

16th Annual Ray Family Reunion

REC'D
22 SEP 2014

WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 2014

TIME: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

WHERE: Wakeminister Baptist Church
13221 Old Creedmoor Road
(Corner Hwy 98 & Old Creedmoor Road)
Raleigh, NC

Please assist with getting the word out to as many family members and friends as you can so our attendance will improve and we can continue to have these reunions

It is requested that everyone bring a covered dish and beverage

(Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

Please let us know by September 24th

If you plan on attending

REPLY TO EITHER

Bradley Ray - 919-479-8411 or 919-450-8329

Johnny Ray - 919-644-1854

Bring along any old family pictures of interest to share with the rest of us

We look forward to seeing you

Ray Family Reunion

*If you missed the 14th Annual Ray Family Reunion in 2012
you really missed out on some great food.*

REC'D
28 AUG 2013

**Don't make the same mistake this year
Join us for our 15th Annual Ray Family Reunion**

WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 2013
TIME: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
**WHERE: Wakemister Baptist Church
13221 Old Creedmoor Road
(Corner Hwy 98 & Old Creedmoor Road)
Raleigh, NC**

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members and friends as you can so our attendance will
improve and we can continue to have these reunions*

**It is requested that everyone bring a
covered dish and beverage**

(Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

**Please let us know by September 25th
If you plan on attending**

**REPLY TO EITHER
Bradley Ray - 919-479-8411
Johnny Ray - 919-644-1854**

Bring along any old family pictures of interest to share with the rest of us

We look forward to seeing you

RAY

○ EXCERPT FROM INDEX OF BOOK "THE GOODWIN FAMILY OF CENTRAL N.C." BY THOMAS JERRY GOODWIN, SR - 2009 RPU 24NOV2012. - NOTE: INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS MEMBERS OF THE _____ FAMILY - [WAKE/CHATHAM COUNTIES]

Ray

Annie 235
Betty 1051
Charles Gunner Sr. 781
Guy Manley Jr 719
Ricky Thomas 916
Thelma Lucille 781
Willis Jay 916



REC'D
14 SEP 2012

Ray Family Reunion

We're having the 14th Annual Ray Family Reunion and need to get the word out to everyone and we really need your help.

We Don't Have Addresses For Everybody

Please assist with getting the word out to as many family members as you can so our attendance will improve and we can continue to have the Ray Family Reunions

WHEN: Saturday, October 6, 2012

TIME: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**WHERE: Wakeminister Baptist Church
13221 Old Creedmoor Road
(Corner Hwy 98 & Old Creedmoor Road)
Raleigh, NC
(Same location as last year)**

It is requested that everyone bring a covered dish and beverage

(Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 27th to either

- Bradley Ray - 919-479-8411**
- Bobby Ray - 919-471-2005**
- Johnny Ray - 919-644-1854**

RAY FAMILY of ORANGE CO., NC

COOPERATOR/COUSIN SYLVIA LUCILLE JONES - XED- 60196 IS OF THE MOSES U/RUFFIN U SUBCLAN - She is also descended from the RAY FAMILY OF ORANGE CO, NC but their relationship to my Rays of Northern Wake Co, NC is unknown
 Apparent Image - Input of SYLVIA

I. Hugh Ray

AA. David Ray, Sr b. 1742 Md (1) ALSE DUNEGAN

AA I. Henry Ray Md (1) Nancy Lashley

AA a. Thomas Ray b. 1799 I (Orange Co, NC) Md (1) Sally Crutchfield

AA r. Alure Ray b. 1834 (Orange Co, NC) Md (1) Susan Welles

△ (F) George Sidney Ray
 Md (1) Susan A. EZZEL

△ (A) Charles Gunner Ray, Sr b. 14 JAN 1886 (Orange Co., NC)
 d. 24 SEP 1938 (Orange Co, NC) (bur Oakwood Cem. Mebane, NC)
 Md 6 JUN 1914 (Alamance Co, NC) Nettie Lillian Sykes

△ O/O William Graham Sykes

△ & Sophronie Thompson

(1) → (13) - See Below

More About Charles Gunner Ray and Nettie Lillian Sykes:
 Marriage: 06 Jun 1914, Alamance Co., NC.

Children of Charles Gunner Ray and Nettie Lillian Sykes are:

- i. Premature Male Ray, b. 08 May 1915, Orange Co. NC, d. 1915, Orange Co., NC.
- ii. Melford S. Ray, b. 05 Mar 1916, Orange Co. NC, d. 18 Jun 1918, Orange Co., NC.
- iii. +Lois Allene Ray, b. 21 Jul 1918, Orange Co. NC, d. Oct 1989, Orange Co., NC,
- iv. +Thelma Lucille Ray.

← b. TLR md James Elwood Jones a E/S/O
RUBY SCOTT of the Moses U/ Ruffin U Subclan
 Cara Margriet a line three linking the
 UPCHURCH FAMILY and the RAY FAMILY
 of Orange Co., NC

MOT/O
 Sylvia
 Lucille
 Jones

- v. Clarence Brantley Ray, b. 1923, Orange Co., NC, d. 02 Nov 1925, Orange Co., NC.
- vi. Unnamed Child Ray, b. 13 Jun 1923, Orange Co. NC, d. 13 Jun 1923, Orange Co. NC.
- vii. Mildred Ray, b. 23 May 1924, Orange Co., NC, d. May 1924, Orange Co., NC.
- viii. Clarence Brantley Ray, b. Mar 1925, Orange Co., NC, d. 02 Nov 1925, Orange Co. NC.
- ix. +Charles Gunner Ray, Jr., b. 27 Mar 1927, Orange Co, NC, d. 08 Sep 1990, Orange Co. NC.
- x. +Dolphus Willard Ray, Sr.
- xi. +Gaynelle Marie Ray, b. 13 Aug 1932, Orange Co. NC, d. 01 Aug 2003, Orange Co., NC.
- xii. +Walter Zion Ray.
- xiii. +Johnny Eugene Ray, b. 09 May 1939, Orange Co. NC, d. 24 Dec 1988, Orange Co. NC.

Ray Family Reunion

REC'D
25 AUG
2011

We're having the 13th Annual Ray Family Reunion and need to get the word out to everyone and we really need your help.

Please pass on to others the date, time and location for our reunion as we don't have a mailing address for everyone in the family.

WHEN: Saturday, October 1, 2011

TIME: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

WHERE: Wakeminister Baptist Church
13221 Old Creedmoor Road
(Corner Hwy 98 & Old Creedmoor Road)
Raleigh, NC
(Same location as last year)

It is requested that everyone bring a covered
dish and beverage

(Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 22nd
to either

Bradley Ray at 919-479-8411

or

Johnny Ray at 919-644-1854

Ray Family Reunion

REC'D
31 AUG
2010

We're having the 12th Annual Ray Family Reunion and need to get the word out to everyone and we really need your help.

Please pass on to others the date, time and location for our reunion as we don't have a mailing address for everyone in the family.

WHEN: **Saturday, October 9, 2010**

TIME: **1:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

WHERE: **Wakeminister Baptist Church**
13221 Old Creedmoor Road
(Corner Hwy 98 & Old Creedmoor Road)
Raleigh, NC
(Same location as the last three years)

**It is requested that everyone bring a covered
dish and beverage**

(Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

**Please RSVP by Thursday, September 30th
to either**

Bradley Ray at 919-479-8411

or

Johnny Ray at 919-644-1854

Ray Family Reunion

REC'D
21 SEP 2009

We're having the 11th Annual Ray Family Reunion and need to get the word out to everyone. This past May my computer crashed and I lost a number of names and addresses so I need your help in getting the word out to family and friends about the date, time and location for our reunion.

WHEN: **Saturday, October 3, 2009**

TIME: **1:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

WHERE: **Wakeminister Baptist Church**
13221 Old Creedmoor Road
(Corner Hwy 98 & Old Creedmoor Road)
Raleigh, NC
(Same location as the last three years)

It is requested that everyone bring a covered dish and beverage
(Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 29th
to either Bobby Ray at 919-471-2005 or Johnny Ray at 919-644-1854

After nine years, this will be my last year as Chairman of the *Ray Family Reunion*. I would love to see us continue annually but we'll need a new chairman to handle arrangements and getting the message out each year. There is not really that much that has to be done but I think it's time to pass it on to someone else.

Bobby Ray

WILLS OF THE RAY FAMILY IN NC

In Lt 6 JAN 1990 Vichi
Maie Bayford to RPM

Ray

Albert W.	099 ✓	1888
Alexander	010	1769
Angus	029	1808
Ann	029	1829
Ann	100	1796
Annie E.	063	1888
Archibald	083	1839
Asher H.	039	1856
Buckner	099	1881
C. Jr.	092	1893
Carolina	029	1892
Catharine	022	1865
Catherine	029	1859
Clara J.	099	1885
Daniel	029	1761
David	044	1781
David	073	1821
David	073	1833
David	073	1808
David A.	029	1887
Dugald	011	1848
Duncan	029	1851
Duncan	029	1822
Elizabeth	073	1864
Elizabeth	099	1900
Flores	029	1873
Franklin	080	1863
George	073	1814
George	090	1829
Hannah	073	1847
Hannet	010	1878

- 099 - Wake Co.
- 010 - Bertie Co.
- 029 - Cumberland Co.
- 100 - Warren Co.
- 063 - Martin Co.
- 083 - Robeson Co.
- 039 - Franklin Co.
- 092 - Surry Co.
- ~~044~~ 044 - Granville Co.
- 073 - Orange Co.
- 011 - Bladen Co.
- 080 - Polk Co.
- 022 - Chatham Co.
- 090 - Stokes
- 107 - Yancey Co.
- 068 - Moore Co.
- 084 - Rockingham Co.
- 001 - Alamance Co.
- 006 - Ashe Co.
- 065 - Mecklenburg
- 021 - Catawba
- 027 - Columbus
- 081 - Randolph
- 104 - Wilkes
- 020 - Caswell

OVER

~~C~~ Ray

Margaret	068	1848
Martha	073	1838
Martha	081	1892
Mary	073	1857
Mary	090	1837
Mary	096	1782
Matthew	073	1880
Neill	083	1808
Neill Jr.	029	1899
Neill Sr.	029	1883
Octavia	084	1880
Peter L.	073	1830
Pleasant	084	1846
Rachel	099	1826
Robert	020	1786
Robert	073	1793
Robert	099	1845
Sarah C.	073	1892
Sarah M.	073	1854
Susan	099	1897
Susana	073	1794
Susannah	073	1831
Thomas	020	1883
Thomas	022	1854
Thomas, Jr.	107	1843
William	010	1834
William	022	1792
William	073	1794
William	073	1834
William	073	1813
William	107	1883
William	107	1879
Z. D.	099	1878

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Maie Bayford to RPM

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Alexander	010	1769	010	010 - Bertie Co.
Annes	029	1808	029	029 - Cumberland Co.
Ann	029	1829	100	100 - Warren Co.
Ann	100	1796	063	063 - Martin Co.
Annie E.	063	1888	083	083 - Robeson Co.
Archibald	083	1839	039	039 - Franklin Co.
Asher H.	039	1856	092	092 - Surry Co.
Buckner	099	1891	044	044 - Granville Co.
C. Jr.	092	1893	073	073 - Orange Co.
Carolina	029	1892	011	011 - Bladen Co.
Catharine	022	1865	080	080 - Polk Co.
Catherine	029	1859	022	022 - Chatham Co.
Clara J.	099	1885	090	090 - Stokes
Daniel	029	1761	107	107 - Yancey Co.
David	044	1781	068	068 - Moore Co.
David	073	1821	084	084 - Rockingham Co.
David	073	1833	001	001 - Alamance Co.
David	073	1808	006	006 - Ashe Co.
David A.	029	1887	065	065 - Mecklenburg
Dugald	011	1848	021	021 - Catawba
Duncan	029	1851	027	027 - Columbus
Durcan	029	1822	081	081 - Randolph
Elizabeth	073	1864	104	104 - Wilkes
Elizabeth	099	1900	020	020 - Caswell
Flora	029	1873		
Franklin	080	1863		
George	073	1814		
George	090	1829		
Hannah	073	1847		
Harriet	010	1878		

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~~C~~ Ray

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Sarah M.	073	1854
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Susannah	073	1831
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William	073	1834
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William	107	1879
Z D	099	1878

10th Annual Ray Family Reunion

For Descendants Of

Buckner Ray

(Born 1818 - Died 1881)

Married - Midda Lee Lowery 1837 \ Married - Jane Caroline Grady 1846

If You Can Trace Your Family Tree Back To Buckner Ray or Any
Descendant There Of, Please Join Us

All Family Friends and Their Relatives Are Welcome

WHEN: Saturday, October 4, 2008

(This date was selected based on scheduling and the availability of the Fellowship Hall)

TIME: 2 PM- 5 PM

WHERE: Wakeminister Baptist Church

13221 Old Creedmoor Road

(Corner Hwy 98 and Old Creedmoor Road)

Raleigh, NC

(Same location as the last few years)

From Durham, Hwy 70 @ Hwy 98:

Take Hwy 98 East towards Wake Forest. Once you enter Wake County, watch for the first stop light.
The church will be on the right.

From Wake Forest, Hwy 98:

Take Hwy 98 West towards Durham. Once you pass over Hwy 50 the church will be on the left
at the next stop light.

From Raleigh Hwy 50

Take Hwy 50 North towards Creedmoor. Take the Hwy 98 Exit, turning left towards Durham.
The church will be on the left at the next stop light.

From Creedmoor Hwy 50

Take Hwy 50 South towards Raleigh. Take the Hwy 98 Exit, turning right towards Durham.
The church will be on the left at the next stop light.

To Assist Us in Planning, Please **RSVP** to a Committee Member
By September 27th

With The Number in Your Party That Will Be In Attendance

Committee Member:

Bobby Ray at 919-471-2005, Johnny Ray at 919-644-1854 or Gene Ray at 919-851-7356

Please Bring Any Old Family Photographs or Documents That Might Be Of Interest to Others
For Our Meal It Is Requested That Everyone Bring a Covered Dish Dinner for Their Family Members As We
Plan To Socialize Then Have Our Dinner at Approximately 3:00 PM
(Beverages, Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

Ray Family Reunion

REC'D
18 AUG 2008

Please mark your calendar
now and plan to attend the
**10th Annual Ray Family
Reunion**

WHEN: Saturday, October 4, 2008

WHERE: Wakeminister Baptist Church

13221 Old Creedmoor Road

Raleigh, NC

(Corner Hwy 98 & Old Creedmoor Rd)

TIME: From 2 PM - 5 PM



For more information contact;

Bobby Ray - (919) 471-2005

Johnny Ray - (919) 644-1854

Gene Ray - (919) 851-7356

Bradley Ray - (919) 479-8411

BUCKNER RAY REUNION - 2007

○ Excerpt from RPH NC Trip 9-23 OCT 2007

Pg 25, 26 20 OCT 2007 - Monk & Betsy & RPH to RAY REUNION

△ Betsy Bradley arrived at 9:00 AM. I gave her a tour of Kharshatts before going to the mill at 10:30. We met Dick Thompson there and he escorted us around. This was guiding day and volunteers were dressed in period attire and gave talks. There were only a few people present. William presided as Miller. I met John again. He says the local history project should get off the ground soon. People are reluctant to give oral histories so extensive ones as required. I gave suggestions. Betsy may come back & volunteer. Got a SPDM brochure

We had a light lunch Nancy had prepared. Traveled to the Ray Reunion. In route we saw our road on Rypawa & Beshys on Eban and the A. E. Finley Home on Cantelburg & Eban. Dick Thompson was married there.

Visited the John Allen Crane & the Buckner Ray Crane before going to the Reunion. Nancy had prepared food for us to take. There I saw Dobby Ray, Johnny Ray, Modley Ray, Gene Ray & his mother, Mark Ray, Karen Ray, Rachel Ray, & the Paloshin lady. Also Callie Ray & a number of others. Gene presided. I gave a message about Bartley Jefferson & John Allen as was Luddy who married Ray sisters. Mark gave me several items. There were about 40 people present - a 1/3rd quota of the usual. Several cemetery events were described.

△ We returned home by way of Rogers Store & New Bethel Church which has been rededicated and is now called Oakwood. The building has been painted and looks neat.

At the home of Monk & Nancy we relaxed & chatted for a bit before I took Betsy to her car at the Hampton Inn.

9th Annual Ray Family Reunion

For Descendants Of

Buckner Ray

(Born 1818 - Died 1881)

Married - Midda Lee Lowery 1837 \ Married - Jane Caroline Grady 1846

If You Can Trace Your Family Tree Back To Buckner Ray or Any

Descendant There Of, Please Join Us

All Family Friends and Their Relatives Are Welcome

RECEIVED
1 OCT 2007

WHEN: Saturday, October 20, 2007

(This date was selected based on scheduling and the availability of the Fellowship Hall)

TIME: 2 PM- 5 PM

WHERE: Wakeminster Baptist Church

Corner Hwy 98 and Old Creedmoor Road

(Same location as last year)

From Durham, Hwy 70 @ Hwy 98:

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From Creedmoor Hwy 50

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To Assist Us in Planning, Please **RSVP** By October 12th
With The Number in Your Party That Will Be In Attendance

Contact:

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Please Bring Any Old Family Photographs or Documents That Might Be Of Interest to Others
For Our Meal It Is Requested That Everyone Bring a Covered Dish Dinner for Their Family Members As We
Plan To Socialize Then Have Our Dinner at Approximately 3:00 PM
(Beverages, Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)

RPV, MONK & NANCY PERRY
& BECKY BRADLEY ATTENDED
THIS EVENT

Reunion Planning Committee
Bobby Ray
Johnny Ray
Gene Ray

RAY FAMILY
OF ORANGE CO, NC

NOTE: Attached material sent to Mark + Karen Ray 25 JUL 05
And to Cindy Mize 29 MAY 2007

RAY FAMILY
KINSHIP AND NEIGHBORHOOD
IN A SOUTHERN COMMUNITY
ORANGE CO, NC
1849-1881

ABSTRACT
32

by Robert C. KENZER - The Univ of TN Press, Knoxville
1987

Proposed by RPU
23 JUL 2005 in St.
Louis, MO County Lib.
Gen. Services

No Upchurch listed in INDEX

RAYS - on pages 12 & 100

Pg 12 - Little Run Presbyterian Church + Settlement
established 1761. Between 1823 & 1860 2/3rd
of the church's members accounted for 3/4th
of members - Most names WOOD, HALL, ALLISON,
RAY trace ancestry back to 1761

(Little Run is north of Hillsboro & runs into
the End Run.

Pg 100 CABE LAMKIN RAY Monument (Grave site)
18 OCT 1845 - 13 MAR 1865 - "Gave his life for his Country"
S/o TIRE RAY - of Little Run Neighborhood
Other son = Herbert, Wages, Edwin

NOTES ADDED BY RPU

This is a fascinating case study. The author selected
Orange Co, NC 1849-1881 to illustrate his topic. He
use many extracts of various kinds of records and
made special tables to illustrate points. Also used
specific families to illustrate social, economic, etc
aspects. An excellent book. No Upchurch but
substantial RAY data is included. The relationship
of these RAY's to the RAY's of New River in
Wake Co, NC remain an open question.

COPY OF THIS SHEET PLACED IN RAY FAMILY FILE - RPU

RAY FAMILY

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS RECORDED IN
ORANGE CO, NC 1752-1800

(# 202 Managers not shown in the Orange Co Mgr Books)
Abstracts of wills recorded in Orange Co, NC 1800-1850
By Ruth Herndon Stuelke - Two Vol in one
Gen. Pub. Co. Inc. Baltimore 1972
Orig Pub Vol I 1957, Vol II 1966

Managers Pg 129-142 - No Upchurch
3 Rays - Pg 140

Index Books A, B, C - - Pg 143-169
No Upchurch
30+ Rays Pg 162
Pg 49 A-290 mentions a JESSE BUCKNER

Index Books D, E, F Pages 223-268
No Upchurch
Pg 255 of Index shows a large No of RAYS
#256
Pg 227 show Jesse Buckner # D 344

Inspected by RHM 23 JUL 2005 in St Louis, MO
County Library - Genealogical Section

CROSSFILE:

RAY FAMILY ↑

WILL FILE

MARRIAGE FILE

RAY FAMILY

MARRIAGES OF ORANGE CO, NC 1779-1868
By Brent H. Holcomb Gen Pub Co, Inc 1983

(Marriage Bonds as negotiable for mg discontinued in 1868)

Index shows (Upsounds - SIDNEY U Pg 141)

Sidney U was Bondsman for mg 11 MAR 1847 of
James Hogan & Louiza Williams.

About 80 RAY Marriages are listed.

Charles Ray md 14 MAR 1825 Name of Neijer
Thomas CAPE Bondsman

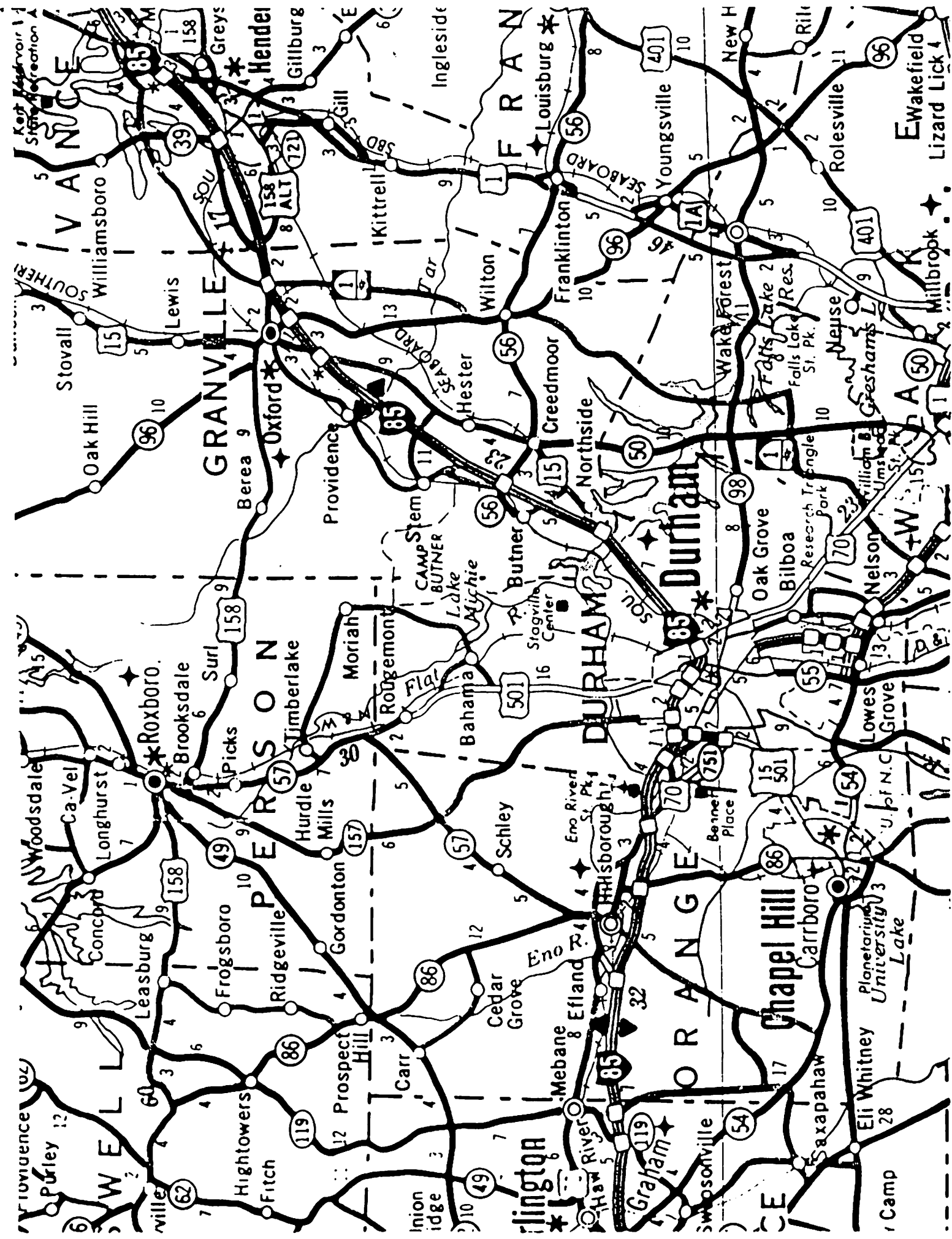
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ORANGE CO, NC MARRIAGE FILE

RAY FAMILY FILE ↑





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Eighth Annual RAY FAMILY REUNION

(RPU WAS
IN NC BUT
DID NOT
ATTEND -
WENT TO
NCGN FALLS
TO GIVE A
LECTURE)

WHEN: Saturday, October 21, 2006

TIME: 2 PM - 5 PM

WHERE: Wakeminister Baptist Church
13221 Old Creedmoor Road
Wake County, NC 27613



Note New
Location

FOR DESCENDANTS OF BUCKNER RAY (1818-1881)
If You Can Trace Your Family Tree Back To Buckner Ray
Or Any Descendant There Of, Please Join Us
ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

FROM RALEIGH: Take Hwy 50 toward
Creedmoor to NC Hwy 98 - Turn left on NC Hwy
98 toward Durham - The first stop light on NC
Hwy 98 is Old Creedmoor Road and
Wakeminister Baptist Church is on the left

FROM WAKE FOREST: Take NC Hwy 98 toward
Durham - Once you cross over NC Hwy 50, Old
Creedmoor Road is the next stop light and
Wakeminister Baptist Church is on the left.

FROM DURHAM: Take NC Hwy 98 toward
Wake Forest - Old Creedmoor Road will be the
first stop light after entering Wake County and
Wakeminister Baptist Church is on the right

FROM CREEDMOOR: Take NC Hwy 50 toward
Wake County/Raleigh - Turn right on NC Hwy 98
toward Durham - Old Creedmoor Road will be the
first stop light and Wakeminister Baptist Church
is on the left.

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That Might Be Of Interest to Others

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Dish Dinner for Their Family Members As We Plan To
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By October 11th With The Number in
Your Party That Will Be In Attendance**

CONTACT EITHER

Bobby Ray at 919-452-1400

Johnny Ray at 919-644-1854

Jene Ray at 919-851-7356

RAY REUNION - 1 OCT 2005
RPU NOTES

Arrived at RAY REUNION at 2:00 PM & stayed until 4:30 PM

Met with Bill Ray & wife who had come down from VA. He gave a 10 minute slide presentation. He lives within sight of Dulles Airport and invited me to call him. While here he stayed with Gene Ray. I discussed with Bill our respective interests in RAY family history. He is willing to cooperate in my approach. His main interest is in determining if our RAY's descended from FRANCIS RAY, the first RAY known to have lived on the Neuse River in Northern Wake Co.

Met with Bobby Ray (retired, white shock of hair). He was absent last year. Met with Johnny Ray, who attended last year. Met with Bradley Ray who gave me written details on questions I posed in a ltr to him 2 MAY 2005 & Bradley has 5 months to go to retirement on his police job but then will take another part or full-time job as a security guard where he has been working part time.

Met with Mark & Karen Ray & Mark gave me an updated map on locations for Buckner Ray, his children & spouse.

I will call Mark & arrange for a visit next week.

Visited with Rachel (Ray) Goldstars

Visited with Jane & her of Fargway - briefly

Bill & Gene separately recently cruised Scandinavian waters and highly recommended CELEBRITY CRUISES (Their ship = CONSTITUTION)

My cake not touched so saved some for 4 Reunions on next day.

5) 1 OCT 2009 (SAT) - CONTINUED

- △ Met and talked with "GENE" Eugene Ray (w/ wife Frankie) who resided at the Newman & gave a nice blessing. He is recently retired & does not plan to work. Lives on Penny Road. He has a great personality and could be a great cooperator.
- △ He meets monthly with a Script Cech Group
- Their recent meeting had a program on Yates mill which is now back on track for renovation. He attends Macedonia Methodist Church which he says split off from Script Cech Baptist Church. Gene doubts this church ever had a connection with the Mid-Series Cemetery. Gene has E Mail. His address:
- △ GENE RAY 5409 HODDONS EAR PL
- RALEIGH, NC 27606
- (919) 851-7356

Gene spent his career working on military records
 □□ Gene is s/o Junior Hubb Ray, Gs/o Alfonso Columbus Ray, & "TON" + GGS/o Buchner Ray. He & I are 2ND COUS.

△+□ Jean Carol (Ray) Hanson D/o Samuel Buchner Ray, approached me and asked if I had ever gotten the B.W. Wells book. I said no. She will get it for me and I will send her the money. I must have talked with her by phone in 2009

Seventh Annual
Ray Family Reunion

For Descendants Of

Buckner Ray

(Born 1818 - Died 1881)

Married - Midda Lee Lowery 1837 \ Married - Jane Caroline Grady 1846

If You Can Trace Your Family Tree Back To Buckner Ray or Any
Descendant There Of, Please Join Us At The

Seventh Annual Ray Family Reunion

All Family Friends and Their Relatives Are Welcome

WHEN: Saturday, October 1, 2005 **TIME:** 2 PM- 5 PM

WHERE: Oak Grove Ruritan Club
(Same location as last year)

Directions:

From Durham, Hwy 70 @ Hwy 98:

Take Hwy 98 East towards Wake Forest traveling approximately 4.2 miles.

At a stop light controlled intersection (Sherron Road to the right and Patterson Road to the left) Turn left on Patterson Road. Go about 100 yards and turn left again, this is Stallings Road. The Ruritan Club building will be on the left about two hundred yards down Stallings Road.

From Wake Forest, Hwy 50 @ Hwy 98:

Take Hwy 98 West towards Durham traveling approximately 6.2 miles.

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To Assist Us in Planning, Please **RSVP** By September 23rd
With The Number in Your Party That Will Be In Attendance

Contact:

Bobby Ray at 919-471-2005, Johnny Ray at 919-644-1854 or Joyce Wright at 919-693-7695

**Please Bring Any Old Family Photographs or Documents That Might Be Of Interest to Others
For Our Meal It Is Requested That Everyone Bring a Covered Dish Dinner for Their Family Members
As We Plan To Socialize Then Have Our Dinner at Approximately 3:30 PM
(Beverages, Cups, Ice, Plates, Napkins and Utensils Will Be Provided)**

Reunion Planning Committee
Bobby Ray
Johnny Ray
Joyce Wright

From the 29 SEP 2003 Karen Sney Ray to APN

RAY FAMILY

Fourth Annual Ray Family Reunion

Karen Sney Ray repeats this in from last year - gives more information

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Fourth Annual Ray Family Reunion

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>>> Mark Your Calendar Now <<<

WHEN: Saturday August 3, 2002

TIME: 2 PM- 5 PM

WHERE: Oak Grove Ruritan Club
(Same Location as August 2001)

Directions:

From Durham, Hwy 70 @ Hwy 98:

Take Hwy 98 East towards Wake Forest traveling approximately 4.2 miles.
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To Assist Us In Planning, Please **RSVP** By Friday July 26th
With The Number In Your Party That Will Be In Attendance

Johnny
Eugene

Contact: Robert L. "Bobby" Ray at 919-471-2005 — woodrow

Ronnie
Von
Bibley
Jerry (von)

or

Johnny Ray at 919-644-1854 — von

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Robert "Bobby" Ray
Johnny Ray

RAY FAMILY

Mark Your Calendar Now and Come Join Us For The

Sixth Annual Ray Family Reunion

For Descendants of Buckner Ray
(Born 1818 - Died 1881)

REC'D BY
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LTR
SEP 2004
FROM
MARL
RAY

If You Can Trace Your Family Tree Back To Buckner Ray or Any
Descendant There Of, Please Join Us
All Family Friends and Their Relatives Are Welcome

Saturday, October 2, 2004

TIME: 2 PM- 5 PM

WHERE: Oak Grove Ruritan Club
(Same location as last year)

TRPA & SSU
Attended Theo
Event

Directions:

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Reunion Planning Committee
△ Bobby Ray
△ Johnny Ray
△ Joyce Wright (nee RAY)

△ Robert Lee Ray
- 5646 Laurel Crest Dr.
- Durham, N.C. 27792

From the 29 SEP 2003 Karen Lucy Ray to RPM

RAY FAMILY

Ray Family News

Hopefully everyone in attendance at our
Fourth Annual

Ray Family Reunion

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Saturday, October 11, 2003

Fifth Annual

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Reunion Planning Committee
Bobby Ray, Johnny Ray and Joyce Wright

REC'D
5 SEP 2003
FROM
WILLIAM CARROLL RAY

From: The Ray Family

of Wake Co, NC

By Wm Canell Ray 1999 Pg 48, 49, 50

◆ THE RAY NAME ◆

The first people known to acquire surnames were the Chinese. Legends suggest that the Emperor Fushi decreed the use of surnames or family names about 2,852 B.C. In early times, the Romans had only one name. The Romans are credited with originating our modern system of names in the first or second century A.D. As the Roman Empire began to decline (337-476), family names became confused and single names once again became customary.

By the 12th century, the use of a second name had become widespread. However, even though this custom was the source of all surnames used today, the second names used in the early Middle Ages did not apply to families, nor were they hereditary. The modern hereditary use of surnames is a practice that originated among the Venetian aristocracy in Italy in about the 10th or 11th centuries. Crusaders returning from the Holy Land took note of the custom and soon spread its use throughout Europe. France, the British Isles, and then Germany and Spain began applying the practice as the need to distinguish individuals became more important. By the 1370's the word "surname" was found in documents.

Government became a matter of written records. As the activities of government, particularly in the levying of taxes and exaction of military service, touched an ever-widening range of the population, it became necessary to identify individuals accurately. In some of the larger urban communities, personal names were no longer sufficient to distinguish people for social and administrative purposes. In the countryside, manorial administration, with its stress on hereditary succession to land, required a means of keeping track of families and not just of individuals. We can be certain that by around 1450 at the latest, most people of every social rank had a fixed, hereditary surname. This surname identified the family, provided a link with the family's past, and preserved its identity in the future.

Family names have come down to us in various ways. Most surnames evolved from four general sources (or a combination thereof) as outlined below:

Occupation: The local home builder, food preparer, grain grinder and suitmaker, would be named respectively: John Carpenter, John Cook, John Miller and John Taylor. The person who made barrels was called Cooper. The blacksmith was called Smith. Every village had its share of Smiths, Carpenters and Millers and the Millers in one town weren't necessarily related to the Millers in the next. Today the most common surname in the English language is Smith.

Location: The John who lived over the hill became known as John Overhill; the one who dwelled near a stream might be dubbed John Brook or perhaps John Atbrook. Many locational surnames originated as placenames. You can tell that a surname is a locational placename if it ends with one of the regular placename elements, such as -hill, -ford, -wood, -brook, -well, and so on. Less easily recognized locational surnames end with -ton, -ham, -wick, -stead meaning a farm, or small settlement. Other common locational endings are -don (a hill), -bury (a fortification), -leigh or -ley (a clearing) and -worth meaning a homestead or dwelling.

Patronymic (father's name): People frequently took surnames from their father's given name. Practically every language has a suffix or prefix meaning "son of". Many of these surnames can be recognized by the termination *son*, such as Williamson, Jackson, etc. Some endings used by other countries to indicate "son" are: Armenians -ian; Danes and Norwegians -sen; Finns -nen; Greeks -poulos; Spaniards -ez; and Poles -wicz. Prefixes denoting "son" are the Welsh -Ap, the Scots and Irish -Mac, and the Norman -Fitz. So, John the son of Randolph became John fitz-Randolph because "fitz" means "son of". In Wales, David the son of John tacked "ap" in front of his father's name and David ap John was soon being called David Upjohn. In Scotland, Gilleain's descendants were known as MacGilleain and later shortened to MacLeab, McClean, McLane, and all the other versions. The Irish "O'" denotes grandfather.

Characteristic: An unusually small person might be labeled Small, Short, Little or Lytle. A large man might be named Longfellow, Large, Lang or Long. Many persons having characteristics of a certain animal would be given the animal's name. Examples: a sly person might be named Fox, a good swimmer, Fish; a quiet man, Dove, etc.

Many historians believe that surnames derived from places (locational) were the first to become hereditary. Surnames evolving from nicknames or descriptive traits (characteristic) are also of early origin. Surnames taken from occupations came later, and those of patronymic origin were the last to become hereditary. Even though patronymic names have been in use a long time, they would change with every generation: William's son John would be known as John Williamson, while his son William would be William Johnson.

The surname "Ray" appears to be patronymical, locational and characteristic in origin. Research indicates it can be associated with the following English meanings:

Ray may be a shortened form of the popular Norman name, Raymond.

The Normans were a mixed race of Scandinavians and French (Norman French) living on the northwestern coast of France. They conquered England in 1066 under the leadership of William I, Duke of Normandy (also known as William the Conqueror). William was a proud and ruthless ruler and a vassal of the King of France. The descendants of the Normans became the ruling class in England. For a time, they kept themselves aloof from the Anglo-Saxons and treated them as conquered people. As the years went by the Normans and the Anglo-Saxons intermarried. The two races, which even in the beginning were similar, blended into one. The Normans were a race of conquerors, with a genius for law and government, and they ruled England with great ability. Norman influence spread throughout the British Isles. English language, literature and architecture owe much to the Normans.

The word *ray* was often mentioned in Middle English and referred to a striped cloth costume.

"Descendant of Ray (wise, protector); Dweller at the sign of the roe deer; one with some qualities of a roe deer."

The surname Ray appears in several different spellings, including Wray, Rae, Rey and Ree. One theory to explain these variant spellings is that often a man bearing that name could not himself write and was not sure how to spell his own name. Thus, when a clerk wrote the name in tax records or church registers, it was written differently, depending upon how the name sounded to the person writing it down. Consequently, by the time most surnames had stabilized, a number of different spellings had emerged for the same name.

Another theory that explains these various spellings of the surname Ray is simply that the different spellings of Ray originated from different words. One of the most common sources of Ray was undoubtedly taken from the Old French word *rei* ("king"), and referred to someone who was connected with the king's retinue or who played the role of a king in a pageant or play. Ray is also believed to have stemmed from *rae*, a form of *roe*, which referred to a type of deer. Still another theory holds that Ray came from the Old English word *wray*, meaning corner or nook. Finally, Ray is also thought to be the English version of the Welsh word *ree*, referring to a stream or channel. In all probability, the explanation of the origin of the surname Ray lies in a combination of these numerous theories.

Because of the evolutionary nature of name development, it is virtually impossible to pinpoint the exact date of the formation of any new name. Ray, of course, is no exception. However, some of the ancient records of the English nation, including the famous *Hundred Rolls*, give evidence of early forms of the name "Ray" and show usage as early as 1273.

The surname Ray is particularly common in the English Counties of Cumberland and Essex. Cumberland County is located in the northwest corner of England bordering Scotland. Carlisle is its principal town. Essex County borders greater London to the northeast. It is located on the English Channel. In other regions of England the surname Ray appears more frequently in different spellings. Wray is commonly found in Yorkshire, while Reay is numerous in Northumberland. In the Scottish border counties it appears in the form Rae. By the time of the first census in America in 1790, many Rays had settled in this country. The average Ray household had 5.3 members and the name occurred most frequently in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. The 1790 Census of North Carolina reveals that Wake County (where Von Ray was born) had seven Ray families containing 46 persons. United States census records compiled in 1964 indicate that Ray was the 187th most frequently occurring name in the nation. Today there are approximately 137,000 Americans with the surname Ray.

Coat of Arms



RAY FAMILY

From: The Ray Family of Wake Co, NC By WM Canoll Ray 1999
[RAY] Pg 1

I. Buckner Ray

A. Anna O. Ray m & (?) Bartley Jefferson Upchurch

B. Alfonso Columbus Ray

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this booklet is to record and present the history of the Ray family of Wake County, North Carolina. The story begins with Alfonso Columbus Ray (known as A.C. and Von) who was born in Wake County in 1855 and died at age 84 in 1939 in Raleigh.

All of us know something about our living relatives. We enjoy telling stories about their achievements and exploits. Yet our knowledge of our family often does not go beyond those family members we actually know. Few of us have been fortunate to have known our great grandparents. In this booklet the Ray family is traced as far as the records available to the author permit. Details are included on the life and times of many ancestors to describe events which influenced their lives and to document the family heritage.

The Ray family of Wake County has been traced with certainty to Nathan Ray who was born circa 1765 and drowned in the Neuse River on or about the first of January in 1822. The earliest record found of a Ray in the area of the Neuse River Valley which became Wake County is a 1759 deed involving Francis Ray and his wife Rachel. On July 21, 1759, they acquired 100 acres on the south side of the Neuse River in what was then Johnston County, North Carolina. It is believed, but not proven, that Francis and Rachel Ray are the parents or grandparents of Nathan Ray.

According to family tradition, the Ray family lived in Virginia before settling along the Neuse River. Francis Ray and his wife, Rachel, lived in Prince George County, Virginia until 1728, in Brunswick County, Virginia from 1728 to 1746 and Lunenburg County, Virginia from 1746 to 1759. Francis Ray (born circa 1700) was a prominent farmer, blacksmith and he kept an ordinary (tavern) in his home in Lunenburg County. He was also active in purchasing and selling property in Virginia and North Carolina.

Trips to Raleigh in 1997 researching Wake County deeds, wills, estate, marriage, military, birth, death, census, tax, court orders, and other records began to provide details on early generations. Traces of our ancestors were also found in history books, published genealogies, church records, tombstone inscriptions, land grants, and other sources. The Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, D.C. is a premier genealogical research center and contains over 135,000 volumes. The National Genealogical Society Library in Arlington, Virginia was also a valuable source of information and provided access to the Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints ancestral computer files. Correspondence with the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh and the Register of Deeds for numerous counties in North Carolina were sources for copies of historical documents to prove or disprove tentative conclusions. Published and unpublished sources were consulted to include research and conclusions of previous authors. Many relatives provided details that are included in this booklet. Bradley Ray, Ola Keith Ray, David Carter, Rachel Goldston and Dr. Wilmer Conrad Betts were especially helpful. I am grateful to all who assisted.

A professional genealogist, Tim Kearney, was retained to answer the more difficult questions. Tim lives north of Raleigh in a home built in 1759 by his forefather near the area inhabited by the Ray ancestors and descendants. After completing the second assignment, Tim wrote to "Cousin Bill Ray" stating that he had performed sufficient research to confirm that we share two common ancestors, Buckner Pace and Joseph Davis. Tim provided details on our common ancestors that he obtained during years of researching his own family. Tim was also able to identify the maiden names of many wives which enhances this family history by making it possible to include related families and earlier generations.

A genealogy is never finished. There is always the desire to trace the family to earlier generations and to obtain details on the life of a relative from times long past.

Notwithstanding best efforts for accuracy, there are undoubtedly errors and omissions in this family history. Readers are encouraged to contact the author to correct errors and to add new information.

August 1999

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RAY FAMILY
OUTLINE & DIRECTORY

RAY FAMILY

○ Item Copied in DAR Library in Washington, DC on
16 JAN 1980. Name of Book uncertain - RPH

Will - Wake Co, NC 1805-1816

Recorded in Record Bks Nos 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

pg 6 - Joseph Ray of Wake Co, NC 15 AUG 1805 Probated DEC 1805

to son Robert Ray - personal property

wife: Franky Ray - all the rest of my estate
for life & at her death to sons
Joseph, Robert, Mark - etc

to daughters:

Jane Elizabeth

Rachel

Pernelypin

Sarah

Franky

witnesses - Jas Ray, Luke Ray, William Bailey
in clerk of Superior Ct Wake Co NC
Record Bk 7 pg 1

CROSSFILE: RAY FAMILY, JOSEPH RAY

RAY FAMILY

MAP: RAY COUNTRY
DURHAM & WAKE
COUNTIES, NC



JOYLAND

RED WOOD

55

OAK GR 78

BETH ESDA

LOWES GROVE

54

NELSON

50

78

ROEBERS STORE

LEESVILLE

MORRISVILLE

UNSTEAD STATE PARK

BAY LEAF

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DARK GR
73

BETH ESDA

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LOWES GROVE

54

NELSON

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ROGERS STORE

28

70

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RAY FAMILY

○ Notes of RPH Call 6 MAR 1995 to William Ellis Ray, Jr.
Possible source of information on the RAY family

I. Gertrude Ferrell [male = Gertrude may not be the exact spelling] and Julia Ray - she had a brother Luther Ray who was married a brief time before separating. This brother worked for Petemac Light Co in Washington, DC but moved to the Ray Homestead near Zebulon.

A. Gwendolyn Ferrell and Joseph Miller Brunette who has just had a serious operation. Gwendolyn is brought by WER, Jr. and have much detail accumulated on the Ray Family.

WER, Jr. knows of the Ray family of NW Wake Co, NC and speculated, as I do, that they may be descended from the Daniel Ray Family who was in VA in the early 1700's. Proof, however, is lacking.

RAY FAMILY

The Ray Family is related to the Spence Family. See Item 29 MAR 1991 under the Spence Family for details.

RAY FAMILY - WILLS (NC)

See Will File for a listing of 96
Ray Wills in NC. Give name
of person making the will, the
year of probate and the county

[In Sta 6 JAN 1990 Vicki Marie
Barfoot to RPA]

RAY FAMILY

○ The Zebulon Record THUR 28 MAY 1987 Zebulon, NC

Ray family sets reunion

There will be a reunion of the descendants of James and Thomas Ray and their wives, Gilly Upchurch Ray and Elizabeth Pearce Ray at 1 p.m. on June 14 at the Shrine Club in Zebulon. The Rays were settlers in this region in the late 1700s.

The Rays lived in the Moccasin Creek area on the Wake and Johnston county line. All Ray descendants from this area are invited to attend the reunion. All guests are asked to bring a picnic lunch.

For more information contact Inex H. Brown, Route 3, Box 271, Zebulon 27597, or call 269-9519.

Notes on RAY Family

From Helen Palmer Bledsoe - ca 8 DEC 1979

She did not know Buckner Ray
Children of Buckner she did know:

A. Zaddock Ray - ^{his son Pat}
H did not know him but ~~he~~ made
a table for H's sister (Ann Jewie
Bledsoe) from piano -
~~Pat~~ Pat worked at Crowder Bros store
Crowder store - owned by
Thomas Crowder who had
Margaret Moore (a niece
of Cornelia Moore)
Thomas had no more home
on Fayetteville St.

B - did not know

C - did not know

D - Mary Ray

~~Mary~~ H - knew Sybil ^{Penny} (went to school at
Seemille)
says Sybil not ind to Myrtha
Myrtha (unless much later)
instead Myrtha Myrtha was
ind to ~~the~~ Ola Penny
H - knew of Cornelia
H - says Mary had ^{Ola & H's}
a 3rd child ~~old~~ ^{sister} were
between Sybil & Cornelia } good friends
named Ola Penny

E. Robert Ray and Eva Penny daughter of Penny
(This Dr Penny was the Dr for the
Bledsoe family)

- H knew 1. Vallian Ray - worked at PD. ^{1-6 went to} school at Seemille
ind a school teacher - no name
- H knew 2. Lattimer Ray
- H knew 3. Isba Ray → oldest child
- H " 4. Vera Ray ind
- H " 5. Astrea → worked in store in Raleigh
- H " 6. Beatrice

RAY

From

F. William Ray
and Wainy Thompson
→ lived in Jessville area near a Farm
H-knew * Joseph.

H. " - Arthur Ray - eldest

H. " - Otis Ray MD - practiced in Jessville area
His wife made a lot of money
after Otis died & then met
a man from FL & moved there

H. " * Hubert Ray
went to school at Chapel Hill
* went to school at Jessville
(equivalent to High School)

G. George Ray - H knew him when she saw her
1, Jerry Ray Sr.

7. Girls 1st course - ran away from
school & met Tom brother

See Helen Palmer Bledsoe for more details

ADA RAY

XID-2752

Ada Ray = XID-2752 = Ada Rhea, whom see

RAY FAMILY (OF WAKE CO, NC)

(16)

FROM: RPU/SSU NC Sojourn 27 MAY - 12 JUN 2004

7 JUN 2004 (MON)

- SEGMENT: DAY OF 7 JUN 2004 WITH
MARL RAY & DAU KAREN RAY

Breakfast at Mema - Arrived at Marl Ray home in
Meredith Woods at 8:30 AM as planned. Marl & his dau
Karen Ray were ready to go but we sat down &
discussed how to explore RAY Country in Northern
Wake Co, NC. Marl gave me some of his maps.

We proceeded to NC 90 & Strickland Road where
I pointed out where my GM Mathe Edwards & relatives
graves now lie under a subdivision. Also the
location of land of my GF Eugene "D" Cross. Marl
knew of this place & as a small boy had been
taken to visit "D" for what reason he does not
recall. Later recalled that someone had commented
on an old man that was poorly dressed. Another
someone recalled that the old man was "D" Cross
and that he had plenty of money. Ray country
starts 1-2 miles North of the land of "D" Cross.

We stopped briefly at Soapstone Church (this is
the "OLD" one - there must be a "NEW" one) where Weyler's
are prominent. They intermarried with the RAYS

Proceeded North on Old Creedmoor Road & crossed
the Leesville Road. A RAY lived in the SW corner
of this Road.

Just before Rogers Store we reached New Bethel
Church & Cemetery [Now called OAKWOOD GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH]. Here numerous RAY relatives are buried
including some of the close relatives of Marl. The
Church Bldg & Cem are falling into disrepair although
the building is locked and the road is still equipped.

7 JUN 2004 (MON) - CONTINUED

The cemetery has a large Magnolia whose fallen leaves provide a mulch but over much of the cemetery bushes are beginning to grow. The church once split over an argument about a Spring and from this WAKE MINISTER BAPTIST CHURCH was formed.

A very short distance North along Creedmore Road one comes to an intersection. To the left you go to Durham - but to the right old Creedmore Road continues. There is an old abandoned store in the SW corner of this intersection and that is the store I rented in 1978 & talked with the owner Jesse Knox Ray, Jr. Ray's still live in the immediate vicinity. Mark reports the entire Buckner Ray family lived within 4-5 miles of this spot. Turning right on old Creedmore Rd in a very short distance you come to a T intersection which is Rogers Spore Property - so called even though there has been no store there for many years. Proceeding along ^{OLD} Creedmore Rd you pass more RAY houses & come to NC 98 where Wake Minister Baptist Church is located. Crossing NC 98 and continuing on Old Creedmore Road you reach the area of the BUCKNER RAY Gravesite. At 7700 Creedmore Rd turn right (East) on Serenity Lake Rd - Proceed 1/4 mile to a fork in road. The left fork goes to the lake - the right fork to a private residence in sight. The Cemetery is right at the fork on the right side of

7 JUN 2004 (MON) CONTINUED

the fork. As we reached the fork a lady from the private residence drove out and stopped. She was very cordial & upon being asked said she (& husband) "we" own the land in the area including the cemetery.

The Buckner Ray Stone is 1 ft wide x 3 ft high
Born 1 MAY ~~1818~~ 1818 d 15 JAN 1881

Aged 62 years, 8 months 15 days
"Blessed are the Dead"

J. C. Ray. wife of Buckner Ray
b 26 AUG 1822 - d 16 NOV 1908

There are a few other stones.

Willis Ray s/o Buckner Ray lived at the Buckner Ray Homeplace after Buckner Ray died.

Proceeding along Old Creedmore Rd you find an old abandoned home (large) on the right just as you get to NC 50. In this home Mark Ray was born but his father later moved to another area in the community which was later pointed out by Mark.

□ We then proceeded to Creedmore & went out
- Camp Dutmer way and had a nice Barbeque lunch. Then we backtracked on NC 50 and just after entering Wake Co we turned left on Rd 1901 and then left for a short distance on Rd 1907 in search of Stony Hill Church - found a church but it was not Stony Hill. Proceeded South on Rd 1907 crossing Neuse River / Falls Lake and reached NC 98.

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Turned East on NC 98 & Crossed River Again and started looking for a sign for Stony Hill [Mark had never been there but was sure it was North of the River]. We very soon reached a road going off into the North (left) where there was a clear sign of Stony Hill & also a notation that this road led to the B.W. Wells Park. A short distance along this road we came to Stony Hill Church and Cemetery. We noted many RAY stones. At last I had reached the place which is quite possibly the "STORM HILL" that my Upstream Aunts & Uncle remembered as the place where Bartley Jefferson lived for a couple of years about 1870 and where he met and married ANORA O. RAY D/o Buckner Ray.

Mark Ray refers to the Rays who lived on the North Side of the New River as "Across the River Rays" and no one seems to know if or how they were related to the Buckner Ray Family. They definitely were not descendants of Buckner Ray.

The area of Northern Wake Co, NC was known as the HARBORNEYS and it was noted for its production of illicit industry. The North Side of the River seemed to be especially noted for this activity.

We spent about an hour looking for the granite of Zedock Ray but could never

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find it. This was in the vicinity of Peed Road which is an L road. This was in the vicinity of land owned by David Carter of Rocky Mount. In this area we met COIT RAY at the Sewer Station. He took us to a Cemetery site near his home but it was not the right one. He is now quite frail.

We visited Rachel (Ray) Goldstein in her home across the street from the Lumber Company. She is my 2nd cousin as is Mark. Rachel has a lot of interest in family history and is willing to share it. She had Flynn Goldstein who was the brother of Eugene Goldstein whom I knew at U.C. State

We then returned to the Mark Ray home about 5:30 PM seeing various sites of interest along the way.

- Δ At Stony Hill Church we encountered members
- Δ maintaining a grave site. They were Milbard
- Δ+Δ and Ruth Bailey. Milbard said his sister could
- tell us if there was a written history of the
- Δ+Δ Church - Her phone no (919) 847-4977. Her name
- Δ = LATHY RAY(???) [Need to verify]

- Before going on the trip Karen gave me
- Δ a sheet headed ELLA W [see me Margaret Elka Watkins]
- I need to follow up on the details provided
- on the Upland Family. [I DID ON 14 JUN 2004]
- Returned to Brown's home for dinner
- and the night
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Note:

This picture
obtained from
Pat Alsbaugh
about 1978. She
says it is of
the "Rays"

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