

	Born	Died	Married
Daniel C. Cockerham m. 9 Nov 1820 Sally Burch Roberts	1795 Surry County, NC 7 Nov 1801 Surry County, NC	Mar 1877 Daniel Cockerham Cem 1866 [?] Daniel Cockerham Cem	s/o David Cockerham & Mary Ann Burch d/o Pleasant Roberts & Mary Bowles

Children:

1. Pleasant Branch ("Pleas")	18 Oct 1821 Surry County, NC	12 Jun 1865 (1) Point Lookout, MD	Mary Hughes Thompson 18 Jan 1848
2. David S. ("Dave")	5 Jan 1824 Surry County, NC	9 May 1890 Jonesville Cemetery	1)- Plutina M. Jones 2)- Amanda J. Long (2)
3. Samburn Woodson ("Woods")	9 Jun 1826 Surry County, NC	12 Jul 1914 Jonesville Cemetery	Jane Elizabeth Jones 28 Dec 1854
4. Mary Ann	18 Apr 1828 Surry County, NC	18 Nov 1919 Hollywood Cemetery	never married
5. Keziah ("Kizzie")	20 Oct 1830 Surry County, NC	23 Feb 1917 Mulberry Pr Bap Ch	Aaron Webster Kennedy 1 Feb 1855
6. Jackson Henderson ("Jack")	26 Jan 1833 Surry County, NC	3 May 1863 (3) Chancellorsville, VA	never married
7. Elizabeth Jarvis ("Betsy")	11 Aug 1836 Surry County, NC	12 Oct 1924 Roaring Gap Bap Ch	never married
8. Thomas Roberts ("Tommy")	13 Jan 1839 Surry County, NC	14 Apr 1840 Daniel Cockerham Cem	never married
9. Daniel <u>Jasper</u>	15 Sep 1841 Surry County, NC	30 Dec 1917 Hollywood Cemetery	Elizabeth J. Roberts 9 Dec 1869
10. Latitia Dobson ("Lettie")	1 Oct 1846 Surry County, NC	11 Jan 1929 Roaring Gap Bap Ch	William A. Johnson 18 Mar 1875

- (1) Pleasant Branch Cockerham, at the time of his death, was being held a Prisoner of War after serving as a Corporal in Company "H", 21st Regiment NC Troops. He is buried in the Point Lookout National Cemetery.
- (2) David S. Cockerham, M.D., who served as Captain of Company "H", 54th Regiment NC Troops, was married twice:

Plutina Mary Jones	=	4 May 1858, Yadkin County, NC
Amanda Jane Long	=	23 Nov 1868, Yadkin County, NC
- (3) Jackson Henderson Cockerham was serving as a Private in Company "B", 1st Regiment NC Troops, and is buried in the Chancellorsville National Cemetery.
- (4) Samburn Woodson Cockerham served as Sargeant in Company "B", 2nd Battalion NC Infantry, and Daniel Jasper Cockerham was 1st Lieutenant in Company "H", 21st Regiment NC Troops.

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Boyle¹²⁵

May 19, 1977.

Miss Ruth Minick
Sec. Sevier County Historical Society
314 Franklin St.

Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030

Dear Miss Minick,

I am trying to find the names of the parents of my ancestors who came to Monroe Co. Alabama around 1820-30. They were Nancy Boyles (Boyles) and Joseph Boyle, first cousins and, therefore, children of 2 Boyles brothers.

Can you help me find them or direct me to someone or some place where I might find them.

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papers in order to become a DAR
and I would like very much to
go in on the Boyles (Boiles) line.

Thank you very much for
any help you can give me in
finding them -

Sincerely,

Garnet Deramus
(Mrs. Harvey)

Boyles, William, lawyer, was born in 1818 near Mt. Airy, N. C. and died March 29, 1882 at Mobile. Son of Joseph and Nancy (Boyles) Boyles, first cousins. His parents moved to Little River, Monroe County during his early childhood, and he was reared there. He was educated in the common schools of the county and entered the mercantile business in his early manhood. Sometime later he began to study law under Edward S. Dargan, afterwards Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and was admitted to the Bar February 23, 1843. He practiced law in Mobile from that time until the outbreak of war in 1861. He raised a battalion of cavalry at Mobile called the "First Alabama Partisan Rangers," and was placed in its command. After several months training, this command was ordered to Tupelo, Miss. where the battalion was consolidated with Street's Mississippi Battalion, and was organized as the 56th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry with Mr. Boyles as Colonel. Under Generals Stephen D. Lee, Ruggles, Hardee, Joseph Wheeler and Joseph E. Johnston, this regiment took part in many battles in Mississippi, Northern Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia where it was active in harassing the fall of Savannah, the regiment retreated in the Carolinas with the balance of Johnston's army and was surrendered in the articles of capitulation between Johnston and Sherman in April 1865, with 154 men left out of the thousand who first composed it. It was always in the hottest of the fight, and was conspicuous on many occasions for its heroic conduct in the field. Colonel Boyles was created a Brigadier-General, but his commission failed to reach him before the close of hostilities. After the war was ended, he returned to his home in Mobile and resumed the practice of law; from 1877 until his death 5 years later, he was the law partner of his nephew, James M. Cloud. At one time he represented Mobile County in the State Legislature. Last residence: Mobile.

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(William Boyles was the oldest brother of my great grandfather Joseph Boyles.)

Boyles -

**Reunion of the Boyles Family.
The Mount Airy News, November 14, 1912**

Mt. Airy, N. C., Nov. 10. Today there was a reunion of the Boyles family at Sulphur Springs Baptist church. There is probably no better known family in this county. The services were led by Rev. C. H. Stone and several short talks were made by members. Rev. E. W. Turner made an interesting talk.

The following bit of information was brought out at the reunion today: The family consisted of ten children and eight of them are yet living. Seven were present today. Those present were J. H. Boyles, aged 74 years, been married 54 years, has 10 children, eight living and two dead, forty one grand children, thirty nine living and two dead, six great-grand children. He has been a member of the church sixty two years. All of his children are members of the church and six grand children are also members.

R. W. Boyles was 73 years old today, has been married 46 years, has ten children, six dead and four living; ten grandchildren. He has been a member of the church 53 years.

Julia Needham is 71 years old, been married 54 years, has three children, one living and two dead, has seven grandchildren, six living and one dead; has been a member of the church 60 years.

Mrs. W. M. Bennett is 67 years old, has been a member of the church 52 years, married 44 years, has six children, two living and four dead.

S. C. Boyles is 65 years old. Been married 45 years, has 8 children living and two dead, has 24 grandchildren, 22 living and two dead; has been a member of the church about 50 years.

Mrs. E. W. Culler is 62 years old. She has been married ___ years, a member of the church 48 years, has four children, three living and one dead, and fourteen grandchildren.

Mrs. F. B. Culler is 56 years old, a member of the church 41 years, been married 37 years, has eleven children, one dead and ten living and thirteen grandchildren.

The father was at one time a member of the executive committee of the old Yadkin Association and was instrumental in bringing the beloved Rev. J. H. Lewellen to this section of the country, that being the beginning of a great work among the churches here. Through he has gone to his reward, his influence still lives.

Boyles

**Boyles, Farmer, Succumbs
Thurs.**

Cuthbert Howard Boyles, 61, farmer of Pilot Mountain, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at 11 a.m. Thursday at his home.

Surviving are his mother of Pilot Mountain; his wife, Mrs. Lena Mathis Boyles; three daughters, Mrs. Thomas B. Massey of Pilot Mountain, Mrs. Lana Paul of Mount Airy and Mrs. W. D. Cook of Winston-Salem; four half sisters, Mrs. Charles Shelton and Mrs. General Shelton of Pilot Mountain, route 1, and Mrs. Clyde Overby and Mrs. William Creasy of Pilot Mountain; two half brothers, Claude and Nick Willard of Pilot Mountain; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church by the Rev. Kenneth Hollyfield and the Rev. Paul Key.

He died December 11, 1958.

(The Mount Airy News,
December 16, 1958)

Remembering Boyles

Being that I work second shift here in The News office, I often miss out on important discussions that happen during the course of the day.

One of those recent discussions was on the death of the beloved Ronald Boyles.

I am sorry that I missed that announcement when it first happened.

Over the years, the sports department here wrote many articles on Ronald Boyles. In the past four years, I've written three or four myself.

In memory of Ronald, I am re-running this story I wrote on him in the spring of 2011 when he received the Granite City Award.

As I re-read this article, Ronald's love of local sports brought a tear to my eye.

My father asked me years ago why I would bother wasting my time watching sports. I didn't give him a very good answer, but Ronald can say it better than I can.

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September 21, 2014

By Jeff Linville

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Each year the Mount Airy Sports Hall of Fame adds new members to its ranks, but perhaps none as universally loved as this year's Granite City award recipient Ronald Boyles Jr.

The long-time official and sports advocate likely would have already been inducted into the Hall, but he was on the selection committee himself for years. Now that he's retired from the committee, he can

receive the honor he rightly deserves.

Last fall, he was inducted into the Surry County Sports Hall of Fame to loud applause from the packed crowd at the Surry Community College. He had more letters of recommendation than anyone in that class including several current and retired coaches who appreciated Boyles' passion for sports.

Barry Hall, John Hamilton, Jerry Hollingsworth, Charles Moir, Robert Smith and Bobby Timmons were among those supporting Boyles' induction.

"Ronald Boyles has given his life to encouraging our youth to participate and follow their dreams in education and athletics," said former commissioner Gary York.

"He's been our number one cheerleader and fan. He believes that being in the stands matters to players and families. It was never about winning or losing, home team or favorite team; his attendance was for the love of the game."

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Boyles

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That love of sports led Boyles to being a part of the Mount Airy football, basketball and baseball teams before he graduated in 1944.

Boyles said, "I loved playing in the games and getting to know my teammates."

He played for legendary football coach Wallace Shelton, then a few years later would serve as an assistant under Shelton.

He enjoyed working with players so much that he began work as a teacher and coach at White Plains in 1950 when the school still had high school grade levels.

In 1952, he joined Boyles Shoe Store, which his father and uncle opened in 1933. The business ran for 56 years, and after Boyles joined, they sponsored dozens of youth teams through the years.

In addition to his day job, Boyles refereed high school basketball in Surry and the surrounding counties for 15 years and was a volunteer official at Reeves Community Center.

Boyles once estimated that he has seen more than 2,000 high school and youth league games during the past 70 years. He was there when Mount Airy won the Class B football title in 1948 and when it competed for the 2009 state title, as well as 11 other state title wins for local teams.

His wife Lib said that

they didn't know it at the time, but they were both at the same football game in 1948 before they ever met.

She was there cheering on her hometown Laurinburg team, and he was rooting for the Bears.

When she married him, Lib knew that sports were a big part of Boyles' life. Why, their engagement was announced in Frank Spencer's sports column in The Winston-Salem Journal before it was formally announced on the bridal page.

While he might have gone to Mount Airy, when it comes to sports, Boyles has always believed in cheering on all the local teams. He noted that he has gone to state championship games for several schools like Starmount, East Surry's championship softball teams and North Surry's 1989 championship basketball team.

"When I started at East Surry High School in 1971, Ronald Boyles was one of the first names mentioned when discussing sports in Surry County," said Barry Hall, East Surry baseball coach and long-time athletic director.

"He has always been supportive of all the schools in Surry County, and not just Mount Airy."

"Win or lose, Ronald was always there to celebrate, or offer kind words to ease the pain of a loss," said Charles Moir, former Mount Airy coach.

"As a local businessman, he was supportive in raising money, organizing

other supporters, and just being there to assist any way he could without fanfare," said Moir.

Once his shoe store closed, Boyles worked for the county health department for 14 years. Many young mothers remember him from driving the Moms van to and from the county office.

Between officiating and cheering, Boyles said he has been privileged to know many wonderful coaches over the years, but he will always have a special place in his heart for Wallace Shelton. The coach was fair, a good teacher and helped him better understand the game of football, he said.

When he was honored last fall, Boyles said of being a sports fan, "Being in the stands was a privilege. Oftentimes, I might be the fill-in for the parent who could not come. I hoped the players realized that and how they played matters. The excitement of the action and anticipation inspired me to come back and come back and come back."

"To see a three-pointer to win at the buzzer, a Little Leaguer's first homer, a no-hitter, a state championship or a masterful pick in the dirt by the first baseman that turns an E-6 into a 6-4 putout, these special moments can only be realized by being at the game."

This weekend will be another special moment, only this time the spotlight will be on Boyles.

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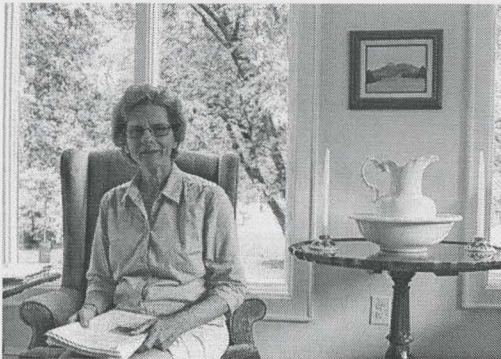
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Boyles finishes Pilot Mountain history, genealogy book

by Mondee Tilley

Staff Reporter

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PILOT MOUNTAIN — After 10 years of research, Pilot Mountain resident and historian Carolyn Boyles has finished the manuscript for her book in which she hopes to preserve the history of the town she loves.

Boyles is passionate about preserving the history of the town for which she has served as a commissioner for the past 20 years. A retired school teacher, the 65-year-old Boyles wanted to make sure people remembered the history of Pilot Mountain.

Her book is called, “Early Days of Pilot Mountain, North Carolina: A History and Genealogy,” she said as she sat with it in her lap at her home on Thursday afternoon.

“I wanted to preserve it for posterity. There is a lot of history here. I feel like when I’m gone it will be gone, so I wanted to write it all down,” said Boyles.

Of all the sources she used to write the book, Boyles said only two — Betty Farnsworth and Bobby Nichols — are still living.

In the more than 200-page book, Boyles covers the history of Pilot Mountain all the way back to the 1700s.

She can trace her own family roots to Ireland and discovered that her relatives may have moved from Stokes to Surry County because this county had less slave owners, and possibly had less of an interest in the Civil War.

She also uncovered facts like the town has been called Hog Wallow, Tom’s Creek, Marion Town and Pilotville. She said it was widely thought that Pilot Mountain itself was located in Stokes County. It wasn’t until a survey was done that deemed the mountain to be in Surry County that the town finally got its first post office in 1880.

Boyles is hoping to get the book published by Christmas. She is in the process of approaching publishers now.

“It’s been 10 years. The time has come. It needs to be published,” said Boyles.

She believes that people who don’t live in Pilot Mountain will have more interest in the book than those living in town.

“There are some funny stories and lots of pictures of how the town used to be,” said Boyles.

In her book, Boyles covers the founding families of Pilot Mountain, many of whom had names that are now street names in town such as Stephens, Carson, Davis and Nelson. She said there will probably be some families that lived outside of town that are not included. She said she only focused on the families that lived in town.

“In a book of this nature, some people are going to be left out,” said Boyles.

She said over the past 10 years, she has made it known that she has been working on the book and has asked several people to write down their family histories to contribute. She said only one woman took her up on the offer.

In order to research the history of the town, Boyles relied on census and tax records. She has spent hundreds of hours on the county’s Register of Deeds office looking up information.

Her grandfather, Oliver Boyles’ cousin, sent him maps of the area in 1850.

Those drawings are included in her book.

Her grandfather’s grandfather, William B. Boyles, was the first immigrant from her family to move to Stokes County from Ireland. He had eight sons, six of which died during the Civil War. She believes he moved to Surry County to keep the youngest two from going off to war.

“Stokes County was a big slave county. Surry was not. Our land is more rocky and not as supportive of plantation-type farming. People here did more sustainable farming and lived off the land,” said Boyles.

She said the majority of people who settled Surry County and Pilot Mountain were Moravians, who took the Wachovia Tract from Forsyth County, and people who migrated from Virginia and other northern states.

Boyles also uncovered stories such as the one about Pilot Mountain’s first fire truck that was built in town by Gray and Bud Trulove. The men built it on a 1939 Ford truck. The town used that truck until 1958 when it bought its first factory-built fire truck. She has a picture of the Trulove’s standing with the truck they built in the book.

In the book, there is also a picture of the old P.G. Wall Variety store being built. That store then became the Five and Dime store. It is now called Hair Country. The town’s Tourism Development Authority had a picture of the train that ran through Pilot Mountain painted on the side of that building last winter.

Boyles said the train depot in town that was located on Depot Street, which was considered the town’s main street for a long time and was the center of town.

Many of the town's factories and businesses were located on that street.

She said someone purchased and moved the old railroad depot to a farm. She said she would love to find out where the old depot building is located now.

One of many pictures of the town's older homes in the book, there is a picture of the old John F. Stephens' home that is now owned by Renee Cook. She said it was built in 1870 and may be the oldest standing residence in town. Traveling east on Main Street from the First Baptist Church, it's the second residence on the right at 345 W. Main St.

Also in Boyles' book, she details the area's industrial past. She also records the history of area churches and schools. She has gathered the most information about the First Baptist Church where she is a member, but she wishes she had more information on the Primitive Baptist Church.

She also wanted to include more information on the area's African-American community.

The book also features a section that includes old receipts from local businesses.

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CARPENTER

DOBSON — Mrs. Lillie Emmer Bowles Carpenter, 80, of 277 White Dirt Rd., Dobson, and the widow of Joshua Wilburn Carpenter, died at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin early Monday morning after a short illness. Mrs. Carpenter was born July 3, 1915 in Surry County, daughter of Ellis Robert and Malissa Emmer Shinault Bowles, was a member of the Central View Baptist Church, and a homemaker. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Rachel Ann Howard of State Road; two sons, Andy Robert Carpenter, Sr., and Wilburn Joshua Carpenter, both of Dobson; eight grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and one brother, Ellis Robert Bowles of Charlotte. Mrs. Carpenter was preceded in death by her husband, Joshua Wilburn Carpenter. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Central View Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Kenny Pardue with burial in the church cemetery. Her body will remain at Moody Funeral Home in Dobson until carried to the church to lie in state 30 minutes before the service. The family will receive friends at the Moody Funeral Home in Dobson on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL

WATSON

PINNACLE — Mr. Wilbur Bethea Watson, age 95, of Route 3, Box 15, Pinnacle, N.C. died early Monday morning, May 27, 1996, at the Brian Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. Mr. Watson was born in Stokes County, November 21, 1900, to the late Levi and Missouri Boles Watson. He was a retired self-employed carpenter and a member of Pinnacle United Methodist Church. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Harry L. and Betty Watson, Winston-Salem, N.C., Larry Mitchell and Carolyn Watson, Pinnacle, N.C.; four grandchildren, Lu Ann Davis and husband, Michael, Amy Bush and husband, Gerald, Michelle McDaniel and husband, Rodney, and Daryl Watson. Mr. Watson was preceded in death by his wife, Ida Mae Culler Watson; one daughter, Margaret J. Watson, and one son, Larry M. Watson. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, May 29, 1996, at 3 p.m. at the Pinnacle United Methodist Church by the Rev. R. Wesley McLeod, Jr. and Rev. Arthur Livengood. Burial will be in the Pinnacle United Methodist Church cemetery. Mr. Watson is at the Cox-Needham Funeral Home and Chapel in Pilot Mountain, N.C. and will be placed in the church thirty minutes prior to the funeral services. The family will receive friends at the Cox-Needham Chapel Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. and at other times at the home of Mr. Watson's son and daughter-in-law, Mitchell and Carolyn Watson, Old Highway 52, Pinnacle, N.C. Memorials may be made in floral tribute or to the Pinnacle United Methodist Church, c/o Jane Boles, PO Box 155, Pinnacle, NC 27043

(Editor's Note: The following letter, written by Mr. Oliver B. Boyles, a former resident of Pilot Mountain who now makes his home in St. Louis, Missouri, is being reproduced for the benefit of other oldtimers who may have enjoyed these stories.)

BY OLIVER B. BOYLES

I was very much interested in your editions printed earlier of the early history of Pilot Mountain, especially of the log house and its part in the early days of trading post. The little store started in the log house home later became a full-sized general merchandise store by 1890, dealing in most everything the people within miles around needed or used in those days and covered about 40 by 40 feet.

I still have a love for "the old home town," for its past, present and future progress. Being one of six children born to my parents in the log house from about 1873 to 1885, I lived there until 1902. Afterwards, misfortune came and swept all away.

My earliest memory is about the time the railroad was being built in the mid-80s and seeing some of the convict trustees in their convict stripes as it was built mostly of convict labor. A prison camp was there.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Marion were running a hotel, store and tobacco factory and a kind of livery.

Many shoes were of heavy grade leather with soles fastened on with wooden pegs known as "shoe pegs." Many dress coats for men were the customary style with pockets in the tails. Overcoats were worn by some, (while) ladies wore woolen shawls. Many dresses were of coarse material, home woven.

After our log home was moved away, we lived over the store until the new home was finished. This was about 1892. Many covered wagons passed through town, pulled by two, three or four horses, mules or oxen; droves of cattle, horses, mules and sheep, with their trained Shepherd dogs, going to Winston and Salem, they being separate towns at that time. The community then had some 20 or 25 families including Colored families.

There were stores around such as Culler's, now Pinnacle; Faulkner, now Ararat; Smith at Westfield, and Worth; midway to Mount Airy. Churches included the Primitive Baptist at Cedar Hill and Volunteer. The Missionary Baptist was at Holly Springs beyond Jones' creek a mile or so.

The building of the railroad, the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley from Mount Airy via Greensboro to Sanford, developed the granite quarry whose fine quality stone has become known nation-wide as Mount Airy Granite. With its (the railroad's) coming, the people of our community envisioned a town so it was incorporated, surveyed and platted into streets and building lots and blue printed, officers were elected and a jail was built and dubbed "The Calaboose."

On the southeast corner of Main and Depot streets was a sort of community building which served as church, subscription school, social gatherings and mayor's court. Also the ground in the rear of the building was a cemetery.

My mother and two brothers were buried there as were some 12 or 15 others. Later, all graves were removed to the present cemetery.

The district public school was about a mile or so south over toward the mountain which was the center of the district. O. J. Denny was one of my three teachers there. Later, the "Academy" was built and was accepted as district school. I got five years' education there along with some 50 or 60 other students.

Our early physicians were Dr. Sam and son, Dr. Meigs Flippin, later Dr. Jim Smith and the two Drs. Bob Flippins.

The voting precinct was about two miles beyond Tom - creek on top of the rise. I don't remember its name.

The school house, as it was called, or community building, was later destroyed by fire. A town hall and new jail were built and these, along with the drug store, were the first brick buildings erected. The Baptist church built on Depot street was the first denominational church. The Rev. Loftis of Pinnacle, a circuit rider, was one of the early pastors serving many years. The Marion, Stephens, Whitaker, Boyles, Kirkman and Redman families were among its early members and devoted workers of the spiritual upbuilding of the community.

In the early 90s, a tobacco market was established with two warehouses, seven tobacco factories, 12 or 15 stores, two livery stables, blacksmith, wagon, buggy and harness shop, a telephone system, fertilizer shop, photographer, tobacco flues, a newspaper, implement dealers and many others that tend to the wellbeing of a town.

By '95, there were some 75 families as residents and hundreds of people in and out of town being employed there. Street improvements so far had been only some grading with side ditches for gutters and stone crosswalks for muddy weather. Those were the horse and buggy days. Many fond memories do we oldsters have of these days when we were content and happy. Horses were our means of power, everything over man-power was horse-power and greater power today is rated in horse-power. In those days, there was simply nothing better known. Horses and mules, single, double or multiple were means of transportation and farming, horse trading and tall stories. Steam had its era, but it was confined to railroads, factories, stationary power plants and their uses.

Public roads were required by law to be kept in usable condition and an overseer or road boss was appointed to see that it was done. Every able-bodied man 21 years or over was required to work two or three days a year or pay a road tax or sacrifice his vote to keep the roads in condition. Today's roads and bridges were never dreamed of until railroads crossed on bridges and then not put in use for half a century, some 25 years after the first gasoline-powered buggies were built, well, until 40 miles per hour was possible with automobiles.

Back then, too, electricity was in its infancy and was not used extensively until 1910 or 20 except for lighting. Most stores then carried a varied line of merchandise such as dress goods and sundries, boots, shoes, hats, groceries, hardware, candy and feed for animals. Some had clothing for men but very little ready-made for women and children. These were made mostly at home or the dressmaker's. People in those days were not inconvenienced and led normal lives of contentment. They lived with what they had and made the best of it until better came along.

Pilot Mountain, I am told, has kept pace with the trend of the times in improvements and the better way of life. May we commend those who have passed and those who remain and had a part in its building for their untiring efforts. I am proud to say, "I was glad to have been there when the foundation was being laid." May it continue to grow and grow.

The Surry Standard, 1954

(Submitted by Carolyn Boyles.)

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Sunday Living

PROFILE

Rhodonna Boyles

- NAME:** Rhodonna Lynne
Chadwell Boyles
- AGE:** 41
- OCCUPATION:** Loan Processor,
Wachovia, Winston-Salem
- FAMILY:** Husband, Jeff (12
years); A Cat Named Farley
- EDUCATION:** Bachelors Degree
In Business Administration,
Georgia University
- HOBBIES:** Cooking; Playing
Cards; Gardening & Landscaping;
Traveling; And Entertaining
Friends

By **RANDY WALKER**
Special To The News

"The new kid on the block." This is how Rhodonna Boyles describes her life as a Navy brat.

"I loved moving," she says. "But I did not like being the new kid on the block."

For the first seven years or so of her life, Boyles had plenty of practice at being "the new kid on the block." Her dad was a Navy Cook, who served for 23 years. Hence, from birth to around seven years of age she became accustomed to moving every two years or so. She and her two older siblings, a brother now living in Texas, and a sister who lives in Alabama, had to leave friends and schools each time the family moved.

Boyles now resides with her husband Jeff in Mount Airy where she is active in Surry Medical Ministries, both as a board member and a volunteer. She can often be found at the Surry Medical Ministries Clinic on Rockford Street where she serves as a volunteer social worker, reviewing records to ensure the patients seeking help qualify for assistance from the ministry.

"The people who seek help from Surry Ministries are people who have no where else to turn, and do not qualify for assistance from any other agency, including Medicare," says Boyles. "I enjoy performing this task," she continues. "Although I am not technically working in the medical field, I feel close to it, and I know I am helping people who really need help."

Her community involvement was sparked while she was attending high school in Meridian, Mississippi. There she was a member of the Mes Amies girls club (French for "my friends"). The focus of the club



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awarded Volunteer of the Year awards for their out-cousins. And I loved spending time on my grandmoth-

as on community work. Apparently, Boyle has never lost the desire to be involved in community programs.

Her commitments to community projects have been extensive over the past few years. Besides her current roles in Surry Medical Ministries, she has filled many positions in several organizations and projects within the area. These include: the Junior Women's Club; Partners in Education (a Chamber of Commerce program, which organizes and places adult tutors and lunch buddies in local schools); and the Humane Society, where she served as a board member. She also served on the Alcohol & Drug Awareness Committee, within the Chamber of Commerce.

While working in the personnel department at Renfro, she participated in the Sock City Readers Club (a club focused on encouraging children to read). A lady within the club once convinced her to wear a big yellow bird suit and play the part of Tweety Bird at one of the club's events.

"At first I was skeptical, but the kids just loved it, and I enjoyed it too," she says with a smile.

One year she was also the Crime Dog, McGruff, in Mount Airy's annual Christmas Parade.

"It was difficult seeing out of that big dog's head. Kids would come up to me, and I could hear them, but I could not see them," she laughs. "I had a blast doing that."

What she enjoyed the most, however, was taking part in the local March of Dimes Campaign from 1994, until 1999. She was the logistic chairperson for several years, and she served as co-chair in this position for two years. In 1998, she and a couple of her friends, Tracy Greenwood and Melissa White, were

standing service in this position.

Her motivation for taking an active role in the March of Dimes is that she and her husband are unable to have children, therefore, she feels compelled to help other people have healthy and happy children through the March of Dimes.

Her husband comments: "She has the biggest heart of anyone you will ever meet."

As mentioned earlier, Boyles considers Mississippi the place where she was raised. But being the daughter of a Navy Cook, she moved four times and lived in four very different locales before she and her family settled in Mississippi when she was seven.

She was born in Bellingham, Washington. From there, the family moved to Alaska. Following her father's stint in Alaska, they then moved to California. When his time was up in California, the family moved to Hawaii. Finally, her father's tenure with the Navy led the family to the naval air station in Meridian, Mississippi. He retired from the Navy shortly thereafter. And the family wound up back where her parents were originally from, the state of Mississippi.

"When we had been there about a year, I asked my mother, when are we moving again? Her reply was, we're not honey. We're going to stay here. I was disappointed," Boyles continues, "because I had become accustomed to moving. I just thought it was about time to pack-up and move again." She laughs when she admits that she was too young to realize that she had moved from a tropical paradise (Hawaii), to the state of Mississippi.

"I was simply too young to understand the difference," she says. "I did enjoy my time in Mississippi though. I got to know my grandparents and my

Upon graduation from High School in Mississippi, she continued her education at Georgia University where she earned a bachelors degree in business administration. It was while she was living in Atlanta, working and attending school, that she met her husband, Jeff. Jeff was living in the area and working for a consulting firm when they met through mutual friends. They were married in 1988, and moved to Mount Airy in 1993.

She and Jeff have been foster parents to many stray and unwanted dogs and cats through the years. She is a big animal lover. "A softy for animals," is how she depicts her self.

"We have never purchased an animal. It seems like strays just find me," says Boyles. "They are always coming into our life."

Both she and her husband enjoy traveling. Not surprising considering her background as a Navy brat. They speak fondly of a trip they took to Italy. They

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Favorite Book: "A Time to Kill," by John Gresham

Favorite Movie: "Young Frankenstein"

Favorite Music: Classic Rock; Beach Music; Alternative

Favorite Food: Ham, and everything else

Favorite TV Show: "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

Grandson Continues Tradition Of Playing In Coastal Plain League

By RUDY COGGINS
The Wilson Daily Times

WILSON, N.C. (AP) — Jonathan Schuerholz glanced at Florence's schedule in Coastal Plain League for this season. His eyes feverishly scanned the sheet and didn't see a game scheduled at Wilson.

In fact, the schedule stated the Red Wolves were to play a contest at two-time defending CPL champion Wilmington on July 22. Schuerholz's heart sank to his stomach. He thought for sure his one chance at playing on the same historic and hallowed diamond where his grandfather — John Sr. — started his minor league career in 1939 with the Wilson Tobs was gone.

"As soon as I knew I was coming to the Coastal Plain League, I knew I'd get a chance to play to where 'Pop,' my grandfather, played," said the third-generation Schuerholz.

Relax, Jon, it was a misprint. And the reality of stepping onto the same field where his grandfather played second base didn't settle in until Schuerholz exited the bus Saturday evening. Chills ran up and down his spine as he entered the gates to Fleming Stadium. "It's a great feeling that I can actually experience this — a blast," Schuerholz said.

The feeling got even better when Schuerholz's uncle Jerry arrived, who shook his nephew's hand and then carefully pulled his grandfather's old glove out of a plastic bag. A grinning Schuerholz tried on the glove, which appeared to be a perfect fit, and headed toward second base.

He didn't scoop up any ground balls, but playfully popped the ball in the glove as he and his father — Atlanta Braves General Manager John Schuerholz Jr. — posed for a pre-game photo session.

It was the first time dad had seen his son play in the CPL this season. Schuerholz missed the Braves' game against East Division nemesis New York to attend the



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BASEBALL FAMILY: Jonathan Schuerholz (left) and his dad, John Jr., general manager of the Atlanta Braves, visited Fleming Stadium July 22, 2000, the site where John Schuerholz Sr. began his minor league career with the Wilson Tobs.

nostalgic contest.

"It's a special event for me," Schuerholz said. "To see my son playing on the field on which my dad played — I wanted to see it."

The younger Schuerholz belted a two-RBI double in the sixth, his only hit in four plate appearances. Defensively, he had two assists and one putout at shortstop. Florence stumbled 6-2 to the Tobs and departed 7-4 in second-half play.

"I think the first half we knew we had the talent. We got our team together really late and weren't playing together as a team," Schuerholz said.

"I think now we're starting to play together as a

team. We make a couple of mistakes, but you pick each other up and that's a big part of the game."

Both Schuerholzes favor the league, a summer college baseball league that helps groom players for careers in the professional leagues.

"It's a great league," Jonathan said.

"You see great pitching every day. It's a wood-bat league, which is extremely helpful in blossoming as a hitter, and as a player in general.

"Playing with wood bats is tons different than playing with aluminum bats and the speed of the game is different."

John Jr. favors players continuing to improve their skills and enhancing their abilities during the summer in a competitive environment.

"Baseball players get better by playing more games, and the more games you play and the more game experience you get, the more improved your skills are going to become," The Braves GM said.

"This gives them a chance against other guys to measure their skills, their speed, their strengths, agility, etc."

Hitters and pitchers alike get the opportunity to see how effective they can be in the wooden-bat league. Managers can evaluate the players, help them improve their weak spots and prepare them for either collegiate or professional play once the season ends. Just a freshman at Auburn University, Jonathan has plenty of time to embark on a professional career. His hands clasped underneath his chin, John Schuerholz Jr. kept an ear open as he chatted with Coastal Plain League President Pete Bock and a watchful eye on his son.

"It's a significant thing for all of us in the family because baseball was a big part of our dad's life, and our lives, too," he said.

"To see my son sort of continue on with the tradition is very heartwarming."

MILE STONES

Ronald Boyles retires from Surry County Health and Nutrition

Ronald Boyles retired from the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center on Aug. 7 after serving for more than 14 years as administrative assistant I and human resource aide.

He provided transportation for the citizens of Surry County on the "Mom's Van."

The Mom's Van Transportation Program has been discontinued due to budget cuts, but when it ceased Ronald was on the third van and had driven around 500,000 miles and transported about 39,000 clients for their health services.

The staff and employees honored him with a breakfast at the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center on Aug. 8.

Susan Gentry, community health supervisor, created a centerpiece for the serving table. It represented the Mom's Van with mothers and children (Barbie dolls) looking out the windows and a picture of smiling Ronald at the wheel. His familiar "Let's Go" and "Vamonos" was on the van.

Ronald received a framed picture of the beloved van with autographs and wishes all printed on the mat by his co-workers. They

also remembered him with cards and gifts.

Sylvia Gentry read a tribute written by Ronald's daughter, Mary Lindsay Boyles, who was a special guest along with her friend Susan Overcash and Ronald's wife Lib Boyles. June Key, who was Ronald's supervisor before she retired, also attended as a special guest.

On Aug. 18, the Surry County Board of Commissioners honored Ronald by presenting him a resolution recognizing his more than 14 years of service to the citizens of Surry County. David Stone, executive director of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center, was present along with several neighbors and church friends.

Ronald won the "Employee of the Year" award in 1993 and received the Glaxo Welcome Child Health Recognition Award in 1996 as a representative of the Surry County Health Department in children's health.

Ronald said he believes the personnel of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center are superb and that he has been honored to have had the opportunity to work with them.

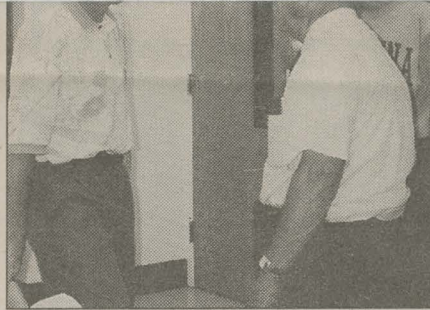


Wayne Cooper, left, congratulates Ronald on his retirement, while his wife, Lib Boyles, looks on. Standing, center, is their daughter, Mary Lindsay Boyles and Susan Overcash.





Debbie Dowell, center, reads over Ronald's shoulder.



David Stone, left photo, director of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center, reminisces with Ronald.



Susan Gentry, community health supervisor, presents Ronald a framed picture of the "Mom's Van."



Susan Gentry created this centerpiece model of the "Mom's Van" with mothers and children looking out the windows and Ronald Boyles smiling at the wheel.