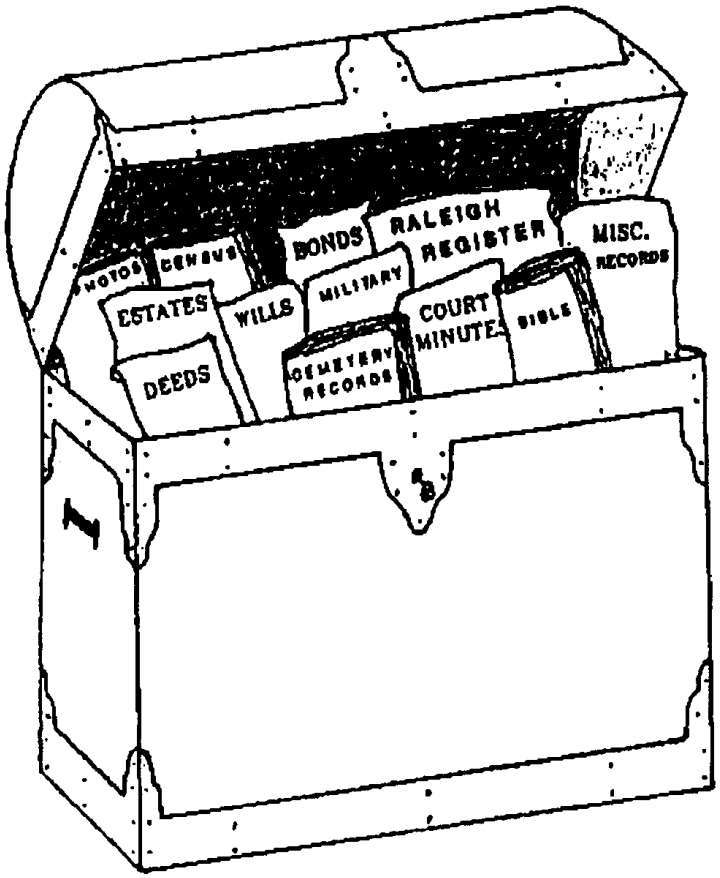

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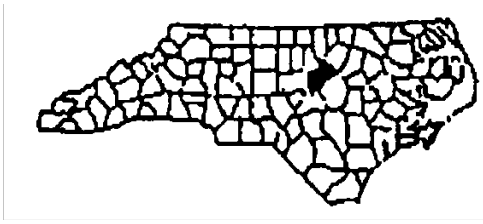

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A Message From the President

By Richard S. Colyer, President

Welcome to the new WCGS quarterly Journal. This publication is a milestone for the Society. It marks our sincerity and dedication to publish Wake County history and genealogy. The Journal will provide much needed information to those who cannot access it readily. It will allow all our members to display their skills and put into print the thousands of never before published records of the county.

We have created a research committee to coordinate this and make it easier for those of you motivated enough to spend a couple of hours at the Archives. Yes, folks, that's all it takes. There are a number of different areas in the Journal to contribute to. Pick you favorite. Even I have taken the challenge in this first issue with my sketch of John **SANDERS** and a transcription of part of the 1809 Wake County tax list. There is nothing especially significant about either of these but it's what I have been working on and if I don't do something with it I will have wasted my time.

Writing up your work is very easy to do and elevates your standing and experience as a researcher. Putting pen to paper makes you think about things you might not have otherwise considered. There is no better way to let people all over the country know who you are researching. You cannot do successful research in a vacuum. I want people everywhere to learn that we in Wake County are a research force to be reckoned with.

Please coordinate your research publication ideas with Betty Dees, our research committee chairperson, or Lynne Belvin, the Journal Editor. If you won't have ideas but would like to contribute, they will discuss a project with you from their long list of genealogically rich documents to abstract. They will also provide pointers and guidance if you feel you lack experience. So jump in; you'll have plenty of support, and will be making a valuable contribution to **YOUR** society.

Seminars and Workshops

ONE DAY WORKSHOP FOR NOVICE GENEALOGISTS to be held May 18, 1991 in Conference Room 211 at the State Archives. The workshop is sponsored by The Friends of the Archives, and the speaker is our member Mr. William D. Bennett, CG. Tuition will be $15 for non-members and $7.50 for members of Friends of the Archives. To pre-register please write: The North Carolina Friends of the Archives, c/o North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807 for an application.

A "HOW TO" WORKSHOP will be held May 18, 1991 at Highland Presbyterian Church, 11 Highland Ave., Fayetteville, NC which is Co-sponsored by the North Carolina Genealogical Society and the Cumberland County Genealogical Society. Fees are $23 for non-members and $20 for members of NCGS and CCGS.

Topics and Speakers are: *Forms, Charts and More Forms*, Rev. Nelson A. L. Weller; *Methodology Part I: Start With a Solid Foundation* and *Methodology Part II: Build on It Carefully* Helen F. M. Leary, CG; *Resources Part I: Where to Look First* and *Resources Part II, Where to Look Next* by Jane Smith Hill; and *Questions That Need Answers* by the panel: Helen F. M. Leary, Jane Smith Hill, Rev. Nelson A. L. Weller and Bill Field. For advance Registration form write North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602.

These lectures are available on **CASSETTE TAPE**. For a flyer describing all workshop tapes available from NCGS, please send an SASE to Tapes Chairman, North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602.

Mark your calendar for September 27 & 28 for **THIRD GERMAN WORKSHOP** to be held in Winston-Salem, NC. Details in next issue of this journal.

Harriette's Hints

By Harriette Harris Riggs

Suggestions for Harriette's Hints would be welcome. If there is a topic of special interest, please let me know.

Methodology: Do's & Don'ts of Land Grant Mapping

About five years ago, preparation was begun on a land grant map for present day Pamlico County, but if it were possible to go back in time and start over, it would be done quite differently. Because hindsight has revealed much not previously realized, I felt others could benefit from my mistakes.

Pamlico County was chosen because it was the place of my husband's birth, and it also became the home of my family in 1946. Many years later, as my interest in genealogy grew, I found to my surprise that although adjoining Beaufort Co. was my place of birth, I too had family lines in Pamlico County.

Had only the grants issued for Pamlico County been the ones used in preparing the map, the county would have been quite small. Since Pamlico County was formed in 1872 from Beaufort and Craven Counties, and another part of Beaufort was added in 1874, it was necessary to use grants from the parent counties to construct the county of today. For anyone beginning this type of map, *Formation of North Carolina Counties* by David Leroy Corbett is the basic source needed. It is very important to know the history and formation of the county from its origin in order to know where to look for the grants for your map.

This article will not teach you to plot land. An excellent source for learning the skill is found in *North Carolina Research* edited by Helen F. M. Leary and Maurice R. Stirewalt, Chapter 7 "Mapping" by Julian G. Hofmann and B. Ransom McBride.

United States Geological Survey Maps were chosen as a guide for this map. They were purchased at Raleigh Blue Printers, 313 W. Martin St., Raleigh, NC 27601. To purchase them for your own use, check the yellow pages in your telephone book under "maps". Most large towns will have a blue printer with a display map index of North Carolina showing the quadrangles with their name. As they are not specified for a particular county, you need to purchase only the quadrangles that include your county of interest. These maps, however, may include parts of adjoining counties. Cost for each map section is about $4.

You may also write Eastern Mapping Center – NCIC, US Geological Survey, 536 National Center, Reston, Va. 22092 or telephone them at 1-703-860-6336. Request *Index for NC USGS Maps* and a price list. Once you determine the quadrangles needed, you can then purchase by mail. For information on other states, write National Cartographic Information Center, US Geological Survey, 507 National Center, Reston, Va. 22092, telephone 1-703-860-6045.

As the standard scale for land grants was 100 poles to the inch, with each pole 16.5 feet for a total of 1650 feet per 100 poles, I decided to stay with this scale. However, the scale for USGS Map was 2000 feet per inch. By dividing 1650 by 2000, I discovered the map was only 83% the size of the grants. So the map was copied, increasing it by 17% for a total of 117%. When connecting the enlarged maps, if not careful, you can end up with a map so large, it becomes awkward to handle. Keep it a size that works best for you.

When grants are connected using tracing paper, the developing map can be placed over the enlarged map when an identifiable waterway is on the plat. You can then see how far away you are from the next waterway. When reading the grants and separating them for filing purposes, you then look for grants on those particular waterways.

Not having any previous experience in map making, it has been a process of reorganization several times just to keep it manageable. When working with so many grants, and a specific creek is mentioned, it is necessary to be able to narrow the location on the creek. They can be described as east side of Goose Cr., west side of Goose Cr., fork of Goose Cr., head of Goose Cr., west side of the head of Goose Cr.,

Goose Creek Swamp, between Broad and Goose Creek, etc. It was necessary to divide them in file folders as so designated. Then when working with a grant designated in any way with Goose Cr., the correct folder can be pulled possibly including the needed grants. They are then filed alphabetically in a file box after adding to map section. The grants were first filed alphabetically which was necessary at that point, but as work progressed, it was much easier to gradually file them as waterways until used, and then refile them alphabetically.

Since the Neuse River is the southern boundary of present day Pamlico, and it runs through present day Craven, the descriptions on the shuck in Land Grant Office has been a real trial! For instance "North Side of Neuse River" covers a lot of territory. When creeks were named as well, it was much easier to identify the needed grants. At one period of time, Craven County extended as far west as Crabtree Creek, now in Wake County. So it is important to know where creeks named in the grants are located today. *The North Carolina Gazetteer* by William S. Powell can be of great help in determining that information. However, it was found to have limited use for my map area as only major creeks were listed.

O Grants—These are filed with an O preceding the number-O178. They are filed under the O grant designation with the county in the Shuck Drawers at Land Grant Office. These grants were not issued for one reason or another, but contain much important information, so they should not be ignored. Most of them contain plats which show creeks and rivers winding through the survey which helps identify them in reference to the USGS Map. Also by joining them to grants already issued, it becomes on small piece of a giant puzzle. When the grant issued in place of the O grant is found, it's possible there is information not contained on the grant itself. Also the O grant could be the only record of the person for whom the plat was originally drawn and it's also important to place that person in the area. He could be the father of your female ancestor who inherited the land with the grant issued in the husband's name. The true picture develops when the O grant is included in the map.

One very important piece of information gleaned from an O grant was the information that the survey had been on **DERHAM**s Creek, now called Mill Creek. As **DERHAM**s Creek was not on the map in the area of Pamlico County, this information was invaluable. As Richard **DERHAM**'s grant joined the of James **BEARD**/**BAIRD**, the location in reference to **BEARD**s Creek and Mill Creek on today's map is now known.

Sometimes, the warrant would be issued in one name with the plat surveyed for the assignee. If the warrant is extant, additional neighbors may be named who are not listed on the land grant plat. Also be sure to record the chain bearers listed on the survey as they can be a clue to the owners of adjoining grants.

The first grants copied were for David **WHARTON**, one in 1739 and a later one with parts of the two grants joining. One grant joined the Bay River and several creeks which were drawn on the plats, so it was easy to place it on the map. From there, I proceeded to find the grants surrounding him and his adjoining neighbors. When the plats could not be found, usually the grant would be recorded in bound volumes with metes and bounds so the plat could be drawn. When a grant for a specific person could not be located, instead of stopping and going back to the Archives Search Room to read deeds to find the original owner, I would pull and copy other needed grants. It was a mistake not to have an up-to-date list of the grants already on hand. There was some duplication at this time-not too costly at ten cents a page, but now the cost has doubled.

Looking back, using only one map section, researching through the deeds until original land owners were found, and completing one map section would have been more productive. As it is, the county is in many sections and it has become a struggle to connect them. Copying the other grants only led me off on a tangent to different areas of the county. Also as work on this map has been sporadic over the years, one tends to forget to use all the available materials. For instance, its necessary to always work with a copy of the enlarged USGS Map in order to orient the grants on the waterways. When you try just to fit the grants together, without the map, its much more difficult.

The buying and selling of land really confuses the issue. A grant may be issued stating adjoining neighbor is **CARRUTHERS**. The names of William and John **CARRUTHERS** were found extremely often in the issuance of grants all over the counties of Beaufort and Craven, and in the grantee/grantor deed indexes of both counties. So after checking all of the grants for both names, and it became apparent neither were the original landowners, rechecking the warrants, chain bearers and the surrounding grants for clues to the original owner is necessary. This can work, however, it does not always supply the needed answer. It is then necessary to read the deeds! Since many plats have not survived, it may be necessary to read many deeds to reconstruct a grant which could have been divided in several portions.

With some of the grants being issued as early as 1706 in the area of this map, it would have been very helpful if *Province of North Carolina 1663-1729 Abstracts of Land Patents* by Margaret M. Hofmann, had been consulted early in this project. If your county of interest was created early enough to have been included in her series of books on land patents, you have an excellent index to the needed grants. By using this index, you can prepare a list of grants before even going to the Land Grant Office which will save much time and effort. Many of the grants listed include their neighbors, and their location in reference to creeks. The Place Index can also be used to find other grants located on the same rivers and creeks. The giant puzzle will come together much more quickly than my previously used hit and miss system.

Be aware that the numbers assigned by Mrs. Hofmann in her books do not correspond to the shuck file numbers at the Land Grant Office. You will need to record the name, book and page number, and enough information to locate the grant from the card file index. Mrs. Hofmann's books and *The Gazetteer* are available for use while searching for grants.

Many times land would be sold and a new grant would be issued for the very same piece of land. The new owner may be new to the area, but without using this information on a map, its importance is downplayed. Also land speculators would buy up very large parcels for taxes owed on the land with a new grant being issued in their name. All of these transactions are a part of the land grant map. So where do you draw the line? So far, there is no answer forthcoming on that question.

Other sources of information for early Craven County are the court minutes series by Wynette Haun. I found grants and deed transactions and other information that has been extremely helpful. The Higher Court Minutes of North Carolina also have lists of petitions for grants which were approved for the early counties that can be used as an index for land owners. Do not overlook any printed sources for your map area that could give additional information. Also *Abstracts From The NC Gazette of New Bern, N.C., Vol. 1 – 1751-1759 & 1768-1790, and Vol. 2 – 1791-1798* by Raymond Parker Founts contains many references to sales of land.

One grant stated it was against Jesse **FULCHER**'s grant. There was no grant for Jesse **FULCHER**—but there was one for Ephraim **FULCHER** that fitted perfectly on the other side of the creek. So it's important to know something about the families and that is also where court minutes, wills and estates abstracts, and deeds might show you who else could be the land grant holder for whom you search.

Sometimes, I wonder why I ever got involved with this map! For some it's the thrill of walking the land where their ancestors lived. My purpose is to find the elusive females of the family for whom there are no marriage records. When this information is not known, it's important to search the records of adjoining families. This map can be of great value to many people, so I hope eventually to publish it and a book on the families of the area.

As my friend, Charlotte Carrére would say, "Darling, after Pa had plowed the fields all day long, the poor mule needed his rest for the next day, so Junior was forced to court only as far away as he could walk, which was probably only as far away as he could see the smoke from the chimney on the adjoining plantation." Since families were usually very large in those days, it was quite common for brothers to marry sisters from adjoining plantations.

For those of you who are not familiar with land grants, several sources have been cited in this article which will give you the needed information. If the terminology or steps necessary to secure land grants are unfamiliar to you, then you might be interested in ordering *An Introduction to North Carolina Land Records* by Charlotte Carrére 27611. Cost of booklet is $4 plus $1 for shipping and handling.

Do's and Don'ts for Genealogists

By Paula Gammell

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DO – always enclose a SASE [Self Addressed Stamped (long) Envelope] anytime you are asking for information or expect a response.

DO – try to share information with others when you can.

DO – always acknowledge and thank someone for replying to your letter.

DO – always respond to a letter you have received even if you do not have any information to share.

DO – try to be patient. Some of us have been searching for years for one bit of information.

DO – expect to find some "horse thieves" lurking in your family tree, but

DON'T – worry about it. We're not responsible for others' actions but we are responsible for recording the truth.

DON'T – demand that others share their research with you. Most genealogists are gladly generous with their research, but, remember, it represents years of their hard work.

DON'T – say "send me everything you can find on the ____ family and send me the bill." Professional genealogists won't accept a job on that basis alone but unscrupulous folks could send you a bill for hundreds of dollars.

DON'T – believe everything you see in print. We all try to be accurate, but the only requirement for a typeset, clothbound, archival-quality book is that it be paid for, not that it be accurate and truthful.

DON'T – expect every correspondent to be a pen pal. Just stick to the facts and save the chatty letters for friends and close relatives.

AND DO – have lots of fun.

Queries

By Janice Still

COLBERT / **CULBERT** / **COLBERTSON** / **COLBART** / **COLBORD** / **COLVARD** / **CALVART**
Seeking information on the children and wife of Nicholas **COLBERT**, who died in Wake County in 1774. Wife's name is Mary; son, Thomas; other possible sons were William, John and Richard. All owned property on Ledge of Rock Creek and Beaver Dam Creek in northern Wake County during 1770s and 1780s. Number of daughters unknown; however, two are believed to be Sally and Elizabeth.

Richard A. Colbert, 16 F Watertown Circle, Birmingham, AL 35235

DUFFY
Name of Peter **DUFFY** appears in 1902 voter registration for Wake County, NC, Cary Township, known as the grandfather clause abstracted by John P. **McPHAIL**. His grandson is shown as John R. **DUFFY**, aged 21. Can anyone identify these **DUFFY**s? My ancestor was Patrick **DUFFY** ?-1812. Were they directly related?

Jane W. Brownlow, PO Box 1157, Norwich, VT 05055

PERRY / **TRUELOVE** / **WILLIAMS** / **HUNTER** / **MAGIBEN** / **BRIDGER** (**BRIDGES**) / **AMARDAL** / **HIPP**
I need first names and information on husband Francis **PERRY**, Sr., 1727-1813, Wake County NC and Mable. Daughters: Mary **PERRY TRUELOVE**; Mable **WILLIAMS**; Sally **HUNTER**; Agnes **MAGIBEN**; Ann **BRIDGER** (**BRIDGES**); Rachael **AMARDAL**; and Francis **PERRY**'s wife and children. They were in 1790 census, Wake County, NC with wife and two daughters. In Mecklenburg County, NC 1810, a Mable **PERRY** married Andrew **HIPP**. Was she daughter of Francis, Jr.?

Mamie J. Gregg, 401 Brain Street, Borger, TX 79007

SMITH / **GRAVES**
Would like information on James and Rebecca **SMITH** of Wake County, NC and their oldest son named William George Washington **SMITH** (b. 2 Feb 1811 in Raleigh, Wake County, NC) who married Elizabeth Jane **GRAVES** 7 Jan 1847 in Simpson Co., Miss.

James D. Hethcock, 4704 Quail Hollow Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609

Copyscreens

By Peter Broadbent
Source: Reprinted by *Griva News 'N' Notes*, March 1991.

If you have some old photographs you'd like to photocopy, there is a way to improve the quality of the copies. You simple [sic] place a copyscreen on top of the photograph to be copied. A copyscreen is a plastic sheet covered with a very fine transparent grid that breaks up the stark black and white contrasts when copying photographs. You get better photocopy with the "course copy screen", and even better photocopy with the "fine copy screen", which preserves all shadings in the original photograph. To obtain a set of Course Copyscreens (Code PSC), or Fine Copyscreens (Code PSF) write to: **Communication Resources, Inc. 1425 W. Maple St., P.O. Box 2625, North Canton, Ohio 44720**. The cost is $11.90 per set, postpaid.

Wake County, North Carolina Tax Lists
A List of Taxables in Buffelow District, 1809

Transcribed by Rick Colyer

PERSONS NAMES	LANDS	FREE	SLAVES	[OTHER]	£ / S / D
ALFORD, Isaac	300				/ 5 / 6
ALFORD, Baley	100	1			/ 7 / 4
ALFORD, John Junr.		1			/ 5 / 6
BARHAM, Benjamin	85				/ 1 / 7
BELL, Burwell	484		6		2 / 1 / 11
BUNCH, Erwin	200	1			/ 9 / 2
BUNN, Adum		1			/ 5 / 6
BARHAM, William	335		2		/ 17 / 1
BELL, John	4113	1			/ 13 / 2
BELL, Zadock	500	1	3		1 / 11 / 2
BUNCH, David	981	2	3		2 / 5 / 7
do Theo[s] **BUNCH**	600				/ 11 /
CARRELL, John		1			/ 5 / 6
DUNN, Robert	170	1	2		/ 9 / 7
DUNN, John	125	1	1		/ 13 / 4
DUNN, Hardyman	300		5		1 / 13 /
ELLIS, Jacob Junr.	162	1			/ [Torn]
ELLIS, Terrill	130	1			/ [Torn]
ELLIS, Jacob Senr.	180	1	1		/ 14 / 4
EDDEM, Jonathon	50	1			/ 6 / 5
ELLIS, Wilie	130	1			/ 7 / 10
EDDEM, James	164				/ 2 / 11
FITTS, Polly	95				/ 1 / 9
GARRELL, John		1			/ 5 / 6
HORTON, Drury	170	1			/ 8 / 7
HORTON, Moses	217	1	2		1 / / 6
HORTON, Jesse	350	1	3		1 / 8 / 3
HORTON, Hartwell	318	1			/ 11 / 5
HORTON, Amos	401½		5		1 / 14 / 11
HARTSFIELD, Andrew	1006	2	5		2 / 17 /
HOGWOOD, George	40	1			/ 6 / 3
HOGWOOD, Shad[K]	84	1			/ 7 / 1
JONES, Abraham	200	1			/ 9 / 2
JONES, James	276	1	5		1 / 18 /
JONES, Zadock	150	1			/ 7 / 9
JONES, Samuel	307	1			/ 11 / 2
JONES, William	237	1	1		/ 15 / 5
JONES, Daniel	312	1	2		1 / 2 / 3
KING, Richard	81	1			/ 7 / 1
KING, Francis	177½	2			/ 13 / 3
do for R. **KING**	28				/ / 6
do for W. **KING**	28				/ / 6
MITCHELL, John Senr.	210			[1 stud / 30 /]	1 / 13 / 10
MITCHELL, William	156	1			/ 8 / 5
MEDLIN, Kinchen		1			/ 5 / 6
PACE, James	357				/ 6 / 6

PERSONS NAMES	LANDS	FREE	SLAVES	[OTHER]	£ / S / D
PEW, Hinton		1			/ 5 / 6
do for Reuben **ROGERS**	145		1		/ 8 / 2
PENNY, James	235	2	2		1 / 6 / 3
PACE, David		1			/ 5 / 6
PARRISH, Robert	200	1			/ 9 / 2
PEPPEN, Isaac		1			/ 5 / 6
PHILIPS, Francis	349	1	3		1 / 8 / 5
PEARCE, John	210	1			/ 9 / 4
PERRY, Nathaniel	200	1			/ 9 / 2
PERRY, Robert	125	2			/ 13 / 4
PERRY, John	125	1			/ 7 / 10
REDDING, Daniel	72½	1			/ 6 / 10
ROBERTSON, John	528	1	3		1 / 11 / 6
ROBERTSON, Thomas	348	1	1		/ 17 / 5
ROBERTSON, John Junr.	870	1	4		2 / 3 / 5
ROBERTSON, James	414		2		/ 18 / 7
ROBERTSON, Willis		1	2		/ 16 / 6
ROBERTSON, Lott	468	1	3		1 / 10 / 7
REDDING, A. Robert	110	1			/ 7 / 6
REDDING, Randolph	70	1			/ 6 / 9
SCARBRO, John	234	1			/ 9 / 9
SANDEFER, Hill		1			/ 5 / 6
SHERRING, John	228	2	3		1 / 1 / [torn]
SANDEFER, Joel	175	1			/ [torn]
SIKES, Joseph		1			/ 5 / 6
SCARBRO, Samuel	234	1	1		/ 15 / 3
SANDIFER, Lemud		1			/ 5 / 6
SMITH, William	220	1	2		1 / / 7
TEMPLES, Robert	125	2	2		1 / 4 / 4
TAYLOR, Daniel		1			/ 5 / 6
VARUR, Nathan	325	1	3		1 / 8 /
WALKER, John	250	1	2		1 / 1 / 1
WALKER, William	100	1			/ 7 / 4
WILLIAMS, Allen		1	2		/ 16 / 6
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John Sanders of Wake County, North Carolina

By Richard Sanders Colyer
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John **SANDERS** is the earliest known ancestor of this line. John is first noted in Wake County in the 1794 tax list of Captain Willis **JONES** district, where he was taxed for 150 acres of land and 4 free polls.[1] This district was located near the Wake/Granville County line.

The arrival of John in Wake County is not documented. There are no records of him purchasing land. There are no land entries for him and the first several deed books of Wake County are missing; existing land entries begin with 1778 and existing deed books begin with 1785. The County Court minutes make no mention of his acquisition. Tax lists are incomplete for this time period, although he does not appear in Willis **JONES** district in 1793, or the same district in 1781 (the next earliest surviving tax list from that district).

Death and Estate

The March 1795 session of the Wake County Court of Pleas and Quarters "ordered that the admon. on the estate of John **SANDERS** be granted to Betty **SANDERS** his Widow and Willie **SANDERS** his son who entered into bond with Saml. **PARKER** and William **FERREL** in the sum of £5000".[2] William **FEARAL** [sic] and Samuel **PARKER** resided in Captain **JONES** District in 1794.[3] At the bottom of the same page of the county court minutes it is stated "Betty **SANDERS** and Willie **SANDERS** admons. of John **SANDERS** dec^{d}. came into Court and qualified agreeable to Law".

At the next session, September 1795, "Willie **SANDERS** admon. of the estate of John **SANDERS** dec^{d}. came into Court and returned an account of the sales of the dec^{d} estate, which was proved and ordered to be recorded".[4] He rendered an inventory at the March 1796 session.

At the March 1797 session, it was "ordered that Richard **BANKS**, Samuel **PARKER** and George **BRASSFIELD** be a committee to Settle the Act. Current of the estate of John **SANDERS** dec^{d}. with Willie **SANDERS** and Betsey **SANDERS** Admn. and report to next Court".[5]

At the June 1797 session, it was "ordered that Thomas **JONES**, William **REEVES**, and Samuel **PARKER** esquires, be a Committee to settle the Account Current with Willie **SANDERS** and Betsey **SANDERS**, Adms. of John **SANDERS**, decd. and report thereon to next Court".[6]

At the September 1797 session, "the Acct. Current of the estate of John **SANDERS** dec^{d}. was returned by Wilie and Betsey **SANDERS**."[7]

Children

John and Elizabeth **SANDERS** had nine known children: Wiley (b. 9 January 1711), John S. (b. 16 February 1774), Sallie (b. 20 February 1778), Betsy S. (b. 7 October 1782), Thomas (b. 26 February 1784), James Johnson (b. 27 December 1786), Mary, Nancy, and Daniel. The above birth dates and first six children are stated in records of John **HOLDER** of Tulsa, Oklahoma.[8]

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1 Wake County, NC, 1794 tax list, Willis **JONES** District, NC State Archives.
2 Wake County, NC, Court of Pleas and Quarters Sessions minutes, March 1795 term, p. 51, NC State Archives.
3 Wake County, NC, 1794 tax list, Willis **JONES** District, NC State Archives.
4 Wake County, NC, Court of Pleas and Quarters Sessions minutes, September 1795, p. 92, NC State Archives.
5 Wake County, NC, Court of Pleas and Quarters Sessions minutes, March 1797, p. 225, NC State Archives.
6 Wake County, NC, Pleas and Quarters Sessions minutes, June 1797, p. 246, NC State Archives.
7 Wake County, NC, Pleas and Quarters Sessions minutes, September 1797, p. 272, NC State Archives.
8 *Bible Records and Family Information of Residents of Mercer County, Kentucky*, Compiled by Alma Ray **SANERS ISON** for the Harrodsburg Historical Society, Harrodsburg, KY., 1986, p. 99.

In 1799, Willie **SANDERS** was taxed on 300 acres and 4 free polls in Captain William **WHITE's** district.[9]

In 1802, Willie **SANDERS** was taxed on 300 acres and 1 free and 4 black polls in Wm **WHITE**'s district.[10] A John **SANDERS** was taxed on 700 acres and 1 free poll in the same district. This John may have been Wilie's brother. He is mentioned here because of his proximity to Wilie. There is no record of the purchase or sale of this land.

In 1805, Willie **SANDERS** was taxed in Fishdam Ford district on 138¾ acres and 1 white poll, and also for Elizabeth **SAUNDERS** 300 acres and 4 black polls.[11]

On 20 July 1795 in Granville County, Mary **SANDERS** was bound to marry Wm **BYRUM**.[12] Bondsmen were Wm and John **BYRUM**.

On 15 September 1795 in Wake County, John **SANDERS** was bound to marry Ruth **REEVES**.[13] The other bondsman was Avery **REEVES**. It is noted that this bond appears to be incomplete. There is no proof that this John was the son of John, but he is the only John **SANDERS** in Wake County that cannot be accounted for in the other Wake **SANDERS/SAUNDERS** families.

On 19 April 1797 in Wake County, Salley **SANDERS** was bound to marry Henry **BYRUM**.[14] Bondsmen were Henry **BYRUM** and Willie **SANDERS**.

On 3 November 1800 in Wake County, Willie **SANDERS** was bound to marry Nancy **CLARK**.[15] The other bondsman was Alexander **CLARK**, relationship unknown.

On 20 July 1804 in Granville County, Wiley **SANDERS** was bound to marriage with Selah **PUETTE**.[16] The other bondsman was Henry **PUETTE**, her father.[17]

On 17 December 1806, Willie **SANDERS** of Wake County bought 138¾ acres on the "east side of Ledge of Rocks Creek" from George **BROGDEN**, Sr. of Wake County for one hundred pounds specie. This parcel lies south of a branch of Ledge of Rocks Creek and was bounded by Howel **LASHLEY**, John **EASTICE** (**ESTIS**), and Francis **WEST**'s "old line". Witnesses were Thomas **PULLEN**, Benjamin **WARD**, and Samuel _?_.[18] It was part of an original grant from North Carolina to George **BROGDEN**, Sr.[19]

On 7 September 1808, Willie **SANDERS** of Wake County sold to Joel **FERGUSON** of Wake County for one hundred fifty pounds the same 138¾ acres.[20] Witnesses were Jethro **BYRD** and Jepthah **FERRELL**.

On 8 September 1808, John **PRUET** of Granville Co., sold to Willie **SANDERS** of Wake County for 100 pounds a three year old Negro girl, **CARY**. This was witnessed by Danl. **BRIDGES** and Nat. **ESTES**.[21]

In Kentucky

On 13 October 1818, Willie **SANDERS** of Madison County State of Kentucky [emphasis added] empowered for self, John **SANDERS**, James **SANDERS**, and Thomas **SANDERS**, sold to Nathaniel **ESTES** of Granville County, 300 acres of land for six hundred dollars. This land was on the east side of

[9] Wake County, NC, tax list 1799, Captain William **WHITE**'s District, NC State Archives.
[10] Wake County, NC, tax list 1802, W^m **WHITE**'s District, NC Archives.
[11] Wake County, NC, tax list 1805, Fishdam Ford District, NC State Archives.
[12] Granville County, NC, marriage bonds, NC State Archives (microfilm).
[13] Wake County, NC, marriage bonds, NC State Archives.
[14] Wake County, NC, marriage bonds, NC State Archives.
[15] Wake County, NC, marriage bonds, NC State Archives.
[16] Granville County, NC, marriage bonds, NC State Archives (microfilm).
[17] Granville County Will Book 7, p. 516, NC State Archives (microfilm).
[18] Wake County, NC, Deed Book U, p. 207, NC State Archives (microfilm).
[19] Wake County, NC, land entry number 314, May 16th 1778, Wake County Land Entries 1778-1846, NC State Archives. George **BROGDON** entered 400 acres on the north side of the Neuse River and on the East side of the Ledge of Rocks Creek.
[20] Wake County, NC, Deed Book U, p. 474, NC Archives (microfilm).
[21] Granville County, NC, Deed Book T, p. 283, NC State Archives.

Ledge of Rock Creek and was the "tract of land John **SANDERS** formerly lived on". Witnesses were Allen **WILKINS** and Joel **FERGUSON**.[22] This last deed is important, for it places Willie in Madison County, Kentucky.

On 16 January 1809, Thomas **SANDERS** married Susannah **WHEELER** in Madison County, Kentucky.[23]

On 9 November 1813, Elizabeth **SAUNDERS** of Madison County, Kentucky sold all her property "such as h____ furniture Horses Cattle & Hoggs that may be in her hands at death" to "her three sons, Thomas, James and Daniel **SAUNDERS**" of Madison County.[24] The deed was witnessed by Samuel **HAGGINS** and Henry **BYRAM**.

On 6 May 1816 Tho^{s} and Daniel **SANDERS** of Madison County bought from Green **CLAY** and his wife Sally 100 acres on Paint Lick Creek for seventy five pounds.[25]

A very genealogically revealing lawsuit was filed in Madison Count Circuit Court on 22 January 1818, between plaintiffs Henry and Betsy **PRUITT**, and the heirs of Daniel **SAUNDERS**, who died intestate in 1817.[26] The **PRUITTS** wanted to force the equitable division of the land purchased jointly by Thomas and Daniel **SAUNDERS** from Green **CLAY**. Specifically, Betsy (or Henry), as partial heir to Daniel's half, wanted her share. The text of the suit reveals that Betsy **PRUITT** was formerly Betsy **SAUNDERS**, and names her, "Thomas **SAUNDERS**, James **SAUNDERS**, Wiley **SAUNDERS**, Henry **BYRAM** & Sally his wife, Stephen **ROSS** and Betsy his wife said Betsy daughter of Polly **BYRAM** late Polly **SAUNDERS**, John **SAUNDERS**, Nathanel **EASTRIDGE** and Nancy his wife, Brothers and Sisters." The suit also reveals that John **SANDERS**, Nathaniel **EASTRIDGE** and Nancy his wife are not residents of Kentucky. In fact Nathaniel **EASTRIDGE** (**ESTIS**) resided in Granville County, North Carolina, and bought 300 acres in Wake County from Wiley later in 1818 (see above). **ESTIS**, **EASTICE**, **ESTES**, and **EASTRIDGE** seemed to be used interchangeably by both Nathaniel and John **ESTIS** of Granville County.[27]

The foregoing proves conclusively that John **SANDERS** who died in Wake County, North Carolina in 1795 was the progenitor of this line of **SANDERS** in Kentucky.

A Theory

The biggest mystery remains as to John's origin. He does not appear to be in Wake County, North Carolina prior to 1794. He is not on the 1793 tax list for the district where he is found in 1794, nor do any other Wake records mention him.

There are several clues that suggest he may have come from Warren County, North Carolina. The evidence, however, is not strong enough to come to that conclusion.

First, both John and Nathaniel **ESTIS**, a neighbor of John in Wake County, resided in Warren until the early 1790's. Nathaniel married John's daughter, Nancy, although it has not been determined when or where. Marriage records for neither Wake nor Warren note this event.

Second, a John **SANDERS**, possessing 1440 acres is recorded in the Warren County tax lists through 1793. He disappears from the tax lists in 1794. John **SANDERS** of Wake County appears in 1794, possessing 150 acres, and dies in 1795.

Third, a John **SANDERS** appears in the 1790 Federal census for Warren County, whose family closely, but not exactly, fits John of Wake.

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[22] Wake County, NC, Deed Book 6, p. 49, NC Archives (microfilm).
[23] Madison County, KY, marriage register, vol. 1, p. 115, KY State Archives (microfilm).
[24] Madison County, KY, Deed Book K, p. 88, KY State Archives (microfilm).
[25] Copy of deed among papers of Henry **PRUITT** vs Daniel **SAUNDERS** Heirs suit, Madison County Circuit Court Box 81, Bundle 162, KY State Archives. It states at the end that it was recorded in Deed Book L, p. 225.
[26] Henry **PRUITT** vs Daniel **SAUNDERS** Heirs, Madison County Circuit Court, Box 81, Bundle 162, KY State Archives.
[27] In the Granville County, NC, 1801 tax list, Dutch District, Nathaniel **ESTIS** is shown as "Nat. **EASTRIDGE**," NC State Archives.

Fourth, Wilie **SANDERS**' rendering of John's account current revealed debts owed to several people, one of whom was Joseph **LEES**, a prominent Warren County merchant, to whom he owed over £33. Another was a note due to Silas **JORDAN**, a name also found in Warren County and not in Wake.

Lastly, several **SANDERS**/**SAUNDERS** families are found in the Bute/Warren/Franklin counties area during this period with given names common to the family of the subject of this article.

However, despite exhaustive research in the county records of Wake and Warren in the North Carolina State Archives, all efforts to date to identify John of Wake, to make a connection with John of Warren, or to positively identify John of Warren to establish that he was not John of Wake have been unsuccessful.

Who's in the News
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Thursday, Jan 1 – Valuable Land for Sale

Pursuant to a decree of the Superior Court for Wake county, N.C., rendered on December 29, 1890, in special proceeding therein pending and entitled Hackney **PULLEN**, plaintiff, against Turner **PULLEN**, et als., defendants, I will on Saturday, January 31, 1891, sell at public out-cry to the highest bidder, for cash a certain tract of land in Mark's Creek Township, Wake county, N.C., bounded on the south by the land of W. H. **RICHARDSON**, on the east by the lands of A. W. **RICHARDSON**, on the west by lands of Edward **TODD** lands, and on the North by the land known as the **TODD** lands, and containing 108 acres, more or less, being formerly owned by Jeremiah **PULLEN**, deceased. Time of sale 12 o'clock M. Place of sale the residence of said tract of land.

Ernest **HAYWOOD**
Dec. 29, '90 dtds. COMMISSION

Saturday, Jan 3 –

* Mr. James V. **BARBEE** left yesterday for Mt. St. Mary's College.
* Mr. John B. **NEATHERY**, who has been confined for some time with rheumatism was able to be out again yesterday.
* Misses Lilian and Daisy **THOMPSON**, daughters of Mr. John W. **THOMPSON**, left yesterday afternoon for Salem, where they will attend the Female Academy.

Sunday, Jan 4 –

* We regret to learn that Dr. W. I. **ROYSTER** has been confined to his room for several days on account of sickness.

Thursday, Jan 8

* A little child of Mrs. Delia **PERRY** who lives on West Street, swallowed a dollar a day or two ago which had been given it to play with. A doctor was summoned, however, and succeeded in recovery of the dollar which had not gone far down the little one's throat.

Sunday, Jan 11 –

* Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Florence Elinor **COOPER**, niece of Mrs. Zebulon B. **VANCE**, to Mr. Charles Manly **BUSBEE** of Raleigh, at the residence of Senator **VANCE**, No 1627, Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C., on Wednesday evening, Jan 21.
* Mr. and Mrs. Van B. **FLEMING**, who have been making their home in Birmingham, Ala., for some time have decided to return to Raleigh to live, Mr. **FLEMING** having accepted a position in the office of Superintendent R. R. **BRIDGERS**, of North Carolina Railroad.

Wednesday, Jan 14 –

* Mr. Henry **BLACKNALL**, of Atlanta, brother to our Doctor **BLACKNALL**, is here on a visit to the Doctor.
* Wake Superior Court – business transacted yesterday State vs. Calvin **ROGERS**; indictment attempt to commit robbery; verdict guilty; defendant sentenced to three years at hard labor on public roads. (This was the party supposed to be "Jack the grabber.")

Friday, Jan 16 –

* Miss Hortense **HAUGHTON** of Pittsboro is visiting her sister Mrs. R. H. **GOWAN**.

Saturday, Jan 17 –

* Mr. Wiley **CLEMENTS** died at his home in Tifton, GA, Thursday. He was a native of Wake County, and his remains will arrive here on the 7:30 train this morning. He will be burried [sic] in the family burrying [sic] ground at Mr. W. D. **CROWDER**'s in the Southern part of the county.

Tuesday, Jan 20 –

* Miss Carrie **SMITH**, of this city, left yesterday afternoon for Lascassas, Tenn., where she is to join her brother, Prof. J. E. **SMITH**, and will remain several months.

Wednesday, Jan 21 –

* The *News and Observer* is glad to see Mr. Henry M. **COWAN** able to be out again after being confined to his room for a week with a severe cold.
*Mr. Collier **COBB**, of Cambridge, Mass., is now in city visiting his father, Dr. N. B. **COBB**, on East Jones Street.

Saturday, Jan 24 –

* Mr. Samuel **MERRELL**, of Columbia, S.C., is in the city visiting his daughter. Mrs. J. R. **BALL**.
* Went to Durham to Get Married – The *Durham Globe* of Thursday says: In the parlor of the Claiborn Hotel this morning, Mr. C. E. J. **GOODWIN**, of Raleigh, was married to Miss **BETTS**, also of that city, Rev. J. W. (**C**)**ARTER** officiating. The couple, accompanied by the minister and a large party of friends, came over on the Keysville train and returned to Raleigh on the noon mail. The sensation created on their arrival by the supposition of a runaway match quickly subsided when it was learned that their reason for coming to Durham was simply because, owing to the death of register of deeds, they could not procure license in Raleigh.

Tuesday, Jan 27 –

* A Terrible Accident – On the plantation of Robert **POOL**, about four miles east of Raleigh, Tom **HOLT** and Robert **POOL**, white men, were yesterday morning cutting down a large tree, which fell and struck Mr. **HOLT** on the head, inflicting serious, if not fatal wound. Dr. H. W. **BOBBIT** being in the neighborhood was soon on the ground, and although **HOLT** was bleeding profusely, the Doctor staunched the wounds and the unfortunate man was carried on a litter to the house. If he recovers, it will be almost a miracle.
* A Son of Mr. **PRIMROSE** Nearly Drowned – On Sunday morning little Henry Fries **PRIMROSE**, the six-year-old son of Mr. W. S. **PRIMROSE** had a narrow escape from drowning. He had returned from Sunday School, and in company with Willie **ROGERS**, a little son of Mr. William **ROGERS**, had gone to play upon a bank, not far from Mr. **PRIMROSE**'s residence, which had been thrown up by workmen who had been grading a street there for the Raleigh East Side Land Company. The grading was done across a gully and the water had backed up there to a depth of seven feet. While the lads were playing little Henry **PRIMROSE** fell into the water and would have been drowned if Willie **ROGERS** had not thrown in some branches of trees to him by which he held up till a colored man was called. When the colored man arrived Henry had gone down and would have been drowned but for the timely arrival of aid.

Wednesday, Jan 28 –

* Married at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Wm. H. **BATTLE**, Lilesville, N.C., Jan. 27, 1891, Miss Mary Lindsay **BATTLE** to Mr. Collier **COBB**, of Cambridge Mass., the Rev. Dr. Needham Bryan **COBB**, the father of the groom performing the ceremony. Mr. & Mrs. **COBB** passed through the city this morning enroute to Cambridge, Mass., which place they will make their home. Miss **BATTLE** is a young lady of rare accomplishments and Mr. **COBB** is a most promising and gifted North Carolinian.

Thursday, Jan 29 –

* Mr. Norwood **CARROLL** leaves today for Baltimore to enter the University of Maryland to take a course in dentistry.
* The heroic colored man who rescued the little boy from drowning on Sunday last was Kim **ANDREWS**. But for his timely aid there might have been a sad ending to the accident, and he deserves the greatest commendation for his action.

Sunday, Feb 1 –

* Death of Mr. John **KENNY**, Sr. – The following dispatch from Charleston, S.C., relative to the death of the father of Mr. J. B. **KENNY**, of this city, appears in the *New Orleans Picayune*: John **KENNY**, an Irish brickmason, died yesterday, and thousands of citizens of all classes attended his funeral. He was the chief builder of Fort Sumter from mud bank to fort, and in 1860 was employed by the United States authorities at Fort Moultrie. **KENNY**'s reports of Maj. **ANDERSON**'s movements were reported daily to Gov. **PICKENS**. On December 27, 1860, **KENNY** hired a skiff and came to the city, making the first announcement that Major **ANDERSON** had moved from Fort Moultrie to Sumpter, the prime cause of the war. Capt. **FOSTER**, United States army at Fort Moultrie, told **KENNY** that he had better accompany the troops to Sumpter, being an Irishman, and therefore, not a sympathizer with the South. **KENNY** replied by citing that he was a local South Carolinian, and saying "I will stand by Carolina whatever woe betides."

Tuesday, Feb 3

* Died – Mr. Britton **SUGG**, about 70 years old, at residence on S. Wilmington Street, yesterday morning at nine o'clock. He was a consistent member of Central M.E. Church. Funeral today at 11 o'clock form [sic] Central M.E. Church.

Wednesday, Feb 4 –

* Died – At her residence near this city, about noon Tuesday, Feb 3, Mrs. Sallie L. **GATLING**, relict of Mr. John **GATLING**, after a lingering illness, aged about 45 years. The funeral announcement will be made later.

Thursday, Feb 5 –

* The funeral of Mrs. Sallie L. **GATLING** will take place from Christ Church at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Saturday, Feb 7 –

* Mr. S. B. **DODD**, of Cincinnati, a former Raleighite, is here after a long absence. His many friends are glad to see him.

Thursday, Feb 10 –

* On the 27th of January two patents were granted to Wm. H **KERR**, of Concord, N.C., for a machine to make bags. Mr. W. H. **KERR** is a son of the late Prof. **KERR**, of Raleigh, and is manager of the **KERR** Bag Manufacturing Company of Concord. The machine is a marvel of ingenuity and makes complete bags printed in one or more colors.
* Married – **PEARCE–BRIDGERS** – On Feb 5, Mr. John W. **PEARCE** to Miss Jeneva **BRIDGERS**, at the residence of the bride's father, all of Wake County; W. D. **RAY**, Esq., officiating.
* Married – **SMITH–O'NEAL** – On Feb., 5th at the residence of W. D. **RAY**, Esq., Mr. N. **SMITH** to Miss Sallie **O'NEAL**, all of Wake County, W. D. **RAY** Esq., officiating.

Wednesday, Feb 11 –

* The will of Mrs. Sallie L. **GATLING** was admitted to probate yesterday. Her brother, Mr. Van B. **MOORE**, is executor. The only gift made outside her family was $500 to St. John's Hospital, provided, however, the amount left her by the late Mrs. Mary **MOREHEAD** be paid over to her estate.

Thursday, Feb 12—

* Mr. Van B. **MOORE** was appointed guardian yesterday for Bart M. **GATLING**, John **GATLING**, Robt. R. **GATLING**, and George B. **GATLING**.
* A SAD TRAGEDY – Charlotte, N.C., Feb. 11 – A sad tragedy occurred on the Carolina Central Railroad between Clarkton and Roundale, forty miles west of Wilmington, about nine o'clock this morning. Alphonso **RUDISILL**, a young man of this city, well known & popular, fell from the train and was instantly killed. He was a baggage master and would have been promoted to passenger conductor within a few weeks. He fell between the cars and his body was so terribly mangled that his family were requested not to open the coffin which was brought in on the 4:30 train this evening.

Saturday, Feb 14 –
Mrs. Weston R. **GALES**, of Peoria, Ill., is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Geo. V. **STRONG**.

Tuesday, Feb 17—
* We regret to note that Mr. T. W. **BLAKE** is quite sick.
* The marriage of Mr. S. Porter **GRAVES** to Miss Kate **HOLLINGSWORTH**, was solemnized at Mt. Airy last Wednesday night.
* DIED – Yesterday morning, of congestion of the lungs, at 10:30 o'clock, George T., infant son of Alexander B. and Mary A. **STRONACH**. Funeral from residence on Bloodsworth Street, this morning at 11 o'clock.
* Death of Mr. G. **HELLER** – We regret to announce the death of the above named gentleman, which took place at his home in Richmond, Va., yesterday morning. Mr. **HELLER** had for some time been afflicted with rheumatism, that seemingly impaired his general health. For several years, he was a resident of Raleigh, as one of the well know [sic] firm of **HELLER** Bros., shoe dealers, and a large circle of friends here deplore his death. He leaves a widow and nine children to mourn their sad loss.

Wednesday, Feb 18 –
* Miss Lenora **CRUDUP**, of Meridian, Miss., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Van B. **MOORE**.
* FUNERAL – The funeral of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. **STRONACH** took place yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, from their residence on North Bloodworth St. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. John S. **WATKINS**, and the remains were interred in Oakwood Cemetery. The pall bearers were members of the family – Messrs. W. C. **STRONACH**, Frank **STRONACH**, John **STRONACH**, and Will **ALLCOTT**.

Thursday, Feb 19 –
* Mrs. W. B. **BURNS**, now of Camden, S.C., is here on a visit to her father Capt. Francis **HALLETT**.
* A telegram was received here yesterday from Buckersville, Ga to the effect that Mr. H. H. **HERRING** was killed by a falling limb of a tree on Friday last. Mr. **HERRING** was a native of this county and left here about a year ago for a temporary adjourn.

Friday, Feb 20 –
* Death of Hon C. R. **THOMAS** – *New Berne Journal*

Hon C. R. **THOMAS** died at his home in this city on yesterday morning, Feb 18, 1891. Judge **THOMAS** was born at Beaufort, N.C., Feb 7th, 1827; was educated at the Caldwell Institute, Greensboro, and the University of North Carolina where he graduated in the class of 1848-1949 [sic – 1848]…He moved to Raleigh and became principal clerk of the State Senate & was Secretary of State of N.C. from 1864 to 1866, while Z. B. **VANCE** was Governor & under the Provisional Government, which office he resigned…

Saturday, Feb 21 –
* Gold Mine – It is said that a rich gold mine has been found near Cary, on the land of Mr. **YATES**. The report is, that it is very valuable, & the best machinery will be immediately obtained & located there.
* DIED – Information was received here yesterday that Mr. M. C. **JUDD**, a native of this county, who has resided for a number of years at Liberty, New Bedford City, Va., died suddenly in that city on Wednesday, the 19th. Mr. **JUDD** has a large number of relatives and friends in this county. He married Miss Ella **STEPTON**, of Bedford City, and was a prominent & successful business man.

Sunday, Feb 22 –
* Mrs. V. C. **McCRAW**, of Henderson, is in the city, visiting her niece, Mrs. Pattie **LASSITER**, on North East Street.

Tuesday, Feb 24 –
* Mr. Sam **WATERS**, formerly of Raleigh, now of Charlotte, is in the city.
* DIED – We regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. G. **HABEL**, which occurred at his residence, No 519 North Person Street, yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, aged 67 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Friday, Feb 27 –

* We regret to note that little Lucy **ANDREWS**, daughter of Mr. Phil H. **ANDREWS**, is sick with fever.
* In memoriam – Death the invincible spares neither age nor youth. Last Saturday night, February 21st, directly after the storm which visited our community, the spirit of Mrs. Patsy **BLALOCK**, relict of John **BLALOCK**, took its flight to the unknown land beyond. Deceased was one among the oldest of Wake inhabitants, being 97 years old. She had been suffering from an attack of La Grippe. She had been a consistent member of Free Will Baptist Church for many years. Grandmother **BLALOCK** is said to have been one of the strongest (physically) and most industrious women of her day, having been left a widow fifty two years ago with a large family to raise. She was the mother of ten children, three of whom survive her. She leaves a host of grand & great grand children to mourn her departure. She had a remarkable retentive mind, and retained her mental faculties to the last. Her home was with her son, Mr. Hugh **BLALOCK**. She died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. J. **KING**. "After life's fitfull dream, she sleeps well."

Saturday, Feb 28 –

* Death of Mrs. **McDOWELL** died suddenly at her home yesterday evening, at 6 o'clock. She was the daughter of Mr. E. B. **THOMAS**, of this city, and was 31 years of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, from Central M.E. Church, of which she was a member.
* Funeral of Mr. William E. **PELL** took place from Edenton Street Church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock & was attended by a large concourse of friends. Junius **DANIELS** Camp of Confederate Veterans attended the service in a body & also a large number of the members of the Raleigh Typographical Union. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. H. **CORDON** assisted by Rev. Dr. F. L. **REID** & Rev. Dr. **CUNNINGHAM**. The pall bearers were Col. W. J. **SAUNDERS**, Mr. N. W. **WEST**, Mr. W. J. **YOUNG**, Capt. L. W. **SMITH**, Mr. G. M. **ALLEN**, & Mr. James **McKIMMON**.

Wednesday, Mar 4 –

* DIED – In the city yesterday at 12:40 p.m. at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. W. A. **TAYLOR**, Mr. B. B. **ROGERS**, in the 30th year of his age. Mr. **ROGERS** leaves a widowed mother, two brothers, & two sisters besides numerous relatives & friends to mourn his death. There was no young man more highly respected in all walks of life than he; dutiful to his mother & faithful to his brothers & sisters. He had been sick about three months with that fated disease, consumption; and during all his illness he bore all his suffering in patience & fortitude. The funeral services will be held from his late residence at 109 Johnson Street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. J. W. **CARTER**, of this city.

Tuesday, Mar 10 –

* Marriage Sunday Afternoon – At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mr. J. H. **BAKER** on North Person Street, Col. James T. **RESPASS**, of Beaufort county, was married to Miss Mariah A. **PARHAM**, of this city, Rev. Dr. J. H. **CORDON** officiating. There were only two attendents [sic], Mr. J. H. **PARHAM** and Miss Delia **BLALOCK**. The bridal party left yesterday morning for Norfolk, & thence to the home of the groom.

Wednesday, Mar 11 –

* Married at the residence of the bride of New Berne Avenue, by Rev. Dr. M. M. **MARSHALL**, on Monday night, W. B. **HOLDERFIELD** to Miss Lillian **REEVES**.

Sunday, Mar 15 –

* Col. William **JOHNSTON**, of Charlotte, is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. B. **ANDREWS**.
* Mr. Hubert **ROYSTER**, of Wake Forest College, is on a visit at home.

Tuesday, Mar 17 –

* Mr. D. S. **WAITT** who has been confined to bed for several weeks, is still quite sick.
* The following gentlemen are all down with la grippe: Messrs. S. F. **MORDECAI**, A. B. **STRONACH**, W. A. **TURK**, & C. G. **LATTA**.

Wednesday, Mar 18 –
* Mr. Jack **FIFER**, formerly of Raleigh, we regret to learn is quite ill with pneumonia at Salem, Va, where he located a few months ago. His mother & sister in this city were summoned by telegraph and have gone to his bedside.

Tuesday, Mar 24 –
* Mrs. J. B. **HOLLAND** and children are in the city on a short visit to her father, Mr. Lynn **ADAMS**.

Thursday, Mar 26 –
* Yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, Mrs. Kimbrough **JONES** died at her residence about three miles north of Raleigh, in the 78th year of her age. The funeral will take place this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence. The remains will be interred in the family burying ground.

The State Chronicle – Daily – April
Abstracted by Elizabeth Dees

A sudden downpour on Mar. 31 threatened to disrupt the wedding of Miss Nora **PRIMROSE**, daughter of Mrs. F. **OLDS** to Mr. E. L. **BUNCH** at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Miss **PRIMROSE**, who was given in marriage by her step-father Col. F. A. **OLDS**, has as her Maid of Honor her sister Miss Eliza **PRIMROSE**. Mr. **BUNCH**'s brother Guy served as Best Man. Other Groomsmen were Messrs. Joseph L. **SEAWELL**, Henry W. **MILLER**, William **JOHNSON**, and Thomas **BADGER**. The Rev. Dr. M. M. **MARSHALL**, Rector of Christ Church performed the ceremony. After a reception at the church, the couple departed for a trip to N.Y. with a stop at Greensboro. Mr. **BUNCH** is Chief Clerk in Col. **TURK**'s office.

April dawned clear and mild after a particularly rainy three months, 16½ inches, and slightly below normal temperatures. March had 18 days of rain during which 7¼ inches fell.

On April 27, Christ Church was the scene of a 'brilliant' evening wedding when Miss Elizabeth **MARSHALL**, second daughter of the Rector married Mr. Thomas **EBERHARDT**. Best man was Mr. R. B. **RANEY**; Groomsmen were Messrs. Butt and Cecil **LEE**, Henry **LETCHFORD**, Thos. R. **PESCUD**, Geo. **HARDEN** and J. H. **LONDON**. The bridesmaids, attired in white mull and carrying white flowers were the Misses Mildred **BADGER**, Eliza **SKINNER**, Mabel **HALE**, Bessie **TUCKER**, Annie **FAISON**, and Inder **TUCKING**; Mary **SNOW** and Laura **KING** of Warrenton, Josephine **SMITH**, Lallah **PLUMMER**, Emily **WIGFIELD** and Virginia **BUTTS** of Portsmouth. The bride's little sisters Susie and Theodora "followed the procession". Miss Maude **MARSHALL**, "elegantly attired", was Maid of Honor. After a reception at home the couple left on the "midnight train" for a trip North.

The first two weeks were rather subdued, the deaths of two prominent men kept the city draped in mourning. On April 2nd, the Secty. of State, Col. Wm. Lawrence **SAUNDERS** died. The sudden, unexpected death of Gov. **FOWLE** followed on April 7.

The Capitol was draped in mourning for Col. **SAUNDERS**. On April 4 the casket was conducted to the train by the Junius **DANIEL** Camp of Confederate Veterans led by E. D. **HALL** last surviving Col. of the 46th Reg. Col. **SAUNDERS** was interred in Tarboro.

Wed. April 8 was a day of mourning for Gov. **FOWLE** as his body lay in state at the Capital. He was buried at Oakwood.

The death had a dampening effect on many activities, many social events were cancelled and it was reported that only one marriage license had been issued all week. The Chief of Police remarked that his office had been very quiet.

Mrs. Betsy **WILTON**, wife of Mr. Henry **WILTON**, and believe to be Raleighs oldest citizen died at age 84. The funeral took place from her home Sun. April 5. Pall bearers were Messrs. W. F. **WYATT**, H. E. **JACKSON**, M. **PARKER**, Oliver **WOMBLE**, P. H. **TAYLOR**, and S. W. **WHITING**.

Wake County's eldest citizen, Mr. Bennett **HOLLAND**, aged 94, was buried April 6. He lived neear Holly Springs.

Mrs. T. G. **LEE** and Miss Annie **STRONACH** were both reported ill at home.

Major Chas. D. **HEARST**, Chief of Police was on the sick list as was Maj. W. A. **LUCK**.

Mr. **FAISON**'s residence on E. Morgan Street had a roof fire Sun. which was quickly extinguished by the local fire co.

On the 15th State University held its Sr. Class day and Raleigh boasted four student graduates; Messrs. Wm. **ANDREWS**, W. H. **ASHE**, F. H. **BATCHELOR**, and J. M. **FLEMING**.

During a thunder storm on the 17th, the telephone was 'burned out' at Auditor **SANDERLIN**'s office and two horses ran away on Fayetteville Street.

Mr. J. B. **STRONACH** caught a 14½ lb. carp at **TAYLOR**s pond.

Mr. Furman **BETTS**, son of Alvin **BETTS**, who was accidentally shot by Policeman **HOGUE** while the latter was attempting to arrest the Nego [sic] **JONAS**, was presented the city with a bill for $350 through his Attorneys, **HAYWOOD** and **HAYWOOD**. He desires compensation for severe injuries and 'temporary loss of capacities' resulting in unemployment. He is prepared to sue. **JONAS** was killed.

The dissolution of **WYATT** and **TAYLOR** was announced and the firm of Job P. **WYATT** and sons established.

W. H. **ELLIS**, barkeep on Wilmington Street was fined $25 for keeping his bar open on Sun. He has appealed to Superior Court.

D. T. **JOHNSON**, Commission Merchant, Hargett St., Tel. 28, was advertising a good supply of oranges, bananas, lemons, coconuts and layered figs. Small sugar cured hams were 12½ and 15 cents a pound. Thin breakfast bacon was 12½ cents a pound, and flour at $3.00 or $3.25 a sack, depending on brand, would be delivered.

Drummer (salesman) Evangelist **FIFE** was drawing large crowds at Edenton St. Methodist Church and Metropolitan Hall.

MILLER and **LINDSEY**, Insurance Agents advertised for "A Lady to work Life Insurance among Women only." This produced a favorable editorial comment regarding new opportunity for women so long as their work was confined to women only.

Ye Old Folkes Concerte at Metropolitan Hall, for the benefit of Ye Kings Daughters was a great success and many thanks were due Mr. Jim **ANDERSON** who managed the affair. "As the curtain rose a scene of surpassing loveliness greeted the beholder as a score of beautiful young women dressed in old time costumes came upon the stage". Among these were the Misses Mamie **ROBBINS**, Alice **DUGGIN**, Florence **SLATER**, and Octavia **WENDER**.

Invitations were issued for A Pink Domino Ball to be held at The Capital Club Room, April 7, at 9:00 p.m. Masks are to be worn by all participants. Lady Managers were Mrs. Wm. **TUCKER**, and the Misses Margaret **BUSBEE**, Helen **McVEA**, Mattie **FULLER**, and Bessie **TUCKER**.

Also on the 15th, at Metropolitan Hall, was a production by the Raleigh Amateur Minstrels for the benefit of the W. R. **WOMBLE** Hook and Ladder Truck Fire Co.; seats 25¢, 50¢ and 75¢. Mr. Walter **GRIMES** was the organizer and Mr. John **McRAE**, Stage Manager. In the cast were Messrs. **ANDERSON**, Chas **WOODALL**, Earnest **HAYNES**, Ed. V. **DENTON**, Quint **BUSBEE**, L. H. **THOMAS**, and **VIOLA** and sons.

An editorial concerning an unfortunate occurrence at the County Work House concluded that these things happen. The circumstances that caused a public outcry were as follows; Two weeks previously "during a fit of insanity Thad **WHITAKER** picked up a chair and struck Pleasant **INSCORE** over the head. Mr. **INSCORE** had been tormenting Mr. **WHITAKER** who had been sent there (the Work House) as an Incurable Maniac by the N.C. Hospital". Apparently Mr. **WHITAKER** had a history of instability and had been hospitalized previously later being released for a period of eleven years. The 'public' was upset that a dangerous person had been free for so long. There was no evidence of his harming anyone and he had been recommitted at the time of this incident.

W. H. and R. S. **TUCKER** were showing some distinctly new things in Ladies Parasols and Sun Shades.

JONES and **POWELL** opened an ice cellar under **BARBEE** and **POPE**s Confectionary on Fayetteville St. "Where ice can be had today and every day".

Bonds were being issued for the formation of a trolley line.

The City has agreed to widen and pave W. Martin Street from Salisbury to Dawson Streets.

A committee of local citizens was actively promoting local Primary Elections and petitions were circulating and meetings being held throughout the month.

Business was picking up in the Court, there were 10 cases of disorderly conduct and 2 of theft during this last week of April.

Wake County Bastardy Bonds and Records

North Carolina State Archives (CR 099.102.1)

By Madlyn Jamison & Elizabeth Dees

"He is a Bastard that is borne before the Marriage of his Parents". – General Assembly, New Bern, 1749. An act to put in force the statutes of The Kingdom of England.

The above statement would seem to labor the obvious but it did have legal as well as moral ramifications. Marriage did not legitimatize such a child automatically.

It is well to keep in mind that laws of the this time were particularly cruel, especially for the Mother who could receive 21 stripes as well as a fine. England had over 100 capital offense crimes. One was the murder of a bastard child. The laws concerning bastardy were not only an expression of moral indignation but an economic necessity, an attempt to reduce the welfare rolls by action and example. In Colonial times, in England as well as America, the Parish was responsible for the indigent, the aged and the incompetent. This burden fell heavily upon small and not overly prosperous Parishes.

The law, Chapter XIV, Laws of North Carolina, 1741, states: "—any two Justices of the Peace, upon their own knowledge, or Information made to them, that any single Woman within this County is big with Child or delivered of a Child or Children may cause such Woman to be brought before them, and examine her, upon Oath, concerning the Father; and if she shall refuse to declare the Father she shall pay the Fines in this Act before mentioned, and give sufficient Security to keep such Child or Children from being chargeable to the Parish, or shall be committed to Prison, until she declare the same, or pay the Fine aforesaid, and give Security as aforesaid." The father, if named was subject to the same penalties if he failed to provide maintenance and security.

The fines in this act were "That is any Persons commit Fornication, upon due conviction, each of them shall forfeit and pay Twenty Five Shillings, Proclamation Money, for each and every such Offense—"

And how do the justices find out? Half the fine can be paid to the informer if he reports the offense within ten days. Fines are otherwise paid to the Parish.

The law was to be read in every place of worship, after service twice a year upon pain of twenty shilling fine.

An earlier law concerning servants, 1715, added two years to her servitude if she is delivered of a bastard during her term of servitude. "Women Servants comeing into this Country with Child shall not fall under Penalty of this Act". If said servant "—be delivered of a Child begotten by her Master then instead of the two years servitude to her Master she shall be sold by the Church Wardens of the Precinct of Parish where the fault is committed after her time by Indenture or Custome is fulfilled".

In 1706, Elizabeth **FITZGARRET**, 'having a Child begotten upon her Body by John **MORLEY**' has to serve her master for two more years. Her unbaptized child must serve this master, Thomas **SPEIGHT**, his heirs and assigns for 21 years.

In 1703, Jeanne **RICH**, a late servant of Mrs. John **HACKLEFIELD**, was delivered of a bastard in Perquimans Co. Jeanne was granted her "corne and clothes" i.e. supplies given to a servant at the end of her term. Larence **ARNOLD** was declared the father and Mrs. **HACKLEFIELD** paid her fines. Jeanne received 21 stripes.

This same law provided a six pound fine, for any woman bound or free having a child by a "Nego, [sic] Mulatto, or Indyan." [sic] Said child was bound out until he reach the age of thirty one years.

The lash disappeared by the mid century, the last example I found was one Mary **BANKS** of Pasquotank who was delivered of a bastard "against the Peace of the Queen." She declared George **ELLIS** to be the father. She received a 51 shilling fine and 21 stripes.

By the last quarter of the century we find bondsmen appearing, serving the same purpose as those on a marriage bond. Later printed forms resemble the marriage bond. This bond was binding to all parties – their heirs, assigns and estates. The property of the father could be seized as happened to John **SALE** in Edenton in 1722 when he was not readily available to answer to the charge that he was the father of Sarah **SIMPSON**'s children.

The early Wake County records are mostly handwritten and as such follow whatever wording the Justice chose. We have chosen to retain the formats used and the spellings. No attempt has been made to distinguish the father is he is not so designated.

A complete case would consist of a warrant for the mother to appear before two justices, if she so declares him, a warrant is issued for the father to appear. The last document is the bond signed by the father and his bondsmen. Rarely are all three found, and the document cited is identified.

Term of responsibility for the maintenance of the child is only stated where it was found in the record.

Note: St. Margaret's Parish, Church of England, was established at the same time Wake County was being formed in 1770 and was coextensive with the county. Wake County was named for Margaret **WAKE** (1733-1819), wife of Governor William **TRYON**. St. Margaret's Parish was abolished in 1776 with the adoption of the state constitution and the disestablishment of the Church of England. (*The North Carolina Gazetter*, William S. Powell, UNC Press, Chapel Hill, 1968, 7th ed., 1987, pp. 443 & 514.)

Despite the disestablishment of the Church of England in 1776, some Bastardy Bonds through 1798 continue to refer to St. Margaret's Parish. Since welfare responsibilities were administered for so long through the church/parish systems, perhaps the parish name continued for many years to symbolize the system of welfare that then existed. It is important only to remember St. Margaret's Parish and Wake County were one and the same, not two different entities within the same boundaries before and after 1776.

Please note that every effort has been made to transcribe these bonds verbatim and spellings have not been corrected but entered as they were found on the bond.

We plan to publish the Wake County Bastardy Bonds in future issues of *Wake Treasures*, but if you are interested in having them in one volume along with other counties you may be interested in purchasing the recently released books *North Carolina Bastardy Bonds* by Betty J. & Edwin A. Camin, 1904 N. Main Street, Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030. Price is $30.00 (NC residents add 5% sales tax).

The book includes bonds from thirty counties: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Bertie, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Bute, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland, Granville, Moore, New Hanover, Rowan, Rutherford, Surry, and **WAKE**. (The Moore County records were furnished by James Vann Comer).

Undated Folder

1. Martha PRICE / Father Not Named

n.d. Martha **PRICE**. Born (no name/sex stated). Securities: Martha **PRICE** $200 (mark), Ridley **WARREN** $150 (mark smeared), Nath[l] (x) **WARREN** $150. No duration date. Issuing Magistrates: Wm. F. **SUG**_____ (undecipherable), Dan[l] **SCARBOROUGH**, JPs. Mother refused to declare father. Mother to support & maintain. Child to be heir to all 3.

2. Sarah SIMEON / John PREWIT, Jun.

Bond. Jno **PREWET** (**PREWIT**) to justices to indemnify this parish n.d. Bondsmen: John **PREWIT**, Jun., John **PREWIT** Sen. & Micajah **FERRELL**. 150 pounds Specie. Issuing Magistrates: Michael **ROGERS**, John **HINTON**, Tignal **JONES** Esq. Duration: Until child arrives at lawful age. John **PREWIT** bound by Rich^{d} **BANKE** Esq. Justice of Peace for Wake Co to appear at our County Court June term, by oath of Sarah **SIMEON**. Not stated if child born/sex or name. Father identified by mother as John **PREWIT** Jun.

3. Martha ROBERSTON / John BARLOW

Martha **ROBERTSON** (x). Child born – sex/name not stated. Issuing Magistrates: unknown. Mother, Martha **ROBERTSON**, sends note to magistrates that "John **BARLOW** has made up with me" concerning the maintenance of child. Therefore she sends court costs by Kendal **BARLOW** & requests Magistrates to send her warrant by sd Kendal **BARLOW**. Witnesses to letter: William (x) **BARLOW**, Kendal (x) **BARLOW** & Jesse **GILL**.

1772-1778 (broken series)

1. Christian FERRELL

8 Dec 1778 Bond. Bounden: John **WHEELER**. Bondsmen: John **WHEELER**, John **PATTERSON**, Benj^{a} (**CLARK**?). 200 pounds current money of NC. Duration: not stated. Parish: St. Margarets, Wake Co. Issuing Magistrates: Nathaniel **KIMBROUGH**, John **RAND**. Signed in presence of: John **RICE**. Mother: Christian **FERRELL**, single. Child: unborn.

2. Mother and Child Not Named

5 March 1772. Bond. Parish of St. Margarets, Wake Co. Bond. Bondsmen: John **KEATON** (mark), Swann **THOMPSON** (mark), Peter **KEATON**. 50 pounds Proclamation money. Iss. Magistrates: Theophilus **HUNTER**, Joel **LANE**, & James **MARTIN** Esqrs. Duration: not specified. Mother & child not named. Signed, sealed, etc in presence of John **RICE**.

3. Jean TEAT (TEAL?) / Christopher ARR

Wake County. Indemnity Bond. 9 Dec 1778. Bondsmen: Christopher (mark) **ARR**, Henry (mark) **HUBBARD**. Amt. 200 pounds current money. Duration: none stated. Iss. Magistrate: Theophilus **HUNTER**, Esq. Chairman of Wake Court. Parish of St. Margaret's – Christopher **ARR** charged with having got a child on body of and by oath of Jean **TEAT/TEAL** (?).

4. Arlain Peggy SINCH (?) (LINCH ?) / David DANIEL

3 June 1778 Wake Co. Parish of St. Margarets. Indemnity Bond 100 pounds Proclamation money. Bounden: David **DANIEL**. Bondsmen: David **DANIEL**, Charles **BRINFIELD** (**BRIMFIELD**, **BROMFIELD**), William **ASHLY**. Iss. Magistrates: Theophilus **HUNTER**, Michael **ROGERS**, John **WHITAHERE**, Esqrs. Mother: Arlain Peggy **SINCH**/**LINCH** (?).

1783-1789

1. Mary DEAN / Charles BLALOCK

Warr^{t} St. vs. Mary **DEAN**, single. Bastardy to John **MILLER**, Constable. Lately delivered a bastard child. She confessed Charles **BLALOCK** of this Co did beget this child. State commands you to Apprehend sd Charles **BLALOCK** & bring him before us or any two Justices of peace in the county to answer the charge. 5 Nov 1783 Iss. Magistrates: P. **ABERNATHIE**, Mich. **ROGERS**.

2. Mary DEAN / Charles BLALOCK

10 June 1784 Bond Charles **BLALOCK** to Justices of Wake Co. Bondsmen: Charles **BLALOCK**, Francis **PERRY** & James **MOORE**. Amt: 150 pounds. Iss. Magistrates: Mical **ROGERS**, John **HINTON**, Tignal **JONES**. Duration: until child age 18. Court … ref to warrant: Charles **BLALOCK** by oath of Mary **DEAN** charged with being father to bastard female child.

3. Elizabeth KILGO / Samuel HOLDING

Indemnity Bond made 30 June. Samuel **HOLDING** charged by oath of Elizabeth **KILGO**. June Term 1784. Bondsmen: Samuel **HOLDING**, Matt^{w} **HOLDING**, Benj^{a} **SMITH**. Amt: 150 pounds. Duration: Until male child age 18. Iss Magistrates: Michael **ROGERS**, John **HINTON**, Tingnale **JONES**, Esqs.

4. Jane LOVISY? / John WALLIS (WALLAS, WALLACE)

Bond of Indemnity. John **WALLIS** to the court. State of NC Wake Co. 5 June 1785. Bondsmen: John **WALLIS**, John **MAYES**, G. D. **SHEIRS**. Final sum: 50 pounds. Duration: not stated. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, Hardy **SANDERS**, John **HUMPHRIES**, Esqrs. Justices of Inferior Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions. Parish of St. Margarets. Test: Henry **LANE**. Mother: Jane **LOVISY ?** (It could be read: "I am Loving") by oath of…. (* Note **WALLIS** was spelled in same document: **WALLIS**, **WALLAS**, **WALLACE**).

5. Ruth SMITH / John WATTS

6 Sept 1785 Warrant. John **WATTS** charged by oath of Ruth **SMITH**. 7 Sept 1785 Bond of Indemnity. Bondsmen: John **WATTS**, William **FERRILL** & John **RAYLEY**. Amt: 100 pounds specie. Duration: child attains age of 10 years. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, John **HINTON** & James **HINTON**, Esqrs & Justices. Test: J. **RICE**. Signed: John **WATTS**, W^{m} **FEARRELL**, John (mark) **RYLES**.

6. Martha BABB / Thomas PHILLIPS

Bond of Indemnity. Thos. **PHILIPS** to Court. State of NC Wake Co. 6 Sept 1786. Bondsmen: Thomas **PHILIPS** & Arthur **COOK**. Amt: 100 pounds specie. Duration: child attains age seven. Iss Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, John **HINTON**, James **HINTON**, Esqrs & Justices. Wit: J. **RICE**. Signed: Thomas **PHILLIPS**, Arthur (mark) **COOK**. Thomas **PHILLIPS** chgd by oath of Martha **BABB**.

7. Sarah SIMPSON / Father Not Named

John **PRUIT** Indemnity Bond to Court. 6 Dec^{r} 1786. Bondsmen: John **PRUET**, William **FERRELL** & John **BROMFIELD**. Amt: 50 pounds specie. Duration: not stated. Iss. Magistrates: Hardy **SANDERS**, John **WHITAHER**, James **HINTON**, Esqs. Test: J. **RICE**. Signatures: John (mark) **PRUIT**, William **FEARRELL**, John **BRUMFIELD**. Mother: Sarah **SIMPSON**. Illegitimate male child. Parish of St. Margarets.

8. Elizabeth BARKSDILL / John BRADFORD

John **BRADFORD** to Wake Court. Bond of Indemnity for 4 children – The County vs John **BRADFORD**. Bond for Maintenance of 4 children. 4 June 1787. Elizabeth **BARKSDILL** by oath before John **JONES**, Esq & Warren **ALFORD** two of the justices had this day informed them sd John **BRADFORD** hath begotten on her body 4 children, – to W. L.., Rebecaah, John, Nance, and Nathaniel. Bondsmen: John **BRADFORD**, William **SPIEGHT**, Jacob **HUNTER**. Amt: 200 pounds current money. Duration: not stated. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, John **JONES**, Warren **ALFORD**, Esqs. Test: Joseph **TAYLOR**, Tignal **JONES**, Jun. Signatures: John **BRADFORD**, William **SPEIGHT**, Jacob **HUNTER**.

9. Rachel BAUCOM / Solomon PATTON

Warrant. Wake County Js. To Any Lawful Officer to Execute & Return. 13 Feby 1787. Whereas information made to us James **HINTON** and Joel **LANE** Justices of the Peace of S^{d} County that Rachel

BAUCOM single woman of the County and Parish of St. Margarets – is with child who when born will be a Bastard and may become Chargeable to the Parish. You are therefore Required & Commanded to Apprehend the s^{d} Rachel **BAUCOM** & bring her before two Justices of this County to declare the Father of said Bastard of which she is likely to be Delivered And be Dealt with Agreeable to Law given under hands and seal the 13th Feby 1787.
Signed: Ja^{s} **HINTON** (seal) Joel **LANE** (seal).

[on back of same]
23^{d} Feby 1787. Rachell **BAWCOM** appears before us & upon her Oath charged Solomon **PATTON** to be Father of The Child she is now big with – Signed: J. **LANE**, J. **ABERNETHIE**.

[on back of same]
23 Feb. 1787. Warrant to the Sherreff or any Constable of s^{d} County. Rachell **BAWCOM** single woman, on oath before us this day Confessed Solomon **PATTON** (of s^{d} Co. & Parish) did beget s^{d} child and hath charged him with same. – Commanded to Apprehend s^{d} Solomon **PATTON** (if found in s^{d} County) & bring before any two Justices of S^{d} County to answer s^{d} Charge.

10. Amy DAVIS / Father Not Named

Indemnity Bond. Nicholas **MORRIS** to Court. 2 June 1789. Bondsmen: Nicholas **MORRIS**, Robert **TEMPLE**, David **BUNCH**. Amt: [blank] pounds specie. Condition of above Bond: Amy **DAVIS** is Charged with having a certain illigitimate Child begotten on her body. Parish of St. Margarets, County of Wake. In Presence of: H. **LANE**. Signed: Nicholas **MORRIS** (seal), Robt. **TEMPLE** (seal), David (mark) **BUNCH** (seal).

11. Ann DEAN / Abram ABBOTT

7 May 1788 Warrant. Upon examination of Anne **DEAN** Singlewoman Taken before us two Justices of the Peace of S^{d} County – on oath – Anne **DEAN** been delivered of a base begotten Child (which may become Chargeable to the Parish of St. Margarets) and hath Charged Abram **ABBOTT** of begitting the s^{d} Child, of being the father of the Same – we Command you to Cause the Said Abram **ABBOTT** to appear before two Justices of the peace of s^{d} County to be dealt with According to Law--. To the Shiriff or – Constable to County. Signed: Warren **ALFORD** (seal), Muth **ROGERS** (seal).

[other side]
Parish vs Abram **ABBOTT** bound in £40. Securities: Dread **ROGERS**, Murry **SIMS**. Each bound in £20 for s^{d} Abram **ABBOTT**s appearance at the Next Court before us this 26th May 1788. Signed: Warren **ALFORD** Js, Mich **ROGERS** Js. Note far left side: "**ABBOTT** Executed". Additional Note: Philip **PRICHARD** informer. Signed: M. **ROGERS** Js.

Bond Indemnity – Abram **ABBOTT** to Court.
Bondsmen: mr Abraham **ABBOTT**, Murry **SIMMS** & Benjamin **PULLUM**. Amt: 250 pounds. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, John **HINTON**, James **HINTON**. Condition of Bond: whereas Abram **ABBOTT** on oath by Anne **DEAN** – charged with having begot in her body a Bastard _____ Child – bound by Michael **ROGERS**, Esq. & Justices of the peace at County Court June Term 1788. Duration: until Child shall attain the "age of years". In Presence of: J. **RICE**. Signed: Abram (mark) **ABBOTT** (seal), Murry **SIMS** (seal), Benj. **PULIAM** (seal).

12. Sukey DAVIS / Father Not Named

Bond Indemnity. Benj^{a} **CARPENTER** to Wake Court. Bondsmen: ~~Samuel **CARPENTER**, John **MULLIBY** & William **DORAM**~~ (line drawn through & the following inserted) Benjamin **CARPENTER**, Samuel **CARPENTER** & Thomas **H**_____ (illegible). Amt: [blank]. Duration: [blank]. Iss. Magistrates: James **HINTON**, Nat **JONES** & John **WHITAK(H?)IR**. Condition of obligation: Suckey **DAVIS** Charged with having a Certain Illigitimate female Child. The S^{d} Susanah **DAVIS** – Parish of [blank]. In presence of: H. **LANE**. Signed: Benjamin **CARPENTER**(seal), Samuel (x) **CARPENTER** (seal), Thomas **HARREL** (seal).

13. Winney SETTLE / Willie KEMP

Bond of Indemnity. Willie **KEMP** to Wake Court. 9 Dec 1789. Bondsmen: Willie **KEMP**, Richard **KEMP**. Amt: One Hundred pounds current Money. Duration: [none stated]. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, Muth **JONES**, Richard **BANKS** Esq^{rs} Justices. Condition: Winney **SETTLE** charged with having a Female Child born of her body who Charged Willie **KEMP** as being Father of Said Child. Parish of St. Margarets. In presence of: J. **RICE**. Signed: Wiley **KEMP** (seal), Rich^{d} (mark) **KEMP** (seal).

1790 – 1799 (broken series)

1. Alle RIENS (REINS) / Lion (Leon) BROWN

2 March 1790 Warrant. Alle **RIENS (REINS**?) Single woman, unborn child. Father: Lion (Leon?) **BROWN**. (Document identification title had this Bronn Lien).

2. Nanny ROLAND / Father Not Named

Indemnity Bond. Nanney **ROLAND** to Court. 3 Dec 1793. Bondsmen: Nanny **ROLAND**, Jesse **ROLAND**, Samuel **MAIAM** (?). Amt: 50 pounds Current money. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, Tingnal **JONES**, John **WHITAKER**, Esqs. & Justices. Condition: Above bounden ~~Nanny **ROLAND**~~ _____ (line thru Nanny – blank space left). Charged with being Father on body of a Certain Nanny **ROLAND**.

3. Polly WINTER / Alsy DEAN

23 March 1799 Warrant. Polly **WINTER** delivered of a Bastard which may become Chargible to the County – Examined on Oath. Sayeth Alsy **DEEN** is Father of same – Command you to Apprehend s^{d} **DEAN** and Bring him before us or any two Justices of Peace --. To Nubby **WILLIAMS** to Execute & Return. Signed: Wm **BARHAM** (seal), J. **LEWIS** (seal). Added note: "Executed".

4. Polly WINTER / Alsy DEAN

23 April 1799 Memorandom – State vs Alsay **DEAN** for Bastardy &c. Alsey **DEAN** Came before me William **BARHAM**, one of the Justices of s^{d} County & Acknowledged himself indebted to the State the sum of Fifty Pounds. Benjamin **WILLIAMS** & Hardy **DEAN** of s^{d} County each acknowledge Themselves indebted the Sum of Twenty Pounds. Condition of Obligation: – bounden Alsey **DEAN** charged by Poley **WINTER** of having Carnal Knowledge of Her Body – s^{d} Polley **WINTER** is delivered of a Child which child is a Bastard. Ordered: S^{d} Alsey **DEAN** to appear before County justices on Third Monday in June Next. (Initialed) W. B. Signed: Alsey **DEAN**, Benj^{a} **WILLIAMS**, Hardy **DEAN**.

5. Ruth ROBERTS / Father Not Named

23 Aug 1799. Bondsmen: Ruth (x) **ROBERTS** (seal), Jacob (x) **BLEDSOE** (seal), David (mark) **REAGIN** (seal), ~~John **SCOGGIN**~~. Test's: J. G. **RENCHER**, D. **DELK**. Amt: 200 pounds. Duration: [none stated]. Condition of Obligation: Bounden Ruth **ROBERTS** Single woman charged with being with child who will be a Bastard when born – refuses to swear the Child to any person but chose to pay her fine & give security as law directs.

6. Mary SMITH / David DELK

David **DELKS** Bond for Bastardy. Wake Co. [printed form] Wake County. Bondsmen: David **DELK**, Wm. **FERRILL**, Avera **PARHAM**. Iss. Magistrates: Nath^{l} **JONES** (W.P.), John **HUMPHREYS** & Jn^{o} G. **RENCHER**. Amt. 250 pounds current money. 20 Sept 1799. Condition of Obligation: Mary **SMITH** charged with having a certain illigitimate child begotten of her body. Bounden & Charged – David **DELK**. Parish of St Margaretta. In presence of: H. **POTTER**. Signed: D. (mark) **DELK** (seal), A. **PARHAM** (seal), Wm **FEARELL** (seal).

7. Mary SMITH / David DELK

1 July 1799 Warrant State vs David **DELK**. On Examination & Oath by Mary **SMITH** before Nath^{L}**JONES** & John **MARSHALL** Justices been delivered a male child which is a Bastard – hath confessed David **DELK** did beget Child. Court charged him with same. Command you to apprehend Sd David **DELK** to bring him before any two justices of this County to answer Complaint. Signed: Nath^{L} **JONES** (seal), J. W. **MARSHALL** (seal). David **DELK** Recognizence to appear at next Court to be held for Wake Co. on the third Monday of Sept next. He is to abide by Judgement of S^{d} Court and not depart without leave. David **DELK** £25. John **KIMBROUGH** 1 of his Securities £12.10. Thomas **COPE** 1 of his Securities 12.10. Signed: Nath^{L} **JONES**, J. W. **MARSHALL**.

8. Dicy LASSITER / Willis WALL

Bond of Indemnity. Willis **WALL** to Court. [printed form] 19 June 1798. Bondsmen: Willis **WALL**, Burwell **WALL** & Randolph **WILLIAMS**. Amt: 500 pounds current money. Duration: [none stated]. Iss. Magistrates: Nath^{L} **JONES** W.P., Andrew **PEDDY**, Nathaniel **JONES** C.T. Condition of Obligation: Dicy **LASSETER** Charged with having illigitimate Male Child – by S^{d} Willis **WALL**. Parish of St. Margaretta. In presence of: N. **LANE** C.C. Signed: Willis (x) **WALL** (seal), Burwell (x) **WALL** (seal), Randol **WILLIAMS** (seal).

9. Jesse RICK / Father Not Named

Bond of Indemnity. Jesse **RICK** to Court. [printed form] 19 Dec 1798. Bondsmen: Jesse **RICK**, Abram **HOGINS**, Martin **NALL**. Amt: 200 pounds Current money. Duration: [Not stated]. Iss Magistrates: Nath^{L} **JONES** W.P., Burwell **VEEK** (?) & Tingnall **JONES**. Condition of Obligation: Jesse **RICK** Charged with having an illigitimate Child in Presence of: A. or N. **LANE**. Signed: Jesse (mark) **RICK**, Abram **HOGINS**, Martin **NALL**.

10. Mary SMITH / Randol PERRY

Indemnity. Randol **PERRY** Obligation & others. 22 Jan 1798. Bondsmen: Randol **PERRY**, John **DOCKSY**, George **KEITH**. Amt: 25 pounds lawful money. Condition: Bounden Randol **PERRY** Charged as reputed father of a bastard Child lately delivered of Mary **SMITH**. In presents of: Jas. **MOON** J.P., Geo **BRASFEILD**. Signed: Randol (mark) **PERRY**, John **DOLKS**, George **KEITH**.

11. Huldy REN___ / Fredrick BUSLEY

Indemnity Bond. Fredrick **BUSLEY** to Court. Bondsmen: Fredrick **BUSLEY**, John **KING**, Wm **POPE**. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, _____ _____ Esquires. Amt: 200 pounds Specie. 9 June 1790. Condition: said Fredrick **BUSLEY** Charged on Oath by Hudly **REN**___ having begotten on her body a Bastard Child – maintenance of sd. Child until She attains age eighteen. Executed in presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: Frck (mark) **BUSLEY** (seal), Jn^{o} **KING** (seal) 1790 William **POPE** (seal).

12. Fanny STRICKLAND / Dempsey TAYLOR

Indemnity Bond. Dempsey **TAYLOR** to Court. Bondsmen: Dempsey **TAYLOR**, John **TAYLOR** & William **BROWN**. Iss. Magistrates: Tynal **JONES**, Theophilus **HUNTER**, Nath^{L} **JONES** Esquires. Amt: 100 pounds _____ Specie. 9 June 1790. Condition of Obligation: Dempsey **TAYLOR** Charged on Oath by Fanny **STRICKLAND** of having begotten on her body a Bastard child. Bounden to appear at June Court 1791 and to provide maintainence of sd Child until He shall Attain age Five. Executed in Presence of Test Joseph **TAYLOR**. Signed: Dempsey **TAYLOR** (seal), John **TAYLOR** (seal), Wm. **BROWN**.

13. Kitty? BEAVERS / John CONIORS

Indemnity Bond. John **CONYERS** to Court. Bondsmen: John **CONIORS**, Th^{s} **GOU** & Woodstan **DANIEL**. Iss. Magistrates: Alesander **MARTIN** _____ _____ Equires. Amt: One Hundred specie. 8 Sep^{r} 1790.

Condition of Obligation: John **CONIORS** Charged on Oath by Kitty **BEAVERS** (poss: Titty, Tilly, Lilly) and bounden for maintenance of said Child. Signed: T. **CONYERS** (seal), Woodson **DANIEL** (seal) Thomas (mark) **GOU** (seal).

14. Alle REIN / Sion BROWN

Indemnity Bond. Lion **BROWN** to Governor (Lion may be Sion ?) (Neither version in 1790 Census). Bondsmen: Lion **BROWN**, Joseph **BROWN**, W. **BROWN**. Iss. Magistrates: Alesander **MARTIN** _____ _____ Esquires. Amt: One hundred _____ Specie. 8 Sep^{r} 1792. Condition of Obligation: Sion **BROWN** on Oath by Alle **RAINE** charged with having begotten a Bastard child on her body. Bounden by: Britain **SANDERS**, Joel **LANE** Esquires & Justices to appear at next County Court – Sep^{r} Court 1792 and indemnified to maintenance of said Child until Child reaches age Ten. In Presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: Sion (x) **BROWN** (seal), Joseph **BROWN** (seal), W. **BROWN** (seal).

15. Rebecca DEAN / Jacob ROGERS

Bond of Indemy. Jacob **ROGERS** to Court (Papers of June C^{o}(urt) 1793). Bondsmen: Jacob **ROGERS**, Giles **THOMAS**, and Charles **THOMAS**. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, Tingnal **JONES** & James **HINTON** Esquires. Amt. 200 pounds Current Money. 6 June 1793. Condition of Obligation: bounden Jacob **ROGERS** Charged with being father of illigitimate Child begot on Body of Rebecca **DEAN**. Sd Jacob **ROGERS** to pay said Rebecca **DEAN** sum of Five pounds down and to Strictly Comply with Court order made June Term 1793. Executed in presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: Jacob **ROGERS** (seal), Giles **THOMAS** (seal), Charles **THOMAS** (seal).

16. Anne HORNSBY / John WHITLOCK

Bond of Indemy. John **WHITLOCK** to Court. Bondsmen: John **WHITLOCK**, John **MARTIN** & William **LANE**. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, Tingnal **JONES** & John **HINTON** Esquires. Amt: 200 pounds Current money. 6 June 1793. Condition of Obligation: Bounden John **WHITLOCK** Charged with being father of Illigitimate Child begot on body of Anne **HORNSBY**. Executed in presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: Jn^{o} **WHITLOCK** (seal), John **MARTIN** (seal), Wm **LANE** (seal).

17. Mary BABB / John PULLEN

Bond of Indemnity. John **PULLIN** to Court. Bondsmen: John **PULLEN** Jun^{r}, Matthew **WALLIS** & James **CHEEVES** (**CHIEVES**, **CHEAVIS**). Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, John **HINTON**, John **WHITAKER** Esq^{rs}. Amt: one hundred pounds. 5 Sep^{r} 1793. Condition of Obligation: Bounden John **PULLEN** Charged with having begotton a Child on body of a Certain Mary **BABB**. Executed in presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: John **PULLEN** (seal), Matthew **WALLIS** (seal), Ja^{s} **CHIVERS** (seal) (surname not clear).

18. Betsy HODGES / Reynolds ALLEN

State vs Reynold **ALLEN** (Warrant). To any Lawful officer to Execute. Betsey **HODGES** Single Woman on Oath before me – appears she has a Bastard Child (a boy) which may become Chargeable to the parish of St Margarets of this County. S^{d} Betsey **HODGES** Certified Reynold **ALLEN** of sd County did beget sd Child & Charged him with Same. Command you to apprehend S^{d} Reynolds **ALLEN** & bring him before us or any two Justices of peace to Answer the S^{d} Charge. 6 Dec 1793. Signed: J. **LANE** (seal) W. **ALFORD** (seal).

[on back of same]
Betty **HOGES** vs R. **ALLIN**. Executed D. H. **B____TON** to Dec^{m} 1793. 10 May 1794. Magistrates: David **DELK** & Charles **BRIGGS**. Bondsmen: Reynold **ALLEN** labourer & Robert **F_____** (**FEMMON**/**FAMMON**? Written over – illegible) planter. Amt: s^{d} Reynold **ALLEN** – Fifty pounds Currency and s^{d} Robert **F_____MMON** Fifty pounds. Condition of Obligation: bounden Reynol **ALLEN** Charged by Besty **HODGES** of begetting a bastard Child by her (a boy) & Reynold **ALLEN** shall personally Appear on

thir^{d} Monday in June before the Judges of the County Court of Pleas & Quarters. Acknowledged before us – D. **DELKE**, Charles **BRIGGS**.

19. Sarah KIMBROUGH / Edward MOORE

Indemnity Bond. Edward **MOORE** to Governor. Bondsmen: Edward **MOORE**, William **KILGOE (KILGO)** & Sam^{L} **MASSEY**. Iss. Magistrate: Richard D. **SPAIGHT** Esq^{r} Governor. Amt: Two Hundred pounds current Money 19 June 1794. Condition of Obligation: bounden Edward **MOORE** Charged with begotton a Child on Body of Sarah **KIMBROUGH**. Parish of St. Margarets. In Presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: Edward **MOOR** (seal), Wm (mark) **KELGO** (seal), Sam^{L} **MASSEY** (seal).

20. Treasey BUNN / Neheniah PRIVITT

Indemnity Bond. Neheniah **PREVITT** to Wake County. Bondsmen: Nehmiah **PREVITT**, Isreal **PREVITT** & Robert **TEMPELS**. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE** Chairman of the County Court & his successors in office. Amt: One Hundred _____ pounds Current Money (bind ourselves and each of our heirs). 17 Sep^{4} 1794. Condition of Obligation: bounden Neheniah **PRIVITT** _____ charged with having begotten a Child on the Body of Treasey **BUNN** which Child is likely to become a Charge to the County. Executed in Presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: Nehemiah **PRIVITT** (seal), Israel **PREVITT** (seal).

21. Sarah KIMBROUGH / Edward MOORE

Bond Indemnity. Edward **MOORE** to Court. Bondsmen: W. Edward **MOORE** & William **KILGOE**. Iss. Magistrates: Joel **LANE**, William **HINTON**, Nath^{L} **JONES** Esqs. Amt: 100 pounds Current Money – bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors & Administrators Jointly & Siverally firmly. 19 Sept 1794. Condition of Obligation: bounden Edward **MOORE** _____ Charged with having begotton a Child on the body of Sarah **KIMBROUGH**. Said Edward **MOORE** to pay Said Sarah **KIMBROUGH** sum of five pounds down and five pounds a year for Five years Annually. Executed in presence of J. **RICE**. Signed: [blank] (seal), William **KELGOE** (seal.)

22. Mary NICHOLS / Janate (Jarrate) BASS

State vs William **NICHOLS** Recognizance. Memorandum 10 December 1794. Iss. Magistrates: David **DELK** & Charles **BUGGS**, Janate (Janato ?) **BASS** _____. Amt: 50 pounds. Jacob **BLEDSOE** & William **NICHOLS** – each 25 pounds. Condition of Obligation: Above bounded Janate (Jarrate) **BASS** Charged by Mary **NICHOLS** of having bigeotten by her a Child of which now born is a Bastard. S^{d} Jarrate (?) **BASS** to personally appear before Justices of County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions to be held on Third Monday Inst. Acknowledged before us – D. **DELKS**, Charles **BUGGS**.

23. Priscilla BROWN / William SHORT

Bond of Indemnity. Jos. **BROWN** to Court. Bondsmen: Joseph **BROWN**, Dempsy **POWELL** and William **BROWN**. Iss. Magistrates: James **MARTIN**, Joel **LANE** and Abram **HILL** Esqs Justices of Inferior Court of Pleas & Quarters. Amt: 50 pounds prov, Money. 15 June 1796. Condition of Obligation: William **SHORT** Charged of being Father of base Born Male Child said begotten on the Body of Priscilla **BROWN**. Parish of St Margarets. In presence of John **RICE**. Signed: Joseph **BROWN** (seal), Demsy **POWELL** (seal), Wm **BROWN** (seal).

24. Lewsey (Lucy) REYNOLDS / Father Not Named

A Bond given by Lewsey **REYNOLDS** to Indemnify the County from maintaining her Bastard Child. Lucy **REYNOLDS** to Court. Indemnity Bond. 17 January 1797. Bondsmen: Lewsey **REYNOLDS**, Jacob **BLEDSOE** & David **RAGAN**. Amt: 50 pounds. Condition of Obligation: Bounden Lewsey **REYNOLDS** charged of being with Child with a Bastard. Signed: Lewsey (mark) **REYNOLDS** (seal), Jacob (mark) **BLEDSOE** (seal), David (mark) **RAGAN** (seal).

25. Rosamond THOMPSON / Joseph ALLEY

Warrant – Bastardy. Ros. **THOMPSON** vs J. L. **ALLEY**, Jas **FERRELL** (poss. Clerk's name). Rosamond **THOMPSON** Single Woman of St Margrets Parrish before us two Justices of the Peace for this County – on examination & Oath names Joseph **ALLEY** of this County as Father of Bastard Child – a boy named A. Chillis Mayton **THOMPSON**. Command Any Lawful Officer of this County to take said Joseph **ALLEY** if found in this County before some Justice of Peace for this County to answer to above Charge of Bastardy. 6 September 1797. Signed: Jn^{o} **HUMPHRIES** J.P., William **KECCI** J.P.

Reclaiming Your Ancestor's Ancient Titles

By Wayne B. Yeager, Baron of Montfort

While titles of nobility usually conjure images of castles, chivalry, and Arthurian fantasy, it is not all that uncommon for the average American genealogist to uncover an ancestor who once held such a title. And for those of you who have an ancestor whose titles are not unclaimed, they may be yours for the taking.

Sometimes we middle-class researchers are a little surprised to find a great-great-great grandfather who was a Count or an Earl, but it is not as rare an occurrence as you might think. Ideally, titles are passed from father to eldest son, but sometimes the title-holder has no male heirs, or heirs at all, and the title becomes "abeyant" or dormant until a worthy relative comes along and exercises his or her claim. (Yes, ladies, in these more democratic times, you can inherit a title as well.) Usually, after the title goes unclaimed for a generation or two, the family forgets all about it, and this is where you come in.

An ancestor of mine held the title of Baron of Montfort a few centuries ago, and I decided to find out if it was possible for me to rehabilitate that title. During my quest, I discovered that there are thousands of extinct titles in Britain and Europe, and there is in place a legal mechanism that allows you, if you descend from a baron, viscount, count, earl, marquis, or duke, to become the next one. Unfortunately, no one had even written any kind of guide to doing this, so I was on my own.

Once I discovered that my ancestor did indeed hold a noble title, I set about to discover whether or not it was unclaimed. Easier said than done. I knew that people rehabilitating English titles have only to look in Burke's or Debrett's *Peerages* in the "Extinct Titles" section. But for Continental titles, there is no such directory. After months of research and late-night letter writing, I discovered that the Patriarchate of Antioch, the authority that rehabilitates such titles, maintains a council of researchers, genealogists, and heraldry experts, so one you write them, they'll take care of the rest. At the time, however, I didn't know that.

My next step was to determine the exact procedure and the necessary documents for reclaiming a title. This varies from country to country, but some nations, like England, can be quite strict. In England, you have to supply them with every birth and marriage record from the last title-holder to yourself. Then you have to somehow prove that you are the most worthy heir. Furthermore, you have to be a citizen of a country in the British Commonwealth.

Policies for rehabilitating titles on the Continent are a bit more lax, and usually require that you merely demonstrate your descent from the last title-holder. The staff genealogist of the current monarchs, or other title grantors, will usually arrange the appropriate documents themselves.

Most European titles originate from the Holy Roman Empire, but when the Holy See of Rome showed interest in adjudicating such titles, the torch was passed to the Holy See of Antioch. The Holy See set up the Council of Westphalia, which investigates and handles all title claims. I was months trying to locate this group, but finally discovered their London address. Now, however, the Holy See of Antioch has been approved for membership in the United Nations as a permanent observer, so they now have a convenient New York address to handle title queries from North America. Their address is: Holy See of Antioch, Attention Westphalian Council, 545 8th Avenue, Suite 401, New York, NY 10018.

Remembering high school civics class, you may ask whether or not Americans are allowed to possess titles of nobility. Well, while the Constitution clearly states that the President cannot confer them, it makes no provision for citizens owning them. You probably couldn't get the State Department to include Count So-and-So on your passport, but you can certainly style yourself thusly in any social situation. In fact, I know many Americans now who do just that.

We now come to the inevitable question: Is it worth it? Some countries will rehabilitate titles at no cost to you, but on the other hand, I've heard of people spending up to $450,000 on taxes, genealogical

research, legal fees, etc. Rest assured this is an extreme case, but after all the time, expense, effort, what "good" are titles of nobility? Well, beside the pride and personal satisfaction of ownership, not a whole lot. If you do have legitimate claim to an English title, and are willing to become a Brit, you are eligible for a seat in the House of Lords, the upper house of British Parliament. Also, restaurants and hotels welcome and encourage noble patronage, and having a title certainly facilitates entry into better social circles. And if none of these perks appeal to you, it is just plain fun being introduced as the Duke of This-n-That everywhere you go.

From a purely pragmatic standpoint, title rehabilitation is not exactly cost-effective or practical, but I'm sure you'll find it a rewarding and exciting way to perpetuate your family's noble heritage. And isn't that what you got into genealogy for in the first place?

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