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The Reverend Thomas Wright's Letters to Robert Scott, 1812-1832

These letters, with several others, were given to the Society in 1975 by General L. F. Chapman, Jr., Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C., through the courtesy and efforts of Colonel W. G. deRosset, a member of the Society. The Reverend Thomas Wright was born 23 August 1785 in New York City, the only child of Thomas Wright and his first wife Ann Scott. Ann was the daughter of Robert Scott of N.Y. who had moved to Wilmington. She died when her son was born. Thomas Wright (1761-1798), father of the Rev. Mr. Wright, was a brother of Joshua Grainger Wright. Young Thomas' early life was spent in Wilmington. He entered the mercantile business as a young man. While returning from a business trip to New York, his ship was wrecked, he lost all his possessions and very nearly lost his life. He was ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church 30 April 1820 and priest 28 April 1822. He was rector of Calvary Church, Wadesboro, N.C. and had charge of St. Davids, Cheraw, S.C. In April 1825 he was serving not only the church at Wadesboro but St. Lukes, Salisbury and Christ Church, Rowan County. He was the first Episcopal minister in the western district of Tennessee and settled in Memphis where in September 1832 he organized Calvary Church. Mr. Wright married Mary Hostler Green, daughter of Captain William Green and Mary Bradley. He died of cholera in Memphis 28 April 1835 and is buried there.

These letters were addressed to John Scott, Esquire, Bedford County, near Shelbyville, Tennessee. As Mr. Wright's "Aunt Scott" was the mother of Mr. Scott, we assume that John and Thomas were cousins. This information is from the records of Eugene C. Hicks and St. James Episcopal Church.

Wilmington, N.C., Aug. 8th, 1812. Like all negligent people, I must commence my letter with excuses for not writing you before this; first then as I have written to Aspinwall offering him part of J. Smiths note as a payment on the amt. due by you, I wished to communicate his sentiments, but this has been rendered abortive as I have never had a line from him on the subject. The remaining reason, tho not a good one, is that my mind has been so harrassed by this difficulty of procuring money to meet my engagements, that every moment which could be spared from reflecting on this subject, was seized on with avidity, to devote to domestic relaxation. I now regret I have naught but ill tidings to

communicate. James Smith¹ has for three months past given up all idea of paying those whom he owes (at least for the present) but you are not alone, many others have suffered even more than you. I myself have not escaped, yet I hope we shall not lose eventually, as I have already commenced suit on your account as well as my own & hope that rather than go to jail he will pay up; yet it will be probably a year before we know our fate. Previous to suing him I proposed to take negro or other property in payment of your demand, but he would not consent.

I have repeatedly urged Mr. London² to adjust your business with the Governor³ & he now says it is unnecessary to speak to him on the subject & in fact I presume it is; & unless by compulsion he will never settle with you as his affairs are as much deranged as his Brothers & he is perhaps more destitute of the common Principles of Honesty. Not since the revolution have the inhabitants of Wilmington & perhaps of America witnessed such distressing times as the present & you will acknowledge it when I inform you that neither W. Giles, T. N. Gautier, R. Mitchell, C. Walker, G. Burgwin & G. Clitherall⁴ can pay their debts, besides others of smaller note, & even I, myself, who have heretofore been as punctual as you were formerly, cannot now pay my debts in N. York.

Besides \$800 lost by a failure in N.Y., & numberless others of small amts. here, Giles⁵ owes me \$2,400 which I am doubtful of getting & which if I do not, will, I believe if the present times continue, incapacitate me from paying more than five shillings in the pound to my crs. in N.Y., who will be the only losers, as my only debt here is due the Bank, & endorser must be secured. Thus you have a faint outline of our situation. May yours be more comfortable, at least I so far hope it is, that if my wife would consent I would gladly seat myself near you & be content with a bare subsistence at least for some years, but this I cannot expect as all her friends are here and as a woman cannot feel & know the difficulties we encounter in procuring a livelihood. Notwithstanding all the difficulties above mentioned I have yet (I might say the madness) to hope for better times; at all events I know that for the little time I am to exist here I can (torn) get enough to keep from starving & our descendants must make out as well as they can. We have now a daughter⁶ & an expectation of further increase, for their support I trust to the Author of Nature & hard work & economy.

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MEETINGS: October 18, 8:00 P.M., Thalian Hall; February 24, 3:00 P.M., Thalian Hall; May 29, 8:00 P.M., Thalian Hall.

BOARD MEETINGS: September 20, November 15, January 24, February 21, March 27, April 24.

MEETING

Observance of the 250th
Anniversary of New Hanover County

Date: October 18, 1979

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Thalian Hall

Subject: Harnett, Hooper and Howe, Revolutionary Leaders of the Lower Cape Fear

Speakers: Dr. Alan D. Watson, Mr. Donald R. Lennon, Mr. Dennis R. Lawson

Following the meeting there will be an autograph party at the Latimer House.

The Louis T. Moore Memorial Commission was most fortunate to have Dr. Alan D. Watson, Mr. Donald R. Lennon and Mr. Dennis R. Lawson as authors for *Harnett, Hooper and Howe: Revolutionary Leaders of the Lower Cape Fear*. Dr. Alan D. Watson, Professor of History at U.N.C.-Wilmington and a specialist in the Colonial period agreed to write the article on Cornelius Harnett and to serve as a coordinator for the three biographies. Donald R. Lennon, Director of the Manuscript Collection at East Carolina University in Greenville, and a native of Brunswick County,

had conducted research on Robert Howe and willingly agreed to undertake his biography. Dennis R. Lawson, Curator of the East Carolina Manuscript Collection, accepted the challenge to developed the Hooper article.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On November 27, 1729, the General Assembly created New Hanover Precinct in a law entitled, "An Act for Regulating Vestries in this Government, and for the better inspecting the Vestrymen and Church Wardens' Accompts of each and every Parish in this Government." We have thus designated the October meeting as a commemoration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of New Hanover County.

We would like to thank Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Chairman of the Louis T. Moore Memorial Commission, and Mrs. I.B. Kellam and Henry Jay MacMillan the other members of the Commission for their immeasurable contributions to the publishing of *Harnett, Hooper and Howe: Revolutionary Leaders of the Lower Cape Fear*. Our deep appreciation is extended to the authors Dr. Alan D. Watson, Donald R. Lennon and Dennis R. Lawson.

The second phase of the Servants' Quarters Preservation Project is underway. We hope to see its completion in the near future.

The loans and gifts are acknowledged with appreciation: Loan of Sheraton dining table and ten chairs by Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders of Chapel Hill; loan of Stodart pianoforte by Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History and Mrs. John W. Labouisse of Richmond, Virginia.

Gifts: View of Wilmington and turpentine industry in North Carolina by Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders of Chapel Hill; ten Bank of Cape Fear banknotes by Mr. and Mrs. John Sprinkle of Melbourne, Florida; Newkirk Papers by Mr. and Mrs. Julian Williams of Falls Church, Virginia; restoration of Stodart pianoforte by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wright, Jr.; and monetary gifts by Perry Foundation and Wright Chemical Corporation.



OLD WILMINGTON BY CANDLELIGHT

December 15 and 16, 1979
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

THE WASSAIL BOWL

(a benefit)

You are cordially invited to attend
The Wassail Bowl

Friday, the fourteenth of December
from eight until ten o'clock
at the Latimer House
126 South Third Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

Subscription: Twenty-five dollars per person.
Limited to one hundred twenty-five.

The Wassail Bowl is a benefit to provide funds for the preservation and interpretation of the Latimer House complex. It includes the wassail, entertainment, a gourmet's delight with suckling pig, and ticket for the tour.

Rev. Thomas Wright's Letters . . .
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Poor Mr. Wilkings⁷ continues very ill & I feel he cannot hold out much longer. Aunt & Uncle Scott⁸ are at the Sound, both well. Anderson, J. Cowan, McCaleb, Willkings⁹ & Carneh(?) a Yankey who married Miss Knight are in expectation of an addition to their families, so you can see we are increasing in numbers if not in riches. I had almost forgotten to mention that I have only collected the small sum due you by M. Cochran & Gabie. \$64 of your Market House Stock I hold in a note of the Commissioners pays in 18 mo. which is the way they settled with others. Mary joins me in affectionate wishes for the welfare of yourself and family & hopes with me to see you all here before the war¹⁰ is ended.

Yours Sincy.
Tho's Wright.

Wilmington, March 30th, 1813.

I have just come up from my farm & hearing that Caray leaves us in an hour or two, I sit down to scratch a few lines; & indeed you would have received such before but my pecuniary troubles have been so great that I have not felt disposed to write. I have now made an arrangement with some of Crs. & am to pay a third of what I owe them in 18 months. With respect to the others I am yet in the dark, but hope when they consider the matter more fully, that they will rather than take the body accept of what I can give them. At all events, I have the satisfaction of knowing that I have acted ever with the strictest integrity. I have now given up merchandizing forever, & as I was not able to buy I rented Merricks¹¹ place on the Sound where I can hope to make a living barring accidents, & that is all I calculate to do in these bad times. I sincerely wish I was along side of you, I am convinced I should be better satisfied but my wife cannot bear the idea of such a thing, indeed there was much lamentation when I determined on removing where I now live, but you know Mrs. Green¹², it is as impossible for her to live without a round of company as for a fish to exist out of the water, in fact her mode of life has been oftentimes unpleasant to me & were Mary not possessed of three times the understanding of her mother I should be far from being satisfied with her, as it is I give her great credit for withstanding temptation & endeavoring all in her power to conform to my wishes & circumstances, but enough, suffice it that I doat on her & my children for we have now two girls the oldest 15 months, the infant 3 weeks¹³, I perhaps even to a fault in the eyes of some. In short I have seen already so much depravity of mankind that I have become indifferent to their protestations of good will, & in fine never am perfectly satisfied unless at home, but no more. I could fill a quire in discoursing on the joys of domestic life & the folly of looking on the world as friends. So much for my own affairs, now for yours. A suit against James Smith is determined as I presume he cannot obtain security we may possibly get the money in May, as to your business with the General¹⁴ it is no nearer a close than when you left us, in short Mr. London¹⁵ has so much business of his own to attend to that I think he has made very little exertion to settle yours, & I think you had better state the case to Mr. Toomer¹⁶ & get him to attend to it. Your other accounts are yet uncollected tho not for want of asking, for I have repeatedly pressed the payment without effect. But you are not singular for I cannot get even the little owing to me from my particular friends. My best respects to Mrs. Scott, love to the children & I hope you will

bring them all with you when you come next & spend a week or two with us if not more & give me some instruction as to farming, for indeed I want it much, but as practice makes perfect I hope to do better by & by. Draughon was married a few days ago to a Miss Williams, a lumber merchants daughter from the country. J. London is to be married to Sally Lord & Lucy Ann Brown to John Owen.¹⁷ From the ill health of J. Gautier¹⁸ & the disapprobation of Ann Sophias Friends, they will probably never be man & wife.

Wilmington, May 13th, 1816.

John D. Jones¹⁹ this moment informed me that he goes early tomorrow to your state. As he will probably see you, I cannot omit writing, if for no other purpose than to show that I bear you in remembrance, altho I have not evinced it by writing frequently. With much concern I heard of the affliction of your Family by sickness, & the loss of Mrs. Carrol, the latter must be felt severely, particularly by Mrs. Scott, nothing earthly, I am convinced, can compensate you both for the loss of a tried Friend, & an amiable & useful child. But let us thank God there is comfort in Religion, & tho deprived of every Terrestrial blessing, our language should be, like our Saviours, who "was a man of Sorrow & acquainted with grief" Thy will be done. We have yet a Heaven on which to place our hopes. We have yet a God of Love on whom to place our affections. I sincerely wish I was able to make you a great offer for your Tennessee possessions, & thereby induce you to come among us again; it would be to myself & Mary a source of great happiness. I have purchased (tho not to get possession until January) a tract of land on Harrisons Creek²⁰ formerly belonging to W. W. Jones Father in the neighborhood of the Picketts & about 4 miles from H. B. Howard²¹; for which I gave \$1600. The land is good for this part of the country, & taking into view the difference of price of produce, will I think, be more productive than Tennessee or Back Country lands. The only thing in which a residence in those places would be preferable, is perhaps in point of health, & even in this respect I believe we have had the advantage for two years past. The place which I have bought is, I am informed, celebrated for its healthiness, far superior to the Sound, indeed the children in the neighborhood look remarkably florrid & the Fever & ague is a rarity. At present we live at the Sound; at Robinsons opposite Genl. Brown.²² If J. D. Jones can take it I will send you the second vol. of Burdars Sermons. What would I not give if I could write such; indeed if my memory was only tolerable, I would at once commence the study of Divinity, that so I might be enabled to officiate in our church during the absence of a Parson, as is the case at present. We have had for a few months a very pious & learned man, who gave general satisfaction, except to the Methodists. They have, while we were destitute of a Preacher made some additions to their Society from among us, say Mrs. Noland, Mrs. Brown (Bladen)²³, Mrs. Poisson & Miss McKenzie & perhaps some others & they yet hope for more. Therefore a good preacher could not be pleasing to them, one who was devout & zealous in the cause of religion, yet who opposed error in the garb of truth. Under his preaching Mr. Campbell was converted to a belief in our Saviour & Aunt Scott & some others were aided in the pious combat. Mr. London (J.R.) & Doctor deRosset became communicants, the two latter with myself, J.W. Walker, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. deRosset²⁴ & a few more ladies are under God the firmest adherents of the church. We have, since Mr. Judd²⁵ our Pastor left us, had a student of Divinity (who has charge of the Academy) to lead prayers & a sermon for us &

after his departure we shall probably take each our turn & keep the church open on Sundays until Mr. Judd returns in the fall. Old Mr. London has left this, we hope for a better world. It is late & Uncle is hurrying me, fearful that our letters may be too late. Do write me whenever you feel disposed. Mary joins me in affectionate regards to Mrs. Scott & in good wishes for the welfare of your little family.

Wilmington, December 10th, 1817.

However painful the communication may be, yet it becomes my duty to inform you of the departure of an aged Servant, from this to a better world. Uncle Scott²⁶ was taken sick about 18 months ago and although generally able to attend to business, he never perfectly recovered. During the last two or three months he was much confined to the house, but was able to sit up until Friday last; since which he gradually became weaker & on Monday night (almost without a struggle) his spirit returned to God who gave it. Aunt informed me that he frequently spoke of writing you, but did not effect it. His disease was a Bowel complaint, a gradual decay of nature. Uncle owed the Banks about six hundred dollars which became due in January & should be attended to. Everything else will remain as it now is, until we hear from or see you; which will of course be as soon as practicable. I do not know the situation of your business with Mr. Wingate²⁷, but if unsettled that will require your attention as he also is gone to meet his reward. You have no doubt heard that it has pleased God in his wisdom to lessen the number of my Family on earth. Three of my dear children I trust sleep with Jesus²⁸. Let us then jointly say, it is the Lord let him do what seemeth to him good. Blessed be the name of our God. Aunt Scott & Mary desire to be affectionately remembered to yourself & family. With my prayer for your temporal & eternal welfare, I remain affectionately Your Sincere Friend.

Wilmington, March 4th, 1818.

Yours of the 23rd Jan'y was this day rec'd & as I am in haste to leave Town, have only time to say that Uncle Scott made no particular disposition of his property, in fact did not mention the subject during his sickness. My reason for not mentioning it to you in my last was that I supposed you were acquainted with Uncle Scotts sentiments, & not having examined his papers, I could not know absolutely, that he had not made a will. This appears to be the present state of the business. The Bank debt remains as it was & indeed everything else; the negroes hire at present for forty seven dollars per mo. which is barely enough to support the House. I made nearly the same observations to Aunt as you have done but she declined it & seems to wish if possible to make no further change in her situation unless you wish to have a division of the estate. If you can come on here it would be very pleasing to her & the business may be arranged in a day or two. My present impression is that by disposing of Prince who has been hired to Nichols for several years, the Bank debt might be paid, & in case of no division of the property the bal. will be sufficient to support her (in all probability, if she keeps house) except that you might take with you two or three of the Boys or Girls. This however is merely mentioned as my own opinion in case you should not visit us. At least something of this kind might be done but I think you had better come on & bring Mrs. Scott & Family. Mary & myself would feel much gratified to have you with us all the time you could spare from your other friends. I have indeed some idea of removing to Town principally on Aunts acct. & with that view have offered for the Cashiership of the State Bank,

but there are so many candidates that I don't much calculate on succeeding, but wherever we are I should consider it a fit subject for thanks to God to see you all once more. Taking in view your situation & mine, it would appear that we have not attained our object, the health of our Families, but I hope we have been benefitted in another way. Why then can you not sell your plantation & return among us again? But more of this another time or when I see you. If you do not come before May Court Aunt will administer on the estate, which she has defer'd thinking to see you be [torn] this. You speak as if the want of funds prevents your coming, but surely if you have not [torn] dollars or more in your possession it might be obtained from Wilkinson, Judge Haywood or some other No. Car'n until your return when you could repay it by the sale of some trifle here. Altho not a monied man I could send you that sum now if there was anything like a certainty that you would receive it. General Smiths²⁹ note is in the hands of Wm Wingate³⁰ & if you wish it can be given to an attorney for collection. It will not be paid in any other way & possibly may be in that. Aunt is quite unwell with a bad cold. She sends her love to you all & hopes to see you as soon as possible. My best respects to Mrs. Scott & kiss the little children for your sincere Friend.

[note added] Dear John, I see Thomas has not told you there is about two hundred dollars [?] that is with Doctors bills. Do try to come on by May as I know nothing. Miss B—Winslow still boards with me—that I can't give up till I see you then I would like to live alone that I might try to serve my God more. I have a great deal to tell you when I see you. I do the best I can now— & that is bad enough, everything is so high. Love to Mrs. Scott, kiss the children for me. Believe me your affectionate Mother E. Scott.

Wilmington, Feby. 15th 1819.

I have delayed writing you before in hope that I might have something satisfactory to state as to the sale of your lot; but even now the intelligence respecting it will be unpleasant. I have used every endeavour to dispose of it without effect, at private sale, & offered it at auction also when there were a number present. Yesterday David Smith³¹ said it was probable he would give three hundred dollars. I offered to take four hundred dollars but he declined. All town property has fallen much owing to the scarcity of money in consequence of the Bank refusing to discount, how long this state of things will continue is uncertain. The owners of Houses & lots however think that such property must rise & if you had wherewith to pay Mr. Toomer³² from another source it would perhaps be well to keep the lot for a year or two, but of this you can judge for yourself. If you think \$300 will do let me know as soon as possible. Aunt Scott has also made several attempts to sell the Sound place in order to pay for it but no purchaser can be found at even \$350, perhaps in the summer it may sell, if not & I can raise the money myself, I will pay Mr. T. but this also is by no means certain. Having in vain sought to send your Observers by a private conveyance I now send 6 numbers by mail. If they arrive safe I can forward the others & if you wish Doyly & Mants Commentary on the Bible it might be sent you in the same way, if you have not yet received it from N.Y. You will recollect that it comes out in numbers, 4 of which have been received. I am anxious for you to have either that or Scotts Commentary as I am confident both you & Mrs. Scott & even some of the children would be much gratified & benefitted by having many things explained, which without such help it is impossible for those engaged in Temporal matters to understand . . . James W. Walker³³ is

now on his way to Huntsville about 50 miles from you with all his negroes, having purchased land there; when he returns he will, after adjusting his business here, take on the white part of the Family. Perhaps it would be advantageous for you to remove there. I have disposed of my plantation at \$2200³⁴ & as soon as I can sell the house in which I live & some Haywood lots of Marys, I hope to be a laborer in the Lords vinyard, tho a feeble & unworthy one. Our convention takes place in April when, if I am prepared (to be examined by the Bishop)³⁵ shall be ordained deacon, but if not sufficiently qualified it will be deferred longer. Wm. Green³⁶ & Mr. Shaw, a tutor of the Academy, whom you saw, are also preaching, & a young man in the Upper country; that we have reason to hope that our Church in this State will rear her drooping head in a few years & increase under the Divine blessing as she has done in other States. Aunt Scott has been quite sick for a week past but is now better. By the way I think you may with propriety erase what I wrote in your manual as Aunt & her Methodist friends are I believe now fully persuaded that it was weakness of body & agitation of spirit which threw her into the situation in which you saw her. What a pity it is that where good deed is sown Tares will spring up; that where there is some real religion, there will also frequently be much of human frailty & error. I send you a pocket almanack which I think will please you, among other matters contained therein I find the Reverend Jno. Ward of our church is stationed at Lexington, Kentucky, Mr. Cummings is a missionary & Mr. Crawford resides near Shelby, perhaps in your neighborhood. If you should ever

see any of these persons perhaps through your united endeavors the church might be established even in Tennessee. In the State of Ohio within a year or two 14 or 16 congregations have been organized, altho there are not that many stationed preachers. Aunt Scott & Mary beg to be remembered affectionately to you, Mrs. S. & Family. We have another son³⁷ since you left us. Thank God we are all well. Adieu, May the Father of mercies, Temporal & Spiritual, bless you & your & lead you in the way to everlasting life.

[first part of this letter is missing. The envelope has "replied to 30th March 1819"]

I had forgotten to mention the loss of your valuable & good fellow Daniel who was drowned some months ago in attempting to go from the wharf to a vessel that lay in the Stream. His Mother was with him when the Boat overset, but was saved. This is a loss to you & Aunt both, in a temporal point of view, but perhaps was for his advantage & may be productive of good in other respects. Holmes has applied to Aunt Scott for payment of the Taxes for last year [torn] she thinks she ought not to pay- about \$25 & also for \$10 being fees on account of the division of the Est. which was first talked of, however she will probably pay it when she gets money from the Negroes. She has been boarding with Mrs. Gautier but is going to [torn] few days. How she will get along [torn] for even when boarding out [torn] of money. Dr deRossett³⁸ at whose shop I write this begs to be remembered.

To be continued

FOOTNOTES

- Probably the James Smith whose son Albert was born 1810. St. James Episcopal Church records.
- Probably John R. London (1786-1832), merchant, married Sally Lord 1813. St. James records; Williams & McEachern Salt, *That Necessary Article*.
- William Hawkins. Cheney (ed.), *North Carolina Government, 1585-1974*.
- William Giles; William Burke, son of William & Anabella Giles, born 12 July, 1812. St. James records. Thomas Nicholas Boudet Gautier (1764-1848), born Bristol, England and died in Wilmington. St. James records. Robert Mitchell, member St. James 1812-14. St. James records. Carlton Walker, member St. James 1811-1816; died in Hillsboro 1840, age 60. St. James records; Kellam, *Marriage and Death Notices in Newspapers Published in Wilmington, N.C., 1797-1842*.
George William Bush Burgwin, son of John Burgwin, married 1807 Maria Nash of New Bern, member St. James 1811, 1812. St. James records; Broughton (comp.), *Marriage and Death Notices from Raleigh Register and North Carolina Gazette, 1799-1825*.
Dr. George C. Clitherall, member St. James, married Caroline Eliza Burgwin, daughter of John Burgwin, died Nov. 1829. St. James records; Caroline Eliza Clitherall Diary, Archives of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society.
- William Giles.
- Sarah Elizabeth Wright, born 8 January, 1812. St. James records.
- Possibly John Wilkings (1758-1837), member of Vestry at St. James in 1800. St. James records.
- Elizabeth Scott (1753-1841), mother of Robert Scott, was probably John Wilkings sister. When she died the *Wilmington Chronicle* had "She was the oldest white inhabitant of Wilmington, in the vicinity of which she was born and passed in and near the town the whole of her life." In her will she left a house and lot on 2nd street to her nephew's children. The nephew was Winslow Wilkings. Winslow had a daughter named Eliza Scott Wilkings. Kellam, *Marriage and Death Notices*; New Hanover County Will Book X-415; St. James records; Thomas Wright letter to Robert Scott 4 March, 1818. Robert Scott (1741-1817), father of Robert Scott and brother of Mr. Wright's mother Ann. St. James records; records of Eugene Hicks.
- Probably Alexander Anderson whose son James was born 23 October, 1812; probably John Cowan whose son Thomas Hartman was born 5 September, 1812; probably William Alexander Wilkings whose daughter Rebecca Mortimer was born 31 November, 1812. St. James records.
- Declaration of war on Britain approved by Congress 18 June 1812, after many incidents of British interference with United States ships. The Treaty of Ghent was signed 24 December 1814 to end the war.
- The Merricks owned land on what is now Myrtle Grove Sound; this may be the place. McKoy, *Early New Hanover Records*.
- Mary Bradley Green, his mother-in-law. Records of Eugene Hicks and Green family records.
- Sarah Elizabeth born 8 January, 1812 and Sophia Ann born 11 March 1813. St. James records.
- General Benjamin Smith, former Governor of North Carolina. Reaves, *Southport (Smithville) and Environs*.
- Probably John R. London (1786-1832). St. James records.
- John D. Toomer (1784-1856); County attorney 1815; Superior Court Judge 1818-19, 1829, 1836-40; Associate Justice North Carolina Supreme Court 1829; North Carolina Senate 1831-32. Hewlett, *Attorneys of New Hanover County*.
- John R. London married Sally Lord 6 May 1813; John Owen, Esquire married Lucy Ann Brown 24 June 1813. St. James records.
- Joseph R. Gautier died 21 September 1816, age 22. St. James records.
- John D. Jones, Esquire married Louisa J. Price 30 April 1829. St. James records.
- Harrisons Creek flows into the Northeast River west of Hampstead, Pender County.
- William Watts Jones, Henry B. Howard. St. James records; New Hanover County Deed Books.
- General Thomas Brown of Bladen County (1744-1814); his will left *Sedgefield* on the Sound. Sons of the American Revolution *Lineage Book*; Campbell, *Bladen County Wills*.
- Probably the General's wife, see footnote 22.
- Probably Dr. Moses John deRosset (1796-1826), son of Dr. Armand John & Mary Fullerton deRosset, married Sarah E. Waddell 1826. Medical Auxiliary, *The Lonely Road*; St. James records. James W. Walker, born

- 1770, the son of James & Magdalene Margaret duBois Walker, the brother of Julius Walker, Harriet Walker who married Edwin Jay Osborne, and Louisa Walker who married Joseph G. Swift. Mary Jane, wife of J.W. Walker, died 1813. McEachern & Williams, *Wilmington-New Hanover Safety Committee Minutes*; Williams & McEachern, *Salt, That Necessary Article*; St. James records. Mrs. Mary Sampson, age 85, died June 1830. St. James records.
25. The Reverend Bethel Judd was the rector of St. James 1814-16. St. James records.
 26. Robert Scott died 8 December 1817, age 76; St. James records.
 27. Jesse Wingate died October, 1817. St. James records.
 28. Sarah Elizabeth, born 8 January, 1812, died July 1817; Catherine Ann & Mary Greene were twins, born 2 February, 1817, died August & October 1817. St. James records.
 29. General Benjamin Smith, see footnote 14.
 30. William Wingate married Mary Ann Ewing 24 December, 1811; their daughter Mary Ann born 15 September, 1821; St. James records.
 31. David Smith was a member of St. James & had pew 29 in 1817. St. James Records.
 32. See footnote 16.
 33. See footnote 24.
 34. See footnote 20; in January 1813 Thomas sold John Mercer Gabie & John Wilkings a house & lot on the south west corner of 4th & Orange streets, on the corner. New Hanover County Deed Book P-38.
 35. Mr. Wright was ordained deacon by Bishop Moore of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia 30 April 1820. Records of Eugene Hicks.
 36. William Mercer Green, brother-in-law of Mr. Wright became the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi; he married Sally Sneed who died 1822 & married 2nd Charlotte Isabella Fleming. St. James records; Green family records.
 37. William Green Wright, born 17 October 1818. St. James records.
 38. Either Dr. Armand John (1767-1859) or Dr. Moses John deRosset (1796-1826); Medical Auxiliary *The Lonely Road*.

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