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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I appreciate very much the opportunity to serve you as president of the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society. We have a very enthusiastic group of new officers and committee members who are dedicated to carrying forward the excellent work done by Past President Dean Jarrett, the past officers, and committee members. It would be difficult to find an organization that has accomplished as much as this group has in just two years - more than two hundred members, thirty-four publications, and a most outstanding newsletter are only part of the many achievements.

Plans are complete for the programs for this year's meetings. They will offer an interesting and entertaining assortment of opportunities for all our members of improve their knowledge of genealogy and research techniques.

Our first fall meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. 24 September at the New Hanover County Public Library. Our speaker will be Angus Baxter who will speak on European Ancestry. To remind you of the meetings, we are enclosing, as a separate attachment, a schedule of meetings and programs. Please post this on your bulletin board or other prominent place so you will not forget the dates.

In the past, we have conducted classes for beginning genealogists. At the request of many members, a series of six classes will be held this fall for those who have already had a beginner's course or have had some genealogical experience. Helen Leary and Bill Bennett, two of the most outstanding genealogical lecturers in North Carolina, will be the featured speakers. The name of the series is "Beyond Beginners Genealogy Classes" and you will find more information on page three (3) of the newsletter.

I believe this year will be an exciting one and I look forward to working with you.

George Willcox



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

OBJECTIVES: (1) To collect, preserve, and disseminate knowledge and information with reference to genealogical and related historical, biographical, and heraldic data; (2) To encourage and promote interest in research in these fields; (3) To adhere to principles of accuracy and thoroughness in research; (4) To champion ethical standards and to discourage and oppose incompetent and disreputable practices of researchers; (5) To foster careful documentation and otherwise promote scholarly writing; (6) To issue publications; (7) To encourage, and provide scholarly training for all interested in these endeavors.

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of the Society is open to all individuals and organizations interested in genealogy upon payment of dues which are renewed annually on the anniversary of the original membership. Dues are: Individual and Institutional Memberships - \$ 15.00; Family Memberships -\$ 20.00; Life Memberships - \$100.00. Mail dues to Membership Chairman, Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2536, Wilmington, NC 28405-2536. Members are also requested to submit surnames they are researching to be included in the society's Ancestor Roster.

NEWSLETTER: Members receive the Society's newsletter, "Clarendon Courier", which is published quarterly: September, December, March and June. The deadline for material to be submitted to the newsletter is the 10th of the month prior to the publication date.

MEETINGS: Our monthly meetings, unless otherwise notified, are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May. The meetings will be held in the large conference room on the second floor of the New Hanover County Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

QUERIES: Queries are published free for members when space is available. They should be typed or legibly printed on separate sheets of paper, each with the sender's name and address. Each should state a geographical connection to southeastern North Carolina, or adjacent areas, and such dates as will place them in context. They are subject to editing. So that the editor will understand them, please do not abbreviate. Mail them to Van Stilley, Queries Editor, at the above address.

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ONHGS - "BEYOND BEGINNERS GENEALOGY CLASSES" FOR 1991-1992

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subiect</u>
1 Oct 91	William D. Bennett	State Agency Records
8 Oct 91	Dean Jarrett	Court Records
15 Oct 91	Helen Leary	Probate Records. Is it Soup Yet? How much evidence is enough?
22 Oct 91	June Swinson Judy Thompson	Misc. Records Adoption Papers & Indian Related Records
29 Oct 91	George Willcox	Migration Patterns, USA and North Carolina
5 Nov 91	Beverly Tetterton	Overlooked Research Sources available in libraries

All sessions will be held on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the large meeting room upstairs in the New Hanover County Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. For more information, call Beverly Tetterton, 341-4394, or George Willcox, (919) 256-4528.

Registration forms are available at the library or by mail. Send your request to ONHGS, P.O. Box 2536, Wilmington, NC 28402-2536. The cost to attend these sessions will be \$25.00.

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ACCOLADES

"The file I requested from the Reaves Collection is truly impressive. Mr. Reaves is to be commended for his years of work in collecting and organizing this material, and the library deserves thanks for disseminating this useful data to genealogists and historians."

[Editor's note: The above paragraph was taken from a letter received recently by the library. We join this correspondent in appreciation for all the work done over the years by Bill Reaves.]

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HOMESTEAD PAPERS (continued from page 101)

When the copy of the patent is received, write: National Archives, Reference Branch, General Archives Division, Washington, DC 20408. Include name of person filing patent, legal description of the land, patent number, date of patent, and the land office of issuance to obtain the Homestead Papers.

[From The Journal, The Friends of Genealogy, Shreveport, LA]

GENEALOGICAL NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY...

* The following family files have been added to the **REAVES** COLLECTION: Ambrosiano, Berger, **Bergen**, Bernheim, **Bierman**, Bissinger, Block, Blumenthal, Boesch, Borkenhagen, Boyd, Brunhild, **Brunjes**, Burkheimer, Burt, Bush (Busch), Capps, Daniel, Freeman, **Fussell**, Futrell, Harper, Harrell, Hatcher, Howard, Howey, Jordan, Koch, Kuck, Kuhl, Kuhlken, Lay, Levy, London, **McGirt**, Malpass, Moore (seven files), Robbins, Rochelle, Rosenthal, Sears, Shaw (Schaw), Tomlinson, Ulmer, Voss, Walton, **Waxman**, Weil, Winner, Woebse, Wrede, Wright, Zoeller. When Mr. Reaves had only one or two references to a family, he placed them together in a @@Miscellaneous file. If your @@A@@ "B" name has not **been** listed in this or former newsletters, you can ask us to check the @*Miscellaneous@file.

You may request a copy of a file by writing to Local History Room, New Hanover County Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, **Wilmington**, NC 28401. Send a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE and we will advise you of costs (15 cents per page plus postage and handling.)

* There was an error in the last newsletter. Among the list of researchers was Michael Whaley, whose current address was listed incorrectly. The correct address is: Michael Whaley, Clark's Mobile Home Park, Lot 10, Leland, North Carolina 28451.

* The Library has purchased a new microfilm **reader/printer**. It makes lovely 10 x 14, plain paper prints, and I do not have to stand on my head to put paper in the machine. Copies are still \$.25 and it is coin operated so you must bring change. Thanks to all the ONGHS members who supported me on the need for this new equipment.

* The Local History & Genealogical Room has had a busy summer with genealogists from all over the United States. As usual, the majority of them were from Georgia and Florida. It also seems that we get more folks from New England each year, proving the maritime ties to the Lower Cape Fear region.

* Great News! The library has already ordered the North Carolina 1920 Census. It will officially be released in March, 1992. We hope by ordering early, we will not have to wait very long for it. The cost was over \$600.00 which was a large portion of this year's budget. Any donations during the year will be greatly appreciated.

* I hope to see many of you at the "Beyond Beginners" @genealogy workshop. The Library is pleased to co-sponsor these classes. We are also looking forward to the regular ONGHS programs for this year.

Beverly Tetterton, Librarian



QUERIES

September 1991

11-91. Seek info and grave locations of Roger **CUTLAR**, M.D., of Wilmington, NC, who d. ca **1804**, and wife Ann, daughter of Frederic and Ann (SWANN) JONES; and his brothers, William and Archibald CUTLAR. Thomas S. **DEERING**, 29 Hart Ave., Hopewell, NJ **08525**.

12-91. Exch info on descendants of JAMES brothers of Wilmington, NC: Thomas and Robert William walked across Panama in the **1850s** en route to CA; John Sage who remained in Wilmington ; and Joshua to Natchez, MS. James Alfred **Locke** MILLER, Jr., **2810K** Carriage Dr., **Winston-Salem**, NC **27106**; tel. (919) **723-0500**.

13-91. Need proof that Francis DAVIS, b. **1756 Brittens Neck**, SC, d **1847** Bladen Co., NC was a son of Zian and Sarah Ann (GRAVES) DAVIS. Jane V. **ANDERS**, Route 1, Box **2840**, Ethel, **LA. 70730**.

14-91. Seek origins of Emma **GARRELL**, b **1836**, d **1900** Wilmington, NC, wife of John S. **MCEACHERN**. Was she related to the **JARRELL** family? My research in New Hanover & Duplin Cos., NC, includes the families of **BLAND**, **BLOSSOM**, **BONEY**, **BOURNEMAN**, **DOBSON**, **MCEACHERN**, & **PAGE**. Jack **SEVISON**, **1090** Beecher Ave., **Brigham City**, **UT 84302**.

15-91. Seek origins of Am. Rev. veteran Richard **COOPER**, b **1758 Onslow** Co., NC, lived in Duplin Co., NC Screven & Tattnall Cos., GA, d. **1836** Montgomery, GA; md. Lourene **HOWARD**, b. **1760**, d. **1815**. In Duplin Co. lived on land adjoining George **COOPER**. Mary Ketus **HOLLAND**, P.O. **Box 13**, Linville Falls, NC **28647**.

16-91. Seek origins of Susannah who md. 1 John Charles **SLOCOMB** ca **1760** Wayne, Co., NC, had 3 ch; md. 2 Thomas **HOOKS** ca **1771** Duplin Co., NC whose first wife was Anna **BELOTTE**, had 1 ch. Exch info and photos of **HOOKS** & **SLOCOMB** familes. **H. Harold DAWS**, **103 8th St.**, **P.O. Box 241**, Booneville, **MS 38829**.

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New Hanover County Museum of the Lower Cape Fear and St. **John's** Museum of Art were awarded a major grant of **\$20,000** by the North Carolina Humanities Council. The grant will enable the two museums to undertake jointly the mammoth project of interpreting over **250** years of "**Wilmington's Cultural History**." The project will culminate in exhibitions opening in January **1992** at both museums. ONHGS member Edward F. Turberg will be the guest curator.

After its settlement in the **1730's**, Wilmington developed into North Carolina's major shipping center. Enhancing **Wilmington's** inherent shipping advantages was the advent of the railroad in **1840**, which diversified the port's economy and transformed the town in North Carolina's most populous urban area until **1900**.

HITHER AND YON: A Guide to Researching in various Repositories
by Jane B. Bailey, editor

WILLIAM MADISON RANDALL LIBRARY - University of NC at Wilmington
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Wilmington, NC 28403
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Library Hours: Mon.-Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	-	midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m.	-	9:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	-	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m.	-	midnight

These are the Library's regular hours during the fall and spring sessions. During holidays, summer sessions, and intersession periods, the hours will change. Call ahead to check on these changes.

Copiers are located on the first floor only and copies are \$.10 each. Change is available from vending machines in the Photocopy Room and also at the Circulation Desk.

The Reference Desk is located on the first floor, to the right as you enter the front door. You might want to check with them regarding a schedule for the workshop they conduct to familiarize people with the collections and services available in the Library. Books of interest to the genealogist will be found on the shelves just before you get to the Reference Department. Material is catalogued on a very easy to use computer system and the people in the Reference Department will be happy to assist you.

A special manuscript collection is on the second floor and you will need to make an appointment through the Special Collections Librarian, Lana Taylor. Some of the papers in this collection are: **THE ARMSTRONG CIVIL WAR PAPERS; THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSSES OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1749; THE ZUBULON PAPERS; THE LEE FAMILY PAPERS; CRAVEN COUNTY RECORDS, 1724 - 1950.**

Some of the resources on microfilm are: **THE DRAPER PAPERS [REV. WAR, KINGS MOUNTAIN, SC.]; RECORDS OF ANTEBELLUM SOUTHERN PLANTATIONS [FROM THE REV. WAR - CIVIL WAR.];, SOUTH CAROLINA TREASURY RECORDS, 1700 and 18008, GREAT BRITAIN PUBLIC RECORDS AS THEY PERTAIN TO SOUTH CAROLINA, 1663-1782; LOWER CAPE FEAR REGION; CRAVEN AND DUPLIN COUNTY RECORDS; CIVIL WAR NEWSPAPERS; EPISCOPAL CHURCH RECORDS; AND A LARGE NUMBER OF EARLY NEWSPAPERS FROM PA., MD, BOSTON, NY, SC, NC., VA, INCLUDING THE DAILY RICHMOND EXAMINER: 1861- 1867.**

The Randall Library is a beautiful modern building and I am sure you will enjoy your genealogical and history research there. I would like to thank Special Collections Librarian, Lana Taylor, and Serials Librarian, Louise Jackson, for their help in preparing this article. All of the staff were very pleasant and generous in their assistance.



PONDERING PENDER COUNTY

By June E. Swinson

A LOOK INTO PENDER COUNTY'S HISTORY

Welsh Tract and The Town of South Washington.

David EVANS, A Welshman from Pennsylvania, was given a patent to two parcels of land in the New Hanover Precinct of the County of Bath, each parcel amounting to 640 acres. One parcel north of what is now known as Washington Creek and one parcel south of the creek. Both parcels faced on the Northeast River and were on the west side of said river. On 16 May 1732, David EVANS was appointed as Justice of the Peace in the New Hanover Precinct of the County of Bath.

In 1737-38, the Court defined the bounds of the Welsh Tract and being from Burgo Creek and the Widow Moore's to the bounds of the Precinct. William JONES, Robert **BLOODWORTH**, and David JONES, SR., were appointed and directed as commissioners to re-route the road from Wilmington to Rockfish Bridge.

Jos. **MERRIDETH** was appointed Constable for the Welsh Tract in 1737-38 and again 1738-39. John Porter **CARPENTER** was appointed in 1740. Wm. LEWIS, JR. in 1740-41. James **COOKE** in 1741-42. William **BLAKE** was appointed Searcher in 1760.

John WRIGHT was Commissioner of Roads, 1760-61 for the Welsh Tract District. James **PAGETT** was Constable at this time. In 1761, the taxable district was from Mr. **BLAKE'S** Ferry, up the Northeast to Rockfish and across to Long Creek. Mr. Frederick JONES was the Tax Collector. In 1764, Mr. James **PAGETT** petitioned the Court to Keep an Ordinary at his house on the Welsh Tract. Petition was granted. John JAMES was also licensed to Keep an ordinary at his house on Rockfish. Frederick **DORE** was Constable. Wm. JONES, JR., James EVANS, and John **EDWARDS** were Searchers for the District in 1765. In 1766, James EVANS, SR., John RICE, and James EVANS, JR. were appointed to Patrols. William ROBINSON was Overseer of Roads in 1767.

In 1769, Fred **GREGG** was granted permission to build a grist mill in the Welsh Tract. David EVANS on 4 October 1774, sold 30 acres of land to Robert **BLOODWORTH** for 30 shillings. In 1785, Robert **BLOODWORTH** was appointed Inspector. South Washington became one of three Inspection districts in New Hanover County, the other two districts being Wilmington and Topsail. During the same year, William JONES was appointed Tax Gatherer for the District of the Welsh Tract.

On the 1st day of January 1785, Robert **BLOODWORTH** and his wife, Rebecca, sold to John JAMES, eight lots, namely: 17, 18, 24, 32, 35, 36, 43, and 44. On the 1st of June 1785, Robert **BLOODWORTH** sold Edward **PEARSALL** of Dublin three lots numbered 14, 15, and 47. Robert **BLOODWORTH** sold Winbark (Winbrek) **BOWNEY (BOUNEY)** two lots, numbered 52 and 56. On the 25th of August 1793, the Estate of Robert **BLOODWORTH** sold to William JONES - "a Lot of ground in South Washington No. 50 lying on the S/W side of the second street and N/W side of Walnut Street as distinguished in the plan of said town.

[Abstracted from the article "A Look Into Pender County's History" published in The Pender Chronicle. Burgaw, NC, 15 November 1972]

DELEGATES TO THE 1789 NC CONVENTION

On 21 November 1789, North Carolina ratified the Constitution and became the nation's twelfth state. The 1789 Ratification Convention was held in Fayetteville. At that time there were sixty counties, including seven which later became a part of Tennessee. Each county was allowed to send five delegates; however, several towns were each allowed to send one delegate. By a vote of 194 to 77, the "Tar Heels" ratified the Constitution.

The Cumberland County Genealogical Society is searching for descendants of those 1789 delegates. The primary objective of the search project is to encourage genealogical research by locating descendants and publishing their lineage, thereby making the records available to the general public.

Those who can prove a blood relationship to one or more of the 1789 delegates are urged to respond to this call. For a list of the delegates and more detailed information, please send a long SASE to Chairman, 1789 Search Committee, Cumberland County Genealogical Society, c/o Mrs. John D. Gillis, Rt.3, Box 478, Fayetteville, NC 28306. Listed below are names of some of the delegates:

- New Hanover County: Timothy (Timouth) **BLOODWORTH**, John **Ablen CAMPBELL**, John **HUSKE**, John Gambier **SCULL**.
- Onslow County: George **MITCHELL**, Robert Whitehurst **SNEAD**, John **SPICER, JR.**, Edward **WARD**, Daniel **YATES (YEATES)**.
- Bladen County: Thomas **BROWN**, John **COWAN**, Joseph **GAUTIER (GAITIER)**, Thomas **OWEN**, Duncan **STEWART**.
- Brunswick County: William **GAUSE**, John **HALL**, Dennis **HANKINS**, William **Espy LORD**, Benjamin **SMITH**.
- Craven County: John **ALLEN**, Joseph **LEECH**, Richard **NIXON**, Thomas **WILLIAMS**.
- Duplin County: Robert **DICKSON**, James, **GILLESPIE**, James **KENAN**, James **PEARSALL**, Levin (**Lavan**) **WATKINS (WADKINS)**.

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Genealoical Hint: Do you have problems with musty books that have been packed away? You can remove the odor by placing the book in a brown paper bag with some "Kitty Litter." Tie up the end of the bag and store for about a week. The litter will absorb the smell.

[From Alexander County Kinfolks & Connections. We found this great hint in the 31 March 1991 issue of the Lee County Genealogical Society newsletter.]

FROM THE FILES OF BILL REAVES:

Wilminaton Messenaer. 6 June 1906.

Raleigh, NC, June 5 _____. The books, over 500 in number composing the private library of Lieut. Edwin A. ANDERSON, U. S. Navy, at Greenville Sound near Wilmington, which have been placed in the state library in special cases as a loan collection form a very interesting and valuable addition to the library. Some of the books contain rare maps which are now in London.

Wilminaton Star. 20 May 1879.

The records of the War of 1812 were carefully kept by the State and were kept by the State Auditor. Soon after the war, Chief Justice PEARSON took the rooms occupied by that officer, and threw out in the rotunda of the capitol, all these and other valuable documents. The records of the War of 1812 are broken up and well nigh worthless. The loss is a heavy one to the State and the poor old pensioners. Day after day, letters came in to the Auditor asking for data as to the service of soldiers in that war. Most of these cannot be furnished, and thus the people are kept out of money properly due them. Luckily, the government has the records of the war, and if pension claimants will write to the Commission of Pensions at Washington, he may be able to tell them the facts.

Wilmington newspaper, 1906.

THE FAMILY TREE - A pleasant pastime, literally, for those who have no more pressing duties and wish to get outside their environment at least in thought, will open up before her who begins to mount a family tree. Tracing one's genealogy may become, probably will become, a matter of absorbing amusement and attention, for it entails a thread gathered up here, dropped there, a letter to write, a book to read, a register to consult. To the self absorbed, the despondent, the listless, one may recommend this diversion as certain to suit even rather morbid conditions of temperament, and yet as certain to gently force the mind away from itself to other persons and things in opening up a wider and wider field of reflection. (From Harper's Bazaar.)

Wilmington Star, 16 February 1899

A curious custom which was prevalent in England, even as late as the 17th century, gave rise to a number of surnames. It was the custom of wearing patches on the face which originated with the ladies of the court, who wore plaster cut in the shape of crescents, stars, circles, diamonds, hearts, etc. Hence the word "court plaster." Some went so far as to patch their faces with a coach and four, a ship in full sail, a chateau, and many such things. From their curious circumstance came the names, Cross, Ship, Coulter, Castle, Trump, Shear, Cloak, Sickles, Vane, Flag, Crow, and Brabbe, and many other of equal significance.

HOMESTEAD PAPERS

To obtain Homestead Papers, the legal description of the land which includes the township, range, section, and legal subdivision must be provided when requesting copies of papers in the patent case files of the National Archives. This can be acquired from the recorder of the county in which the land is located. There may be a fee for this service. Send this legal description to the Bureau of Land Manaaement for copies of the patent. There is a small charge. The addresses of the various district offices of the Bureau and the states they handle are as follows:

350 S. Picket Street Alexandria, VA 22304	covers: AL, AR, FL, IL, IN, IA, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, OH, & WI
Box 13, 701 C. Street Anchorage, AK 99513	covers: Alaska
2400 Valley Bank Center Phoenix, AZ 85073	covers: Arizona
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1037 Twentieth Street Denver, CO 80202	covers: Colorado
Federal Building 550 W. Fort Street Boise, ID 83724	covers: Idaho
P.O. Box 30157 Billings, MT 59107	covers: MT, ND, & SD
Federal Bldg., Rm. 3008 300 Booth Street Reno, NV 89520	covers: Nevada
P.O. Box 1449 Portland, OR 97208	covers: Oregon & Washington
University Club Bldg. 136 East South Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84111	covers: Utah
P.O. Box 1828 Cheyenne, WY 82001	covers: WY, KS, & NE

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NEW HANOVER COUNTY GUARDIAN BONDS - 1843-1854

Abstracted by
Delmas Hasket

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Debbie Edens

These abstracts were taken from microfilmed records located in the Local History Room of the New Hanover County Public Library in **Wilmington, NC.**

Property **often** came into the possession of persons who were unable to handle it because of age or infirmity. Probate authorities appointed guardians, receivers, trustees, or collectors to take charge of such property. Guardians were appointed for orphans; for children of living parents but who were possessed of estates; for children who were parties to legal proceedings; for incompetents such as lunatics, idiots, and inebriates. However, most researchers will probably be most concerned with guardians of orphans.

Guardians were appointed from among relatives or neighbors of the ward or from other persons considered trustworthy by the probate authority. Those persons under the care of a guardian were called wards, but this did not necessarily **mean** the ward was an orphan. Children fourteen years of age or older were allowed to choose their own guardians and were allowed to change guardians. They were legally **minors** or infants until the age of twenty-one years.

Upon appointment by the probate authority, guardians were required to take oaths and post bonds before receiving letters of guardianship. Guardians were also required to **submit** an annual report or account to the court and to renew their bonds periodically. A surety was a person who assumed responsibility for the guardian's character and financial stability.

For additional information on the nature of Guardian Bonds, please consult pages 176 and 177, Chapter 11, North Carolina Genealogy and Local History, edited by Helen P. M. Leary and Maurice R. Stirewalt (The North Carolina Genealogical Society, Raleigh, NC 1980)

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June Court 1848: Daniel **McALLISTER**, guardian for Minor children of John **McALLISTER**. Sureties: Alex. **McALLISTER** & D. **McMILLAN**.

June Court 1848: Bnj. G. MITCHELL, guardian for Robert SWAIN. Sureties: Wm. B. JONES & David _____ (?)

Sept. Court 1848: Thomas JOHNSON (?), guardian for John & Edward SIDBURY. Sureties: **Chas. McLANNY** & John D. **HANSLEY**.

Sept. Court 1848: John R. **McLENDON**, guardian for Evan C. **McLENDON**. Sureties: Thos. A. **McLENDON** & Wm. J. **HAND**.

Sept. Court 1848: Major CROOM, guardian for Sarah M. & Aaron T. **CROOM**. Sureties: Wm. S. **PRIDGEN** and Jas. F. **CROOM**.

Sept. Court 1848: Isaac M. **ALDERMAN**, guardian for David, Sarah & Rebecca J. MOORE. sureties: Thos. H. WILLIAMS, A. **ALDERMAN**, & S. **LARKINS**.

[No date]: Owen **FENNELL**, guardian for Wm. Thos. DEVANE, Sureties: P. **MURPHY** & W. N. PEDKN.

Sept. Court 1848: George **ALDERMAN**, guardian for Patrick F., John A., & Daniel **ALDERMAN**. Sureties: Jas. **McDUFFIE** & J. M. **ALDERMAN**.

Dec. Court 1848: James W. JOHNSTON, guardian for Catherine **HANSLEY**. Sureties: **Dan'l S. SANDERS** & Jno. **SHEPARD**.

Dec. Court 1848: James **McDUFFY**, guardian for Margaret A., John J., Mary, Edward & Priscilla **ALDERMAN**. Sureties: E. A. **HAWES** & P. **MURPHY**.

Dec. Court 1848: James G. BURR, guardian for Henrietta A. BERRY. Surety: Frederick J. HILL.

Dec. Court 1848: Catherine K. PRICE, guardian for James, Betsy K., Sally N., and Richard R. PRICE. Surety: Owen **HOLMES**.

March Court 1849: Richard **BEASLEY** & Timothy GEORGE, guardians for Lucy, Kitty, and Bradley GEORGE. Sureties: R. B. WOOD, G. M. BISHOP, & J. E. LEWIS.

March Court 1849: David WILLIAMS, guardian for James, Samuel, Robert, and George WILLIAMS. Sureties: J. P. **BANNERMAN** & Jas. GARRISON.

June Court 1849: Arthur CREWS, guardian for John R. CREWS. Sureties: Owen **HOLMES** & Jas. GARRISON.

GUARDIAN BONDS (continued)

June Court 1849: James BORDEAUX, guardian for Charlotte & Mary C. BORDEAUX, Andrew J., Richard, & MORGAN. Sureties: Jno. F. PRIDGEN & Jno. ROBITZCH.

Sept. Court 1849: A. H. **BOKKELEN**, guardian for Ann H. & Hannah D. SMITH. Surety: Julia E. **OAKLEY**.

Dec. Court 1849: Elizabeth **NIXON**, guardian for Richard N. & Robt. J. **NIXON**. Sureties: H. R. **NIXON**, Chas. W. **NIXON** and H. W. FOY.

Dec. Court 1849: John HOWARD, guardian for Lewis HOWARD. Sureties: Thos. **HANSLEY** & David S. SANDERS.

Dec. Court 1849: A. J. **WESTBROOK**, guardian for Thos. L., Chrissy _____(?) A., Mary C., & **Evays** W.[_____(?). Sureties: Jno. HOWARD, Thos. **HANSLEY** & D. McALLISTER,

Dec. Court 1849: Nathaniel **BONHAM**, guardian for Martha, Mary, & Washington BUNTING. Sureties: M. **REGISTER**, E. LEWIS, & J. E. BUNTING.

Dec. Court 1849: Thomas **HANSLEY**, guardian for Minors of Chas. B. **FUTCH**. Sureties: Wm. **HANSLEY** & Jno. HOWARD.

Dec. Court 1849: Patrick **MURPHY**, guardian for Jas. T., Mary B., & Almira A. DEVANE. Sureties: Wm. **FAISON** and O. **FENNELL**.

Dec. Court 1849: Flora A. COLVIN, guardian for James F., Henry A., & James COLVIN. Sureties: Thos. H. WILLIAMS, Thos. H. Tate **McDUFFIE**, & Henry **MURPHY**.

Dec. Court 1849: Jeremiah **NIXON**, guardian for Hill W., Nicholas, & B. F. **NIXON**. Sureties Nicholas N. & H. R. **NIXON**.

Dec. Court 1849: Thomas SMITH, guardian for Sarah E. BAKER. Sureties: Mauger **LONDON** and Henry **NUTT**.

March Court 1850: Wm. C. HENRY, guardian for Mary E., Wm. B. , and Chas. T. HENRY. Sureties: Richard L. BORDEAUX & C. D. **HENRY**.

March Court 1850: Samuel C. CANNON, guardian for Mary A. E. REDMAN. Sureties: Thos. S. **PICKETT** & Thos. H. **HOWEY**.

March Court 1850: Wm. E. ANDERSON, guardian for Geo. E., Elb. N., Wm. E., & Robt. W. ANDERSON. Sureties: E. P. HALL & Jas. ANDERSON.

March Court 1850: John D. MOORE, guardian for Eliza Jane MOORE. Sureties: A. J. **MOTT**, J. GARRISON, & J. L. MOORE.

The following is part of a series of Coroners' Inquests that will be featured in this publication. Though the entire document includes numerous counties, we will only be printing the information for those in Southeastern North Carolina: New Hanover, Onslow, Duplin, Brunswick, Bladen, Carteret, and Craven. The following selected portions of the article, "North Carolina Colonial Coroners' Inquests, 1738-1775." by Haywood Roebuck, appeared in the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. 1, no. 1 (January 1975), pages 11-37. Acknowledgement and thanks is hereby given to Haywood Roebuck, the North Carolina Society, and North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal.

NORTH CAROLINA COLONIAL CORONERS' INQUESTS: 1738-1775

by Haywood Roebuck

The following abstracts have been prepared from files of original and contemporary copies of coroners' inquests in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh. Every North Carolina county had a coroner or "crown" who was, as the name suggests, an official of the crown. As a crown official, the expenses of his office were met from the public taxes. To collect his expenses, the coroner submitted a copy of the results of each inquest to the General Assembly. The Assembly's Committee of Claims, in turn voted by report, the necessary reimbursement to the coroners when the committee approved colonial expenditures at each session of the Assembly. The original records from which the abstracts have been made are arranged in the Archives by date, and are a part of the Secretary of State's record group: SECRETARY OF STATE - committee of Claims - Coroners' Inquests, 1738-1775 (shelf mark SS 316.)

These abstracts are arranged chronologically by county where the inquest was held, and they report information in the following arrangement: Name of deceased; Occupation or other personal remarks relating to deceased; Cause of death; Details of death (if any); Place and date of inquest; Coroner; Jury.

Sometimes the names of the jury occur in the body of the reported inquest, and their signatures are appended at the end of the document. When substantial discrepancies appear in the two versions of the name, the information differing from the signature is shown in brackets. When the signature is by mark, the abstract shows only "(x)", whether the mark used was a "x" or whether a distinctive mark was used. Occasionally part of juror's name has been torn away from another record (such as deeds, tax lists, etc.), and the missing part of the name supplied in brackets. Uncertain readings are indicated by a question.

[Editor's Note: This is the end of this series; we hope you have enjoyed it. Please submit like material for future series.]

DUPLIN COUNTY (continued)

SMITH, George, age 50, weaver. Accidentally fell into the forebay of Mr. John **ATKINS'** grist mill on Limestone Creek in Duplin Co. between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. on 12 Oct 1766 and was drowned. Inquest held in Duplin Co. on 15 Oct 1766. Andw. **McINTIRE**, coroner. Jury: Wm. HOUSTON, foreman; Job HUNTER; Robert **TWILLEY**; James **MORRES**; James **ROGERS**; Robt. **SOUTHERLAND**; Joseph **MILLS**; Edmund (x) **THARRIL**; Benjamin **RHODES**; Peter (x) **LOW**; Anthony **LEWIS**; Luke (x) **BOWSER**.

PICKEW, Jacob. Stabbed in the belly and neck by Alexander **MOBLEY** during the night of 6 Feb 1769 near the house of William **PICKETT**, of which he died on 15 Feb 1769. Verdict: wilful murder. Inquest held at the house of Solomon **PICKETT** on 18 Feb 1769. Andrew **McINTIRE**, coroner. Jury: Jos. **WILLSON**; Jeremiah **FOULSOM**; Jonathan (x) **THORALD** [called **THARRELL** in the inquisition]; Wm. **FOULSOM**; Robt. **SOUTHERLAND**; Robert **BISHOP**; Shadrak (x) **STALINGS** [called **STALLINGS** in the inquisition]; Abraham (x) **NEUSON** [called **NUSOM** in the inquisition]; John **BROCK**; **Barnet BROCK**; Aaron **HODGESON**; Benjamin **LANIER**; James (x) **RATCLIFE**; William **McCANE**.

ONSLow COUNTY

JONES, Samuell. Drowned on 24 Aug 1744 while attempting to cross New River alone in his canoe when returning from Johnston Co. Inquest held in **Onslow Co.** on 27 Aug 1744. John **STARKEY**, coroner. Jury: John **DUDLEY**; James (x) **ALKIN**; John **WELLS**; Joseph (x) **WELLS**; John **BIRNAP**; Anthony **CHARLSCRAFT**; Thomas (x) **SHEPERD**; Thomas **ROBERSON** [called **ROBINSON** in the inquisition]; Eben R. **DEXTER**; Hope **DEXTER**; Ebenezer **HOLMES**; Bar[nabas] **HOLMES**; Richard **WOOD**; Jas. **WRIGHT**; Goldsmith (x) **WHITHURST**; Samuell (x) **MIDDLETON**; Joseph **WRIGHTT** [WRIGHT]; James (x) **THOMPSON**; John (x) **MacFARLIN**; Wm. **REYNOLDS**; John (x) **COOPER**.

STODDARD, Thomas, Rhode Island, master of the sloop, Sarah SMITH, Bartholomew, mate. STEWART, Lathrup, sailor. **JETKINS**, John, sailor. All four drowned on 28 Dec 1747 when the sloop's boat from which they were sounding Bear Inlet Bar **overset**. Inquest held at Bear Inlet in **Onslow Co.** on 30 Dec 1747. John **STARKEY**, coroner. Jury: Edwd. **WARD** [Sr.]; Stephen **LEE**; Edwd. **WARD**, Jr.; Joseph **WARD**; Henry **SIMMONS**; Jno. **SPOONER**; Wm. **DINESS**; Benjamin **WARD**; Thaddeus **STEVENS**; William **BLACK**; John **TUFFT**; Samuell **FINLY**.

MUGRIDGE, John. Killed on 10 Apr 1758 by a fall from the top of the mast to the deck of the sloop, Joseph, then riding in Bear Creek. Inquest held at Bear Creek, **Onslow Co.** on 12 Apr 1758. John **STARKEY**, coroner. Jury: Stephen **LEE**; Richard **WARD**; Henry **RHODS**, John **STRANGE**, John **AVIRETT**; Jacob **STRANGE**; Jo. **CILBEY** [called John **KILBEE** in the inquisition]; Obediar **OSBON**; Nel. [i.e. Nathaniel] **HANKOCK**; Joseph **WARD**; Wm. **DUDLEY**; Wm. **HADNOT**; Wm. **CRAY**; Ben. **STEPHENS**; Andw. **GARITT**; David **DUDLEY**.



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