

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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August 16, 2004

**Randolph Fair
1712 Pinewood Drive, NW
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Thank you for your letter dated July 23, 2004 regarding Barnabas Fair and our association.

We have enclosed a copy of his will abstract and several land entries that he had in Surry County. You may already have this information but thought we would send it along in answer to your letter.

Enclosed also is a copy of our flier about our association. Membership dues are \$15 for individual membership and \$17 for a family membership. You will receive four quarterly journals published in the spring, summer, fall and winter. If you join between January and November you will receive all journals for this year. Our fall journal is now at the printer and will be distributed at the end of August.

Since Fair/Fehr is listed in the Moravian records, you may wish to write them for information and also contact the Forsyth County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 5715, Winston-Salem, NC 27113-5715. You can write the Moravian Church Archives at 457 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. They charge \$15 an hour to answer queries. Please state that you know they charge \$15/hour and you can put a limit to the number of hours you want them to research.

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**Wilma Hiatt
Research Committee**

7/23/04

To Whom IT MAY CONCERN,

I am a genealogical researcher, looking for information on Johan Bernhard Fehr, aka Barnabas Fair, He lived in Surry Co, N.C. around 1770-1787.

I would appreciate any information on your organization, the type of services you might offer and how one might join.

Sincerely,
Randolph Fair

Contact
Forsyth?



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September 7, 1994

Mr. Gary Conwell
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Thank you for your letter dated July 24, 1994 regarding the Farr/Fair family and the Lowe family. We were unable to find any information in our files of these families. Moravians did settle in this area and there are a lot of Moravian records in Winston-Salem, NC (Forsyth County). There have been many publications on the Moravians.

Surry County was formed from Rowan County in 1770. Stokes County was formed from Surry County in 1789. There is a lot of county history in the Heritage Books of Surry County and Stokes County. You might want to check the records of Rowan County as well.

Barnabas Fair is listed 16 times in "Joseph Winston His Entry Book, Surry County, NC Land Entries 1778-1781" book. You might wish to purchase this book. Information is enclosed.

In the "Surry County, NC, Will Abstracts 1771-1827" book, several entries are found on Barnabas Fair. I am sending you a copy of an abstract of his will in the above mentioned book. He was mentioned in the Inv. of Est. of John Miller. Rec. May Ct. 1775. In Surry Co. Min. of Ct. of P & QS, 9 Feb 1779, John Endsley, one of the securities for the administrator of the Estate of James Endsley decd, asked to be released from his securityship.... entered into bond with Barnabas Fair and Wm. Dobson (Securities). 2:129a. Inv. of Est. of Barnaby Fare decd incl 100 A and negro boy Stephen, returned by exrs. Barnebas & Michael Fare. Rec. Feb. Ct. 1788.

For copies of above will/estate records, write Department of Cultural Resources, Div. of Archives and History, Archives and Records Section, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807. Date of Will on Barnabas Fair is 2 Aug 1787 and probate date is Nov. 1787.

We are sorry we could not help you more and that we did not find information in our vertical file on your family lines. If we can be of further assistance please write again.

Research Committee

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July 24, 1994

Surry Co. Genealogical Society
Dobson, N.C. 27018

Dear Society:

In pursuing my genealogical research I wish to inquire as to whether your society contains any material that otherwise would not be found in the county courthouse and/or the state records.

The ancestors I am researching are the Farris and the Lowes.

My research through the LDS History Center has yielded one Barnabas Farr/Fair residing on Blews(?) Creek as early as 1771 and obtaining as much as 500 acres of land. He married his second wife - Elizabeth Waggoner in 1785 and died in 1787.

In the 1790 census the Farris/Fair were listed as residing in Stokes Co. so I assume that that portion of Surry Co. became Stokes Co. instead of them moving to Stokes.

My Farris were either born in Germany or of German descent but I am wondering if they could belong to the group - Moldavians. Did not this group settle in this region but possibly earlier than my ancestors? My Farr and Maesch/Moench (first wife's maiden name) line emigrated from PA. in the 1760's(?)

The second family line centers around one William Lowe, b. 1756 in VA., who according to his pension papers enlisted as a private in the N.C. Militia from Surry Co., 1777, as might have his father - John Lowe.

I have references that put both Lowes in Orange Co., N.C. as early as 1778, when William married Margaret Farr dau. of Barnabas and in 1782 where one of William and Margaret Lowe's daughters states she was born.

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Orange Co., N.C. could figure quite prominent in my N.C. line if I can connect through other sources John and William Lowe to Brig. Gen. John Butler and William Butler. One source that I have states John Lowe married one Nancy Butler, b. 1738 in VA., whose brothers are the aforementioned.

(I am currently pursuing that line)

If you can assist me with any further information on my ancestors in Surry Co. it will be much appreciated.

Thank you,

Gary Conwell

P.S. With the 1771 record date for Barnabas Farr and a John Lowe among other Lowes, connected or not, should a search of Rowan Co. be conducted?



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