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NOTES FROM THE RECORDS OF WARREN

COLONIAL
GRANVILLE
CO., N.C.

COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

GENEALOGY OF WARREN COUNTY, N. C.

BY:
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WARREN and FRANKLIN COUNTIES were both a part of old BUTE COUNTY, which came out of GRANVILLE'S original territory in 1764, and existed for FIFTEEN YEARS, but went out of existence when WARREN and FRANKLIN were created. GRANVILLE, of course, came from EDGECOMBE'S vast territory in 1744, and EDGECOMBE came from CRAVEN. It was in 1786, seven years after the date that WARREN COUNTY was erected out of BUTE that JOHN MASON, PLEASANT HENDERSON and JOHN WILLIAMS DANIEL made their report as Commissioners to run the line between GRANVILLE and WARREN (See page 210 herein). Why this was so long delayed is not explained by any record we have found.

So, WARREN COUNTY, of course, was part of COLONIAL GRANVILLE COUNTY, as was FRANKLIN, its neighbor below.

JOHN WILLIAMS DANIEL, one of the Commissioners to run the line between GRANVILLE and WARREN COUNTIES, lived in WARREN COUNTY, though he was the son of JOHN DANIEL, who died in GRANVILLE in 1765 leaving a will (p. 212); He died in Warren County in the year 1808, leaving a will that was probated in May, 1809, of which the following is an abstract:

1. My beloved wife MARY DANIEL, the use of my estate, both real and personal during her natural life; and after her death
2. To my son ZADOCK DANIEL, my land and plantation whereon I now live, together with my two negroes Dan and Jerry.
3. To my daughter MARTHA VAUGHAN, my two negroes Luke and Lucy and fifty dollars cash.
4. To my daughter, MARY STAMPER, my negroes Peter, Jinney and Ceely and their increase.
5. To my step-son JOHANNAN GRAYES one hundred dollars.
6. To my step-daughter FRANCES TRICE, a box of furniture and my escheator, and old negroes Sam and Nancy.
7. My son ZADOCK DANIEL and son in law, WILLIAM STAMPER.

The witnesses to this will were JAMES BULLECK, FRANCIS FUCKER and WILKY SMITH.

From a deed record in Deed Book 14, of Warren County we learn that the husband of the daughter MARTHA (DANIEL) VAUGHAN was one VINCENT VAUGHAN.

(The name of VINCENT VAUGHAN appears on the Quit Rent Rolls of NEW KENT COUNTY, Virginia in 1704).

ANN RAY. Her will appears on the records of Warren County dated in May, 1796 (Vol. 8, p. 334), in which she mentions the following legatees:

Nancy Rodwell.
Betty Gardner
Mary Fryor
Patty Myrick.

JOHN LYNCH. The will of JOHN LYNCH is in Vol 3 p. 8 of the Warren County records, in which he mentions only one legatee:
David Lynch.

JOSEPH LINDSAY. His will was offered for probate in Warren County in March, 1794, and

in it he mentions only three children of legatees, as follows:

Caleb Lindsay
Rachel Lindsay
Laban Lindsay.

This JOSEPH LINDSAY lived in WUTEBUSH DISTRICT in Granville County in 1756, and he is mentioned in the diary of the Rev. Hugh McAden who "went home with him" when on his tour through Granville County in that year. It was while on this visit to JOSEPH LINDSAY that the Rev. McAden wrote his impressions of the people of the Wutebush section of Granville County, mentioned in Wheeler's and other North Carolina books.

WILLIAM DANIEL left a nuncupative will which was probated in WARREN COUNTY, on November 24, 1794, in which he left all his property to be equally divided between Edmund Smith, Howell Moss, Joseph Daniel and John Daniel. This will was proven by the oath of Mary x Fleming and Daniel Key

The wife of Daniel Key was Gallie Daniel the daughter of Joseph Daniel, but they were not married until 1796, two years after this will was proven. (p. 215).

On August 28, 1795, a legatee of WILLIAM DANIEL, deceased, three surveys of land of 94 3/4 acres; also surveyed to Howell Moss, and the said John Daniel having bought said Howell Moss's part; 95 3/4 acres surveyed to Joseph Daniel and the same amount to Edmund Smith. Signed by

John W. Daniel
Isham Harris
Vincent Vaughan

Witnessed by W. Duke Johnson.

From Deed Book 14 (1794-1798):
Sterling Clack deeded lands to Peter Daniel of Warren County. p. 34.

John W. Daniel deeded lands to Zadock Daniel of Warren County. p. 260.

Richard Watkins bought land from J. Willis Daniel p. 181.

1810-1814: James Bullock bought lands from Zadock Daniel p. 336.

Edmund Mayfield bought lands from Peter Daniel of Warren County.

Green Duke, in 1810-1816 record, bought land from William and Mary Cunningham in Warren County.

(Dr. Thomas Hunt of Granville County, married a daughter of Green Duke, who was from Virginia.)

Between 1821-1823, Anthony Davis of Warren County sold lands to A. and R. M. Cunningham. Record, p. 219.

William Davis bought lands from Justice Daniel between 1764 and 1766, but at that time what is now Warren County was in BUTE. Other deeds to lands of that same period in BUTE County is one from Thomas Daniel to Jesse Norland, and from Joseph Wright to Charles Daniel

There was a Samuel Person who lived in Warren County in 1791-4 who sold a tract of land to a LEWIS DANIEL. This Lewis Daniel was perhaps from Halifax, son of a William.

W I L L S :

PETER MOORE, will in 1790. Mentions only MARTHA C. MOORE.

MARK MOORE. Will in 1794. Legatees were JOHN, MARY, OWEN and DAVID MOORE.

JOHN CHRISTMAS JR. Will in 1777. Legatees were ANN, HENRY, MARY and MARTHA CHRISTMAS.

DREWERY CHRISTMAS. Will in 1785. Legatees were JESSE and WILLIAM CHRISTMAS. (This is the WILLIAM who "laid off" the towns of WAR - KENTON and RALEIGH.)

HENRY CHRISTMAS. Will in 1789. Legatees were MARY and PATSY CHRISTMAS.

SAMUEL CRUTCHFIELD. Will in 1795. Mentions only SARAH CRUTCHFIELD.

MARY WILLIAMS. Left a will in 1797 in which she names only LEWIS and AMERICA JONES.

WILLIAM MOORE. Will in 1781. Names his wife as SARAH, and the following children:

- Lewis Moore
- William Moore
- John Moore
- Rebecca Moore
- Susannah Moore
- Edward Moore
- Mark Moore
- Nancy Moore
- Patsy Moore
- Elizabeth Moore.

JAMES JONES. Will in 1777. Names his wife CHARITY. She was Charity Alston, the daughter of SOLOMON ALSTON who married SARAH HINTON, and he was the son of EDWARD JONES and the brother of CAPT. SUGAR JONES. The children named were:

- Thomas Jones
- James Jones
- Willis Jones
- Mary Jones
- Priscilla Jones
- Rachel Jones.

THOMAS JONES. Will in 1779. Names wife FRANCES and THOMAS, WILLIS and FRED JONES.

WILLIS JONES. Will in 1779. Legatees were FRED and WILLIS JONES.

ALDRIDGETON JONES. Will in 1787. Names wife MARY, and children WILLIAM, WILLIS, and JEREMIAH JONES and son in law FREDY HARDY.

WILLIAM JONES, SR. Will in 1790. Names wife MARTHA, and children:

- James Jones
- Williams Jones
- Patsy Jones
- Sally Jones
- Polly Jones
- Betsy Jones married STURDIVANT.
- EDITH JONES married a KING.

DAVID HORTON, SR. Will in 1784. His wife was ANNE, and his children were DAVID, CONSTANT, SALLY, CHARLES, SAMUEL, NATHAN, WILLIAM, ANKLA and MATTHIAS HORTON. He had daughter GRACE HORTON who married a man named ARNDALL.

WOODSON DANIEL. The will of a WOODSON DANIEL was probated in WARREN COUNTY, according to my notes in 1791. He names his wife NANCY, and children:

- JAMES DANIEL
- JOHN DANIEL
- DAVID DANIEL
- FRANKY DANIEL
- POLLY DANIEL
- WILLIAM DANIEL

I failed to get the book and page of this entry and am under the impression that he died in WAKE COUNTY, though I am unable to locate the record at this time.

THE ZADOCK DANIEL FAMILY - WARREN

ZADOCK DANIEL, the son of JOHN WILLIAMS DANIEL of WARREN COUNTY (p. 303) married ELIZABETH LEWIS in GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C. July 26, 1792. One of his sons wrote the following account of the family June 26, in 1879:

"ZADOCK DANIEL, my father, married ELIZABETH LEWIS, of GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C. on the 26th day of July, 1792. She was born on March 20, 1777, and died March 5, 1826. Her mother's name was ANDERSON and her father was JAMES LEWIS, and they had two sons, WILLIAM & JAMES LEWIS. My great grand-mother's name was FANNIE CLARK. She had two sons who left no issue, and had seven or eight daughters, who married into the best families of VIRGINIA and NORTH CAROLINA, namely, the TAYLORS, VENABLES and HUNTS. I am proud of my LEWIS and ANDERSON blood, for no grander man or nobler woman ever existed."

ZADOCK DANIEL and ELIZABETH LEWIS were the parents of the following children:

1. Susannah Daniel (b. 1793).
2. John Williams Lewis Daniel (b. 1794)
3. Mary (Polly) Daniel (b. 1798).
4. James Lewis Daniel (b. 1800).
5. William Daniel (b. 1802).
6. Dudley Daniel (b. 1804).
7. Sarah Lewis Daniel (b. 1806).
8. Lewis Daniel (b. 1808).
9. Zadock Daniel (b. 1810)
10. Elizabeth Ann Daniel (b. 1812).
11. Fannie Anderson Daniel (b. 1815)
12. Charles Daniel (b. 1817).

ZADOCK DANIEL and ELIZABETH LEWIS moved from WARREN to WAKE COUNTY, North Carolina in 1815.

4. JAMES LEWIS, their second son, was born in WARREN COUNTY, N. C. January 6, 1800, and moved to WAKE COUNTY with his parents in 1815. He married MATILDA GANNETT in Morriwether County, Ga. October 12, 1830, and by her had eight children:

20. JOHN WILKINSON LEWIS DANIEL
21. Mary Ann Daniel
22. Elizabeth Lewis Daniel
23. Emma Josephine Daniel
24. Susan Artimian Daniel
25. Charles Paruly Sparks Daniel
26. Edwin Fletcher Daniel (b. 1853)
27. Dudley Daniel (b. 1856).

The parents of these children both died in SUMMULA, ALABAMA, where descendants live.

INTERNET SITE FOR WARREN CO, NC

○ EXCERPT FROM "NCFRANKL Digest, Vol 5, Issue 16" 25 APR 2010

Message: 2
Date: Sat, 24 Apr 2010 17:59:24 -0500
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Winkie,
I'm glad you found the entries on the Franklin Co. website. Looking at the entries, I notice the dates are from the time when Franklin Co. was part of Bute Co. Have you tried searching the Bute Co. website? Bute Co. has the deed and will books from 1764-1779 online for researching, and Warren Co. has the books online for the time period after that since Franklin & Warren were formed from Bute in 1779, and the majority of the records went to the Warren Co. authorities. The following are the links to Bute & Warren Co, both of which have search engines, which incidentally, I did a brief search of Bute and found some records by just keying in the surname of JOYNER:

<http://www.ncgenweb.us/ncbute/index.htm>

<http://www.ncgenweb.us/ncwarren/>

Deloris Williams
NCGenWeb, Co-SC
NCGenWeb, CC Vance, Franklin, Halifax Co.
Co- CC Granville Co.

This followsup identified a book of major interest by [△]Robert E. Harris published in 1994 entitled "From Essex England to the sunny southern U.S.A." There is a Vol 2 entitled "Names from Essex, England And Allied Families by F. G. Harris. 2006
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After receipt of this item I went to the [△]BUTE Co., NC and [△]WARREN Co., NC sites and found useful information.

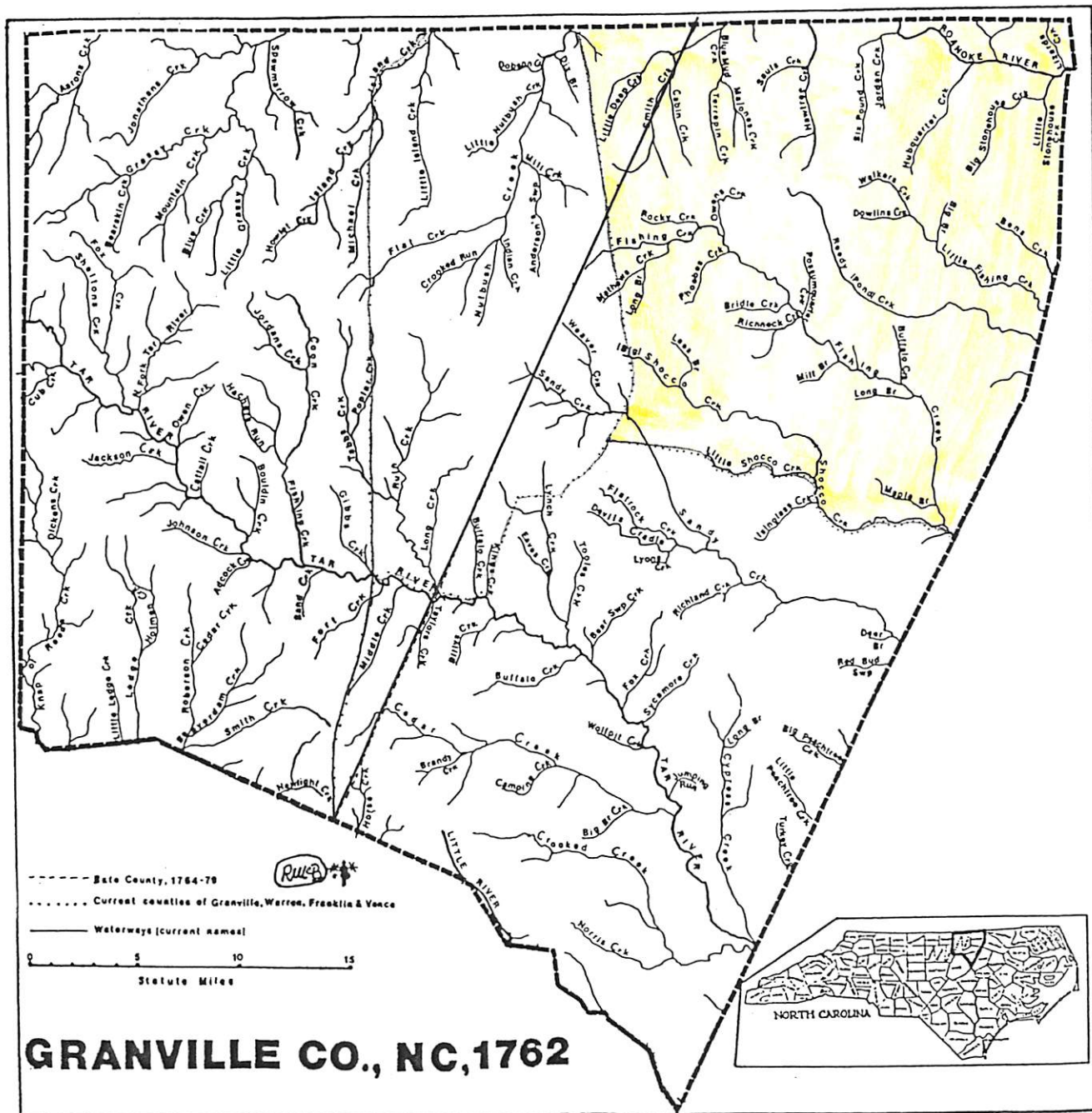
This lead-in item is being placed in [△]F15) internet source AND in Bute Co & Warren Co

Also in Profile of [△]Deloris Williams & in Profile of [△]NOLA DUFFY

PRESENT WARREN CO, NC

○ FROM PG 22 "Rockley - A Southern Colonial Family. By
Eleana Frety Patten and Timothy Wiley Rockley.

SHOWS GRANVILLE CO, NC AND PRESENT GRANVILLE, WARREN
AS OF 1762 COUNTIES OF: FRANKLIN, VANCE



GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, 1762, RIVERS AND CREEKS (CURRENT NAMES)

Reprinted with permission of the author from "List of Taxables for 1762 in Granville County, NC, Part I" by Ransom McBride with special assistance of Jo Anna B. McDaniel, The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, August 1986, page 150. Dotted lines indicate present-day boundaries between Granville, Vance, Warren, and Franklin counties. The dashed line running diagonally across the center of the four-county area indicates the boundary between Granville and Bute counties from 1764 until 1779.

WARREN CO, NC RECORDS, VOL I

○ WARREN CO, NC RECORDS VOL I BY [△]MARY HINTON (DUKE) KERR

On 10 OCT 2007 RPA visited the Franklin Co NC Public Library in Franklin Co, Lowelburg, NC and extracted a book with the above title. - Richard U is mentioned on pages 19 & 25. [Given the dates of 1969 & 1970 it can be assumed this is RICHARD U, II - RPU]

Pg 19 #85 Estate Report for [△]Robert Code, 51 AVE 1769 COURT
[△]James Alford, Administrator. 1969 Dates = 12 MAR, 4 AVE, 3 JUN
Names mentioned: [△]Richard U [II] ; [△]Charles Galmore

[△]Capt John Fenell ; [△]Floyd Williams
[△]Wm Wardall ; [△]Col Jeffreys
[△]Joseph Strickland ; [△]Henry Code

Pg 25 #141 Estate of Robert Code, 51 - 15 AVE 1970, James Alford, Adm.
Paid Richard U [II] and others

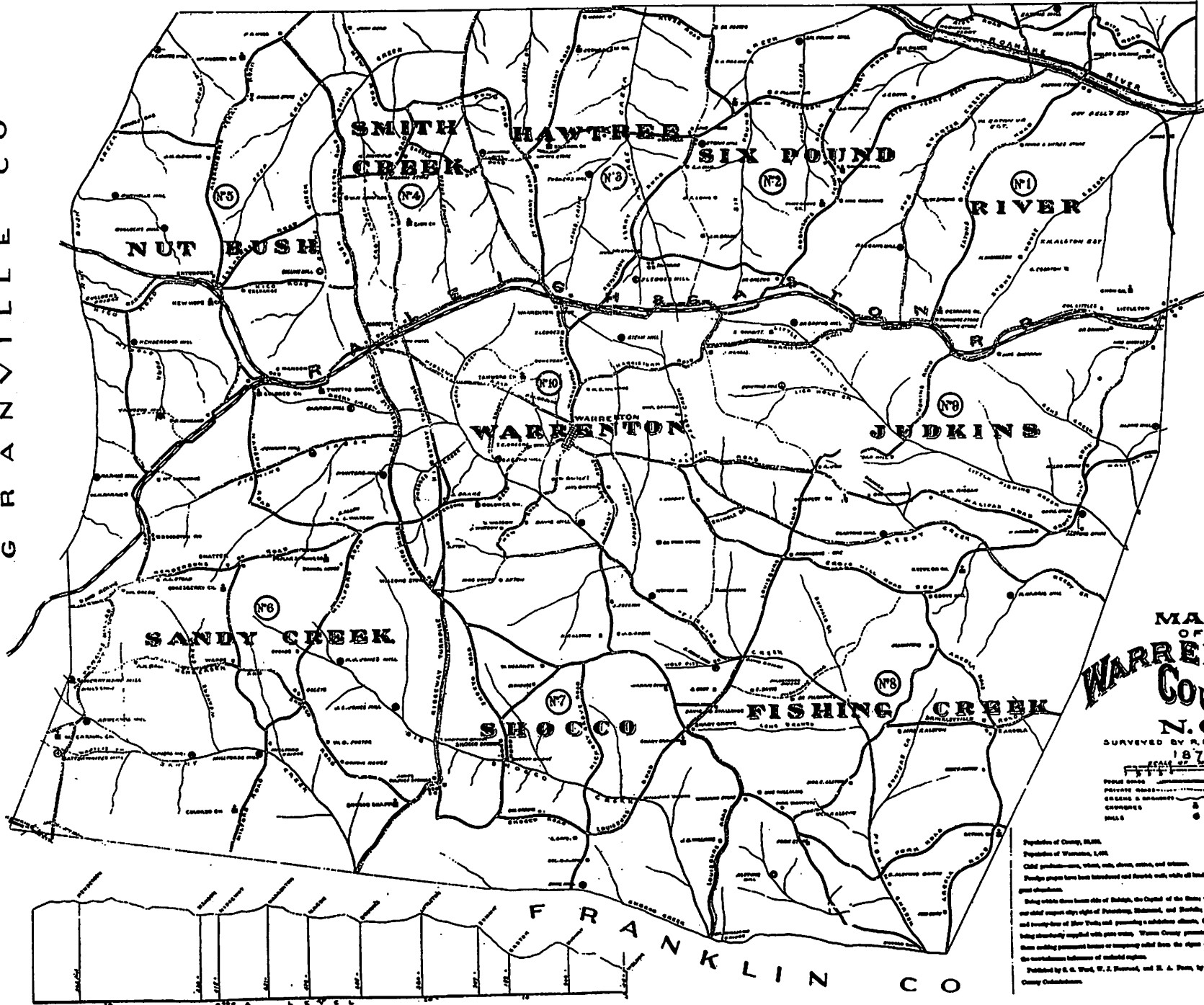
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1874 Map of Warren County

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GRANVILLE CO



MAP
OF
WARREN COUNTY
N.C.
SURVED BY R.D. PASCHALL
1874
SCALE OF MILES

Population of County, 1870.
Population of Warrenton, 1,000.
Cattle pastured, when, and, sheep, swine, and horses.
Fishing places have been introduced and marked with white circles of 1/2 inch in diameter.
Being within three hours ride of Raleigh, the Capital of the State, and of Washington, we shall receive the rights of Protection, Education, and Health, and the rights of the State and County of New York, and possessing a suitable climate, we have made, and being abundantly supplied with pure water, Warren County presents every advantage to those seeking permanent homes or temporary relief from the rigors of Northern winters or the unwholesome influence of malarial regions.
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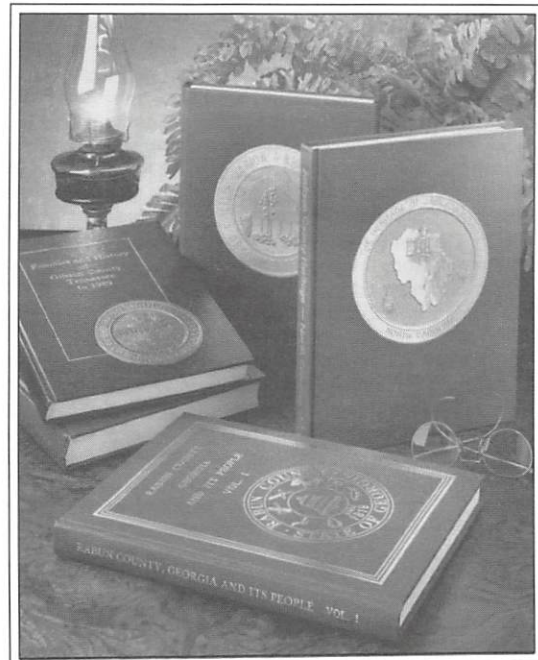
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- We invite all residents, former residents, and those with roots in Warren County to submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed free!
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The only exception to the count each word rule is abbreviations: up to and including 4 letters/numbers or less = 1 word. 5 letters/numbers or more = 2 words (punctuation does not affect this).

FLOYD EUGENE & ANNIE WILSON

Floyd Eugene Wilson, Sr. was born on April 22, 1911 in Warren County, the son of John Alexander Wilson Sr. and Vivian Fleming Wilson. He had six sisters and four brothers (refer to the John A. Wilson story). Eugene attended school in Drewry and was star player on the basketball team. At the age of 25, he left home with friends to travel throughout the US and Mexico. They drove a 1936 Chevrolet Master Coach and traveled 9,533 miles. Eugene always loved to travel.



Twenty-fifth wedding anniversary; Floyd Eugene and Annie (Nelson) Wilson

Eugene Wilson was a big man not only in stature, but in heart also. He was a true Wilson, always wanting to help someone. Eugene served on the telephone committee, helping his rural area receive telephone service. He was a life-long member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church. He was a farmer and operator of Wilson Brothers General Store and Service Station.

On December 30, 1944, he married Annie Shelton Nelson, a Henderson Native (refer to the Austin Newman Story). They were blessed with two sons, Floyd Eugene "Gene" Wilson, Jr. (5-21-1946) and John Crandall "Cran" Wilson (1-28-52). Both were educated in the public schools at Middleburg and Henderson and attended NC State University. "Gene" is an active member of the Drewry Volunteer Fire Dept. He is a member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church and has been on the Deacon's Board since 1969. He is now engaged in farming. Cran is also an active member of the Drewry Vol. Fire Dept. He worked with the Extension Service and later with Granite Diagnostic Laboratory. In 1977 he came home to help his brother operate the family farm. Cran is also a member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church and has served as deacon since 1978 and treasurer since 1997.

John Crandall married Jeanne Holt Knight, daughter of Virginia P. and James Knight from Norlina on November 6, 1977. She taught 5th grade at Norlina Christian School for 12 years. Jeanne is a graduate of East Carolina University and is gifted in many ways. Her special talents are cooking and quilting. Cran and Jeanne were doubly blessed with twin sons, John Shelton Wilson (8-29-81) and James Crandall Wilson (8-29-81). The twins graduated with honors from Norlina Christian School and are now enrolled at Vance-Granville Community College, as college transfer students. They both

work at state parks on Kerr Lake during the summer.

Eugene Wilson, Sr. died on March 10, 1977 at the age of 65. It was evident at his funeral that Eugene had many, many friends who paid a final tribute to him. His widow, Annie Wilson (10-30-21) still resides at the home place and continues to contribute to the community and her church. She is a member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church where she has served as church secretary since 1949. She also taught Sunday school, and remains active in the Women's Fellowship. Annie remains active in the Drewry Ladies' Club, and has served on the board of directors of the NC Agricultural Foundation at NC State University.

Annie was named Mother of the Year for Warren County in 1973. She retired from the US Postal Service in 1983. (520 words. Note: a charge of 10¢ applies to 20 words) Submitted by Annie N. Wilson Rt. 1, Box 85, Manson, NC 27553 Sources: Personal knowledge, Family Bible.

JAMES THOMAS WALKER

James Thomas Walker born 15 July 1822 apparently in Warren County, N.C. Parents unknown. His sister Henrietta Walker ca. 1832, who married Weldon Edward Wilson, the only child of James Wilson and Matilda R. Brickell. Another relative is William M. Walker who married Eliza W. Gordon, 11 September 1830, in Granville Co., N.C. In 1850 William is living in Christian Co., Ky, and later Trigg Co., Ky. His daughter Katherine married Joseph Shoemaker.

James T., sometimes called Thomas, is also thought to be related to Jeremiah Green Walker who married Ailsey Langford in Warren Co.

The 1850 census shows James T. as a carpenter living in the household of Master Carpenter, William P. Rose and wife Delia Langford Rose. Other young male carpenters listed in the Rose household were: William Bobbitt, Andrew Wynn, Robert Rose, and William J. Rose.

Also living with Mr. & Mrs. Rose was a neighbor, Elizabeth W. Odum, probably helping Mrs. Rose with household chores.

Elizabeth was born 14 July 1831 in Franklin Co., N.C. to Hudson H. Odum and Mary Alford Odum. She moved to Warren Co. about 1840 when her father was hired by The Raleigh-Gaston Railroad to manage a hotel in Ridgeway. After Hudson's death in 1869, his family moved back to Franklin Co. and settled near Bunn.

On 27 December 1852, James T. and Elizabeth were married and moved to a house formerly owned by the Daniel Tucker family. James had purchased this property in February 1852 from Jane Tucker, widow of Daniel. James, being a carpenter, later made additions and enlarged the house to accommodate his family of nine children. They were; Gaston Martin - born 1854; Mary P. - born 1856; Alexander Hudson-born 1858; Sarah Elizabeth-born 1861; George Thomas-born 1863; Eugenia



Home of James Thomas Walker and Elizabeth Odum Walker. L to r; Winnie Walker, Sarah Elizabeth Walker.

Geneva-born 1866; Louis N.-born 1868; Howard

Palmer-born 1871; Winnifred Massenburg-born 1874.

Gaston, Sarah (Sallie Bet), George, Howard and Winnie never married. Louis died at age two. Mary married Jesse J. Rideout of Bracy, Virginia, as his second wife and had no issue. Alex married Elizabeth Mae Curl (Bessie), and had one child, Jerman Taylor Walker.

Geneva married John Horace Rose. Children were Raymond Horace Rose and Pearl Walker Rose.

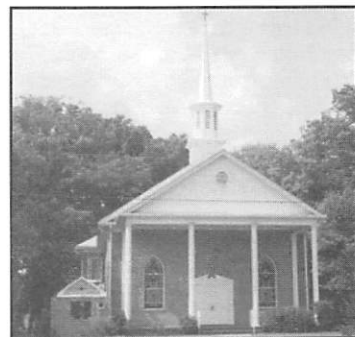
James Thomas was a farmer, carpenter, and furniture maker. His wife Elizabeth died 4 January 1879 and James T. died 22 February 1892. Both are buried in the Parker-Rose-Hundley Cemetery in Norlina beside all their children. The original James Thomas Walker land on the Warren Plains Road has been in the Walker family for 149 years and is at the present time owned by great-granddaughters Mary Elizabeth Walker Taylor and Eugenia Geneva Walker-Rose Frazier. (429 words) Submitted by Mary Elizabeth Walker Taylor, PO Box 43, Norlina, NC 27563. Sources: Family Bible, 1880 census, personal knowledge.

CHURCHES, CLUBS and ORGANIZATIONS!

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MACON METHODIST CHURCH

Macon Methodist Church was organized in 1874 to enlarge Pegram's Church, situated about seven miles from Macon, near Buck Spring, home of



Macon Methodist Church, 2001

Nathaniel Macon. The original membership was not large, being composed of former members of Pegram's, Hebron, and Prospect Churches. The lot on which the building stands consists of two acres, donated by Mr. Benjamin I. Egerton, the deed for which was recorded in 1874. The church was built in 1876. In 1926 the church was renovated, with brick veneered walls, a choir loft in the auditorium, a new slate roof, and a steeple. An educational building was added at the rear by a donation of the Duke Foundation.

Among the best means of fund raising in the early days were ice-cream and oyster suppers. The ice cream freezers were watched with eager eyes by youngsters. Dashers were then give to the children for a good "licking". These were really delightful social occasions and often the only times people had ice cream. Regular food sales were a favorite activity of the church ladies.

In later years the Women's Missionary Society raised funds for the heating system and chairs for the Sunday school rooms. Still later, modern restrooms, carpeting, an organ, chimes and electrically illuminated cross and memorials were installed. All of this made Macon Methodist Church one of the most attractive to be found in any small North Carolina town. The church today is operational with very dedicated and loyal members. The Macon Methodist church is as a "city set on a hill" and its influences, like "echoes" continue to roll. (266 words) Researched by Thomas Powell, Emma Nowell and Mrs. Lemuel R. Harris. Submitted by Jessica Sanders, Rt. 2, Box 4A, Macon, NC 27551.

(Note: Genealogical charts and tabular material cannot be accepted. Stories must be in a flowing, narrative form.)



"... and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time."

The Psalm of Life by: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

You and your family are important to the Warren County Heritage Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of our county heritage book.

I. Who is eligible to participate?

- A. Present residents of Warren Co.
B. Former residents of Warren Co.
C. Those with roots in Warren Co.

II. How much may I submit, and what is the cost?

- A. Each household is encouraged to send in 500 words of their family history and one picture.
B. These amounts will be published at no charge.
C. In addition, if your ancestors were in the county by or before 1881, you may submit an additional 500 words of pioneer history and another picture per household.
D. Additional words are 10¢ per word. Extra photos are \$12.50. Double wide or double deep photos are also \$12.50 additional.
E. Abbreviations/numbers above five letters equal two words, and punctuation does not affect this.

III. What will I write?

- A. About your ancestors.
1. Why and when they came to Warren County.
2. Birth, marriages, and death dates.
B. Yourself and your family.
1. Childhood, school days, and other events.
2. Jobs, residences, hobbies and pastimes.
C. Anything you can tell future generations of their ancestry.

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B. Include at end of article:
1. Word count.
2. Sources, if available.
3. Name and address of story submitter.
4. Photo caption (see V.C)

V. Photograph directions.

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Most genealogists are well aware that one of the richest lodes of information about their ancestors is found in the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, the lowest court of record in colonial North Carolina. Usually, the court met every three months and the minutes of those sessions allow a peek into eighteenth-century life.

The first name for this northern central area of North Carolina was Bute County, which name was changed to Franklin County in 1778. Warren County was created out of Franklin County in 1779. In 1881, another part of the parent county became Vance County.

In this volume of Warren County Court Minutes, there are deeds registered, wills proved, intestate records mentioned, bills of sale recorded, and apprenticeships granted. There are usually references to the building and maintenance of the courthouse, jail, bridges, and roads; the licensing of taverns and inns; and the reports of tax collectors. The lists of jurors often furnish proof that an ancestor was residing in the county at a certain time.

A veteran genealogist, Mrs. Christmas-Beattie has transcribed a very helpful indexed resource for those folks with colonial Warren County roots.

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NATHANIEL MACON

The Legacy Of Nathaniel Macon

In 37 consecutive years of service, North Carolina's first congressman had a record of integrity that was unsurpassed.

In the light of today's political patterns and practices, one may be astonished that Nathaniel Macon, North Carolina's first congressman in 1791, managed to serve 37 consecutive years.

Likewise, one may wonder how he made it there in the first place.

Perhaps it was because Nathaniel Macon never — repeat, never — sought a public office, claimed membership in any party, belonged to any church, attended a political caucus, “treated” with drinks at elections, solicited a vote or campaigned in his district. However, after elected, he did attend the first annual court session in each county to listen to the voters.

Nevertheless, he never — repeat, never — became obligated or acceded to popular demands, asked the president to appoint a person to public office, wanted a cabinet post, or accepted a public dinner. He said his having been elected was the “most gratifying proof of (the people's) good will and esteem.”

Today, one is awed that he survived while surely riling many of the electorate and alienating many of his colleagues with some unpopular stands on issues.

Macon advocated suffrage based on maturity of judgment rather than property; public education supported by general taxation; lowering salaries of federal officials, contending they received ample pay and would set a good example by “plain and simple living;” roll call voting, because “no man should be ashamed to let his neighbors know how he cast his vote” within the assembly; stated terms for office holders rather than during good behavior; annual legislative sessions maintaining that “frequent elections and accountability” were “essential for democratic govern-

ment:” a permanent ban on government pensions or gifts to any person; congressional districts so small a representative would know his constituents personally; and a state's right to secession “provided she pay her proportion of the public debt.”

On the other hand, Macon never collected “double pay” for travel, to which he was entitled, but accepted pay only for “actual mileage.” In fact, between home and Congress, he rode horseback and forsook coach or buggy. He even declined authorized pay and a grant of land for Revolutionary War service.

Twenty-four of his years in service were spent in the House of Representatives, of which three times he was speaker. He was a member of the U.S. Senate for 13 years.

Just who was this person some historians have called “unique” and “eccentric,” and others have said was a “dominant” and “powerful” person in the state and nation for 40 years?

Thanks to sources such as *The Life of Nathaniel Macon* by William E. Dodd and to *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* by William S. Powell, we have a picture of a person both foes and friends admired for wisdom, good judgment, fairness and firmness and who was consistently devoted to duty and “uncompromising as to what is right.”

Macon was born December 17, 1758, to “substantial” parents in the Shocco Creek

community of what is now Warren County. When he was 5, his father died and willed him 600 acres and three slaves.

Largely self-taught, he did attend an old field school of Charles Pettigrew, later bishop of the Episcopal Church of North Carolina. At age 15 his mother sent him to Princeton University for a few months. He returned home shortly and began self-teaching and farming. Late in life he attributed his “poor eyes” to having avidly read “by firelight” too much.

When the British overran South Carolina and threatened this state, Macon joined the Warren County militia. Typically, he declined a commission and the enlistment bonus. While in the army at age 23, he received word of his election

to the State Senate without his knowledge. Believing he was more needed in the army, he did not attend the first senate session. But on General Nathanael Greene's persuasion he did attend the summer session, became a leading and influential member and was re-elected three more times.

In 1785, while a state senator, he was named to the U.S. Congress but declined to serve. In 1791 he did accept election to Congress. Subsequently, he chaired the

foreign relations committees of both houses of Congress, and chaired numerous select ones while doing duty on both financial groups.

Macon deplored “excessive taxes,” government waste, intervention in free enterprise, debt and “pay-later” policies. He despised protective tariffs and all expenditures not necessary to the “honest fulfillment of the most essential functions.” Macon also opposed the Missouri Compromise, calling it a “surrender of the South to the North.” Unafraid to vote “no,” he was said to have cast more negative votes in his tenure than any other 10 members put together. One of his intimate friends said, “If Mr. Macon should happen to be drowned, I would not look down the current for his body, but upstream.”



Nathaniel Macon

He once voted against spending \$14,000 to repair White House furniture, calling it a "horrible waste of public funds." Another time he voted against \$70,000 for a monument to George Washington, declaring it would "prove an auspicious precedent for future memories." Besides, he added, "If we decline raising a mausoleum to Washington, no man who succeeds him can ever expect one to be raised by the government to his memory."

He captured the esteem of Presidents Jefferson, Adams, Madison and Monroe, and twice declined cabinet positions and invitations to seek the vice presidency. He helped Jefferson negotiate the Louisiana Purchase and ushered passage of the bill through Congress.

Macon was a 6 foot, handsome, urbane, affluent and generous planter owning several thousand acres and 70 slaves, all of whom were said to have held his affection. Hard working and hard playing, he toiled in the field with the hands, followed a plow, topped tobacco and helped feed the stock until infirmities required him to stay out of the sun. He sipped a drink before meals and ardently hunted fox and deer until the last years of his life. He kept many hounds and 10 thoroughbred horses, whose birthdates and records he kept in the family Bible.

Though he was no church member, he had studied the Bible, and every Sunday morning every person on the plantation, both white and black, dressed in his or her Sunday best and worshipped at the "big house." They prayed and sang, and Macon read and explained a chapter of the Bible. He once wrote: "The Bible contains great knowledge on the principles of government. The rising generations forget the principles and maxims of their fathers, hence the destruction of government in every age."

An often-told anecdote is how he daringly became engaged to 25-year-old Hannah Plummer, a charming Warrenton lady. On one visit to her, he found there another suitor and boldly offered to play "a game of cards for her hand." They did and Macon lost. But he raised his hand and exclaimed, "Hannah, I have lost you fairly, but love is superior to fortune. I cannot give you up. I will always love you." Hannah liked that

kind of talk, and they were married in 1783.

Macon and his slaves built a home at Buck Springs on Hubquarter Creek, about 12 miles northeast of Warrenton and far enough from a neighbor that it was impossible "to hear his dogs bark." He and Hannah had three children in about 10 years before her untimely death. Macon, only 33 at the time of her passing, never remarried.

In 1828 he retired from public life, except for an interruption in 1835 to represent his county in the North Carolina Constitutional Convention, which elected him its chairman. He closed out his public career as a presidential elector in 1836.

Macon evidently had a premonition about his demise, though his health had been good overall, considering his age of 79. On the morning of June 29, 1837, he arose as usual and went about the plantation business "cheerfully and in good mind" until stricken with a "stomach spasm" at about 10 a.m. Carried to bed, he sent for the doctor and undertaker, asked for and paid their bills, then got out of bed, shaved, dressed, laid back down, made arrangements for his funeral, closed his eyes and died about noon.

An estimated 1,500 people at the burial were lavishly supplied with food and grog in accordance with his last wishes. He got his wish to be buried in the family cemetery without tombstone and enclosure "on a poor piece of land" no one would wish to cultivate. The grave was covered with a mound of plowed-up flint rock no one would want for building purposes.

Tradition has it that today no stone is to be removed unless it is replaced by another.

Historians appear divided as to Macon's ultimate worth, but Clyde Wilson concludes in the *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* that Macon's spirit "was long the spirit of North Carolina, a spirit that, however foreign to the modern temper, lies at the heart of the origins of American democracy. Perhaps no one ever served the state more unselfishly or better displayed its traditional moral values."

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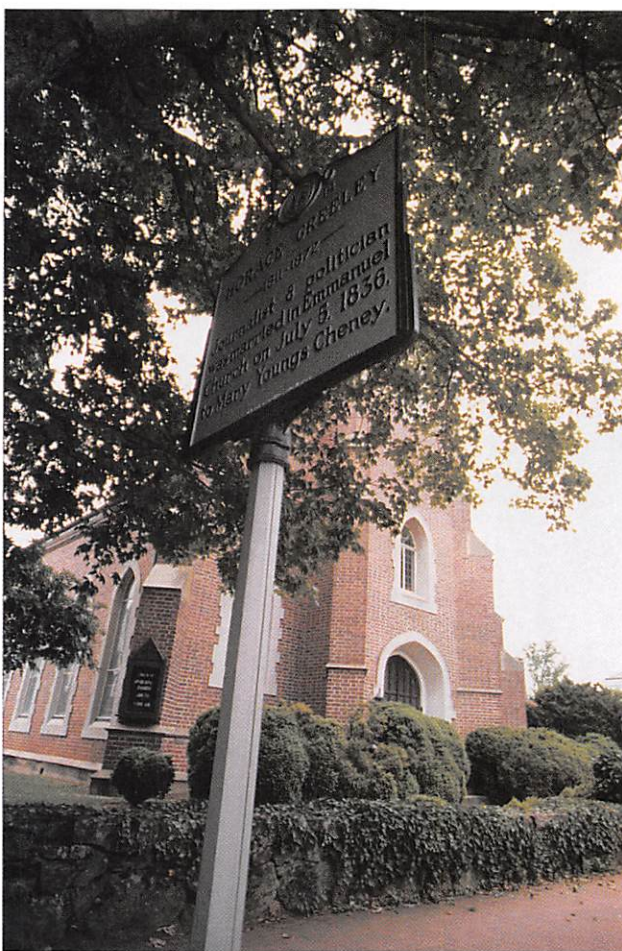
My recent tour of the community began with visits to such landmarks as the town's historic courthouse and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church where journalist Horace Greeley married Mary Cheney, a local school teacher, in 1836. I noticed that many businesses still practice the Southern tradition of closing on Wednesday afternoons — a step into a past when folks enjoyed a less hectic pace.

Warrenton, however, is stretching beyond its history to take advantage of its past. Business leaders in the town are committed to putting their town back on the map.

"Warrenton is like a tulip in springtime — ready to burst forward," says Allen Kimball, director of the Warren County Economic Development Commission.

"People are starting to view Warrenton with a different perspective," says French Scott, chairman of the EDC.

Ernest Fleming, owner of Oakley Hall Antiques, says, "Preservation is attracting a good strong middle class, which is helping to develop Warrenton."



Consecrated in 1824, the Emmanuel Episcopal Church has welcomed the faithful and the famous. In the church's most noted ceremony, school teacher Mary Cheney married journalist Horace Greeley in 1836.

Strengthening aspirations

Preservation is an important word in Warrenton's future. The Warren County seat, with a population of just more than 1,000 people, is transforming itself from a small town serving the agrarian countryside to a community

more attuned to a suburban lifestyle. A brochure provided by the EDC explains that Warren County is within 500 miles of 75 percent of the population of the United States. Interstates 85 and 95 are located within a few miles, making the capitals of two states short drives away. Professionals such as lawyers, stock brokers, and airline pilots now call Warrenton home.

But Warrenton still draws from the past to strengthen its aspirations. The town's major attraction, of course, is the huge number of Antebellum homes and structures still standing in Warrenton and the surrounding countryside. Many of these homes are in great need of renovation.

Enter Preservation North Carolina, a nonprofit historic preservation organization that has helped attract people to Warrenton to live in and refurbish many of these stately houses or renovate commercial properties for their businesses. With its revolving fund, the Raleigh-based organization acquires endangered historic properties and resells them with protective covenants to purchasers. An

advocate for better laws, public policies, and financial incentives, the organization also was instrumental in the passing of a law enacted in January 1998 that enables residential properties to join commercial properties as eligible for a tax credit of 30 percent.

Falkener School for young women, and the Shiloh School for free blacks.

Warren County has provided the state with four governors, six attorneys general, three supreme court justices, and four superior court justices, as well as a speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nathaniel Macon, and the state's first black congressman, John Hayman.

The Civil War and years of Reconstruction disrupted Warrenton's economy, causing the children of many of the town's families to seek their futures elsewhere.

A renewed future from the past

Today, the future looks very bright for Warrenton. The second half of 1997 marked a notable change for the Warren County economy, and 1998 has the potential to be stronger due to the many business developments.

Expansion Management magazine recently described Warrenton as a "manufacturing paradise." Since 1995, a number of companies have announced start-up plans that have totaled \$45 million of investments in the county. Some \$10 million in infrastructure improvements are underway, among them a natural gasline, water, and sewer services.

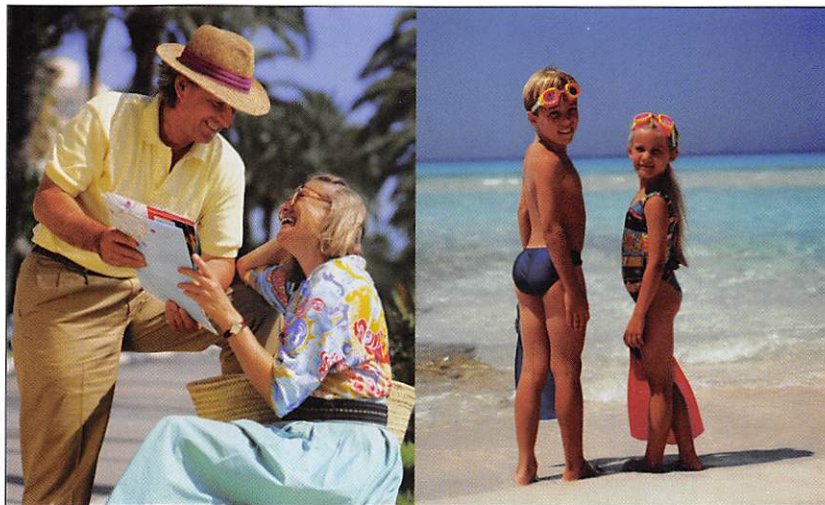
Plans also are underway for an 8,000-square-foot antique mall to complement the already existing antique market. The mall will provide space for the area's many skilled craftsmen to sell pottery, ceramics, and wooden toys.

For the second straight year Warrenton is a rest stop for thousands of cyclists participating in the AIDS Ride, an event that raises millions of dollars for research into the deadly disease. Warrenton will serve as a host town for the Special Olympics that will be held in Raleigh in June 1999. This will give international exposure for the town as it provides lodging, support, and transportation for the disabled athletes representing a participating country.

Warrenton hopes to develop a significant tourist trade — Williamsburg without the costumes. Two of North Carolina's largest manmade lakes — Lake Gaston and Kerr Reservoir — provide excellent recreational oppor-



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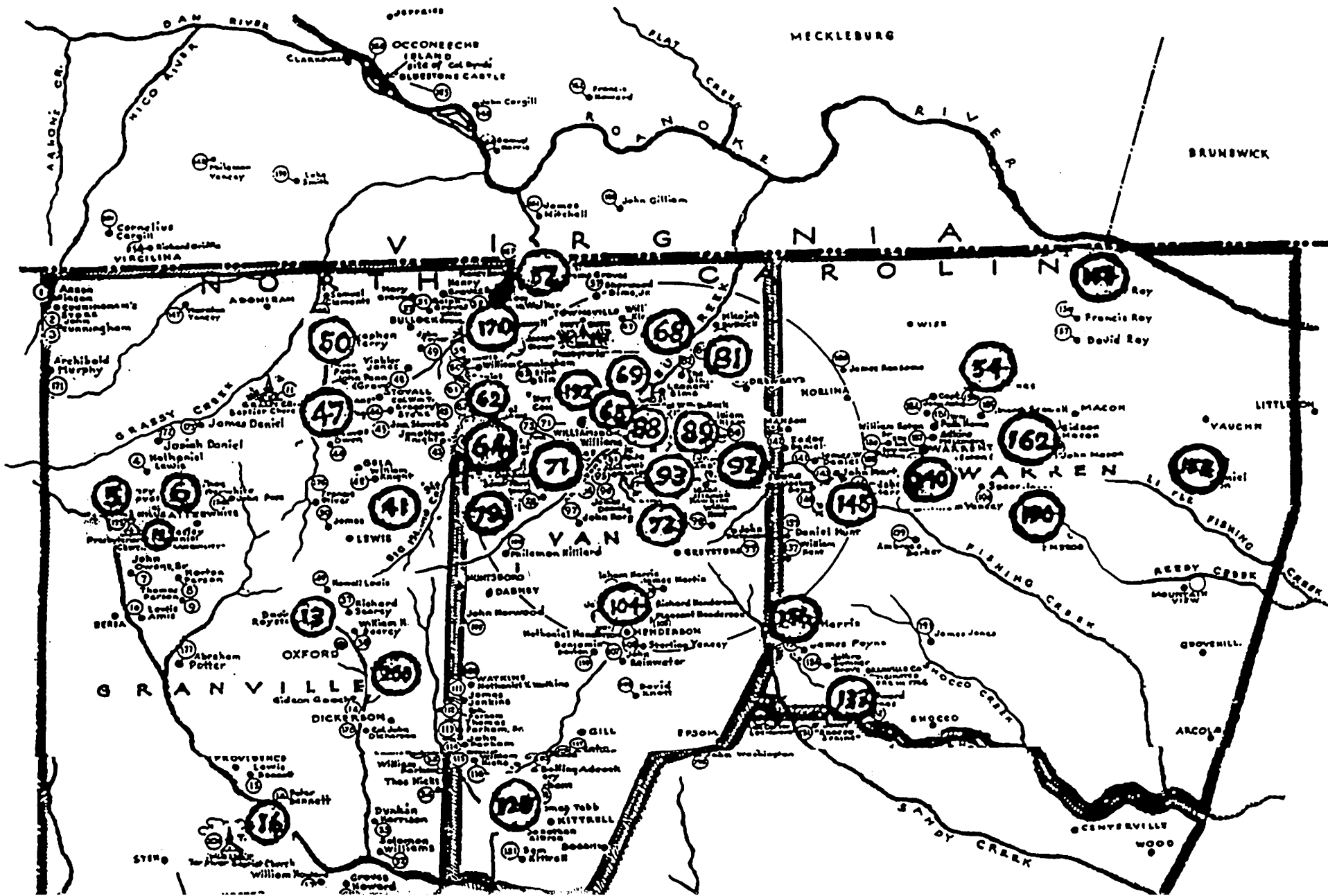
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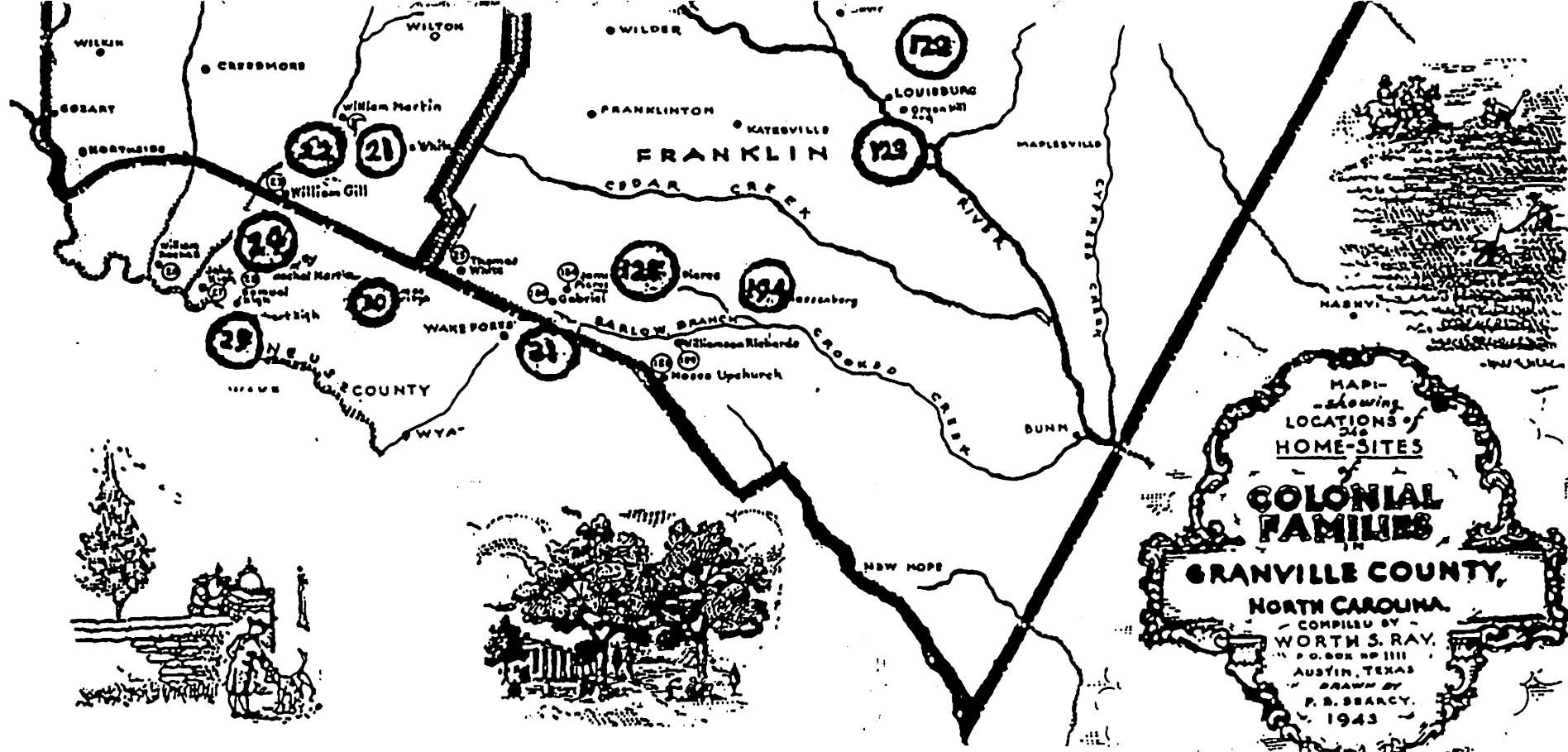
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