

EVERETTE ANSON AND ADA JACKSON FAMILY

By: Peggy R. Hall



Front Row are: Alton Broughton Jackson, Ada Jackson, Charles Newland Jackson, Everette Anson Jackson, and Eliza Janette Jackson. Back Row are: Ada Genevieve Jackson, Ethel Jackson Hall, Allen Kirby Hall, and Annie Jackson.

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**EVERETTE ANSON**  
**AND**  
**ADA JACKSON FAMILY**

Everette Anson Jackson, (Sept 12, 1872-June 18, 1947), was the son of James (April 15, 1844-May 14, 1927) and Jeanetta Tew Jackson (Aug 12, 1836-Nov 25, 1911) of the Mingo Community. Ada Jackson, (November 30, 1873-June 9, 1954), was the daughter of Nancy Elizabeth Jackson Tew, (Jan 16, 1839-Sept 23, 1904) and Wiley Calvin Jackson (Oct 3, 1847-Nov 13, 1916). On January 29, 1893, Ada and Everette Jackson were married at the home of her parents. They had eight children. The oldest, Marion Kesler Jackson, (November 10, 1894-July 3, 1915) and a daughter who was born and died in 1900 are buried in the Henry T. Jackson Cemetery off Hwy 13. Everette and Ada are buried in the Mingo Baptist Church Cemetery.

The oldest daughter of Everette and Ada was "Ethel" Victoria Jackson (July 13, 1897-May 2, 1990) who married Allen "Kirby" Hall, Sr. (June 24, 1896-January 16, 1986), on April 6, 1917. They made their home in the area of Hall's Store, in Sampson County. They had six children. The oldest, Allen Kirby "A.K." Jr., (October 2, 1919-Nov 13, 1964), married Della Tart, (July 21, 1920-Dec 10, 2005). They had two children, Charles Martin and Rebecca Dell, (Dec 18, 1950-June 5, 1971). Their next son was Warren "Dempsey", (January 22, 1921-Oct 13, 1975). He married Ruth Covington, and they have one child Peggy Ruth. The oldest daughter of Ethel and Kirby is Patsy Ray Hall, who married Alfred Walton, a widower from DE. Alfred and Pat had no children. Ossie "Ruth" Hall, (March 8, 1924-May 7, 1991) first married Young Ira Tart of Benson; they had two children, Michael Glenn and Alice Victoria. Ruth later married, Brooks Bateman. "Myra" Grey Hall married David Lee Godwin, (Oct 2, 1927-July 21, 1992) they had three children, David Lee Jr., Myra Susan, and Edward Allen, (Dec 4, 1962-Dec 14, 2001). Kirby and Ethel's youngest child was "Charlie" Everette Hall, (Sept 2, 1930-July 20, 2002). Charlie married Helen "Genevieve" Thrift McManus. They had no children. The deceased members of this family are all buried in the Lafayette Memorial Cemetery in Fayetteville, NC.

The second daughter of Everette and Ada was Annie (March 9, 1901-January 24, 1974). She married Hubert Alphonza Carr (Nov 29, 1905-Sept 18, 1979), on January 15, 1927. Hubert and Annie made their home on Hwy 13 close to Jackson's corner and had seven children together. The children include Richard Jackson Carr who married Doris Starling. They have two children, Richard Bryan and Jennifer Leigh. Everette Alphonza

married Louetta Herring. They have two children Hubert Nixon and Sheila. Mary Ann Carr (January 23, 1932-May 14, 2003) married Lewis Almon Warren (Sept 25, 1924-Dec 27, 1994). Mary Ann and Lewis had four children; Mary Frances, Pamela Sue, Lewis Carr and Jeffery Jackson Warren. Ada "Frances" was the fourth child of Hubert and Annie. Frances married George Hayes and they have one child, Deborah Marie. Robert Broughton "Bobby" married Leola Flynn and they have two children, Mary Angela and Emily Flynn. Jerry Thomas the sixth child of Hubert and Annie married Hellen Currin, (January 7, 1927-Dec 23, 1990). Eugene "Gene" Bryan, (October 17, 1939-April 1, 1992), the youngest child of Hubert and Annie, married Lillian Baker. Hubert, Annie, and Hellen are buried in the Mingo Baptist Church Cemetery. Mary Ann and Lewis are buried in the Mt. Elam Baptist Church Cemetery.

Eliza "Janette" Jackson, (October 25, 1903-March 24, 1986), was the third daughter of Everette and Ada. She married Rupert Tomson Jackson, (February 24, 1903-December 21, 1984) on December 19, 1920. Rupert and Janette had six children, "Iris" Windlum Jackson, (January 28, 1922-December 23, 1998), married Perry Harrison, (January 10, 1916-January 26, 1997), and their children are Iris and Carolyn. Kenneth Bickmore (January 14, 1924-January 17, 2002) married Jannie Williams and their children are Kenneth "Bicky" Jr. and Judy. "Ada" Janette (Dec 17, 1924-June 2, 1997) married Don Edgar Wimberly, Jr., (January 24, 1924-August 21, 1975), and their son is, Don III. Ada married second; Harold Upchurch. The 4<sup>th</sup> child of Janette and Rupert was Thomas Everette Jackson (March 26, 1927-March 27, 1927). He is buried at Mingo Baptist Church. Ella "Jean" married George Parker and they had two children, George, Jr, and Amy. Jean married second, Allen Harper, and they had one child, A. Stannette. The youngest child of Rupert and Jeanette is Nancy Mae. She married Millard Robert Currin, and they have three children, Nancy, Jeanette, and Millard III. Rupert, Janette, Ada and Don are buried at the Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier, NC. Kenneth is buried at Angier Community Cemetery.

The fourth daughter of Everette and Ada was Ada "Genevieve" Jackson, (April 5, 1906-Aug 18, 1995). She married William Edward Hobbs, (Oct 20, 1902-June 8, 1980), on September 16, 1925 in Sampson County. They had three children, Edward Jackson Hobbs, (Sept 20, 1926-December 4, 1990), who married Clyde Macey Pickett Anders. They have one child Ginny Anne. Leah married William Elmore Henry and they have four children, Leah Elizabeth, William Lee, Mary Sybil, and Keith Jackson Hobbs. James "Jimmy" Lee is the youngest child of Genevieve and William. He married Mary Mildred Russ and they have

three children, Katherine Leigh, Sarah Lynn, and Mary Elizabeth Hobbs.

Charles "Newland" Jackson (October 10, 1910-November 7, 1987) was the seventh child of Everett and Ada. He married first, Delphia Blanche Hall, and they had one son, Charles Nixon "Snookie" Jackson. Snookie married Carolyn Gardner of Dunn, NC. They have two sons, Gardner Hall Jackson and Douglas Charles Jackson. Newland married second, Katie Geraldine Johnson, they had three children. The oldest, William Patrick "Billy Pat", married Billie Frances Tew. They have three children; William Chet, Marla Rae and Ashley Paige. Larry Nelson, (March 22, 1941-June 8, 2006), the second son of Newland and Katie married Mary Ella Jackson and they have two children, Christi Lou and Alfred Russell. Kathy Diane, (Sept 30, 1947-Oct 5, 1990) the youngest child of Newland and Katie, married Rufus House and they had no children. Newland, Larry and Kathy are buried at Mingo Baptist Church.

The youngest child of Everett and Ada was "Alton" Broughton Jackson, Sr., (May 22, 1913-March 28, 1977). He married Mary "Louise" Bryan on July 23, 1936. They have one son, Alton "Sonny" Jr. Sonny married Carolyn McLamb. They have three girls, Paulette Bryan, Carol Lynn and Rebecca Ann. Alton is buried at Mingo Baptist Church.

Sources: The information that I have about this family was graciously shared with me by Louise Jackson, Jerry Carr, Snookie Jackson, and Myra Godwin, and came from the Family Bible, and a family scrapbook, Death Certificates, Social Security Death Index Records and Harnett County Obituaries.

Peggy R. Hall

## BOOK UPDATE

Our cover story of the Everett Jackson family is one example of many stories in the forth coming book; from all corners of Sampson County. Many stories are illustrated with a picture which adds interest.

The stories have been laid out in alphabetical order by the male surname. The next major task is to create an index.

There will be approximately 400 pages. We are planning a black hardback cover with a gold county seal stamped onto the cover of the book.

We have had one meeting with a publisher to acquire guidance. After our work is complete a copy will be submitted to see if it is ready for the press.

As of this date the Book Committee has not decided on a title. If you would like to submit your idea for a title, mail or e-mail it to the editor (address on P. 11).

## HOME? ALASKA OR SAMPSON



**Terry Zeznock on a (Dec. 06) visit to Sampson County History Museum. Terry supports the SCHS, from far away Alaska.**

I feel I am home ever time I arrive in the area of the old Concord School approximately 6 miles west of Clinton. It, however, has been many years since I actually lived in Sampson County. On March 16, 1955, I was born to Eugene Zeznock and Shirley Spell Zeznock at Fort Bragg. My Dad was a soldier in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and a native of Pennsylvania. My parents met on a blind date while my mother was attending nursing school in Fayetteville. My Mother is the only child of Robbie and Versie Spell.

Our first home was the Sampson County farm of Robbie and Versie. Their home was located about ½ mile south of Elizabeth Baptist Church on Fleet Cooper Rd. My grandparents farmed tobacco, cotton and truck crops.

During the following years my parents attended college and nursing school. We moved from my grandparents' farm to Wilmington, to Fayetteville and back to Wilmington. During that time I spent every weekend and holiday that I could at my grandparent's. I wasn't old enough to be of much help and probably was a burden they willingly accepted. I loved the farm and wanted to accompany my grandfather everywhere. The Faison produce and the Clinton tobacco markets were always great outings. Grape snow cones at Faison market could not be beat. Visiting the Clinton barber shop, 5 & 10 and feed stores were great too. Stops at Mr. Claude Pate's country store, across from the Concord School, were visits with family and friends. My grandfather, Robbie was the son of Lewis Hanson Spell and Sallie Faircloth Spell. My grandmother Versie was the daughter of Luther Porter and Florida Lockerman Porter. There sure seemed to be a lot of Spell, Porter,

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# ROYAL-PORTER-BUTLER Connections

This essay will describe how finding the father of James N. Porter of Sampson and Bladen County, NC was a major milestone in connecting the James N. Porter family of Sampson County and later of Bladen County with other surnames including, Butler, Cooper, Scott, Coore, Royal, Barnsfeld, families of Sampson County, NC. I descended from James N. Porter born about 1813. It was fairly easy to trace my ancestors back to James N. Porter and wife, Nancy, born about 1817. The 1850 Census and 1860 Census provided most family members and ages. We had a deed that named the children of John B. Porter (son of James N. Porter) and his wife Margaret Brown born 1847 plus we had conversations with family members about other ancestors. The 1850 and 1860 census reports (Bladen County) provided the details below.

1850 Census	Age	Sex	1860 Census	Age	Sex
James N. Porter	37	M	James N. Porter	45	M
Nancy "	33	F	Nancy "	40	F
John B. "	12	M	J. B. "	22	M
Travis L. "	10	M	Travis L. "	19	M
James H. "	8	M	James H. "	18	M
William C. "	6	M	William C. "	14	M
Emily J. "	4	F	Emily J. "	12	F
Fleet C "	2	M	Fleet C "	10	M
			Young R. "	8	M
			Alex McD "	6	M

We only knew the given name, Nancy, for the wife of James N. Porter and we wanted her surname as well as the parents of James N. Porter. We knew from the research by an aunt who had been researching the Porters for about 10 years that John B. Porter was John "Butler" Porter. My mother had told me several years ago that there were Coopers in our Porter lineage. In addition, someone had placed a monument in the Old Frenches Creek Cemetery, Kelly (Bladen County), NC with the inscription: "In Memory of James Henry Porter, Sr. and Sarah Cooper Porter, first Porter settlers of Kelly, buried in another location without markers". My sister, Kathy, and I studied all the records we could find in Bladen County but we ran into dead ends. The monument mentioned above, shows James Henry Porter as Sr. Normally there would be a James Henry Porter, Jr. when there is a James Henry Porter, Sr., but we couldn't identify a James Henry Porter, Sr. There is a James H. Porter listed in the 1850 Bladen Census and the 1860 Bladen Census who is a son of James N. Porter.

The 1810 Census for Sampson County shows a Henry Porter and only one other person, a child, living in his household as shown in the table below. This leads us to believe that perhaps the wife/mother died sometime after/during birth of the child and before the 1820 census.

1810 Census	Age	Sex	Born By Census
Henry Porter	16-25	M	1785-1794
Dau.	<10	F	1800-1810

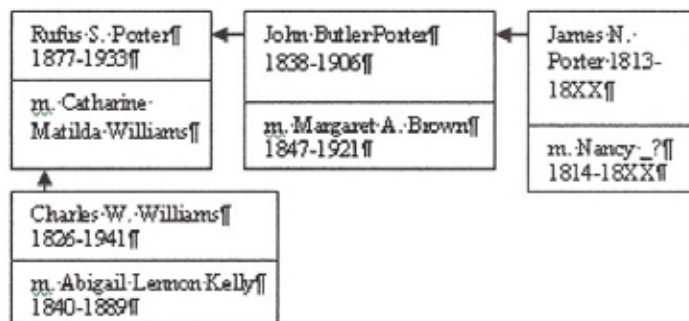
The 1820 census for Sampson County shows Henry Porter as head of the following household.

1820 Census	Age	Sex	Born By Census
Henry Porter	26-45	M	1775-1794
Wife	26-45	F	1775-1794
Dau.	10-16	F	1804-1810
Dau.	<10	F	1810-1820
Son	<10	M	1810-1820
Son	<10	M	1810-1820

In the 1820 Census Henry Porter is shown with a wife plus three additional children less than 10. This wife is believed to be his second wife, Sarah Cooper, as named below.

One of the above male children born 1810-1820 fits our James N Porter born 1813-1815 but the monument in the cemetery (first Porter settlers of Kelly) showing James Henry Porter, Sr. caused us to question James N. Porter as his son. The middle initial "N" could be interpreted as an H in some hand writing, but by magnifying the name James N Porter in the original census records, it was clear as an "N" in the 1850 and the 1860 censuses and the census enumerators were different people in both censuses.

We felt that the leads in identifying ancestors of James N. Porter were in the names of his children and with the marker in the Old Frenches Creek Cemetery. The two names that rose to the top were Cooper and Butler. Still we could not make the connection between Butlers and Coopers on records in Bladen County, NC. The monument in the old Frenches Creek Cemetery named the wife of James Henry Porter, Sr. as Sarah Cooper but we still could not fit James Henry Porter, Sr. and wife into our puzzle. This left us with the following pedigree chart for Rufus Porter, my grandfather, up to James N. Porter.



I had seen Jerome D. Tew's work in several web sites on the Internet. He primarily researches the Royal family that settled in Sampson County, NC but I had seen that he had helped others that were not necessarily researching Royals. I began corresponding with him and found he knew about quite a few Porters. I enlisted his assistance and gave him our records on the James N. Porter family including the 1850

Census record and it didn't take him long to conclude that Nancy **Butler**, was the wife of James N. Porter. Nancy Butler was a daughter of Travis Butler (1772-1859) and Sarah Royal (1782-1862). It turns out Jerome had already researched the Butlers, and Coopers as part of his research on the Royals. Several days later he provided some additional ancestors of James N. Porter shown in the Pedigree chart below. He soon identified Henry Porter as the father of James N. Porter and it became apparent that this Henry Porter was the James Henry Porter inscribed on the monument in the Old Frenches Creek Cemetery. After I obtained his information and began assembling more Census data, it was evident that the Royals, Butlers, Coopers and Porters all lived in the same area of Sampson County. Later I obtained a copy of the family Bible of Travis Butler from the Archives in Raleigh, NC. It had a page with the following.

*Sallie Butler wife  
of Travis Butler Depon  
this life the 8 of June 1862*

*Nancy Porter wife of  
J. Porter Departed  
this life 29 of June  
1871*

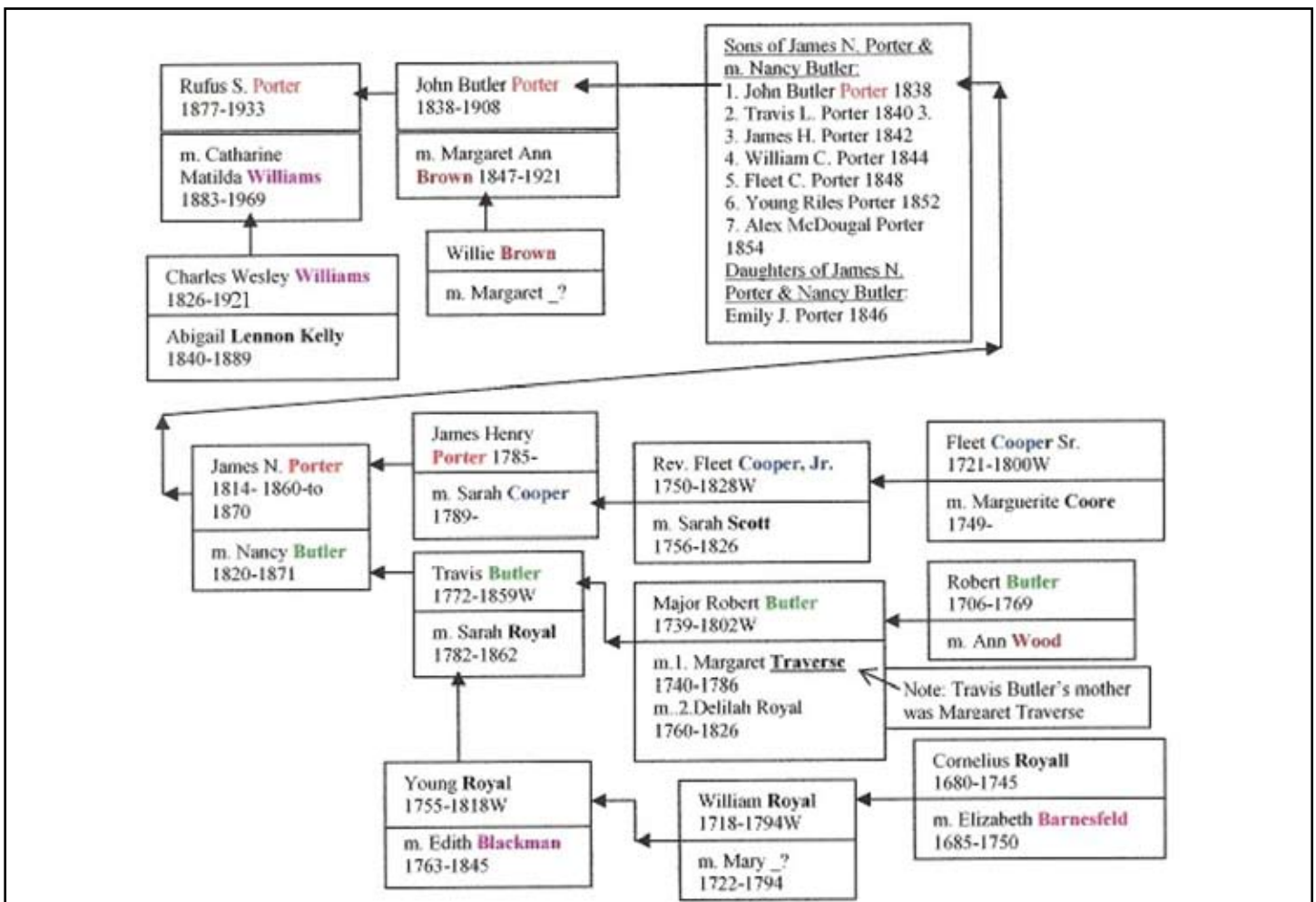
This provided further confirmation that Nancy Porter was the wife of James N. Porter.

Determining the wife of James N. Porter as Nancy Butler of Sampson County and the father of James N. Porter as the Henry Porter of Sampson County, who later moved to Bladen County, NC, allowed us to connect several additional families (Butler, Cooper, Coore, Scott, Traverse, Blackman, Royal, and Barnesfeld) with the Porters as shown in the Pedigree chart below.

Henry Porter is named several times in the Court minutes of Sampson County but it never appears as James Henry Porter or James H. Porter. However it is reasonable that his first name could be James because one of his sons was named James N. Porter. We have not identified the other son of Henry Porter.

After Jerome had determined the wife of James N. Porter (Nancy Butler) and his father (Henry Porter), he began providing information on other Porters that lived in Sampson County that might be relatives of our Porters. He identified Absalom Porter (born about 1754 and died about 1810) as the possible father of Henry Porter and John Porter (born about 1725 and died about 1798) as the father of Absalom Porter. John Porter had a will, written 27 June 1796 and probated 10 Aug 1801 in Sampson County, NC. The will names the following.

1. Son, Absalom Porter, 2. Son, William Porter, 3. Daughter, Elizabeth J. Butler, 4. Daughter, Mary Autry, 5. Daughter, Jemima Coore, 6. Daughter, Delilah Hair, 7. Grandson, John Porter, 8. Grandson, Samuel Porter, 9. Granddaughter, Sophia Porter, 10.



Son, Samuel Porter, and 11. Daughter, Ann Hinson.

His son John Porter, Jr. is not named in the will because he died (about 1786) before the will was written. John Porter's wife (Elizabeth \_?) was not named in the will and it is likely she died before the will was written. Jerome concluded that if the father of the Henry Porter listed above was from Sampson County, it would likely be John Porter's son, Absalom Porter. However, the letter referenced earlier that I received from my mother in 1980 indicated that relatives had told her that her GG grandfather (who we know now to be Henry Porter) came from Ireland and that he arrived on a raft with his wife and livestock near Kelly's Cove on the Cape Fear River in Frenches Creek Township, Bladen County. Therefore more research is planned to determine if he arrived in Sampson County from Ireland.

Wayne Atkinson  
Brandon, MS

## Querries/Letters to the Editor

I can't tell you how much I enjoy your bulletins. All of my mothers people came from NC; Coopers, Petersons, Horns and Corbetts. Enclosed is my money for bulletin for year 2007.

Mina Muse,  
South Jordan UT

Dear Ms. Wrench: I would like to join The Sampson County Historical Society for 2007. Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 for membership fees. I was recruited by Jerome Tew whom I met at the NC Archives last week during a chance meeting while both of us were doing research.

Amom H. Harris, Jr.  
Springfield, VA

Dear Sir Please continue my subscription to your much enjoyed publication, "Huckleberry Historian".

I was raised near Newton Grove on my grand father's farm. My grand father was Thomas Royal, wife Authenia Williams, daughter of John Calvin Williams. I enjoyed your write up on a branch of Royals around Clinton, but they were not kin to me as my Royal clan came from Conway, SC. I have come across a lot of people that I do know in your write ups.

Keep up the good work.

Pasty Riffell,  
Newport News, VA

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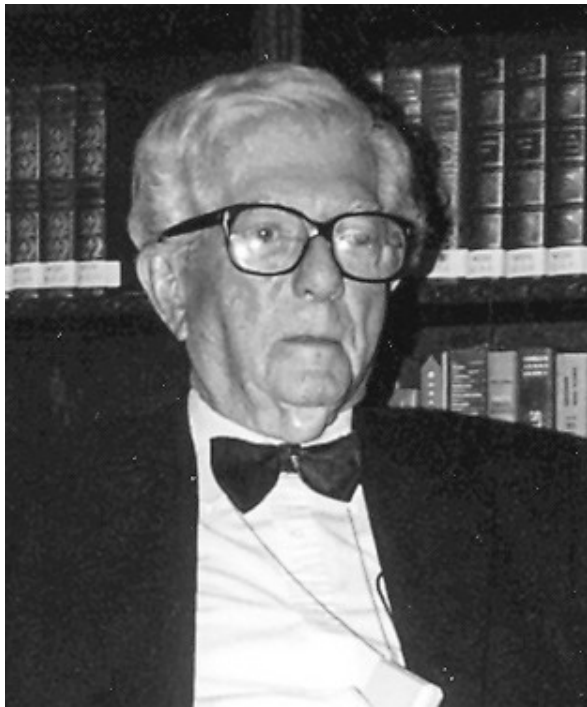
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# Dr. William Dallas Herring

March 5, 1916, January 5, 2007



Dr. Dallas Herring

*Dr. Dallas Herring, often referred to as North Carolina's greatest spokesman for education in the twentieth century, and a man who made a significant contribution to the establishment and development of the N.C. community colleges, died quietly of natural causes, January 5, 2007. He was 90.*

During his outstanding career in education, including two decades as chairman of the State Board of Education, Herring dealt with many challenges as the state faced sensitive chapters in their history as they took steps to integrate public schools. Facing these turbulent years he devoted his energies to expanding educational opportunities for all North Carolinians. "Herring's Hearth" in Rose Hill, N.C. where Dr. Herring was born in 1916, remained his home all the days of his life. It was here he would establish the McEachern Library of Local History. Today it boasts well over 4,000 books, a multitude of historical files, 36,000 index cards and documents genealogical references that stretch from N.C. to Texas; from Scotland's highlands to the green hills of Ireland and beyond. This was to be the love of his life.

Here, almost in a world apart, tucked into the

middle of this small town lived the gentleman who opened his library and his life to all from far and near. Herring, ever the historian, walked them through the centuries and guided thousands patiently in their search for their roots.

Herring's warm personal style and natural talent for leadership landed him the office of Rose Hill mayor at the age of 23, making him the youngest mayor in the nation. He would serve his small town successfully for 12 years, seeing to the construction of a town hall, public works system, fire department, paved streets and sidewalks.

Early in 1951 he served as the chairman of the Duplin County Board of Education. After overseeing successful consolidation of the county's numerous small schools into seven high schools; educational costs improved and the opportunities for children to receive a higher degree of learning in created.

Governor Hodges appointed Herring to the State Board of Education in 1956; as chairman he would devote his energies to expanding opportunities for all North Carolinians. By 1961 there were five public junior colleges and by 1963, through joint efforts with Governor Terry Sanford, the General Assembly established the North Carolina Community College system. Dr. Herring is considered the father of the 58 campus community colleges that successfully educated over 8000,000 students last year alone. Governor Hodges would later describe this quiet unassuming man as an "educational giant."

Dr. Herring with his calm reassuring ways, dark suit, white shirt, bow tie and courtly manners, bore his 90 years lightly. He was an educator, a statesman, a writer, a painter, a historian, a genealogist, and the president of a local company. His awards are legendary. Yet perhaps his greatest gift was his love for his fellow man. In a recent conversation he recalled one of his fondest memories; an elderly black minister who could neither read nor write, grasp his hand firmly and thanked him for the opportunity to learn. "Now, I can read the Bible. And Mr. Dallas I learned at your college."

And so the faces that have brushed the pages of Dr. Herring's life have added rich stories of beginnings and endings that will only continue to reach out and offer the opportunity to learn and grow for generations yet to come.

Micki Cottle

# The House with Nobody in It

*Whenever I walk to Suffern along the Erie track  
I go by a poor old farmhouse with its shingles broken and black.  
I suppose I've passed it a hundred times, but I always stop for a minute  
And look at the house, the tragic house, the house with nobody in it .*

*I never have seen a haunted house, but I hear there are such things;  
That they hold the talk of spirits, their mirth and sorrowings.  
I know this house isn't haunted, and I wish it were, I do;  
For it wouldn't be so lonely if it had a ghost or two.*

*This house on the road to Suffern needs a dozen panes of glass,  
And somebody ought to weed the walk and take a scythe to the grass.  
It needs new paint and shingles, and the vines should be trimmed and tied;  
But what it needs the most of all is some people living inside.*

*If I had a lot of money and all my debts were paid,  
I'd put a gang of men to work with brush and saw and spade.  
I'd buy that place and fix it up the way it used to be,  
And I'd find some people who wanted a home and give it to them free.*

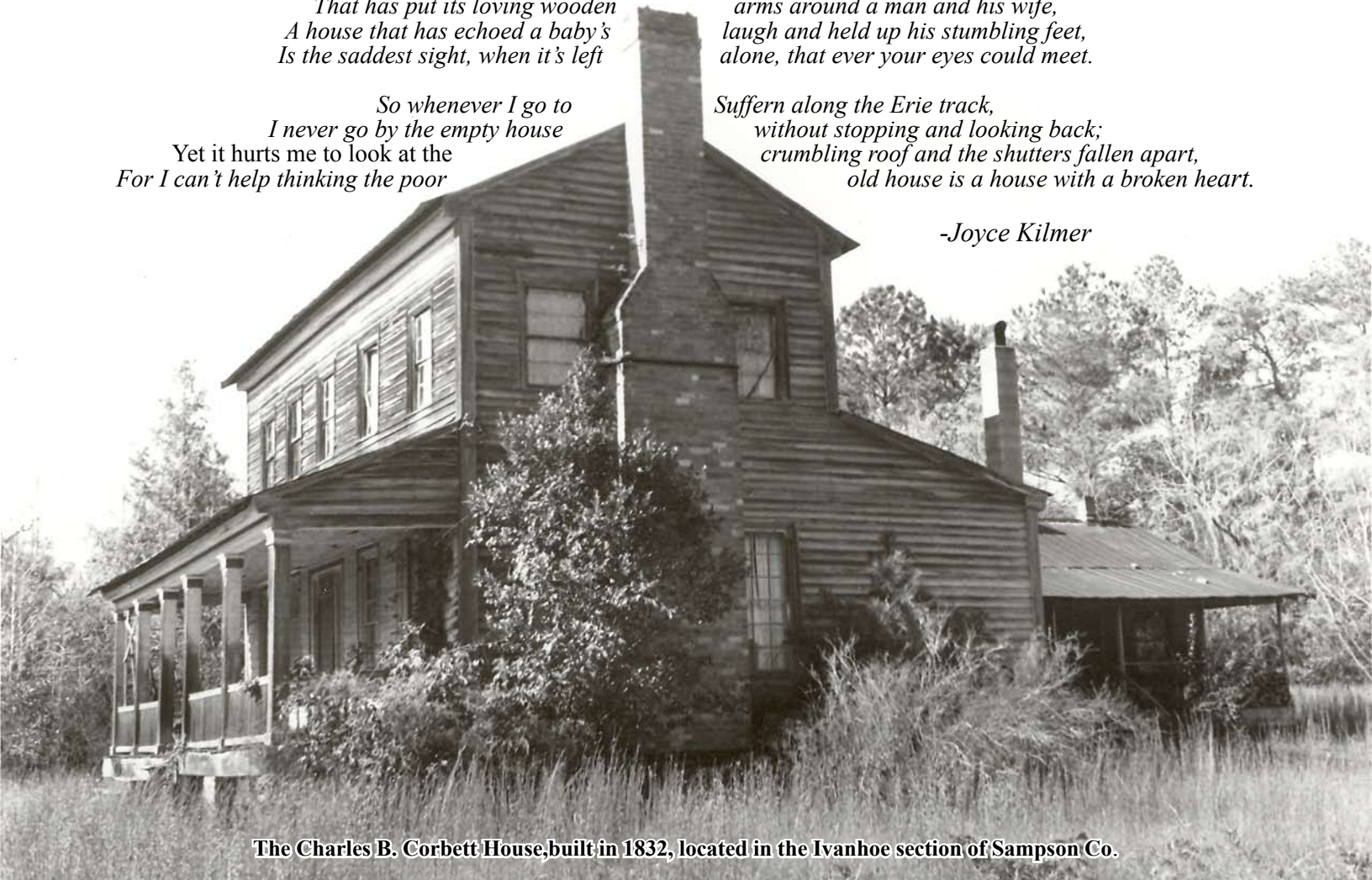
*Now a new house standing empty, with staring window and door,  
Looks idle, perhaps, and foolish, like a hat on its block in the store.  
But there's nothing mournful about it; it cannot be sad or lone  
For the lack of something within it that it has never known.*

*But a house that has done what a house should do, a house that has sheltered life,  
That has put its loving wooden arms around a man and his wife,  
A house that has echoed a baby's laugh and held up his stumbling feet,  
Is the saddest sight, when it's left alone, that ever your eyes could meet.*

*So whenever I go to  
I never go by the empty house  
Yet it hurts me to look at the  
For I can't help thinking the poor*

*Suffern along the Erie track,  
without stopping and looking back;  
crumbling roof and the shutters fallen apart,  
old house is a house with a broken heart.*

*-Joyce Kilmer*



**The Charles B. Corbett House, built in 1832, located in the Ivanhoe section of Sampson Co.**

# WILLIAM HONEYCUTT CEMETERY

The William Honeycutt cemetery is located in Honeycutts Township. The cemetery is located off a dirt path which is off Huntley School Road. From Salemburg take Highway 242 north for 3.3 miles. Turn left onto Reeda Branch Road and go for 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Huntley School Road (north) and go for 1.5 miles. OR from Hall's Store at the intersection of High House and Maxwell Roads, drive east on High House Road 1 1/3 miles to Huntley School Road and turn right. Go 1.5 miles down that road. Just beyond the fifth house on the right is a little dirt road to your right. This is a private road and you will need to get permission from Phil Fann to go to the cemetery. With Phil's permission, drive past an old tobacco barn. The cemetery is in the woods and not visible from the dirt path. If you go as far as the gravel/sand pit, you've gone too far. A wide path has now been cleared from the dirt path to the cemetery.



**This cleanup took place on November 25, 2006. Crew members were Robert Honeycutt (great-grandson), Jerry and Hubert Honeycutt (brothers and great-great-grandsons), Kyle Hall (great-great-grandson) and wife Sue, and Phyllis Hall Kelly (great-great-granddaughter) and husband Buddy.**



Graveyard before cleanup Project



Graveyard after cleanup project

The big stone in the center of the fence was erected by the Honeycutt Reunion and Emmett Edgerton, Jr., and his son, Cecil. There are individual stones for:

- William Honeycutt, born 1814 and died August 9, 1877; and his wife, Molsay Tew Honeycutt, died October 1883 about the age of 60.
- Miles Coston Honeycutt, born November 3, 1838, and died March 14, 1896, son of William and Molsay and husband of Jennett Eliza Tew Honeycutt.
- Beulah Florence Honeycutt, born November 24, 1899, and died November 30, 1990, daughter of George William Honeycutt and wife Emma Forrest Malloy Honeycutt
- Two other infant children of George and Emma Honeycutt According to family members still living in the neighborhood, there are at least three other burials and possibly more there:
- Rob Gary Draughon, born in 1915 to Eddie and Isabelle Draughon
- Two infants of Horace Fann and Cleo Honeycutt Fann

As far as I have been able to determine, this patriarch of this cemetery, William Honeycutt (affectionately known in our family as “Will in the Woods”), is the grandson of the first Honeycutt (whose name was also William – we call him Big Will) in Sampson County. The first land transaction in what is now Sampson County to a Honeycutt was to this Grandfather “Big Will” William on July 14, 1778, while it was still Duplin County. The Honeycutts soon grew in such numbers and accumulated enough land that a township was named for them.

**Phyllis Hall Kelly**

## Queries/Letters to Editor

I very much enjoyed my first visit to SCHS this past Saturday. I am hoping someone may be able to help me find the parents of my ancestors, Ezekiel Hawes and wife, Bethany Vann Hawes that once lived in Sampson County. Here is what I know: Ezekiel was born 1759 New Hanover Co. Bethany Vann b. abt. 1779, place unknown. According to his pension papers, A. D. Vann witnessed their marriage in Sampson C. 1797, at the home of his father. In 1776 Ezekiel became a volunteer with New Hanover Militia, 1779 enlisted in Bladen Co. and then in 1781, then residing in Duplin Co. entered as a private in a troop of Duplin Volunteer Cavalry under Capt. William Vann.

The following deeds lend information about people they knew and places they lived: Land Grant 1791: "100 acres on west side of Black River & includes part of Sugar Loaf Hills Plantation". Deed: Jacob Johnson to Ezekiel 1792, "situate west of Black River between Devane's and Lyon's lines on the head of Devane's Marsh", "near Griffins Branch", "was granted to Maurice Fennel". Witness: Isaac Portivent & William Johnson. Deed: Richard Sessions to Ezekiel, 1792, "west side of Black River between the said Richard Sessions and \_\_\_." Witness: William Sanford & David Dodd. Deed: Samuel Elkins to Ezekiel, 1785, "west side of Six Runs", "to a gum on Meary Branch," "granted to William Adkinson". Witness: William Vann & Joseph Register. Deed: Ezekiel to Samuel Portivent, 1796, two tracts, "west side of Black River & in the head of Devane's Marsh", second tract, "tree on Enoch Herrings line". Witness: Isaac Portivent & Gabriel Herring. Deed: Ezekiel to William Vann, 1803, "West line of Six Runs and joins the lands of said William Vann", "to Samuel Elkins line", "to a pine on the corner of the land that Charity Vann now lives", "agreed corner of William Vann & Aaron Peterson". Witness: Enoch Vann & William Robinson. I also know that after this they moved to Columbus County and then on to Kemper County, MS. I also know they named their first and second born John and Stephen Vann Hawes, therefore that may be the names of their fathers.

I would be grateful for any information on this and also to more accurately pin point the location. I believe it is between and west of Taylor's Bridge and Delway but would like to be a little more precise. Thank you,

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**Researching Wright Williamson family.** Wright was a farmer in south Sampson Co. in the 1790s and early 1800s; court minutes reveal his assignments to road and river work. He purchased land in 1799 from Benjamin Williamson. His will, probated in 1820, listed wife Charity and children Mary, Ollen, William, Burrell, and Owen. Burrell Williamson, covered in the Sampson County Heritage Book, has relatives still living in Sampson Co. Ollen's will, probated

in 1861, lists wife Ann J. and children Henry G, Lucinda, William Wright, Hepsey, and Sarah. William Wright Williamson is believed to be my Great Grandfather William W. or W.W. Williamson, married to Nancy "Ann." Census records for 1880 show William W. Williamson living in Newton Grove. William W.'s son Henry Gaston Williamson farmed in Sampson Co., then was a land speculator in Mt. Olive, then moved to Goldsboro after his wife died. William W. and Henry Gaston Williamson and wives are buried in Mt. Olive. I'm concentrating on Ollen Williamson's family but interested in Wright Williamson, his ancestors, and his descendants

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Dear Ms. Wrench: Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$10.00 to renew my membership to SCHS. Please know how much I enjoy the newsletter and I hope to attend a meeting sometime during 2007 to visit with everone.

My Wright, Rackley, and Fowler ancestors were in Duplin County by about 1740 and resided in the area which became Sampson County.

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Faircloth and Lockerman families in the neighborhood then and most seemed to be my relatives somehow.

My Dad accepted a job offer in Philadelphia and we moved to New Jersey in 1967. My Dad told my grandmother that we would be back in two years, but we weren't. I graduated from High School and College while living in New Jersey. Before my College Diploma was signed, Donna Knorr a New Jersey girl and I were married. Six weeks later we arrived in Anchorage, Alaska so I could start a job with the federal government. We told ourselves that we could live in Alaska for three years and move someplace else, but we didn't. We still own my grandparent's and one of my great grandparent's farms. Those Sampson County farms are always a part of any discussion Donna and I have about retirement. I visit the farms and family members in the area as often as possible (3 times last year). I spent quite a bit of my last visit looking at records in the basement of Sampson County Court House. I am currently working on the Lewis Spell, Jacob Crumpler, John Faircloth, Samuel Porter and James Butler family histories, all were early residents of Sampson County (late 1700s and early 1800s).

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### NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING

**SATURDAY April 14th 2:00 PM**

**We meet at the Piggly Wiggly Restaurant  
Located in the Jordan Shopping Center (bus. 701) Clinton, NC.  
The meeting room is upstairs.**

### SUE CANNADY BAREFOOT

**Telling the Story**

### **Barefoot and Cannady Family Histories**

Our speaker for the April 14, 2007 meeting is Sue Cannady Barefoot. She is relatively new to the field of genealogy and is a Sampsonian born and bred. The last 9 years she has had the pleasure of studying, learning and experiencing from the best local historians how to research and compile family history. With this new found knowledge and with the help of those friends she refers to as her "genie bugs", she has written Barefoot Families of the South and Cannady and Related Families. Each of these family histories begins in the mid 1650s and brings each family up to present day. She will touch on how important it is to follow the documentation not what has been handed down from past generations. Also, she will give tips on how to research data and touch on a few experiences she has encountered over the years.



**Membership payment of \$10.00 covers the period of January through December and includes a hard copy of the Huckleberry Historian. If joining during the year you will receive all back issues of the HH for the current year. The number by your name (John Doe 07) on the mailing label indicates the year that you are paid through.**

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