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A MANNING MYSTERY

In 1902 **Ellis L. Manning** and **Alonza L. Manning** of the **Nashville Township** in **Nash County** registered to vote under the grandfather clause. Both claimed their ancestor who was a voter 1 January 1861 or prior thereto was **J. D. Manning**. In 1908 both again registered to vote under the grandfather clause claiming **Eli Manning** was their ancestor that was a voter 1

January 1861 or prior thereto. This time they were living in the **Coopers Township**. Without doubt the **J. D. Manning** they stated in 1902 was their father **Jeremiah Davis Manning** who was born ca 1831. Who was the Eli Manning claimed in 1908? Was he their grandfather or was he possibly their great grandfather?

Nineteen year old
Jeremiah D. Manning

was living in the 1850 Nash County household of **Charity Manning**¹. According to the age recorded she was born ca 1800. So it appears that Jeremiah is living with his “widowed” mother in 1850. What about the family in 1840? No Manning household could be found headed by a Charity or Eli other than the one headed by an elder Eli Manning²

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SIX DECADES OF EXEMPLARY EDUCATION

1844 was the year that **James Hunter Horner** graduated from the **University of North Carolina** and began the journey of building the most prestigious military

academy in the state. He began his life in an area near **Rougemont**, now **Durham County, NC**, attended the University and moved

on from teaching at several young men’s academies when some of his students followed him to **Oxford, NC**. Oxford

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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 and Beaufort which are the northeastern North Carolina counties through which the Tar River flows.

You may email articles to
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REQUEST FOR HELP

Mrs. **Freda Roberts** of **Castalia** has contacted Tar River Genealogical Society with a request for help. She has discovered an old abandoned cemetery on her property and would like our help in finding information.

The oldest grave in the cemetery dates back to the 1700's and the cemetery family name is **Harrison**.

Among the known buried are: **Captain John Adam Harrison** of the **Castalia Invincibles**, **Confederate troops**, and his wife **Martha Verle**; **Captain James Adam Harrison** and his wife **Elizabeth**; **W. D. Harrison**; and **James Adam Harrison Jr** and wife **Sara Winston**. There are also many unmarked graves.

If you have information regarding this cemetery,

please contact Freda Roberts at
mrsroberts27856@aol.com.
Her home address and the address of the cemetery is:
9331 Main Street
Castalia, NC 27816

Mrs. Roberts intention is to restore the cemetery—a noble cause worth assisting.

If you have information please contact Mrs. Roberts but also remember to pass it along to the editor and we'll keep you up-to-date on information about the Harrison cemetery.



LOYALISTS

The real estate of North Carolinians who remained loyal to the British government was confiscated and sold after the Revolution. This is the list of those from Beaufort, Halifax and Nash Counties. A list of Edgecombe loyalists can be found in *The Connector*, Summer 1999.

Date of Grant	Name of Tory Owner	Acres	Purchaser
BEAUFORT COUNTY			
10/24/1786	Robert Palmer	128	Joseph Leech
10/8/1786	Robert Palmer	241	William McCabe
11/18/1796	Andrew Sproul	168	Richard Blackledge
HALIFAX COUNTY			
3/14/1786	John Hambleton	275	James Casthstarphen
3/14/1786	Andrew Miller	105	John Clayton
3/14/1786	Andrew Miller	3- -	Nicholas Long
3/14/1786	Andrew Miller	—	John Pouns
3/14/1786	James McNeel	140	Fanney McNeel
3/14/1786	Andrew Miller	(torn)	John Geddy
3/14/1786	Andrew Miller & Co.	(torn)	John Geddy
3/14/1786	Andrew Miller & Co.	(torn)	John Pouns
3/14/1786	Andrew Miller & Co.	(torn)	John Pouns
3/25/1786	James Milner	478	Henri Gerrard
3/24/1786	James Milner	1/2	Lunsford Long
NASH COUNTY			
3/14/1786	James McNeel	384	James Armstrong
3/14/1786	James Greenlie	750	Dixon Marshal
3/14/1786	George Brown	673	Dixon Marshal
3/14/1786	James McNeel	208	Fanney McNeel
3/14/1786	James Cary	—	Micajah Thomas
3/14/1786	William Brimmage	—	Wright Stanolee

SEARCH AND RESEARCH BY CALLIE J. STALLINGS

Sometimes we can find glimpses into our family history in the wills and deeds they left behind. Such is the case of the **Stallings family** and their connection to **Somerset-Shire, England** in the last will and testament of their maternal grand-father **John Underhaye** which is quoted as follows:

August 17th, 1557. John Underhaye of the parish of Mary Magdalyn, in Taunton, clothier. My body to be buried in the church of Mary Magdalyn, to which church 20s. To the highe Crosse theyre 3s. 4d. To the mother church in Wells 12d. To the church of St. James by Taunton 6s. 8d. To the maintenance of the Brydge called Toone bridge in Taunton 40s. I will that there be distributed among poor people at my burial £20 and at my monethes mynde and twelve monethes mynde £20 and I give £20 to be distributed quartelye that is £5 at every quarter. To **Olyver Underhaye** all my land and Tynne woorkes in Devon and all the years to come of and in a bargain at Olde Cleave, Co. Somerset being the lands of the Righte Honorable Earle of Arundell and if he die having

no issue, the remainder thereof to **John Underhaye** his brother and if he die having no issue, the remainder to **Alexander Underhaye** his brother. To the poor people in the parishes of Old Cleave, St. Decoms and Bysshopp Lydearde 20s. to each (parish) to be paid out of the rent of my bargain in Olde Cleave. To **John Stallinge** my best gowne and by best doblet, **Richard Taylor** a gown, Olyver Underhaye a standing cuppe of sylver with a cover gilte pounsed with relles wayenge xxix oz., an ale cupp, etc., and viij sylver spoones with mayden heddes wayenge viij oz., provided that if he die before marriage this legacy and land shall remain to **John Underhaye** his brother and for lack of issue of the said John to the eldest brother of the said Olyver and John and so remaining from one brother to the other of all the men children of **Thomas Underhaye** my son. To **Olyver Underhaye** £40 provided that all these my legacies unto the said Olyver remain in the hands of Bartylmewe Combe, esquire, John Stalinge and **John Slocombe**. To John Stalinge and

Tomasin his wife £80 and to his children here named, that is **William, Roberte, Nicholas, James, Henry and Jasper** £10 each and if any die before marriage or the age of 21 years, his part shall remain to the survivors; provided that John Stalinge my daughter's son shall have the use and custody of the said legacies until the said time or any time before when my overseers of the father of the said children shall see cause reasonable to bestow the same legacy in any bargain for the profit of the said children; so that the said John Stalinge do use the trade of merchandise and otherwise not to have the use of the said legacy. To **John, Richard and George Stalinge**, my daughter's sons £20 each provided that if any die before marriage of the age of 21 years, this his legacy shall come to all the rest of the children of John Stalinge the elder. To John Stalinge my daughter's son all my interest and years to come in a lease of a house in the highe streete in Taunton and if he die having no issue, the remainder hereof to come to Richard Stalinge his brother

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and if he die having no issue, the said term to come to any of the children of John Stalinge the elder at the discretion of my son-in-law John Stallinge and **Thomasine** his wife. To Thomasine Stalinge my daughter a neste of goblettes of sylver, six sylver spoones with knappes in the endes called thappostelles and ij (*oz. silver*) *ale* cuppes, to the intent that whoever shall happen to dwell (in) and have the house in the highe streate in Taunton of her children of childres children, shall have all the said plate to his use. To **Thomasin Slowcombe** by son's daughter a Sylver salte parcel gilte. To **Agnes Hawkins** my servant £20. To Thomasin Stalinge my daughter all such household stuff as I have besides that my wife Alyce brought unto me, so that she shall deliver the same to him that shall have my house in the highe streete. To each of my God-children 12*d.* To John Chapplyn my wife's son, if it happen that Alyce my wife marry after my decease £80. To Richard Stalinge my daughter's son the same; to John Underhaye, Alexander Underhaye, and

Walter Underhaye my son's children £10 each to be paid by the hands of John Stalinge at such time as Mr. Bartylmewe Combe and my overseers shall appoint, out of my lands without the easte gate of Taunton which the said John Stalinge holdeth of my surrender unto him according to the custom there. To Mr Bartylmew Combe of Cannygton £10. To Mr. Roger Hughysse 40*s.* The residue to Alyce Underhaye my wife (executrix). Overseers: John Stalinge, John Chapplen and Roger Heughishe. I shall desire Mr. Combe of Canyngton to be Umper and my speciall stayhe to see this my will performed. Witnesses: William Dovel, vicar of Mary Magdalen, John

Stalinge, John Chapplen, John Davedge, John Perette and Roger Vyr. Proved October 22, 1557. (Somerset Wills 1531-1558 Somerset Record Society xxi page 202-204)

The church of Mary Magdalene, known today as St. Mary's of Yatton is known as "The Cathedral of the moors". It is of Norman origin, possible older, but the present building dates from 1320. A spire was added to the tower in the 1450s but the top half was taken off in 1595 and has never been replaced. The Manor of Yatton was purchased in 1590 from Richard Lewkener by Sir Nicholas Stalling of Kent, the grand son of John Underhaye.



St. Mary's of Yatton
Photograph by David Milner

SURRENDER OF LOUISBURG

Louisburg, N.C., April 15, 1865.

To The Office In Command of

The U.S. Forces at Raleigh, N.C.:

SIR: In accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Louisburg, N.C., I hereby formally surrender this place to the authorities of the United States, and in behalf of our citizens desire and request that you will be pleased to send as a guard under a proper officer, to be stationed here, so as to preserve order and afford us that protection which under existing circumstances we feel authorized to claim under the Constitution and laws of the United States. Should you be good enough to comply with our wishes in this respect you may be well assured of our united co-operation. Messrs. **J. Fuller** and **Dr. E. Malone** are departed as the bearers of this communication.

Most obediently yours,

W. H. PLEASANTS,
Major of Louisburg.

HDQRS. Military Division of the Mississippi,
In the Field, Raleigh, N.C., April 15, 1865

W. H. Pleasants, Esq.,
Major of Louisburg:

DEAR SIR: Your communication of this date is received. It is not my present intention to move any part of this army through Louisburg, and I do not think you will be molested in any manner; nor can I send a small detachment, because it would be exposed to danger from **Hampton's cavalry**. But I think I can promise you that events are in progress that will soon give peace to all the good people of North Carolina. **Mr. William A. Graham**, of Hillsborough, has gone to **Governor Vance** to assure him that he has my full promise of assistance and protection if he will return and maintain good order in the State. I am also now in correspondence with **General Johnston**, which I hope will result in an universal peace. The gentlemen who bear this letter can explain many things that will, I hope, tend to allay any fears occasioned by the falsehoods circulated by the rebel cavalry.

I am, with respect, your obedient servant,

W.T. SHERMAN
Major General, U.S. Army.

ONE MAN'S JOURNEY BY WELDON RACKLEY, TRC MEMBER

The **Rackley** name is not always spelled as herein, it was often misspelled, mispronounced, misinterpreted and or phonetically recorded by officials from one generation to another. While there are many deviations of the name the first four letters are the most important. For our purpose of learning, HOW WE BECOME TEXANS we have sufficient evidence that we can document our heritage from **Exeter, England** in the year 1606 to the present.

The purpose of this summary is to inform the descendants of **Francis (Frank) Marion** about the journey this young man, a recent veteran of the civil war, took from **Nashville, NC** to what we know to be the **Gonzales, Texas** area and later **Dewitt County** where he created our Texas family legacy. Our families have grown and trav-

eled but our seed and claim as natural Texans start with this man and his wife **Atsie Batchelor**, who was also a child of Nashville, NC. She and her family (**Reuben Batchelor and Zilla Ann Pridgen**) preceded Frank to the Gonzales Texas area at an unknown date.

Frank was born in Nashville, NC in 1847 and died Dec. 1921 in **Kennedy, TX** at the age of 74. He joined the confederate army as a teenager and served in **Wilmington, NC** and was involved in the final military ac-

tions in the civil war at the **Battle of Bentonville** March 19 through 21, 1865. After the war Frank returned to Nashville and after some period traveled to Texas and married **Atsie Batchelor** who was 25 months his senior in 1870 in Edgar, TX. **Atsie** who preceded him in death was 60 plus years old at her death. The marriage produced the beginning of our branch of the Rackley family in TX. As a point of reference the battle of the Alamo was in March, 1836. The couple had five children which were the first generation Texans:

Franklin Marcellus (Dump) Rackley; Ida Rackley Kelly; Anna Rackley; Aurelia (Rella) Killingworth; Walter Rackley, Grandfather of **Weldon Rackley**, the author.

Frank's father, **William Rackley**, was born in 1810 and died in 1847 at a young age of 37. Frank's mother, **Mourning Batchelor Rackley**, remarried when Frank was about eight years old. We know little of Frank's personality, but he was one of the children of Nashville, NC,

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Wilmington Docks 1860

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whose household composition did not correlate with Charity's 1850 household. So, it's now time to do a little thinking about this. Jeremiah D. was born ca 1831 and there was a **Lemuel Manning** b. ca 1824 in the 1850 household of Charity Manning. With that knowledge just maybe an 1830 Manning household can be found that would closely fit with Charity's 1850 household.

An 1830 household headed by Guilford Manning was found which had a resemblance to Charity's 1850 household. (see table below)

The following timeline of events in the life of Guilford Manning is constructed from the minutes of Nash County's Pleas & Quarter Court sessions³:

Nash Co **Feb** Court 1834 – Ordered that William Cooper be appointed overseer of the road from the Cross Roads at Ricks' to the Bridge called Rackly's on Sappony with the hands of William Cooper, Sally Cooper, Elizabeth Atkinson, Person Rackly, Mourning Holland, Saml M^c Batchelor, **Guilford Manning**, and one from Jacob Odom.

Nash Co **Nov** Court 1834 – A List of Insolvents returned by Guilford Manning, Collector of District N^o 5 from 1833 to wit: John Pace 1, Jordan Peppin 2, Mark Freeman 3, William Braswell 4, ordered that the same be allowed him

Nash Co **Feb** Court 1835 – Ordered that Gray Bridges, **Guilford Manning, Jacob Odam, and James Bunting** be appt a committee to divide the hands between James S. Battle, Sam^l Brown, Dickerson Ricks, and William Cooper overseers of roads and report to next Court.

Nash Co **Aug** Court 1835 – Ordered that Samuel Batchelor be appointed overseer of the road from the Cross Roads at Ricks' to the Bridge called Rackly's on the Sappony with the hands of William Cooper, Sally Cooper, Elizabeth Atkinson, Persons Rackly, Mourning Holland, one from Jacob Odam's and Jn^o H. Batchelor, Geo K. Walker, **Guilford Manning**, Charles C. Bennett, & Nathan Braswell

Nash Co **Feb** Court 1836 – **Guilford Manning** Collector in District N^o 5 Came into open court and returned his List of Insolvents for said Dist

to wit Joseph Bilbro 1 poll - \$1 – 00 ordered that the Same be allowed him

Nash Co **Aug** Court 1836 – Patrols in District N^o 4 Ruffin H. Ricks, Berryman Batchelor, Dickerson Ricks, Willie Whitley, Jerry Culpepper, William Culpepper, John J. Bunn, Joel Wells, German Ward, **Guilford Manning**, Guilford Joiner, Berry Thorn, John H. Vick, Allen Taylor, Sam^l W. W. Vick

Nash Co **Nov** Court 1838 – Ordered that James Ransom be appointed administrator of **Guilford Manning** upon his entering into bond of \$1000 with Absalom B. Baines J^r & Moses Manning Securities. James Ransom qualified as such & entered into bond together with the Securities

Nash Co **Nov** Court 1838 –

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CENSUS	1830 Nash Co, NC*	1840 Nash Co, NC	1850 Nash Co, NC
Head of Household	Roll 123, p 184		Roll M-432, p 307
Guilford Manning	30<40 [1790<1800]	Not found	Deceased?
Female [Charity]	30<40 [1790<1800]	Not found	50 [1800]
Male [?]	10<15 [1815<1820]		?
Male [Lemuel?]	5<10 [1820<1825]		26 [1824]
Female [Mary?]	<5 [1825<1830]		24 [1826]
Female [?]	<5 [1825<1830]		?

* Listed immediately following household headed by Moses Manning age 20<30 with a female age 20<30.

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Ordered that James Ransom adm of **Guilford Manning** dec^d sell on a Credit of Six months the perishable estate of his intestate

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Nash Co Feb Court 1839 – James Ransom adm^r of **Guilford Manning** returned in open Court on Oath an Inventory and Acc^t of Sale of the property of his intestate which was ordered to be recorded. [Among the buyers at the sale which was held 22 Dec 1838 were Charity Manning, Eli Manning, A. L. Manning, and Moses Manning⁴]

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So, based upon the above court minutes, Guilford assisted in maintaining the road from Rackley's bridge

to Ricks' Cross Roads. This being present day West Old Spring Hope Road starting at the bridge across Little Sappony Creek near the intersection with Old County Home Road and running east through James S. Arrington's (now known as Cockrell's) Cross Roads to Ricks' (now known as Sneed's) Cross Road. In addition to naming who were assigned for the road's maintenance, a mini-census of who lived in close proximity of the road is provided.

In looking at the names of those providing hands to work on

this stretch of road, the name Mourning Holland stands out not only because Jeremiah Davis Manning married her granddaughter Charity Ann Bass in 1857⁵, but because she was Mourning Manning prior to marrying Richard Holland in 1792⁶.

It is now known from the court minutes that Guilford Manning died sometime between August 1838 and Nov 1838 which explains why he did not head a household in 1840. Where were his widow and children in 1840? Perhaps they were listed in the household

of a relative. In looking at the household headed by Mourning Holland they were probably living with her. The correlation of her 1840 household with Guilford's 1830 household and Charity's 1850 household as shown below.

So far the records indicate Guilford Manning as the possible father of Jeremiah Davis Manning. As previously mentioned the census records for 1850 and prior thereto for Nash County do not list an Eli Manning heading a household other than

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CENSUS	1830 Nash Co, NC*	1840 Nash Co, NC	1850 Nash Co, NC
Head of Household	Roll 123, p 184	Roll 366, p 67	Roll M-432, p 307
Guilford Manning	30<40 [1790<1800]	Died 1838	
Female [Charity]	30<40 [1790<1800]	40<50 [1790<1800]	50 [1800]
Male [?]	10<15 [1815<1820]	20<30 [1810<1820]	?
Male [Lemuel?]	5<10 [1820<1825]	15<20 [1820,1825]	26 [1824]
Female [Mary?]	<5 [1825<1830]	15<20 [1820<1825]	24 [1826]
Female [?]	<5 [1825<1830]	?	?
Male [Jeremiah D?]		5<10 [1830<1835]	19 [1831]
Female [Elizabeth C?]		5<10 [1830<1835]	16 [1834]
Female [Martha M?]		<5 [1835<1840]	14 [1836]

* Listed immediately following household headed by Moses Manning age 20<30 with a female age 20<30.

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a farming community. Frank's life probably came to a change with the civil war encroaching Eastern NC. Frank enlisted in the confederate army on 4-15-1864 and he served with a group in **Wilmington, NC** that was somewhat like a teenage reserve group. This group did duties like guard duty of the many supply depots in the Wilmington area. Later Frank's military company joined **Major General Lafayette McLaws** Division as part of the **10th Battalion N.C. Heavy Ar-**

tillery, Company D, which served under **Gen. Hardee**.

The city of **Wilmington** sits on the bank of the **Cape Fear River** that dumps into the Atlantic Ocean near **Fort Fisher**. The Fort is 18 -20 miles downstream from **Wilmington** where the river intersects with the Atlantic Ocean. **Wilmington** is approximately 100 miles south of **Bentonville**. Frank's military group also provided various tasks for the other forts and military needs in the area such as **Fort Anderson** and **Fort Caswell** on the

opposite side of the river in **Brunswick County**.

Frank's older (15 yrs) brother, **William John**, also engaged in military action at **Bentonville** against **General Sherman** as his army came from **Atlanta, GA** to **Savannah, SC**; where there was a pause of two months before moving north in two columns of armed soldiers burning and looting with the intent of going to **Goldsboro, NC**. Sherman's mission was to supply and rest his massive army before preparing to launch the

final attack of the war on **General Robert E. Lee** and the Army of the N. Virginia. General Sherman's armies had been marching for over a month and they were tired and heavily worn with limited supplies and equipment as they entered Eastern, NC.

General Robert E. Lee and his army of the Northern VA had suffered heavy losses and damage in **Gettysburg** and **Petersboro, Va.** experience and they were in a recovery mode. Gen. Lee called on **General Joseph Johnson** and the Army of Tennessee to amass the available troops that could fight to intersect General Sherman before he could reach **Goldsboro**. The intent was to establish a surprise attack and to further separate the two columns of Sherman's armies and to harm at least one column of the Union advancing forces so that Sherman could not be a



Bentonville Battleground

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devastating force against Lee/Johnson at a later date.

The surprise attack by Gen. Johnson took place at **Bentonville, NC** with battles for roads and bridges and to impede Sherman reaching the port of New Bern, NC and the Railroad depot at Goldsboro, where supplying, refitting, and resting of the army could take place. Bentonville was the only Civil War battle in NC and the last of the Civil War. The battle lasted four days and about 4000 troops were killed or badly wounded.

The battle of Bentonville should have never been fought, the Civil War for all intents was over and the Confederates did not have the resources to continue. A series of events just before and after the battle of Bentonville turned the tide to Union victory, first was

the capture of **Fort Fisher**, Jan. 15, 1865 by the **Union Navy** then cutting the river and rail supply lines from Europe and the Southern States. The surrender of General Lee and the assassination of **President Lincoln** suddenly ended the war.

Frank was paroled as was his brother William from the war soon after the battle and Frank returned to Nashville, NC while his brother later moved to Goldsboro, to this day his descendents live in that area. Goldsboro is 30 miles south east of Nashville, NC.

Frank's return to Nashville immediately after the war probably was not a good time for a young man. This period after the civil war must have been a very negative time for any young person. One can only speculate that Frank as a young man had come to the decision that he would cast his lot in a new area of

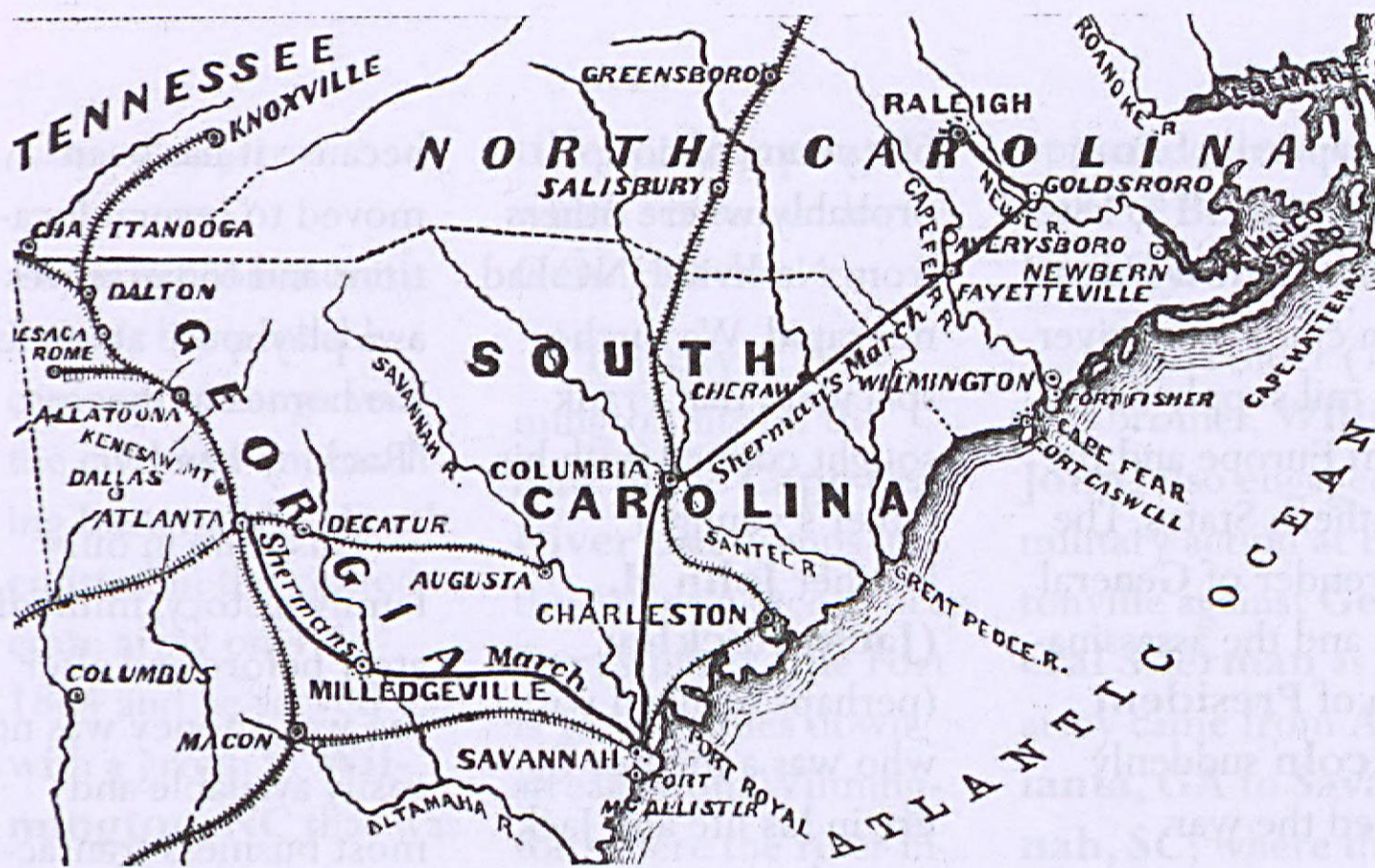
our young nation, probably where others from Nashville, NC had migrated. We further speculate that Frank sought council with his father's younger brother **John H. (Jack) Rackley** (perhaps he lived with) who was a mentor figure in his life and Jack agreed to accompany Frank to Texas.

Jack was a single person, a stalwart in the community and benefactor in assisting persons who needed help; he also was an employee at the **Nash County courthouse** in positions dealing with taxes, registrations, deeds and such. Jack and sister **Margaret (Peg)** raised the four Matthews children, after the death of their sister **Seleter Rackley Matthews**. It is interesting to note that a one room cabin that the four children and surrogates, Jack and Peg lived still exists today in Nashville, NC. The structure must have been well built

because it has been moved to several locations and today serves as a playhouse at one of the homes in the "Rackley Lands".

This time in our family history, immediately before and after the war, money was not easily available and most business transactions were bartering (the trading of assets, goods and services). Jack on occasion acquired and sold land in addition to his day job. For Jack to contribute support for himself and his nephew Frank's trip Jack divested his holdings to nephew **Hillard Matthews**, it is speculation that Jack did not know if he would return to North Carolina. Census records do prove his return to Nashville, NC. Frank's Mother (Mourning), after Frank's father died, (1847) married **Simon Hendricks** (1862) and bore a child **Samuel Sampson**

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Sherman's March—1865 Map

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Hendricks. Mr.

Hendricks and Frank probably did not have a close relationship.

Frank sold his portion of land that his father William had passed to him at his death (87 plus acres on Nov. 23, 1868 for \$100) to

Simon Hendricks.

Mr. Hendricks probably had issue with who would control the land upon his death, his stepson Frank or son Samuel. Perhaps the sale of the land would help to fund the trip to Texas that Frank and his uncle Jack would take. Consistent is the story that Mr.

Hendricks would not include Mourning in his will to control all of his property until his death if Frank lived within her household.

There is no evidence of how the uncle and nephew got to Texas or at what exact date. Family tales have it that there were others who traveled with them perhaps something like a wagon train. Further tales that an illness (**Flux**) came upon them, when they were near the **Mississippi River** and that there was a death of seven persons. Also in the transfer of tales there is memory of Jack and Frank travel-

ing by horse back from Nashville, NC. to East Bernard, TX. Supposedly Jack became a school teacher for some period of time. Frank after some period of time goes to Gonzales, TX to catch up with the **Reuben Bachelor** family where Atsie had been living with her family. The 1870 census indicates that Jack Rackley probably accompanied his nephew to Texas in the 1869 period and returned, never missing a census in NC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Not long after the battle of Bentonville and the withdrawal of Southern troops to the west of Raleigh, Johnson surrendered to Gen. Sherman. The surrender details were too liberal and **Gen. Grant**, Sherman's superior, renegotiates the surrender more to the Union's favor. The terrible war was over; but perhaps a period of unrest and the lure of Texas for a better life and /or perhaps the thought of a marriage to Atsie prevailed upon our mentor, Francis Marion Rackley who became our Texas Pioneer.

The burial ground for Frank and Atsie are located between **Yoa-kum** and **Cuero, Texas** at the Concrete/Edgar exit. The graves are on the property of the Jacksons.

Sources: *Rackley A Southern Colonial Family*, by Eloise Potter & Timothy W. Rackley, pub. 1996; Military Records; Deeds; Wills; Cemetery Records, etc.

ROCKY MOUNT MAYORS

	Name	Birth	Death	Time of Service
1	Benjamin Hickman Bunn	10/19/1841	8/25/1907	1867
2	W. T. Gay			1872
3	Col. Gray W. Hammond	10/29/1829	7/04/1879	1877
4	J. R. Tillery			1879
5	Thomas Jennings Hackney	6/17/1851	6/30/1914	1880
6	Maj. John R. Sorsby	1847	12/19/1925	1881
7	H. W. Dupree			5/1881
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9	George P. Hart			6/1883 — 5/1884
10	Dr. Richard C. Tillery	3/17/1837	1/7/1885	5/1884—12/1884
11	Lawrence Lancaster	10/7/1837	6/26/1917	1/1885—11/1886
12	Thomas Hall Battle	8/2/1860	1/23/1936	11/1886—5/1894
13	William Lewis Thorp	10/26/1848	11/10/1912	6/1894—5/1898
14	Joseph H. Baker, Jr.	10/15/1868	5/15/1901	5/1898—5/1901
15	William Lewis Thorp	10/26/1848	11/10/1912	5/1901—11/1910
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THE COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA—AN EARLY MAP

NASH COUNTY

NASH COUNTY was formed from **Edgecombe County** in 1777, and named in compliment of **General Francis Nash**, of Orange, who fell this year at the **battle of Germantown**, bravely fighting for the liberties of his country.

It is situated in the eastern part of the State, and bounded on the north by Halifax, east by Edgecombe, south by Johnston, and west by Franklin.

Its capital is **Nashville**, and is distant 44 miles east from Raleigh.

Its population is 5,972 whites; 4,056 slaves; 629 free negroes; 9,034 representative population.

Products, 50,738 lbs. cotton; 1,165 lbs. wool; 32,325 bushels corn; 5,882 bushels oats; 833 bushels wheat.

Attack of Tories on **James Drake**, and

gallant conduct of his son — Soothing effect of one of the great staples of Nash:

During the Revolution there was a **Captain Beard**, who spread terror through this Country. This account of him, and that of his death, has been narrated to me by my venerable and worthy friend **Michael Collins**, Esquire, of Warren, now in the 73d year of his age, and may be relied on for its correctness:--

About 1778, Captain Beard, who was a brave and gallant soldier, but mistaken in his duty, attacked the house of James Drake, Esq., of Nash County, with a band of Tories. There was at the time, in the house, no one but Mr. Drake, his son **Albritain**, then about seventeen, and **Benjamin Bridges**, his half-brother; **Nathaniel Nichols**, **Henry Massinger**, and **Robert Piland**. Bridges and Nichols

retreated. The rest prepared for defence. Albritain, who was one of a corps of light horse, and had been in active duty, scouring the country for these very men, ran out with a loaded musket and fired. The Tories then surrounded the house, and ordered a surrender. They had several prisoners, tied, with them. Old Mr. James Drake seized a gun and advanced on the foe, but his gun missed fire; **William Ross**, a Tory, fired at him with a gun charged with buck shot. His aim missed the old man, but wounded both Massinger (cutting off a part of his nose) and Piland (shot in the abdomen). The Tories, headed by Beard, sword in hand, rushed into the house. Beard was met by young Albritain Drake, with a cutlass; they engaged; at the first blow young Drake's sword struck the joist above his head, and broke off at the hilt; he was

knocked down. The old man then joined in the melee, with his gun clubbed; but was soon cut down by the sword of Beard, and was so severely wounded that "he was a gore of blood." Seeing her husband cut down, old Mrs. Drake rushed in, not with a weapon, but with a jug of old Nash, even to this day celebrated for its excellent flavor. Her entreaties and the more potent influences of the liquor, produced a parley. She plied them so liberally with the brandy, that peace was restored. Beard had been an aspirant for the hand of her daughter. During this time **Captain Peter Goodwin** with a troop of horse galloped up; Albritain Drake threw up his hat, and gave a loud halloo; Goodwin made a furious attack, and Beard and his men made a precipitate retreat. In his retreat, he was encountered by Bridges, who was near.

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PAM'S CORNER

Edgecombe Co.

Following an Evangelistic meeting in 1910 the Presbyterian Church in Pinetops, NC was born. **Dr. W. D. Morton** of Rocky Mount, NC, Chairman of the **Commission of Albemarle Presbytery**, was asked to organize the eleven charter members: **Linda V. Cobb; W. E. Cobb** (son); **T. A. Wiggins & wife; F. L. Wiggins & wife; Mrs. John Wiggins, Mrs. Jesse Crisp; Lindsay Gardner; Dr. B. W. Brown & wife.** The Church School began in 1911 and all classes and services were held in the Pinetops School building.

By 1913 the members were able to raise enough money for a frame structure at the cost of \$1900.00.

The **Howard Memorial Church** of Tarboro, NC provided pastors until 1918 when **Rev. N. N. Fleming** was called as the first pastor and he served faithfully until 1922.

"The history of any church is written to reveal its aims and accomplishments, its weakness as well as its strength. The history of this church is no exception to this rule. Deeds not words give zest and meaning to life, the worth of any organization is judged by its merits....."



Source: *Pinetops Presbyterian Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, A Brief History 1910-1961*-Edgecombe County Memorial Library

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THE COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA—AN EARLY MAP

PITT COUNTY

PITT COUNTY was formed from Beaufort as early as 1760, and was called in compliment to **William Pitt, Earl of Chatham**,

who was as distinguished and devoted a friend to America in the English Parliament.

It is situated in the eastern part of the State, and bounded on

the north by Edgecombe and Martin, east by Hyde and Beaufort, south by Craven, and west by Greene and Lenoir.

Greenville, its capital,

is one hundred and two miles east of Raleigh.

Its population (1850) 6,664 whites; 100 free negroes; 6633 slaves; 10,743 representative population.

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had the reputation for a health giving climate and refined social life. In 1851 James Hunter Horner started the **Horner School** on the outskirts of Oxford in **Granville County, NC**. Horner had married **Miss Sophronia Moore**, kin to **Rev. Clement C Moore**, author of the famous poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

There first son, **Jerome Channing Horner**, was born in 1853. Later, a second son **Junius Horner** was born. The school carried the names Horner School, **Graves School** and the **Horner Military Academy** throughout six decades of operation. It closed briefly during the **War Between the States**. At this time James Hunter Horner served as Captain in the 23rd North Carolina Regiment. **R. H. Graves** and Horner formed a part-

nership by 1870 and the school became known as Horner and Graves School. The facility was moved from Oxford to **Hillsborough** in 1874 and occupied the former **NC Military Academy**. Unfortunately Graves died in 1876 and Horner became ill causing the school to fail. With the help of his two sons, Jerome and Junius, James Hunter Horner moved the school back to its location in Oxford. He continued to teach but left the operation to his two sons.

The school's curriculum consisted of mathematics, science and classical studies until 1878 when Jerome Channing Horner introduced a military system of discipline. This proved to be extremely successful. Students flocked in from all over eastern United States. Barracks were built and a large classroom was used. The Horner Military Academy existed

until it was damaged by fire in 1914. Moved to **Myers Park in Charlotte, NC** the school carried on until 1920. The academy closed its doors after almost seventy years of operation when Jerome C. Horner retired. Horner's was acclaimed as having few equal in the state for "scholarship and thoroughness" of its programs. Just prior to the War Between the States one young lad named **Charles** was given high marks and drew the master's praises.

"Charles has been uniformly a very good boy", Horner wrote, "and he should be considered entitled to the highest distinctions in scholarship." In later reports to Charles' parents, Horner continued

his praise of the boy's ability to translate Latin "with elegance and accuracy", but as the months wore on, the superlatives were tempered with the notation that Charles slept too late--19 times in one grading period and 9 times in another. The notation illustrates that school boys have not changed much in over 100 years, despite the fact that subject matter and teaching techniques have undergone changes.

Sources: *Encyclopedia of NC* 2006, ed. Wm S. Powell; *Dictionary of NC Biography*, 206-207- sketches by Wm S. Powell; *Rich History of Horner School* by Mrs. Claude Wheeler *Oxford Ledger*, 2/16/1976; *The Hushed Halls of Oxford* by Ross Scott, *Durham Morning Herald* 9/26/1971



Class of 1900 Horner Military School

MR. Z. M. POTTS BADLY SHOCKED

Charlotte Daily Observer

4 Sep 1909

Washington, NC,
Sept. 3 - **Mr. Z.M. Potts**, the manager of the local office of the Postal Telegraph Company, suffered a very severe electric shock during a thunderstorm a few days ago. It seems that he entered the office, and, finding the fuses red-hot, stepped to the board to cut out

the wire by the insertion of a plug. Immediately there was a flash, and Mr. Potts was thrown violently across the room, rendering him unconscious for several hours.

At the time there was no storm in this city, but one was raging further up the road, and

the lightning must have traveled on the wires.

Mr. Potts evidently must have touched some of the metal parts, thus completing the connection.



<http://files.usgwarchives.org/nc/beaufort/newspapers/zmpottss192nnw.txt>

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Bridges's gun missed fire, and Beard used his sword but was knocked down by Bridges, and he fell lifeless. Bridges thought he was killed, and came to the house and informed them that he had killed Beard.

They all went to see his dead body, but Beard had recovered so as to sit up. He was then taken into custody. A negro man, **Simon**, who had a wife at Drake's, caught another

one of his band, named **Porch**. These were taken to **Colonel Seawell**, in Franklin County. They were tried by a Court-martial, and both were forthwith hung. Such was the end of Captain Beard.

Mr. Drake lived to a good old age, and died in 1790, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. His brave son Albritain married and settled in Robeson, where his son **John** now lives, and

then moved to Kentucky, where he raised a large family, who, and their descendants, are highly respectable and scattered over the south-western States. His son **Colonel James P. Drake**, commanded the Indiana Regiment in the late war with Mexico. Albritain Drake died at the advanced age of eighty, loved and respected for his kindness and virtues.

Hon. Archibald

Arrington resides in this County. He is the brother of **Samuel L. Arrington**, who, from 1833 to 1842, represented Nash County in the Senate. Mr. Arrington was elected to Congress from this District, in 1841, and was re-elected in 1843, defeating the **Hon. Edward Stanly**. After serving this Congress, he retired to private life.

Submitted by TRC Member
Debra Kincheloe

PRINTING SELECTED TEXT BY TRC MEMBER JANET SADOWSKI

How many times have you found information online and then printed the entire web page when all you wanted to print was a small portion?

In order to save ink and paper you should know how to select text and then print only what is selected.

The next time you go online and find something you would like printed, give this a try.

Select the text by **one** of the following three methods (try each to see what is comfortable for you.)

1. The most commonly used method for selecting text is the click-hold-drag method where you click at the beginning of the text—hold the left mouse button—and drag the mouse over the text till you get to the end of your selection, then release the mouse. This should result in the

text being highlighted.

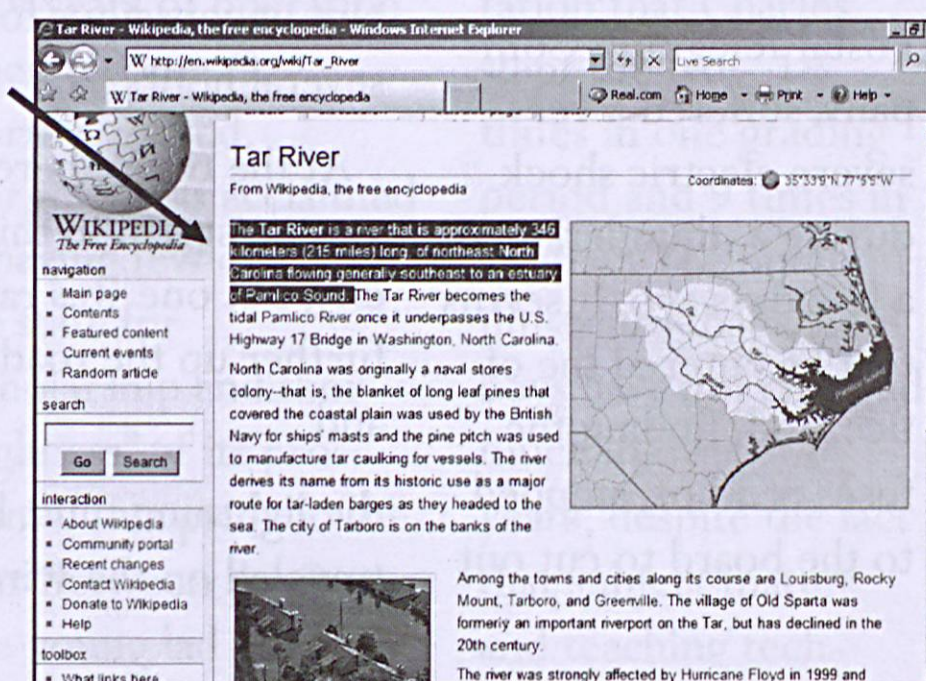
2. Easier...you can click and release your left mouse button at the beginning of the text (you won't see any difference on the page yet), move your mouse to the end of the text and **before you click** hold the shift key down, then left click. You should see the text highlight.

3. Easiest way...double click on a word and it will be selected...if you triple click the word the entire paragraph will be selected!

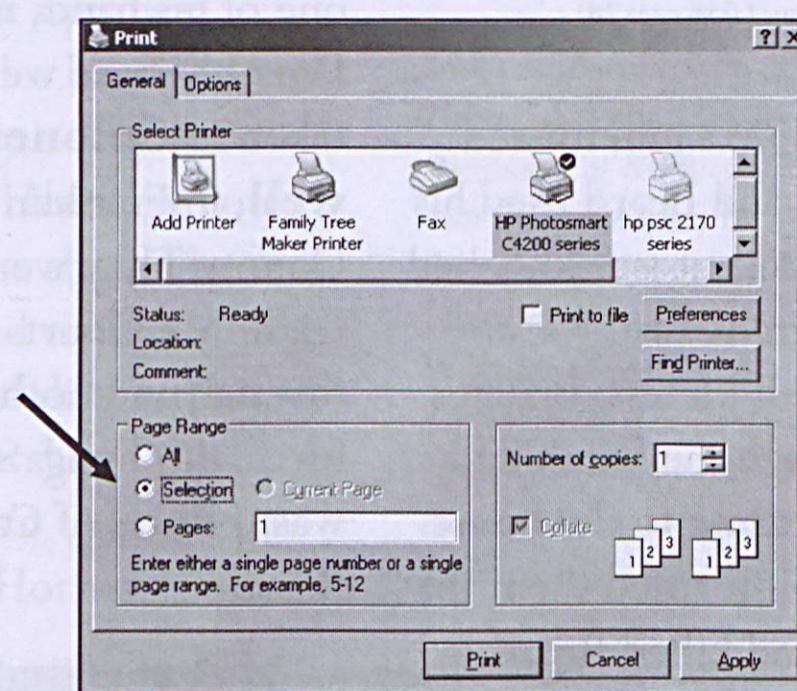
Now that your text is selected, let's print just our selected text. On the menu bar click "FILE" then click "PRINT" it should bring up your print menu as shown at right. Notice on the print menu you have a *radio button* for "Selection" - make sure this is selected then depress the PRINT button at the bottom of the menu.

DONE!

These methods of selecting and printing can be used in most computer programs...not just the internet.



Web Page with text selected



Print menu with Selection button depressed

Did you ask, "What is a radio button?"

When car radios had buttons you could select only one. If you selected another station the previous button would pop out. That's why some buttons are called radio buttons—only one can be selected at a time....radio buttons are always round.

If the button is square, you can usually make multiple choices.

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an elder Eli Manning. A younger Eli was however found in the court minutes.

The following timeline of events in the life of Eli Manning, Jr is constructed from the minutes of Nash County's Pleas & Quarter Court sessions⁷:

Nash Co **Aug** Court 1836—
Patrols in District N^o 5 Moses Manning, William B. Bryant, Willis Warren, Elis Manning, William Abernathy, Peyton Glover, Benj^a Bilbro, John Rice Jr, Sam^l G. Wheless, Pridgen Manning, John H. Hendrick, John Mitchell

Nash Co **Aug** Court 1838—

Ordered that John B. Rice, Abisha Vester, **Eli Manning Jr**, Richmond Upchurch, Benjamin Bilbro, N. N. Rice, W^m B. Williams, Francis Taylor, James Ransom, be appointed a Patrol in District N^o 5

Nash Co **Nov** Court 1842—
William J. B. Harper, Benj^a H. Sorsby, John S. Arrington, John H. Rackley, Davis Barrett, **Eli Manning**, & James Bunting are appointed Patrollers for the Town of Nashville and District N^o 4

There really isn't sufficient evidence for discussion concerning Eli Manning Jr. He apparently was still living in 1852. During the court session held in February 1852 John W. Perry who was the administrator of the elder

Eli Manning, presented a petition to sell land for assets⁸. The heirs⁹ named were Moses Manning, Britton Wood and wife Sallie, Euriah Crickmore and wife Polly, Willis Warren and wife Mourning, Elijah Vester and wife Susannah, Dianah, Eli Manning, Adison L. Manning, Jeremiah D. Manning, Betsey C. Manning, Amanda H. Manning, John E. Manning, Ann Eliza Manning, Nancy Manning, Sally G. Manning, Mary R. Manning, Jeremiah Manning, and Betsey M. Manning.

What can be determined from the petition is the heirs Moses

Manning through Eli Manning were children of the elder Eli, and the heirs beginning with Adison L. Manning were his grandchildren through deceased sons Guilford and Mecum/Macon Manning.

Based upon the evidence from records, the Eli Manning named by Ellis L. Manning and Alonza L. Manning in 1908 as their ancestor that was a voter 1 January 1861 or prior thereto was their great grandfather.

Submitted by TRC Member
Timothy W. Rackley

- 1 1850 United States Federal Census for Nash County, North Carolina; Roll M-432, stamped page number 307, handwritten page number 109. Members of household 866 were Charity Manning age 50, Lemuel Manning age 26, Jeremiah D. Manning age 19, Elizabeth C. Manning age 16, Martha M. Manning age 14, Mary Hagans age 24, and Harriett Hagans age 5.
- 2 1840 United States Federal Census for Nash County, North Carolina, Roll 366, page number 66. Members of household were 1 male 60-70, 1 female 60-70, 1 female 30-40, 2 females 20-30, and 1 male 10-15
- 3 North Carolina State Archives Raleigh, NC, Microfilm Roll C.069.30005 Nash County Minutes, County Court 1831-1843
- 4 Abstracts of Early Records of Nash County Records 1777-1859 by Joseph W. Watson, Rocky Mount, Dixie Letter Service, 1963, page 215
- 5 Nash County, North Carolina Marriage Records 1777-1868 by Timothy W. Rackley, Kernersville, Rackley Publishing, 1996, page 36. Married 15 Feb 1857 at Mrs Lucy Bass
- 6 Nash County, North Carolina Marriage Records 1777-1868 by Timothy W. Rackley, Kernersville, Rackley Publishing, 1996, page 29. Marriage bond dated 25 Oct 1792
- 7 North Carolina State Archives Raleigh, NC Microfilm Roll C.069.30005 Nash County Minutes, Court Court 1831-1843
- 8 Abstracts of Early Records of Nash County Records 1777-1859 by Joseph W. Watson, Rocky Mount, Dixie Letter Service, 1963, page 97
- 9 Eli also had a son named Jeremiah per Nash County Deed Book 11, page 84.

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