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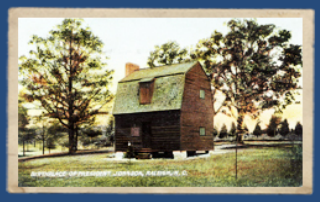

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Message From the Editor

Donna Shackle
Editor, Wake Treasures

WELCOME TO THIS EDITION OF *WAKE TREASURES*

Dear readers,

Hello and welcome to the spring issue of *Wake Treasures.* I hope it finds each of you healthy and well while we all collectively wait out the coronavirus. We are in an unprecedented situation and I can only imagine the stories we will have to tell on the other side of this. Until then, we can all do our part by staying home and doing what we love - genealogy. Now is the time to finally write those stories, work on that book all of your relatives have been asking about and develop those research plans for when the archives reopen.

In this issue you'll find a variety of new material. Debra Blake from the North Carolina State Archives wrote on resources for researching early North Carolina ancestors. Phil Upchurch of Allied Families has written about an intersection of his ancestry with that of another old Raleigh family. Previously we have published the 1897 School Census for white children, and now we have included part of the colored children's school census in this issue. This record set will be continued in the next issue. Carey Faison continues his series of stories, Railroads, Hortons,and Faisons. Soldiers Home Records are also included in part, with the intention of continuing in the next issue.

This issue could not have happened without the volunteers who helped to transcribe these records. Please consider volunteering to transcribe from home. If you are interested, please contact me, or Jessica Conklin for more information.

Hope you enjoy,

Donna

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Railroads, Hortons, and Faisons

Carey Faison

PART 2: FROM PEAK TO VALLEY

[**Editors Note:** This is a continuation from Vol 28 No 4 and is the second part of a three-part series.]

Through the late 1840s and into the 1850s Rufus Henry Horton continued to drive locomotives between Raleigh and Weldon, North Carolina, where the R&GRR [Raleigh & Gaston Railroad] was now connected to Richmond and points north. In this era, all of the railroads continued to expand, east to west, and north to south and to improve. Early problems were being fixed, reducing average delivery times for passengers and freight as the road stabilized and safety improved. There were still problems to be solved, especially in adopting a single gauge. The northern states seemed to figure out earlier than the south that consistent railroad gauges provided continuous, non-stop transportation between two points, so they converted existing roads to a single gauge and built new roads in the same gauge. By contrast, the southern states had allowed railroads to be built throughout the southeast on three different gauges, forcing, where two roads met, one train's freight and passengers to be unloaded completely and reloaded onto a different train, sometimes having to use wagons to carry people and freight to a different depot. In North Carolina, things were somewhat better. The R&GRR and most of its connecting lines used the same 4'8 ½" gauge, but the lines going south beyond the North Carolina Railroad Station in Charlotte had a more difficult time with the three different gauges.

Figure 1, Heywood, J.D., Cedar Creek Bridge, Raleigh& Gaston R.R.
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In earlier days, when Captain Horton had to stop his locomotive, tear down fence rails, or cut trees to provide fuel for the steam engine, travel efficiency was fairly low. Once a tender car was added to the train (see figure 1), and the rails changed to iron T-rails, the only stops were at depots or for accidents. From western North Carolina to Charlotte and Raleigh, then north to Richmond, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, and even Washington, these changes made freight transfer and passenger travel faster and more efficient. When these types of improvements are made and transportation improves significantly, customers are happy, usually resulting in expansion which is exactly what happened during the 1850s. Of course, as business, equipment and infrastructure improved, the R&GRR bought more up-to-date locomotives, laid more tracks, and increased the number of crews as the railroad grew.

Figure 2, Alpheus Carey Fason, Engineer of Raleigh & Gaston Railroad. From family collection.

Still driving locomotives and hauling freight and passengers, Captain Horton was soon doing so with another member of the Horton family, Jeptha Horton, one of the earliest conductors. By the late 1850s Captain Horton and Jeptha Horton were running modern trains between Raleigh and Weldon as R&GRR recruited more engineers and crew members. Jeptha Horton married a lady from Wake County named Sally Drummond and settled in a house in Raleigh near the railroad tracks. Much earlier, in the late eighteenth century, Captain Rufus Horton's father, Henry Horton, had been living in Sussex County, Virginia, where he met Henry Fason and his wife, Lucy Smith Fason. Both families were

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members of the Anglican Albemarle Parish, and between 1774 and 1776, both families had migrated to North Carolina, specifically to Wake County. Henry's son, William Fason, was the second Fason to be born in Wake County, in 1784. In 1834 William and his wife Elizabeth Drummond Fason had a son named Alpheus Carey Fason. In approximately 1855, William Fason died in the Buffalo District of Wake County, and his wife Elizabeth and her two children moved into Raleigh, to a house next door to Jeptha Horton and his wife Sally who was Elizabeth Fason's sister. In less than a year, Alpheus Fason was working as a day laborer for the R&GRR.

Then things changed. In December 1860, South Carolina seceded from the union and in April 1861, attacked the US-held Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. Open hostilities forced Virginia to follow suit in April 1861, with North Carolina following on May 20, 1861.

In September 1861, Alpheus married a lady named Martha Rideout, who had been staying with Rufus and Keturah Adeline Horton. On May 1, 1862, Alpheus Faison[1] was promoted to engineer and started a career driving R&GRR trains from Raleigh to Gaston and Weldon, North Carolina. Little did he realize the important role he would play in 1864.

[1] The spelling of the Fason/Faison name changed over time. The family was originally from France, but, as Huguenots, had fled Catholic France for Holland sometime around 1620. The first to live in the colonies, Henryk Fayson van Doveracke, arrived in Virginia sometime around 1650. As land became scarce in Tidewater Virginia, the family began to migrate out of York County. One branch dropped the Van Doveracke and changed the name to Faison, eventually settling in Northampton, Duplin and Sampson Counties in North Carolina. A second group dropped the Van Doveracke, changed the name to Fason and settled in Surry and Sussex Counties, Virginia. This group began the family migration to Wake County, probably with the Hortons - who had also settled in Sussex County shortly after the Fasons. Some Fasons later moved on to Georgia, Alabama and points west. In North Carolina. the spelling of Fason was retained until census enumerators, court clerks, and tax collectors had written it often enough as Faison, so that the "i" version stuck. In some parts of Alabama, it is still written as Fason.

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During the war, traffic on the R&GRR increased, from single freight cars early in the war, as in figure 1, to as many as eight box cars, often loaded with soldiers. The developing loads and frequency of military and civilian freight trains increasingly overwhelmed the infrastructure and equipment, including locomotives, cars, and roads. The decline of the infrastructure was felt early in the deep south and gradually spread into South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. In 1862, the Confederacy had passed a set of conscription laws that exempted railroad senior officials, conductors, engineers, mechanics and a limited number of other railroad employees from military service. This exemption was absolutely necessary because there was no other way to move supplies and military freight inside the southern states. For example, in 1862, General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia was encamped on the southern and western sides of the Rappahannock River, in and near Fredericksburg, Virginia. His only way to keep his troops supplied was via the two train tracks from Richmond, one due north to Fredericksburg, the old Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac (RF&P) Railroad, and the second, northwest from Richmond to Gordonsville and Orange Courthouse. There was little problem finding food, clothes, and arms south of Virginia, but delivering them to General Lee from points south was difficult. Even though the infrastructure in North Carolina and Virginia began to suffer from heavy use, Captain Horton, Alpheus Faison and the other R&GRR engineers and conductors continued to push their trains as fast and often as they could to continue the stream of supplies to the army. The real problem, however, was moving the supplies from Richmond to General Lee's troops spread out along the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers. Because of the war, both lines had been reduced to a single track with no sidings, thereby limiting supply trains to one per day, north to Fredericksburg, and northwest to Orange

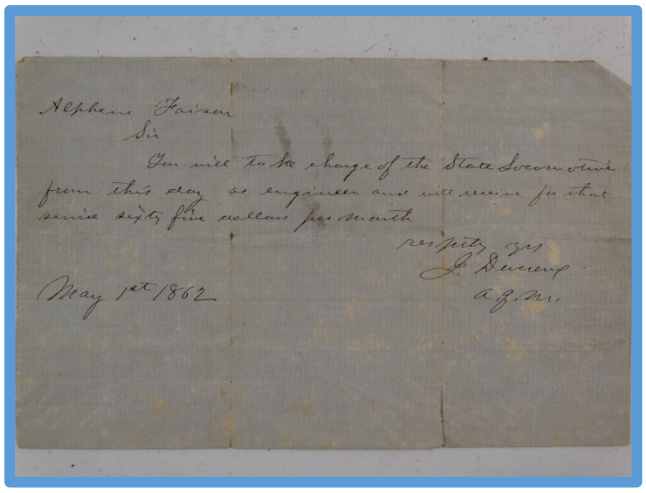
Alpheus Faison
Sir
You will take charge of the State Locomotive from this day as engineer and will receive for the same sixty five dollars per month
respectfully yrs
L. Denny
A.Q.M.
May 1st 1862

Figure 3, Letter appointing Alpheus Faison engineer. From family documents.

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Courthouse. After unloading, the trains then had to back down the track to Richmond to load supplies for the next day's delivery. Supplies began to stack up in Richmond.

By 1863, the main shipping points in North Carolina were Charlotte and Goldsboro, but Raleigh soon replaced Goldsboro as the primary shipping point. By 1864, the NCRR and R&GRR had worn out large sections of track, and had begun to cannibalize rails, ties and other equipment from the lesser-used roads, even from some of the deep south roads. The number of wrecks increased on both the NCRR and R&GRR because of the heavy use of the infrastructure by long trains of heavy freight and soldiers to reinforce the army. The problem was worse in Virginia. As the southern army retreated toward Richmond, track materials and locomotives were moved into North Carolina. While this helped with moving supplies to Lee's army around Petersburg and Richmond, by the fall of 1864, federal troops had cut the Petersburg to Weldon railroad line. There was one other supply route, the NCRR via Greensboro, North Carolina, and Danville, Virginia, to Richmond and General Lee's army. As time passed, General Lee left Richmond, retreating down the Danville railroad line toward southwestern Virginia, while, at the same time, General William T. Sherman moved northward from Atlanta toward Columbia, South Carolina, where his troops destroyed the city.

Figure 4, Barnard, George N., General W.T. Sherman on horseback, 1864
http://www.loc.gov/item/2018666106

In March and April 1865, the Army of Northern Virginia withdrew from Richmond and Petersburg, further south and west. On April 9, 1865, General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia. With General Sherman's forces approaching Raleigh, and General Johnston's Confederate forces withdrawing westward just ahead of General Sherman, state and city officials knew that evacuation of Raleigh would be necessary in order to protect government records, the state

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treasury, the city, and themselves. On April 12, after a meeting of the city commissioners, Mayor William H. Harrison approached Governor Zebulon B. Vance to discuss the surrender process. Governor Vance invited the advice of two former governors, Mr. David Swain and Mr. William Graham, and, after some discussion, asked the two former governors to deliver to General Sherman at his headquarters, the following letter:

> "Understanding that your army is advancing on this capital, I have to request, under proper safe-conduct, a personal interview, at such time as may be agreeable to you, for the purpose of conferring upon the subject of a suspension of hostilities, with view to further communications with the authorities of the United States, touching the final termination of the existing war. If you concur in the propriety of such a proceeding I shall be obliged by an early reply."[2]

[2] Murray, Elizabeth Reid, *WAKE Capital County of North Carolina,* Volume 1 *Prehistory through Centennial,* p505, 1983.

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Mr. Swain and Mr. Graham, accompanied by three other state officials, proceeded to the passenger station on the south side of town, where they were met by a single locomotive and tender pulling a single passenger car. They discussed with the conductor, Dallas T. Ward, and the engineer, Alpheus Faison, the outline of their mission, to find General Sherman's headquarters, where they were to meet with him in accordance with Governor Vance's direction. The conductor had a white flag prepared, and they set off down the NCRR track toward Clayton, where they had been told the General's headquarters were located. Engineer Faison started the engine down the track, expecting that soldiers from either side might decide to open fire regardless of the white flag. They went out through the breastworks that had been built around the city, where they met General Wade Hampton, who was observing the retreat of General Johnston's army. After a brief conference, the train carrying the envoys resumed its trip. Sometime later, the conductor noticed a mounted officer moving quickly toward them, waving a sword wildly to get their attention. When the officer reached the engine, he said that General Hampton had asked that they stop because of unexpected increasing danger. Engineer Faison reversed the engine and backed slowly toward Raleigh. When they reached General Hampton again, the General explained that he had received

Figure 5, Defensive breastworks around Raleigh. Image courtesy of Olivia Raney Library

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information that made him believe that the trip could not be made safely, so he recommended the train return to the city.[3]

They began moving backward along the track toward Raleigh. After a short time, the conductor saw several federal cavalrymen along the track, and Engineer Faison slowed the engine. Almost immediately, the train was surrounded by federal troops and several officers. The train stopped, and the official party was debarked to talk to the federal officers. After a brief conversation, the members of the party mounted and rode off into the woods to find General Hugh J. Kilpatrick, commanding the advance force. The troopers climbed onto the train, threatening the crew and especially the conductor and engineer. They put out the fires in the locomotive and removed several steam control and throttle levers so the train could not move. After a considerable wait the official party returned to the train with permission to proceed to General Sherman's headquarters. A union soldier replaced all of the removed levers, and the other soldiers re-started the boiler fires and Engineer Faison started the train down the tracks toward the Clayton train depot. Once they arrived in Clayton, they were met by another party of officers who escorted them to General Sherman's tent. Former Governor Graham explained the purpose of the visit and read Governor Vance's letter to General Sherman. Sherman assured the party that the flag of truce would be respected, then, because of the hour, he offered dinner and provided places to sleep, which the party accepted. It's possible that the reason General Sherman felt so charitable might be because he had heard early the morning of April 12th about Lee's surrender and the magnanimous and liberal terms Grant had given Lee. Perhaps he felt magnanimous as well.

The next morning, April 13, 1865, the official party was escorted to the train station in Clayton, and the return trip to Raleigh began. They arrived in the city about the same time as the first of the federal troops.[4] The federal troops were met outside the city along

[3] Ward, Dallas Tucker, *The Last Flag of Truce*, p 11, 1846 – (from old catalog) Franklinton, NC. HathiTrust, http://hdl.handle.net/2027/loc.ark:/13960/t59c7bn9d
[4] Ward, Dallas Tucker, *The Last Flag of Truce*, p 16, 1846 – (from old catalog) Franklinton, NC. HathiTrust, http://hdl.handle.net/2027/loc.ark:/13960/t59c7bn9d

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the old Garner road by Mayor Harrison and a group of city officials and private citizens who surrendered the city to General Kilpatrick. When the train and its official party entered the city, they were surprised that the streets were completely empty. The official party debarked at the railroad depot, and found, shortly, that Governor Vance had already left Raleigh, believing their overnight absence meant that the trip had been a failure. He had left behind a second letter for General Sherman stating that the Mayor of the city was authorized to surrender Raleigh, and that he requested General Sherman spare the city and state buildings including the museum, capitol, and charitable organizations. General Sherman's response to Governor Vance's original letter had been an order to federal troops to "respect and protect" state and city officials "provided no hostile act is committed against his officers and men of this army".[5]

Engineer Faison, Conductor Ward, and the rest of the train crew moved down the track to the R&GRR yards and secured the engine and train. Alpheus Faison then found Jeptha Horton, and they walked home together, to their houses on a street close to the tracks.

Alpheus and Martha Rideout Faison had two children, William Andrew in 1863 and Sarah ("Sally") Elizabeth in 1865. Alpheus Faison continued as an engineer with the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad after the war, driving trains from Raleigh to Weldon, then later, to Richmond. On one trip in 1872, as he was returning to Raleigh, the locomotive's boiler exploded, killing him and his fireman.

Captain Rufus Henry Horton and his wife Keturah had six children, two of whom became railroad engineers, and one married a railroad engineer. Captain Jeptha Horton and his wife Sarah (Sallie) Drummond had four children, two became railroad engineers. Margaret Faison, Alpheus Faison's sister, continued to live with Captain

[5] Murray, Elizabeth Reid*, WAKE Capital County of North Carolina,* Volume 1, *Prehistory through Centennial,* p506., 1983.

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Jeptha Horton and his wife, Margaret's aunt Sallie. William Andrew Faison married Captain Rufus Horton's daughter, Margaret Adeline Horton and went on to become an engineer on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, which later became the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Look for more about Hortons and Faisons in Part 3.

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1897 Raleigh Colored School Census

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Colored School Census
Raleigh Township, 1897

Name	Age	Residence
Aklin Mary E.	19	So. Wilmington & Blount
Aklin Sarah V.	17	" " "
Arnold Bertha	18	Wilmington St.
Anderson Wm.	15	
Anderson Chas.	13	
Anderson John	8	
Anderson James	7	
Anderson M.	11	
Arlis Bessie	14	
Allen T.J.	14	Person St.
Arrington E.	10	Holleman Blvad.
Arrington C.	9	Holleman "
Arrington Lillie	15	
Adams Tom	10	Humber St.
Adams H.	7	" "
Adams Bulah	6	" "
Austin R.	9	
Austin Chas.	6	

Name	Age	Residence
Andrews George	18	Swain St.
Andrews M.	13	" "
Andrews Ella	9	" "
Andrews K.	6	" "
Austin Walter	17	E. Cabarris St.
Austin Henry	13	" " "
Austin Jas.	9	" " "
Armstead Timhy.	18	E. Hargett St.
Alivalir Hattie	20	So Haywood
Alivalir Lula	18	"
Alivalir G.	15	"
Alivalir C.A.	15	"
Alivalir Ella	12	"
Alivalir Clarance	11	"
Alivalir Hattie	7	"
Austin Ed	13	E. Cabarris
Allen Sue	15	East Raleigh
Adam M.	18	" "
Adams Mary	16	East Raleigh
Adams Warren	15	" "
Adams A.	12	" "

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Name	Age	Residence
Adams Julia	10	" "
Adams Burk	6	" "
Anderson Bssa	10	" "
Alivalir Wm	15	" Walir
Alivalir Alex	11	" "
Aklin Chas	12	Northern Avenue
Aklin Jane	17	
Austin Bessie	16	
Austin Pattie	8	
Austin Frank	6	
Atkins Finnor	14	F[…]s Vineyard
Atkins Harry	11	" "
Austin Fred	7	
Akins Carrie	14	James City
Akins Mock	12	" "
Akins Estell	16	" "
Akins Jas	19	" "
Allen Tms	11	
Allen Maggie	9	
Allen Lottie	8	
Austin Harry	19	
Austin Sue	17	
Alivalir G.	9	North Street West
Allen Nick	20	West Lenoir St
Allen Arthur	18	" " "
Allen Archer	14	" " "
Austin Emma	10	So Dawson
Austin R.	13	" McDowell
Avery Jos.	13	" " "

Name	Age	Residence
Avery Chas	12	" " "
Avery Ellie	8	" " "
Allen Bettie	18	West Cabbarus
Aklin Gertrude	16	Ellis Ave.
Aklin Jennett	14	Ellis Ave
Akton Rosa	11	" "
Akton Estelle	7	" "
Akton Anna	19	" "
Akton M.X	20	" "
Atkins Ed	14	Ohihni Brad
Atkins Gertrude	10	" "
Alexander Mary	19	" "
Alexander Rosa	8	" "
Allen Emma	16	" "
Allen Robt	14	" "
Allen Chas	18	" "
Allen Delia	13	" "
Allen Tom	10	" "
Allen Dloyd	8	" "
Allen Hattie	6	" "
Andrews Annie	14	" "
Andrews David	16	" "
Andrews Fred	15	" "
Andrews Nettie	12	" "
Allen David	12	Watson Field
Allen Francis	10	" "
Allen Chas	6	" "
Austin Moses	18	
Austin Tom	14	
Austin H.	19	

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Name	Age	Residence
Alivalir C	20	
Arnold Chester	9	Morgan St.
Austin Henry	13	Fair View Farm
Austin Sam	12	" " "
Austin Webster	18	" " "
Austin S.T.	8	" " "
Banks Mathi	16	So. Wilmington & Bount
Banks Cornelia	18	" " "
Banks Billi	10	" " "
Bryan Emma	13	" " "
Baker Lizzie	6	Wil & Bount St South
Branch G.K.	13	
Brown Matilda	16	
Brickle Ed	16	
Brickle Henry	6	
Briggs Richard	16	
Beckley Sam	16	
Bryan Willi	6	Wilmington St
Bryan Richard	18	
Bryan Francis	16	
B[??]y Mary	18	N. Person St.
Brookram R [L?]	14	Wilmington "
Brookram J M	11	" "
Bird O D	14	" "
Bird M	12	" "

Name	Age	Residence
Bird F	8	" "
Baker Sarah	16	" "
Burnett Chas	15	
Bird Campbell	17	
B[?] Annie	6	
Burrell Wm	15	
Bradford Sarah	15	Wilmington St
Butler M. B.	6	Hunter St.
Brown Ida	17	Jenkins St.
Brown James	9	" "
Bryant O[?]	18	Mathews St
Bryant I[?]	14	" "
Bryant Ella	12	" "
Bryant Julia	8	" "
Baker Johnnie	17	" "
Bobbitt V.	20	Fayetteville st.
Blake, Lucy	14	Caswell Ave.
Bridgiford, Elnora	12	Manly St.
Bridgiford, V.	10	" "
Biry, Minnie	19	McKee St.
Brown, Sallie	15	
Brown, Addie	13	
Brown, S.	12	
Burns, Lildra	20	Manly St.
Burns, Annie	17	" "
Burns, Joe	14	" "
Burns, M.	6	" "

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Name	Age	Residence
Brinkley, Ed	17	" "
Brinkley, Blake	14	" "
Brinkley, D.	11	" "
Brown, Ada	18	
Burt, Emma	19	
Burt, Anna	17	
Burt, John	14	
Burt, Judge	10	
Brown, A.D.	13	
Brown, Katie	10	
Branch, H.	15	E. Davie St.
Branch, M.	10	" "
Branch, Ed.	6	" "
Byrd, Ellen	18	Cabarrus St
Brown, Jas.	12	So. East St.
Baskerville, Wm.	19	Lenoir 575
Baskerville, Mary	13	" "
Baskerville, Chas.	10	" "
Brown, Lucy	7	
Birdson, AJ	20	Hargett + Cotton
Birdson, Nancy	18	" "
Birdson, C.G.	14	" "
Birdson, S.G.	12	" "
Birdson, Francie	19	" "

Name	Age	Residence
Birdson, W.L.	16	" "
Birdson Mary J.	6	Hargett + Cotton
Bleadsoe Chas	10	So Haywood
Bleadsoe Francis	7	" "
Barber Carrie	16	Cabarrus + Smith
Bryon Rosa	20	
Bryon Henry	16	
Bryon Clarence	11	
Bryon Ester[6]	8	
Bryon Mary[7]	8	
Bryon Elnora	6	
Blackmore Chas	11	East Raleigh
Blackmore Ethel	14	" "
Blackmore Ola	17	" "
Blackmore Jane	19	" "
Brooks Tom	15	
Baker Wm.	18	" "
Bridges Sarah	20	'
Barber Elizabeth	8	
Barber Hubert	6	
Brown Omega	15	East Raleigh

[6] Twins
[7] Twins

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Name	Age	Residence
Brown Kate	10	" "
Baker Silvesta	13	" "
Blackwelll Mary	6	" "
Buffaloe Mary	6	" "
Blolock Frank	16	" "
Blolock Oscar	14	" "
Blolock, Annie	18	" "
Bryant Dallie	13	Tarborough Road
Buffaloe Wm.	8	
Buffaloe Jessie	6	
Branch Nanie	19	E. Davie St
Brasil Clarence	11	
Brasil Lily	15	
Brooks Henry	19	
Brooks Bessie	17	
Brooks Earness	14	
Brooks Bertie	12	
Brooks Minnie	10	
Brooks Loura	8	
Branch M	17	
Bryant Sali	11	
Bough Maggie	13	
Bough E	11	
Brown Hattie:	12	

Name	Age	Residence
Brown Henry	19	
Brown Jas.	17	
Bryan Julia	17	
Burnett Mag	9	
Burnett Julia	16	
Bunn [?]	14	
Burns Cleand	8	
Battle Lucy	15	
Bright V	8	
Bryan Nettie	8	Cannon St.
Brown Carrie	20	" "
Boonch Earness	19	" "
Boonch Bessie	15	" "
Blacknell M	13	Dawson St.
Branch F	11	So. West "
Branch G	7	" " "
Branch H	8	" " "
Brown Harris	10	
Brown Mary	9	
Brown Lula	7	
Bobbitt L.	18	" " "
Bobbitt Estell	16	" " "
Bobbitt Rosa	14	" " "
Bobbitt Jno	11	" " "
Bobbitt J M	6	" " "
Branch D	11	" " "
Boyd Carry	8	N. Lenoir St.
Barns M	6	" " "
Burns Lula	9	West Lenoir St
Blalock Anne	7	So. Harrington

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Name	Age	Residence
Blalock Oscar	6	" "
B[?] Annie	16	
Burk Ed	20	So. West St.
Burk Lillie	9	" " "
Byrd Camell	16	James City
Broughton Sue	8	" "
Brown Nannie	20	" "
Brown Gillard	12	" "
Blackmon Mary	13	North St. West
Blackmon Jas	10	" " "
Boordyn S[?]	8	
Burnell H	11	Manly St
Bryant Robt	13	So. McDowell
Burres George	11	N. Cabaris [sic]
Brimby M L	18	West South St.
Brimby Othelia	13	" " "
Barnie Lila	13	West Lenoir
Barnes Sadie	9	" "
Baker Hattie	7	" "
Baker Mamie	6	" "
Bechum Mamie	11	So McDowell
Bechum Jim	7	" " "
Benton Gerlinde	20	So Salisbury
Brown Patti	19	West Davie
Bland Innis	16	So McDowell

Name	Age	Residence
Brooks Maggie	14	West Davie
Burroughs Lillie	19	" Cabaris [sic]
Brown Sue	19	Polk St
Brinn Ann	19	" "
Brinn Frank	9	" "
Blunt Sallie	17	N. [?]
Bobbitt Robt	11	
Byrn Lillie	12	N. Sanders
Baker Kate	17	N. West St.
Burch Chas	15	" " "
Burch Ohi	10	" " "
Burch John	8	" " "
Bethell John	19	W Morgan
Bethell Mary	16	" "
Battle Linda	15	Tuckers St
Battle H	16	" "
Battle Maggie	11	" "
Brooks Geo17	13	W. End of Peace St.
Brooks Creslin	10	" " " "
Brooks Bertha	13	" " " "
Brooks Frank	7	" " " "
Brooks T	6	" " " "
Birdson M	12	Brooklin
Blacknor Bessie	12	Ellis Ave
Buster Mary	12	Oberlin Road
Buster Annie	17	" "
Buster F	19	" "

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Name	Age	Residence
Buster Lewis	8	" "
Brown Moses	17	" "
Birings Jno	14	" "
Brown V	9	" "
Bryan Sue	13	" "
Bobbitt Lucy	17	" "
Bobbitt A	13	" "
Barnett F	9	" "
Barnett H	8	" "
Boon Ida	18	Brooklin
Burton Nelson	17	"
Burton Alex	13	"
Burton Eliza	10	"
Brown Richard	19	Murrey Farms
Burnett Lillie	8	
Brown Nettie	14	
Birdsal D.B.	18	Cotton St
Braim I	16	
Braim Jessie	18	
Brewbry L.M.	7	East Davie
Barham Jeff	19	Morgan St
Brown Lucy	16	
Craft Mary	16	St. Wilmington & Blount
Christmas Louisa	7	" " "
Christmas Ellen	8	" " "
Cardwell Mary	19	Ml & Blount Sts. South

Name	Age	Residence
Cha*** Nellie	20	" " " "
Curry Olivia	6	" " " "
Cordell Mary	19	" " " "
Cordell Jannett	10	" " " "
Chamblee Hattie	20	" " " "
Cobb Carrie	7	" " " "
Cobb Joe	6	" " " "
Conrad Robt	7	
Cook S.J.	20	
Cotton Nancy	20	
Cotton Wm	18	
Cormey Bud	10	
Crowder B.B.	8	Person St.
Chavers Stella	14	
Chavers Mary	7	
Chamblee A.	17	
Chamblee Lillie	20	
Chamblee Liddie	19	So. Wilmington
Chamblee Ed	18	" "
Chamblee Violet	15	" "
Chamblee Maude	12	" "
Chamblee M.	9	" "
Cravin Sarina	7	Wilmington

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Name	Age	Residence
Cobb Mag	19	Mathews St.
Carver Lewis	11	Fayetteville St.
Christian John	17	
Christian Jas.	14	
Christian D.	11	
Cooper Lary	18	
Cooper Lot	14	
Cross Amonda	15	
Cross Maggie	12	
Cross John	10	Fayetville St.
Calvin Tom	14	
Cofre Ella	14	
Cofre Carrie	16	
Cotton Vivian	11	
Cotton Maggie	19	
Cotton R.B.	16	
Castleberry Fred	13	
Castleberry A.	12	
Castleberry M.	9	
Cook Ben	13	Davis St.
Cook Martha	18	" "
Cook Maggie	10	" "
Chavers Melvin	20	E. Cabarris St.
Chavers Elnora	18	" " "
Chavers Walter	13	" " "

Name	Age	Residence
Chavers W.E.	13	
Chavers L.	10	
Chavers Eva	7	
Craig Bessie	19	Cabarris St.
Chavers Emma	19	
Chavers Judson	17	
Cannady Belle	19	E. Hargett St.
Collins Mary	12	Cotton St.
Collins Sue	16	" "
Collins Julia	6	" "
Clawson George	15	Haywood & Davis
Clawson F.	8	" "
Clawson Sam	6	" "
Cavers Ethel	11	" Street
Chavers G.	10	E. Davis
Chavers Walter	9	East Raleigh
Chavers Lonnie	6	" "
Chavers Perl	10	" "
Chavers Mary	10	" "
Chavirs Judson	19	" "
Curtis L W	16	New Road
Curtis M A	15	" "
Curtis W A	14	" "
Christmas Winson	15	" "
Chavis Genora	19	Tarborough Road

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Name	Age	Residence
Chavis Carrie	16	" "
Chavis Cora	13	" "
Chavis Ivy	10	" "
Chavis Alice	6	" "
Crenshaw Chas	20	Hawkins Ave
Crenshaw Billi	18	" "
Crenshaw Helen	13	" "
Crenshaw Lin	6	" "
Cooper Silas	11	Smithfield Road
Cranson Olivia	16	
Cranson Blanch	7	
Cranson Ed	15	
Cranson Jas	10	
Christmas H	11	
Christmas Pearl	9	
Council Wm	7	
Crudup Bessie	6	
Crudup Mattie	10	
Collins Jas	8	
Clanon Annie	15	Cannon St.
Clanon Ruffus	9	" "
Crowder Maggie	20	So Dawson

Name	Age	Residence
Collins Nellie	12	So. West St.
Collins Susie	6	" " "
Cotton Emma	16	Cannon West
Chavers Mattie	13	James City
Chavers Bessie	10	" "
Carroll Jas	15	McDowell So.
Cook Richard	9	" "
Cone Lula	19	West Smith St
Conley Claudine	19	" " "
Christmas Emma	13	S. Dawson
Christmas M	9	" "
Christmas Chas	19	" "
Craft Ana	16	West Martin
Craft Ida	13	" "
Covington L	16	S. A. L. Ave
Covington M	17	" " " "
Crain Mary	12	West North
Carminger C	16	McDowell
Carminger A	13	"
Carminger Ella	8	"
Carminger H	18	"
Crump Ima	15	Jones St
Cain Rosell	10	Dawson
Carter Mary	17	So. Harrington
Curtis Ginnie	9	West North St.

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Name	Age	Residence
Carr Hattie	19	West Raleigh
Carrington A	11	Ellis Ave
Crares Julia	8	Boylan Ave
Cranson Hugh	14	Oberlin Road
Cranson Jnr	17	" "
Cranson G	12	" "
Curtis Eliza	15	" "
Curtis Kali	12	" "
Curtis Ben	6	" "
Cooke Livy	16	" "
Curtis C	15	" "
Collins Mary	18	" "
Collins W	15	" "
Collins A. B.	10	" "
Cannon Elinor	17	
Cannon A	14	
Cannon Jo hn	16	
Cannon R	12	
Cannon Daniel	10	
Cannon Becky	7	
Cannon Tom	19	
Curtis Henderson	12	
Coney Bonnie	17	Fisher Farm
Cornell J	7	Bet. Swain & H
Canaday A	15	Cannon St
Canaday B.	11	" "
Chambler Annie	20	

Name	Age	Residence
Crowder Mary	10	Dawson St. So.
Crowder Lucy	12	" " "
Crawford W H	20	
Dunn Jas	16	Halifax St
Dunn Willi	7	Halifax St
Debman Lula	14	St. Wilmington & Blount
Debman W	12	" "
Debman David	9	
Debman Magnolia	8	
Debman Mable	6	
Davis Lula	16	Wilmington St
Debman Ima	9	" "
Dunston John	11	" "
Dunston H	8	" "
Donelson John	17	
Davis Lily	9	
Davis Fred	7	
Dunston Ellis	12	
Dunston Annie	10	
Davis Mc	11	
Dicks Ellie	16	
Dicks A E	15	
Debman Susie	8	
Davis Henry	18	So Wilmington
Drake Sal	12	Caswell
Drake Sam	12	"
Drake Paul	9	"

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Name	Age	Residence
Drake Wm	6	"
Davis Danill	12	
Dunn Hattie	18	
Dunn Nora	19	
Dunn Bulah	16	
Dunn Ocelia	12	
Dunn Nyelia	9	
Dunn Leha	7	
Durham G M	15	E. Hargett St
Durham N B	14	" "
Durham M B	11	" "
Durham A H	10	" "
Debnom Emma	20	Cotton Street
Dishmon F	18	E. Cabarris
Dishmon J	17	" "
Dickinson E	19	" "
Dickinson Peter	18	" "
Dancy Kate	8	E. Davis
Dunslin Chas	13	E. Hargett
Dunslin A.	9	" "
Davis Haywood	6	Taborough Road
Davis Henry	20	" "
Davis Emma	20	" "
Davis John	6	" "
Delany L	8	" "
Delany Sadie	6	" "

Name	Age	Residence
Davis Connie	10	Hawkins Ave
Davis Winnie	8	
Davis Garland	11	
Davis Jas	7	
Dunn O.	6	
Drivin Chas	13	Forock Vineyard
Drivin Jas	12	" "
Drivin Addie	9	" "
Drivin E	8	" "
Drye Frank	8	Cannon St
Drye Jim	6	" "
Davis Bessie	12	W. Lenoir St
Davis Lucy	6	" "
Day Satie	14	" "
Davis Mary	16	James City
Dudley Ed	6	" "
Davis D. A.	8	Manly St
Dowd Maude	13	Carroll's Ave.
Dowd Geo.	10	
Dowd Lon	8	
Dihram J. E.	14	West Lenoir St
Dihram J.	9	" " "
Duglas Fred	6	So. McDowell St
Dunston Peter	12	" " " " "
Dunston Lillie	16	" " " " "
Dunston Minnie	14	" " " " "
Dunston Martin	8	" " " " "
Dunston Anna	19	" " " " "
Dibnam G. Jas	18	Cabaris St

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Name	Age	Residence
Drue Arther	8	W. Cabaris
Drue Wm	7	" "
Dunn Eliza	20	So West St
Dunn John	18	" " "
Dunn Lucy	6	" " "
Dunn Jas.	13	" " "
Dunston Chas.	6	
Dunston Lillie	8	
Dunston H.L.	18	North East St
Dunston Jessie	15	" " "
Dunston H.	13	" " "
Dunston Wm	19	" " "
Duggin Henry	15	N Salisbury
Doubton John	19	N. West St
Doubton Alice	17	" " "
Doubton Rebecca	11	" " "
Doubton C.	7	" " "
Dunston Robt	7	Brooklin
Dunston Annie	14	Ellis Ave
Douglas Fred	16	Oberline Road
Durham Frank	16	" "
Durham Chas	12	" "
Durham Annie	8	" "
Durham John	14	" "
Durham A.M.	14	" "

Name	Age	Residence
Durham Mattie	12	" "
Durham Sallie	11	" "
Durham Laura	9	" "
Dunston Annie	19	" "
Dunstin Arther	11	Oberlin Road
Dunstin Mary	20	" "
Davis Willie	16	" "
Davis Lee	14	" "
Davis C.	9	" "
Davis Richard	7	" "
Davis Ben	6	" "
Dunn Lizzie	16	
Davis Winnie	11	Fair View Farm
Dunston Annie	14	
Dunston M.M.	10	
Dunston N.	6	
Dunn David	15	
Dunn W.R.	17	
Davis Joe	17	
Edward Laura L.	19	So. Wilmington & Blount
Edward Peter A.	17	" " " "
Edward Sol J.	15	" " " "
Edward L.I.	13	" " " "
Edward Thos B. G.W.	10	" " " "
Ellington B.	11	

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Name	Age	Residence
Ellington Wm	7	
Eliot Wm	8	
Ealin Sarah	16	
Ealin Lizzie	18	
Ealin Naomie	17	
Ealin Jas.	11	
Eaton John	10	
Evans Jas.	17	
Edwards Naomie	11	East Raleigh
Edwards G.	9	" "
Edwards John	6	" "
Edgerton Maggie	16	So. West St
Edgerton Leora	9	" " "
Ellington Cora	15	So. Harrington
Evans Robt	20	James City
Evans Polly	19	James City
Evans Wm	16	James City
Evans Edgar	14	" "
Evans Henry	12	" "
Evans Mattie	8	" "

Name	Age	Residence
Evans Wesley	6	" "
Evans Ed	14	Carrolls Roe
Evans Lucy	12	" "
Evans Oscar	9	" "
Evans Carry	6	" "
Evans Geo.	13	So. Harrington
Elleby Luther	20	Oberline Road
Elleby Estille	18	" "
Elleby Alice	14	" "
Elleby C.	12	" "
Elleby Julia	6	Oberline Road
Edwards Tim	9	" "
Emanuel Acre	11	
Emanuel Z.	20	
Emanuel D.	16	
Emanuel F.	18	
Emanuel A.	12	
Emanuel T.K.	7	
Edwards Peter	17	St. Augustine School

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Researching North Carolina's Earliest History at the State Archives of North Carolina

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The first one hundred years of North Carolina's history is a particularly difficult, albeit fascinating period to study. For genealogists this period can be a frustrating one in which to work. Records at the State Archives of North Carolina can facilitate such a study. In addition to such records as those of the Secretary of State, early courts, and governors' papers, there are some important private collections that should be included in any study of this early period.

State agency records, such as those of the Secretary of State, early courts, and governors' papers are of integral importance to the study of this period of the state's history. Because of their importance to the history and genealogy of this time period many of these records have been abstracted and/or made available online. *Old Albemarle County North Carolina Miscellaneous Records 1678 to ca.1737* by Weynette Haun includes transcriptions of original records, many of which have been withdrawn. Very early records are extremely fragile and have been microfilmed to allow for their continued research use. Abstracts such as those mentioned here are beneficial in providing the researcher with an index to otherwise unindexed records and can allow a search for a subject or person without the need to leaf through original records or wind through reels of microfilm. Another series of transcriptions are Dr. Stephen Bradley's *Early Records of North Carolina* and Carolina B. Whitley has compiled a list of headrights entitled *North Carolina Headrights: A List of Names 1663-1744*. Very early North Carolina headrights also appear in the cavaliers and pioneers' series of Virginia records done by Nell Marion Nugent in the 1930s. North Carolinians frequently appear in these volumes and some entries refer to land in the state. The patent and grant books of the Virginia Land Office are also available online at www.lva.virginia.gov.

Anyone interested in the very early period of North Carolina's history would also do well to study *The Colonial and State Records of North Carolina* and *The Colonial Records of North Carolina [Second Series]*, as well as the *North Carolina Higher Court Records* and

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Minutes and the *Records of the Executive Council*. The first series, published in the late nineteenth century, covers the period 1662-1776 in the colonial records part and 1776-1790 as the state records. These volumes can be invaluable in pointing a researcher to specific documents, but researchers must be cautious in using them. They are not strictly chronological, the index is not comprehensive and the scholarship that went into the compilation of documents is not up to the more rigorous standards of today. Researchers must also keep in mind that the originals are often not easy to find due to the limited citations in the volumes. Most of the records included are part of the holdings of the State Archives, but others are in the custody of other repositories and some have never been located. Nevertheless, this series, along with the second series, are unsurpassed in the publication of early documents. The second series presents different types of records, is chronological within record group, and adheres to a much higher level of scholarship. These volumes include transcriptions of higher court records and records of the executive council. There are also two volumes of Church of England records covering the colonial period, as well. These volumes should be available in most large libraries, as well as for purchase through North Carolina Historical Publications at www.ncdcr.gov.

Original government records of the state's earliest history are at the Archives. Finding aids for them are thorough and arranged chronologically. There is also a card index listing of these records in the Search Room. Within the original documents found at the State Archives of North Carolina, one of the most obvious places to look is the Colonial Court Records (CCR). This series of general court records is quite complete after 1694, with some scattered entries for the 1670s and 1680s. Within the Colonial Court Records are a group of estates papers arranged alphabetically by the name of the decedent. Included in the finding aid, also as a separate file behind the reference desk, is a list of all estate files in these records.

Early court records, primarily minutes, also appear in some county records. The card index in the Search Room should be checked for availability, but in general most counties formed before 1776 include at least some early court minutes. Deeds are another type of record that could have early records in them. Within the miscellaneous series in each

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county are different records types that may be of interest, such as mill and bridge records, even coroners' inquest. The card file in the Search Room will indicate whether a county has such records for the pertinent time period.

Another record group that contains early records is the General Assembly session records. There is a thorough, chronological finding aid for these records. At first blush it may not seem to researchers that these records will contain information about their ancestors since the General Assembly dealt with making laws. The General Assembly session records, however, include a great deal of material about individuals, from petitions signed by men of the colony to laws providing for indigent men and women. Divorces and manumissions had to be granted, and name changes had to be approved, by the General Assembly. While the session records are those created in order to pass laws and are not the proceedings of the assembly, proceedings were recorded in the Senate and House journals, which have been printed and are available in the Search Room.

The two largest state agencies containing significant amounts of genealogical information are the Secretary of State's Office and the Treasurers' and Comptrollers' Offices. There are large finding aids for both that are quite detailed as to what the record groups contain. Of greatest importance to most researchers will be the early land records and/or early wills and estates that appear in both. As stated previously, the records of the early period are often important enough that they are available in many formats, from abstracts to microfilm and digitized copies.

Another series are the Governors' Papers. Most of the early governors' papers were sent to England at the time of their administration, hence, many of these records are now in the National Archives of Great Britain. As part of the British and English records series, the State Archives does have copies of most of these documents and many are reproduced in the *Colonial Records of North Carolina*. The Archives also has some original papers for this period, and they are designated as *A Calendar of Colonial Governors' Papers*, compiled by Betty H. Carter. They are chronologically arranged by

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governor. The amount of material varies greatly for each governor. The records have been microfilmed. The British records take many forms, but all are calendared in the Search Room with their contents.

In addition to government records, the State Archives of North Carolina has over 2000 private manuscript collections. One of the most important of these collections is PC 16 Tillie Bond Collection. This collection includes papers relating to the early Albemarle region. These papers include estates, wills, deeds, grants, court papers and other miscellaneous papers. Another such collection is PC 224 North Carolina under the Lords Proprietor. Although small, this collection contains important papers, relating to Carolina's government including letters from various lords proprietor and governors. This collection is no longer pulled by the reference staff in the Search Room. It has been published as *Ye Olde County of Albemarle* by William S. Powell. A third collection that contains early material is PC 1168 the Phillips Manuscripts. This small collection consists of photocopies of documents in the Sir Thomas Phillips Collection in the Library of Congress.

Additional collections are PC 24 Alexander Spotswood Papers, PC 31 Thomas Pollock Papers, PC 91 Arthur Dobbs Papers and PC 285 John Archdale Papers, all the papers of important men in our early history. PC 450 Christopher deGraffenried Papers relates to the Swiss colony at New Bern. Closely related to this collection is PC 453 Alonzo T. Dill Collection, a typescript of "Extracts from the materials of the State Archives of the Canton of Berne (Switzerland) concerning the emigration to North America in 1710". The collection contains the original typescript in German as well as a translation. Another collection relating to deGraffenried and his colony is microfilm collection Mf.P 42. PC 814 Palatine Papers contains papers on Germans from the Palatinate. PC 1095 Moravian Diary is a copy of a translation of a German diary from the first emigration from Bethlehem, PA to Wachovia.

Many other collections contain land records from this early period. Since papers relating to their land were among the most valuable items our ancestors owned it is perhaps not

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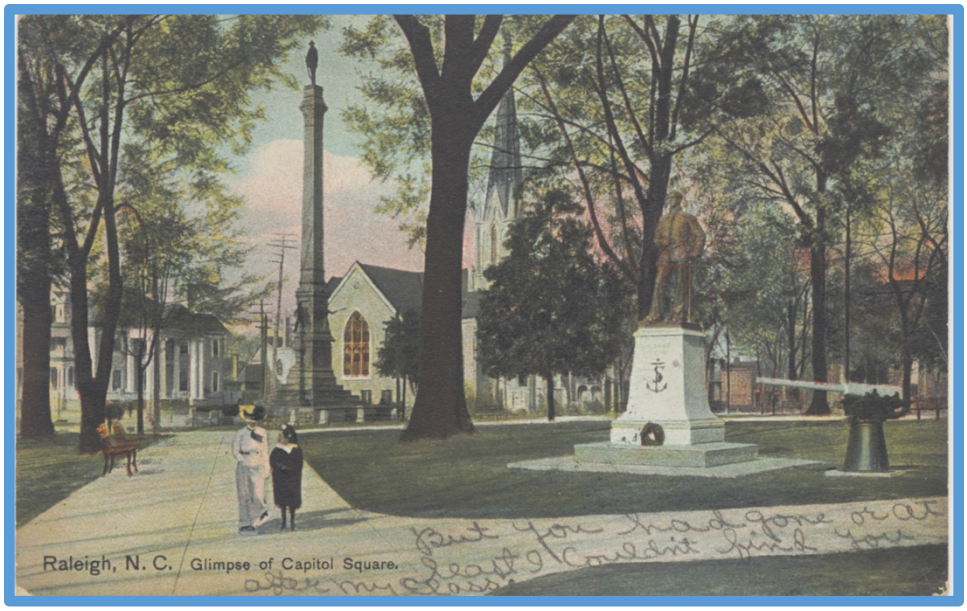
surprising that such items have survived. Most of the collections of such papers are small, sometimes only one deed or grant, but their survival is a testament to how treasured such documents were. Interested researchers should check the index to the *Guide to Manuscript Collections in the North Carolina State Archives*.

Genealogical researchers know that the further back in history the research progresses, the exponentially harder it becomes. There are less records and those that exist are harder to find. The early period of North Carolina's history is tied closely with that of Virginia and South Carolina, as well as Great Britain, so it may be necessary to consult records from each of those places. For context and to find hints of records worth consulting, read general histories and theses; their bibliographies often cite specific collections of original documents that could prove useful to any researcher of the period. The State Archives provides many guides and finding aids for the various collections and has made many of the early records available through digital collections. The researcher should keep in mind, however, that the earliest records are usually the most fragile and there may be restrictions on their use. As with any research, it is important to have a plan based on the anticipated use of specific records and how that can best be accomplished.



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Soldiers Home Records

Transcribed by Jessica Conklin, Cyndi Deal, Karen Kline, Sue Olmstead, and Carla Stancil

Source: North Carolina, Office of the State Auditor, North Carolina Digital Collections, Soldiers' Home Association: Register, 1890-1917 digital images (last accessed 26 Mar 2020 : http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p15012coll8/id/14765)

Name	Company	Regiment	State	County	Post Office	Remarks			
Aldridge, H.R.	C	7th	N.C.	Lenoir	Kinston				
Allman, Jno. G	B	25th	"	Jackson					
Buis W.A	K	4th	N.C.	Rowan	Salisbury				
Benton Ed	Hardway's Battery			Halifax	Raleigh				
Brown A.J.	D	40th	N.C.	Wilson	Wilson				
Banks Harrison	A, Manly's Battery	10th	"	Edgecomb	Rocky Mt.				
Brown P.A.	K	4th	"	Rowan					
Bunn, Geo W	B	47th	"	Wake	Wakefield	94 Years			
Bennet Wm	D	12th	"	Granville					
Brown J. A.	I	8th	"	Alamance	Burlington				
Burrows Jno. A.	G	23rd	"	McDowell	Marion				
Barnes J.C.	A	31st	"	Robeson	Lumberton				
Cotton, John	I	35th	N.C.	Wayne					
Clanton, W. D.	B	13th	"	Mechlenburg	Charlotte				
Cordon W. W.	K	10th	"	Beaufort	Washington				
Dancy William	E	47th	N.C.	Wake	Raleigh				
Duggon W.A.	Asst. Surgeon			Wilson					
Duncan, G.C.	Company	12th	"	Nash	Rocky Mt.				

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Daughtry, W. C.	B	32nd	"	Warren	Littleton				
Davis, S.J.	E	1st Cavalry 9th	"	Granville					
Dixon, Sid. L.	K	30th	"	Mecklenburg					
Eure, Dempsey	B	9th, 1st Cavalry NC		Bertie					
Francis, Samuel	K	1st	NC	Halifax					
Fuller, J.H.	E	1st Cavalry/ 9th	"	Vance					
Ford, H.W.P.	B	44th	"	Edgecomb					
Fowler, John W.	A	5th	"	Cumberland					
Freeman, W.J.	D	27th	"	Lenoir					
Gooch, Wm Lee	K	14th	NC	Wake	Raleigh				
Green, N.G.	C	50th	"	Johnston	Smithfield				
Guy, W.J.	C	54th	"	Cumberland	Beard				
Griffin, David	D	2nd	"	Nash	Elm City				
Hart, John	G	48th	NC	Chatham	Goldston				
Harris, Jesse T.	I	47th	"	Wake	Raleigh				
Hargrove, Thos. R.	H	(2nd Cavalry) 19th	"	Northampton	Seaboard				
Hunt, M.F.	E	5th	"	Rowan	Salisbury				
Harward, Henderson	E	10th Art.	"	Durham	Durham				
Henry, J.R.	C	14th	"	Green					
House, James	A	14th	"	Halifax	Littleton	Lt. Col. W.A. Johnston			

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Aldridge, W.R.	C	7	NC	50	Lenoir	Nov	6	1890	Died
Allmond, Jno. G.	B	25	"	65	Jackson	Aug	28	1901	
Armstrong, B.C.C.	K	15	"		Edgecomb	Mar	3	1902	
Anderson Alex	K	51	"	63	Cumberland	Feby	19	1903	
Adams, Jas. M.	I	59	"	59	Beaufort	May	16	1902	
Atkinson R.M.	A	5	"	79	Cumberland	Feby	19	1903	
Adkins, W.H.	G	13	"	68	Wayne	July	26	1904	
Aldridge, Wm	M	22	"	59	Randolph	Jan	17	1905	
Ashworth, Alvin	Latham Bat.			79	Wake	Dec	20	1905	
Johns, John A	Engr Corps		NC	Alamance	Haw River				
Landis C.E.	F	17th	N.C	Granville					
Lee, Henry	C	3rd cav.		New Hanover					
Lester, L. H.	4	56th	Va.	Chatham	Williams Mills				
Laws, John	F	46th	N.C.	Durham					
Mahoney, Jn. R	E	10th	NC	New Hanover	Wilmington				
Mozingo, W. H.	F	75th	Nc	Wayne	Goldsboro				
Miller, J. A.	D	5th	NC	Lenoir	Kinston				
Mosely, G. H.	E	20th	NC	Sampson	Clinton				
Morrison, E. F.	A	4th	NC	Iredell					
McLeod, Alex	B	4th Bat Cav	NC	Johnston					
Munee, John	F	36th	NC	Bladen					
McKee	David R	56th	NC	Orange	Hillsboro				
Orril, James	G	23rd	N.C.	Vance	Henderson				
Overton, G. C.	G	47th	N. C.	Nash	Nashville				

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Puryear, J.A.	I	13th	N.C.	Granville					
Pool, J.M.	#	14th	N.C.	Wake	Raleigh				
Puckett, Jos. H	B	2nd Cav. 19th N.C.	Iredell						
Purser, Jessee D	B	40th	N.C.	Beaufort	Washington				
Robbins, Starkey	K	15th	N. C.	Edgecomb	Sharpsburg				
Rowland, A. F	H	12th	N.C.	Nash	Petersburg, Va				
Rudd, A. P.	H	6th	N. C.	Chatham	Chapel Hill				
Roark, W. B.	A	1st Cav, 9th	N. C.	Ashe					
Streater, Elija	D	31st	N.C.	Anson	Wadesboro				
Sanford, RH	H	Bethel	N.C.	Cumberland	Fayettevill e				
Slaughter, Gov. Lee	A	50th	N.C.	Person	Roxboro				
Swain John G			N.C.	Martin	Williamston				
Scarlett, J. S.	F	5th, art. Bat.	N.C.	Durham	Durham				
Smith, Thos. G	D	30th	N.C.	Wake	Raleigh				
Smith, Jas. A	Company	53rd	N.C.	Wake	Raleigh				
Thomas, E	E	47th	N.C.	Wake	Raleigh				
Turner, Julian	K	2nd Cav, 19th	N.C.	Orange	Hillsboro				
Walker, Carter A.	K	41st	N.C.	Washington	Plymouth				
Worsham, Jno D	Company	13th	N.C.	Caswell	Milton				
Walker, H.W.	B	44th	N.C.	Nash	Whitaker				
Williams, Yancey	D	Jr.Res 4th Bat.	N.C.	Rockingham	Reidsville				

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Whitley, J.F.	K	66th	N.C.	Wilson					
Wade, H.R.	D	59th	N.C.	Northampton					
Wood, B. F.	B	Batl. 2nd	N.C.	Wilkes	Dobson				
Watkins, J.R.				Warren					
Buis, W.A.	K	4	N.C.	62	Rowan	Nov	25	1900	Left June 1906
Belvin N.C.	E	47	"		Vance	Oct	20	1900	Died Jan 30, 1905
Blake Calvin	H	46	"		Moore	May		1891	
Bulls T.W.	A	8	"	60	Pasquotank	May	6	1891	Died Jan 4, 1902
Brown P.M.	B	29	"	60	Guilford	May	30	1891	Pensioned
Belton James	I	21	"	80	Surry	June	17	1891	"
Brady Nathan					Cumberland				
Burton Ed	Alabama	Art.		52	Halifax	Aug	28	1892	
Bennett J.J.	A	4	N.C.	59	Ashe	Nov	5	1892	Pensioned
Barringer B.A.	B	10	"		Craven	Feby	17	1893	Died 1898
Brown Alex	B		"	72	Richmond	May	18	1893	" Feb 20, 1897
Browning L.R.	I	1	"	54	Wake	Apl	8	1893	" Jnry 5 '95
Brown A.J.	D	40	"	55	Wilson	Aug	4	1893	" Jnry 27, 1904
Burnett	E	38	"	68	Richmond	Jany	25	1894	Pensioned
Bailey W.H.	H	1 Cav	"	68	Green	Aug	3	1894	Returned home

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Name	Company	Regiment	State	County	Post Office	Remarks			
Bagwell J.G.		13 Bat.	"		Wake	Sept	30	1894	" " Mar '96
Bennett J.E.	B	12	"	52	Granville	Feby	28	1895	Died Sept 4 '96
Banks Harrison	A	10	"	63	Edgecombe	Apl	9	1895	" Oct 18, 1903
Brown P.A.	K	4	"	58	Rowan	May	7	1895	Discharged
Bowen Richard	A	24	"	66	Person	Jan	24	1896	" Jun 7 '98
Baird Thomas	Home Guard		"	75	Person	Feby	21	1896	Died Aug 5 '97
Brown H.J.	K	3	"		New Hanover	Mar	19	1896	
Bailey W.E.	H	1	"	69	Pitt	June	9	1896	Died at Beth[…]
Brown Geo. W	B	47	"	87	Wake	July	12	1897	" Nov 9, 1906
Black Alex	C	7	"	73	Harnett	Jany	27	1899	Pensioned
Bennett Wm	O	12	"	67	Granville	Jany	28	1899	Discharged
Bingham Geo. W	16 Bat.		"	75	Davie	Jany	29	1899	Died Oct 25 '99
Brown J.A.	I	8	"		Alamance	Apl	25	1899	Died at home 1894
Blackwell Tho O	C	61	"	60	Bladen	May	10	1899	" Aug 8 '1899
Blackwell Eli S.	C	61	"	64	Bladen	May	10	1899	Left the home '99
Burrus J.A.	G	23	"	67	McDowell	June	25	1899	
Barron Wm	Home Guard			73	Forsythe	July	24	1899	

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Bethea David	F	8	"						
Barns J.C.	A	31	"	60	Roberson	Feb	8	1900	
Baker Geo.	B	9 Cav	"	73	Halifax	Apl	10	1900	Died July 20, 1900
Baldwin Alf	Brown's Batt.			86	Cleveland	Oct	27	1900	" Feb 1, 1907
Black Sam	G	49	"	78	Randolph	Feby	5	1902	" Mar 17, 1904
Brewer Elias	A	10	"	77	Cumberland	Mar	26	1902	" Sept 20, 1904
Bell Hilliard	K	14	"	65	Wake	Apl	21	1902	
Blume W.H.	A	52	"	64	Cabarrus	May	13	1902	Died June 23, 1902
Brown Temple	C	23/44	NC	76	Montgomery	July	13	1902	
Banell Wm	D	49	"	68	Moore	Aug	8	1902	Died Oct 10 '06
Bisck S.R	A	6	"	61	Jackson	Sept	16	1902	Discharged
Brunske Jas. N	G	61	"	58	Halifax	Jany	15	1903	
Barden S.J.	I	1 9 Cav	"	70	Duplin	Mar	11	1903	
Boon J.C.	B	37	"	86	Guilford	Apl	29	1903	Died Feb 2 '06
Beaver J M.	A	24	"	65	Forsythe	Sept	9	1903	Died Sept 18 '04
Bingham Chas	B	10	"	64	Rowan	Dec	3	1903	" Sept 9 '04
Bryant J.J	F	43	"	64	Halifax	Nov	15	1904	" Mar 30 '05

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Beal B.H	H	12	"	69	Johnston	Nov	29	1904	Left home
Bruce Capt L.R	E	8	"	63	Roberson	Feb	1	1905	Died Aug 28 '07
Brewer Green	D	61	73	72	Chatham	Jany	18	1905	Pensioned
Brown Martin	Manskey's Co			84	Ashe	Aug	4	1905	
Brooks Larkin	E	35	"	75	Person	Aug	4	1905	Died Aug 23 '10
Beavers C.W.	K	14	"	65	Wake	Aug	23	1905	Left
Beam Eli C.	B	19	"	81	Iredell	Aug	29	1905	Died Feb 22 '08
Boney Jas D.	1st Bat. Arty			60	Duplin	Nov	27	1905	
Belvia Elijah	I	1	NC	64	Durham	Dec	2	1905	
Beasley C.J.	K	14	"	60	Johnston	Apl	10	1905	
Brown Jno. L	K	10	"	73	Beaufort	June	27	1906	Dropped
Brown Alex H	H	30	"	64	Durham	Aug	21	1905	Died May 25 '05
Blalock Jno H	E	20	"	74	Duplin	Jan	19	1907	
Baker A.M	G	51	"	77	Roberson	June	2	1907	Died Jany 14 '07
Brooks JT	C	13	"	64	Person	July	30	1907	
Boyer HH	A	3	"	62	Chowan	Oct	15	1907	Pensioned
Barnhill JJ	A	47	"	70	Halifax	Dec	1	1908	Died Dec 6 '1908
Bozeman Isaac	14th Art			73	Cabarrus	Dec	30	1908	

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Name	Company	Regiment	State	County	Post Office	Remarks			
Busk Bryan	E	4	"	64	Pitt	Apl	27	1909	
Beam JR	A	33	"	77	Iredell	May	11	1909	Dropped Feby 2 '10
Barber W.H	E	19	"	65	Wilson	"	31	1909	
Brame T.H	F	12	"	78	Halifax	"	20	1909	
Burgess Hardie		30		75		July	23	1909	
Blow	K	67	"	61	Pitt	July	28	1909	Pensioned/ Left [unreadable]
Benson L.M	B	69	Art	69	Cabarrus	Dec	18	1909	
Beddingfield JP.	F	80		47	Franklin	Apl	6	1910	
Barbee WM	G	71		7	Wake	Apl	15	1910	Left The House May 23
Badger Sherwood	D	66	D	43	Wake	May	12	1910	
Bean WS	I	7	NC	68	Buncombe	July	20	1910	
Busbie Jas I				78	Wake	Feb	24	1911	

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The Puzzle of the Name of My Uncle and Its Relevance to Wake County Family History

Robert Phillip Upchurch, PhD[8]

Authors Note: Appreciation is expressed to Royster Family Historian, Robert Royster of Granville County, NC for details provided in his letter to the author dated September 8, 2014 and to others who have read and corrected this document.

Growing up in Rhamkatte just southwest of Raleigh, North Carolina in the 1935-1945 era, I became close with my Uncle Wis Upchurch. He was laconic and somewhat peculiar. I could write a great deal about this unique uncle and our bonding. My bachelor uncles Wis and Gettis took pains to nurture their wandering nephew. Uncle Gettis and I had to borrow the dog, Clyde Hoey, (named after the Governor) and tools from Wis to execute our 1942-1944 possum hunting expeditions. Uncle Wis trusted me to hold two gallons of blackberry wine to avoid them falling into the hands of Uncle Gettis. I returned them to Wis only after liberal sampling –still two full gallons but slightly diluted. But to move the story along, I focus on his name which in the 1950s was revealed to me as Wisconsin Lamar Upchurch. As I began to focus on family history in the 1960s, the basis for the unusual name of Wisconsin increasingly became a puzzle to me.

The answer about how Uncle Wis got his name was revealed to me in a phone call on April 5, 1979, I had with my cousin Frances Norris of Jacksonville, Florida. I was aware that her father was Wisconsin Norris. I asked her to explain if there was logic to the fact that my uncle and her father had the unusual name of Wisconsin. She said yes.

Frances explained that in the 1880-1890 era in Raleigh, NC, there was a prominent physician named Dr. Wisconsin Illinois Royster (1845-1930), who was a favorite of the ladies giving birth. The ladies liked Dr. Royster so much that some named their newborns

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after him. Thus did my grandmother Aurora Olantha (Ray) Upchurch name her son Wisconsin as did the grandmother of Frances. But the story deepens in several ways. One is my realization that my grandmother, living three miles outside of the city, availed herself of the services of a city doctor. But there is more, requiring me to mention some Royster history.

In the 1700s the Royster family was located in Granville County, NC. About 1802, David Royster, Jr. from the group moved to the village of Raleigh, NC, where he became the patriarch of a very large Royster clan, which henceforth loomed large on the Raleigh scene. David was a cabinetmaker and served to furnish the new capitol building. Among his children was Adeline Susan Royster who married William Clinton Upchurch I, who had come from Western Wake about 1835, also leading to a major Raleigh family. Another child of David Jr takes me back to the moniker "Wisconsin." This child was James Daniel Royster, the father of the aforementioned Wisconsin Illinois Royster. James had eight children, and he named all of them after two states. It is reported that he did so in order that everyone would know that the said James was unmistakably the father of the eight children. Their names were:

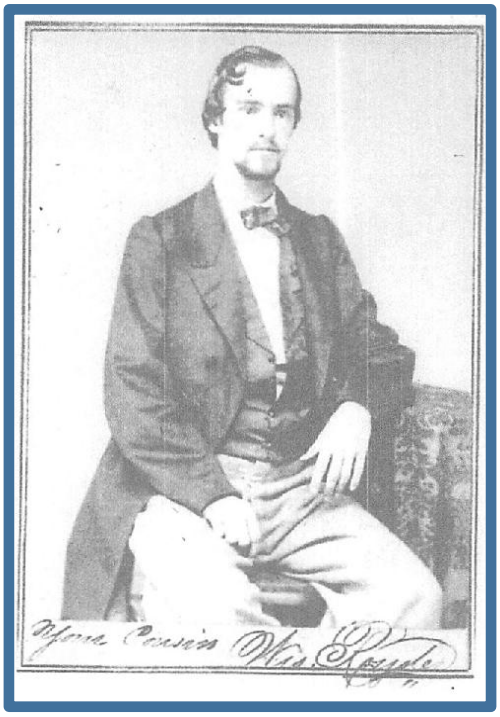

Figure 8, This photo of Wisconsin Illinois Royster was received by Robert Phillip Upchurch, PhD, in a letter dated 1 June 1998 from Francis Norris.

Vermont Connecticut Royster
Wisconsin Illinois Royster
Oregon Minnesota Royster
Virginia Caroline Royster
Indiana Georgia Royster
Iowa Michigan Royster
Arkansas Delaware Royster
Louisiana Maryland Royster

My memory is that somewhere in the Royster family room was found for a child named Confederate States Royster.

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Several of these children are buried in Oakwood Cemetery. The family of James Daniel Royster and the families into which members of their families married cut a wide swath in Wake County, NC, and elsewhere. A grandson of Vermont Connecticut Royster named Vermont Connecticut Royster II was an outstanding editor of the Wall Street Journal.

A brief sketch of the large American Royster Family that provided a family segment to form the Royster Family of Raleigh, NC follows. (The total Royster story is very complex and deserves more attention.)

I. Jacob Royster—lived in Mecklenburg County, VA, where his will was probated in 1798---9 children.

A. David Royster, Sr. ---lived in Granville County, NC, and there on January 11, 1775, he married Mary Daniel---7 children. He returned to VA to serve in the Revolution.

1. David Royster, Jr. ---lived in Granville County, NC, and there in 1802, he married Susan Sims of Warren County, NC ---12 children.

a. James Daniel Royster 1807- 1890 He was a paper manufacturer in Raleigh, NC. ---8 children

b. Adeline Susan Royster ---married in Raleigh, NC, William Clinton Upchurch I, a son of Burtis Upchurch and a grandson of Nathan Upchurch I, of Green Level in Western Wake County, NC.

The Royster Family of Raleigh helped to promote religion in the city, forming in 1812, a Baptist church on Moore Square. Madison Bullock Royster and William Clinton Upchurch I became members. Subsequently, the original congregation split and the iconic First Baptist Church across from the Capitol was formed in 1858. It had a highly touted 125 member children's class, which Dr. Wisconsin Royster and his wife, nee Mary W. Finch, taught. Later this class would be led for 40 years by Mayor William Henry Dodd and his wife, nee Roxanna Upchurch, a daughter of William Clinton Upchurch I. Dodd was Raleigh mayor in the 1880s. He built the iconic Dodd-Hinsdale house on Hillsborough

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Street. It has been restored and today serves as the acclaimed Second Empire Restaurant.

Another daughter of W.C. Upchurch I, Eleanor Marks Upchurch, married my great uncle William George Upchurch. In the 1860-1895 era, he was a prime mover of enterprises in Raleigh. In the late 1800s, the social and business circle in Raleigh was a tight, highly interwoven community.

The Royster Candy Company was a notable establishment in Raleigh for the late 1800-early 1900's era. When Vermont Connecticut Royster I (1846- 1897) died his obituary revealed that it was he and his brother Arkansas Delaware Royster who had owned the store. They acquired it from a Jewish merchant who returned to his northern roots. When the stocks were exhausted the aforementioned William George Upchurch, his brother-in-law, went with him to Baltimore to replenish the merchandise and "rode shotgun" on the train trip back to protect the purchases. The store was known as a place to gather for chats as A. D. Royster was known as a philosopher.

The heritage of the Upchurch and Royster families of Wake County, NC, is linked in many ways. Important facets from the Royster records have been captured and preserved in the Royster Biofile posted on www.alliedfamilies.com to which the reader is referred for more detail.

Those interested in family history will grasp the satisfaction this writer had as he progressed from fragmentary childhood knowledge about his Uncle Wis until it blossomed into a full-fledged story about the heritage of important families who populated Raleigh, NC, in the 1800s.

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