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Preserving the Past...For the Future

Braswell of Virginia and North Carolina

Wow!!

My Nama just told me that 120 of my lifetimes ago one of my families lived in Virginia, and served a famous church. I know that is important because I was flying through the kitchen on outstretched arms, just out of reach of my one year old brother — when she told me. I am only three years old, but I will still remember what she recounts to me. Nama relates these stories to Mason and me because she hopes that it may instill in her grandchildren a greater respect for those who gave them life.

It seems the story begins with Robert, the son of Richard Bracewell. Robert Bracewell (Braswell) was born in St. Andrew Parish, Holon, London, England. Robert was christened Oct 13 and baptized on Oct 18, 1611.

Robert Bracewell, son of Richard Bracewell of London, England, Gentleman, likely attended the London Grammar School for the merchant class. He entered Hart Hall at Oxford University February 22, 1627, at age fifteen and graduated with an A.B.Degree, known today as Bachelor of Arts in Holy Orders, November 3, 1631.

The Reverend's early life in England is not known; however it can be surmised that with the Civil War in England, which in no small measure was a religious conflict; Robert Bracewell as an Anglican minister was in jeopardy. The execution of **King Charles I** by the

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DEATH OF HENRY L. WYATT OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Article dated June 11, 1861 and found in the June 19, 1861 issue of the Weekly Standard (npn:c:5)

Yorktown, VA
June 11th, 1861
HON. John W. Ellis,

Governor of North Carolina:

SIR: I have the honor to report that 800 men of my Regiment, and 300 Virginians, were engaged for five and a half hours with four and a half Regiments of the enemy, at

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Henry Lawson Wyatt

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We are looking for articles on the history and genealogy of the North Carolina counties of Person, Vance, Granville, Franklin, Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, Beaufort, Warren, Halifax and Wilson which are the northeastern North Carolina counties through which the Tar River and feeder creeks flow.

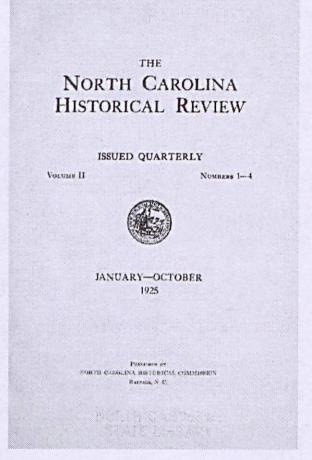
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"When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from." – Carle Sandburg

TRAVEL THE QUILT TRAILS OF THE TAR RIVER

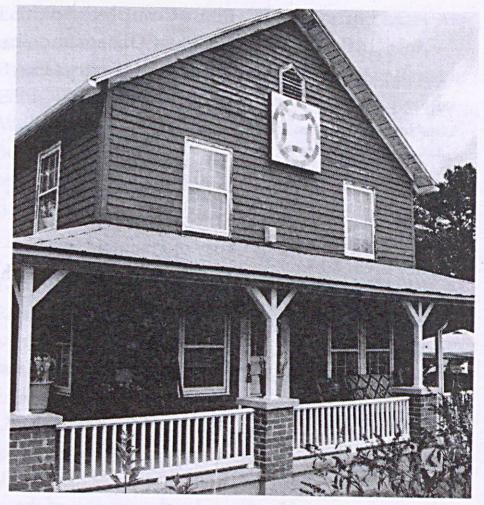
Back in the old days when US Highway 1 was the main north south route on the east coast, there was a spot in Vance County where a fence ran across the highway. Drivers had to stop and let themselves through a gate in the fence at the point that it crossed the dirt road that was US 1. The area to the south of this fence was subject to the Fence Law, which stated that farm animals had to be kept fenced in, and on the north side farm animals could roam freely.

There was one other road with such a fence across it, but on US 1 in Vance County the fence intersected the highway at a place called Gill Siding. In 1947 a two story general store was built at Gill Siding and today that historic building houses a Quilting Studio owned by Charles and Debbie Lou Powell. Mrs. Powell teaches quilting classes in the studio, which also serves as a home base for the Quilt Trails of the Tar River.

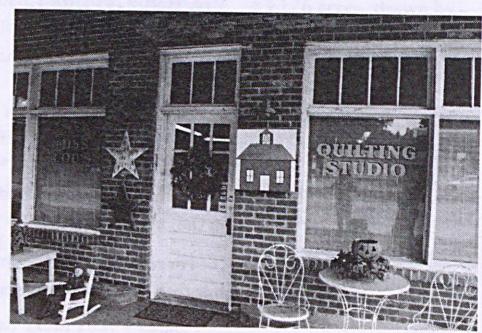
Fashioned after Quilt
Trails of Western North
Carolina and other parts of
the country, the Quilt Trails
of the Tar River currently
covers a 6 county region and
highlights vibrant, colorful
quilt blocks that are promi-

nently displayed on buildings. The wooden blocks are found on homes, businesses or farm buildings and portray an image relating a story about the family, land, community or building. Quilt blocks are chosen from established patterns and can be described as one simple piece of a puzzle to bring together a message of cultural or historical significance.

With over 20 quilt blocks installed so far in Vance, Franklin, Granville and Wake counties, the Quilt Trails of the Tar River is in its infancy. Several more are under construction and the trail's area also includes Nash and Warren Counties. Over time, more counties will be added to include the entire Tar River region. By comparison, the Quilt Trails of Western North Carolina has over 250 blocks in a 7 county region, but our local quilt trail is well organized and poised for growth. The Massachusetts Quilt Guild is currently using the Tar River trail as an example of how to set up a quilt trail. With the deep family roots and a vast number of historical buildings in our area, the Quilt Trails of the Tar River has excellent potential for expansion.



Double Wedding Ring Charles and Debbie Powell



Schoolhouse Miss Lou's Quilting Studio

Today every state has a quilt trail. Vacations are planned around viewing the trails and they bring visitors and tourist dollars to the region. They also serve to highlight the history, arts or other cultural features of their region. Cruising along a quilt trail is a reason to get in the car, hit the highway for a relaxing drive and view pieces of Americana. They give us a reason to get off the interstate and

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"THE
CELEBRATION
WILL TAKE THE
FORM OF A
TRIPLE EVENT"

FRANKLIN READY FOR CELEBRATION

Plans Complete For Greatest Observance in County's History: Expect 20,000

Louisburg, July 2. - [1929] - Plans were complete tonight for the greatest celebration in the history of Franklin County—the observance of its 150th anniversary.

Twenty thousand persons are expected to attend the sesquicentennial celebration which will be held here on one of the most historic spots in the State under the auspices of the Franklin County Historical Commission. Mrs. Ben T. Holden, President, and Dr. B. T. Smithwith, Secretary and County Historian, have been active for months on the project and have associated scores of prominent Franklin citizens with them in the undertaking.

There speared no doubt but that the notable centennial celebration here 50 years ago would be dwarfed by Thursday's celebration.

Daniels to Speak.

Josephus Daniels, publisher of the News and Observer, will be the principal speaker at the exercises to be held in Mills High School Auditorium beginning at 10:15 o'clock. The exercises also will be featured b a historical pageant, written by Mrs. J. E. Malone, Sr., portraying the origin of Louisburg, its progress through the Civil War, during which the Stars and Bars were first hoisted at the intersection of the town's principal streets by Orren Randolph Smith, its designer and the present day town.

The celebration will take the form of a triple event—the sesquicentennial which properly fell on last February 12, the celebration of the nation's 153rd anniversary, and a general home-coming of Franklin's sons who went abroad in quest of fame and fortune.

To View Patrolmen

o'clock with a grand parade, led by 100 mounted marshalls under Chief Marshall Crawford Kearney, Mayor of Franklinton. Especial interest is being displayed in the preparation of 15 floats portraying historical incidents in the history of Franklin. Another feature of the parade will be the presence of four of the new

State Highway Patrolmen with Captain Charles D. Farmer and representatives of county, civic, historical and military organizations.

Following the exercises at the school there will be a barbecue given at Louisburg College by Sons of the American Revolution,
Daughters of the American Revolution, and The
Franklin County Historical Association for specially invited guests. A special program will be given by the S. A. R.

In the afternoon there will be music by ten community choirs, a golf tournament at the country club, and a baseball game between Oxford Orphanage and the Raleigh Methodist Orphanage teams.

Submitted by TRCGS member Janet Sadowski. Article taken from the Raleigh *News & Observer*, dated July 3, 1929



RICHARD BATCHELOR — THE EVIDENCE

RICHARD BATCHELOR SON OF JOSEPH & EDY "EDITH" BATCHELOR

In attempting to discover if Richard Batchelor owned the land where the Dick Batchelor Cemetery is located, I found proof of Richard Batchelor's parents. Many published sources indicate Richard Batchelor, born in 1842, was the son of **Berryman & Charity** Vick Batchelor. However, Nash County deeds and other records prove Joseph Batchelor, son of James Batchelor and Ann Tucker and Edy "Edith" Manning, daughter of Mathias Manning, III and Lucy Batchelor were the parents of Richard Batchelor. I could find no evidence that Richard's name was ever "William" Richard Batchelor.

Nash County, North Carolina Records and Civil War Records (In most cases, I have spelled names as found.)

11-14-1822 - Marriage Bond - Joseph Batchelor and Edy Manning.

2-20-1847 - Deed of Gift -

Eli Manning gives to "my beloved Cousin, Edy Batchelor, her two children, Lesann Elizabeth Batchelor & Richard B. S. Batchelor," the hogs and sheep in Joseph Batchelor's mark.

8-5-1850 - Census lists Joseph Bachelor, age 49, Edith, age 41, **Lethe A**., age 8 and **Romulus M.**, age 7. (Romulus is Richard.)

4-17-1852 - Deed Book 20, Page 291, Indenture made between Joseph Batchelor and John H. Drake for and in the sum of \$5.00 bargains and sells his undivided interest in whatever he has or may become entitled in right of his wife Edith Batchelor, the next of kin of Matthias Manning, late of the County. First pay off all debts and the balance shall consist of a trust fund for Edith Batchelor and the children ... to wit: Leica Ann Elizabeth Batchelor and Richard A. R. S. Batchelor.

10-1852 – Deed Book 14, Page 552, Division of land between the heirs of Mathias Manning (III), Edith's father. Lot #4, 298 acres, drawn by Joseph Batchelor for his wife Edith. In Edith Batchelor's Will, this land is eventually bequeathed to her daughter, Leitha Ann Elizabeth Batchelor.

1-6-1854 - Deed Book 22, Page 13, Division of land between the heirs of Mathias Manning (IV), Edith's brother. Lot #1, 127 2/3 acres, drawn by Joseph Batchelor in rights of his wife Eady.

1-1854 - Joseph Batchelor died. His death occurred after 1-6-1854.

6-30-1857 - Application for Marriage for Richard Batchelor and **Mary Abernathy**. They were married July 2, 1857 in Nash County.

Fall Term 1859 - Estate
Records. Bill of Complaint
of Edith Batchelor, Richard
Batchelor and Leacy Ann
Elizabeth Batchelor. This
Complaint indicates Joseph
Batchelor died January
1854 and that sometime in
1853, Joseph Batchelor,
husband of Edith Batchelor
and father of Richard

Batchelor and Leacy Ann Elizabeth Batchelor, made a Deed of Trust in which he appointed defendant, John H. Drake, Jr. a Trustee. They request John Drake to give a full accounting. Estate Records show Edy had received \$169.25 in years allowance 6-1-1854. These records indicate John H. Drake was a Doctor.

1-31-1860 - Deed Book 22, Page 113, Division of land between heirs of **Merritt Manning**, Edith's brother. Lot #3, 63 1/6 acres, drawn by Edith Batchelor (Lot #1 begins at a stake near "White Oak Meeting Place".)

7-3-1860 - Census lists Richard, age 18, and Mary, age 21, Martha W., age 1, and Jno R., age 1 month.

7-27-1860 - Census lists Edy Batchelor, age 49, and Lethy Ann Batchelor, age 20.

5-1-1861 — Civil War Records — Richard Batchelor enlisted in Company H, NC 12th

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Regiment.

7-1861 Will – **Edith** Batchelor refers to "my daughter, Leitha Ann Batchelor, and my son, Richard Batchelor". Item #4 bequeaths to the heirs of my son, Richard Batchelor a tract of land known as the land where Mathias Manning lived on at the time of his death and which was drawn by me in the division of the lands of Mathias and also the piece of land drawn by me from the estate of my brother, Merritt Manning containing 63 1/6 acres.

8-27-1861 - Civil War Records — Richard Batchelor, Company H, NC 12TH Regiment mustered out due to ill health.

1-1-1863 - Civil War Records — Roll of Honor indicates R. B. Batchelor, age 22, from Nash County, conscripted into Company A, 47th Infantry Regiment, NC.

10-14-1863 - Roll of Prisoners of War – showing name, "Richd Batchelor", Pvt., Co. A, 47 Reg. NC,

captured at Bristow Station. (Virginia)

10-27-1863 - R. B. Batchelor, Pvt., Co. A, 47 Reg. NC, transferred to Point Lookout, Md.

10-30-1864 - Paroled at Point Lookout, Md.

11-15-1864 - Exchanged at Venus Point, Ga.

8-24-1869 - Deed Book 24, Page 27. Deed of Gift -Edith Batchelor to "children of my son, Richard Batchelor and the heirs that he may hereafter have lawfully...." Children born and listed at that time were: Martha Wright, John Richard, Sarah Ann Edith, Joanna and **Mary Ransom** Batchelor. Edith conveys two tracts of land, one containing 111 acres "known as the place where Matthias Manning formerly lived and died". The 2nd tract 63 3/4 acres drawn by Merritt Manning in the division of the estate of Matthias Manning; upon condition that the said children allow their father to have the use and benefits of the said two tracts of land as long as he may desire and property at his death shall be his heirs.

8-16-1870 - Census lists Rida Batchler, age 28, Mary Batchler, age 31, Martha, age 12, John R, age 10, Sallie A, age 7, Joanna, age 5, Marry, age 4 and Senora, age 3 months.

6-14,15-1880 - Census lists Rich'd Batchelor, age 38, Mary, age 40, Martha, age 21, J. Anna, age 15, Mary, age 13, Harriett, age 11, Cora E., age 9, William, age 7, James, age 5, and Catherine, 2 months.

*August, 1888 Richard Batchelor died.

12-21-1888 — Orders & Decrees – Petition for Partition and Decree for Petition, File #408. Page 43 states "Richard Batchelor late of Nash County died last August". Petition names Richard Batchelor's heirs: Sally A. Batchelor, Martha A. Batchelor, John R. Batchelor, Joe Annie Joyner, Mary R. Batchelor, Harriett S. Joyner, Cora E. Batchelor, William S. Batchelor, Jas. Willy Batchelor, Lutora Batchelor and Geo. W.

Batchelor; his only children and heirs at law. This petition also indicates the last named seven children are under the age of 21.

12-31-1888 — Orders & Decrees - Report of Commissioners, File 408, pages 46 - 49, divides 2 separate tracts of land. 1st tract lying in Coopers Township containing 129 acres more or less and 2nd tract being in Mannings Township containing 63 acres more or less – both containing 192 acres more or less. Tracts divided between the 11 heirs of Richard Batchelor. Lot 1, Cora E. Joyner; Lot 2, James W. Batchelor; Lot 3, George W. Batchelor; Lot 4, Martha Batchelor; Lot 5, William J. Batchelor; Lot 6, Lutora Batchelor; Lot 7, Joanna Joyner; Lot 8, John R. Batchelor; Lot 9, Mary R. Batchelor; Lot 10, Harriet S. Joyner; Lot 11, S. A. Batchelor.

6-21-1900 - Census lists
Mary Batchelor, age
60, Head of House and
widowed. Loutona, age
18 and George
Batchelor, age 16.

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4-20-1910 - Census lists

Mary Balshela, mother,
age 73, living with John

R., age 50, his wife, Mary

A., age 40 and their children.

1-9-1920 - Census lists J. R. Batchelor, age 59 and his wife, Mary, age 50 and 3 children. John Richard's mother, Mary, is no longer listed; therefore, she must have died after 4-20-1910, but, before 1-9-1920.

This evidence proves:

(1) Richard (A. R. S.) (B. S.) Batchelor was son of Joseph Batchelor and Edy "Edith" Manning Batchelor.

- (2) The Dick Batchelor
 Cemetery is located on
 the land drawn by Joseph Batchelor 1-61854 in the division of
 the lands of Edith's
 brother, Mathias
 Manning.
- (3) In her Will, Edith leaves this land to the heirs of Richard Batchelor.
- (4) Richard died in August, 1888.

The evidence is unclear if Richard Batchelor that served in Company H, 12th Regiment and Company A, 47th Regiment are the same person.

I want to thank Ava Ward for encouraging me to write an article for the Nash County Heritage Book; and in the process, learn about my ancestors. She has been of tremendous help in sharing information and supporting me. I want to thank Tim Rackley for teaching me how to find "evidence" and giving his time in helping me with my numerous questions. Tim demonstrates that in "Following the Lands" (supplemented by other records) you may find your answers and maybe a few surprises.

Article written and submitted by TRCGS member Debbie Tant Strickland.

Great-greatgranddaughter of Richard and Mary "Polly"
Abernathy Batchelor,
great-granddaughter of
Senora Harriett
Batchelor and Neverson "Neb" Monroe
Joyner and granddaughter of Allie Roselle Joyner and Alfred Aaron
Deans.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STANDARD: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1859.

DIED,

In Nash county, near Rocky Mount, on the 10th inst., Mrs. Alice B., wife of Joshua Watson, Esq., in the 57th year of her age. Mrs. Watson possessed, in an eminent degree, those noble qualities and christian virtues which adorned her pathway through life, and rendered her a useful member of society. Kind, affectionate and benevolent, the friend and comforter of the poor and afflicted, her death has left a void which can never be filled, and falls heavily upon the wounded hearts of her sorrowing family. She has left a bright example and a good name.

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In Greene count, N. C., of inflamation of the bowels, on Tuesday the 7th inst., Nancy Cornelia, daughter of Jas. R. and Mary Warters, aged two years eight months and eighteen days. Our dear Neala was like the opening bud in spring, unfolding its beauty and loveliness as days and menths increase. She has been taken from the evil in the world unto the city of the living God.

No more this pleasant child is seen To please its parent's eye, The tender plant so tresh and green Is in eternity.

N. D.

Gold.—Mr. Glenn, member of the House of Commons from Franklin county, states, in a communication in the last Raleigh Star, that at Portis's mine, in Franklin county, a few days ago, one of the hands found a lump of gold weighing twelve pounds. He adds, 'this mine promises to be the richest and most extensive, of any yet discovered in the U. States.'

Article from North Carolina Free Press, Tarboro, NC, January 3, 1832 submitted by TRCGS member Danny Bunn. At today's price of \$1,285 per ounce, the "nugget" would be valued at approximately \$246,720

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Puritans on Jan 30, 1649 compelled Reverend Bracewell to join the company of loyalist cavaliers, and flee to Virginia. Robert Bracewell came to the Isle of Wight, Virginia at about the age of 38. He was a witness to an agreement between Ambross A. Bennett and Thomas W. Webb for the use of a mill and adjacent one acre of land on April 29, 1650. He evidently purchased 300 acres of land from Capt. John Upton, for Capt. Upton in his will dated Nov 18, 1651, stated that 300 acres of land out of a tract of 1600 given to his children, was sold to Robert Bracewell, "Clarke".

As water was a most important means of transportation in colonial times, most of the early settlers established themselves on some body of water or stream. So, too, Robert Bracewell's plantation was located on the Blackwater River, some miles south of the James River, a few miles northwest of where the town of Smithfield, Isle of Wight County, Virginia now stands. Robert's neighbor, Colonel Joseph Bridger, owned White

Marsh Plantation not far from the church. Bridger likely appointed Robert Bracewell vicar, of St. Luke's church. Bridger was a member of the King's Council of State, Sir William Berkeley's group that controlled Virginia affairs. His remains are marked by one of the ancient marble tombstones in the chancel of St. Luke's.

In 1653 the Reverend Robert Bracewell was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses. At this time in history separation of church and state was the subject of much agitation both in Europe and America. According to the records of the 1653 session of the House of Burgesses, "It is ordered that Mr. Robert Bracewell (cleric) be suspended since it is unpresidential and may produce bad consequences" (William Waller Hening, The Statutes at Large...of Virginia, I. pg. 376/378) St. Luke's Anglican Church; also called the "Old Brick" Church- is located two miles from the present day Smithfield, Virginia on Route 10. It is the oldest existing church of English foundation in America and the nation's only surviving Gothic

building. By tradition and recollection of the first Vestry Book, the church is dated to 1632. It closely relates to the Tower Church at Jamestown, dated circa 1638/39. Robert Bracewell's pastorate, known as Lawne's Creek Parish, was changed to Southwarke Parish in 1737. On Feb 15, 1667, Robert Bracewell wrote his will (Isle of Wight, VA Will & Deed Book I, Vol. 2, p. 81). He left 3 cows to daughter, Jane Stokes and her children; cows and calves to daughter Rebecca West; a heifer to servant Elizabeth Hall when free; one cow to daughter Ann Bagnall; and the rest of the estate to sons Robert and Richard. He appointed his friends, Richard Izard and George Gwillen (Welsh for Williams) guardians of the minor children and Robert and Richard were to "be putt to schoole until they cann both write and read". An inventory of his property included 63 livestock, a servant boy, a library worth 500 pounds of tobacco, a sloop, a mill being built, silverware, etc. the value of his estate was 35,800 pounds of tobacco*. He left 700 acres which included his home

and plantation; and 600 acres at the Western Branch of the Nansemond River to be equally divided between his sons, Robert and Richard. This will was proven in open Court for the Isle of Wight, the first day of May 1668 and then recorded. Reverend Robert Bracewell's will proved he had at least five children—Jane Stokes, Rebecca West, Robert Jr, Richard, and Ann Bagnall. The children, customarily listed first in their order of birth, were Jane and Rebecca who had married and had children of their own, and mentioned ahead of their younger, unmarried brothers. Ann is mentioned last. History does not tell when Richard Bracewell's converted from Anglican to the Society of Friends, but it was no later than Xber 9, 1674, as noted on a deed signed by Richard and Sarah Valentine Bracewell, in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. By custom his children also changed from the church of their grandfather to Quakerism, and by the rules of their new faith, later married only Quakers. Two of the Reverend Robert Bracewell's sons-in -law led military companies in Bacon's Rebellion of 1676. Robert Stokes,

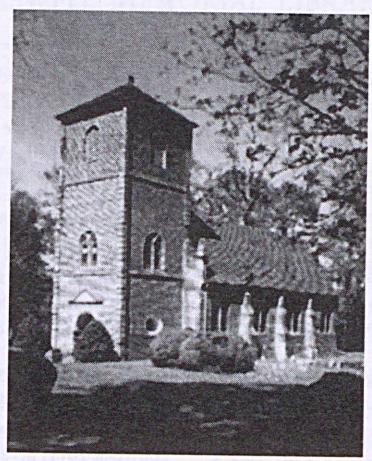
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husband of Jane Bracewell, his eldest daughter, was captured and hanged; William West husband of Jane's sister, Rebecca was captured, but escaped from a prison ship anchored in Hampton Roads, while awaiting execution. The Rev Robert Bracewell's son, Richard wrote his will on July 28, 1724/5. This will was proven in Isle of Wight County, VA on May 26, 1735 as seen in The Great Book #2, P.174. Richard and Sarah Braswell had nine children: Richard, Ann, Robert, Valentine, William, Martha, Jane, John and Jacob. Shortly after 1700, most of Richard and Sarah's family drifted southward into North Carolina, in search of fresh lands for tobacco cultivation. They settled along Albemarle Sound and the lower Tar River valley now Edgecombe and Nash counties. In 1711 William Bracewell and his wife Mary were in Chowan County, NC. He was the first of his family to move to North Carolina from Isle of Wight. John, Richard Jr., Robert and William Braswell were residents of the upper part of Chowan Precinct as of April 11, 1720.

Jacob Braswell, a younger son of the first Richard Braswell of Isle of Wight County, Virginia was the first Braswell in the

her father Richard Braswell dated July 28, 1724/25. Ann Braswell and Mathew Strickland's fourth son -Joseph Strickland born



St. Luke's Church (also called "Old Brick") is the nation's only original Gothic church and the oldest existing church of English foundation in America.

then Edgecombe County,
North Carolina. He received a grant of 284 acres
of land north of the Tar
River near Swift Creek in
Edgecombe County in
1728. He also patented 528
acres north of the Tar
River in 1729.

We however, will follow our ancestry through Ann Braswell, daughter of Richard Braswell and wife Sarah Valentine.
She married Mathew Strickland in the Isle of Wight County, Virginia about 1705. Ann Braswell is mentioned in the will of

In Isle of Wight Co., Virginia about 1711 married (1) Frances in Isle of Wight County about 1732; (2) Elizabeth in Edgecombe Co., North Carolina after Oct ,1771.

John Strickland were witnesses to a deed made between William Powell to James Milliken on November 7,1729 on "NS Roanoke River on the Beverdam Branch". Joseph Strickland is referenced as owning property on the Southside of the Maherring River on Oc-

tober 17, 1739. Sometime before 1746, he has relocated to Edgecombe County and with his wife, Frances, is selling his property in Isle of Wight County. Joseph was a constable in Edgecombe County and was relieved of this duty on May 22, 1746. Joseph and Frances Strickland's, third daughter, Elizabeth, married Ralph Mason.

Ralph and Elizabeth Strickland Mason had eleven children; the eldest was Marmaduke "Duke" Mason. Marmaduke "Duke" and his wife Rebecca D. Harris Mason had six children Henry, Coffield, Willie, Rebecca, Littleberry and Marmaduke "Duke" W. Mason. "Duke" kept the tradition of farming in the family, as well as a tax collector in 1812 in Capt. Joseph Arrington's Nash county tax district. "Duke" Sr., as he was called, was a Nash county constable from 1809-1813 and 1817-21.

Marmaduke "Duke" W.
Mason and Martha Ann
Turner were married on
February 21, 1849 in Nash
County. They had one son
- Henry C. and five
daughters – Sallie Ann
Walker, Margaret Jane,

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Mary Elizabeth, Martha "Pattie" and Ella Elizabeth Mason.

Ella Elizabeth Mason was born August 20, 1859 in Edgecombe County; she died on Sep 10, 1943 in Nash County, NC. Josiah Nelson Bone and Ella Elizabeth Mason were married on Jan 6, 1886 at the home of her parents; the now restored Mason-Wheeless House, on Highway 64 in Nashville. They had the following children: Minnie Lee, Kenneth Early and Joseph Garland Bone.

Kenneth Early Bone and Mary Margaret Elizabeth Roberson were married on Aug 14, 1942. Ella Margaret Bone, their only child, was born June 24, 1943 in Rocky Mount, NC. She married Frederick Holmes Cron, June 18, 1966 in Nashville, NC. They have two children, Diane Virginia Cron Nishwitz and Frederick Michael Cron and six grandchildren.

Sage Elizabeth Cron, the daughter of Frederick Michael Cron has related this story to us. Sage and her brother are 12 generation Bracewell / Braswell; and tenth generation of the Mason family to have lived in America.

Footnote to History: The Jamestown Memorial Church, Jamestown, Virginia, built adjacent to the old tower; was modeled after St. Luke's Church in Smithfield, Virginia. The Society of Colonial Dames of America presented the building, which cost \$6,000, to the APVA Preservation Virginia in 1907.

*Tobacco was the standard of value at the very time that the whole community was engaged in planting it. It was the money in which all the supplies, both domestic and imported, were purchased; in which the tax imposed by the public levy was settled; in which the tithables of the minister, the fees of the attorney, and the physician, the debts due the merchant the wages of the servant, the charges of the midwife and the grave-digger were paid.

Notes: Rev. Robert Bracewell / Braswell

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Written and submitted by TRCGS Member Frederick H. Cron

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CAN YOU HELP?

The following request comes from TRCGS Member C. Danny Moss. If you can help shed light on this family, please contact him directly at (828)484-8939.

I have found the graves of both of my greatgrandparents in Edgecombe County. The death certificate lists my great-grandfather's death as a homicide from a gunshot wound in the home of Mrs. Willie Gay but I am unable to locate any further information or news articles as to what happened.

Willie Nathaniel Gay b. 19 March 1898 d. 7 June 1934 was married to Mary Elizabeth Bradley b.27 March 1905 d. 29 July 1942 She remarried Hugh Sexton Wellons of Wayne county.

One rumor was Mary Bradley

shot and killed her husband and later married the warden of the prison where she was sent. Wellons did work for the Department of Correction according to the 1940 census.

Willie Nathaniel Gay was the son of Finner McCollins Gay of Gay's Crossroads (and country store) and Anzy Lanie Proctor. Anzy Lanie Proctor was the daughter of

Absolom Proctor, Jr and Anzelina Lany Moore (from the Bible collection).

As I am now moved it is harder for me to do any research on this. Anyone with previous research information, help and/or guidance would be greatly appreciated.



The following request comes from TRCGS Member Janet Sadowski. If you can help, please contact her directly at (919)649-4143.

I am retired from the North Carolina Highway Patrol and currently compiling information on the original 37 members of the Patrol as well as all members who have died in the line of duty. One aspect is to identify and find the graves for these members. I only have a few left to identify and need help on these two original members which were both from the Tar River area of North Carolina.

J. M. Reid was an original member of the NC Highway Patrol. In an old newspaper he is identified as "Jessie Reid" and in another he is listed as "J. A. Reid".

I do know he was from the Whittakers area in Nash County prior to joining the Patrol in 1929. He was a patrolman for a very short time (less than a year) and his first duty station was Wilmington, NC.

The original patrolmen were asked to be between 21 and 30 years old (born between 1899 and 1908) although I have found a few which were older; between 5'10" and 6'5" tall and required to have a high school diploma.

The second original patrolman has me completely baffled because I have so much information on him prior to 1933. His name is Gabriel Worth High—Born in Wilson in 1902 his father was George Thomas High and his mother was Nettie Batts. In

1909 his father died and in 1910 his mother died. The 1910 census he was living with his grandparents but his grandfather (W. L. Batts) died in 1911 and I lost him for a few years. He was next found in 1924 when he married Mary Elizabeth Nolly (b. 1905).

They had a daughter Lynda Arabella High (later Homes) born in 1925 and a son George Thomas High born in 1927. Both children are now deceased.

Gabriel Worth High joined the Highway Patrol in 1929.

In the 1930 census he and his family were living in Beaufort, Washington County, NC with his wife's brother. He is listed as a Patrolman.

He divorced his wife and remarried in 1933 to Olivia Irene Ballard (b. 1911).

In the 1940 census I find his first wife listed as divorced with the children and his second wife has remarried to Thomas J. York in Thomasville, NC.

Gabriel Worth High is gone.

I have search so hard for this patrolman and found his grand-son only to discover he never knew his grandfather or what became of him. He would like to know...and I would like to help him.

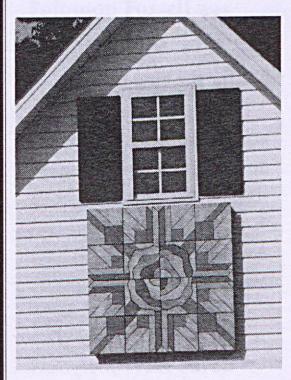
Do you have a brick wall and want to ask fellow members if they have any information or suggestions? Please send your information to the editor and we will include your questions in the newsletter.

Happy hunting...

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get into the history and people of this land, off the beaten path.

Just outside of Henderson in Vance County, the old general store at Gill Siding prominently displays 2 of the charming quilt blocks. Inside, in Miss Lou's Quilting Studio, Charles Powell coordinates the selfsupporting Quilt Trails of the Tar River. Initially started in 2010 as the vision of Steve and Teresa Filarsky, it is the only quilt trail in North Carolina west of the mountains. Many groups and local governments have partnered together to bring the quilt trail to this area and volunteer efforts and financial contributions help keep it going. Individuals and organizations have a unique opportunity to be a part of the trail by purchasing and displaying one of the quilt blocks.



Prairie Rose Rosenthall Family Home

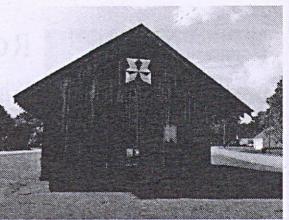
Putting up a quilt block is a great way to celebrate and highlight the history or family significance of your home, farm or building. The first step is to meet with Charles Powell and talk about the history of the family, home or business, people of the community and the area. In the studio there is a book with 5500 quilt block patterns and the next step is choosing a block that fits the theme you would like to convey. Blocks can also be customized. There is no duplication of blocks on the Quilt Trail of the Tar River, so your block will be unique on this trail.

Quilt blocks are available in 2x2, 4x4 or 8x8 sizes. The wooden block is prepared and then sent over to artists Kim Young or Margaret Hilpert to be painted and finished. The colors are done in a high quality outdoor paint and then a clear sealant is applied to make them last much longer than traditional paint on a house, potentially up to 15 years. Kim Young says that working with the outdoor paint presented some challenges at first, but they produce some beautiful work and she says the sealant (which is used in theme parks such as Disney World) really makes the block's colors pop.

block, Double Wedding Ring sits high on the Powell's two story building on Highway 1 and it was chosen to honor their 20th anniversary. The 2x2 block on the front of the quilting studio is called School House and is symbolic of the teaching of quilting classes and quilt clubs that meet there. The Powell's are the second owners of the property and the original general store was built by S.F. "Tic" White. By contrast, a modern home in rural Franklin County boasts the 4x4 quilt block known as Prairie Rose and was chosen to honor the name of the Rosenthal family that resides there. Franklin County's Vollmer Farm displays the only 8x8 block currently on the trail. The quilt block is named V and honors the 5 generations of the Vollmer family that worked that piece of land. The Vollmer Farm is a real showcase and offers a market, pick your own seasonal produce, and family entertainment as well as being a modern, working farm. These are some examples of how a quilt block can be chosen to share your story.

The dynamic 4x4 quilt

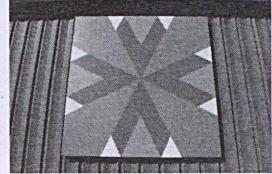
When talking with Charles Powell you can sense the enthusiasm he has for the area and the energy he and



Century of Progress Old Depot Building, Bunn, NC

many others bring to the table is what is driving the rapid growth and increasing interest of the Quilt Trails of the Tar River. The beauty and intrigue of the quilt blocks themselves and the history and charm of the region make the trail a destination or a good excuse for an outing. Come travel the trail and get a taste of the history, culture and people of the area and if you would like to make a lasting impact and share your story you may want to consider a block of your own.

Written and submitted by TRCGS Member Tammy Matthews



Vollmer Farm



ROCKY MOUNT DREAM HOME

When it was nearing time to release the 1948 comedy "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy, the studio had a novel promotion idea. The story features two harried New Yorkers who move to the country and get in over their heads trying to reno-

vate an old house. In what must have been one of the more elaborate promotional stunts of the time, RKO Pictures built 73 "dream houses" throughout the United States, including two in North Carolina, in Greensboro and Rocky Mount.

The dream houses were fully modern buildings, often equipped by General Electric, which used the opportunity to show off many of their new products. The houses were open to public tours for about a month, often with the price of admission going to local charities. They were later sold by raffle.

The dream house in Rocky

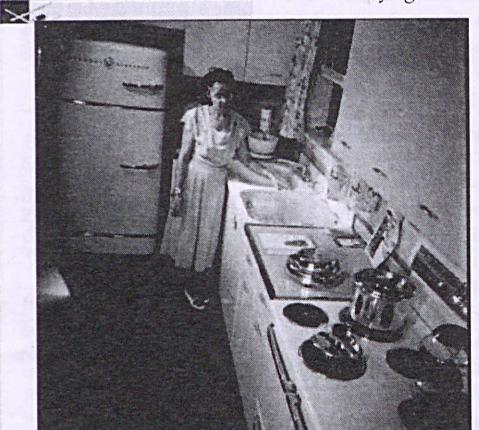
Mount was located at 1515 Lafayette Avenue. According to the 1950 Rocky Mount city directory, the house was originally owned by Samuel L. Arrington. Local photographer Albert Rabil photographed the interior of the house, probably around the time of its opening. Rabil's photographs are preserved in the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, and many of them are available on DigitalNC, including twelve showing the interior of the dream house.

Thank you to Local History Librarian **Traci Thompson** at the Braswell Memorial Library for providing information about the Rocky Mount dream house and also for sending links to websites and articles with more information:

Posted by Nicholas Graham on July 19, 2013 at Digital NC for the blog post

http://digitalnc.org/blog/ mr-blandings-dream-house -rocky-mount-nc

Submitted by TRCGS Member Traci Thompson





Rocky Mount "Dream Home" as it currently stands at 1515 Lafayette Avenue

FUSSELL FAMILY

Nina Jean Fussell St. Clair and her sister Carrie Fussell are charter members of TRCGS. They are descendants of William and Elizabeth Fussell who lived in Yorkshire, England in the 1600's and had two sons, Solomon and Benjamin, who immigrated to Philadelphia in the early 1700's. Solomon remained in Pennsylvania but Benjamin went south to Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina then later to Duplin County, NC. The TRCGS Members were from the Benjamin line.

The following is information found on the internet from this Solomon's line. It is one of a number of interesting facts they found and hope you will find interesting as well.

Solomon Fussell was born in Yorkshire, England, 1704, son of William and Elizabeth Fussell, came to Pennsylvania and settled in Philadelphia about 1721. He married Susannah Coney, daughter of Jacob Coney and wife Barbara (daughter of William Clinkenbeard). Their son, William Fussell, born 1728, married at Abington, 1751, Sarah Longstreth, daughter of

Bartholomew and Ann, and about 1761 settled in Chester County; died 1803 or 1804 at Phonixville, and was buried at Pikeland Meeting. Sarah was born 1728-9, and died 1800. Their children were Susanna, b. 1/29/1753, married Aaron Dunkin; Bartholomew, b. 9/28/1754, d. 10/17/1838, near Yellow Springs, Chester Co., aged eighty-four; Solomon, b. 12/20/1755, d. 10/22/1793.

Bartholomew Fussell was born in Philadelphia; in his youth he moved with his parents to a farm near Phoenixville; at one time he lived in Montgomery County. A reminiscence of his early life which he related to Daniel Longstreth indicates the expedients made necessary by the hardships of the Revolution. At that time they made wooden buttons at Joseph Longstreth's, but had no wire for shanks, as none could be bought during the war. Bartholomew Fussell and John Fitch made wire out of an old brass kettle belonging to Joseph Longstreth, and so supplied their needs. He said that one morning he had turned, polished, and shanked a

gross of buttons before eleven o'clock.

He moved with his family to Maryland, and became a member of Little Falls (now Fallston) Meeting. He expected with the aid of his sons to do a great work in farming, but the evils of slavery made it impossible for anyone holding his inherited views to carry on the farm under southern conditions. In 1830 he returned to Chester County, and lived with his daughter, Esther Lewis. At the time of his death he was a member of Uwchlan Monthly Meeting. For many years he was a highly esteemed minister among Friends, and at his death a memorial of him was published. He died at his daughter's farm, being, as it was said, "young at eightyfour." His wife, who sur-

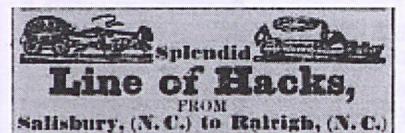
vived him many years, died

at the advanced age of ninety-nine years.

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This article pertaining to stage coach routes in the Tar River area appeared on page 4, The Western Carolinian, Salisbury, NC, dated February 6, 1936.

Miss Lillie M. McIntyre, first woman employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, died in Rocky Mount, N. C., June 8, 1949, at the age of 83. Miss Mc-Intyre entered the service of our company as telegrapher at Warsaw, N. C., June 20, 1887, and transferred to Rocky Mount, N. C., February 1, 1891. She was assistant accountant in the office of superintendent, Richmond district, when she retired from active duty, June 1, 1930. She was highly respected and loved by those of the community who knew her for her Christian character as it was reflected in her daily living.

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RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNES DAY, JANUARY 5, 1859.

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Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court met in this city on Thursday last, present Justices Pearson, Battle and Ruffin. We learn that the position of Chief Justice was tendered to Judge Ruffin, who declined it, and it was then bestowed upon Judge Pearson.

The following gentlemen were licensed to practice in the county courts of the State:

in the county courts of the State: Nathaniel Allen, Warren, Cicero F. Lyon, Hertford, Lucien D. Starke, Pasquotank, James L. Bail, Frank Vaughan, Jesse Wilson, Perquimans, Allen B. Parker, Harnett, Ed. Sanders Parker, Johnston, James Bulla, Randolph, Thomas N. Hill, Ilalifax, George W. Blount, Nash, Thomas S. Kenan, Duplin, Lewis W. Howard, New Hanover, Evander J. Melver, Moore, George Il. Gregory, Guilford, Hamilton C. Jones, Rowan, Samuel M. Brinson, Craven, Charles W. Spruili, Warren, P. Evans Spruill, Nathan S. Patterson, Franklin, John Ralston, Missouri.

HARRY LEWIS THOMPSON

Beloved Member of TRCGS gone to the Great History Classroom in the Sky



Harry Lewis Thompson of Windsor, NC died August 4th in Greenville, NC. He was born in Bertie County on April 28, 1934 to the late Roy V. and Hazel Speer Thompson and was predeceased by his wife of 58 years Loretta Baker Thompson.

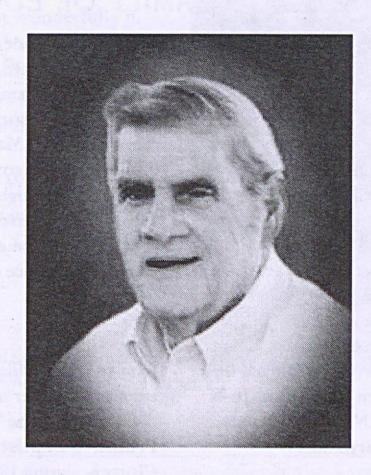
Harry was owner of a local sawmill and building supply and in later years served as curator of Port O'Plymouth Museum in Plymouth NC as well as a history professor at Lawrence Academy and Martin Community College. He recently founded Windsor Craftsman and Farmer's Museum in Windsor, NC.

Survivors include daughters, Pat Taylor (husband Frank) and JeNell Dilday (husband Kelly); sons, Stanley Thompson (wife Sharon) and Vic Thompson (wife Nancy) of Windsor, NC. Surviving grandchildren are Chase,

Lars, and Colby Riggins, Mary Taylor, Sarah, Clint, Robert and Lewis Thompson.

Harry was a member of

Historic Hope Foundation, Historical Murfreesboro Commission, NC Maritime Council, Roanoke River Partnership, Washington **County Waterways** Commission, CS Ram Albemarle Chapter of Military Order of Stars and Bars, Fort Branch Sons of Confederate Veterans, North Carolina Tourism Board, and Murfreesboro Historical Commission. He contributed to several History Channel and UNC-TV documentaries, East Carolina University historical research efforts, Roanoke Cashie River Center, and Living History Weekend in Plymouth, NC. He authored several books of local historical interest, collected local and regional artifacts from Native American Indians to present, and was well known for his extensive genealogical research. Of particular interest to Harry was restoration and preservation of historical structures and artifacts. He was frequently heard saying "it's all about



the children" and "you need to tell the stories".

Recognitions include Legion of Merit Award by Lt. Charles W. Read of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, Outstanding Achievement Award in the Field of Historic Preservation by the Historic Preservation of North Carolina, Gertrude S. Carraway Awards of Merit, Dedicated Service Award for the Preservation of History by the Historic Hope Foundation, Dr. J.P. Jacocks Award, Historic Insight Award by the Vail Historical Foundation, North Carolina Community Service Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Certificate of Appreciation from the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, The Old North

State Award in 2007 by Governor Mike Easley, North Carolina Maritime History Council recognition of service.

Harry was most knowledgeable of The Civil War, Eastern US Indians and The Wild West and gave many Talks and Presentations throughout Eastern North Carolina.

THE DILLARD FAMILY OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY

The origins of the Dillard family in America are unknown, but they were established in colonial Virginia by the late 1600s. Early spelling variations included 'Dilyard' and "Dilliard'.

The first Dillard record identified in North Carolina was a 1756 land deed by John Dillard in Edgecombe County. He married Sarah and their children were John; Joseph, Nicholas, James, and Barnabas.

Sons Nicholas, James, and Barnabas, and **Mary** the widow of their older brother John, and her son **Matthew**, all appear in Edgecombe County in the 1790 Census.

The oldest of these children,
John Dillard married Mary
"Polly" Moore 31 March
1762 and had the following
children: John; Charity
(married Solomon Coward); Matthew (married
Nancy Marley); Ferribee;
Mark; and Luke (married
Winnifred Ruffin).

On 16 March 1779 the will of John Dillard was executed. His property was to be divided among his children at his wife's death. The executors were **Robert Digges** and **James Dillard**, the latter likely his brother.

The next in the line, the oldest son John Dillard (1759-9 September 1823) married (1)

Fannie Dickinson. He remarried (2) to Mary

"Polly" Dickinson (1782-March 1848), daughter of Thomas Dickinson and Avarilla, nicknamed "Avey."

Mary was the niece of his first wife.

John and Polly Dillard were among the charter members of the Falls of the Tar Primitive Baptist
Church, during 1806-1836.
Their children were: Sarah;
Henry G. (b. 1809); Thomas James Ransom Dillard (b. 1811); Orren Dillard (b. 1823) He married (1) 10 February 1846 to Mary Warrbleton, and (2) 6 January 1852 to Mary Watkins.

It is not known why his parents gave Thomas James Ransom "Jimmy" Dillard (b. 1811 Edgecombe, d. 1865 Nash) such a long name. He married 19 December 1831 to Mary Elizabeth Long (1811- January 1852). Their marriage was witnessed by Benjamin Wilkinson.

Mary Elizabeth Long was the daughter of Edward Long.

Thomas James Ransom Dillard received gifts of land from his grandfather Thomas Dickerson in 1818 and 1821. In 1848, He inherited 50

acres from his parents, who had also inherited from Thomas Dickerson. This land was on the north side of **Tynan Cokey Swamp** adjacent Dickerson, Worsley and Heart lands. This is east of Rocky Mount along present NC Hwy 43, towards Wiggins Lake.

Jimmy was a large, red haired man who favored horse races, shooting matches and distilled beverages. Two years after his wife's death, on 14 February 1854 "Jimmy" married (2) Delitha Jones (1830-?) daughter of William Jones and Lydia Jenkins, and sister to two of his sons-in-law. His older children were said to have objected to his marriage to such a younger woman.

In the 1860 Census he was recorded as a miller, and he and Delitha were living with additional children of the family, Richard, William and Lydia.

Four sons of Th. J. R. Dillard and Mary Long would serve in the War Between the States. All four enlisted and served together in Co K, 15th Regiment NC Infantry. This company was formed in Rocky Mount, Edgecombe County, NC on April 24, 1861. All four survived the War and returned home to NC. One brother

was wounded and released from service due to his injuries. The other three served the entire War and surrendered at Appomattox. Additionally, two of their sonsin-law also served in the Confederacy and survived the War as well.

Of the children of T. James R. Dillard and Mary Long—

(1) Sarah Ann Dillard (b. 22 March or 31 July 1834, 1895) married 13 January 1854 (or 07 February) to Hezekiah "Hiah" Jones (1830, 17 April 1903.) Hezekiah Jones was the son of William Jones (born ~1792) and Lydia Jenkins. During the Civil War, Hezekiah served as a private in Co.1, 75th N.C. Cavalry. After the war, he lived southeast of Rocky Mount near Flood's store. They had ten children.

(2) John Thomas Dillard (06 August 1835, 19 June 1901); A farmer, he enlisted at age 26 on 04-24-1861, as a Corporal. He was wounded in head at Lee's Mill, VA, 04-16-1862. He was discharged 09-12-1862 due to "fracture of cranium with removal of bone rendering him unable to endure heat of the sun."

Warwick Creek, Virginia, (Continued on page 22)

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Bethel Church, 9 miles from Hampton. The enemy made three distinct and well sustained charges, but were repulsed with heavy loss. Our Calvary pursued them for six miles when their retreat became a total rout. Fearing that reinforcements would be sent up from Fortress Monroe, we fell back at night fall upon our works at Yorktown. I regret to

report the loss of one man killed, Private Henry L. Wyatt, Edgecome Guards, and seven wounded. The loss of the enemy, by their own confession, was 150, but it may be safely estimated at 250.

Our Regiment behaved most gallantly. Not a man shrunk from his post, or showed symptoms of fear.

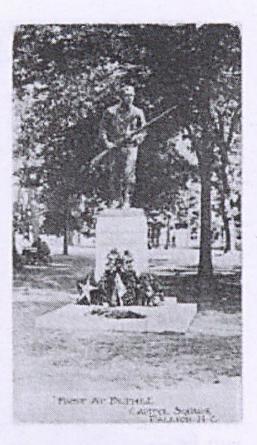
When more at leisure, I will give you a detailed report of operations.

Our Heavenly Father has most wonderfully interposed to shield our heads in the day of battle.

—Unto His great name be all the praise for our success.

With great respect, (signed) **D. H. Hill**Col. 1st Regiment
N.C. V's.

Submitted by TRCGS Member Danny Bunn.





Our Freight Agency Staff, Rocky Mount, North Carolina

The above pictured group presents our good friends who operate the Freight Agency at Rocky Mount, N. C., under direction of Mr. H. L. Grant, Agent. This agency is among the busy ones on the System, and takes care of a large volume of business annually. Those in the group are:

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Employees here not shown in the picture are: Mrs. Bonnie H. Bell, Chief Expense Bill Clerk; Mr. J. I. Hallford; Mr. Jerry Winstead; Mr. J. D. Norville; Mr. C. B. Jones; Mr. J. M. Ryals; Mr. H. R. Griffin and Mr. L. T. Craft, Terminal Bill Clerks, D. I. Office, South Rocky Mount, N. C.

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CONFEDERATE MILITARY HOSPITAL—WILSON

One of the only known surviving portions of one of Wilson's earliest school buildings, the Wilson Female Academy, which also served as a Confederate hospital during the civil war, is now part of the five state Civil War Trails program.

Wilson's location on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad which was also known as "The Lifeline of the Confederacy", the principal north-south line that was linked to Virginia in Weldon by the Peters-

burg Railroad, made the town a good site for a hospital after the war began.

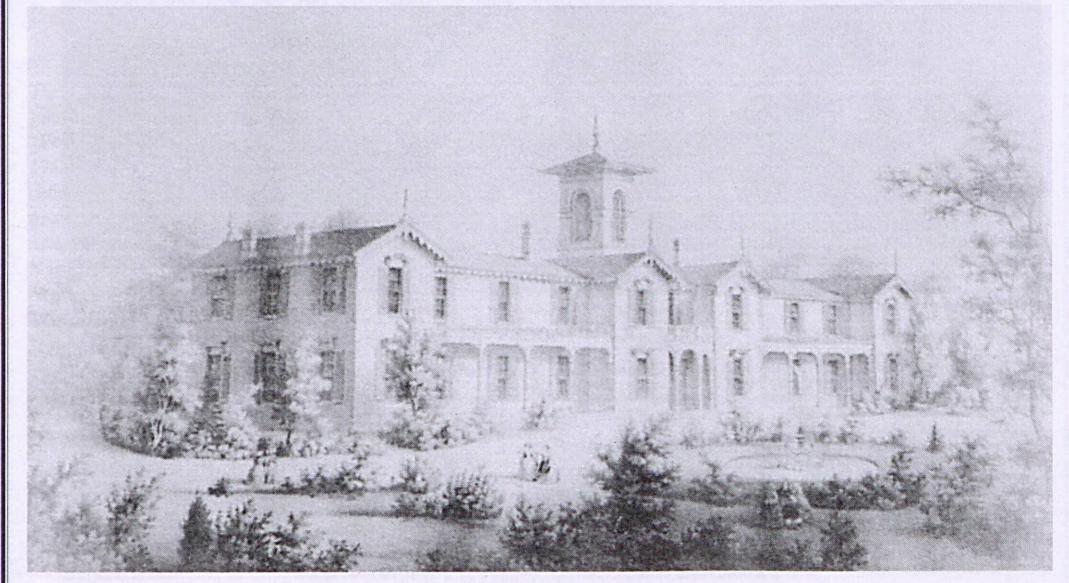
On April 1, 1862, Confederate authorizes seized the building which was situated between present day Academy and Vance Streets for use as a general military hospital. This became known as Wilson General Hospital #2. Dr. Solomon S. Satchwell, the surgeon in charge, turned the forty classrooms and other rooms into wards and treated hundreds of patients there. The frame, two-story building had a two-hundred-foot-long

façade and a large onestory rear addition. It also had dozens of large windows, essential for summer ventilation.

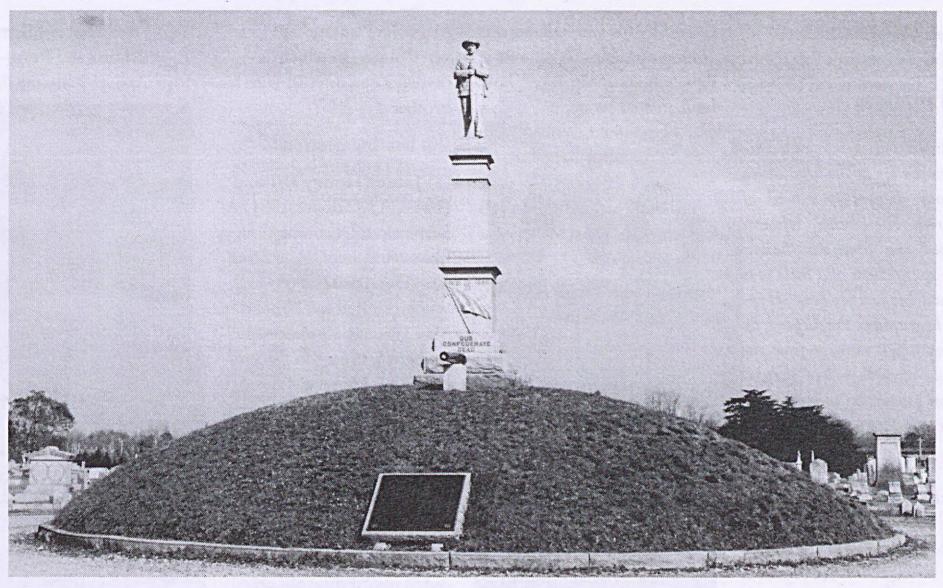
Soldiers who died there of wounds or disease were buried near the academy grounds in a separate section of the old Wilson Cemetery. Later, needing more burial space, Dr. Satchwell purchased a 70 square yard lot from Sallie Barnes "on a little ranch east of the Barefoot Road" which is the present day Pender Street. Years later,

in 1876, the Town of Wilson purchased fourteen acres of land from the Woodard family to be used as the new public cemetery, which was named Maplewood Cemetery. Fourteen more acres were bought in 1887. The first town ordinance pertaining to the new cemetery provided that anyone who had relatives that were buried in the old Goldsboro Street Cemetery would be given a plot in Maplewood at no cost. This ordinance also forbid any future

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Wilson Female Academy Courtesy Wilson County Historical Society



Maplewood Cemetery Confederate monument Courtesy Wilson County Historical Society

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burials in the old cemetery. The Goldsboro Street Cemetery was condemned, and all bodies were exhumed and reburied in the new cemetery.

The bodies of the Confederate Soldiers who were buried in the two different sections during the war were exhumed and reburied at the center of Maplewood, in an impressive "Soldiers Mound" in January and February of 1894. In 1894, they were reinterred under a burial mound in **Maplewood**

Cemetery. The Confederate monument on top of the mound was dedicated on May 10, 1902.

After the war, the female academy and hospital served as Wilson Collegiate Institute from 1872 until it closed in 1898, when the building was separated into housing units.

Part of the school's rear addition was moved in 2005 near the corner of Railroad and Academy streets in Wilson, NC. Efforts to preserve the building have taken place

since the 1980s after the structure went into disrepair and was threatened with demolition. The United Daughters of the Confederacy, under the leadership of Emilie English, worked to save the building and raised money for 14 years toward that effort. and rehabilitated and is now part of the Civil War Trails program. The Civil War Trails winds through Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The Wilson County Tourism Development Authority has supported the program and the restoration of the building. This is the fifth museum that Wilson has.

Civil War Trails maps and information are listed at www.visitnc.com and www.civilwartrails.org.

Source: North Carolina Civil War Trails; The Wilson Times

Submitted by TRCGS Member Wallace Abernethy

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"A musket ball struck John Dillard in the top of the head as his company charged up a bank of the creek. His brother, Edward, dragged him from the shallow water to the shade of a little pine tree and left him for dead. However, he surprised the surgeons by making a full recovery from the wound, after they had decided against attempting to remove the bullet imbedded in his skull.

--Letter from James F. McKinley, Major General, the Adjutant General of the N.C. 15th Regiment

Despite his War wounds, he survived, returned home and married 04 February 1866 to Margaret "Maggie" A. W. Taylor (06/14/1836 -10/03/1897.) The 1870 Census listed John Dillard as age 34, a farmer with property valued at \$700. In 1873, be bought into the handsome "Magnolia Plantation" of approximately 1,000 acres south of the Neuse River on Anderson's Creek near New Bern. Some members of the family are buried in Lovett Graveyard at Magnolia Plantation.

In his declining years, and after his wife's death (1898-1901), John resided with one of his children in Nash County. A nephew recorded "Uncle John was partially bald and the sunken spot

caused by his war wound was very noticeable. Whenever a new acquaintance asked how he managed to acquire such a scar, he would launch forth into a detailed account of how he was shot one dark night while attempting to rob the chicken roost of one of his neighbors."

John and Maggie are buried in the **Meedy B. Williford Cemetery** Nash County.



Gravestone of John Thomas and Margaret Dillard

(3) Mary Dillard (1837)
Edgecombe CO) married 28
February 1856 to Calvin
Jones. They lived at Pleasant
Hill. After Mary's death,
Calvin moved to Nash
County to be near his children.

(4) Levi Dillard (1839. 1876 Craven Co); A farmer, he enlisted age 22 on 04-24-1861. He served throughout the War and was paroled at Appomattox Court House, 04-09-1865. He married 15 Jul 1867 to Mary Taylor. She died without child. Levi did not remarry and lived the remainder of his life on the

Magnolia Plantation in Craven County, in which he owned a half interest with his brother.

(5) James Henry Dillard (1841, 13 October 1884) A farmer in Edgecombe County like his brothers, he enlisted age 20 on 05-02-1861. He was promoted to Corporal in May 1862, and promoted again to Sergeant In December 1862. He served throughout the War and was paroled at Appomattox Court House, 04-09-1865. On 15 November 1866 he married "the beautiful and accomplished" Patrina "Carrie" Carlisle (21 February 1848, 13 February 1885), a graduate of Louisburg College. They lived at Croatan in Craven County for some years, then operated a store in Louisburg. They had no children. They died in Louisburg and are buried there in Oakwood Cemetery.

(6) Edward "Ed" Dillard (22 July 1843 Edgecombe Co, 21 November 1929 Spring Hope) He enlisted as a private at age 19 on 05-07-1861. He served throughout the War and was paroled at Appomattox CH on 04-09-1865. After the War, Edward settled on a farm at Stanhope, along the stage coach road (present U.S. Hwy 97) in western Nash County. He married twice and had a family. He married 01-19-1869 to Wealthy Ann Williams (b 03-29-1849, d 09-061874) daughter of Pilgrim F. Williams and Pene-lope.



Gravestone of Wealthy Ann Dillard

Edward Dillard remarried (2) 02 FEB 1895 (the Census data reflect an earlier marriage date) to Mary Eliza Morgan (08 OCT 1853, 02-10-1922.) She was the daughter of John Paul Morgan II, and Mary Eliza Morgan. They had children: Mallie E Dillard, Maggie M Dillard, Effie L Dillard, Pauline Dillard, and James J Dillard.

Pauline Dillard married a Mr. Price and had children: Jack Price, Margarett Price, Pauline Price and Fredric Price.

The Edward Dillard House in Spring Hope is on the Historical Register. Edward Dillard is buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Spring Hope.

Paul Crenshaw Dillard (born 15 December 1869

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Stanhope, died 15 November 1930 Spring Hope) married **Hattie Brantly** (20 November 1877, 21 November 1947), the daughter of **S. H.** and **Mavis Brantly**. Paul taught in the Spring Hope school.



Their son was Luther Crenshaw Dillard (born 14 December 1903 Nash, died 08 August 1983 Wake.) He received a degree in civil engineering from NC State College and worked for the State Highway Department.



Luther Crenshaw Dillard

(7) Ely Dillard (1845)

(8) Elizabeth Dillard (06 November 1846, 11 December 1917 Rocky Mount NC)

(1) Married 24 January 1867 in Halifax Co to **Jackson Brown Taylor** (05 October 1834, 05 April 1888 at Stanhope Nash Co.)

Children: Mary Ada (12 October 1867 Halifax Co)

(9) Nancy Jane Dillard (13 September 1848, 22 November 1906 Wilson, NC)

Marriage 28 September 1869 to Bolden Stringer Johnson (b: 10 November 1846). He was son of James Johnson and Elizabeth Catherine Dunn of Nash County. James was overseer on the Calhoun Plantation. Bolden S. Johnson served in Co G, 2nd Regiment NC, Jr Reserves. After the War, Bolden was employed as overseer by Joseph John Battle on the Battle Plantation in Upper Fishing Creek near Battleboro. After 21 years there he became overseer of the Elisha Cromwell plantation 5 miles SE of Tarboro. His daughter became married to his employer there. In 1884 he rented the farm belonging to his brother -in-law Edward Dillard near Spring Hope in Nash County. He moved to Wilson in 1898 and worked on the Barnes farm near Stantonsburg. He was employed on the Woodward Farm near Wilson when Nancy Dillard Johnson died.



Bolton Stringer Johnson at 1903 CSA Reunton

Bolden Stringer Johnson and Nancy Dillard Johnson are buried at Pleasant Hill PBC in Edgecombe County where they were members. Their children are buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. "Dick" Dillard (1850, 1876) never married. Died at Magnolia Plantation which his brother John owned a half interest.

(10) Richard Joseph

Submitted by TRCGS Member Edwin Williamson



Gravestone of Nancy "Nannie" Dillard Johnson

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