

NEW RUIN TAVERN

ADDITIONS AS OF 5 SEP 2005 - RPH

- # 1 - 6-Page 14-Item Profile of John R. U. #ID-3478
~ oldest son of Ruffin U. John R. U. is the
most likely candidate to have opened
New Ruin as a County Store - Note
1872 Reference
- # 2 EXTRACT - PGS 356-358 WAKE CAPITAL CO OF NC

① See Wake Co NC census 1870 - white Oak Twp.

John U was head of House #6 - He was age 45, male, white, Farmer - \$315 Real Property \$500 Pers Prop - U in NC. I in the home was:

A. Emeline U - age 25, female, white, Keep Home, could not R or W. [MARTHA EMALINE COTTON]

B. William F. U - age ?, male, white -

Note that Emeline could be either wife or dau of John & that William F. U. could be son of John & Emeline or of either one.

[Note that this is in the Methan/Moser area - RPU]

② See Wake Co NC census 1880 - white Oak Twp - Household 1, Family 1

The pattern in 1 repeats itself.

John U W M 52 Married, Farmer, cannot R or W, Born NC, was M & F.

Emma U W F 35, wife [MARTHA EMALINE U] "

Fulton U W M 16, son (works on farm)

[Note: this time Emma is shown as wife; also William F. U = Fulton U - RPU]

③ See notes of RPU 19 NOV 1978 phone conversation with Ala Wilson

John U b 1826 ^{d 1892} was son of Ruffin U. John is less 2 miles south of Oline Chapel Church. He and Emmaline Goodwin and they had son William Fulton U b 1 MAY 1862 d 15 APR 1907.

④ See Profile of Ruffin U d 1866. The Executor of the estate is attempting to locate the children of Ruffin U. one of these is John U and he was found

Doc A - John P. U [SHOULD BE JOHN R. U] - RPU

Doc C - John U

Doc D - John U

5) Census Records

1830 - Chatham Co, NC - Ruffin U Home

There is a spot for John R U ↑ ♂ b 1820-1825
↳ b 1826

1840 - Chatham Co, NC - Ruffin U Home

There is a spot for John R U ↑ b 1825-1830
↳ b 1826

6) 1850 Census - Orange Co, NC

William Lawrence 26 M Tanner b NC

Elizabeth Lawrence 24 F [Elizabeth U]

Nancy Lawrence 5 F

Patterson, Lawrence 3 M

Francois Lawrence 1 F

John U 22 M Tanner [John R U ↑]

[note: Presume John U ↑ & Elizabeth U are siblings and children of Ruffin U & Jc of Moore U, Head of clan]

7) See Str 30 NOV 1996 Gene Olive DRPA

Maybe a goody for you: Turned in as E(mm) Upchurch Cem - unsure of exact location, not too far from Olive Chapel toward New Hill, possibly on left side of road (just tried to call the only one I know who might know but got no answer). "John Upchurch ↑ Died April 25, 1894 - About 69 years" and "E(mm) Upchurch Wynne Born 1844 - Died March 29, 1924". Her 2nd husband was Frank Wynne. I have that she was Emma M. Cotton and will tell you more about her when I pinpoint the cemetery.

8) See Notes of RPA Visit 5 SEP 1977 to Adelia Janel U

Adelia, on a drive, pointed out that John U ↑, the oldest son of Ruffin U is buried just south of Olive Chapel Church on the East side of the road. [He is a good candidate to be the John U who operated New Kain Tavern]

9 Input from His 18 & 19 JUL 2004 Ken Wyatt @ RPA

*I. William Frank Wynn b 20 FEB 1838 (Chatham Co, NC) d 10 NOV 1867
md (1st) (?) Jane J. Oline b 26 DEC 1845 (Weldon, NC) d 5 NOV 1894
md (2nd) 11 JAN 1898

William H. McKee 1791-1860 s/o William McKee & Margaret Miller

Jacob Sherrill s/o b 1736 d 1813-5/6 Adam Sherrill 1690-1774 & Elysheth Corneil

M. E. UPHURCH WIDOW OF JOHN R. UPHURCH nee EMALINE COTTON

William Nelson McKee 1833-1912

Jacob Sherrill Jr 1755-1830

Hulda Wilson b abt 1736 w/o Samuel Wilson b abt 1714 & Elysheth - -

- A. George W. Wynn 10 OCT 1800 1 FEB 1868
- B. Penny Wynn b 19 FEB 1806
- C. Emaline Wynn b 1831
- D. John W. Wynn b 25 MAR 1834 d 10 NOV 1867 (MS) 25 DEC 1835
- E. Julia Ann Wynn b 1835
- F. Ann Wynn b 22 APR 1840
- G. George Walton Wynn b 30 JUL 1842 d 1 FEB 1868
- H. M. C. Wynn b 20 JUN 1843
- I. J. A. Wynn b 29 JUN 1849

William Thomas McKee M.D. b 1 MAY 1863

Nancy Sherrill 1794-1867

Elisha Perkins Jr 1725-1759 s/o Elisha Perkins & Margaret Sherrill 1694-1741 & Margaret Sherrill 1704-1773 unknown d 1758

- J. Beulah F. Wynn b 13 APR 1872 (NC) d 13 DEC 1941 (Finley, Antler, OK)
- 1. Jane Sylvester McKee b 19 AUG 1895 (Durham, NC) d 26 JUN 1980 (Parcell, OK)
- 2. Jewell McKee b 29 DEC 1897 (Canyville, TN) d 3 JUL 1906 (TN)
- 3. Willie Grace McKee b 21 FEB 1900 (Canyville, TN) d 23 SEP 1988 (Norman, OK) md L Paul Webster Myers d 5 NOV 1991 (Anadarko, OK)
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- 8. Grace Darling Wynn b 5 SEP 1880 d 1930 md Tom B. Feamington

CLAY, ND d 1 FEB 1937 (Finley, OK)

Rebecca Ann Jones 1838-1916

Elizabeth Adelaide Perkins 1759-1834

Coder Wynn & James Oline 1813-1904

William Oline s/o James Oline 1713-1805 & Elysheth d 1814

- GP OF KEN WYATT
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Irene J. Oline 1845-1894

Louise Hunter 1817-1898

PG 27 IN OLIVE BOOK

William Frank Wynn 1838-1867

- 1. James Phillip F. b 1893 d 1963
- 2. Mena Bryan Feamington

U) UPCHURCH MENTIONS IN WAKE-CAPITAL COUNTY OF NORTH CAROLINA

VOL I. PREHISTORY THROUGH CENTENNIAL BY: ELIZABETH REID MURRAY

PG

103 - OLIVE CHAPEL CHURCH COMMUNITY IS IN EXTREME WESTERN WAKE CO. - THERE

WERE UPCHURCH FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY BY 1780'S [JOHN U, III]

270m. PRESENT AT JAN 1858 MERCHANTS MEETING IN RALEIGH, NC: W. C. U
[William Clinton U]; UPCHURCH & ROYSTER

282 - JOHN J. U [John Jordan U] had a machine shop on Morgan street in Raleigh, NC in the 1840's

290 - W. C. U [William Clinton U, I] was a Raleigh, NC Grocer who in the 1840's provided the Standard Newspaper with price to be published.

358 In 1850, several families living in the vicinity of New Ruin organized a Baptist congregation and about midway the race track road built Olive's or
358m Olive Chapel, named for Rev. Johnson Olive, their neighbor and first pastor. The church's influence on the community became so strong that it was not many years before the bar at the tavern closed down, the betting on races ceased, and promoters of both, in the words of a church historian, "either moved into the church or out of the community." The tavern building became a country store, operated by John Upchurch and his descendants.¹⁴²

¹⁴² Grace Lawrence, "A History of Olive Chapel Baptist Church," I. interview with Carl P. Holleman, Apex Town Attorney and local history researcher, based on his informal conversations with western Wake area residents, 1970s. Members of the local John Upchurch family owned the site for some years and are said to have operated their store in the tavern building, which was still standing in the 1970s.

[JOHN RUFUS U? - RPU]

521m In the summer of 1865 one Emily U applied for aid based on the fact that she had formerly relied on the Millernie Paper Mill destroyed by Yankees

562 Branson's N.C. Business Directory from 1867-1872 included Alfred U's & T. G. Jenkins Carriage & Buggy factories [Partners as 2 companies? - RPU]

563 Bailey P. Williamson & Orlando Shay operated the North State Foundry during the Civil War but dissolved the partnership in 1865

567 W. U, Grocer, [William Clinton U, I] was one of several Raleigh business operations that continued to operate during the Civil War or soon reopened

568 Pictures 3 buildings on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh, NC which housed 4 businesses in the 1870's, one of these housed Edwards & Broughton (see right) upstairs and the WILLIAMSON, UPCHURCH, THOMAS GROCERY downstairs [U could be William Clinton U, I or William George U - RPU]

572 Multistoried buildings started in Raleigh, NC by 4 years after the Civil War included the 3 STORY BRICK STORE AT Wilmington & Martin for UPCHURCH & DODD [W^m GEO. U]

574 The Raleigh Board of Trade organized in 1871 included William U [William Clinton U, I or William George U - RPU]

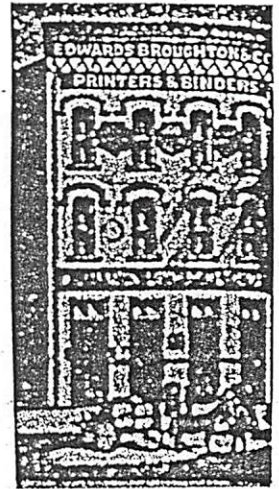
607m Incorporators of the Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary in 1870-71 included W. G. U [William George U]

652 About 1867 lots were platted in APEX - J. R. U bought one [JOHN RUFUS U? - RPU]

664 Describer Green Lane - was on a major road connecting Raleigh and Pittsboro
It's Post Office was an early one to be reopened after the Civil War

- MISS A. D. U was first postmaster [A. D. U =

The area had at least 4 stores in 1872: John U [John U = JOHN RUFUS U? - RPU]
+ J. W. BOLLING, HOWELL & PERRY, R. H. JENKS, W. S. JENKS, J. W. MITCHELL,
B. M. YATES



(11) Index to Deeds, Mortgages and Real Estate Conveyances-

CHATHAM CO, NC 1787-1935 - UPCHURCH - DATE FILED - BK, PG

U GRANTEE(S) [BOUGHT]GRANTOR(S) [SOLD]

Nov -- 1787	Upchurch [JOHN U, III]	JOHN	Russel Robert etal	Deed	D	346
Jul 7 1794	Do [JOHN U, III]	JOHN	North Carolina State of	Grant	K	466
Feb -- 1802	Do [JOHN U, IV]	JOHN	Upchurch Samuel	Deed	M	57
Mar 29 1876	Do [JOHN R U]	JOHN R	Jinkins E W	Mtge	A-U	5
Mar 19 1884	Do [JOHN R U] ^{XFA} 3418	JOHN	Council R C Jr etal	Mtge	B-H	489
Nov 24 1886	Do J.V. + etal	Cad	Clark John Est by Comrs	Divn	B-R	377
Nov 17 1932	Do [JOHN MANLY U]	J M	Thomas J W	Lease	H-H	231

U GRANTOR(S) [SOLD]GRANTEE(S) [BOUGHT]

Feb -- 1820	Do [JOHN U, VII]	JOHN	Cotten William	Deed	X	220
Mar 21 1883	Do [JOHN R U] 3418 → JOHN R [MARTHA EMALINE COTTON] → MARTHA E		Goodwin Joseph etal	Deed	B-G	148
Apr 14 1884	Do [JOHN R U] → etal → JOHN [MARTHA EMALINE COTTON] → M E		Buchanan Thomas	Deed	B-G	555
Jan 7 1924	Do J.W + Cora Lee		Johnson F C	Deed	F-Y	550
Jan 7 1924	Do Cora Lee		Survey & Plat	----	F-Y	551
Nov 17 1932	Do [JOHN MANLY U] → J M [OR JOHN MARION U]		Thomas J W	Lease	H-H	231

(12) SEE N. C. MARRIAGES

JOHN R. U md 6 JUN 1861 (Chatham Co, NC)

EMALINE COTTON [MARTHA EMALINE COTTON]

(13) NOTE: It is tempting to conclude that the "R" in JOHN R. U stands for "RUFUS" but need more proof. It could be "RUFFIN" or ?? - RPK 5 SEP 2005

(14) ITEM(S) IN LETTER 19 DEC 1995 MARGARET BLANCHE BROWN TO RPU [FROM VARIOUS NC NEWSPAPERS]

A 9 NOV 1888

Deputy John R. Upchurch got safely back home last night from Gibson's Station. They do say that the attempt to arrest Mr. Gibson, the registrar, fairly aroused the natives for miles around. They found out Upchurch was coming before he got there, and when he attempted to serve the warrant on Mr. Gibson a large crowd had already collected. Some of them were old acquaintances of Upchurch's, but when he spoke to them they had nothing to say in reply. In a short while the whole country was alive, and it is said that they came in from twenty miles distance. They even came from across the South Carolina line. These South Carolina fellows had on red shirts, and they say Deputy Upchurch was scared out of his shoes. The crowd which collected was estimated at about four hundred.

[The JOHN R. UPCHURCH in A & B - has not been linked to the main Upchurch Family yet. There are several individuals with this name in central NC in the 1850-1900 time frame - RPU]

B. 26 DEC 1890

Revenue officers Massey, Grimsley and John R. Upchurch a day or two ago laid a trap for illicit distillers in Sampson county and nabbed them in the act. They knew that moonshine operations were being carried on and went and concealed themselves at the place. They had not long to wait when their men came along and started in for a day's work, whereupon they were taken in by the officers. The offenders were Cornelius Hodges and Bradley Jernigan, and they were taken before Commissioner E. W. Poir at Smithfield and gave bond.

[NOTE: THIS ITEM IS BEING CROSSFILED AS FOLLOWS:

- JOHN R. U XID-3418 s/o RUFFIN U & GS/O MOSES U - HEAD OF CLAN. NEED TO VERIFY THAT DEPUTY JOHN R. U & XID-3418 ARE THE SAME
- AS JOHN R. U - A PERSON WHOSE FATHER IS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED - RPU [5 SEP 2005]

NEW RUIN TAVERN - WAKE CO, NC

EXCERPTS FROM: WAKE-CAPITAL COUNTY OF N.C. BY ELIZABETH

REID MURRAY - VOL I PREHISTORY THROUGH CENTENNIAL

PAGES 356, 357, 358 RE: XI. Education, the Arts, and Social Life

Sports.—In the suburbs and rural areas of Wake, neighborhood folk also created some of their own diversions. These included some of the more active participating and spectator sports such as horse-racing, athletic contests, cock-fighting, and gander-pulling. A small "settlement" near Raleigh called Hard Scrabble was reportedly a place "where the various champions of cock-fighting, footracing, wrestlers and boxers, generally congregate." The Raleigh *Rasp* of February 19, 1842, recounted an educational encounter "a mountain bully" had with Hard Scrabble frequenters.¹⁴⁰

Farther out in the county, a western Wake community near the Chatham County line was known by the intriguingly descriptive name of New Ruin. For many years prior to the mid-nineteenth century its primary place of business was a tavern, which was the Saturday night gathering place for dancing to the music of fiddles. Old-timers in the neighborhood were quoted for generations after the tavern's demise as knowing first-hand of the dances, as well as of drinking and gambling at the tavern and of horse-races, wrestling matches, cockfights, and gander-pulls that took place nearby. The road from Cotten's Crossroads in Chatham County to the tavern in Wake served as a straightaway race track a mile in length. People from neighboring communities and, some said, from as far away as Raleigh, raced their horses or came to bet on the events at New Ruin. An 1844 newspaper notice announced that a main of cocks would be fought May 29 "at Jef. Utley's, on the half-way ground between Wake and Chatham," for prizes of "\$200 the odd and \$10 the battle," and that twenty-one cocks would be shown.¹⁴¹

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FOOT NOTES

¹⁴⁰ *Rasp*, Feb. 19, 1842. For a graphic description of a gander-pulling, see Johnson, *Ante-Bellum, N.C.*, 111-112.

¹⁴¹ Bevers map of Wake, 1871; Ramsey map of Chatham, 1870; Wake Court Minutes, Aug, 1844:746, granting Willie Henderson license to retail spirituous liquors by the small measure "at New Ruin in Wake County"; Anne Jackson Williams, "Old Olive's Chapel Has Ninety Years of History and Holds Many Records," *News and Observer*, Jan. 7, 1940; Hendricks, *Biography of a Country Church*, 10, passim; *Register* (s-w), May 10, 1844.

A descendant of John Williams has recorded the fact that a young teacher and minister's daughter, Sarah Adeline Howell, was reluctant to accept his proposal of marriage because his farm was too close to the New Ruin tavern and race track, and that he sold the property and bought land farther away before they were married in 1857. Anne Jackson Williams, "The Williams Family," 4.

Fighting cocks were raised by at least one of the Jeffreys families in the Wake Forest-Rolesville area. William D. Jeffreys described to a brother the Easter 1833 "barbecue and chicken peck at Burr[el] Perry's mill," during which "we" won two out of four fights and "came off two dollars and a half winners after all our bad misfortune." In the first of the two losing matches their cock escaped into the woods and was killed; in the second, Jeffreys related, "we heald our chicken dropped him in the pit when he only maid a few flutters stove the heels in the other cock and jirked both gaves [gaffs] out of the lethers we then picked up our

cock and gived up the fight." Another "chicken peck" was scheduled for "next Whitsentide" at A. M. High's. As if in defense of the Sunday events, Jeffreys added, "It appears as if religion is in rather a declined state in this neighborhood at this time." William D. Jeffreys to Jacob H. Jeffreys, Apr. 9, 1833, William A. Jeffreys Papers.

¹⁴² Grace Lawrence, "A History of Olive Chapel Baptist Church," I. interview with Carl P. Holleman, Apex Town Attorney and local history researcher, based on his informal conversations with western Wake area residents, 1970s. Members of the local John Upchurch family owned the site for some years and are said to have operated their store in the tavern building, which was still standing in the 1970s.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE COURSE.
 Held on the evening of the 6th of March, 1840, the following Officers were chosen:
 Pres. President: HANCOCK
 Vice President: J. A. CUM
 The RACES over the course on the 6th Tuesday and continue five days.
First Day.—Proprietor's horse—Entrance \$10.
Second Day.—Jockey's horse—Entrance \$10.
Third Day.—Jockey's horse—Entrance \$10.
Fourth Day.—Horse race—Entrance \$10.
Fifth Day.—Horse race—Entrance \$10.
SIXTH DAY.—Horse race—Entrance \$10.
A SWEEPSTAKE, on the Fall of 1840, 3 years of service, 2 mile heats, closed following Subscribers:
 1. John White, not nam
 2. Thomas W. Rainey,
 3. John C. Rogers, name of Shakespeare, not of Polly's
 4. Robert Chapman, by David McDowell's son, late, dau Betty Archib.
 5. William Tarnes out of Vandy's dam.
 6. Almer Robinson name of Tom Tough mare.
 7. R. H. Cunningham's Character, dam by Virginia

New Ruin Tavern in western Wake was one of several country places where horse-races and cockfights such as these advertised in the Register Mar. 27, 1840 (left) and May 10, 1844 (right) were held. (Reid photographs.)

WAKE against CHATHAM.
 There will be a Match of Cock-fighting on the 10th inst. at the house of Mr. W. A. and Chatham, commencing on Wednesday the 10th of May, at 5 o'clock. The match will be at 5 o'clock. The match will be at 5 o'clock. The match will be at 5 o'clock.

NORTH CAROLINA.—WAKE County, 1st day F. R. Hines and George M. Tamm. This was before the House of Representatives and much talk that there had existed a story that there was to be a horse race and cock-fighting on the 10th of May, at 5 o'clock. The match will be at 5 o'clock. The match will be at 5 o'clock.



ONCE MORE.
 We have just received a large quantity of the best of the Wake County, and much talk that there had existed a story that there was to be a horse race and cock-fighting on the 10th of May, at 5 o'clock. The match will be at 5 o'clock. The match will be at 5 o'clock.

FOR SALE.
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: THE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF NEW RUIN TRAVERN IN WAKE CO, NC

In the last fifty years more and more people have traced their family heritage back to western Wake Co., NC and to the counties which border this area to the North, West and South. It is becoming increasingly clear that the settlement of these areas starting in the early 1700s served as an important center of evolving American history. Although a large amount of detail about the area, its families and its history have been uncovered much remains to be documented. In times gone-by this area might have been considered a "backwater" region. With growing interest and the help of the Internet its glorious history is now being brought to light.

The preservation of New Ruin Tavern will have a significant impact on the further amplification of the history of the area. This is because there are so few historical sites still preserved in the area. Even the few remaining sites are fast disappearing. New Ruin preserved can serve as a great touchstone for the historic nature of the area.

While many sons and daughters of western Wake soil, most now living afar, could make this plea for New Ruin Tavern, I take personal pride in making this pointed appeal as will be illustrated.

All American Upchurches, with few exceptions, trace their heritage to Michael Upchurch, I who came to Virginia from England about 1638. I am a member of the 9th generation of this family in America. I have published the UPCHURCH BULLETIN for 26 years and have identified and published on over 54,000 members of this family. About 1802 two of the 5th generation found their way to the New Ruin Area. They were two Revolutionary War veterans, Moses Upchurch and Nathan Upchurch, I, the latter being my Great-Great-Grandfather. Their descendants, one of whom who ran New Ruin, have compiled a glorious record in the area and elsewhere. Volumes of evidence supports this assertion and volumes remain to be written. The preservation of New Ruin will serve as a stimulus for family historians like myself to redouble their efforts.

The reader will grasp that we could go on and on about the New Ruin Area. It will suffice to conclude with one tempting idea. I propose that in the 1500-1800 era there existed in western Wake County, NC a North-South Trail along the headwaters of creeks from Orange County through western Wake County to Harnett County. This trail would have existed because of the ease of travel and I propose that it existed and, hereby, name it the "Western Wake Trace". Today Highway 55 roughly follows its path. It passes hard by New Ruin. The issue of Wake Trace is just one aspect of western Wake heritage that needs to be examined.

All who work to preserve New Ruin will provide a noble service in the cause of balancing the pressure of development with the need to remember and embrace our heritage.

Respectfully Submitted to All
Who Will Listen,

Robert Phillip Upchurch

Robert Phillip Upchurch
Upchurch Family Historian

August 27, 2005

NEW RUIN, WAKE CO, NC

○ HISTORY OF OLIVE CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH - WAKE CO, NC

Reprinted in James Olive Family from News & Observer 7 JAN 1940

By Anne (Jackson) Unbrave wife of T. LACY WILLIAMS - Raleigh Ally who grew up in Olive Chapel Area. Reference made to NEW RUIN Founding in 1850 promoted by 3 ministers JESSE HOWELL, JOHN C. WILSON & JOHNSON OLIVE. Bld Com: WILLES RAGAN & KADER OLIVE

FIRST MALE MEMBERS

WESLEY GOODWIN
NEEDHAM BECKWITH
JAMES MILLS
WELLES RAGAN
KINSLEY COUNCIL
WESLEY O'DANIELS

FIRST FEMALE MEMBERS

ANNA LAWRENCE
JANE GOODWIN
SARA RAGAN
ELIZABETH WILTS
FENAKER MOORE

INITIAL BAPTISMS

JOHN W. JOHNSON
ELIZABETH OLIVE
SARAH RAGAN (MP
ORLANDO JACKSON W)
TEMPY RAGAN (MD
THOMAS LAWRENCE)
MARTINA JOHNSON

While the first sanctuary was being built the Church met nearly in Home of Henry Cotton (where John Mills Home now stands on HWY 64) FAT of Dr A.T. COTTON & GF/O EARL COTTON (of a famous murder case.)

1890 - New Sanctuary Built - W.S. OLIVE ^{→ Grew up in the Church} new young minister served till his death 1926 (1931) - promoted Rapid Growth

MINISTERS: John C. Wilson, Jesse Howell, Johnson Olive, O. YACHTWORTH, W.S. Olive (W.C. Howard & Dr J.H. Garrell as supply for illness), H.C.R. Pittard, Rev W.W. Hutchins, Rev W.M.H. Carbutt

Church modal ministers: G.T. Mills (Pastor Even until 1940), Dr Kyle M. Yates, & T.S. Lawrence / Married Ministers: LULA OLIVE (REV Peter Rogers), Grace Olive (REV Lester Lane) / Religious Workers: Miss Grace Lawrence, Miss Ruth Yates, Miss Alma Lawrence (md Earl James) / Rev L. Brown Olive became a missionary - In Church 1940

S.S. Superintendants: Charles F. Williams 1906-1915, Sexton Lawrence, J.A. Mills, J.L. Swan, J.C. Olive, A.C. Lawrence / Clerks (in order): W. J. Goodman, T.R. Lawrence, J.C. Ragan, C.L. Jenks, D.T. Johnson, J.H. Barber, H.T. Barber, T.L. Booth, J.M. Luttrell, L.J. Mills, K. Johnson, L.J. Mills, A.H. Ragan, J.H. Luttrell, B.C. Poole.

CHURCH BURNED OCT 1939 - BLD COMM: Deacons: W.H. Kelly, Paul Mills, E.E. Olive, Freeland Goodman, Hollie Barber, A.C. Lawrence, T.E. Goodwin, W.A. Henton (TTE & Chair bld Com.) TTES W.H. Goodman, R.E. Mann, E. Judd Goodwin, H.M. Olive

NEW RUIN, WAKE CO, NC

○ FROM: James Olive Family of Wake Co, NC 1965

A. This book includes a history of Olive Chapel Baptist Church in Wake Co, NC. This church history includes on page 98 & 99 a reference to the NEW RUIN TAVERN in western Wake Co, NC as follows:

Origin and Founding.

How did this country church happen to achieve these records? What is its secret?

It isn't its age. Olive Chapel is a comparative youngster among North Carolina rural churches, for all its 90 years. Dr. Paschal's history of North Carolina Baptist Churches lists 50 which were founded before 1778, with a dozen before 1750.

It isn't likely the location had anything to do with it, though the site was novel. Olive Chapel was built on a race track. Until 1850 the community had no church of any denomination, but there was a tavern which had been in business since colonial days, operated at various times by various families. It was the neighborhood center for drinking, gambling, cockfighting, wrestling matches, gander pullings, and horse racing, and on Saturday nights there were fiddling and dancing as well. The tavern was known by the picturesque name of New Ruin, and the race track was the mile-long stretch of road leading from New Ruin to Cotton's Crossroads. There were plenty of sober, hard-working Southern Puritans in the community who worried about the evil influence of New Ruin. Among them were two Baptist preachers who owned land in the community and a third Baptist preacher a few miles farther away.

During the summer of 1850 Rev. Johnson Olive, one of these neighborhood preachers, held a revival at Shady Grove, a church about six or seven miles away. Some of the people living near Cotton's Crossroads and New Ruin went to hear him. Under the influence of the revival they felt moved to organize a church of their own nearer home. Of course there were already strong Baptist churches in the surrounding communities, but in those days of horses and poor roads three or four miles made a long distance to go to church.

The three preachers offered to preach for a year without pay. They were Rev. Jesse Howell, Rev. John C. Wilson, and Rev. Johnson Olive. Willis Ragan and Kader Olive were made a building committee. Other farmers in the community agreed to donate land or lumber or teams or labor. The church was built.

The first service was held during November, 1850.

B. On Page 89 the passage below refers to NEW RUIN. The church meeting took place about 1850 so New Ruin was a place of reference at that time (RPA)

47 Franky Olive (Frances or Francis). Still a minor on 1828 list, with Burrell as gdn. In "Biography of a Country Church" by Garland A. Hendricks there is a description of meeting held to establish Olive Chapel Church. The meeting was held at home of Ensley and Nancy Council: "Pheriby Moore, eighty-year-old widow, was as youthful in outlook and spirit as any girl in her twenties. Franky Olive lived with her and cared for her farm. He left her at the Council's and went to New Ruin." If this is the same Franky, it is a man. However, the 1850 census of Chatham Co., p. 475, dwelling #3 in Lower Regm., is Fernaby More, 80, female, and Franky Olive, 35, female. In 1880 Census for Wake Co., Frankie Olive, f., 72, is listed on p. 499, R-line 195.

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NOTES OF RPU/SSU/Irene Olive Visit to Rachel Lenter 4 DEC 2001

TO Home of Rachel Lenter on old Jenkins Road. Her ancestor owned 139 acres of land here and farmed. The home is quite old and is a museum in itself. It has been moved from across the road to allow for a housing development which is now completed.

I explained the issue of Archiver for Wake Co Materials and we jointly concluded there is no obvious satisfactory option at present. She knows Edythe Tippet well & shares her angst over the movement of the Wake County Library System Away from Family History.

It was the deacon Mr - - Moore who took over & trashed the system. He is still in the saddle. Rachel has left her "stuff" to a cousin per her will & has faith she will take care of it. She also has faith in Ann Greling.

Rachel & Irene suggest I go to see Mr GARY ROTH who is in the Medical Complex. He heads the independent CAPITAL AREA PRESERVATION "CAPS". He is a Graduate of the Preservation Program of Wake Forest Univ & is not a NC Native.

Rachel often went to the Mark U home with her dau Puz after the school next door completed the school day - hence knew the U family well. Mor's music & oldy Lwanner was a furniture store on Salem Street - Fanny CARLEYS it is on the Right hand side.

Mor also had a farm in the Green Level Area and required his children to work there. We discussed New Ruin. It was on the New Hill - Olive Chapel Road & the building still exists but is falling down.

We discussed Green Level Church which Rachel attends. There is a history but it is not printed. A former pastor wrote this in long hand. Rachel says the land for the church came from A. M. Council. DANNY MOODY is doing a history of Green Level Church. It was instrumental in getting the church listed as a landmark. The present minister wanted to tear down the church but enough members objected to overcome his intent.

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The Green Level Baptist Church, built around 1904, is described by historians as "one of the best-preserved examples of rural church architecture in Wake County."

Vintage structures reflect town's history

By SHIRLEY HAYES
Staff Writer

When Kelly Lally set out to record the architectural history of Wake County, she did not limit her focus to such impressive structures as the J. R. Cunningham house on South Hughes Street or the Hunter Schaub house on North Salem Street.

The book she compiled, entitled "The History of Architecture of Wake County, North Carolina," also includes what most passersby

would view as more mundane structures--the Seaboard Railroad overpass over Williams Street, for example.

And, branching out into rural White Oak Township, she included picture and story of the New Ruin Tavern, located on State Road 1141 in the New Hill vicinity, a sagging frame building with a tin roof and a colorful history.

Throughout Wake County, in all 18 townships, she followed the same practice. "Our goal was to show the development of Wake

County over time," Ms. Lally said in a recent interview.

She said she attempted to select buildings representative of the various periods of Wake County history. Some are notable, not only for their age, but for the beauty of their construction; others are significant because they represent the architecture of a particular period.

The New Ruin Tavern is included for its age, its construction and especially its history.

On page 345 of her book, in the section on White Oak Township, Ms. Lally has written:

"Local tradition holds that this frame farm building originally housed a tavern in the community known as New Ruin, famous as the site of mid-nineteenth-century dances and gambling events such as cockfights and horse races.

"Constructed with a mortise-and-tenon frame and elevated on a stone-pier foundation, the building displays the 'coastal cottage' form--with engaged sheds to the

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ent and rear--associated with traditional early nineteenth center architecture, but oddly shows no evidence of a chimney. The interior is divided into two main rooms; the front shed is thought to have been the location of a bar.

"The mile-long stretch of road from Cotton's Crossroads in Chatham County to the tavern is said to have served as a track for horse races.

"In more recent decades the old tavern was used as a general store by the Upchurch family, but it is now used as a storage building."

In an interview Ms. Lally said she has heard that concern about the questionable activities at the New Ruin Tavern may have provided the impetus for formation of the Olive Chapel Baptist Church.

Ms. Lally's book was published by Wake County Government. It grew from a decision made by county commissioners several years ago that a survey should be made county-wide to identify all properties with historic significance in the hope that at least some of them might be preserved.

Ms. Lally said when she was employed to do the survey, no one was certain just how the information would be stored or published. The idea for the book evolved as the survey progressed.

The 448-page hardcover volume was released in the fall and is available for purchase through the Wake County Planning Department.

In commenting on historic landmarks in the Apex area and White Oak Township, she said the depot, designed in 1914 by the staff of the Seaboard Railway home office in Norfolk, is one of five depots still standing in Wake County and the

only one built of brick.

The depot is presently home to the Apex branch of the Wake County Library system.

Among the oldest in-town Apex homes included in the book are the Atkinson-Wagner House on Templeton Street built around 1870 and the Thompson-Utley-Tunstall House on North Elm Street, also built in the 1870's.

The Hunter Schaub house on North Salem Street is also notable for its "rare original picket fence."

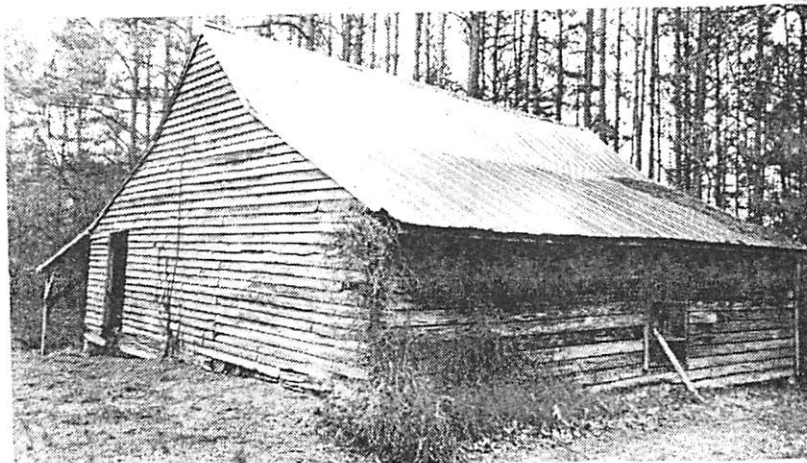
Going outside Apex Ms. Lally



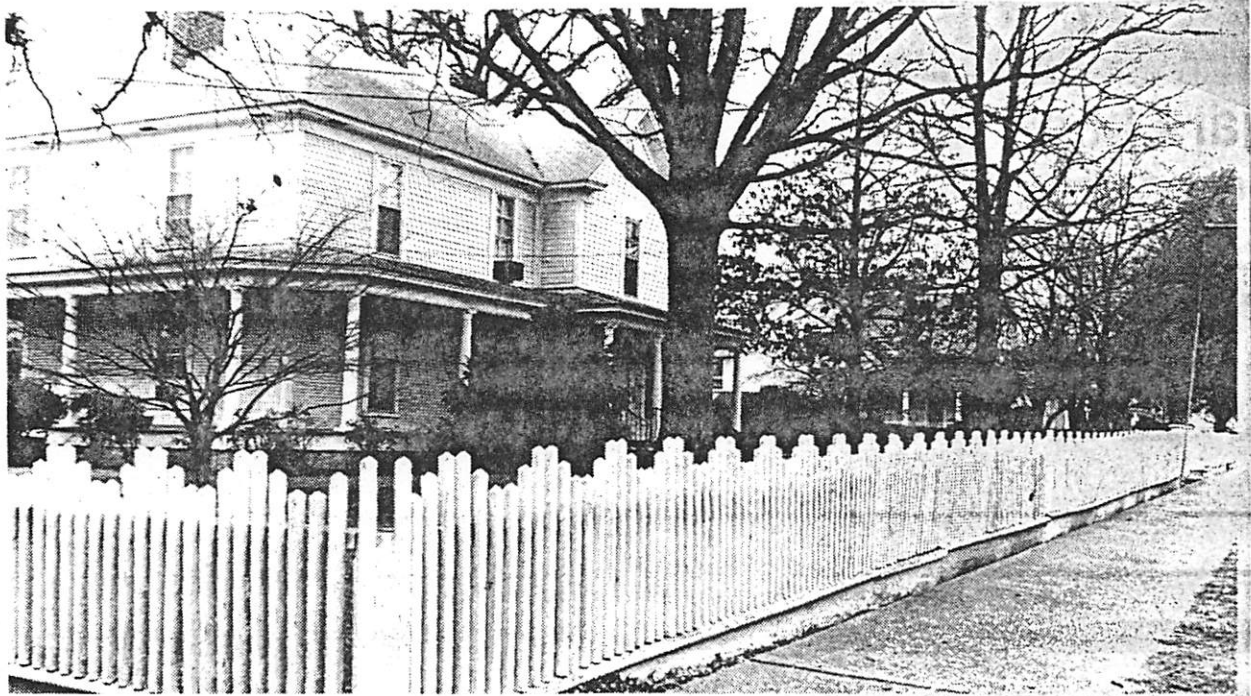
The Betts-Beasley house on Elm Street, believed to have been built around 1889, was a boarding house in the early 20th century.



The Atkinson-Wagner house on Templeton Street, built about 1870, is one of oldest dwellings in town.



The New Ruin Tavern in the New Hill community, now a storage building, was once the site of gambling events such as cock fights and horse races.



The picket fence around the Hunter-Schaub house on North Salem Street is believed original.

pointed to the J. M. Williams house in Green Level as "a locally rare example of Queen Anne architecture," built about 1900 by a tobacco farmer.

Many other homes in Apex and the surrounding countryside are featured as well as some commercial buildings, among them the old L.R. Jackson tobacco warehouse and the W. A. Hinton and Son hardware store, both on Main Street.

A photo of the Seaboard Railroad overpass across Williams

Street is also in the book with the following description:

"Erected around 1930 by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, this concrete Art Deco railroad over-

pass features two narrow piers on each side of Williams Street, which support three slightly arched openings over the road and adjacent sidewalks.

"The piers rise above the openings to support iron railings that flank three sets of railroad tracks. The railings are made up of both linear and curved elements, which, with the verticality of the piers and angular designs molded into the concrete, give the structure its Art Deco appearance."

Ms. Lally said one aim of the book is to educate people, to let them know that these buildings and structures have interest in the hope that some will be preserved.

It is the goal of the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission to find ways to preserve some of them, she said.

Ms. Lally said the book does not contain all of the Wake County buildings which have historic interest. She said the process of deciding what to include was very difficult. She said she hopes those whose favorites were not chosen will understand.

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Sports.—In the suburbs and rural areas of Wake, neighborhood folk also created some of their own diversions. These included some of the more active participating and spectator sports such as horse-racing, athletic contests, cock-fighting, and gander-pulling. A small "settlement" near Raleigh called Hard Scrabble was reportedly a place "where the various champions of cock-fighting, footracing, wrestlers and boxers, generally congregate." The *Raleigh Rasp* of February 19, 1842, recounted an educational encounter "a mountain bully" had with Hard Scrabble frequenters.¹⁴⁰

Farther out in the county, a western Wake community near the Chatham County line was known by the intriguingly descriptive name of New Ruin. For many years prior to the mid-nineteenth century its primary place of business was a tavern, which was the Saturday night gathering place for dancing to the music of fiddles. Old-timers in the neighborhood were quoted for generations after the tavern's demise as knowing first-hand of the dances, as well as of drinking and gambling at the tavern and of horse-races, wrestling matches, cockfights, and gander-pulls that took place nearby. The road from Cotten's Crossroads in Chatham County to the tavern in Wake served as a straightaway race track a mile in length. People from neighboring communities and, some said, from as far away as Raleigh, raced their horses or came to bet on the events at New Ruin. An 1844 newspaper notice announced that a main of cocks would be fought May 29 "at Jef. Utley's, on the half-way ground between Wake and Chatham," for prizes of "\$200 the odd and \$10 the battle," and that twenty-one cocks would be shown.¹⁴¹

¹³⁸ Whitaker, *Reminiscences*, 49-50.

¹³⁹ *Register* (s-w), Oct. 25, Nov. 22, 1854.

¹⁴⁰ *Rasp*, Feb. 19, 1842. For a graphic description of a gander-pulling, see Johnson, *Ante-Bellum, N.C.*, 111-112.

¹⁴¹ Bevers map of Wake, 1871; Ramsey map of Chatham, 1870; Wake Court Minutes, Aug. 1844:746, granting Willie Henderson license to retail spirituous liquors by the small measure "at New Ruin in Wake County"; Anne Jackson Williams, "Old Olive's Chapel Has Ninety Years of History and Holds Many Records," *News and Observer*, Jan. 7, 1940; Hendricks, *Biography of a Country Church*, 10, passim; *Register* (s-w), May 10, 1844.

A descendant of John Williams has recorded the fact that a young teacher and minister's daughter, Sarah Adeline Howell, was reluctant to accept his proposal of marriage because his farm was too close to the New Ruin tavern and race track, and that he sold the property and bought land farther away before they were married in 1857. Anne Jackson Williams, "The Williams Family," 4.

Fighting cocks were raised by at least one of the Jeffreys families in the Wake Forest-Rolesville area. William D. Jeffreys described to a brother the Easter 1833 "barbecue and chicken peck at Burr[el] Perry's mill," during which "we" won two out of four fights and "came off two dollars and a half winners after all our bad misfortune." In the first of the two losing matches their cock escaped into the woods and was killed; in the second, Jeffreys related, "we heald our chicken droped him in the pit when he only maid a few flutters stove the heels in the other cock and jirked both gaves [gaffs] out of the lethers we then picked up our cock and gived up the fight." Another "chicken peck" was scheduled for "next Whitsentide" at A. M. High's. As if in defense of the Sunday events, Jeffreys added, "It appears as if religion is in rather a declined state in this neighborhood at this time." William D. Jeffreys to Jacob H. Jeffreys, Apr. 9, 1833, William A. Jeffreys Papers.

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Horse racing got Wyatt into heap of trouble

By CARL HOLLEMAN

Wyatt J. Holleman lived in this community before it was known as Apex. A member of Salem Baptist, the only Baptist church this side of Mt. Pisgah, Shady Grove at Bonsal and Holly Springs, he was 20 years old when he married Martha Beckwith, then 26.

They soon had a family of eight children. Although the census booked him as a carpenter, today he would probably be listed as a contractor.

At his church conference on "Saturday before the second Lord's Day in December, 1846," he found himself in a mess of trouble. "A brother in a sister church" pointed his finger at cousin Wyatt, saying that he had been engaging in the sins of horse racing, drinking and fighting.

The church minutes do not show, but one can believe that he had taken part in some of the fun things that were popular near the present location of Olive Chapel Church.

New Ruin Tavern, which stood (and still stands) on a stretch of the Fayetteville Road just south of U.S. 64, was a favorite watering hole for locals. There the main fare after their traditional beverage (referred to by the temperance people as "ardent spirits") was horse racing.

The long, gentle slope of the Fayetteville Road that passes the tavern and ends at Beaver Creek served as the race track.

From the beginning, the church considered the charged against

Wyatt to be serious and appointed a three-man committee to investigate. In due course, the committee reported that there was indeed probable cause to believe the allegations to be true.

But the church, instead of taking action, appointed another committee of five "to confer with him upon the subject and report at our next meeting."

Finally, three of the five made their report in March 1848:

"We the undersigned committee have visited Brother Holleman respecting the reports that are in circulation about him which are the running of a horse race, getting intoxicated and fighting. He admits he galloped his horse very fast down the road but did not think any harm of it nor consider it a horse race. As to being intoxicated, he acknowledged it and says that he feels he is forgiven for it. He admits also that he did fight but in a consequence of being intoxicated has very little recollection of it."

Based on this church report, "Brother Holleman was excluded from the church entirely."

Cousin Wyatt must have cleaned up his act in a hurry, because within some 15 months thereafter he was readmitted to full membership in the Salem Church by a unanimous vote.

Perhaps the favorable vote was influenced by the fact that the community had elected him as its justice of the peace. Census records show that he was serving in that responsible public office in 1855.

Perhaps Cousin Wyatt amended his sinful ways and his neighbors simply forgave him. Or it could be that the men of the church decided that horse racing wasn't so bad after all.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: THE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF NEW RUIN TRAVERN IN WAKE CO, NC

In the last fifty years more and more people have traced their family heritage back to western Wake Co., NC and to the counties which border this area to the North, West and South. It is becoming increasingly clear that the settlement of these areas starting in the early 1700s served as an important center of evolving American history. Although a large amount of detail about the area, its families and its history have been uncovered much remains to be documented. In times gone-by this area might have been considered a "backwater" region. With growing interest and the help of the Internet its glorious history is now being brought to light.

The preservation of New Ruin Tavern will have a significant impact on the further amplification of the history of the area. This is because there are so few historical sites still preserved in the area. Even the few remaining sites are fast disappearing. New Ruin preserved can serve as a great touchstone for the historic nature of the area.

While many sons and daughters of western Wake soil, most now living afar, could make this plea for New Ruin Tavern, I take personal pride in making this pointed appeal as will be illustrated.

All American Upchurches, with few exceptions, trace their heritage to Michael Upchurch, I who came to Virginia from England about 1638. I am a member of the 9th generation of this family in America. I have published the UPCHURCH BULLETIN for 26 years and have identified and published on over 54,000 members of this family. About 1802 two of the 5th generation found their way to the New Ruin Area. They were two Revolutionary War veterans, Moses Upchurch and Nathan Upchurch, I, the latter being my Great-Great-Grandfather. Their descendants, one of whom who ran New Ruin, have compiled a glorious record in the area and elsewhere. Volumes of evidence supports this assertion and volumes remain to be written. The preservation of New Ruin will serve as a stimulus for family historians like myself to redouble their efforts.

The reader will grasp that we could go on and on about the New Ruin Area. It will suffice to conclude with one tempting idea. I propose that in the 1500-1800 era there existed in western Wake County, NC a North-South Trail along the headwaters of creeks from Orange County through western Wake County to Harnett County. This trail would have existed because of the ease of travel and I propose that it existed and, hereby, name it the "Western Wake Trace". Today Highway 55 roughly follows its path. It passes hard by New Ruin. The issue of Wake Trace is just one aspect of western Wake heritage that needs to be examined.

All who work to preserve New Ruin will provide a noble service in the cause of balancing the pressure of development with the need to remember and embrace our heritage.

Respectfully Submitted to All
Who Will Listen,

Robert Phillip Upchurch
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Upchurch Family Historian

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