

Know Your Name

By J. C. Downing



Wright

Wright is an English occupational surname derived from the Old English word WYRHTA or WRYHTA (carpenter, joiner), but later came to denote a skilled worker in any trade. Chaucer says, "He was a well good wright, a carpenter." Petere le (the) Writha of County Sussex, Robert le Wrichte of County Essex, Roger le Wricte of Cambridgeshire and Thomas le Wrichte of Derbyshire lived in the period 1214-1330. Sir Robert Wright, who died in 1689, was chief justice of the King's Bench. Sir Nathan Wright was lord keeper of the Great Seal in 1702.

In Scotland, Rauf le Wrichte a burghess of Sterling in 1296, and Thomas le Wright of Lanarkshire rendered homage to the English crown. Robert and Thomas WRYHYT were employed to repair the roof of the castle of Berwick in 1362. Richard Writht was burghess of Aberdeen in 1492. Many of the Scottish Wrights were members of the Macintyre clan.

Burke's General Armory describes the many various arms. In Virginia, Robert Wright arrived in 1608 and was living on patented land in James City County with his wife and two children in 1624. Thomas obtained two land grants totalling 610 acres in Lower Norfolk County in 1635-47. John obtained two grants in Upper New Norfolk County in 1638-43 totalling 450 acres. Edward obtained a 50-acre grant in York County in 1652.

In Massachusetts, Henry was in Dorchester in 1635 and Richard was in Boston in 1630. In Connecticut, Thomas was in Wethersford in 1639 and Benjamin was in Killengworth after 1649.

Thirty-three of the name were officers in the American Revolutionary Army.

Milly, Jim, Jack and Dorcis, my household & kitchen furniture, my new gig, harness and old horse called Mark, two Mules; son THOS. H. negroes & mare which he has already received, the furniture given by me to him, negro Jackson; son JOHN the money he has already received & horse, the negroes he has already recieved, negro Britton, one hundred dollars for his attendance on me while on my sick bed; dau. MARY C. wife of LEWIS B. BUSH the negroes, mare & furniture she has already recd and to her son WILLIAM negro Manuel; dau. REBECCA E. wife of THOMAS C. HOOKS negroes she has in possession, the furniture she has recieved, seventy dollars to by a horse; dau. PATSEY E. negroes Judy, Hannah and Dolly and one hundred dollars to buy her a horse, one bed, bedstead & furniture; son DAVID my lands I bought of my Brother THOS, my young black mare, one bed, bedstead & furniture; son ISAAC the balance of my Land at the death of his mother, one bed, bedstead & furniture, one hundred dollars when he marries or becomes of age; little daus. ELIZA SMITH & KITTY ANN negroes Hary, Mary, Dorcis, Toney, Maria, Gillis, Evaline & Edmund, one bedstead & furniture to each; negroes George, Stephen & Calvin to be sold if necessary to pay debts together with the Judgement of mine against JOHN B. WRIGHT and if not necessary George to dau. PATSEY E., Stephen to son DAVID and Calvin to son ISAAC; negro Sally & child Roderick sold to pay debts
 extrs: sons THOS. H. & JNO.
 wit: WILLIAM HODGES, WILSON HODGES
 signed: D. Wright

580. WRIGHT, ELIZABETH C. (CR.035.801.12)

18 Jan 1840 - Jul Term 1841

children THOMAS H., JOHN, MARY BUSH & REBECCA E. HOOKS five dollars each; dau. MARTHA E. SHINES one Bed & furniture; son DAVID my wagon & harness & a half dozen Silver table spoons, a trunk; dau. ELIZA S. a half Dozen Silver teaspoons, a trunk, my Gig & harness & her Choice of my horses; dau. CATHARINE A. a half Dozen Silver teaspoons, a trunk, her second choice of my horses; children DAVID, ELIZA S. & ISAAC Jointly residue of my property consisting of Corn, Fodder, Cattle, Hogs, horses, household & Kitchen furnetur, plantation tools and all other articles not mentioned; son ISAAC negro Calvin and a half dozen Silver teaspoons, a trunk, my mare that is called his, one hundred Dollars left him in his father's will
 extr: brother BUCKNER L. HILL
 wit: THOS. HILL, JOHN S. HILL
 signed: Elizabeth Wright

581. WRIGHT, JAMES "Planter" (CR.035.801.12) — s/o John

24 Oct 1839 - Apr Term 1840

wife KITTY sum of nineteen hundred and ninety nine dollars; sons ISAAC and WILLIAM in special trust for my grandchildren the sons of JOHN B. deceased viz JOHN BECK, JAMES MUNROE, ISAAC and WILLIAM minors all my real estate in Duplin County; grandsons JOHN & JAMES the sons of BRYAN my real Estate in Cumberland & Bladen on the North west river now in possession of my son BRYAN; negroes including Fanny & her children now in possession of ALEXANDER McALLESTER divided into six equal parts or shares with Rose and her children thrown into the Lot for the use of my son BRYAN and Fanny & her children thrown into the Lot for the use of ANN McALLISTER, one sixth part to my son ISAAC, one sixth to son WILLIAM, one sixth to ISAAC & WILLIAM in special trust for my Son BRYAN and his Children, one sixth to ISAAC & WILLIAM

in special trust for my dau. CHELLY MURPHY & her children, one sixth to ISAAC & WILLIAM in special trust for my dau. ANN McALLISTER & her children, one sixth to ISAAC & WILLIAM in special trust for my grandchildren the sons of my deceased son JOHN B. and none of the slaves given in trust are to be Sold but if deemed advisable by my sons ISAAC & WILLIAM they may put the negroes thus divided into the possession of my son BRYAN and sons in Law JOHN MURPHY & ALEXANDER McALLISTER as they live at a distance; dau. ANN McALLISTER Three hundred dollars for her sole and seperate use; dau. CHELLY MURPHY one thousand dollars, one Bed & furniture; dau. ANN McALLISTER one Bed & furniture; should my son in Law JOHN MURPHY bring any suit against my Executor then ISAAC & WILLIAM are not only to with hold the onethousand dollars but apply the proceeds of all the slaves bequeathed to his wife and children to defray any expense or trouble which may arise therefrom
extrs: sons ISAAC & WILLIAM

wit: JOS. G. DICKSON, D. B. NEWTON, DAVID WRIGHT

signed: James Wright

Codicil: 24 Oct 1839, 11 Nov 1839

negroe John Mirric should be added to the list of Slaves for the use of the sons of my deceased son JOHN B; sons ISAAC & WILLIAM to use all my real estate in Duplin County both the lands on which I reside & where AGATHY WRIGHT resides and all adjoining or detached Tracts to supporting grandsons the sons of my deceased son doctor JOHN B. and to divide the Same where they deem it necessary; sons ISAAC & WILLIAM to use all of my real estate in Cumberland County & Bladen County on the North West River & Wallis's Creek to supporting my son BRYAN and his sons JOHN & JAMES and to divide the Same where they deem it necessary

wit: JOHN S. HILL, DANIEL BOWDEN, HENRY BOWDEN

signed: James Wright

582. WRIGHT, JOHN (CR.035.801.12/A-511) — Original John

22 Jan 1798 - Apr Term 1800

wife REBECKAH the whole plantation whereon I now live including all my lands from the Oaks near the plumb Trees upon the Hill by the swapt to my son DAVIDS to my son THOMAS' line, half of the still, all my negroes, all my Stock of every Kind whatever including all my horses, Cattle, Hogs and sheep, all my houshold and kitchen Furneture, my riding Chair; son THOMAS after the decease of his Mother the part of my Land whereon I now live the west side of the Avenue to his Corner at the Trees where the old Still formerly stood including my dwelling houses as far as the upper part of my cleard land near a piny Slash to near the crooked Causway, one Feather bed which he recieved when he was married; son DAVID after the decease of his Mother the part of the plantation which lies on the east side of the Avenue, Child which my Negroe Grace brought named Polydon; dau. ELIZABETH BECK negro Patsey; dau. REBECKAH BECK negro Damond; dau. MARY CLARK negro Virgil; wife REBECKAH negroes Phillis and Grace and after her decease to my daus. ELIZABETH, REBECKAH and MARY; children JAMES, JOHN, THOMAS, DAVID, ELIZABETH BECK, REBECKAH BECK, and MARY CLARK after the decease of my wife negroes Durham and Mack, all my plantation Tools of every kind and all my Stock of every kind

extrs: son THOMAS, JAMES CLARK

wit: WM. DICKSON, ARCH WRIGHT, ISAAC WRIGHT

signed: John Wright

(Extract from Whitfield Genealogy)

William Whitfield, second son of William from England, married Rachel Bryan on Roanoke. Not long after his marriage, he packed up his movables and set out in search of a new country. He proceeded as far as South Washington (Where that place now stands). He stopped with John Wright, the father of Col. James Wright, Thomas Wright and David of Duplin, John of Sampson, William, who died in Revolutionary War.

They were frolicking Mr. Wright's and suspecting Whitfield to have run away with his wife, who was exceedingly handsome, John Wright, who was a King's Justice of the Peace issued a warrant and had him put under guard.

During this time his wife was solicited and joined the dance. After a while he was asked if he could fiddle, and finding him quite handy with the bow, they declared that he should be set free, not only from custody but from suspicion, as such a clever fellow, they thought, could not have run away.

John Wright lived on the hill west of old South Washington.

From this place William Whitfield went to the Rich Lands of New Bern where he lived two years, and in this time his oldest son William was born in 1743"

"Genealogy of the Wright family collected by Mrs. Rachel Wright Carroll - Information principally from her mother, Mrs. Catherine A. Wright daughter of David Wright of Duplin Co. (Mrs Catherine Wright aged 78 at the time of the making of this record - begun May 12th 1898) Catherine Wright married her cousin William Wright also of Duplin Co.

This original John Wright married Rebecca Wells, a Welch lady. Their sons were, -

1. James Wright of Duplin Co. born 5 Dec 1755

2. Thomas Wright of Duplin Co.
- 3 John Wright of Sampson County
- 4 William Wright lost in revolutionary war
- 5 David Wright of Duplin Co.
- 6 Polly Wright, who married a Clark
- 7 Rebecca Wright - who married William Beck

John Wright, above, of Sampson married Penelope Clark of new Newbern. Their sons were Isaac Clerk Wright of Sampson, who married Eliza Cromartie,

John Wright, who lived and died a bachelor at the old home Coharie, leaving his share of property, the old home to his nephew John Cromartie Wright.

Daughters were,

- Mary Wright (Married Solomon Boykin)
- Rebecca Wright (Married John Boykin)
- Penelope Wright (Married Arthur Brown)

James Wright (Son of Original John) married Chelly Beck - their children were Isaac Wright of Bladen, first married a Miss Morehead, and there were 2 sons of this marriage. This wife died and he married Jane Gillespie. Isaac Wright died about 1864. His children were, -

Clem Wright, a lawyer who lived first in Fayetteville and later in Greensboro and married a Miss Lindsay of Greensboro. And had one son Clem Wright.

A daughter, Catherine Wright who married Duncan Murchison, a widower. The children of Catherine were Ida Murchison who died single and Lutie Murchison and Isaac Murchison.

Eliza Wright married Dr. Daniel McDairmid of Cumberland Co. The children were Cattie McDairmid (Married Dr. Henry Clay Robinson).

Annie McDairmid (Married Mr. Wright Husk)

Janie (Married Mr. Joel Williams)

Mollie (Died single)

Archie

Willie

Lucy Wright, daughter of Isaac of Bladen, married a Mr. Monroe of Bladen and had two sons, William and Isaac.

Lloyd M. Smith Bible continued

Annie L. Smith Born January 5th, 1896

DEATHS

W. A. Atkinson Died January 7th, 1887

Ann Smith Died Feb. 1, 1896

L. M. Smith Died March 24th, 1896

MUNROE - GILLESPIE - WRIGHT BIBLE

Xerox copies from the Jack Crane files in the Cumberland County Library, Fayetteville, N. C. Copy in Bladen County Historical Society file. No publication date available.

MARRIAGES

Hugh A. Munroe and Lucy Gillespie Wright were married May 3d, 1842

Isaac Wright & Eliza Morehead were married May 24th 1803 in the evening

Isaac Wright and Jane Gillespie daughter of Honorable James Gillespie and Dorcas his wife of Duplin County were married Jan. 5th, 1809, Thursday evening

William C. Munroe son of Hugh A. and Lucy G. Munroe and Kate Street youngest daughter of Nathaniel H. and Catherine S. Street were married at New Bern by Rev. J. R. Brooks on the 26th day of Nov. 1879 at 6 o'clock

BIRTHS

Hugh A. Munroe was born April 11th, 1811
(Hugh A. Munroe is the son of John and Sarah Munroe of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina).

Lucy Gillespie Wright was born February 7th, 1814
(Lucy Gillespie Wright was the daughter of Isaac and Jane Wright of Bladen County and State of North Carolina)

The children of Hugh A. and Lucy Gillespie Munroe:

Sarah Jane Munroe was born May 21, 1843

Adelphas Munroe was born August 25, 1845

Isaac Wright Munroe was born June 17, 1847

William Clement Munroe was born May 14, 1849

Eliza Jane Munroe was born September 5th, 1851

Munroe - Gillespie - Wright Bible continued

DEATHS

Sarah Jane Munroe died June 27, 1844

Lucy Gillespie Munroe, wife of Hugh A. Munroe, died October 23d, 1853

Rev. Hugh A. Munroe died Oct. 24th, 1874

James Wright father of Isaac died April __, 1840, aged 85 years.

Charity Wright died Dec. 5, 1829

James Gillespie died at Washington City a representative in Congress from the Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 11th, 1805

Jane Wright the dearly beloved wife of Isaac Wright and daughter of Hon. James Gillespie & Dorcas his wife died on the tenth of June 1858 about 10 o'clock at night in her 74 year, at Duncan Murchinson's, her son-in-law, surrounded by her children and many of her grandchildren. First having taught them how to live and then how to die, full of piety, christianity and love for her Redeemer whom she had long and faithfully served. Her last words were "Come Jesus, come quickly. Thy will not mine be done."

Isaac Wright died March 24th, 1865 in his eighty fifth year.

Hugh W. Munroe died Thursday morning at six o'clock, July 12th, 1888

Died Sept. Thirteenth at one o'clock a. m., 1893, James Gillespie, infant son of William C. and Kate S. Munroe. "It is well with the child."

William Clement Munroe, Jr., son of W. C. & K. S. Munroe, departed this life and went to be with the Lord, on Monday February 11th, 1902

Nathaniel Street Munroe son of William C. and Kate S. Munroe passed through death into life May 28th, 1911 at El Paso, Texas

William Clement Munroe, Sr. died Dec. 15, 1913, Monday 1 o'clock a. m. To his wife he said, "do not cry we will all be together again soon, there is nothing in the world but the Bible for us to trust and believe in. I hope Christ will let me go soon." A beautiful Christian death.

Eliza Jane daughter of Hugh A. & Lucy G. Munroe died March 14th, 1865 at Duncan Murchinson's on the same day her uncle Glement G. Wright died at Greensboro, N. C.

BIRTHS

(Children of W. C. and Kate S. Munroe)

Kate Street was born at New Bern March 23rd, 1856.

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W. Clement was born December 17th, 1880, Friday 4 o'clock p. m.

Mary Scott was born Aug. 17th, 1882, Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m.

Hugh Wright was born Wednesday July 30th, 6:50 a. m. 1884

Eleanor Street was born Monday Feb. 15th, at 4o'clock a.m. 1886

Nathaniel Street Munroe was born Nov. 24th, 1888

NOTATION: The following were loose pages from another Bible inserted in the Munroe - Gillespie - Wright Bible.

MARRIAGES

Isaac Wright and Eliza Moorehead were married the 24th day of May 1803. Say one thousand eight hundred and three in the evening.

Isaac Wright and Jane Gillespie, daughter of the Honorable James Gillespie and Dorcas his wife of Duplin County were married, on Thursday the fifth of January one thousand eight hundred and nine in the evening.

Moorhead Wright of Red River, Arkansas was married on the 22nd November 1842 to Miss Elizabeth Fulton, daughter of Genl. Fulton, United States Senator from the State of Arkansas.

Ann Eliza Wright daughter of Isaac Wright and Jane, his wife, was married the 24th of December 1833 to Daniel McDiarmid of Cumberland County in the evening

Catharine D. Wright, daughter of Isaac Wright and Jane, his wife, was married on the 22nd of May 1838 to the Reverend Alexander McIver of Duplin County, in the evening.

Lucy G. Wright, daughter of Isaac Wright and Jane, his wife, was married on the 3rd of May 1842 to the Reverend Hugh A. Munroe.

BIRTHS

Isaac Wright son of James & Charity Wright of Duplin County was born the 5th of November 1780

Eliza Moorehead first wife of Isaac Wright was born 14th March 1783

James M. Wright the oldest son of Isaac Wright and Eliza his wife was born the 6th day of June 1804

William G. Wright son of Isaac Wright & Eliza his wife was born the 3rd of May 1806

Moorehead Wright son of Isaac Wright & Eliza his wife was born 1st of January 1808

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Jane Gillespie second wife of Isaac Wright was born the 19th of March 1785

Catherine D. Wright daughter of Isaac and Jane Wright was born the 20th of December 1809

Ann Eliza Wright daughter of Isaac Wright and Jane his wife was born 15th of September 1811

Lucy Gillespie Wright daughter of Isaac Wright and Jane his wife was born 7th February 1814

Mary Louisa Wright daughter of Isaac Wright and Jane his wife was born 17th August 1818

David Gillespie Wright son of Isaac Wright and Jane his wife was born 22nd of August 1820

Clement Gillespie Wright son of Isaac Wright & Jane his wife was born the 15th of October 1823

Children of Moorehead Wright by his wife Elizabeth R. Fulton of Arkansas:

William Fulton born in Lafayette County, Arkansas, August 12th, 1845

Elizabeth Moorehead born March 22nd 1848

Imogene born January 25th, 1852

Isaac was born June the 11th, 1854

Matilda Amelia was born October the 20th, 1857

DEATHS

Eliza the first wife of Isaac Wright died the 1st of January 1808

James Moorhead father of Eliza Wright died on the 11th of November 1807

William Grady Wright son of Isaac Wright and Eliza his wife died the 11th of May 1829

James Moorhead Wright son of Isaac Wright & Eliza his wife died at Clinton, Mississippi the 5th September 1833

Charity Wright consort of James Wright of Duplin County, died the 5th December 1829, aged 68 years.

James Wright of Duplin County and father of Isaac Wright died the 18th of April 1840 and was born 5th December 1755

The Reverend Alexander McIver son-in-law of Isaac Wright & Jane his wife and husband of her daughter Catherine Dorcas, died the 14th October 1830

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Col. Clement G. Wright son of Isaac and Jane Wright died in Greensboro, N. C. March 14th, 1865

Mary Louisa Wright daughter of Isaac Wright & Jane his wife died the 24th October 1820

David Gillespie Wright son of Isaac Wright & Jane his wife died the 28th May 1823

James Gillespie, the father of Jane Wright died at the City of Washington, a representative in Congress from the District of Wilmington, North Carolina the 11th January 1805, in the 60th year of his age.

Lucy Gillespie Munroe consort of Reverend Hugh A. Munroe and daughter of Isaac Wright and Jane his wife died at Walkers Bluff, her and her husbands residence on the 23d of October 1853 at one o'clock in the morning

Moorehead Wright son of Isaac Wright and Elizabeth his wife died on 22nd of April 1857 on his way from Red River to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Died on the tenth of June 1858 about ten o'clock at night at Duncan Murchinson's, Little River, Cumberland County, Jane Wright, the dearly beloved wife of Isaac Wright and daughter of James Gillespie and Dorcas his wife, in her seventy fourth year.

Isaac Wright died on the 24th day of March 1865 in his eighty fifth year.

COLUMBUS BARNHILL'S BOOK

Lutheran Prayer Book, By Benjamin Kurtz, 1852. At the time this record was copied (1968) this prayer book was in the possession of Mr. Columbus Raymond Barnhill, Route 1, Ivanhoe, N. C.

"Columbus Barnhill's Book this July the 28, 1863, he belongs to Co. E 18th Regt. N.C.T. Lanes Brig. Penders Division."

BIRTHS

Columbus Barnhill was born June the 28, 1842

A. M. Barnhill was born May 29th, 1845

Lular Barnhill was born Feb. 4, 1869

Mary A. Barnhill was born Aug. 28, 1871

Hulon B. Barnhill was born March the 12, 1875

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Mary Jane Collins, wife of James [M.?] Collins :
Died 8 Aug 1855, Age 19 years

William Hurst : Died 8 Jan 1822, In the 48th year of his age

Margaret Hurst, wife of Williams Hurst : Died 1 Nov 1843,
In the 62nd year of her age.

Sarah Oliver, wife of Matt Moore : 8 Jul 1833 - 23 Nov 1899

Gertrude H. Moore, dau. of Dr. Matt & Sarah O. Moore :
24 Feb 1869 - 14 Aug 1919

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121. WRIGHT-LOFTIN CEMETERY (B-4)

Located on SR 1301, .5 east of the intersection with US 117,
(Bowden), .4 mile on the north side of the road, in edge of woods.

John Beck Wright : 15 Jan 1798 - 13 Jan 1831

Charity Wright, Consort of James Wright : 5 Dec 1829, Aged 68

James Wright : 5 Dec 1755 - 18 Apr 1840

[The following were inside a fence, next to the above]

Luther R. Loftin : 31 Aug 1822 - 5 Sep 1865

Susan H. Loftin : 27 Feb 1827 - 4 Dec 1904, wife of L.R. Loftin

Franklin Loftin : 1852 - 1914

David Marion Koonce : 1880 - 1919

Francis Loftin Koonce : 26 Oct 1845 - 15 Feb 1929

Winfield E. Koonce : 1 Nov 1878 - 11 Aug 1932

Oscar Loftin, son of L.R. & Susan Loftin : 15 May 1858 - 29 Sep 1862

Little Martha Loftin, dau. of L.R. & S. Loftin : 21 Mar 1856 - 11 Oct 1857

122. BLOUNT-LOFTIN CEMETERY (B-4)

Located on SR 1301, 2.2 miles east of the intersection with US 117,
(Bowden), .1 mile on the south side of the road, in a field.

Samuel P. Blount : 20 Jul 1853 - 30 Jan 1863
same stone

Julia A. Blount : 26 Aug 1821 - 24 Apr 1866

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Dr. J.W. Blount : 12 Jul 1823 - 15 J
same stone

Maria G. Davis, wife of Dr. J.W. Blou

W.S. Loftin : 4 Dec 1847 - 13 Jan 19
same stone

Victoria C. Blount, his wife : 26 Oc

Liston L. Loftin, son of W.S. & V.C.

Susan H. Loftin, dau. of W.S. & V.C.

Ellanora Loftin, dau. of W.S. & V.C.

Ernestine Loftin, dau. of W.S. & V.C.

Fannie V. Loftin, dau. of W.S. & V.C.

Emma A. Loftin, dau. of W.S. & V.C. L

123. WEEKS CEMETERY (A-4)

Located on SR 1338, .5 mile west
.3 mile on the north side of the

Arthur Weeks : 1 May 1845 - 15 Jun 1
same stone

Sarah A. Weeks : 26 Dec 1841 - 21 Jan

124. WILLIAMS CEMETERY (B-3)

Located on US 117, .8 mile north
the road, in a field.

Daniel D. Harper, son of Daniel & P.J.

Alcy A. Harper : Died 1 Aug 1857, Age

Redin Croton Williams, son of B.W. & B
17 Jun 1855 - 28 Jul 1855

Eddie Bowden, dau. of B.W. & Martha L.

D.G. Sasser : Died 29 Jul 1904, Father

Anna Williams Sasser : Died 3 Jul 191

Annie Sasser Lee : Died 15 Jul 1914,

Martha Lorenza Williams : Died 11 Jul

Mollie Louise Williams : Died 23 Feb

APPENDIX

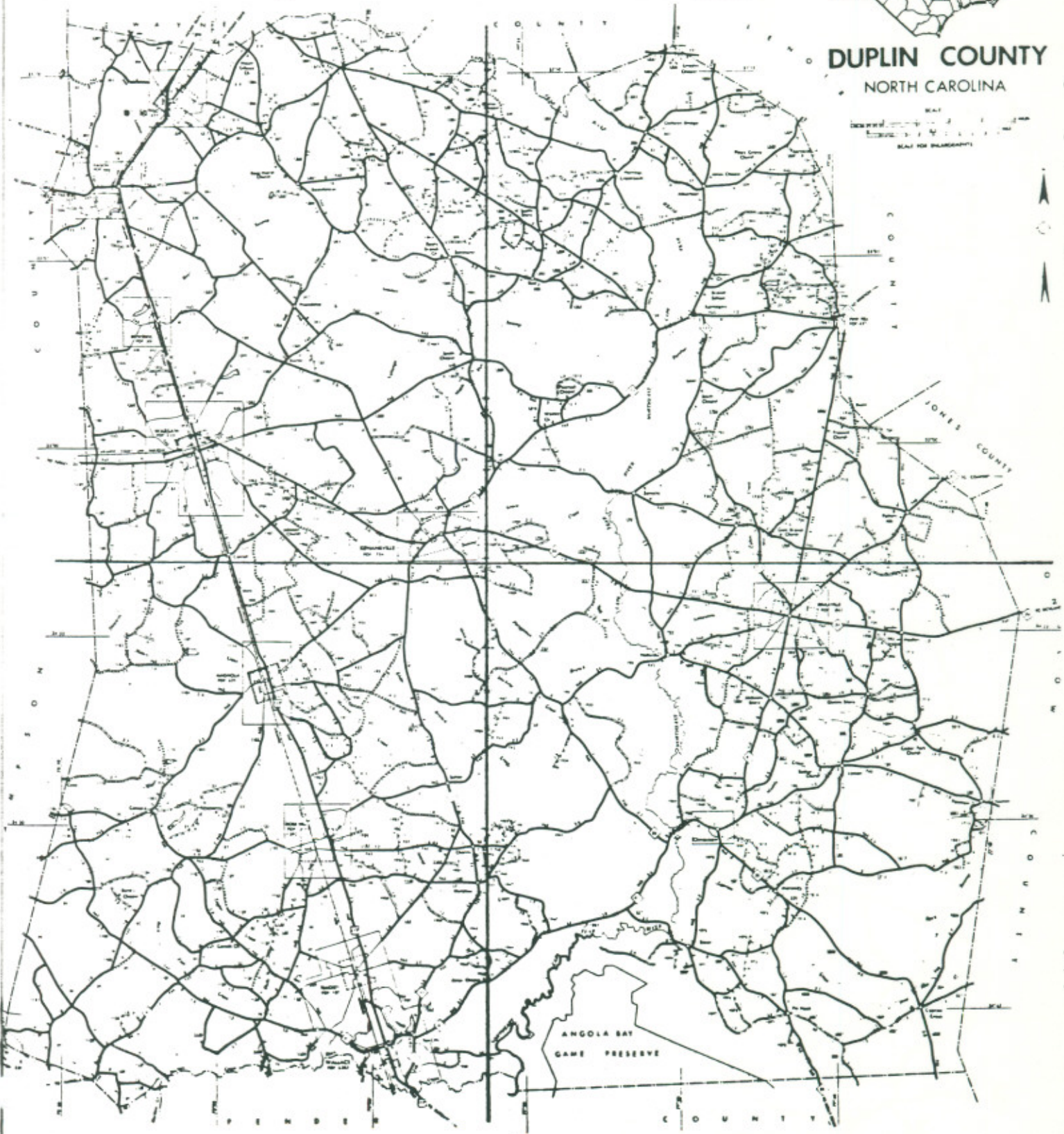
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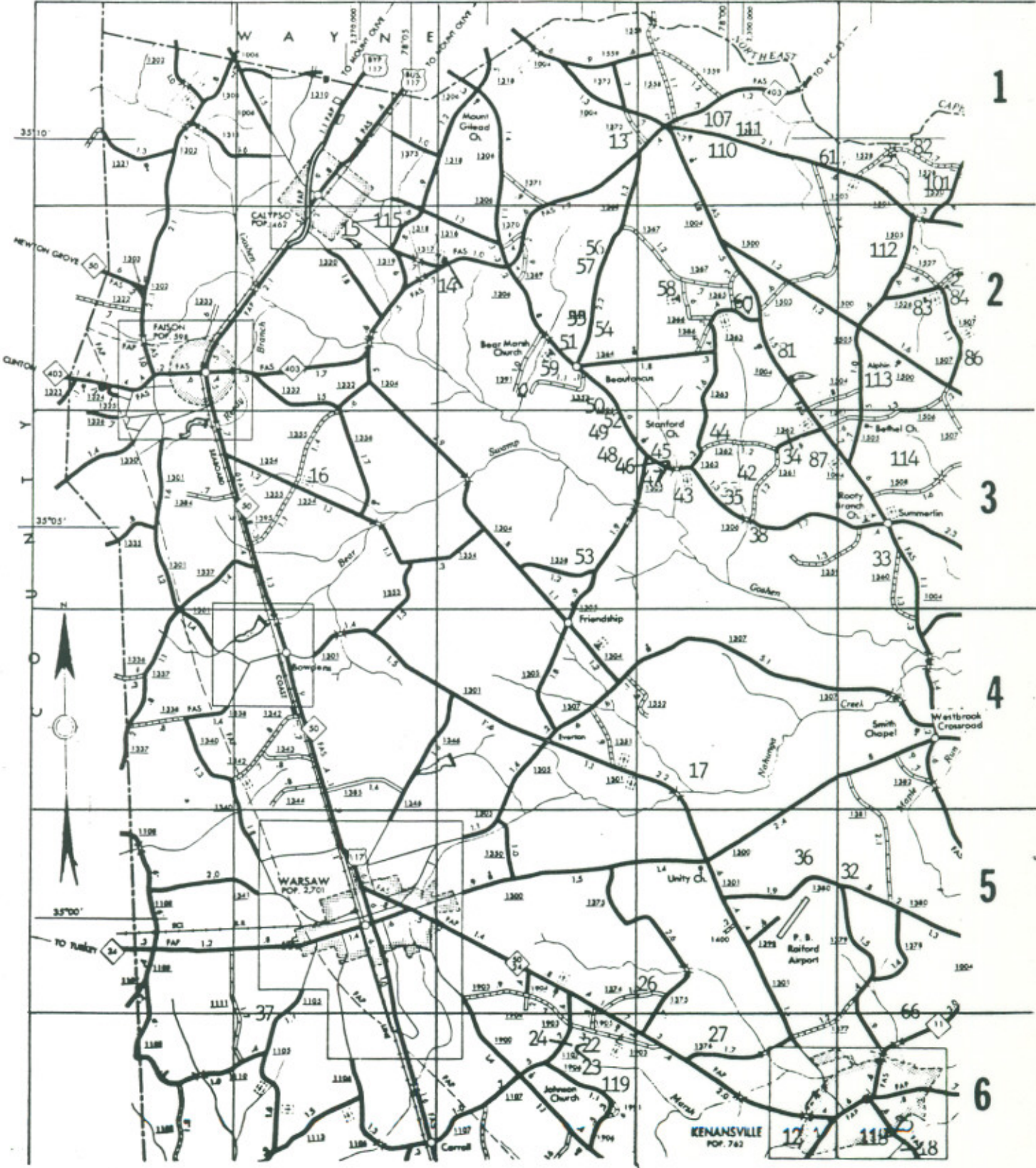


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was about two years ago, [1984], the timber had been cut and tree branches covered the place, however the old stones were still there."

In the publication, MEMOIRS OF JOSEPH RICHARD KEMP, on page 17, is found this information, with words spelled as in the original: "John D. Saltar son of Wm. Saltar and my own cousin lived and died on the plantation whear his father lived six miles from E. Town on the NE side of Cape Fear River and near Ellises Creek and the upper lake run. John never married and died aged some 55 years ... buried not far from the creek and in the field near his mill on the lake run ... John D. Saltar died the 8th day of June 1852."

96. DEEMS CHAPEL CEMETERY

Location: S of Hwy 53, 4.9 miles NW of the intersection of Hwy 242 and Hwy 53, adjacent to Hwy 53. Only these two graves, fenced. Information was in Wanda S. Campbell's handwriting.

W. ARTHUR WOODBURN, 1871—1947, Father
MINNIE S. WOODBURN, 1875—1961, Mother

97. JIM W. CROMARTIE FAMILY CEMETERY

Location: N of Hwy 53, 5.2 miles NW of the intersection of Hwy 242 and Hwy 53, across the road from the home of the Cromartie family, now the property of Dr. Don W. Creed. Recorded by Nash A. Odom, November 15, 1970.

JANE S., wife of J. W. CROMARTIE, Sept. 21, 1831—Mar. 12, 1906
J. W. CROMARTIE, 1819—1908
ETTA GRADY CROMARTIE, wife of C. H. CROMARTIE, Aug. 12, 1875—Jan. 27, 1929
CHARLES HOMER CROMARTIE, Aug. 7, 1871—Nov. 30, 1945
CHARLES ALBERT CROMARTIE, Oct. 18, 1911—June 23, 1964
HENRY LACY CROMARTIE, May 10, 1874—Oct. 1, 1966
NANNIE B. McEWEN, wife of HENRY LACY CROMARTIE, May 10, 1875—Apr. 16, 1934
HOMER COLVIN, son of J. W. & JANE S. CROMARTIE, no dates
CORINNA EUGENIA, dau. of J. W. & JANE S. CROMARTIE, no dates
Believed to be buried here is NINA CROMARTIE JESSUP, 1st wife of ROBERT MOREHEAD JESSUP

98. ISAAC WRIGHT CEMETERY, a.k.a. WRIGHT-VICKERS CEMETERY

Location: N of Hwy 53, going NW of the intersection of Hwy 242 and Hwy 53, at Ruskin turn N on SR 1335. The cemetery is behind the Chason home. Recorded by Nash A. Odom, November 15, 1970, with this description: "... almost directly across the river from old Bladen Courthouse. ... There is only one large stone for the Wright family with smaller stones denoting the specific graves and one other tombstone for the Vickers family..."

ISAAC WRIGHT, born in Duplin Co. Nov. 5, 1780, died at Milton, his home, March 24, 1865
WILLIAM GRADY, son of ISAAC & his first wife ELISA MOOREHEAD WRIGHT, died May 10, 1829, age 23 years

JANE, his second wife, daughter of HON. JAMES GILLESPIE of Duplin Co., born March 19, 1758 [should be 1785], died July 10, 1858 at Holly Hill, the home of her son-in-law DUNCAN MURCHISON

LUCY GILLESPIE, dau. of J. ISAAC & JANE WRIGHT, wife of REV. H. A. MONROE, born Feb. 17, 1814, died in 1854

DAVID GILLESPIE, born Aug. 22, 1820, died May 28, 1823, child of ISAAC & JANE WRIGHT

MARY LOUISA, born Aug. 17, 1818, died Oct. 24, 1820, child of ISAAC & JANE WRIGHT

SARAH J., infant dau. of REV. H. A. & LUCY G. MONROE [no dates]

HIRAM VICKERS, May 18, 1815--June 23, 1903

FLORA CATHERINE, wife of HIRAM VICKERS, July 7, 1825--Aug. 29, 1912

Abstracted from Nash A. Odom's notes: Isaac Wright was a Senator from Bladen County for 1811, 1812, and 1813. His first wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of James Moorehead, a member of the House of Commons from Bladen County for the year 1797. His second wife, Jane, was the daughter of Hon. James Gillespie of Duplin County, a member of the House of Commons for Duplin Co. for 1779, 1780, 1782, and a member of the Senate for 1784, 1785, 1786, 1792. The wills of these men reveal their wealth. The WPA worker who recorded the Wright cemetery in late 1930s, recorded that Isaac Wright was one of the largest slave owners in the south.

99. BURNEY FAMILY CEMETERY (at Ruskin)

Location: Recorded by Nash A. Odom, Dec. 8, 1970, with these directions: "Near Ruskin on White Oak-Elizabethtown Hwy 53. Go to Ruskin, take little dirt road leading by Negro settlement and follow road to where little road forks to the right. Follow for about 50 yards." There were two infant graves located here, but they have been moved to the Burney Cemetery at Church of God of Prophecy. See that cemetery for the identification.

100. FRANK BURNEY FAMILY CEMETERY

Location: S of Hwy 53, only 0.4 mile NW of the Ruskin sign, on the S side of the hwy in front of old Frank Burney house. Recorded by Nash A. Odom, Nov. 3, 1970.

FRANK BURNEY, Jan. 13, 1849--Aug. 28, 1926

SARAH, wife of FRANK BURNEY, Aug. 7, 1849--Aug. 9, 1932 [dau. of JOHN RICE]

101. WOODBURN CEMETERY

Location: Approx. 3 miles E of White Oak, on the NE side of Hwy 53, across from the intersection of Hwy 53 with SR 1320. Recorded by Wanda S. Campbell, Mar. 3, 1985.

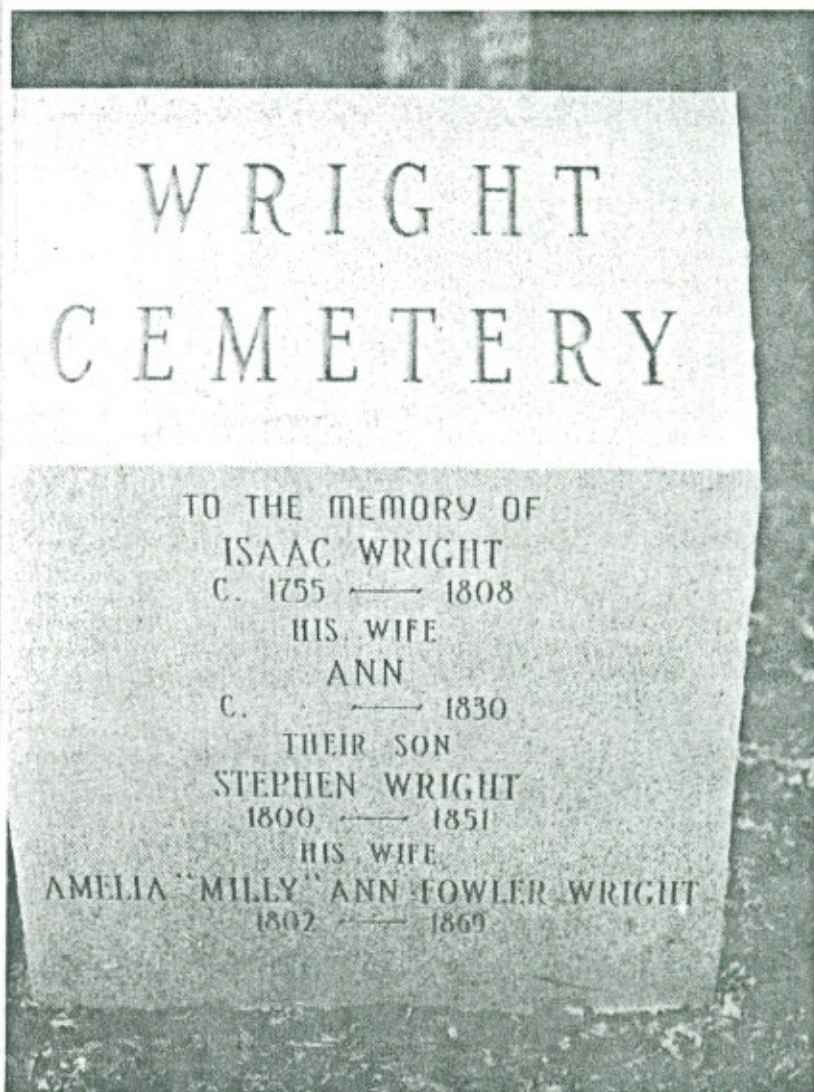
THOMAS MAURICE WOODBURN, SGT US ARMY, WORLD WAR II, Sept. 20, 1919--Mar. 11, 1979

MERLE RICE WOODBURN, wife of THOMAS MAURICE WOODBURN, Oct. 6, 1925--n.d.d.

FLORENCE CAIN, wife of ALBERT R. WOODBURN, Apr. 24, 1889--June 14, 1976



ESAU AND CHARITY -- Leonard Stephens pulls a weed from the grave site of Esau and Charity Stephens, the earliest members of the black family which still uses the wooded graveyard.



*Iron Hill
Columbus Co NC*

Monument to early members of Wright family

Wright, Stephens Families Using Cemetery Begun During Slave Era

By BOB HIGH

The wooded lot has been swept clean of all underbrush, some aged pieces of wood carefully preserved. Many of the pieces of cypress and heart pine are more than 150 years old.

There's a small ditch which divides the lot and on the east side there are more wooden markers and some recent gravestones.

Since slave times, blacks have been buried on the east side. Whites are buried on the west portion of the plot, the first being Isaac Wright in 1808, the same year Columbus was formed as a county from parts of Brunswick and Bladen counties.

The blacks are the Stephens family, their last name coming from Isaac's son Stephen Wright.

This is one of the few places in Columbus County where blacks and whites still use the same burial ground, another being the Todd Cemetery near Clarendon where Moses Williams, for whom Williams Township was named, is buried.

"This is one of the rare places where people were actually 'laid to rest,'" says Richard Wright as he points out the wooden rails framing a couple of the graves.

Many whites and blacks are buried with only wooden markers, however, there is no wording on the markers and it's anyone's guess as to just who was buried ... and when.

The oldest known black grave is that of Esau Stephens, a legendary figure in this area of lower Columbus in that he lived to be at least 104 and some members of his family think he was born in 1797, although his tombstone shows the dates of 1817-1921.

"I remember seeing Esau several times when I was a child. He and his family were well respected and still are," recalls Mrs. Kate Prince who lives near the cemetery.

Family history shows Esau was



'LAID TO REST' -- Richard Wright cleans around one of the graves where rails were used to mark a bed frame when a member of the Wright family was "laid to rest."

one of the slaves of Stephen Wright and when the War Between the States came to an end in 1865, the family adopted the Stephens name and stayed in the same community where they had lived for the preceding 65 years.

Leonard Stephens is a present-day member of the family which cares for his family plot and he is a descendant of Sam Pinckney Stephens, one

of Esau and Charity's sons.

Sam Pink, reports Velma Stephens, was born as a twin of William David Stephens, and lived 85 years, outliving four wives. Sam Pink first married Lucy Ann Russ and had six children, then his second wife was Anna Russ. Third was "Mother Etta" Jordan and fourth was Rosie Woodbury, both of South Carolina.

Rosie died in 1958 and Sam Pink died in Horry County in September 1969.

Wilbert Stephens, the youngest of the six children born to Sam Pink and Lucy Ann, is the father of Leonard and Velma, and he died in September 1974.

There's a distinct likeness among the Stephens family, especially the older men and women. "I can see one of them and I know which family they are in," says Mrs. Prince.

The Wright family came to Columbus from Pitt County and and Sampson County. While in Sampson, the Wrights witnessed deeds for the John Fowler family and eventually both families moved to the area then known as Brunswick County.

"Amelia Ann Fowler met Stephen Wright here, they were married and started the large Wright family," Richard Wright says of his great-great grandparents.

A monument to the memory of Isaac and Ann Wright, plus Stephen and "Milly" Wright, has been erected.

Today, the earliest members of the Wright family rest beside the earliest members of the Stephens family, just as they lived over 130 years ago.

OF JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH. GRANDCHILDREN: HAYES F. SHIPMAN, MARIA J. SHIPMAN, CAROLINE F. HOLLINGSWORTH, LUCY A. MCDANIEL, EMILY HELEN SHIPMAN, JOHN D. SHIPMAN, FLORILLA DORCAS SHIPMAN (INFANT), ANDREW JACKSON SHIPMAN, JAMES SHIPMAN, CHILDREN OF MY DAUGHTER DORCAS SHIPMAN. (LUCY A. MCDANIEL, WIFE OF THOMAS MCDANIEL) EXECUTOR: HAYES F. SHIPMAN (GRANDSON). WITNESSES: JAMES BROWN, JR., RIVER JORDAN. (HAYES F. SHIPMAN, THE EXECUTOR, DIED BEFORE PROBATE OF WILL AND HAYNES LENNON APPOINTED ADM. C.T.A. BY GIVING BOND WITH RICHARD WOOTEN AND D. J. MCCALL AS SURETIES)

WOOTEN, JOHN A. (HOLOGRAPH WILL) JUNE 14, 1853.

AUGUST TERM 1859. WIFE AND EXECUTRIX: MARY. (FIVE CHILDREN, NOT NAMED) STORE HOUSE AND WAREHOUSE AND LOT AT WHITE HALL. EXECUTOR: JAMES CROMARTIE (FRIEND AND BROTHER). WITNESSES: SHADRACK WOOTEN, WILLIAM W. ANDERS. CLERK: A. K. CROMARTIE.

WOOTEN, SHADRACH AUGUST 17, 1845. Nov. TERM 1845.

WIFE AND EXECUTRIX: ELIZABETH. SONS: SHADRACH, JOHN A., ROBERT. DAUGHTERS: MARY CROMARTIE, ANN M. ASHLEY, ELIZABETH C. WOOTEN, CHARLOTTE M. WOOTEN, HENRIETTA T. WOOTEN. BROTHER AND EXECUTOR: RICHARD WOOTEN. WITNESSES: DUNC. J. MCCALL, JOHN A. WOOTEN, DUGALD BLUE. CLERK: H. H. ROBINSON.

* WRIGHT, ISAAC (PLANTER) 22 DECEMBER 1806.

WIFE: ANN. (CHILDREN NOT NAMED) WITNESSES: BENJ. CLARK, MERINDA WRIGHT, JOSIAH JAY.

~~WRIGHT, ISAAC NOVEMBER 15, 1862. CODICILS: SEPT. 9, 1864. SONS: MOOREHEAD, CLEMENT G. (LISBURNE~~

~~PLANTATION). DAUGHTERS: CATHERINE D. MURCHISON, WIFE OF DUNCAN MURCHISON, ANN ELIZA MCDIARMID, WIFE OF DAVID (DANIEL) MCDIARMID OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, LUCY G. MONROE, WIFE OF HUGH A. MONROE (MILTON PLANTATION, WHITE PLANTATION, WALKER'S BLUFF PLANTATION). ELIZABETH R. WRIGHT, WIFE OF MOOREHEAD WRIGHT, THEIR CHILDREN, WILLIAM FULTON, ELIZABETH, IMOGENE, ISAAC, MATILDA AMELIA OF RED RIVER, ARK. ANNETTE, WIFE OF CLEMENT G. WRIGHT. CHILDREN OF CATHERINE D. & DUNCAN MURCHISON, ELIZA FRANCIS (NOW CALLED "IDA"), LUCY GILLESPIE, ISAAC ALEXANDER MURCHISON, JANE FAIRLEY. CHILDREN OF LUCY G. AND HUGH A. MONROE, ADOLPHUS, ISAAC WRIGHT, WILLIAM CLEMENT, ELIZA JANE MONROE. EXECUTOR: CLEMENT G. WRIGHT (SON). WITNESSES: NEILL GRAHAM, A. K. CROMARTIE,~~

25 July 1799

Isaac Right -> Shadrach Mayo

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine, between Isaac Right and Shadrach Mayo.

Witnesseth that the said Isaac Right for and in consideration of the sum of sixty two pounds ten shillings to him in hand paid by the sd Shadrach Mayo the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge himself fully satisfied, hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release and confirm unto the sd Shadrach Mayo and to his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the North side of Tarr River in in County and and State aforesaid. Begining at a white oak the corner tree of the old patent land of David Hasway, decd. thence west along the sd line to the Road thence up the various courses of the Road containing fifty acres of land. With all building, cleared ground, woods and underwood, stand and growing upon the premises and all ways easements, profits, commodities and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversion remainders and remainders thereof in all and singular the premises with all and every the appertences thereof to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of leand with all and singular the premises herein before mentioned or intended to be hereby granted with all and every their appertences unto the sd Shadrach Mayo and his heirs the said tract or parcel of leand with all and singular the premises herein Before mentioned with all the appertences unto the sd Shadrach Mayo, his hears and asines so his and there own proper use benefit in behoof against the challenge, claime and demand of all persons what soever, shall and will warrant and forever defend from the date of this deed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day above written.

Isaac his
 X Wright SEAL
 mark

Sind, Seald and Deliverd
in presents off
J. Miller
J. Stokes
William Hathaway

Pitt County, October Term 1799.

This deed was exhibited into open Court & proved by the oath of Joshua Miller, a witness thereto. Ordered to be Registerd.

ATTEST: GeorgeEvans Clk

Roots Search Reaches Deeds Of Pitt County

BY LOU FLOY MILLIGAN

Piece by piece the family-tree puzzle gets larger; and the genealogy fever continues to rage. After finding out from Orene Stephens that my Wright ancestors were brothers, I became anxious to find out how my Cox, Fowler, and Norris ancestors were related.

Somewhere Otis Prince found that my Mary Ann Cox, wife of J. Elmore Carter, was daughter of Benjamin Cox and sister to my ancestor Lydia Cox. Mr. Prince also thought that Elmore Carter was son of William and Elizabeth Carter. If my Mary Ann Cox Carter is sister to my Lydia Cox Wright, that runs me right back into the Wright line again, since Benjamin Cox married Marinda Wright. Now if I can prove that my Eli Watts, Sr. was son of Nancy Wright Watts, I will be a descendant of Isaac and Ann Wright five times. (No wonder I'm different!)

For some time now, I have been searching for the maiden name of my Viny Ann Watts, wife of Eli Watts, Sr. Finally, the other day, on Calissa Watts's death certificate, I saw that her mother had been Viny Ann Hinson. Knowing that Mrs. L.A. Hinson of Whiteville had been doing research on the Hinsons, I went to see her. Mrs. Hinson believes that my Viny Ann Hinson Watts was daughter of Jesse Hinson, Sr., who was the son of James Hinson of Wayne County, N.C.

Mrs. Nula Tingleff from Stone Mountain, Ga. stopped by to see me one day. She and I compared Spivey notes. We both want to claim Edmund Spivey for the father of our Caleb Spivey, Sr...since so many things point to him. One of my lost Spivey sisters had married Ervin Gerald and was Mrs. Tingleff's ancestor.

Mrs. Tingleff recently sent me some Pitt County Deed abstracts. It was thrilling to see many of our local names listed, including Isaac Hardee, John Gore, Zachariah Right, and Benjamin Cox. I had had my eye on the Benjamin Cox in the 1810 Census record of Pitt Co. Right away, I sent for the copy of a few deeds. The following information will be of interest to many of the descendants in this area.

Deed Book N, page 419, 1796...Thomas Hathaway gave fifty acres of land for natural love and affection to his grandson Zachariah Right, son of Isaac Wright. This land is where Isaac Wright now dwells, being on the North side of Tar River and east side of Coneto Creek, beginning at a white oak, the corner tree of the old patent land of David Hathaway.

Deed Book S, page 51...November 19, 1810...Benjamin Cox, and wife Marinda, Joseph Blackburn, and wife Elizabeth of the State of South Carolina, was paid five dollars each by Shadrack Mayo for all claims of fifty acres of land given to our brother Zachariah Wright by his grandfather Thomas Hathaway. Being in Pitt County, lying on the north side of Tar River and east side of Coneto Creek, beginning at a white oak, the corner tree of the old patent land of David Hathaway.

Deed Book O, page 369...July 25, 1799...Isaac Right was paid sixty-two pounds, ten shillings by Shadrack Mayo, for fifty acres in Pitt County, being on the North side of Tar River, beginning at a white oak, the corner tree of the old patent land of David Hathaway.

Deed Book CC, page 271...November 1, 1823...“I Benjamin Cox, Sr., give to my son William Cox, a certain parcel of land lying on the south side of Ingram Well Swamp in Pitt County, joining James Stokes land. Also, the remaining part of my land where I now live, I give and leave to my son Benjamin Cox, Jr. ...I give to my two sons William and Benjamin, Jr. to hold forever after the death of myself and my wife Mary Cox on Widowhood. I, Benjamin Cox, Sr. give to my son Jesse Cox, sixty dollars, to be paid after the death of myself and my wife Mary. I give and leave unto my son James Cox twenty dollars after the death of myself and wife. Also, after the death of me and my wife...all the rest of my property to be divided amongst all my sons and daughters.”

From the looks of all of this, Thomas Hathaway must have been my great grandfather...six times removed...about five times.

A couple of miles north of the hill, along a hard sandy road, lie the remains of Kinyon Wright, Richard's great-great uncle. He must have been quite a character.

Around the slender obelisk of his tombstone are deep holes. They were dug by persons looking for the gold that was reputedly buried near the grave by Kinyon before he died.

Along with eight of his brothers, Kinyon served in the Confederate Army. But before he left for the war, he put his gold in a hollow log, stopped up both ends of the log and turned it over to his brother-in-law, Isaac Fowler.

“When he came back,” Wright says, “he came down to the log and found the gold as he left it, all but one gold piece. He thought Isaac had done him wrong. But Isaac found the missing gold piece underneath the log. It had tooth marks on it, as though a rat or other small animal had carried it.”

Kinyon did not trust banks and was known to come to the area and bury his money. When he died, he told his relatives he wanted to be buried near his money, and people are still looking for it.

Nearby, the town of Tabor City is excavating clay to repair town streets, and the excavation nearly reaches the grave. The land now belongs to J.C. Gaskins, whose father purchased it from Daisy Edwards, a friend of Kinyon's. Kinyon was the only child among his 17 brothers and sisters who did not marry.

Inscribed on the grey granite tombstone is the phrase, “Rock of Ages,” and the dates: Born, Jan. 11, 1834. Died, March 28, 1914.

Wright exclaims: “Today is his birthday!”

It is the 144th anniversary of Kinyon Wright's birth. We move away from the site, feeling the wind chilling.

Perhaps it is more than the wind.



Kinyon's Grave

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Wright Family Settled Here About 1803 In Mill Branch-Iron Hill Area

By RICHARD WRIGHT

The ancestor of the Wright family of Columbus County, Isaac Wright, came into what is now Columbus County from Sampson County just after 1803. He began accumulating property on both sides of Grissett Swamp and along Iron Hill Branch and Mill Branch before his death about 1806.

The first wife of Isaac was a Hathaway of Pitt County, the daughter of Thomas Hathaway and the granddaughter of David Hathaway of Pitt County.

In 1790 Isaac Wright was in Pitt County, but soon went back to Sampson County where, during the 1790s, he lived near John Wright and is mentioned often in the court minutes as being appointed to oversee the local communities which maintained the public roads and the navigable streams. About 1803 he sold his property to Byus Boykin, who was married to a Wright, and moved to Columbus County.

When he died in 1806 he was buried in Columbus County and was survived by his widow Ann; a daughter Miranda who married Benjamin Cox; a daughter Elizabeth who married Joseph Blackburn, a daughter Nancy who married John Watts; a daughter Temperance; and a son Stephen who married Amelia Ann Fowler.

Isaac had been predeceased by Zachariah who died prior to 1799 in Pitt County after having been conveyed property by his grandfather Thomas Hathaway.

Since, in 1806, Columbus County was not yet in existence, and was to be formed from Bladen and Brunswick in 1808, the will of Isaac Wright, found in the office of the Bladen County Register of Deeds, left to Ann a life estate in the lands of Isaac.

By 1825 Stephen Wright and the husbands of his sisters, along with the single sister Temperance, and the mother Ann, had divided the property. After receiving his share of the estate of Isaac, Stephen began accumulating additional property in the area from the South Carolina state line through Iron Hill and over to Mill Branch Church and Vinegar Hill.

Stephen Wright was born in Sampson County in 1800 and married Amelia Ann Fowler, the daughter of the Revolutionary Patriot John Fowler (1747-1845).

Between 1819 and 1843 Stephen Wright and Amelia Ann, known as Milly Ann, became the parents of three daughters and thirteen sons. As Stephen accumulated land and children he also purchased slaves George, Esau, and others who took as their surname Stephens after Stephen Wright.

When Stephen Wright died in 1851 he was buried in the cemetery near Iron Hill where Isaac Wright had been buried in 1806. The Stephens family, descended from George and Esau, still use this old cemetery in which are buried the earliest members of the Wright family, the Stephens Family and the Cox family. The tombstone of Esau Stephens indicates that he lived for 105 years.

Most families on the southern portion of Columbus County are descended from one or more of the sixteen children of Stephen and Milly Ann, since all who reached maturity produced offspring with the exception of Hanson, born in 1843, and Fleet, born in 1838, who died as a result of injuries received

at the battle of Malvern Hill, Va., which occurred on July 1, 1862.

James Calvin Wright, born in 1825, enlisted in the Confederate Army in Wake County and served in Company H of the 18th Regiment. Richard Wright (1826-1876) enlisted in Wake County and served in Second Company E of the 2nd Regiment and in the Home Guard in Columbus County.

Fleet (1838-1862), Hanson (1843-1862), Kinion (1833-1914) and Simpson (1842-1917) served in Company D, 20th Regiment, which was raised in Columbus County on 26 April 1862.

Interestingly, another brother and son of Stephen and Amelia Ann, was John Wright (1831-1912) who owned his own mill in the Mill Branch-Iron Hill community. His neighbors petitioned for him to be returned from Wake County to Columbus County to operate his mill and the case was finally heard by the Honorable Richmond Pearson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

John Wright was represented by the Honorable Daniel Fowle, a son-in-law of Chief Justice Pearson, and later served as governor of North Carolina from 1889 until 1891.

Col. Peter Mallett refused to allow John Wright to return to his community and the Chief Justice directed Col. Mallett to bring John to the Supreme Court in Raleigh. On 9 October 1863 Chief Justice Pearson ordered that John Wright return to Columbus County to operate his mill. The chief justice further ordered that Col. Mallett pay the costs to be charged by the Clerk of Superior Court of Columbus County.

After the surrender of the South in 1865, John Wright and his brother James Calvin Wright continued to operate public mills at Iron Hill and at Mill Branch. Isaac Wright, grandson of the Isaac Wright from Sampson County and son of Stephen, plus Zachariah, Richard, Malcolm, Kinion, Stephen Jr. and Simpson continued to farm and to participate in the turpentine industry.

McClennon Wright (1822-1899) became a community leader and an elder at Mill Branch Primitive Baptist Church. McClennon is buried in the old Mears-Wright Cemetery which is on the McClennon Wright farm on the Mears Meares Road.

Stephen Jr., Richard, James, John and Simpson are buried in the Stephen-Wright-Cox Cemetery at Iron Hill. Rosada Jane married Berry Norris and is buried at the old cemetery at Norris Lake on 904. Mary Eliza, born in 1835, married Amaziah Simmons who was born in 1821. Anna, born in 1823, married Isaac Fowler, born in 1816; and Levi Fowler who lived to be 102 is a great-grandson of that couple.

Hundreds of the descendants of these children of Stephen and Amelia Ann Fowler Wright continue to live in the area purchased by Isaac Wright and by Stephen Wright between 1803 and 1851 — the communities of Mill Branch, Vinegar Hill, Iron Hill, New Life, Oakdale, Clarendon, Sandy Plain and Tabor City.

The Wrights of Columbus are descended from several interesting colonial settlers in Virginia including Edward Rackley who arrived in Essex County, Virginia in 1636.

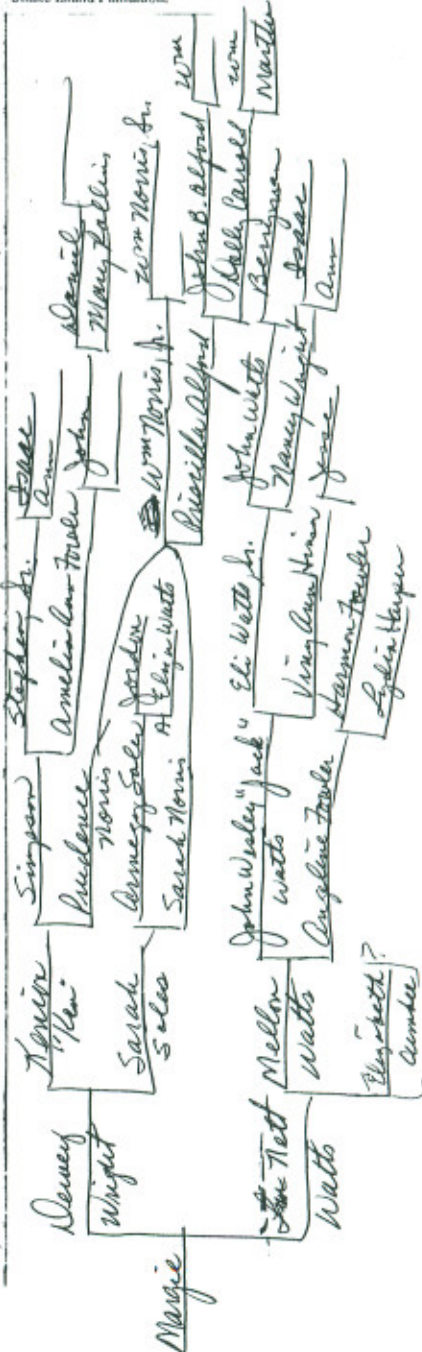
Joseph Vick arrived in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 1675

which was about the same time that Paul Harelson arrived in Hanover County, Virginia.

Other ancestors in Virginia in the 1600's include Anthony North, Benjamin Cooper, and William Fowler. Interestingly most of these families including Rackley, Cooper, Fowler, Wright, and Vick came to what is now known as Sampson County, N.C., between 1740 and 1760.

A Wright ancestor, William Vick, married Lucretia Tyler, a daughter of Moses Tyler who was one of the earliest purchasers of property along with South, Black and Cape Fear Rivers in Bladen and New Hanover.

Other ancestors include George Soule who arrived in Massachusetts in 1620 and Thomas Ward who purchased property along the Waccamaw River just after the Revolutionary War and named his place Snake Island Plantation.



DEED BOOK N (1793-1797)

Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Additional Information
415	10-17-1796	Dennis Williams	Ephraim Williams	200 A; £100. Adj.: Moses Manning, Thos. Braxton. Former owner: George Granberry. Wit.: James Powell, Abraham Bowen
	2-9-1795	Nathaniel Pettit (G-1788)	John Haddock	100 A; £10. Wit.: Henry Smith, Hannah Smith
416	8-20-1797	Simon Pope	Ambrose Jones	Free access to all timbers; £10. Wit.: Wm. Sears
417	8-20-1797	Simon Pope	Ambrose Jones	Trees for tar & turpentine; £50
418	4-23-1796	John Mills (Pat. 1767)	John Haddock	300 A; £110. Men: John Haddock, Sr., father of John Haddock, grantee
418	5-6-1796	William Jolley	James Taylor	80 A; £50. Adj.: William Whitacre
419	9-19-1796	Thomas Hattaway	Zachariah Right, grandson	50 A; love & aff. Men: Isaac Right, father of Zachariah Right, grantee. Wit.: Jesse Hickman, William Hattaway
420	10-22-1796	Solomon Cherry	John Manning	—A; £250. Adj.: Thomas Ross, William Cherry. Wit.: William Chery, Sr., Daniel Buntin
421	8-10-1790	Henry Smith	Edward Gardener, Sr.	100 A; £50. Men: John Smith, father of Henry Smith grantor. Adj.: Jesse Gardiner. Wit.: Aron Cox
422	12—1795	Whitdon Andrews (EDGE)	Wheatley Gibbs	100 A; £50. Adj.: William M. Grist. Wit.: Jesse Crisp, Samuel Crisp
422	10-27-1795	Laurence Anderson	John Anderson and William Anderson	66 A; £25. Former owner: Henry Anderson, dec. (Laurence Anderson was heir of Henry Anderson.) Wit.: John Presson, Joseph Moore
423	10-11-1793	John Mackelroy	Abraham Dixon	100 A; £30. Former owner: Andrew Hardee (Pat. 1774). Wit.: William Mackelroy, Chalron Mackelroy, Charles Smith
424	7-24-1795	Jacob Blount	William Tuton	230 A; £200. Adj.: Peter Diggins, George Granberry, John Powell. Former owner: Peter Diggins (Pat. 1770); John Hover (Pat. 1753); Moses Manning (Pat. 1772). Wit.: Thomas Goff, Dove Williams
425	5-14-1796	Isaac Mills, blacksmith	Mary Moyer	250 A; £50. Former owners: John Simpson (1764); James Brooks (D); Azariah Macfee (D); John Macfee, heir of Azariah Macfee; Wit.: James Handcock, Sr., Robert Cannon
426	11-17-1795	Jesse Moore	John Joyner	100 A; £85. Wit.: Noah Nicholas, Jesse Baker
427	12-24-1795	Richard Moore	Jesse Moore	75 A; £200. Wit.: John James, Canaday Moore

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DEED BOOK N (1793-1797)

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428	3-3-1796	William Smith	John Jones	200 A; £50. Adj.: John Jordan. Former owner: John Brinkley (G-1782). Wit.: Shad. Perry, Canaday Moore
428	3-18-1796	Colson Adams	Nathan Cherry	Negro; \$300. Wit.: Thos. Daniel, James Barrow
429	10-24-1796	William Cason	Nathan Cherry	Negro; \$300. Wit.: Hillery Cherry, Matthias Moore, Jr.
429	10-25-1796	Samuel Simpson	Nathan Cherry	Negro; £125. Wit.: Adam Albritton, Hillery Cherry
429	10-7-1796	Phillip Knowis (CRAV)	James Littel	Negro; £25. Wit.: Jordan Shepherd
430	12-24-1795	Richard Moore	Jesse Moore	200 A; £200. Adj.: Robert Flake, John Wallis, Lance James. Former owner: Daniel Stewart (G-1784). Wit.: John James, Canaday Moore
430	5-20-1795	Phillip Knowis	James Leittell	Negro; £25. Men.: John Knowis, dec., father of Phillip Knowis
431	2-1-1796	Luke Bolton (EDGE)	Joshua Barnes	Negro; £150. Wit.: Needham Ward, Manoah Amason
431	10-22-1796	Solomon Cherry	Thomas Ross	135 A; £250. Adj.: William Cherry, Sr., Charles Counsel, Daniel Bunting, John Manning. Wit.: William Cherry, Sr., Daniel Bunting
432	10-20-1786	Comm. of Martinborough	Jeremiah Lester	½ A lott #11; £2. Wit.: William Buxton, <u>George Evans</u> , Jesse Randolph
433	5-12-1795	Sampson Slaughter (Pat.)	Henry Moore	50 A; £25. Wit.: Readick Moore, Abner Smith
433	8-6-1794	Daniel Dempsey Moss	William Taylor (Southampton, Va.)	100 A in Pitt and Craven; £120. Wit.: Wm. Moyer, Henry Taylor
434	12-19-1795	Benjamin Wilkinson, Sr.	Benjamin Wilkinson, Jr.	37 A; £50. Wit.: George Cockburn, Nathan Williams
435	9-25-1797	Floyd Hodges	William Little	Negro; £62. Wit.: John Speir, Josiah Littel
435	1-12-1798	Floyd Hodges	Edmund Hodges	Negro; £200. Wit.: William Ruff, Jno. Ruff
436	4-1794	William Arnell	William Elks	50 A; £50. Wit.: Thos. Armstrong, Benja. Buck
436	—1796	Richard Proctor	Christopher Mooring	200 A; £150. Adj.: Gabriel Allen and wife, Susannah Allen, daughter of Richard Proctor, grantor. Wit.: John Williams, Jr., John Andrews
437	2-20-1792	John Gatlin	Benjamin Venters	100 A; £30. Wit.: Levi Gatlin, Edward Gatlin
439	8-7-1795	Nathaniel Nobles	Simon Nobles	150 A; —. Wit.: Drury Nobles, Joshua Nobles
440	7-10-1795	Simon Nobles	Nathaniel Nobles	100 A; £100. Wit.: William Barber, Spencer Moore
441	5-28-1796	John Roberson and Asanah Roberson	Stephen Owens	100 A; £40. Former owners: Jonathan Tison, dec., father of Asanah Roberson, grantor; Edmond Tison (Pat. 1755). Wit.: Elisha Tison, Reuben Brady
441	8-1-1795	Levi Andrews	Agness Andrews	Negro; £100

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40	2-27-1810	Samuel Ralston (D-1810)	Jacob Smith	150 A; \$350. Former owners: John Piercey, Sr., Jesse Piercey. Adj.: John Bowers, Elizabeth Keel, John Piercey, Jr., John Whiteaker, John Youbanks. Wit.: James Perkins, John Moore
42	2—1811	James Dail and Nancy Dail, wife (GREE)	Elias Carr	110 A + 50 A; \$600. Adj.: James Powell. Former owner: Benjamin Warner (Pat.)
43	—1810	Sampson Worsley	John Hattaway	82 1/2 A; \$400. Adj.: Wm. Hattaway, dec. Green Windom, Isiah Windom, Benjamin Atkinson. Wit.: Dorset Walker
44	6-1-1810	Joel Moye	James Tyer	56 A; \$250. Wit.: Alfred Moye, Wm. Broome
45	6-13-1809	Jordan Pollard	James Pollard	18 A; \$99. Adj.: John Pollard. Wit.: Edmund Recks, Richard E. Rives, Kinchen Bell
46	3-4-1810	Joel Moye	William Moye	Negro; \$500. Wit.: Wiat Moye, Alfred Moye
46	1-24-1810	Moses Tison	Seth Tison	Negro; £150. Wit.: Sherwood Tison
47	10-12-1810	Reuben Manning, Sr.	William Stancil	95 A; £70. Wit.: Drury Joiley, Henry Moore
47	8-24-1810	Cason Moore	James Moore	25 A; £43. Adj.: Moses Moore. Wit.: Jesse Barnhill, Reuben Rollings
48	11-7-1810	Elisha Williams (EDGE) <i>dec. of Mrs. Hathaway?</i>	William Gammon	All rights to 210 A; \$65. Former owners: Elisha Williams, dec., father of Elisha Williams, grantor; Benjamin Williams, dec., brother of Elisha Williams, grantor. Wit.: Warren Truss
49	11-9-1809	Lydia Hathaway	Sampson Worsley	82 1/2 A; \$400. Adj.: Isiah Windom, Benjamin Atkinson, William Hathaway, dec. Wit.: John Hattaway, Dorset Walker
50	1-12-1811	Isaac Hardee (Horry Dist., S.C.)	Henry Kight	100 A; \$300. Adj.: Shade Allan. Wit.: Samuel Kight, John B. Conway
51	11-19-1810	Benjamin Cox and Mirinda Cox, wife (S.C.) Joseph Blackburn and wife, Elizabeth Blackburn, (S.C.)	Shadrach May	50 A; \$5 each. Former owners: <u>Zachariah Wright</u> , brother of Mirinda Cox and Elizabeth Blackburn; Thomas Hathaway, grandfather of Zachariah Wright. Wit.: <u>John Gore</u> , Jacob Meeks
52	1-13-1811	Richard Phillips (GREE)	Elisha Griffin	150 A; \$225. Adj.: Henry Cannon, Dennis Cannon. Wit.: Josiah Turnage
53	4-29-1809	Joseph Darden and Elizabeth Darden, wife	Robert Foreman	98 1/2 A; \$700. Former owner: Henry Jones, father of Elizabeth Darden. Wit.: William Johnston
55	2-2-1811	Joel Moye	William Moye	Negroes; \$450. Wit.: Elias Carr
56	1-16-1811	Frederick Bryan	Jacob Highsmith	40 A; £50. Wit.: Conner Ewell

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DEED BOOK S (1810-1813)

Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Additional Information
57	11-8-1810	Simon Harrell, Sr. (Warren Co., Ga.)	Mary Harrell, granddaughter	Bed and Linens; good causes. Men.: Michael Harrell and Mary Harrell, father and mother of Mary Harrell, grantee; Michael Harrell is son of Simon Harrell, grantor. Wit.: Micah Harrell
57	5-22-1810	James Bell	Summer Adams	Negroes; \$250. Wit.: Adam Albritton
58	3-6-1811	Miles Parker (GATES)	Jesse Baker	200 A; £300. Adj.: John Riggs. Wit.: Abram Saunders, John Saunders
59	11-15-1810	Newet Edwards (GREE)	John Rogers	85 A; £212. Adj.: Jesse Rountree, Jonathan Frizzle, Charles Jinkings. Former owner: Thomas Ringgold, dec. Wit.: Hardee Handcock
60	11-5-1810	Joel Moye	James Tyer	100 A; £150. Adj.: George Tyer, George Moye, Francklin Moye. Wit.: Alfred Moye
61	9—1809	Samuel Simpson (CRAV) (Pat. 1799)	Benjamin Buck	450 A; \$450. Wit.: Stephen Worsley
62	8-6-1810	Richard Harris	Cason Moor	150 A; \$475. Adj.: Moses Moore. Wit.: Shad. Shivers, James Moore
63	11-16-1810	Simon Harrell, Sr., grandfather (Warren Co., Ga.)	Jenetty Harrell, granddaughter	Bed and linens; good causes. Jenetty is daughter of Mary Harrell and Micah Harrell, son of Simon Harrell, grantor. Wit.: William Harrell, Andrew King
63	—	Samuel Crisp (EDGE)	Susanna Williams and Robert Williams, husband	Lease for life; love and aff. Wit.: Reading Crisp, Whitley Crisp
64	11-15-1810	Sovereign Robson	Reubin Moore	75 A + 100 A; \$400. Wit.: John Bowers
65	8-14-1810	Reuben Rollings	Nelson James	100 A; £200. Adj.: Charles Rollings. Wit.: James Moore, Jesse Barnhill
66	30-1810	William Smith	James Stokes	70 A; £25. Adj.: Sterling Dupree, Benjamin Cox
67	20-1810	Sterling Mayo	Henry Womble	Negroes; £318. Wit.: Jordan Womble
67	18-1810	Thomas Ringgold, Jr., (CRAV) (D-1777)	Newet Edwards (GREE)	100 A + 31 A + 100 A excluding graveyard where father and family buried; £800. Adj.: Jesse Rountree. Former owners: Benjamin Blount, Jacob Waller (Pat. 1772), John Herrington. Wit.: Sherwood Hines
69	—1808	Hardy Burney	Jonathan Fellows	Rights to negro; \$300. Wit.: John Stanly
69	11—1810	Sherwood Hines, exr. and Sarah Moye, extrx.	George Moye	Negroes; \$—. Wit.: George Moye, Jr.
70	11-24-1810	Sterling May	Thomas Bryan	365 A; \$500. Adj.: John Anderson, William Anderson. Wit.: Frederick Bryan, Jr.

August 17, 1991

To: Various Wright Researchers

From: Richard Wright



Re: Isaac Wright of Pitt, Sampson and Columbus (Bladen)

For many years I have tried to research the origin of my great-great-great grandfather Isaac Wright who had various dealings in Pitt and Sampson Counties and who died in Bladen County in the Iron Hill Community which is 1808 became part of Columbus County. According to family tradition, he died in 1808 and is buried in the Wright Cemetery near Iron Hill where his daughter, Marinda Wright Cox and her husband, Benjamin Cox, are buried. His son, Stephen Wright (1800-1851) is buried there also with Stephen's wife, Amelia Ann "Milly Ann" Fowler, daughter of the patriot, John Fowler (1747-1845), who fought at Moore's Creek.

In an effort to try to determine the origin and family of Isaac Wright, I list the following facts:

1. Isaac "Right" is in Pitt County, North Carolina, according to the 1790 Federal Census.
2. On 13 November 1792, Issac Wright and Jim King witness a contract of David Hathaway found in Book M, Page 813, Pitt County Registry.
3. On 13 November 1792, James King and Isaac Wright witness the signature of Benjamin Bell, Book M, Page 681, Pitt County Registry.
4. Deed Book N, Page 419, Pitt County, 19 September 1796, Thomas Hathaway, a son of David Hathaway, gave 50 acres of land to his grandson, Zachariah Wright, "son of Isaac Wright" being the land where Isaac Wright "now dwells" being on the north side of Tar River and on the east side of Coneto Creek being part of the old "Patent Land" of David Hathaway.
5. 9 August 1796, Isaac Wright is appointed to work with Joab Bullard, Solomon Magee and the hands of Owen Holmes to work on the great Cohary, Sampson County Court Minutes Page 214.
6. 14 August 1797, Isaac Wright, Byus Boykin and Wright Williamson were appointed to do road work SCM page 233.
7. 13 November 1797, Isaac Wright, Byus Boykin and Wright Williamson were appointed to do river work from Solomon Magee Landing to Peterson's Landing, SCM page 237.
8. 22 January 1798, Isaac Wright, Archibald Wright and William Dickson witness the Will of John Wright and the Will was probated during April 1800.
9. 11 February 1798, Isaac Wright was appointed overseer to work with Wright Williamson and Coore Cooper on the road from the courthouse to

Governor's Ford on the South River, page 243, SCM.

10. 14 May 1799, in the "room of Isaac Wright", Isaac Wright and William Cooper were appointed to a road committee.

11. 25 July 1799, Deed Book O, page 369, Pitt County, Isaac Wright conveyed his interest in the 50 acre tract conveyed to Zachariah Wright in 1796 to Shadrack Mayo being the same land found in Deed Book N, page 419, Pitt County.

12. 1 November 1799, Solomon Magee conveyed to Isaac Wright tract of land in Sampson County with the deed being in Deed Book 12, page 223, Sampson County Registry.

13. 20 October 1801 (recorded May 1804), Deed Book 12, Page 230, Isaac Wright conveys the same land to Byrus Boykin (who was married to a Wright) and the land states that it was a plantation "where on I now live" on the west side of the Great Cohary on both sides of Canady Branch. A second tract in the deed is on the west side of the Great Cohary on the mouth of Governor Marsh Branch. In the deed, Isaac Wright states that he had originally purchased both tracts from Solomon Magee and the witnesses were William Cooper, Shadrack Magee and Reubin Morgan.

14. 22 December 1806, Book 34, Page 302, Bladen County Registry, is a deed of Isaac Wright whereby he conveys to his wife, Ann, his "possessions of all kinds until her death." The deed was "signed, sealed and delivered" in the presence of Benjamin Clark, Marinda Wright and Josiah Jay.

15. 19 November 1810, Benjamin Cox and wife, Marinda Wright Cox, and Joseph Blackburn and wife, Elizabeth Wright Blackburn, were paid \$5.00 each by Shadrack Mayo for any of their claims to 50 acres of land "given to our brother, Zachariah Wright, by his grandfather, Thomas Hathaway." The deed is in Deed Book S, Page 51 and describes the same property found in the 1796 Deed Book N, page 419 and the 1799 deed found in Deed Book O, page 369, Pitt County Registry.

16. 10 May 1817, Ann conveys her life estate in a 100 acre tract to Benjamin Cox, Deed Book B, page 251, Columbus County Registry.

17. On 10 May 1817, Ann Wright conveyed her life estate in a tract of land to Stephen Wright, Deed Book B, page 252, Columbus County Registry.

18. On October 10, 1825, Joseph and Elizabeth Blackburn, John and Nancy Wright Watts, Stephen Wright and Temperance, deeded their interest in the 100 acre tract, which had been described in Book B, page 251, to Benjamin Cox.

19. On 10 October 1825, the sisters of Stephen Wright and their husbands, conveyed the 200 acre tract described in Book B, page 252, which had been conveyed by Ann to Stephen as to her life estate, to Stephen Wright.

20. In 1825, Stephen Wright and his sisters and their husbands, deeded a 240 acre tract to Temperance "excepting the house and plantation of Ann Wright during her natural life time" with the tract being on Big Pond Branch and the description is in Book E, page 250, Columbus County Registry.

1796 when Zachariah received the 50 acres.

You will note that only Marinda and her husband and Elizabeth and her husband executed a Deed in 1810 in Pitt County to convey their undivided interest in the Mayo 50 acre tract. Mr. Mayo must have considered Isaac Wright as the father of the late Zachariah Wright, and Miranda and Elizabeth as the sisters of Zachariah Wright as the only heirs of the batchelor brother Zachariah who must have died prior to 1799 but after 1796.

Ann Wright, the wife of Isaac who is the grantee in the 1806 Bladen County (Columbus County) Deed, must have been a second wife and possibly is the mother of Stephen, Temperance, and Nancy since none of them signed a Pitt County Deed.

It is interesting that Stephen Wright (1800-1851, a son of Isaac Wright of Sampson County) named his first son Isaac, after his father, and named his second son Zachariah after the brother or half-brother who died in Pitt County prior to the 1799 Deed made by Isaac Wright or the Zacahariah Wright 50 acres.

I therefore believe that we have been incorrect in our family by indicating that the maiden name of Ann is Hathaway. I think it is clear that the first wife of Isaac was a Hathaway but that we do not know her first name. I think it is also clear that the second wife of Isaac is Ann and that we do not know her surname.

Since she and Isaac named their first son Stephen and since Ann must have been from Sampson County, I would guess, and it is just a guess, that she might have been a Beck since there is a Stephen Beck living in the same neighborhood with Isaac Wright between 1796 and 1799. Possibly one of the researchers who receives this letter would be acquainted with the names of the children of Stephen Beck of Sampson County.

It is interesting also that many with the surname Blackburn also lived in the section of Sampson County where Isaac lived between 1796 and 1801.

The John Wright who died in 1800 had Isaac Wright as a witness when he executed the Will in 1798. The period Isaac Wright who made his fame and fortune in Bladen County was a grandson of that John and would have been eighteen (18) in 1798. I do not believe he is the Isaac Wright who was a witness to the Will since the age of majority in 1798 was twenty-one (21) and not eighteen (18).

George Wright Lennon, an attorney in Raleigh, and a descendant of Isaac Clark Wright of Wilmington and Sampson County has sent information from a copy of the old John Wright bible. It indicates that James Wright was born to John and Rebekah Wells Wright on September 25, 1755, William on November 25, 1757, John on December 5, 1759 and Thomas on December 3, 1761.

George indicates that four (4) other names in appear in the bible with one Wright having been born on April 1, 1764, another on April 16, 1766, another on May 20, 1769, and another on April 5, 1771. The Will of this John Wright indicates David, Elizabeth Wright Beck, Rebekah Wright Beck and Mary Wright Clark so perhaps those are the names which would fit the above four dates.

George had speculated that perhaps John and Rebekah were the parents of my Isaac who died in 1808, and he very well could have been born sometime between

1755 and 1770. His daughter, Marinda Wright Cox, was born prior to 1790 and was old enough to witness his 1806 Deed. We know that Stephen was born in 1800 and apparently was younger than his sisters and certainly much younger than his brother or half-brother Zachariah who died prior to 1799.

Perhaps my Isaac is a nephew of John Wright who died in 1800. Perhaps he was a younger brother of John Wright who died in 1800.

Perhaps James Wright, the son of John I, named his son Isaac in 1780 after his possible Uncle Isaac, my ancestor.

John Wright (1759-1835) who married Penelope Clark is the son of the John Wright who died in 1800 and is the father of Isaac Clark Wright (1803-1864). For some reason John Wright (1759-1835) the husband of Penelope Clark, and the Revolutionary Patriot, is referred to as John Wright, Sr. although he certainly is the son of John and Rebekah Wells Wright.

Earlier, I mentioned that Stephen Wright (1800-1851) my great-great-grandfather, named a son Isaac and another son Zachariah. He also had James, John and William. Truly, these are very common names but also were used by the Duplin and Sampson County Wright family. I know my Isaac was there from 1796 to 1801 and I am sending a copy of this long, rambling letter to others who are interested in the Wright family of Sampson-Duplin. Please read through this and please give me your ideas and your facts. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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ADDENDUM TO MEMO

August 17, 1991

To: Wright Researchers

From: Richard Wright

Re: Isaac Wright

After I had dictated the enclosed memorandum I found some interesting additional additional information as follows:

A. 1 August 1794, Sampson County Deed Book 9, Page 248, Thomas Page, Sr. conveyed 200 acres to Lewis Holmes and the description states "in the fork of Hudsons including Isaac Wright's improvements beginning near said branch." The property had been conveyed to Thomas Page on 20 December 1791 and it is interesting that it included improvements made by Isaac Wright prior to 1 August 1794.

B. 14 August 1799, Deed Book 12, Page 209, Sampson County Registry, Solomon Magee to Isaac Wright for 100 acres on the west side of the Great "Cohary" on both sides of the Cannady Branch beginning in the edge of said Cohary Creek at the mouth of a small drain. The witnesses were Fleet Cooper and Jacob Cooper. It is interesting that Stephen Wright, son of Isaac Wright, named one of his sons Fleet Cooper Wright.

C. 1 November 1799, Deed Book 12, Page 223, Sampson County Registry, Solomon Magee conveyed to Isaac Wright 98 acres in the Greaty Cohary beginning in the edge of the swamp in the corner of the land "where I now live sold by me to the said Isaac Wright." The deed mentions an island at the mouth of Governor's Marsh Branch, the line of Roger Alden and the Great Coharie Swamp. The witnesses were Byus Boykin and Robert Magee.

D. 20 October 1801, Sampson Deed Book 12, Page 230, by which Isaac Wright conveys to Byus Boykin the 100 acre tract and the 98 acre tract. This was abstracted above.

E. 9 February 1801, Sampson County Court Minutes, Isaac Wright was ordered as overseer of the road "in the room of Simon Royall" with the "usual hands work under him."

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268	11-20—	Benjamin Bowers	Henry Barnhill	200 A; £42+. Wit.: William Osborn, John Barnhill
270	—1763	Joshua Mercer	Samuel Davis	— A; £75. Former owner: William Galloway (Pat. 1745)
271	10- 6-1762	William Giddins (Pat. 174-)	George Dyks	100 A; £—.
273	12-23-1762	John Williams, millwright (Pat. 1762)	Edward Williams, saddler	183 A; £—.
275	9-25-1762	John Wichard (D-1750)	John Barber	128 A; £—. Former owner: William Stafford (Pat. 1740)
277	1-21-1763	John Williams, miller	Nathan Johnson	9 A; £2+
279	10—1762	John Averett (EDG)	John Edwards	320 A; £12
280	2-20-1763	Edward Williams, sadler (Pat. 1760)	Michael Oldshe, tailor	135 A; £—.
283	—1763	David Averrett	William Wright	100 A; £8. Former owner: Richard Mayo
285	—1763	John Brown (HAL)	Richard Mayo	640 A; £65. Former owner: Samuel Ward.
287	1—1763	Nathan Johnson, shoemaker	Richard Williams	20½ A; £40. Former owner: Jacob Evans
289	2-19-1763	William Mitchell and Mary Mitchell, wife (DUP)	Mary Cannon	D of G; Mentioned: Henry Cannon, husband of Mary Cannon. Wit.: Edward Cannon, David Cannon
289	12-23-1762	John Williams (Pat. 1762)	Roderick Williams	153 A; £—. Adjoining: Richard Allen, George Suggs. Wit.: Edward Williams, Richard Williams, Cornelius Church
292	5—1762	William Daniel, sadler	Ebenezer Folsom, sadler (EDG)	Power of attorney
292	12-11-1762	Simon Burney	Abraham Barrow and Elizabeth Barrow, wife	Negroes; love & aff. Men: Elizabeth Barrow is daughter of Simon Burney. Wit.: Isaac Stocks, John Stocks
294	10- 6-1762	George Dyks	William Giddins	100 A; £20. Former owner: Moses Tison (Pat. 1761). Wit.: Samuel Albertson, Jacob Giddins.
296	2-22-1763	Thomas Moor	Samuel Davis	60 A; £30. Former owner: Thomas Mercer (Pat. 1746). Wit.: William Moor, Elias Bergeron
298	2-22-1763	Robert Williams (Pat. 1738)	Richard Williams, son	100 A; love & aff.
299	2-25-1763	Caleb Wallis	George Every, ship carpenter	100 A; £40. Adj.: Thomas Wallace
300	11-22-1762	Richard Allen, yeoman	Abraham Breeler, yeoman	80 A; £10. Former owner: George Sugg
303	11- 4-1762	Joseph Whitfield	John Barnhill	150 A; £35. Adj.: Robert Knox. Former owner: Jesse Jolley (Pat. 1761)
304	3-28-1760	William Taylor (BEAU)	John Taylor, son	Negro; love & aff.
305	10-20-1762	Robert Ballard	Thomas House (BERT)	200 A; £—. Wit.: William Bryan, Henry Cross, Thomas Cross

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88	5-22-1762	John Chalcraft	Peter Rives	100 A; £7. Adj.: William Braddy. Wit.: Thomas Gwaltney, Elizabeth Rives
90	5-25-1762	Simon Burney	William Burney, son	Negroes; love & aff. Mentioned: Elizabeth Burney, wife of Simon Burney
91	3- 5-1762	James Blunt	Benjamin Blunt, son	Personal goods, animals; love & aff. Wit.: Jacob Blunt, Samuel Spencer.
92	3-26-1762	John Hardee	Joseph Eastwood	2 A; £5. Adj.: Capt. James Ellison
93	1- 5-1762	William Daniel Pinkett	Zachariah Pinkett	120 A; £ 30. Former owner: Thomas Pinkett, dec. (Pat. 1740), father of William Daniel Pinkett. Wit.: Alexander Barnhill, John Hodges, Thomas Pinkett
95	5-25-1762	Archibald Adams (D-1757)	Levi Adams, son	50 A; love & aff. Former owner: William Baldwyn. Wit.: Edmund Williams, John Cason
96	5-25-1762	Archibald Adams (D-1750)	Archibald Adams, Jr., son	100 A; love & aff.
97	5-20-1762	Thomas Nobles	John Nobles	— A; £5. Wit.: Nathaniel Nobles, Benjamin Bowers
99	4-10-1762	Solomon Wright (EDG) (Pat. 1761)	Peter Mayo	112 A; £12. Wit.: Francis Hobson
100	5-24-1762	Moses Tison (Pat.)	George Dickes	— A; £10. Wit.: Aaron Tison
102	1-25-1762	Thomas Little	Daniel Rogers (HERT)	500 A; £110. Former owner: Josiah Little (Pat. 1735)
103	12-28-1761	Dennis Glisson	Isaac Glisson	100 A; £—. Wit.: Joseph Glisson, Robert Ward
104	3- 8-1762	Amos Atkinson	Peter Mayo	145 A; £14. Wit.: Andrew Gofford
106	4—-1762	Walter Bryant	Arthur Olds	100 A; £11.
108	3-25-1762	James Blunt and Katherine Blunt, wife	Benjamin Blunt, son	100 A; maintenance
111	5-26-1762	John Joyner	John Moore	½ of grant; £10. Former owner: Abraham Tison (Pat. 1761)
113	—-1762	William Archdeacon	Henry Jenkins	160 A; £12. Adj.: Godfrey Stancil. Wit.: James Mayo
115	4- 9-1762	William Parker	Thomas Bond	200 A; £40. Wit.: Robert Ballard, John Bond
116	2—-1761	Daniel Oquin (Pat. 1750)	Lanard Ray	320 A; £15.
119	11- 9-1761	William Speir (Pat. 1755)	John Holland	150 A; £65.
121	8-27-1762	John Wooten, hatter	James Johnston, Sen.	100 A; £10. Wit.: Thomas Harper
123	8-27-1762	John Speir, Jr. (Pat. 1762)	William Daniel Pinkett	200 A; £20. Wit.: William Moore, Elias Bergeron
126	3- 3-1761	Earl Granville	Thomas Little (BEAU)	100 A; 10 sh.
129	6-26-1762	Earl Granville	Abraham Tyson	420 A; 17 sh.
133	11- 7-1761	Earl Granville	Thomas Moore	205 A; 10 sh.
137	11-17-1762	Earl Granville	Thomas Noble	540 A; 10 sh.

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Page	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Additional Information
141	6-20-1761	Earl Granville	John Mayo	700 A; 10 sh.
145	6-26-1761	Earl Granville	John Williams	685 A; 10 sh. Adj.: Edward Williams, Barwell Evans, Robert Williams, Sen., Nathan Johnston

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Apr. 27, 1792. May Ct., 1792. Wife: ANN, all my property, except a piece of land lying between Hog Pen Branch and Causway Branch, which is for JAMES WOOTEN. Wit: JOEL WOOTEN, JOSHUA WOOTEN.

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Apr. 7, 1831. Aug. Ct., 1833. Daus & Extx: POLLY and ELIZABETH, all furniture divided between 2 daus, also 1 cow and calf each; son: LITTLE, colt, cow and calf; residue divided between 3 chil. Wit: WILLIS KNIGHT.

WRIGHT, WILLIAM

Jan. 18, 1763. Apr. Ct., 1763. Bk. A, p 116. Wife & Extx: (name illegible), plantation and lands on the N side of Nuce (Neuse) River in Dobbs Co. during widowhood, then to my dau (name illegible) son: GEORGE WRIGHT & 20 Proc. money at legal age, 300 A of land, S side of Tar River in Edgecombe Co. Wit: SOLOMON WRIGHT, SARAH WRIGHT, JOHN AVERITT.

WINN, JOHN M.

Oct. 18, 1847. Feb. Ct., 1848. Bk. F, p 387. It is my will that my wife and family take \$300 or \$400 and buy land to settle upon which land I lend my wife for a home for herself and children. Reversion to all children. Wife: LUCY; sons: JOHN, 2 years schooling; ROBERT, 3 years schooling Wit: WILLIAM J. ARMSTRONG, JOHN WHITEHEAD. No Exr. Adm. given MATHEW WHITEHEAD. Bond \$3000 with JOHN _____? and JOHN WHITEHEAD, Securities.

Wills of Edgecombe Co. N.C.

HODGE of Edgecombe Co., Jan. 19, 1776, for 100 pds. Proc. money two tracts of land as follows: (1) 150 acres on the north side of Tar River; (2) 100 acres adjoining the first tract, lying on Cheek's Creek, Robin's Branch, and Hodge's Pocosin, taken up by John Thigpen. Wit: Joseph Morgan, Benja. Hodge.

DB 3-144 ISAAC BEACHAM and SUSANNA BEACHAM of Edgecombe Co. to THOMAS HODGES of same, Nov. 26, 1776, for 413 pds. Proc. money a tract of 600 acres on the south side of Fishing Creek on the bank of Crooked Swamp at its fork with Moore's Swamp adjoining Benjamin Hart, Swanson, and Proctor. Wit: Jacob Sessums, Wm. (X) Mecenney.

DB 3-146 WILLIAM HURST of Bertie Co., N. C., planter, to THOMAS HURST of Edgecombe Co., Jan. 20, 1777, for 40 pds. Proc. money a tract of 115 acres on Everit's Swamp, it having been conveyed to said William Hurst by deed from Thomas Rodgers and was the land whereon Thomas Hurst then lived. Wit: Richard Wiggins, Wm. (M) May.

DB 3-147 JONATHAN GARNER of Edgecombe Co. to PETER MAY of same, April 3, 1777, for 20 pds. Proc. money a tract of 100 acres on the north side of Tar River adjoining James Brown, Alexander Randolph, and William Wright. Wit: Rich'd Wiggins, John Brown, William (M) Mayo.

DB 3-148 EDWARD (X) COBB, SENR. of Edgecombe Co. to his son, WILLIAM COBB, JUNR., of same, March 11, 1776, for paternal love and affection a 120 acre plantation on the Briery Pond adjoining Doil, David Averitt, and Abraham Little. Wit: Amos Atkinson, James Cobb, James Cobb.

DB 3-149 ABRAHAM LITTLE of Edgecombe Co. to EDWARD COBB of same, Feb. 13, 1775, for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for the sum of 3 pds. Proc. money a tract of 30 acres on the north side of Tar River on Cheek's Mill Creek adjoining Cheek. Wit: Amos Atkinson, William Little, William Cobb.

DB 3-150 EDWARD (X) COBB, SENR. of Edgecombe Co. to his son, EDWARD COBB, JUNR., of same, March 11, 1776, for paternal love and affection a 150 acre plantation on Cheek's Mill Creek and the Briery Pond. Wit: Wm. Little, Wm. Cobb, Britain Cobb.

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20 pds. Proc. money a tract of 120 acres on Hatcher's Swamp at the mouth of Buck Meadow Branch and on Bee Tree Branch, it being part of a Granville grant to William McDeed bearing date Aug. 4, 1762, conveyed from McDeed to Ponder, and from Ponder to Richard Bracewell, Senr. By the death of Richard Bracewell, Senr. the land descended to his son, Richard Bracewell. Wit: Samson Dillard, William Bracewell, Nicholas Dillard, Wms. Sherrod.

DB 2-88 MARTIN (X) THORN of Edgecombe Co. to JACOB POPE of same, May 11, 1773, for 26 pds. Proc. money a tract of 200 acres on Beaver Dam Branch adjoining Mead's purchase patent line, it being part of the land granted to Francis Whitney by deed bearing date June 1, 1762. Wit: Chas. Lee, Thomas (X) Page.

DB 2-89 ROBERT VICK of Edgecombe Co. to JOHN TAYLOR of same, Feb. 24, 1772, for 56 pds. Proc. money two tracts of land as follows: (1) 700 acres on the south side of Toisnot Swamp adjoining Joseph Strickland and Arthur Taylor, it being a Granville grant to said Vick bearing date Nov. 3, 1761; (2) 100 acres on the Bear Branch adjoining Arthur Taylor's old line, which land said Vick had of Edward Moore. Wit: Edw. Moore, Hosey (X) Dixon, Joseph (X) Vick.

DB 2-90 JOHN (X) DUNNAGIN of Edgecombe Co., planter, and wife, ELIZABETH (X) DUNNAGIN, to JONAS JOHNSTON of same, Aug. 3, 1773, for 22 pds. 10 sh. Proc. money a tract of 60 acres on the south side of Beaver Dam Swamp and on Johnston's Mill Swamp adjoining William Davis, it being part of a larger tract granted from Earl Granville to William Davis bearing date June 20, 1749. Wit: Amos Johnston, Nath'l Permenter, Owen Cravey. Elizabeth Dunnagin was examined separately concerning her right of dower.

DB 2-91 WILLIAM (M) MAYO, SENR., of Pitt Co., N. C. to DAVID MAYO of same, April 18, 1774, for divers good causes but more especially for the sum of 25 pds. Proc. money a tract of 100 acres in Edgecombe Co. adjoining James Smyth, Wm. Mayo, Junr., and Solomon Wright. Wit: John Lewis, Peter Mayo, Jonas Mayo.

DB 2-91 JAMES (I) SMITH of Pitt Co., N. C. to JAMES BROWN of same, Jan. 26, 1773, for 10 pds. Proc. money a tract of 100 acres in Edgecombe Co. adjoining Middleton Mobley, Wil-

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Scope / Contents: Land Entry: 1760 December 8. 700 acres

Descriptive references for land: Conetoe Creek, James Brown, Peter Mayo, William Mayo, James Mayo, William Wright, Samuel Gainer
 Warrant: 1760 December 8. 700 acres

Descriptive references for land: Conetoe Creek, James Brown, Peter Mayo, William Mayo, James Mayo, William Wright, Samuel Gainer Plat:
 1761 January 21. 668 acres

Descriptive references for land: James Brown, Conetoe Creek, Peter Mayo, James Smith, Samuel Gainer

Chain carriers: Peter Mayo, William Wright

Surveyor: William Haywood Deed: 1761 October 15

Index Terms: **Geographic Names:**

Edgecombe County
Beaufort County
Conetoe Creek

Personal Names:

Wright, Solomon
Brown, James
Mayo, Peter
Mayo, William
Mayo, James
Wright, William
Gainer, Samuel
Smith, James
Haywood, William

Note: For deed see 12.13.30.42

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Genres / Forms: Deeds, Plats, Indexes

Scope / Contents: October 15, 1761 668 acres Location: Beginning at a maple in James Brown's line 2 copies Deed #172

Index Terms: **Geographic Names:**
 Edgecombe County
Personal Names:
 Wright, Solomon
 Brown, James

Note: See also 12.12.24.76

Routledge Cemetery
Location: just east of Kernersville, on N side of
Hy. #24

Dorcas, Wife of Hon. James Gillespie, died Nov. 8,
1701, in the 51st year of her age. "Erected
by her affectionate grandsons, David Gillespie &
Clement G. Wright."

* James Gillespie is buried in Washington, D. C.

Abstract of Early Deeds 1840-1846 (Columbus Co.)

- 1) Ann Wright to Stephen Wright, 15 May 1817;
1802-18 \$200, 200 acres on Grissetts Swamp. Wit. -
Joseph Powell
- 2) Benjamin Cox to Isaac Cox, 29 Nov. 1834;
1840-46 \$60, 200 acres ~~adjacent~~ adj. Ann Wright,
Benjamin Cox, Reaves, William L. Gore & Stevens.
Wit: John Watts & Thomas Frink
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1808 - 1818

Early Deeds

- ① Benjamin Lewis (Marion District, S.C.) to
Bovynnan Watts (Bladen Co.), 22 Mar. 1803,
200 Silver Dollars, 300 A. land on both sides
of Sapway Swamp adj. John Coleman + Michel.
Also 200 A. deeded from Jacob Rhodes
to Lewis, and 100 A. pat. by Ben Eason.
Wit: Richard Watts and Willis Lawls.
- ② Amos Wright to Benjamin Cox, 10 May 1817, 502,
100 A. on Mill Branch.
Wit: Joseph Powell
- ③ John Portithan Gorton (Georgetown, S.C.), Lewis Leary,
and Alexander Bernicul to Jesse Hinson (Robeson Co.)
1 Apr. 1811; #30, Lot. No. 80 in Town of
Alexander fronting Madison, Lumberston + Lee
Streets.
Wit: A. Rowland + O. Clinton
- ④ John Fowler Jr. to John Fowler Sr., 8 Apr. 1815;
#50, 100 A. on N. E. side of Beaver Dam Swamp
and S. of Sweet Water Branch.
Wit: Isaac Simmonds + William Sims.
- ⑤ John Edward to John Fowler, 26 Oct. 1817;
#100, 2 tracts; (1) 50 A. on Beaver Dam Swamp,
+ (2) 250 A. on S. side of Big Swamp adj. Smith's
line. Wit: William Sims + Richard Fowler

⑥ John Fowler to William Spivey, 12 Feb. 1816; \$300,
200 A. on Beaver Dam Swamp adj. Joseph Cartwright
& Richard Cartwright.

Wit: Elisha Sellers & Joseph Catret.

1840 - 46

⑩ Stephen Wright to Isaac Wright, 10 May 1845;
150, 100 A. on Ns of Big Bay, & another tract of 100
A. adj. first tract and adj. Mackeny Sims; another
tract on Ss of Wolf pit Branch adj. his own
line & Sowel, total 500 A. Wit: Nahaniel Sowel

⑪ Edward Conner to Benjamin Cox, 26 Nov. 1836; \$90,
200 A. on NW prong of Toms fork & on the state line.
Wit: Isaac Cox & George Grisset.

⑫ Benjamin Cox/Coxe to "beloved son" Leonard
Cox/Coxe & "beloved daughter" Polly Coxe for
the "Natural love and affection", 9 Apr. 1844;
D o G to son Leonard Cox: 225 A. land at his
death (& providing lifetime rights to wife Marenada
Cox). D o G to daughter Polly Coxe 375 A. land
at his death → "incl. the plantation and building
where he now lives. If wife "should live the
longest the balance of the property is hers as long
as she lives a widow and then equally divided
amongst all the heirs except Kezziah & Isaac ..."
Wit: Edward T. Todd & Hingard Cox.