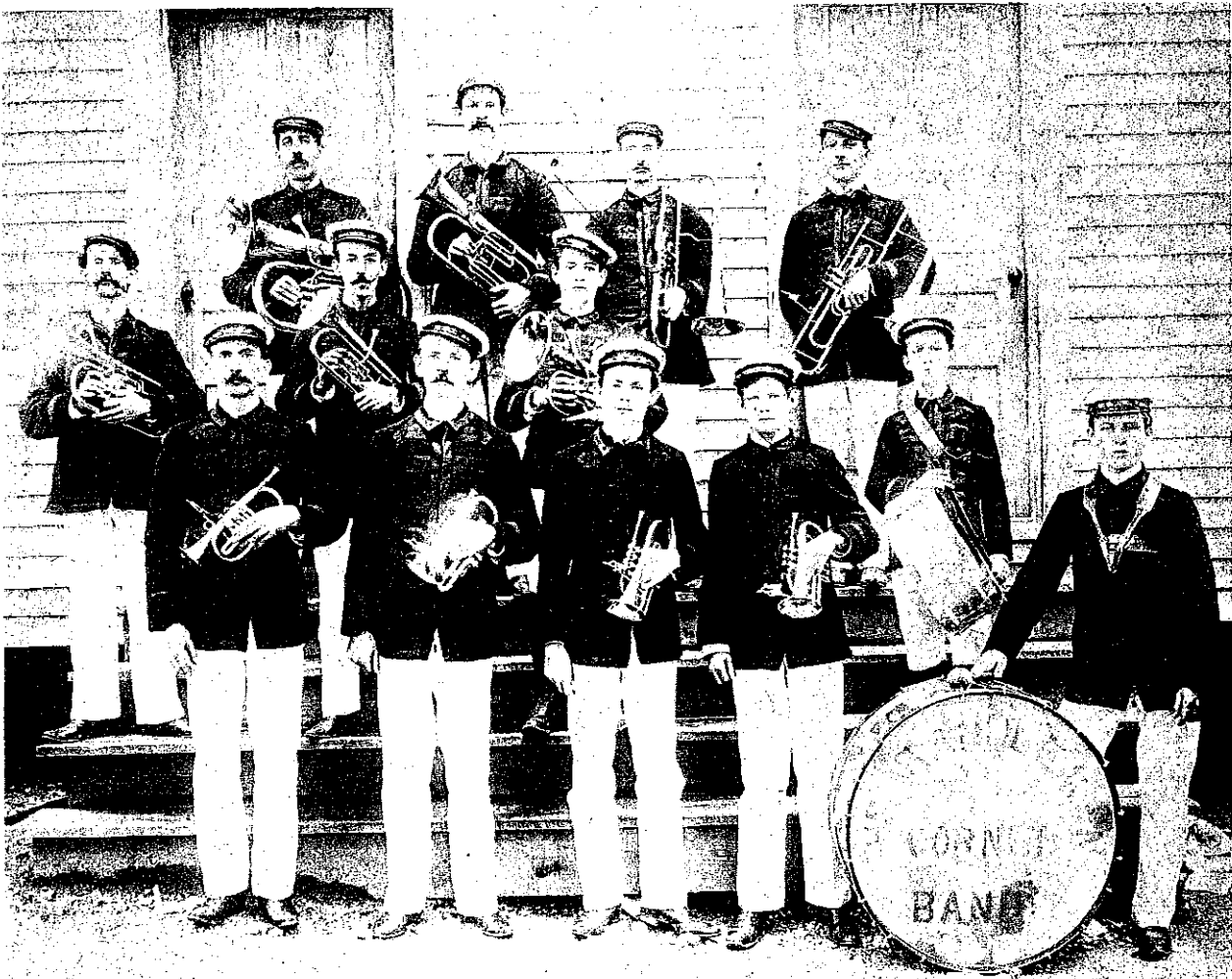


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RANDLEMAN CORNET BAND

(ABOUT THE COVER)
(left to right)

FRONT ROW

R. L. Dobson
C. C. Randleman
Zackery Jarrell
P. A. Hayes
Robt. P. Dicks
Cicero Lineberry

SECOND ROW

J. L. Hall
S. E. Kirkman
Dennis Hughes

THIRD ROW

Clark Hinshaw
C. A. Hughes
N. P. Johnson
John L. "Bud" Lassiter

The Randleman Cornet Band was well known, not only locally, but all over the state.

They played for the Inaugural of Gov. Aycock in 1900.

Member Mrs. A. L. Foster was Margaret Lassiter, daughter of "Bud" Lassiter.

(Photo: Courtesy: Mrs. Fletcher Causey)
(Jessie Lassiter)

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RANDOLPH CO.: HEADS OF FAMILIES, 1840 CENSUS

This is the records of the Southern division of Randolph Co. 6th Census, taken by Thomas Hancock. The Northern division runs about the same in heads of families.

This Census was taken 61 years after Randolph Co. was formed and 54 years after the Revolution War.

The following totals were given for the Southern Division:

No. of White Males	3,448
No. of White Females	3,414
No. of Slave Males	486
No. of Slaves Females	480
No. of Free Colored Males	138
No. of Free Colored Females	143
No. of Deaf and Dumb	4
No. of Blind	3

TOTAL 8,120

23 Nov. 1840 - Thomas Hancock

Encluded in questions on Census was "Pensioners for Rev. War or any military service and the following were listed for the whole of the Co.

Southern Division:

- (1) Starling Cooper - 86 yrs. old
- (2) Richard Bell - 81 yrs. old
- (3) Elizabeth Luther, female - 78 yrs. old
- (4) Margaret Slack, female - 74 yrs. old
- (5) Elizabeth Gattling, female - 80 yrs. old

Northern Division:

- (1) David Murel (Merrill) - 85 yrs. old
- (2) Edmond Ways - 79 yrs. old
- (3) William Wadsworth - 77 yrs. old
- (4) Samuel Glasco - 91 yrs. old
- (5) Dan (Daniel) Merel (Merrill) - 85 yrs. old

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Emsley Brasess

Peter Amick

John Patterson, Esq.

Maloy Jordan

David Coble

Jonathan Edward

Thomas Matthews

Ezchiel Matthews

Thomas Matthews, Jr.

Matthews Edwards

Jacob Moffitt

Sameul Moffitt, Sen.

Jese Moffitt

Henry Dorset

Aaron Moffitt

James Moffitt

Loyd Foshee

John Lambert, Esq.

John Lambert, Jr.

John Lambert

Daniel Pearce

Thompson Craven

Eli Bray

Jeremiah Bray

Larkin Hicks

Benjamin Cavniss

John Rains

William Jackson

Martha Redfern

William Walden

Henry Brady

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Thomas Wilson
Elizah Wilson
John A. Craven
Joshua Craven
John Waddle
Hiram Elkins
Eli Lambert
Elizabeth Elkins
Thomas Gholston
Susannah Carr
John Deaton
Lemuel (Samuel?) Brady
Richard Caveness
Lewis Brady
John Brady
William Brown, Jr.
Nelson Brady
John Brady Sen.
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Susannah Needham
William Hays
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William Moffitt
William Ward
Mary Moon
Leevis Moon
Lydia Craven
Robert Moffitt, Sen.
Rachel Carrell
Nathan Cox
Elijah Whitney
Robert M. Stinson
Timothy Webster
David Moffitt

Susannah Craven
John Moon
Chester Webster
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Peter Craven, Sen.
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William Brown
Isaiah Craven
Daniel Lambert

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John Moon, Sen.
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James Scot
Arnold E. Cavness
Alfred Cavness
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Alfred Rains
Joab Brooks
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Samuel Johnson
Jesse Bray, Esq.
John Pope
Hugh Blair
John Blair
Henson Blair
John Hadley
William Rains
Robert Barker
James Barker
Jacob Craven
Thomas A. Futrel
Sally Wilson
Peter Ephlanland
Ira M. Daniel (McDaniel?)
Joseph Bowdin
Anderson Craven
Jonathan Allred
Wm. H. Barker
Lebulun (Lemuel?) Johnson

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Aaron Marley
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Garret Lane
Martha Duty
Jesse Arledge Esq.
Reubin Phillips
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Washington Parks
Abel Cox of Amey
Martha Allen

James Webster
Nathan Cox
Martin Carrell
Nathaniel Cox
Jonathan Cox
John Hutson
George Wilson
Laucy York
Joab Parks
Lazarus Phillips
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Bawin Alldridge
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Kimberl Powell
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Benjamin Swaim
Sampson B. Glen
Adam S. Crosen
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William Larrance
Hugh McCane
Charles G. Pane
Molly Davidson
James Neighbors
Benjamin Hooker
Joseph Redding
Joseph Redding, Sen.
Jonathan Redding, Esq.
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Washington Rush
Bardin Nance
Collin Hill
Richard Small
Larkin Kearns
Andrew Hoover
Michael Williams
Soloman Yeats
Alexander Stuart
Harmon Miller
William Johnson
Rebecca Prevo
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Hyrarn Ferguson
Silas Kearns
Frederick Yeatt

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Daniel Thayer
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Noah Gaddis
Zebedee Gaddis
Joel Small
William Small, Sen.
Samuel Small by Father (?)
Clemant Arnold
George Gaddis
John Gaddis
Bishop Hicks
John Gallimore
Elizabeth Cody
Joseph Delk
John E. Delk
William Cashat
Robert Laughlin
Iredel Laughlin
William Gaddis
Andrew Sheets
Joseph Davis
Alexander L. Laughlin

William Lenear
Jesse Gallimore
Season Lambeth
Haley Morgan
Benjamin Nance
Eli Davis
William Nance

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Jordan Nance
Noah Gaddis
Huson Nance of John
Edmund Meghee
Wyatt Nance
John Nance
Madderson Richardson
(Madison Richardson)
Marshall Nance
Eli Pierce
William Davis
Jesse Miller
John Arnold, Jr.
William Ridge, Jr.
Mary Miller
Martin Miller
Quincy Hicks
Samuel Walker
William Walker
William Lewis
Jordan Harney
Penual Arnold
Wood Arnold
Larkin Arnold
Jonea R. Wood
Hutson Nance
Smmeon Harriiss
Warrin Bingham
Munford S. Harriiss
John Gipson

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John Laughlin
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Jonathan Snider
Josiah Wood
Edmund Steed
John Garner
Isaac Kearns
John Ingram, Esq.
Wiley Brookshire
Jesse Steed
Willis Spence
Hezekiah Andrews

Allin Skeen
R. G. Murdock
William Ledwell
Jesse Hussey
Eldridge Newsom
Abner Lewis
Michael Bingham
Wilborn Lassator
George Lewis of Color
Ezehiel Lassator
Heley Phillips of Color
William Stafford
Winslow Thornsburg
Jesse Lewis
Jesse Lassator
Nathan Phillips of Color

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Ivy King (?) (Very dim)
William Tadlock
Somgum (?) (Longum) Barkhead
(?) Birkhead

Henry Ellison
Peter Dicks
James Bullock
John Nance, Sen.
Margaret Kearns
Joiah Kearns
Levina (?) Lewis
Marsh Dorset, Esq.
John Arnold Sen.
Henry Jackson
Jamis Elliott
Clamant (?) Loneyar
William Wood, Sen.
Willis Wood
Albert Hamilton
Franklin Steed
Hutson Nance, Sen.
Harriiss Hill
John Seabolt
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Harris Hill, Jr.
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Hubbard Kearns
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Thomas Nance

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Azch Hammond
Elizah Jackson
Levi Luther
Nathaniel Steed
Thomas Chaves (?)
Thomas Tadlock
James Howard
Miles Floyd
Dilly Floyd
Edmund Modlin
Lewis Bingham
Ragsdail Bingham
John Luther
Manering Brookshire, Sen. (?)
Elizabeth Bell
Robert Chandleur
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John Hammond, Sen.
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John Haydock
Jacob Haydock
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Benjamin Brookshire

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Snmer (?) Bean
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Noah Smitherman
William Presnell
Edward Williams
Elizah Williams
Daniel Williams
John Redding
Duncan R. Rush
Thomas Ingram, Esq.
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William Loflin
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Isham Ingram
Welborn Hall

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John Hanner
Marsh Hanner
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John Griffin
Kid Cranford
George Hulin
Green Hamilton
Eli S. Hamilton
Silas Kearns
Clemant Hardister
Leonard Russel
Edward Brewer
William Russell
Jashiah Talbert, Sen.
John Hopkins
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James Hopkings
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Clavy Cranford
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J. McRussel
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Sarah Lax
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John Hatcher
William Ingram, Jr.
William Ingram, Sen.

Hannah Thompson
Isaac Thompson
Penuel Wood
Burru Wood
Mary Henley
Peter Peacock
Isaac Kearns, Esq.
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Joseph Tadlock
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William Lassator
Josiah Lassator
Branson Walker
Jacob Lassator
John Lassator
Silas Kearns
Martin Luther
Henry Cranford
Warrin Lewis
Seth Cranford
William Ledwell
Thomas Lassator
Tilmon Shaw
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Azbel (Aizbet ?) Hardister

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Revel Stafford
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Benager Futrit
John Cranford
Israel Sanders
George Luther
Jacob Luther of Color
Godfret(?d) Luther
Jacob Luther of Godfret
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Ezra Luther
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Pinkney Tucker
Martha Tucker
Nathaniel Tucker

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Larinso D. Stout
Reubin Hendricks
Samuel Trogdon
Dawson Craven
Solmon Cox
Charles Cox
James McCraney
Polly Craven
William Yeargin
James Curtis
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Nancy Scot

Henry Craven, Sen.

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William Right
Catherine Yeargin
Daniel Henson
Wiley Cox
Solomon Hendericks
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Henry Henley of Ann
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John Dunbar
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Stephen Henley
Ann Henley
Emsley Beckerdite
Jesse Thornbury
Dickson Cormack
Eleazer Winslow
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William Allred
Joel Davis
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Joshua Charles of Color
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Charles Slack
John Stuart
Joseph Conner
John Conner
Willis Lee
McLarin Lawalling
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Adam Hoover
William Rush
Adam Whisenhunt
Abraham Hews
Riley Hill
Newton Carter
Jordon Clary
Warner Davis
Joseph Newby
Pheneha Nixon
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Sarah Winslow
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Ezra Becherdite
William Brower
Aris Williams
Andrew Luck
David Adam
Soloman Upton
Abrahame Hannes
Isaac Hammer
John Wright
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Thomas Cox, Jr.
Riley Garner
Wyatt Garner

James Carter
Peter Craven
William Macon, Esq.
Henry Jones
Dalphen Garner
Mareah Moffitt
Samuel Moffitt
Washington Charles
Thomas Moffitt
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Benjamin Cox
William Cox, Sen.
William Moffitt
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Jeremiah Wright
Thomas Moffitt of Wm.

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Jesse Cox, Sen.
Alexander Farguson
Abraham Kime
Joshua Cox, Jr.
John Little
Joshua Cox, Sen.
Edmond Luck
John Luck
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Samuel Graves
Reuben Freeman
Abner Hancock
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George Spencer
Henry Yow
George Yow
John Cassady
William Bird

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Peter Garner

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Lewis Phillips
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Lewis Spinks
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Nathan Moffitt
Isaac Campbell
James Garner
Margaret Moffitt
John Howard
Charles Moffitt, Esq.
Elisha Cox
Joshua Cox of Elisha
Samuel Craven, Sen.
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Patience Kemp
William Burrow
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Burrell Barns
Abel Cox, Sr.
Anderson Needham
John Plummer
Polly Henley
John Graols
William Lowdermilk
P. M. Nixon
Lewis Needham
Edward Richardson
Johathan Lewalling
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Elizabeth Bray
Rebecca Harrison
Hardy Brown
James Johnson
Ollix (?Alex) Pierce
Jesse Murcr
Russel Suggs
John Manor
Susannah Garner
William Peirce
Sam Chandlor of Color
Abel Cox of Abel
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Logan Moffitt
Silas Moffitt
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Stephen Hinshaw
Daniel Ferguson
Rebecca Macon
Mary Williams
Eliphalet Williams
John Woodle
Michael Luther
Eli Spoon
Henry Smith
Barbary Morriss
Stephen Lowdermilk
Eli Brower, Esq.
Thomas Larrance
Susannah Richardson
Stephen D. Richardson
William Luck

Enock Spinks
Isaac Larrance
Garret Spinks
Alfred Brower
Merret Suggs
Mary Hinshaw
Michawl Cole
Mark Cole
Jesse Gatling
Thomas Cox
Polly Latham
Thomas Hancock

(End of Southern Division)

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THE OLD PLANK ROAD
Winston-Salem to Fayetteville

129 Miles

COST: \$1,500.00 per mile

CONSTRUCTION: 3 inch planks, 8 inches wide and 8 feet long
No nails were used
Toll gates 11 miles apart

CHARGES: $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per mile for rider on horseback
1 cent per mile for one horse wagon
2 cents per mile for two horse team
Special rate for stage coaches

STATISTICS: Started 1843, completed 1853, abandoned 1869 due to lack
of repairs during the Civil War.
J. W. Wall and Jesse Walker gave most of the timber for
the road between Hinshaw's fork (White Hall) and New Market
Travel time from Fayetteville to Winston-Salem, 2 weeks
Peak travel was in 1854 when 20,000 wagons were checked by
the toll houses.

Hay, grain, flour, cured meat, cotton, tobacco, whiskey (25¢ per gallon - 30¢
for better grade) were the principal products hauled.

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IMPORTACON NOTICE
Colonial Records Vol.I p.650

Records of Perquimins Precinct, Perquimins, N. C. 6 January 1705-6 house of Mr.
Dennis MacClendon.

Isaac Wilson, by his Subscripcan proved rights to twelve hundred acres of
land by the Importacon of Mary Boasman, Eliz. Boasman, John Morris, Rich'd
Ruckman, negro Phebe, Indian Mall, negroe Patt, Negro Marie, James White, 2,
Annie Barker, George Baits, 2, my wife Rebeka Ratcliffe, George Rice, Rich'd
Grove, Simon Alderson, Joseph Canerle, Rich'd Turner, Wm. Barnstable, John Hooks,
Isaac Ricks and Abraham Ricks.

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On a sheet of tablet paper, yellow with age, the following was found:

You are cordially invited to attend
a social at the home of Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Wilson's
Sat. eve. Sept. 5 1903 At eight O'clock.

Miss Millie Beasley	Mr. Millard Allred
Miss Exie Collins	Mr. Pearley Hayes
Miss Annie Allred	Mr. Chas. Beasley
Miss Mary Swaim	Mr. Grover McCollum
Miss Pearl Nelson	Mr. Arthur Swaim
Miss Maud Fox	Mr. Edgar Wall
Miss Claud Fox	Mr. Alfred Beasley
Miss Lou Julian	Mr. Rom Bullard
Miss Lula Cordelle	Mr. Frank Hayes
Miss May Cordelle	Mr. John Clapp
Miss Nan Brown	Mr. Logan Lineberry
Miss Winnie Nelson	Mr. Trela Collins
Miss Mavour Collins	Mr. Leo Barker
Miss Sallie Elmore	Mr. Rennie Vuncanon
Miss Inez Pugh	Mr. Chas. Robbins
Miss Sallie Pugh	Mr. Arthur McCollum

(This article was contributed by Mr. Argus Lineberry of Randleman,
North Carolina. He found it in an old piano bench. Mrs. T. W. Wilson
was an aunt of Mr. Lineberry.)

CHILD RECORDS 1794-1802

(Orphans, Bound, Base born)

MINUTE DOCKET COUNTY COURT

Nov. 1794-May 1802

(Randolph County Clerk's Office, Asheboro, N. C.)

(Microfilm: N. C. Dept. of Archives & History, Raleigh, N. C.)

(Some early pages missing)

Page

8. Nathaniel Jackson, 15 yrs. 8mo. bound to Christain Kime.
14. James Warren, Orphan of William Warren, age 9 yrs. next March bound to Samuel Barker. Joseph Warren, orphan of said William Warren age 7 yrs. next Dec. bound to Samuel Barker.
22. Amos Davis, discharged from obligation of learning Frances Hail (?) trade of farming. Hail, 14 yrs. next March, bound to William White to learn smittery.
22. Betsey Smith, about 7 yrs. bound to Laurence Bradley.
28. William Cox (of Harmon) appointed Guardian to Hannah Cox, Orphan of Harmon Cox.
29. Abraham Small, aged 7 yrs. last Sept. and Josiah Small, 5 last Oct. Orphans of Obadiah Small bound to Carnelius Ratliff.
30. Elloner Gebbins, 13 yrs. last Sept. bound to Nath'l Kerr.
33. Thomas Simeon, base bourn, age 4 yrs. bound to John Prichard.
37. Laurance Moon, Orphan of John Moon, 14 yrs. 28 Oct. last, bound to Laurence Bradley.
50. Isaac Thornbury, base born, about 6 yrs. to Matthew (Maqeteck) (?very dim)
55. William Roberts, base born. 5 yrs. last March bound to ~~Robert~~ Joseph Dougan.
55. Rebecca Woolison (Wilson ? A. C.) 15 yrs. next Dec., bound to Samuel Moffitt.
58. Joseph Moon, Orphan aged 7 yrs., next Dec. bound to Jacob Edwards.
58. John McCraney bound to Jacob Cox age 12 years.
68. (Dim) Janen (James?) Wollison, aged about 20 yrs formerly bound to Mincher Lilter (? Liltter) be bound to William Smith.
69. Andrew Thompson ordered to court to show why John Stanton, an apprentice should not be removed from his service.

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- 69 William Moon, Orphan aged 11 yr, last Sept. bound to Jacob Watson.
69 Moses Williams, aged 18 yrs, last June bound to Isaac Cairns.
82 George Bartlett, Orphan about 14 yrs bound to William Seaifs (?dim).
82 Milly Shelton, Orphan about 11 yrs bound to William Seaifs. (?)
82 Samuel York, base born, about 15 yrs bound to John Barker.
84 Benjamin Moon, Orphan aged about 16 yrs be bound to Moses Bland.
91 Naney (? Nancy) Hinds, 9 yrs last March bound to Leonard Harmon.
93 Ordered "George McGee, father of a base born child named George Sharp
bring him into Court tomorrow" (Feb. 23, 1797)
94 Suclier (L-?) Thornborough, base born, about 3 yrs, bound to Elisha
Mendenhall.
94 Stephen Lewis, Orphan, aged about 14 yrs, bound to William Watson.
98 George Sharp, base born, about 3 yrs bound to George McGee.

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ROUTH

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Preface

This little book was written and compiled in loving memory of Joshua Marion Routh and Sallie Hannah Julian Routh, who were life long residents of Randolph County, North Carolina.

They were always active in the Methodist Church of their neighborhood; first, Gray's Chapel and later Bethany.

Counting the In-Laws, their descendents today (1961) number 511 of which 492 are living. Among these can be found some of the leaders in every walk of life, both business and professional. These descendents are scattered to all parts of the United States with several now living on the west coast. Also, several are temporarily living in other parts of the world, while they are serving their country in the armed forces.

History

We do not know very much about the origin of the Routh family. However, it is known that a man named Job Routh, whose father, Jeremiah Routh, was born in Wales, settled in Virginia in 1775 and took a grant of 4000 acres of land near the mouth of Coles Creek. He later moved to Natchez Province in Mississippi and is said to be one of the first English speaking settlers in this area. He was married to Anne Miller, a sister to the Secretary of State for the Spanish Government of Mississippi. Job Routh had a son John Routh, who built a beautiful home at Natchez and called it "Routhlands". This house has been well preserved and is still owned by the same family today. It is also said that there is a town in Wales named "Routh".

Our family has been in the Sandy Creek section of Randolph County since before the Revolutionary War. Records show that Joseph Routh signed a petition as a "Regulator" in 1772 and that he later fought in this same war. Edward Routh served 84 months in the Revolutionary War and was granted 640 acres of land by the state for his services. However, we do not know the exact family connection with these two men.

Our unbroken line of descendents starts with one Jacob Routh who purchased 120 acres along Sandy Creek from William and Charity Fields, for the sum of 50 pounds "Hard Money", in the year of 1788. During the next 35 year period, he purchased 1000 acres of land along this same creek. In 1814 Jacob Routh willed his son, Joshua Routh 110 acres of this land.

Jachariah Routh oldest son of Joshua Routh and Betty Turner Routh was born in 1812 and died in 1884. He lived about two miles east of Gray's Chapel Church. This is on Highway 49-A where Erastus Routh now lives. Zachariah married Agnes Spoon and the second son born to this union was Joshua Marion Routh, who is our common ancestor.

Joshua Marion Routh
1840 - 1898

We do not have a written record of the life of Joshua Marion Routh, but we do know that he grew up in Randolph County and that he fought in the war between the States. It is said that when he returned home, he only had \$15.00 cash in his pocket. However, in some way, he managed to purchase several hundred acres of land during the next few years. This property is still known as the Joshua M. Routh Homeplace and a picture of the house which he constructed about 1890 is shown in this book. (This house burned in 1960).

As time went on, Joshua purchased additional adjoining lands and it is estimated that his holdings at the time of his death if appraised on today's market, would have a value of approximately \$150,000.00. When we consider the fact that the early years of his manhood were spent in the army and that he lived during the Reconstruction Period following the Civil War; and the fact that he was stricken with paralysis at the age of 50 and died at the age of 58, it is felt that he must have been a very good business man. We doubt that any of his descendants would like to have their records along this line compared to his.

In addition to his ability as a business man, it may be of interest to members of the family to know some of his characteristics and something of his appearance. Due to the fact that he died at such an early age, not many of his grandchildren can remember much about him. However, we have heard those who knew him best say that he was very small of stature and weighed something like 100 pounds.

Due to his small size, he would very often sit like a small boy, crosswise in a chair or in the window at church and usually either of these times, he would have his feet drawn up under him. He never shaved during his entire lifetime. His beard was very thin and was kept clipped by his wife with the scissors. One characteristic that I am afraid some of us today still have, was that he did not care very much about his personal appearance. He would even go to church barefooted, it is said.

Joshua was scrupulously honest and very conservative in his spending - almost to the point of stinginess. It is known that one of his slogans was, "Never buy anything until it was decided that it was an absolute necessity and even then to wait awhile longer to be sure that this decision was correct". He had money hidden in many different hiding places in the house and in the out buildings.

In 1866, Joshua Marion Routh was married to Sallie Hannah Julian. To this union was born: Orion Pedellar Routh 1867-1839; John Page Routh 1871-1953; Balfour Zachariah Routh 1873-1945; William Vernade Routh 1875-1957; Lou Velia Routh (York) 1878-1958; Clarence Cuberson Routh 1883-1951. An individual record of each of these will be found further along in this book.

I feel that we can all be very proud of the man in whose memory this group was organized. We recognize him as an outstanding farmer and business man; a man who was interested in his church, his country and his family. He was plain, honest, conservative and loyal to his family and friends; these being traits which we would all do well to copy.

Orion Bedellar Routh
(1867-1939)

Ninety three years ago this group of people here today-the descendents of Joshua Marion and Sallie Hannah Julian Routh, numbered just one small boy. That small boy was Orion P. Routh.

This first born of the "Joshua Marion Routh Clan" made his entrance into this world on May 25, 1867, ninety three years ago this past May.

Grandfather and grandmother Routh were members of Grays Chapel Methodist Protestant church and always tented there during the Camp Meetings. In the year 1879- when Mr. Routh was twelve he was converted and joined Grays Chapel Church. Nine years later-at the age of 21-he preached his first sermon in this same church. Then the summer before he was taken to his heavenly home he was invited back to Grays Chapel and at the age of 71 preached his last sermon on earth-in the same church he was converted in, and where he preached his first sermon fifty years before.

I never knew Mr. Routh personally, his death having occurred before I came into the family, but I am told his brothers remembered him as a boy serious beyond his years. He took his religion, his education and his work very seriously. Also the brothers spoke of him as an exceptionally "ggod boy" and were not surprised when he chose first teaching and then the ministry as his life's work.

Mr. Routh served pastorates in the Methodist Protestant Church for 15 years. In 1908 he joined the M. E. Church and served in the Western North Carolina Conference until 1930 when he was superannuated after 40 years of active service in the ministry.

One of his fellow ministers had this to say about him: "Brother Routh possessed a strong and beautiful christian character. He was quiet and unassuming, never trying to make a show of his religion, yet how sweet and real was his experience with Christ. He believed in living a pure sinless life in this world."

Mr. Routh was married to Anna Catherine Kinyoun, May 25, 1900. To this union were born four children: Ora Kate, Anna Lee, Kinyoun, and Bill. Today this branch of the family numbers a total of 30 living. Of this number there are 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Soon after Mr. Routh was superannuated, he and Mrs. Routh moved to their farm near East Bend, North Carolina, where they lived until God called him home.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 22, 1939, while he and Mrs. Routh were alone, he looked up toward heaven and said, "I want to go through that door up there." Mrs. Routh asked "What door?". He said, "There is but one door to go through", and like a baby going to sleep, he went away without a struggle. What a wonderful challenge to all of us. The first of our "Clan" realized there was but "one door" into eternal life and walked calmly and serenely through that door as an example for all of us to follow.

JOHN PAGE ROUTH

1870-1953

John Page Routh born February 13, 1870, was the son of Joshua and Hannah Julian Routh. As a young boy, he grew up in the Millboro Community of Randolph County. He was very mischevlous, but did not get into anything serious.

In his early twenties, he married Susan Ferree of Worthville, N. C. They made their home with his parents. To this union was born one daughter, Leoline Routh.

Susan Ferree Routh lived only a few short months after her daughter was born. John Page continued to live with his parents until he decided to marry again. His second marriage was to Mary Roberta Goley, whom he had courted some before marrying his first wife.

Page and Bertie were married July 18, 1898 in the middle of the road below Gray's Chapel Church. They too started their married life by living with his parents. However, his father gave him a lot and they went to work clearing a place for a house. They were several months getting the place ready for occupancy as Page sawed his own logs and help build their home. This is the same place which is now known as the Page Routh Homeplace.

The first child born to this union was Paul Dewey Routh, who passed away in January 1951. The second child was Joshua Toon, the third Lucy and the fourth Wade Goley. The next addition to the family was John Beasley, who passed away in 1920. The five other children in order were, Glenn Clarence, Arch Bailey, John Page, Jr., Lauretta and Joe Wilson.

Page Routh, during his lifetime, was a farmer as well as a very successful sawmill man. He owned one of the first cars in his community. It was a "DORT".

The children all married and settled near the homeplace. John Page died in April 1953 at the age of 82, and at that time there were 54 grandchildren and 53 great grandchildren. Mary Roberta lived until February 1959 and at that time there were 55 grandchildren and 66 great grandchildren. At the time this book is being printed counting the in-laws, there are 197 living descendents.

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LOU VELIA ROUTH YORK

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She fought desperately to be able to care for herself, but had to give up the battle on December 6, 1958. God took her home to live with Him. The last thing her husband heard her say was "Come on, Papa, lets go home."

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WILLIAM VERNACE ROUTH

1875-1957

William Vernace Routh, son of Joshua M. and Hannah Sarah Julian Routh was born in Randolph County, April 25, 1875 and was married to Theodosia Ernest Jenkins December 12, 1895. His first home was on 50 acres given to him by his father from the 600 acre ancestral farm. On this 50 acres, a crude house was constructed from the salvage of an old house from another part of the farm. From the very beginning of his marriage, he supplemented his farm income by cutting cross ties and cord wood during the winter and making molasses for the neighbors in the fall.

In 1900 W. V. undertook a new business with his two brothers, J. P. Routh and B. Z. Routh. A contract was taken to cut certain timber in Montgomery County. This was really living in the rough; part of the time under an open shed in the woods, with the only means of keeping the baby (Violet) out of mischief being to put her in a washtub. However, she had company. Toon was the baby in J. P.'s family and he was kept safe in the same way. To say the least this business venture was not a howling success and was terminated after approximately three months.

A short time later, a new partnership was formed between W. V. Routh and B. Z. Routh. This lasted almost continuously until both retired, which was a period of approximately 25 years. During this time they were engaged in the lumber business, contracting business, and the building and selling of houses.

After his retirement, W. V. was always engaged in some business undertaking and he took great pride in the fact that he earned enough in some way or another each year to take care of the living expenses of himself and his wife. His latest undertaking was subdividing and developing the small farm at New Smyrna Florida, on which he lived in the winter. Most of these lots were sold before his death on May 6, 1957.

During his entire life, he was actively engaged in church and community affairs and one of his last acts was to make a generous donation to the Methodist Church of New Smyrna and also to his own home church, Rehobeth.

He was always lean and wiry, although probably the largest of his entire family. During the most of his life, he weighed approximately 140 pounds. He could always do his part and more when it came to rough work on the farm or at the sawmill. When he was 75 years old he could out walk and out jump any of his six sons. He took great pride in the fact that he could kick his hat out of his hands at the level of his head. In fact, on his 80th birthday, he astonished the neighbors by kicking the clothespins off the clothesline.

He was truly an honorable business man, a conscientious christian and a good father and husband.

To William Vernace Pugh and Hannah Sarah Julian Routh were born ten children, Four daughters and six sons. They are: Urilla Mae, Gladys Marion, Violet Hannah, Aileen, Lawrence William, Charles Sheldon, Dale Cleston, Bright Robert, Frank Boyd and Ernest Leonard Routh.

LOU VELIA ROUTH YORK

1878-1958

Lou Velia Routh York, the only daughter of Joshua Marion and Sallie Julian Routh, was born April 30, 1878.

Growing up with five brothers, Lou Velia became a typical "tom-boy" and a great lover of the out-of-doors. However, when her mother lost her sight in one eye, Lou Velia was compelled to sew, cook, and clean house more than she liked.

When Lou Velia was eleven or twelve she joined Bethany Methodist Church in Randolph County, N. C. The one thing that she looked forward to each year was the one or two weeks that her mother and father packed and took the family in a wagon to Grays Chapel Methodist Church Camp Revival Meeting.

When she was eighteen her brother Page's wife died of child birth, so Lou Velia mothered the baby, Leoline for about three years, until Page married again.

Many more jobs fell on Lou Velia's shoulders when her father died of a stroke, such as, shocking wheat and pulling fodder. She also bought a "New Home" sewing machine and sewed for the public.

Lou Velia was popular with the boys. On Friday or Saturday Prince-Charming arrived in his most beautiful buggy and horse and stayed until Monday morning. However, her mother favored Mike York, a fine young farmer.

On December 13, 1899, Lou Velia Routh and George Michael York were united in marriage. Mike brought his bride to live with his mother and father for a year while he helped build a house on the ten acres that his father gave him for a wedding present. Lou Velia believed and practiced that a man was the head of the house and that there should be unity in the home; so she joined Shady Gove Baptist Church with her husband.

After fifteen months after marriage along came curly-haired Sally, the first of nine children. After due time, Raymond, Toy Aytch, Mike, Pearle, Mozelle, Louvelia, and Vaughn made their debut into the world demanding the attention of a loving, but strict mother. There was no end to her energy and she didn't know what it was to be sick.

Lou Velia believed in keeping Sunday Holy. She prepared most of the Sunday dinners on Saturday so the whole family could go to church on Sunday. She was a praying woman and believed in putting the church first. The young and old loved her dearly. She was a cheerful hard worker and a great lover of flowers. The last 20 years of her life she grew large flower gardens to have flowers for the church and friends. She never thought of herself, but lived for others.

Lou Velia and Mike worked together for 59 years and acquired 200 acres of land.

On August 11, 1956, when she was in the smokehouse, Lou Velia fell unconscious with a stroke. About three weeks later she left the hospital in an ambulance for Greensboro where she was nursed by her niece, Violet Routh. After a few months her husband had her brought home where he could be with her and care for her.

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CLARENCE CUBERSON ROUTH

1883-1951

Clarence C. Routh was born on May 11, 1883 to Joshua and Sallie Routh, Randolph County, North Carolina, the youngest of six children. When he was 8 years old, his father suffered a stroke and was paralyzed for the remainder of his life. He died a few years later.

Grandma, having lost her mate, showered all of her love and affections on her youngest son, Clarence, and for that reason, he no doubt had less discipline than the other children.

At the age of 19, he married Comilla Frances Thomas of Worthville, North Carolina, and brought her to live with his mother on the family farm. He worked hard from "sunup to sundown" to support his family. After the birth of his second daughter, he realized that farming, as a means of earning a living, was not for him and that he would probably be able to find other employment with which he would be more contented. He had always been interested in mechanical devices, so it was logical that he looked for work with a railway company. He found work, as a fireman, with the Norfolk & Western Railroad. In a very few years, he was promoted to Engineer because of his diligence and ability. At the time of his promotion, he was the youngest engineer employed by the entire Norfolk and Western Railway System.

In the meantime, he had bought a home, and several rental houses, in Portsmouth, Ohio where he and his family had settled permanently because of the location of his work.

My first memories of uncle C. C., were of a very handsome man and a beautiful lady and three children, wearing "Store-bought" clothes, getting off the train about half a mile from our home at Locut Grove, which was a flag stop with a box car by the track. We looked forward to these visits each year. I was so proud of uncle C. C., who was short of stature and so clean, he literally shined. I liked to tell my playmates about my uncle who ran a train much, much longer than the Greensboro-Ramseur one! I loved to sit and listen to his northern brogue as he elaborated on world news and politics. (At that time, we only got the Asheboro Courier Newspaper once a week and our news was limited.) I thought he was about the smartest man in the world. Then too, uncle C. C. didn't try to push children off but would listen with interest to anything we had to say.

I also remember that he never forgot Grandma on her birthdays and Christmas times, and wrote her regularly. These little things endeared him more to her heart. When she would become ill, all Violet had to do was write or call him and he would be on the next train.

Uncle C. C. was a good provider and very proud of his three children. Thelma married V. M. Toomey, a successful attorney in Houston, Texas. Helen married Wm. L. Bolstad, a civil engineer in Los Angeles, California. Jay C. married Dorothy Atrikan of Los Angeles, California. He is employed by the California State Highway Department in the capacity of Right-of-Way Engineer.

"Cub" as he was called, worked for the N. & W. Railroad for 30 years and as a side line, bought and sold real estate and had several rental houses. Although he lived in Ohio most of his life, he still loved his home state of North

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Clarence Cuberson Routh (continued)

Carolina the best and made many trips between the two places. He had a very high regard for all of his family and preferred being with them far more than with friends. He loved to travel and see things.

After he retired, he spent 10 years of traveling in the U. S., and related territories-Hot Springs, Ark., Florida, California, Cuba and Mexico, but always returned to Greensboro, North Carolina each year and stayed a month or two, as he still had two brothers and a host of nieces and nephews living here during that time.

Clarence C. Routh's last week was spent at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, N. C., following a heart attack. I spent several hours with him, as well as many of his nieces and nephews, and his own children. I have never known anyone to be more humble or patient in their suffering. As he lay under the oxygen tent, looking so very serious, one wondered if his life was parading before him and if he, in return, felt remorseful for anything he might have done that was displeasing to anyone. The nurses and sisters said they had never nursed a nicer man.

He was laid to rest in Gray's Chapel Cemetery where he with his family, attended Sunday School and Church as a boy.

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(Note-Editor)

Mrs. Inmon placed this small book (45 pages) in our Libray last year. If you are interested in the Routh family, please write her. They are many through out our County. Many pictures of the older members' homes are in the book. There is a reunion each year.

We have omitted descendents of those printed that are in the book. Some of the following names show:

Zimmerman	Ester	Beasley
Tickle	Goley	Pugh
Collins	Jarrett	Pierce
Creasey	Thomas	Hutson
Cox	Fields	Fulton
Powell	Gregson	Jenkins
Hockett	Allred	Coble
Trogdon	Russell	Hemphill
Surratt	Fagg	Hemrick
Davis	Lineberry	Spitzer
Ferguson	Lambert	McFadyen
Williamson	Oliver	Wallace
Yates	York	Stout
Vickory	Ward	

and others.

We appreciate Mrs. Inmon letting us copy - Mrs. Ray Cashatt- 1971.

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<u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>DATE OF BONDS</u>	<u>BONDSMAN & WITNESS</u>
Jerman, David	Elizabeth Worth	19 Dec. 1824	William Jarman (w) Thos. Hancock
Jerrel, Absalem x	Elsira Loflin	16 July 1856	Sp(e)ncer Small (w) W.F. Brookshire, J.P. Md. 17 July 1856 by W. F. Brookshire, J.F
Jerrel, Benjamin x	Sarah Gregeson	23 May 1840	George-x-Thompson
Jerrel, James x	Marthy Rollins	16 Oct. 1842	George-x-Thompson (w) E. Byrns
Jerrel, John x	Mariam Jackson	25 Sept. 1842	Enoch Sawyer
Jerrel, John F.	Mary Ellison	14 Feb. 1856	Samuel Bristow (w) B.F.Hoover, C.C.C Md. 14 Feb. 1856 by A. S. Horney, J. P.
Jerrell, Absalon x	Polly Bristow	11 Mar. 1834	E(noch) Byrns (w) Hugh McCain
Jerrell, Benjamin x	Kiziah Robbins	6 Feb. 1844	George-x-Thompson (w) J. McCain
Jerrell, Branson x	Tempa McDowell	26 Aug. 1835	William-x-Jerrell
Jerrell, Eli	Harriet Swaim	26 May 1866	W(illiam) H. Daniel
Jerrell, Tilman A.	Emily Jane Robbins	25 Apr. 1867	(w) J.M.Hancock, D.C. Md. 26 Apr. 1867 by A. A. Steed
Jerrell, William x	Charlotte Bristow	26 Mar. 1832	John Clark
Jerrell, William x	Sarah Bolen	27 Feb. 1861	John-x-Presnell (w) Thos.M.Moore, D.C. Md. 28 Feb. 1861 by Wm. Gollahorn, J. P.
Jerrell, William, Jr.x	Sally Robbins	19 Jan. 1842	William-x-Jerrell, Sr (w) J. McCain
Jerrell, William B. x	Nancy Ann Forkner	26 Dec., 1860	Absolom-Jerrell (w) Thos.M.Moore, D.C. Md. 27 Dec. 1860 by John Robbins, J. P.
Jerrell, Zimri F. x	Eliza D. Robbins	18 Aug. 1866	W. P. Wood (w) J. M. Hancock, D.C. Md. 19 Aug. 1866 by D. W. Porter, J. P.

<u>Bonds cont.</u> <u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>DATE OF BONDS</u>	<u>BONDSMAN & WITNESS</u>
Jerr (ill), Anderson	Ellen Varner	25 Sept. 1858	Lemuel-x-Robbins
Jerr(ill)l, Anderson	Sarah Ann Varner	1 May 1861	Absolum-x-Jerrill,Sr. (w) John Craven
Jerrill, John, Sr. x	Anna Finiger	16 Mar. 1861	Thomas Jackson (w) John A. Craven
Jasper, Alexander x	Edy Chandler	11 Jan. 1829	Ezekiel=x=Evans
Jenkins, John B.	Delila Modlen	17 Sept. 1834	J. M. A. Drake
Jobe, Willi(a)m F.	Julia Ann Little	29 Dec. 1853	J(esse) L. Giles (w) B. F. Hoover
Johnson, Allen x	Lydia Scott	17 Dec. 1850	Mathias D. Bray
Johnson, Andrew x	Peggy White	16 Oct. 1810	Richard Elder (w) A. T. Harper
Johnson, Asa	Catherine Brower	4 Feb. 1840	Enas P. Williams
Johnson, Avril	Permelia Hampton	21 July 1849	John F. Johnson (w) J. S. Brown, J.P.
Johnson, Benjamin x	Amy Moffitt	28 Jan. 1843	James=x=Carral (w) Hugh McCain
Johnson, Benjamin	Rachel Davis	6 Nov. 1845	Anderson Craven (w) B. F. Hoover, C.C.
Johnson, B(enjamin) C.	Margaret F. White	14 July 1865	James-x-McGee (w) J.H. Brown, clk. Md. 16 July 1865 by William McGee. J. P.
Johnson, B(ethuel)	Nancy Scott	26 July 1848	Jesse Ferguson
Johnson, Calvin	Teresoa H. Robins	25 Apr. 1854	John Erwin (w) B.F. Hoover, clk. Md. 25 Apr. 1854 by Joseph Causey
Johnson, Clemmons	Jane Carter	20 May 1823	Tho(ma)s Johnson (w) Hugh McCain
Johnson, Clemmons	Dianna Swaim	23 Apr. 1832	W(illia)m McGee
Johnson, D. W. C.	Eliza Dear	7 May, 1846	H. Anderson (w) B. F. Hoover
Johnson, David B.	Nancy Henley	28 Aug. 1813	Thomas Wilson (w) Andrew Balfour

<u>Bonds cont.</u> <u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>DATE OF BONDS</u>	<u>BONDSMAN & WITNESS</u>
Johnson, Elias	Rachel Hoover	30 Aug. 1827	Mariedeth Ridge
Johnson, F. L.	M. M. Surnar	15 Oct. 1866	John N. Farlow (w) Geo. W. Kindley
Johnson, Henry	Nelly Thornberry	9 May 1804	J(ohn) Moss (w) A. Gray
Johnson, Henry	Mary Ferguson	7 Aug. 1817	Robert Craven (w) Joshua Craven
Johnson, Henry M.	Delphina Craven	12 Jan. 1864	Tryon M. Baldwin (w) J.H. Brown, clk. Md. 14 Jan. 1864 by P. M. Baldwin, Elder
Johnson, Isaac	Lucinda McMasters	15 Oct. 1854	Ebenazar-x-Bunting (w) O. F. Long
Johnson, Igam	Mary Ann Couch	3 Jan. 1861	Benj. Moffitt (w) B.F.Hoover, clk. Md. 6 Jan. 1861 by Henry M. Foust, J.P.
Johnson, James	Sally Bray	27 Mar. 1827	James Johnston
Johnson, James L. x	Lutitia Walker	6 Sept. 1866	R. E. Fentress (w) J.M. Hancock
Johnson, James R. x	Elvira J. Hardester	18 Dec. 1857	Jus. J. B(r)uton (w) J. S. Brown, D. C Md. 18 Dec. 1857 by Wm. Burney, J. P.
Johnson, John x	Rachel Mendenhall	6 Nov. 1815	W(illia)m Smith (w) Eliza Allen
Johnson, John x	Margaret Barrocks	20 May 1817	Josiah-x-Regeon (w) J. W. Long, Jr.
Johnson, John x	Amy Hoover	26 Aug. 1829	Henry Wade
Johnson, John	Bethia Mullin	3 Aug. 1830	William Dicks (w) Jesse Harper
Johnson, John x	Eliziah Harrel	12 Mar. 1848	Levi-x-Harrel (w) W.F. Brookshire, JP.
Johnson, John x	Jane Cox	15 Mar. 1856	Hugh Parks (w) B.F.Hoover, C.C.C. Md. 15 Mar. 1856 by Isaac H. Foust, J.P.

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GROOMBRIDEDATE OF BONDS BONDSMAN & WITNESS

Johns(o)n, John	Martha Byrns	3 Sept. 1859	P. F. Beckerdite (w) B.F.Hoover, C.C.C. Md. 11 Sept. 1859 by Daniel Coble, J. P.
Johnson, John R.	Ibay Davis	18 Jan. 1827	Clammons Joh(n)son (w) Jesse Harper
Johnson, L(emu)el	Mary J. Adams	4 Aug. 1862	Lea Elder (w) R. E. Blair Md. 6 Aug. 1862 by B. Craven
Johnson, Lewis	Sarah Dear	22 Sept. 1847	Hiley Elder
Johnson, Lytle	Ibsey Ausburn	3 Jan. 1814	Nathan Lamar (w) A. T. Harper
Johnson, Milton x	Dizey A. Nelson	30 Dec. 1866	Frederick-x-King (w) J. H. Brown, clk. Md. 30 Dec. 1866 by Thomas Walker, J. P.
Johnson, Moses	Mary Record	28 Nov. 1810	A(brhan) Brower (w) J. Brower
Johnson, Nathan	Mary Ann McCollum	15 Jan. 1846	L. D. Odell
Johnson, Ransom x	Lucendy Falkner	6 Apr. 1867	Sidney-x-Cerrel (w) F. Pearce Md. 7 Apr. 1867 by F. Pearce, J. P.

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SANDY CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING

(Ref.: "A History of The Sandy Creek Baptist Association - Printed 1859-Purefoy 1758-1858")

Sandy Creek Association organized 1758.

Saturday, October 24, 1807, the Sandy Creek Baptist Association met at Unity Meeting House in Randolph county.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder George Pope. Elder Daniel Gould was moderator, Bryant Boroughs clerk. Richard Hensley attended as corresponding messenger from the County Line Association. (Va.)

Randolph Mabry was appointed a corresponding messenger to the Raleigh Association, William Brantly to Mayo and Elder George Pope to County Line.

Brethern Daniel Gould, James Bostick, and William Durgan were appointed to prepare rules of decorum.

The circular letter was prepared by Brother Archibald McNeil on the subject, "Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace."

The following churches were represented:

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>COUNTIES</u>	<u>NAMES OF DELEGATES</u>
Richland Creek	Montgomery	William Wilson-Joseph Wilson
Pee Dee	Anson	Elder Daniel Gould-Charles Vivian
Abbott's Creek	Rowan (now Davidson)	Elder George Pope- Peter-----
Haw River Mountain	Orange	Stephen Justice - William L. Durham
Mouth of Uwary	Montgomery	John Stewart
McLennon's Creek	Moore	Mark Phillips
Fall Creek	Chatham	Elder Isaac Teague - Archibald McNeil
Fork of Little River	Montgomery	Francis Jordan - Thomas Fuller
Cane Creek	Orange	John Workman - Thomas Cates
Sandy Creek	Randolph	Adam Moffitt - John Hutson
Timber Ridge	Randolph	Christopher Victory - Christopher Swaim
Buffaloe	Guilford	Willis Wright
Bear's Creek	Chatahm	Samuel Elliott - Randolph Mabry
George's Creek	Chatham	William Brantley

(continuation of Sandy Creek Baptist Association Meeting)

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>COUNTIES</u>	<u>NAMES OF DELEGATES</u>
Bethlehem	Richmond	Owen Slaughter - James Bostick
Rocky River	Anson	William Durgan - Ralph-----
Rocky River	Chatham	David Teague - Daniel Hackney
Old Fork	Chatham	No delegate present

Sandy Creek church was formed with sixteen members. The church membership soon swelled to six hundred and six members, and in seventeen years, reduced to fourteen members! Fifteen hundred families departed for east Tennessee after the Battle of Alamance and 1772 a great many more were waiting to sell their plantations so they might go. Elder Tidance Lane, who was converted under the ministry of Elder Shubael Stearns, (organized Sandy Creek Church) was a prominent minister among those going to Tennessee.

Five Baptist Churches in Tennessee were organized and stayed in the Sandy Creek association for several years then organized the Holsten Association.

Valuable information relative to the early transactions were lost when the books in which the proceeding had been kept burned in 1816 or 1817.

Dr. B. Manly, clerk of the Association in 1816 and 1817 said that they still, at that date, had difficulty in persuading a few of the Churches to forward statistics to the Association because "they had an idea God intended his disapprobation of that by his displeasure against David for numbering the people."

(pp 72, 78, 79)

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ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS:

Queries were sent to the Association each year from different churches of the Association, to be discussed and answered.

Below are just a few:

Question: (p.98) "What is the gospel meaning of that OIL spoken of by the Apostle James, with which the sick are to be anointed?" (1814)

Answer: "Literal Oil"

Question: (p.119) "Is it expedient for members of the Church to exercise the office of Constable?" (1821)

Answer: "We deem it lawful but not expedient."

Question: (p.146) "Is it right for a Church to set in Conference on the Lord's Day, to receive complaints and act on them?"

Answer: "It is not right, only in cases of unavoidable necessity." (1830)

(Continuation of Sandy Creek Baptist Church Associational Business Meeting)

Question: (p.79) "Is washing of feet an ordinance of God, to continue in his Church until Christ's second coming?" (1807)

Answer: "We think it is."

(Note: They believed foot washing, not a church ordinance - as Baptism and the Lord's Supper, but social among members)

Question: (p.75) "Is it agreeable to God's word to ordain a man to the care of Church who has not the care of a family?" (1805)

Answer: "Yes, if he be possessed with the gift of government."

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GUILFORD COUNTY MISCELLANY

(Abstracts - Mrs. Ray Cashatt)

Reg. Bk A-1-1771-p.321

P of A

James Thompson, Dorothea, his wife, William Beddington, Sarah, his wife, of Middlesax, Island Great Britain. Appt Edmond Fanning, L.L.D., late of Province N. C. atty. to collect sums money belonging late William Churton. Esq. desc'd. (Signed by all four above.)

Signed and stamped Pres. of:

C. Williams

Nicholas - x - Conners (Mark C. W.)

2nd day Sept. 1774, Sarah and Dorothy exam. apart - I certify in my capacity as Lord Mayor of the City of London.

Fred (?) Bull, Mayor

Reg- Bk A-1-1771- p.325

(right on claim)

William Lawlther and Emond Fanning, Esq. both of N.Y. to John Blagge, Esq. 640 A - 15th Sept. 1774 sold land of above persons. Hugh Woods now occupying lots in Hillsborough, Co. of Orange.

Deed Bk C 3 - p.206

Joseph Odell to James^{sa} Harrison both of Guilf. Co. 14 Feb 1784 parcel land Middle fork Buffalo Island Ck. Guilf. Co. being part of 300 A tract granted Joseph Odell 7 Mar 1779.

Bk 16 - p.282

Marriage contract between James Dicks and Panny Galbreath 10 Jan 1823- James Dicks leaves estate to his children. Panny Galbreath to her daughter.

Bk 14 - p.131

William Parsons, desc'd - Heirs Div. of land- Guilf. Co. Mention: Charity, Geo., James, Patience, Catherine, Mary, John, Eleanor, Ruth & Mary.

GENEALOGICAL DATA

(Quaker Families - Many descendants coming into Randolph County)

"History of Perquimans County" 1931 by Mrs. Watson Winslow. 450 pp not indexed.

Many families came from Virginia to the coast of North Carolina and to Perquimans County middle 1600's.

The following families have separate family genealogical data. Page numbers follow each name:

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(Continuation of History of the First United Church of Christ)

Bullard; Jarrett; Johnson; Reitzel; Cross; Allred; McCollum; Burgess; Groce; Dorsett; Frazier; Swaim; Ferguson; Brewer; Macon; Brady; Reece; Holland; Routh; Richardson; Kennedy; Linthicum; Stevenson; Connor; Tucker; Craven; Graves; Nelson; Harris; Brookshire; Hill; Meredith; Sturm; Hayes; Burrows; Glenn; Cooper; Wright; Hollingsworth; Hall; Lillies; Stanley; Solomon; Wood and Williams.

NOTE:

This is the History of the First United Church of Christ as it was written in 1965 for the 75th Anniversary of the Church by the church historian.

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WILLIAM PENN WOOD
(State Auditor-1911)

William Pennn Wood, Democrat, of Randolph County was born at Asheboro, N. C. May 2, 1843. Son of Penuel and Calista (Birkhead) Wood. Educated in Common Schools of Randolph County, 1850-1861. Merchant. Belonged many Fraternal Clubs. Town and County treasurer. Represented Randolph County and Moore County in State Senate 1901-1905-1907- Sergeant Confederate Army. Married September 4, 1872 Miss Etta Gunter. 3 children.

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Bryan (N. C. family- Coat Armor) Ireland - Argent, three piles gules.
(Crest) A Saracen's head erased at the neck sable.

Crawford (N. C. family - Coat Armor) Scotland
(Gules) a fesse ermine
(Crest) an ermine argent
(Motto) Sine labora nota

Holliday or Holladay (Chowan Precinct) Bromley, Middlesex, England) N. C.
Coat Armor)

Confered upon Sir Walter Holladay by Edward IV in 1470 and brought to America by Captain John Holladay in 1702.

(Sable) three helmets, argent, garnished or, a border of the last
(Crest) a demi-lion, ppr., rampant, resting his paws on an anchor, azure.
(Motto) Quarta salute

Hall (N. C. family Coat Armor) Argent on a chevron between three Columbines azure stalked and leaves vert, a mullet of six points or
(Crest) a talbot's head erased.
(Motto) Turpiter clesperatur

Hunt (Thomas Hunt, Pasquatank Co., N. C. 1659 - Coat Armor) (Bucks, England)
Azure, on a fesse argent between three cinquefoils or a lion passant gulls.
(Crest) A boar's head couped and erect between two ostrich feathers.

ELDER RALPH FREEMAN

A Christian Man of Color

(Ref.: "A History of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association - Printed 1859-Purefoy-1758-1858")

"Elder Ralph was a colored man, and at first a slave belonging to a man in Anson county, N. C. Soon after making a profession of religion and being baptized, it was discovered that he had impressions to preach; he was licensed by the church of which he was a member. His owner proposed to sell him, and the brethren bought and gave to him his freedom. Soon after this he was ordained to the work of the ministry.

He travelled and preached a great deal in the counties of Anson, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph and Davidson. He became a good reader, and was well read in the Scriptures. He was considered an able preacher, was frequently called upon to preach on funeral occasions, was appointed to preach on Sabbath at the association and frequently administered the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

He was of common size, was perfectly black, with a smiling countenance, especially in the pulpit while speaking. He was very humble in his appearance at all times, and especially when conducting religious services. Great personal respect was always shown him by the brethren whom he visited in his preaching excursions. Elder Joseph Magee, a Baptist minister, became his warm friend, and travelled and preached with him. Such was their attachment for each other, that they agreed that the surviving one should preach the funeral of the one that died first.

Elder Magee moved to the West, and died first. Upon his deathbed, he bequeathed to Ralph his riding horse, overcoat, Bible, and fifty dollars in cash, and requested his family to send for Ralph to come and preach his funeral. In company with a white brother, Ralph went to the West and preached the funeral sermon from a text the deceased had selected. The brother that went with Ralph stated to Elder N. Richardson (Noah) that he never before saw so large a congregation. At the conclusion of the sermon, Elder Magee's brother stated to the congregation what provision his deceased brother had made for Ralph, and added, if any of you would like to give him any amount, it would be thankfully received; the congregation soon made up fifty dollars, which was given to him. While this contribution was being made, a Methodist came up and handed to Ralph one dollar. A Presbyterian who observed it, said to him, "You ought not to give Ralph anything." "Why not?" said the Methodist. "Because", said the Presbyterian, "He has torn your system all to pieces." The Methodist replied, "I believe he has preached the truth, and I will give him the dollar.

Ralph was able in illustrating and unfolding the doctrines of grace. Elder N. Richardson (to whom we are indebted for this biographical sketch), has baptized a number of persons who dated their convictions to the preaching of Ralph.

When the anti-mission party was formed, we have been told that Ralph became an anti-missionary.

When the legislature passed the law prohibiting colored men from preaching, Ralph was greatly mortified, and had the sympathy of many brethren. Ralph was, no doubt, a truly pious and humble Christian, he had the confidence and esteem of thousands, and died in the full assurance of a blessed immortality." (pp 328-329)

BIBLE RECORDS

DAVID THOMAS SINK'S BIBLE

(Now in possession of son Kenneth Sink)
(203 East Brown Street, Randleman, N.C.)

"The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments"

Copyright: 1903 by A. J. Holman & Co.
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Harrisburg Pa.

(The material is written by two or three persons. Most of the older material looks as if it was all written in at once - The book badly broken up)

(Small slip of paper in bible: Abst: Oct. 11, 1909 Harvey Sink and Mattie Sink-Guardian: A. L. Sink")

BIRTHS

D. T. (David Thomas) Sink born Oct. 25, 1884.

M. E. (Mary Elizabeth (Evans) Sink born April 1885

Edgar Lee Sink born Dec. 30, 1907.

Kenneth William Sink born Mar. 31, 1911.

Treva Lucille Sink born Jan. 30, 1914.

J. L. (Jessie Lee) Sink born Aug. 18, 1918.

Alfred Thomas Sink born Dec. 13, 1935 (Son of Kenneth & Haladene Sink)

Dennis Ronald Sink born Mar. 10, 1939 (Son of Kenneth & Haladene Sink)

Betty Jean Sink born Oct. 13, 1934 (Daughter of Mattie & Edgar Sink)

(David Thomas Sink's M & F)

L. F. (Lee Franklin) Sink born July 15, 1855

G. C. (Gazelle (Fritts) Sink born Oct. 9, 1850

A. R. (Arthur) Sink born May 27, 1878
(Twins)

A. J. (Alice) Sink born May 27, 1878

A. L. (Allen) Sink born June 3, 1881

D. T. (David Thomas) Sink born Oct. 25, 1884

L. V. (Lelia) Sink born Sept. 20, 1889

(Continuation of DAVID THOMAS SINK'S BIBLE RECORDS)

R. L. (Robert Lee) Sink born June 18, 1892

P. F. (Pearlie) Sink born Dec. 15, 1895

Hety Allred born May 29, 1901

Flory Sink born Aug. 15, 1901.

Harvey Luther (Sink?) born May 5, 1902

Cletuce and Clarence Allred born April 4, 1904 (Twins)

Harvey Sink, the son of Allen Sink and Mollie, his wife was born March 25, 1905.

Agie Edith the daughter of Arthur Sink was born March 30, 1906.

Mattie Sink, the daughter of Allen Sink and his wife Mollie, was born April 24, 1908.

H. A. Sink, Jr. January 23, 1927 (Son of Harvey and Bessie Sink)

W. C. Sink the son of Harvey was born the 14th May _____.

(Across top of page: Mary Hussey was born June 22, 1912)

MARRIAGES

(Nearly all names were written with initials. I have filled in names of births-marriage and death dates can be checked against them)

L. F. Sink and G. C. Fritts married Sept. 6, 1877

A. L. Sink and Mary Garner married Dec. 10, 1897

Samy Allred and T. J. Sink married Sept. 3, 1899

Allen Sink and Mallie D Itton married May 15, 1901

Thomas Sink and Mary Eavens (Evans) married Dec. 20, 1905.

P. F. Sink and B. I. Ritchie married Dec. 19, 1914.

C. B. Henley and Lela Sink married Feb. 21, 1920

Erven (Ervin?) Davison (Davidson) and Hattie Allred married June 1920.

Harvey Sink and _____ Lilly married July 8, 1920

Harvey Sink and Bessie Owens married Feb. 13, 1926.

D. F. Sink and M. E. Ernes married Dec. 2, 1905

Thomas Fleming and Mattie Sink married Dec. 24, 1927

(Continuation of DAVID THOMAS SINK'S BIBLE RECORDS - MARRIAGES)

E. L. Sink and Mattie Eads married Nov. 8, 1933

Troy Allred and Treva Sink married Dec. 3, 1933

Kenneth Sink and Haladine Gentry married Dec. 26, 1934

DEATHS

R. L. Sink died July 14, 1896

L. F. Sink died March 4, 1899

B.A.B. (?) Sink (?) died 1899

Hassel Sink died _____ 13, 1902

Mrs. A. L. Sink died Dec. 14, 1908

H. J. Sink, Jr. died Jan. 23, 1927

Mary E. Sink, wife of L. F. Sink died Jan. 5, 1919.

J. L. Sink died Aug. 18, 1918

R. L. Sink died July 14, 1896

L. F. (?) Sink died March 4, 1899

Harrell Sink died July 13, 1902

G. C. Sink died Mar. 17, 1930

A. R. Sink died June 20, 1933

David T. Sink died Jan. 6, 1963

Treva Sink Allred died Sept. 24, 1967 (both David T. & Treva died in Jupiter, Fla)

Sinks (old spelling Zink are Germans, many coming in to Davidson County, N. C. as Mr. David Thomas ("Tom") Sink's people did - spreading into Randolph County.)

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RANDOLPH COUNTY NATIVE VISITS MISSOURI - 134 YEARS AGO

(Courtesy: Miss Ester Ross, Asheboro, N. C.)

Boone County Missouri September 17th, 1837

Dear Polly,

Yours of July last came to hand when I was in too great a hurry to answer it. I am now a considerable distance from the post office and think it proper to write you a time to Show you what course I am rowing my boat and what I have been doing since Sam'l left here _____.

On the day I parted with him I returned by Rushville and found your letter in the office, I went from there to Augusta & there found one from Henry Branson concerning lands in Ill. & Mo. _____.

I set out forthwith to Vandelia & only remained there one day, from there I went to Saint Louis across the Mississippi River and from there to Saint Charles across the Missouri River in the night & from there to fulton (Fulton), from there to Jefferson Citty across the Missouri River again in a yall or Skift then crossed back again in a house boat to the north shore from there I am on my way and within twelve miles of Columbia in boone (Boone) Co. from there I expect to go by way of Fayette in Howard County then to the town of Chariton on E Chariton River & from there to grand (Grand) River _____.

And now I stop my calcutation that is far enough for any white man to go and I am doubtfull it is furthur then I shall get soon, my horse is broken down nearly stock Still he can't move faster than a loggerhead turtle, his left hind leg is stiff as a crobar and stands out about forty five degrees from the center of gravity, noboddy wants him, they say he is a gone horse and will never be any account here after, but I'm not to be sheared at trifles. I shall grease his profile and try to set his locomotive again in operation within two or three days.

I have promised him a heap of fine things if he wail only pick up heart to take me one hundred miles further & then back to Adams in Ill. _____/

I would give him bread & butter, Sugar cskes & watermellon and Set him free on the prairie, he dont seam to take much notice Poorfellow I am afraid he will never see his old Stomping ground again. _____.

Well Polly this is no small distance to be from home. I am now about two hundred miles from the Mississippi River and about one thousand two hundred miles from home and most sincerely wish * was back in Ill- or in N C _____.

The flux is privalent throughout this Country and many died. I have had it on the road took medicene and am now nearly well _____.

Dont think that I am much sick or that I am among savages. Oh, no. the people where I am are as kind as I could wish. And they are rich too. I am writing this letter on a mahogany table and what is more there is two of the pirtyest young Ladys here that is in the whole west. One of them has brought me a basket full of Peaches and the other has brought a glass Pitcher of cider and let it set on the table with a diamond tumber & asked me to help my self, So you see there is polite white girls and peaches & apples & cider twelve hundred miles west of old Randolph _____.

(Continuation of letter written to Polly Wood.)

One of the girls is now gone to Columbia a town 12 miles right on my road. I am the feller what axed her last night if I might go with her. She said as how I might so I was plagy well pleased for she is a Scandelous pirty gal and I intended to tell her a mighty tender story and try to court her a little - God - see I stepped about in kansika Style and ordered the nigger boy to bring my horse, now it might be expected that a gentleman's horse on such a sparkin occasion would jump out of the stable and begin to prance and caper and rare & charge & hold up his head and tail and wrack his ham strings and brak his back a kicking up for Joy, and wopelow (?) was the hog what could do it once, but to my sad disappointment when the nigger went to lead him out What do you think why by, gosh he couldn't walk atall ! O dear Godlins how do you reckon I feft, ther there was my sweet lady and her little brother ready to start and looking anxiously at me for I had promised to play the flute and do a heap of wonderful fine things along on the road because I sorty liked her, Maybe I din't feel mean and bad I moped off with my head down and back humped about like a no horned buck with a hand spike shot through his guts and felt as civial as an old gander that has been beat nearly to death and his wife on one side of a tite lane fence & him on the other_____.

My little gal bowed her head and modestly said good bye stranger & away she went with my heart with her but the old hull is left here to fret & cuss the luck in her daddys house._____.

I must be off from here in a day or two for I am abliged to be in Dodds-ville by the 10th of next month tho I do say that the folks at this house are kind to me and what I have said about this courtin Spree is as true as the Gospel of St. Luke. Well there is none of it verry interesting but I have nothing else to write for Sam'l can tell you all that happened before he left here._____

And I started the next Sunday to Vandalia and have now been in the Missouri nine days. Sick all the time but I am now nearly well my head aches too bad to write you such a letter as I would wish_____.

I passed by uncle Mills (Millo) Woods on my way to Vandalia he (Millo) is quite a nice man and has a genteal looking family one boy is grown & a girl nearly so and several other boys & girlsless. he is a member of the Cumberland Presbytirian Church and appointed to attend Synod this fall in Ill._____

As to his property etc (?) it is common he has a comforatble house.& a good farm & follows Sadling they are all well and so is Uncle E. Wood family at Vand. He went with me as far as St. Louis. That town is grand indeed there I saw 34 Steam boats lying at the worp and I seen a plentyof fine things that you and Martetia would love to have, I thought of sending you something by Sam'l but I forgot it when he started you will please excuse me_____.

(To the family) I have nearly all my deeds and papers with me and \$110 in cash. Some of my deeds are in Pittsfield, Ill. and others in the office at mon-mouth & others in the office at Knowville, and notes of \$700 in my trunk at Causeys besides are Swifts note, E & D Woods & the two last are nearly discd (disc-)_____.

The debt due to P. Horney respecting a deficeincy in land title is all paid off._____.

(Continuation of letter written to Polly Wood)

The money with me was borrowed as follows--- \$10 of Jonathan Browning of which he has no ans (occt-acct ?) \$38. was borrowed from Davis Runcle of Dodds-bille note \$31 Borrowed of Sam'l Walker not - Due to the proprietors of Pulaski \$85 Jonathan Browning security Due to P. P. Jones \$100. on condition - Rec'd of More Morton & Co \$77 of Jane (? blurred) Evana money and (blurred) for S Hill---

Don't make your selves uneasy it is right that I should make this statement in time of health and I do assure you I aprehend no sirious danger in getting back to Ill. (?)-----

It is likely I shall have to loose something on my horse But I wish to get back soon as posiblle for Wm & Betsy Gamble will likely be there before I am and I am sorry to sorry to say I could not procure a house for them before I left_____.

I will write to Father soon as I return I have not redeemed any land for Jane (?) Evans but expect to do so in a few days_____

My love to you all

Orlando Wood

Polly Wood

(Give my respects to the neighbors)

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Note:

The above letter was addressed (envelope) to:

Miss Polly, daughter of Col. Wood
Randolph County
New Salem, P. O., North Carolina

New Salem, a small village outside of Randleman, N. C. The P. O. was established there July 28, 1819 with Benjamin Marmon appointed as Postmaster on that day. Jesse Hinshaw was appointed the third postmaster and was serving when this letter arrived - His term ended 1843 when William Clark was appointed. George Wall was last postmaster June 25, 1902.

Orlando Wood could have been writing to his kin (aunt?) Polly Wood (b-Feb. 4, 1796 - d-July 12, 1874) wife of Zebedee Wood son of David Wood. Col. John Wood was David Wood's oldest son (d-Oct. 25, 1851, age 70 yrs, 10 mo, 12 dys) (Col. John Wood's wife Eleanor d-May 2, 1834) David Wood was a half brother to the first Zebedee Wood (b-Feb. 26, 1745 Mass. d-July 11, 1824 Randolph County)

For other Wood Material see Vol. 3 No. 3 Fall 1969

(Dashes _____ are added where we have made new paragraphs as letter was written together)

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JOURNAL OF THE EXPEDITION AGAINST THE INSURGENTS
IN THE WESTERN FRONTIER OF NORTH CAROLINA,
BEGUN THE 20TH APRIL, 1771.

(State Records of N. C. - Clark - Vol. XIX Supp. 1771-82) Library: Randolph County, Asheboro, North Carolina

Sunday, 21 April.

The Carteret Detachment consisting of one company marched into New Bern from Beaufort in the afternoon, under the Command of Col. Thompson.

Monday, 22 April.

The Craven Detachment consisting of four Companies (including the Rangers) marched into Town. & five waggons arrived from Orange County for the use of the Army; arrived also the Sloop from New York with two brass Field Pieces and their furniture, Drums, Colours, Camp Kettles, Leggings and Cockades.

Tuesday, 23 April.

The Brass field pieces were drawn up in the morning by the Soldiers, followed by the Colours and Drums, escorted by the Craven and Carteret Detachments to the place where they were lodged. In the afternoon four waggons from Rowan loaded with Flour, were pressed near New Bern and the Flour purchased by the Commissary for the use of the Troops. Six other Waggons arrived from Orange County, agreeable to order, for the public service; all which came upwards of two hundred miles from among the settlements of the Regulators.

Wednesday, 24 April.

The Craven and Carteret Detachments marched out of New Bern, with the two Field Pieces, Six Swivel Guns mounted on Carriages, Sixteen Waggons and Four Carts, loaded with Baggage, Ammunition and as much provision as would supply the several Detachments that were to join them on their Route to Hillsborough. The Craven and Carteret Detachments continued their march till 2 May when they arrived at Col. Bryan's, one hundred miles from New Bern, the place of general rendezvous for the Troops that came from Wilmington and New Bern Districts.

Note.-- The Governor left New Bern 27 April and arrived at Col. Bryan's 1 May; 2 May the Troops from the Two Districts joined.

Friday, 3 May___Union Camp.

The Governor reviewed, at 12 o'clock, the following Detachments in the Meadow at Smith's Ferry on the West Side of Neuse River.

Craven___Col. Leech, 3 Companies.
Craven___Capt. Neale, 1 Comp. of Rangers.
Carteret___Col. Thompson, 1
Dobbs___Col. Caswell, 4
New Hanover___Col. Ashe, 2
Johnston___Col. Bryan, 2
Pitt___Capt. Salter, 1
Onslow___Col. Cray, 1

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Beaufort Capt. Patton, 1
New Hanover Col. Moore, 1 Artillery Comp.

Saturday, 4 May.

The Whole marched to Johnston Court House 9 miles.

Sunday, 5 May.

Marched to Major Hunter's in Wake County, 13 Miles.

Monday, 6 May.

The army halted and the Governor reviewed the Wake Regiment at a general muster. Mr. Hinton, Colonel of the Regiment, acquainted the Governor that he had got but 22 men of the Company he had received orders to raise, owing to a disaffection among the Inhabitants of the County. The Governor observing a general discontent in the Wake Regiment as he passed along the front Rank of the Battalion, seeing that not more than one man in five had arms and finding that upon his calling on them to turn out as Volunteers in the Service, they refused to obey, ordered the Army to surround the Battalion, which being effected he directed three of his Colonels to draft out forty of the most sightly and most active men, which caused no small panic in the Regiment consisting at that time of about 400 men. During this drafting the officers of the Army were active in persuading the men to enlist, and in less than two hours compleated the Wake Company to 50 men. The 40 men drafted were released upon their giving their parole they would return next day with their Arms to lend them to such Volunteers as stood in need of them. Night coming on the Wake Regiment was dismissed, much ashamed both of their Disgrace and their own conduct which occasioned it. The Army returned to Camp.

Tuesday, 7 May.

The Wake Detachment consisting of one Company, being their complement of men, and supplied with arms by those men that were drafted the Evening preceding, marched and encamped with the Army at Jones' on Crab Tree Creek, 12 Miles from Hunter's. Rained hard most of the night.

Wednesday, 8 May.

Col. Hinton received orders to remain with the Wake Detachment in his County to support the proper officers in forthwith collecting the fines due from the militia men, agreeable to the Militia Law, for appearing at the general muster on the 6th Inst., without arms. This Detachment was left also with a view to prevent the disaffected in that County from forming into a Body and Joining the Regulators in the adjacent Counties.

This morning a detachment marched to the Dwelling house of Turner Tomlinson, a notorious Regulator, and brought him prisoner to Camp where he was closely confined. He confessed he was a Regulator but would make no discoveries.

The Army marched and encamped near Booth's on New Hope Creek.

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Thursday, 9 May.

Marched and encamped on the South side of Eno River half a mile from Hillsborough.

Friday, 10 May.

Halted, ordered the waggons to be refitted, Horses to be shod, and everything put in repair; Reviewed in Hillsborough two companies of the Orange Militia, the other two Companies not having made up their complement who remained at Major Hart's Mill.

The prisoner Tomlinson made his escape this evening from the Quarter Guard, detachment sent after him but without success.

Saturday, 11 May.

At 12 o'clock the Army marched thro' Hillsborough in good order. Halted six hours in the town before horses could be present for the Commissaries Waggons, Baggage, and Artillery, many Horses being stolen from Camp. Encamped near Major Hart's Mill.

This day several more Waggons were taken into the service in lieu of some carts brought from the Southward, that were either broken or too weak to travel over the Stony rugged Roads.

Sunday, 12 May.

Marched and forded Haw River and encamped on the West side of the Banks. It was expected the Regulators would have opposed the passage of the Royalists over this River, as it was their intent, but not suspecting that the Army would move out of Hillsborough till after Monday the 13th Inst., the day of Election of a member for the County of Orange in the room of Herman Husbands, who was expelled from the House of Assembly, they were by this sudden movement of the Army defeated in that part of their Plan.

Received this day flying Reports that General Waddell was forced by the Regulators, with the Troops under his Command to repass the Yadkin River.

Divine service, with sermon, performed by the Revd. Mr. McCarty. Text, "If you have not sword sell your garment and buy one."

This day twenty Gentlemen volunteers, joined the Army, chiefly from Grantville and Bute Counties. They were formed into a Troop of Light Horse under the command of Capt. Bullock. A Regulator taken by the flanking parties laying in ambush with his gun, the Commissary took out of his house part of a Hogshead of Rum lodged there for the use of the Regulators, also some Hogs which were to be accounted to his family.

Monday, 13 May.

Marched to O'Neal's 4 miles, and halted near 4 hours. At 12 o'clock an Express arrived from General Waddell with a verbal message, the Express not daring

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to take a letter for fear of its being intercepted. The purport of which message was that on Thursday Evening the 9th Inst., the Regulators to the number of 2,000 surrounded his camp, and in the most daring and insolent manner required the General to retreat with the Troops over the Yadkin River, of which he was then within two miles. He refused to comply, insisting that he had the Governor's orders to proceed; this made them more insolent, and with many Indian shouts they endeavoured to intimidate his men. The General finding his men not exceeding 300, and generally unwilling to engage, and many of his centries going over to the Regulators, was reduced to comply with their Requisition, and early the next morning repassed the Yadkin River with his Cannon and Baggage, the Regulators agreeing to disperse and return to their several Habitations.

Note. The Chiefs of the Regulators getting Intelligence on Monday, 12 May, that the Army had passed thro' Hillsborough, and was marching towards their settlements, dispatched Emissaries through the Settlements of Regulators to order them with all possible Dispatch to reassemble at Hunter's plantation near McGee's that they might obstruct the Junction of the forces under the Governor and General Waddell.

A Council of War was held immediately to deliberate on the subject of the Intelligence brought by the Express, composed of the Honourable John Rutherford, Lewis De Rossett, Robert Palmer and Samuel Cornell of his Majesty's Council, and the Colonels and Field officers of the Army, wherein it was Resolved, that the Army should change their Route, get into the road at Capt. Holt's that leads from Hillsborough to Salisbury, pass the Little and Great Alamance River with all possible expedition, and march without loss of time to join General Waddell; accordingly the Army got under march and before night encamped on the West side of Little Alamance, a strong Detachment being sent forward to take possession of the West Banks of Great Alamance to prevent the Enemy's parties from occupying that strong post.

This evening received Intelligence that the Regulators were sending scouts thro' all their settlements, and assembling on Sandy Creek near Hunter's.

Monday, 13 May.

Marched and joined the Detachment on the West Banks of the Great Alamance where a strong Camp were chosen, as may be seen by the plan of the encampment. Here the Army halted till more provisions could be brought from Hillsborough under the escort of two Companies of the Orange Detachment, (left to make up their complement), for which purpose several waggons were emptied and sent from Camp to Hillsborough.

Received dispatches from General Waddell bearing date the 11th of May giving Intelligence of the necessity he was under to retreat over the Yadkin River. That he intended to encamp near Salisbury, there to throw up Intrenchments, and wait the Governor's further orders.

These dispatches were immediately laid before the Council of War and the same measures adopted as in the preceding Council, to proceed to join the General as soon as possible.

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Intelligence being brought this Evening into Camp that the Rebels intended to attack the Camp in the night the necessary preparations were made for an engagement and one third of the Army ordered to remain under arms all night, and the remainder to lay down near their Arms. No alarm given.

Tuesday, 14 May.

Halted, the men ordered to keep in Camp. This Evening the two Companies of the Orange Detachment, left at Major Hart's Mill, joined the Camp with the sick men left in Hillsborough and the waggons under their convoy sent for provisions.

The Army lay on their Arms all night as in the Preceding. No alarm given.

Wednesday, 15 May.

The Officers and Men of the Orange Detachment were drawn up in the lines and took the Oath of Fidelity. About 6 o'clock in the Evening the Governor received a letter No. _____ from the Insurgents which he laid before the Council of War, wherein it was determined that the Army should march against the rebels early the next morning, that the Governor should send them a letter offering terms, and in case of refusal should attack them.

The Army remained under arms as in the preceding night.

Note. _____ The messenger that brought the letter from the Insurgents signifying that he had orders to return in four hours the Governor dismissed him about 9 o'clock at night, and sent a messenger of his own to see him safe through the outposts, and then to proceed to the Rebels Camp with a letter to acquaint them an answer by 12 o'clock the next day; but the Governor's messenger meeting with Insults from the outposts of the Rebels returned back to Camp and the said Letter. Mr. Walker and Lieut. Ashe of the New Hanover Detachment, going out of Camp after it was dark to reconnoitre beyond the outposts, were surprised and taken by the Enemy.

The men remained all night under Arms; no alarm, tho' Rebels lay within 5 miles of the Camp.

Thursday, 16 May.

The Army marched soon after 7 o'clock this morning leaving the Guard for the Camp as directed in the orders yesterday. The Barrels of Flour and Pork were made use of to strengthen the Barricade by the Waggons.

Note. _____ The discharging three pieces of Artillery was the signal ordered for forming the Army into two Lines in order of Battle agreeable to the plan.

About two miles from the Camp the whole were ordered by the above signal to form the line, to see if the several Detachments knew their stations. This being performed in good order, the Lines were reduced into a column and continued their march, and before 10 o'clock came within half a mile of the Rebels' Camp, where the Army formed in line of Battle. The Governor then sent Capt. Malcolm, one of the Aides-de-Camp, and the Sheriff of Orange, with his Letter, requiring the Rebels to lay down their Arms, surrender up their Outlawed Ring-

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leaders, &c. Vide Letter No. _____. About half past ten Capt. Malcolm and the Sheriff returned with the Information that the Sheriff had read the Letter four several times to different Divisions of the Rebels who rejected the Terms offer'd with disdain, said they wanted no time to consider of them and with rebellious clamor called out for battle. As the Army kept moving on slowly during the absence of Cap. Malcolm.

Editor's Note: We will begin with May 17th on p.844 and will end the expedition in next Quarterly. Vol. 5 No. 2. It includes the taking of Capt. Merrill prisoner.

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NAME VARIANTS

Sharp - Scherbs - Schreable-

Zimmerman - Carpenter

Klein - Little and Small

Schneider - Taylor

Thar- Darr - Derr

Wendz - Vance

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Dear Members:

Although we discontinued publication of the Quarterly last year, we are trying this year to publish two quarterlies for our members.

Please watch the next Quarterly for notice of publication. Thank you.

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BOOK REVIEWS

HOBSON - 1707-1957 - 250th Anniverisary In America - Descendents of George and Elizabeth Hobson of Va, North Carolina, Ohio and Ind. Compiled by: Earl H. Davis, 3743 Elm Ave., Long Beach, 7, Calif.-1957-323 pages-indexed.

George Hobson, who married Elizabeth----- is the first known American ancestor and it is not known to the compiler if other Hobsons coming to America were related to him. The George Hobson branch was of English and Irish stock. There were four Hobson branches living in North Carolina during the Rev. War Period.

It is claimed George Hobson and wife arrived in Penn. about 1707 but no proof has been found. They went into Orange County, Virginia about 1726.

Their son, George married in 1732 Hannah Kennison of Pa. and about 1756 George and Hannah moved to Orange County, North Carolina. They were Quakers and joined Cane Creek MM.

The Hobsons (Hopsons) settled around Cane Creek M M - into what is now Chatham County, North Carolina on Rocky River, many coming on over into Randolph county.

Many of the children and grandchildren married into well known Quaker and other families and spread into the western states. Some families listed:

Cashatts, Williams, Beals, Hinshaws, Blair, Chamness, Pearson, Lambert, Cox, Hadley, Vestal, Johnson, Kivett, York, Allen, Brown, Jones, Russell, Williams, Phillips and many others.

NOTE: (A grandson is said to be redoing this book. I have not found this person. Book should be obtained through inter-loan)

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"TALE OF A TARHEEL TOWN" by Meade Seawell - 1970 - \$7.50 printed by Edward and Broughton Company, Raliegh, North Carolina. No index - 334 pages.

"Tale of a Tarheel Town" is a folksy narrative portraying the birth and growth of a sturdy North Carolina town, Carthage, Moore County.

From old letters, scraps of diaries, printed reminiscenses, news items and local handed-down talk, Miss Seawell has interpreted the history of her town from 1760's-1960's.

The part of Cumberland County that was cut to form Moore County 1784 was settled by Highland Scots and there in some genealogy mentioned of the Glascock, Morrison, Williamson, McNeill, Muse, McKinnons, Shaws, McLeads, McBrides, Andrew Johnson (17th Pres.U.S.) and others. I suspect, Miss Seawell knows much more of the families then she used in the history of the town.

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BOOK REVIEW

"HERMAN HUSBAND, A STORY OF HIS LIFE" 1724 - 1795

BY: Mary Elinor Lazenby

Old Neighborhood Press, Washington, D. C., 1940 - 180 pp. - No index- one page source material - 26 sources mentioned including several of genealogy.

There are three books (Chapters) in this small book. Husband in Maryland, N. C. and Penn.

Miss Lazenby has uncovered many events showing Husband and his co-workers spirit of righteous opposition to the ills under which they suffered instead of the usual historians label of them as disturbers of the peace.

Genealogical material woven in the general story but no help to those searching lines of Pugh's - his wife's people.

(Through Inter-Loan)

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WM. LOFTIN TO GENERAL SUMNER

(State Records - Clark - Vol XIV p.555)

July 20th, 1781

Dear Sir:

After my best respects to you Do inform you that the Tories is embodied on Deep River and doing very much mischief. Fanning is their Commander who is about 400 strong. Col. Balfour marched against them on Wednesday last with 75 men, but finding their number superior to his was obliged to retreat without attachment. We are raising our men fast as posable both in this County and Randolph But arms and ammunition is very scarce, especially lead. Capt. Hill and Capt. Williams came to my house last night from Col. Balfours Camp who says they marched within half a mile of the Tory Camp & by the best accounts they can gather they are at least 400 strong. On Tuesday last the Tory captains in Chatham called a general muster & ordered every man out to join Fanning without delay, & the Tories from the several counties are marching to him very fast. They are distressing the people very much near where they lay. So that the inhabitants in those parts will without immediate assistance be obliged to remove or fall into the hands of the villins. We hope Sir that your Honour will take it to consideration & send us assistance as soon as possible. If you can send us 200 men I think we shall be able then to attack them. You may send your men to Randolph Court House which is the place we shall gather at. Pray Sir if possible furnish us with some lead.

& much oblige your hum. Servant,

WM. LOFTIN.

N.B. Sir if possible send your men to the place appointed by Sunday night.

WM. LOFTIN

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UNION FACTORY

Union Factory, a cotton mill, was built in Randleman, N. C., Randolph County, on the banks of Deep River, in 1848 by Jesse Walker, James Dicks, William Clark, Joseph Newlin, Charles W. Woolen, Samuel Hill, David Coltrane, S. D. Bumpass, Jonathon P. Winslow, Jabez Hodgins, Dougan Clark, Elihue E. Mendenhall, William Hinshaw and Nathan B. Hill.

In 1868, John B. Randleman and John H. Ferree, purchased Union Factory from George W. Swepson and the name was changed to Randleman Manufacturing Co.

There were two towns, one known as Naomi Falls and the Union Factory, that merged and became incorporated, as the City of Randleman. John H. Ferree (1839-1898) and John B. Randleman (1827-1879) were both buried in St. Paul Church cemetery in Randleman.

It has been written, that John H. Ferree, purchased the "Old Bell" to replace a former bell in service in 1887. If so, he dedicated it to his own memory, since he did not die until 1898. There is inscribed on the bell the following:

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN B. RANDLEMAN & JOHN H. FERREE
THE FOUNDERS OF THE
RANDLEMAN M'F'G. CO. RANDOLPH CO., N.C.

On the back there is the following:

McSHANE BELL FOUNDRY CO.
HENRY McSHANE & CO.
BALTIMORE, MD.
TRADEMARK
1887

The bell was located just inside the present fence of the Commonwealth-Wee-Sox old plant, in a bell tower, erected for that purpose. About 1913, the engine room and boiler room was completed and the bell was moved to the roof of that building and the bell tower was torn down.

The bell was used by the night watchman, who rang the bell each hour on the hour during the night, until four o'clock, when it was rung with vigor, to awaken those in the village who were to report to work.

In June 1911, Randleman Manufacturing Co., Naomi Falls Manufacturing Co., Plaidville Mill and Marie Antoinette Mill were all consolidated, to become Deep River Mills, Inc. J. C. Watkins was president and treasurer, T. A. Hunter secretary and R. P. Deal was manager. The company owned 300 acres of land, two dams, numerous mill buildings and about 150 dwellings employing about 600 people.

The mills closed in 1930, due to financial difficulties and were sold at auction in September 1933. The various buildings, in 1967, were occupied by Commonwealth Hosiery Mills, Wee-Sox Hosiery Mills, A. J. Schneiersen & Sons and J. P. Stevens.

The "Old Bell" was moved to its present location when the Commonwealth - Wee-Sox Hosiery Mills moved to its new location in November 1967.