

Will of John Halcombe/Holcomb

of

Surry County, NC

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5 July 1779 (1781)

In the Name of God Amen

I John Halcombe Being in Perfect Sense Health and Memory do make and Ordain This my Last will and Testament Vz and first of all I give my Soul to God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to be Decently Buried after the Directions of my Executors hereafter Mentioned my will and Desire is that all my Worldly Debts be first paid and Discharged and for the Rest and Residue of What Worldly goods it Hath Pleased Almighty God to bestow Upon me I Give and Bequeath as Followeth

Item I give and Bequeath Unto my Dear wife Elizabeth my Estate both Real and Personal During her life and after Her Decease to be Divided Amongst my Children as Follows

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Thomas Halcombe Ten Shillings
proclamation Money

Item I give and Bequeath to my son John Halcombe Ten Shillings
proclamation Money

Item I give and bequeath to my son Grymes Halcombe Ten Shillings
proclamation Money

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Phillimon Halcombe one cow and calf

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Laurance Halcombe one cow and calf

Item I give and Bequeath to my son George Halcombe all the Rest of my Estate both Real and Personal not Heretofore mentioned and I do apoint my Wife Elizabeth & my son George Halcombe Executors of this my Last will and Testament and I do revoke Dissanull and make Void all former wills by

me heretofore made or Spoken off In Witness whereof I Set my Hand and Seal this the Fifth Day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine.

John Hudspeth

Carter Hudspeth

George Hudspeth

Simon Hadly X Jurat

Thomas Hadly X jurat

John Halcomb

Will of Laurance Halcomb/Holcomb

of

Surry County, NC

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In the name of God amen.

I Laurance Halcomb of the county of Surry and state of North Carolina calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do this 7th day of April AD 1823 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first my will and desire is that my Just debts all be paid.

Secondly my will and desire is that my son Philip Halcomb shall have the whole of my tract of land that Lies Joining of him it being part of the land I purchased of John Gentry (called?) one hundred and fifty acres, 150, in case thear should be coming to him the said Philip the some of one hundred Dollers out of my estate hereafter.

Thirdly I lend unto my beloved wife Priscilla Halcom the hole of my estate lock real and Personal (except the above named 150 acres). During her natural life or widowhood she paying to my daughter Betsy Gentry as her full share of my estate the some of five Dollers after her discease or widowhood.

My will is that the hole of my estate be equally divided Between my children as follows Wiliam Halcomb James Halcomb Racheal Roberson Philip Halcomb Lewis Halcomb Frances Johnson and Mary Swain the children of my Deceased daughter Sally Green I gave the Seventy or Seventy five Dollers that I paid to prevent the land of William Green from Being sold in order to make a rightfull division among the Before named children. I want it understood that the creature I gave to my Daughter Frances Johnson I value at forty five dollers which said \$45 is to be considered as so much of her part already paid and for the full and complete execution of this my will I make and ordain my son Philip Halcomb and my trusty frind George D. Halcomb executors of this my last will and testament and I do hearby revoke and disanull all other wills by me maid and do acnoledg this only as my last will and testament in witness whearof I have hear under set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written.

Sighned sealed and acnoledged in presance of

Thomas Wright Just

W. G. Devine (Denive?)

*Laurence
Halcomb (seal)*

State of North Carolina Surry County turm 1827

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Marjorie Louise Benbow Holcomb November 25, 2007

Mrs. Marjorie Louise Benbow Holcomb, 79, of Mount Airy, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2007, at Northern Hospital of Surry County. Born November 10, 1928, in Milton, IL, to Virginia Johnston and Richard Porter Benbow, she grew up in Winston-Salem. In 1949, she graduated from Guilford College in Greensboro, where she was a member of The A Cappella Choir, the girl's softball team, and the May Court. Over the years, she taught high school and first grade in the public schools, and had a private kindergarten in her home. Marjorie was a member of Central United Methodist Church and the Abigail Circle. She was also a charter member of Modern Gardners Garden Club, a life member of the Garden Club of North Carolina, a charter member of Chapter

AV of PEO, a member of the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club, and a past member of the Junior Woman's Club. An avid Bridge player, Marjorie enjoyed being a part of several Bridge clubs. Always ready for an adventure, Marjorie loved to travel, especially to the beach and on cruises with her family and friends. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, William "Bill" Luckenbach Holcomb of the home; and three children, Inglis Holcomb Rowe and her husband, David Lewis Rowe, of Mount Airy, Denise Holcomb Faw and her husband, the Rev. Thomas McLean Faw of Matthews, and Richard Benbow Holcomb of Mount Airy. She is also survived by five grandsons, McLean Luckenbach "Luke" Faw of Matthews, David Locke Rowe of Mount Airy, Lt. Benjamin Taylor Faw of Fort Benning, GA, William Anderson Rowe of Raleigh, and Matthew Thomas Faw of Boone; a sister, Betty Benbow Baldwin of Winston-Salem; and a brother-in-law, William Edward Haynes of Murphy. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 11:00 AM at Central United Methodist Church. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Thomas McLean Faw and the Rev. John Ferree. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the Ladies' Parlor of Central United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials to Central United Methodist Church, 1909 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030, Joy Christian Fellowship, 11516 Idlewild Road, Matthews, NC 28105, The Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home, c/o Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 401 Technology Lane, Suite 200, Mount Airy, NC 27030, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Mona S. Allen
 Address RR #3 Box 84
 City, State Carmi, IL 62821
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Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 William Bryan Robinson
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 5 February 1900
 p.b. Warrick Co. In.
 m. 25 March 1922
 d. 5 July 1967
 p.d. Evansville, In.

WW II Veteran
 2 Marvin Wilburn Robinson
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 13 November 1922
 p.b. Boonville, Warrick Co. In.
 m. 4 July 1942 Evansville, In.
 d. 13 July 1978
 p.d. Huntingburg, Dubois Co. In.

5 Lora Marie Hart
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 2 January 1901
 p.b. Warrick Co. In.
 d. 18 May 1965
 p.d. Evansville, In.

Mona Sophia Robinson
 b. 18 September 1950
 p.b. Huntingburg, Dubois Co. In.
 m. 15 September 1972 Evansville In.
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

WW I Veteran
 6 Ira Joseph Berry
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 10 April 1891
 p.b. Union Co. Kentucky
 m. 20 August 1919
 d. 26 January 1955
 p.d. Marion, Williamson Co. Ill.

3 Loretta Katherine Berry
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 27 April 1923
 p.b. Rockport, Spencer Co. In.
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

7 Emma Agnes Lankford
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 27 January 1874
 p.b. Spencer Co. In.
 d. 22 April 1969
 p.d. Huntingburg, Dubois Co. In.

David Marion Allen
 (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 22 October 1951 d. _____
 - Evansville, In. -

8 John William Robinson
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 15 January 1866
 p.b. Pike Co. Indiana
 m. 1 September 1893
 d. 12 April 1956
 p.d. Evansville, Indiana

9 Flora Alma Howard
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 27 December 1873
 p.b. Warrick Co. In.
 d. 16 March 1961
 p.d. Evansville, In.
 Rev. _____

10 William Lewis Hart
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. 24 November 1855
 p.b. Warrick Co. Indiana
 m. 13 August 1879
 d. 16 April 1927
 p.d. Folsomville, Indiana

11 Sarah Melvina Simpson
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 6 September 1862
 p.b. Warrick Co. Indiana
 d. 3 December 1944
 p.d. Warrick Co. Indiana

12 Ira Gaius Berry
 (Father of No. 6)
 b. 27 November 1864
 p.b. Union Co. Kentucky
 m. 26 November 1889
 d. 1 September, 1894
 p.d. Union Co. Kentucky

13 Jennie Ann Berry
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. 1871
 p.b. Union Co. Kentucky
 d. 1900
 p.d. Union Co. Kentucky

14 William Franklin Lankford
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. 8 February 1862
 p.b. Warrick Co. Indiana
 m. _____
 d. 13 March 1919
 p.d. Spencer Co. Indiana

15 Ida Mary Abbott
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. 6 December 1866
 p.b. Spencer Co. Indiana
 d. 7 November 1941
 p.d. Spencer Co. Indiana

16 George David Robinson
 (Father of No. 8)
 Cont. on chs. _____
 b. 1 Sept 1840
 m. 12 Nov. 1863
 d. 20 Sept. 1928

17 Alwilda Lisle
 (Mother of No. 8)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 9 Oct 1849
 d. 16 Feb. 1919

18 William Howard
 (Father of No. 9)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 13 Oct 1833
 m. 4 November 1860
 d. 17 Nov. 1900

19 Bazzilear E. Lovejoy
 (Mother of No. 9)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 17 Oct. 1843
 d. 1 May 1922
 Civil War Veteran

20 Rev. James Hart
 (Father of No. 10)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 27 Apr 1827
 m. 28 Sept 1847
 d. 18 Feb 1904

21 Sarah Jane Bristow
 (Mother of No. 10)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 1831
 d. 24 Dec 1864

22 Benjamin T. H. Simpson
 (Father of No. 11)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 7 June 1826
 m. 24 Feb. 1848
 d. 8 May 1888

23 Mary Ann Edwards
 (Mother of No. 11)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 18 Aug. 1830
 d. 15 December 1910

24 Ira Berry
 (Father of No. 12)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. _____
 m. 16 Nov 1854
 d. _____

25 Nancy Wynn
 (Mother of No. 12)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. _____
 d. _____

26 James P. Berry
 (Father of No. 13)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 1841
 m. _____
 d. _____

27 Margaret McBride
 (Mother of No. 13)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 1836
 d. _____

28 William Lankford
 (Father of No. 14)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 22 Sept. 1820
 m. 6 Feb. 1845
 d. 4 July 1891

29 Agnes Phillips
 (Mother of No. 14)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 2 Mar 1825
 d. 24 December 1895

30 James R. Abbott
 (Father of No. 15)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 6 Feb 1836
 m. _____
 d. 6 Feb 1911

31 Emma Kathryn Haskel
 (Mother of No. 15)
 Cont. on chart No. _____
 b. 28 Nov 1847
 d. 16 Nov 1933

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Chart No. Robinson
 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on cha)

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 William Robinson Jr.
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. ca 1777
 p.b. Surry Co. N. Carolina
 m. about 1803
 d. 1820
 p.d. Surry Co. N. Carolina

2 William "Buck" Robinson
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 4 October 1809
 p.b. Surry Co. N. Carolina
 m. 12 June 1830 Surry Co.
 d. 1 May 1878
 p.d. Warrick Co. Indiana

5 Rachel Holcomb
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 11 November 1779
 p.b. Surry Co. N. Carolina
 d. 15 April 1847
 p.d. Barry Co. Missouri

George David Robinson
 b. 1 September 1840
 p.b. Warrick Co. Indiana
 m. 12 November 1863
 d. 20 September 1928
 p.d. Folsomville, Warrick Co. In.

6 David Wilson Walker
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 1776
 p.b. Surry Co. N. Carolina
 m. 24 Sep. 1809 Surry Co.
 d. 7 April 1853
 p.d. Warrick Co. In.

3 Telitha Walker
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 12 August 1811
 p.b. Surry Co. N. Carolina
 d. 24 June 1878
 p.d. Warrick Co. Indiana

7 Milley Pennix
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. _____
 p.b. Surry Co. N. Carolina
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

Alwilda Lisle
 (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 9 Oct 1849 d. 16 Feb 1919

8 William Robinson Sr
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. ca 1745
 p.b. _____
 m. ca 1767
 d. August 1809
 p.d. Surry Co N. Carolina

9 Millie
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

10 Lawrence Holcomb
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

11 Priscilla
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

12 Robert Walker
 (Father of No. 6)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

13 Mary
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

14 Overton Pennix
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. 6 May 1760
 p.b. Hanover Co. Virginia
 m. 14 Oct 1786 Warren Co. N.C.
 d. 5 December 1838
 p.d. Surry Co. N. Carolina

15 Malinda Gibson
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____

16 _____
 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on cha)

17 _____
 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)

18 _____
 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)

19 _____
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)

20 John Holcomb II
 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)

21 Elizabeth Lawrence
 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)

22 _____
 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)

23 _____
 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)

24 Walker
 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

25 _____
 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)

26 _____
 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

27 _____
 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)

28 John Pennix
 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)

29 _____
 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)

30 Gibson
 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

31 _____
 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

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176 ⁽¹⁾ Prosperity also I will to my Daughter ^{Elizabeth} ^{Halcomb} ^{Halcomb}
Dollars to be in weight and property My will is that my

Beloved wife Lydia Adams should, educate and portion of my
children as they come of age according to her ability
So I shall conclude and appoint my beloved wife Lydia Adams
and my Trusty friend Joseph Adams to be my executors to this
my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this to
be my last will and testament and no other witness my hand
and seal this 24th day of the 3rd month March 1827

Signed, sealed, in the presence of us
Joseph Adams Senior
William Davis
George Adams Seal
mark
State of North Carolina, Surry County. Given 1827

one of the Subscribing witness to this last
going will and testament of George Adams Deed, made at
he saw the said George Adams Deed seal published and declared
the same to be his last will and testament that he was of
sound disposing mind, and memory and at the same time he
saw

signed his name there unto as a
witness it was cheerfully read, to be recorded
(Recorded) according to Test J. Williams & Co

In the name of god, amen Lawrence Halcomb
of the county of Surry and state of North Carolina calling
to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death
do this 7th day of April A.D. 1823 make and publish this my
last will and testament in manner and form following that is to
say first my will and desire is that my last debts all be paid
secondly my will and desire is that my son Philip Halcomb shall
have the title of any of my tract of Lands that lies having of him
it being part of the Land I purchased of John Gentry called
one hundred and fifty acres (150) in case there should be coming
to him the said Philip the sum of one hundred Dollars out
of my estate hereafter Thirdly I send unto my Beloved
wife Dorella Halcomb the title of my estate both real and
Personal (except the above named 150 acres) During her natural
life a widowhood she paying to my Daughter Betsy Gentry
as her full share of my estate the sum of five Dollars after
her death & widowhood

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my will is that the half of my estate be equally divided
 between my children as follows William Halcomb James Halcomb
 Rachel Halcomb Philip Halcomb Lewis Halcomb James Johnson
 and Mary Swain the children of my deceased daughter Sally
 Green I gave the seventy or seventy five Dollars that I paid
 to prevent the lands of William Green from being sold in order
 to make a right full division among the before named children
 I want it understood that the portion I gave to my daughter
 Frances Johnson I value at forty five dollars which said \$45
 is to be considered as so much of her part already paid and for
 the full and complete execution of this my will I make and ordain my
 son Philip Halcomb and my trusty friend George D Halcomb executors
 of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and annul
 all other wills by me made and do hereby make this only as my
 last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above
 written Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of
 Thomas Mayhew Junr
 Laurence Halcomb

State of North Carolina
 Term 1827

one of the subscribing
 witnesses to the last foregoing will and testament
 of Laurence Halcomb do hereby swear that
 he saw the said Laurence sign his seal publish
 & declare the same to be his last will & testament
 that he was of sound & disposing mind & mem-
 ory at the time of the signing & sealing thereof
 that at the same time he saw William G
 Penix subscribe his name thereto as a witness
 it was the afore said to be recorded

Recorded accordingly
 J. Williams Clerk

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In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Holcomb ^{son of the County of Wayne}
 and State of North-Carolina, being of perfect health, mind, and memory,
 do make and ordain, this my last will and testament, and as touching
 the worldly goods as it has pleased God to bestow or endow me with, I give,
 devise, and dispose of; in the following manner (to wit)

Imprimis, I lend unto my beloved wife, the land and plantation, whereon
 I now live, that is to say, the land lying on the South side of Waggoners Creek,
 with all ~~the~~ ^{my} stock of horses, cattle, hogs, &c. with all
 my house hold, and kitchen furniture, during her natural life: except
 one bay horse colt, Prance (so called)
 with a blaze face

see
 → Item, I give and bequeath unto my sons, Drury Holcomb, Shadrach
 Holcomb, and Thomas Holcomb; all the land which I possess on the South
 side of Waggoners Creek, adjoining Waggoners line, and Raleigh Holcombs
 line, to be equally divided among them as they see cause.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Lambert Holcomb, one young
 bay horse colt called Prance, and if not in my possession or should die
 the sum of sixty dollars, to be paid out of my perishable property after
 my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son, Raleigh Holcomb the sum of
 ten pounds cash to be paid him: at the death of my wife.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Jagan Holcomb the land and planta-
 tion which I have lent unto my beloved wife with all the remainder or
 remainders of my personal property ^{unto her} ~~lent~~ after paying my son Raleigh
 Holcomb ten pounds cash to him and his heirs forever to be received
 and possessed after the death of my wife.

And Lastly, I do make, ordain, constitute, and appoint my sons
 Shadrach Holcomb, and Raleigh Holcomb, my whole and
 Executors of this my last will and testament, ^{attest} ~~disarming~~
 and revoking all other wills by me made.

In
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 of
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"The Heritage of Yadkin County"
 Published by the Yadkin Co. Historical Society
 1981
 Frances Harding Casstevens, Editor
 Hunter Publishing Co.

night, in order for the stock to be rested for another day's work.

Dave and Permelia believed in supporting the Forbush Friends Meeting with their presence as well as their money. This was also instilled in their children.

Dave died in November of 1955, and Permelia died on September 15, 1967. They are buried in the Forbush Friends Meeting Cemetery.

— Claude H. Hobson
 Helen Hobson Steelman,
 Tyra Fenny Hobson
 and
 Mildred B. Matthews

DAVID KERRY HOBSON

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David Kerry Hobson was born September 19, 1950, to Claude and Jamie Norman Hobson. He married Rausie Prescott from Rockton, Illinois, on December 18, 1974. Rausie was born September 24, 1950. She majored in Library Science at the University of Illinois. They met through the 4-H exchange program in Costa Rica. Rausie worked in Costa Rica from June, 1973, to July, 1974.

They have one son, Richard Henry Hobson, born September 25, 1977. He resembles many of his ancestors' and cousins' baby pictures.

David was educated in the East Bend and Forbush Schools of Yadkin County. He graduated from Forbush High School in 1968. He attended the Governor's school in 1967 in mathematics. In 1972 David graduated from Guilford College with a B.A. Degree in Elementary Education with concentration in math and social sciences.

From June, 1972, to August, 1973, David was a 4-H Youth Development Program in Coast Rica, Central America. While there he visited Monteverde Quaker Community, Costa Rica, and Central America Yearly Meeting of Friends in Guatemala and Honduras.

He was associate pastor of Bethesda Meeting, Dunn, North Carolina, from January 1974, to June, 1975, with responsibilities in music, youth programs and communications.

Since July of 1975, David has been pastor of Chatham and Spring Friends Meeting at Snow Camp in Alamance County. He is currently working to complete work for a Master of Divinity Degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. This work should be completed in May 1981.

From July, 1970, to June, 1972, he was Music Director at Providence Meeting.

David plays the piano, organ and accordion. He presently has 14 piano students. He has been organist and accompanist for Yearly Meeting sessions at Guilford College.

One of his dreams is to rebuild the pipe organ that he now has in storage.

— Mildred B. Matthews



Golden Wedding Anniversary of John Grover and Ila Martin Hobson

**JOHN GROVER AND ILA
 FRANCES MARTIN HOBSON**

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John Grover Hobson born November 19, 1892, was the youngest son of John Williams and Ruth Melissa Fleming Hobson. He married Ila Frances Martin on November 21, 1915. She was born June 21, 1897, the daughter of Dock and Lulu Frances Burchette Martin. Living at the ancestral home of the Richmond Hill-Mt. Pleasant Road, they were married 62 years at the time of his death on July 7, 1978, at the age of 85. They were members of Union Grove Baptist Church. They have seven daughters.

Lexie Melissa Hobson married Winnie W. Johnson, son of Rommie P. and Ada Cockerham Johnson. They have four children: Shirley Faye, Keith Edwin, Von Jeffrey, and Kerry Hobson Johnson.

Josephine Hobson married Leonard "Buck" Hutchens, son of Vestal and Martha Leonard Hutchens. They have three children: Frankie Lee, Ardith Charlene, and Tony Leonard Hutchens.

Emogene Hobson married Jimmy Wilson Frazier, son of Tyra Jones and Mamie Copley Frazier. They have three children: Wilma Arlene, Jeannine, and Melissa Caroline Frazier.

Lois Hobson was born October 24, 1921. She died December 8, 1921.

Lucy Beatrice Hobson married Paul Wesley Davis, son of Arthur and Lessie Angell Davis. They have three children: Rita Darlene, Jerry Wesley, and Ginger Kay Davis.

Gay Frances Hobson married Paul Edward Macemore, son of Dee Watson and DeEtta May Evans Macemore. They have four children: Brent Edward, Ronnie David, John Watson, and Mark Andrew Macemore.

Lena Marie Hobson married Billy Gene Allen, son of Charlie Wilson and Fannie Smith Allen of Davie County.

— Gay Macemore

**HOLCOMBS OF YADKIN
 COUNTY**

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A huge book was published in 1947 by Mrs. Lewis D. (Hannah Elizabeth Weir) McPherson entitled THE HOLCOMBS: NATION BUILDERS in which she traced the descendants of practically every Holcomb (or Holcombe as well as Harcum) in the United States of Amer-

ica. Mrs. McPherson stated that "90% of Holcombes in North America are considered direct descendants of Sir John Holcombe" of England.

The name "Holcombe" or "Holcomb," as it is often spelled is derived from "Holt" meaning a wood, and "combe" meaning a valley. This name has been spelled various ways: Holcumbe (in the Doomesday Book), Halcombe, Halcum, Holcombe, and Holcomb in other early English records.

The earliest recorded ancestor was Walter De Holcombe who reportedly came from Normandy with William The Conqueror in 1066, and settled in Devonshire shortly thereafter.

Henry De Holcombe lived in Devonshire during the reign of Henry III, and Edward I.

Other early Holcombes were John of Somerset, and Geoffrey who lived in Oxford in 1273. Edward Halcum lived in Somerset in 1574.

Most of the Holcombes trace their ancestry to Devonshire, although some preserve a family tradition of their origin as being in Somerset. Others say the family originated in Wales.

"Holcombe Court" was one of the noblest Tudor mansions of its time in Devonshire, built in 1550, and enlarged in 1615.

Sir John Holcombe, was knighted for his service in Palestine during the Crusades. He served in the third Crusade (1187-1191 A.D.) and he was accredited with beheading three Turks with one stroke of his sword. For this, he was knighted by King Richard. The Holcombe coat-of-arms is described as follows: Azure field; chevron, argent, between 3 Turks heads in profile, couped at shoulders, wreathed about the temples, sabled and of the second. Crestman's head, full face, couped at the breast proper, wreathed around the temples, or and azure. The motto, "Veritas et Fortitudo" means truth and courage. It is from this Sir John Holcombe that most of the Holcombes and Holcombs descend.

Several of the Holcombe family immigrated to the New England states. Others came to Virginia. One who came to Virginia is William Holcombe, an Episcopalian, who lived in St. Stephens Parish, New Kent, Northumberland, the colony of Virginia. He was there by about 1680, for in 1683 he signed a petition to the governor of the colony which is reproduced in the McPherson book.

William Holcombe is believed to be the son of William Holcombe, mayor of Penbrokeshire (1694), and the grandson of William Holcombe from Gloucester, Devonshire, who moved to Penbrokeshire, Wales, and died there about 1660. This move may account for the conflict about the place of origin of the ancestors of the Holcombes (Holcombs) in America.

William Holcomb of Northumberland, Virginia, is believed to be the father of (1) William Holcomb, born about 1678; (2) Henry Holcombe, born in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, October 12, 1680; (3) Richard; and (4) John, born 1690-1695, and married Elizabeth Grymes of King and Queen County, Virginia, daughter of John Grymes.

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Holcomb I (immigrant), Richard (II), Dr. Wil-
liam Harcum (who had sons named Jamie,
William, Thomas, and John). The doctor, called
a "chirgeon" in some of the early records,
left a will, recorded in Northumberland Coun-
ty. Dr. Harcum was in court often. One suit
was for "medicine administered, and atten-
dance on." He brought 38 suits in court during
the period October 16, 1678 to May 29, 1680.
His descendants retain the spelling, "Harcum"
which is a variation of Holcombe.

The Holcombs who later lived in Surry (Yad-
kin) County, North Carolina, are believed to be
descended from John (4), son of William. We
will call him John Holcomb I.

The children of John Holcomb I, and Eliz-
abeth Grymes Holcomb were: John, born
1712, died about 1779 in Surry County, North
Carolina, married Elizabeth Lawrence (?);
Thomas, born about 1714, in King and Queen
County, Virginia; a daughter who married Wil-
liam Overstreet; a daughter who married a
Harvey; James Philemon, born 1720; and
Grimes Holcomb, born 1725 in King William
County, Virginia. There may have been more
children.

The children of John Holcomb II and Eliz-
abeth Lawrence were:

(1) Thomas, died about 1806 in Surry
County, North Carolina. He lived on Waggon-
er's Creek. His first grant of land was 1778 for
220 acres. His wife's name is unknown but his
children were Drury, Thomas (born 1771/72)
married Theodocia Elliot, Leroy (or Raleigh)
married Chloe Elliott, Shadrack (born 1768/
69), Lambert (died after 1798), and Fagan (or
Yeagen) who died after 1812 when he signed a
deed.

(2) John, born about 1730, married
Mary, moved to Buncombe County, North
Carolina.

(3) Grymes (or Grimes) married, and had a
son named George D. who is believed to have
built the brick house now occupied by Mrs.
Mildred Matthews. George D. Holcomb mar-
ried Rachel and their children were Elizabeth J.
(Carter), Jean J. (Williams), Rachel Delaney
(Rhodes), Margaret (Mrs. John W. Miller),
Grimes A., and Nancy Patterson).

(4) Philemon married Margaret and their
children were Geoge Durran, born about
1770-4(?). Mecheck, Isaac, born 1780, John
S., born in 1786, and Decy.

(5) Lawrence married Priscilla and their
children were Phillip, Betsey (Gentry), Wil-
liam, James, Rachel (Roberson), Lewis, Sally
(Green), Frances (Johnson), and Mary
(Swaim).

Thomas, son of Thomas, and grandson of
John and Elizabeth Lawrence Holcomb, is re-
ported to have moved to Pleasant Hill, Cass
County, Missouri. According to the McPherson
book, his children were:

William, born about 1800;
Eleanor (Nellie) who married first Henry
Long, son of William and Mary Long, and
married second, Dr. John Hampton;
Thomas, born about 1860;

Polly;
John D.;
Shadrack, born about 1814/15;
a daughter who married Britton Ray;
a daughter who married a Gross (Groce);
a daughter who married a Casstevens; and
Raleigh (who sometimes signed his name
as Leroy).

There was an indication in the book, howev-
er, that Raleigh, John D. and the four daugh-
ters might be the son of George Holcomb, the
uncle of Thomas (born in 1771/72).

It would seem likely, since Thomas and
Theodocia did move to Missouri, that these
children would have gone with them, rather
than stay in Yadkin County, where they mar-
ried and left many descendants even to the
present day.

Another possibility is that John D., Raleigh
(Leroy), and the four daughters were the chil-
dren of Leroy (Raleigh) brother to Thomas
who married Theodocia Elliot.

According to the McPherson book, Leroy
married Chloe Elliott, probably a sister to
Theodocia Elliot. Their children, according to
the McPherson book on the Holcomb family,
were: Nelly, Doshe, Sally, Lucinda, Lucretia,
Leroy, and John D.

It is a fact that Lucinda Holcomb married
William Casstevens, so this would probably
mean she was the daughter of Leroy Holcomb,
grandson of John and Elizabeth Lawrence.
Also, Lucinda Holcomb and William Cas-
stevens named one son, Leroy (Raleigh), and
he, too, was called by both names. Leroy C.
(Raleigh) was born March 15, 1838, in Surry
(Yadkin) County. They had other children:
John Mecans, the oldest (born January 28,
1834), Mary (born October 15, 1835), Martha
Jane (born about 1842), William Henry
Anthony, called "Bern" (born June 5, 1847),
Saran Ann (born about 1849), and Fannie Mae
Casstevens (born June 2, 1856).

(For further reference and the descendants
of all the Casstevens, see THOMAS CAS-
TEVEN: A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY, by Wil-
liam C. Casstevens, and Frances H. Cas-
stevens. On page 29 it is stated that Lucinda
Holcomb, wife of William Casstevens, was
the daughter of Thomas and Theodocia Elliott
Holcomb, but this may be in error.)

Note also that Eleanor, believed to have
been the daughter of Thomas and Theodocia
Elliott Holcomb, is called "Nellie," and also
that, given in the McPherson book, Leroy is
stated to have a daughter named Nelly.

Undoubtedly, with the scarcity of early re-
cords, and in light of the fact that in each
generation the names are repeated by each of
the sons naming their children after their
brothers, uncles, aunts, etc., errors are
bound to occur in genealogical research.

— Frances H. Casstevens

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND FANNY BRITAIN HOLCOMB

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John Holcomb, born about 1785 in Virginia,
died after 1816, married Fanny (or Fannie)
Brittain, born in 1784 in North Carolina, the

daughter of John Brittain. John Holcomb was
the son of George, the youngest son of John
and Elizabeth Lawrence Holcomb, and the
great-grandson of John and Elizabeth Grymes
Holcomb. John Holcomb's brother was
Branch Holcomb, born 1770/71, and his sister
was named Ruth.

John Holcomb (born 1785) purchased land
on Deep Creek in 1808. In May of 1816, he
deeded the Methodist Episcopal Church a tract
of land on Cranberry Creek. This was probably
one of the earlier locations of Center Methodist
Church.

The children of John and Fannie Brittain
Holcomb were:

(1) Elizabeth, born about 1805, married
William J. Holcomb;

(2) George D. Holcomb III, born March 23,
1810;

(3) Thomas Holcomb, born 1810/11, mar-
ried Elizabeth Long;

(4) Milly Holcomb (Mildred) born May 4,
1813, married James Sheek;

(5) Nancy Holcomb, married Thomas
Vestal;

(6) Winnie Holcomb, married Daniel Long;

(7) William B. Holcomb, born 1822/23;

(8) John B. Holcomb, Jr., born December

25, 1824, married Mary Rhetta (Polly) Long;

(9) Samuel Holcomb, born March 18, 1927;

(10) Fannie Holcomb, born April 5, 1829;

(11) Pleasant A. Holcomb, born September
6, 1832; and

(12) Sarah Holcomb, born 1834/35.

George D. Holcomb III (born March 23,
1810), the son of John and Fannie Brittain
Holcomb, is the ancestor of the Holcombs
who live around Mitchell's Chapel in Yadkin
County North Carolina.

George D. Holcomb III married (wife's name
unknown) and had the following children:

(1) Dr. Daniel A. Holcomb, born 1835, mar-
ried Annie A. York, moved to Rockford, North
Carolina, and had four children, Virgil, Oscar,
Bascomb, and Annie;

(2) John T. Holcomb, born 1838/39;

(3) Dr. Calvin Monroe Holcomb, born
November 23, 1841 (see article entitled Dr.
Calvin Monroe Holcomb);

(4) Jones Holcomb, born 1842/43;

(5) Bloom Virgil Holcomb, born December
1, 1844;

(6) George D. Holcomb (IV);

(7) Dee Holcomb, born 1849/50;

(8) Mary Jane Holcomb, born 1852/53.

This information was derived from THE
HOLCOMBES: NATION BUILDERS, by Mrs.
Lewin D. (Hannah Elizabeth Weir) McPherson,
1947. There is much, much more in this book
on the ancestors and the descendants of all the
various branches of the Holcomb (Holcombe)
family in America.

— Frances H. Casstevens

DR. CALVIN MONROE HOLCOMB

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Dr. Calvin Monroe Holcomb was born
March 23, 1841, in Surry (now Yadkin) Coun-
ty, North Carolina, the son of Col. Geroge

Holcomb and Anna Long Holcomb. His father, Col. Geoge Holcomb, was the first elected Sheriff of Yadkin County.

Dr. Cal, as he was called, was a Civil War veteran. He enlisted in Company I, 28th North Carolina Regiment, and was wounded in a battle near Rappahannock. As Cal came home, his mother saw him walking down the road toward her and she did not know who he was. He had been gone so long and he had let his beard grow out. He never did cut his beard off. (See picture in Local History Section in an article on Yadkin County doctors.)

The Holcombs lived and owned the farm where Mrs. Paulina Swaim now lives, near the Center community. The old house is still standing.

Dr. Calvin Holcomb had two brothers and one sister who lived to reach adulthood (several other died young). They were Dr. Dan Holcomb, Blum Holcomb, and Mary J. Holcomb Long.

Dr. Calvin Monroe Holcomb married Anna (Annie) Patience Casstevens, daughter of Mecans and Elizabeth Brown Casstevens, on January 20, 1870, and they had six children, two died at birth. The living children were:

Margaret Alice ("Maggie"), born February 2, 1872, married Sylvester Tippet Hinshaw, son of John and Sarah Moxley Hinshaw;

Lelah Victoria, born March 23, 1874, married George Lee Sprouse, son of George David and Millie Long sprouse;

Marvin Peeler, born May 30, 1877, married Della Gertrude Calloway, born July 2, 1899, daughter of Silas Monroe and Ida Elizabeth Casstevens Calloway; and

George Mecans, born October 20, 1884, married Martha Victoria Long.

Marvin and George Holcomb played on the famous Red Strings Ball Team. They lived in the Mitchell's Chapel community. Dr. Cal's house burned down when his children were small, and when he built a new home, he had an uncle, Nath Long, saw all the rafters for the house. They were cut so accurately that not one of them had to be re-sawed to fit in the house.

The house was thought of as being big and beautiful for the period in which it was built. People came from miles around to see it. One unique feature was a room over the kitchen that the hired help slept in. The only entrance to the room was from stairs that led down to the kitchen.

Dr. Cal had eight grandchildren to be born in the house which is still standing beside Mitchell's Chapel United Methodist Church. The grandchildren born there are Mary (Mrs. Frank Casstevens), Lucy (Mrs. Worth Reece), Edna Mrs. Bob Caldwell, Fletcher Holcomb, Oscar Holcomb, Sanford Holcomb, Allen Holcomb, and Hugh Holcomb, all children of Marvin Peeler and Della Calloway Holcomb. Marvin's widow, Della, still lives in the house.

Dr. Cal's office is still standing and in one of only a few such medical offices still in existence in the area. There, he made some of his own medicine and there are still some herbs growing around the office which he planted. The doctor's medical books are still in the Marvin Holcomb family.

Dr. Cal always served his patients well regardless of their ability to pay. He traveled by buggy. His books show that he got 25¢ to \$1.00 for his office visits and \$5.00 to deliver a baby. Later he went up on his prices from 50¢ to \$2.00 for office visits, but still only charged \$5.00 to deliver a baby. Sometimes he would get paid in grain, vegetables, pigs, fruit, cotton, honey, chickens, calves, tobacco, molasses, furniture, or a day's labor.

The last time Dr. Cal went to deliver a baby his son Marvin took him, because the doctor was getting old. The family named the baby after Marvin.

Besides delivering babies, Dr. Cal treated all sorts of illnesses and diseases as best he could. He once wrote that it seemed as if everyone had the "itch."

A colored lady once stayed with the family. She had a head that was very flat on top, and she could carry a bucket of water on it from the spring that was a fourth of a mile away from the house without spilling a drop. It was told about this woman that she could carry one bucket on her head, one bucket with one hand, and in addition, carry a child on her hip, without spilling or dropping any of them.

Dr. Calvin Holcomb and family always took part in the camping which was held at Center Methodist Church, even though they only lived a mile from the church. Dr. Cal's grandfather gave the land for the Old Center Church.

Anna Patience Casstevens, wife of Dr. Calvin Holcomb, died November 26, 1914, on Thanksgiving day. Dr. Calvin married second Ella Long. He died August 12, 1918, and was buried at Mitchell's Chapel Church cemetery. His grandparents were buried at Center Methodist Church.

— Lucy Holcomb Reece

MARVIN PEELER HOLCOMB FAMILY

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Marvin Peeler Holcomb, born May 30, 1877, died October 30, 1970, at the age of 93. He was the son of Dr. Calvin Monroe and Anna Casstevens Holcomb. (See article on Dr. Calvin Holcomb.) Marvin lived in the Mitchell's Chapel community all his life. He was named for one of the Methodist preachers who served as pastor of Mitchell's Chapel Church, S. D. Peeler who was a pastor on the Yadkinville Circuit beginning in 1877, the year Marvin was born.

Marvin had one brother and two sisters. They were: Margaret Alice (Maggie) born February 2, 1872, died February 14, 1960, married Sylvester Tippet Hinshaw (see article on the "Sylvester Tippet Hinshaw Family"); Lelah Victoria, born March 23, 1874, died January 5, 1969, married George Lee Sprouse (see article on the "George Lee Sprouse Family"); and George Mecans Holcomb, born October 20, 1884, died May 24, 1971, married Martha Victoria Long.

Around the turn of the century, between 1895 and 1903, Marvin and his brother, George, played on the famous "Red Strings" baseball team. (See "Red Strings Was



Golden Wedding Anniversary of Marvin and Della Calloway Holcomb.

Famous Old Team" in *History of Yadkin County* 1850-1865, by William E. Rutledge, Jr., 1965.)

Marvin worked at a tobacco warehouse from 1905 until 1917. Ten of those years were spent working in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and two in Elkin at warehouses where tobacco was sold. He worked for M. W. Norfleet and John Glenn. A contract found among his papers showed that John Glenn paid Marvin Holcomb \$80.00 a month in the year 1915.

While Marvin was working in Winston-Salem, he bought a new T-Model Ford and drove it home. He had never driven a car before and no one had ever shown him how to drive, but he made it home safely.

Marvin and Della Gertrude Calloway were married Sunday, December 1, 1918. Fifty years later, when they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, December 1, 1968, fell on a Sunday, too. Della was born July 2, 1899, the daughter of Silas Monroe and Ida Elizabeth Casstevens Calloway. She resides at the homeplace (see picture of house in Local History Section).

Marvin began farming and continued nearly all his life, retiring only a few years before his death.

Ministers were always welcome in the Marvin Holcomb home which stood beside the Mitchell's Chapel Methodist Church. During the 1920's and 1930's, when means of travel were not as easy as they are today, whenever a revival was held at Mitchell's Chapel, the visiting ministers stayed the week at the Marvin Holcomb home. It was a common occurrence to find one, or even two, ministers in the Holcomb home. Even when a revival was not in progress, the Holcombs often invited the minister to eat "Sunday dinner."

Marvin was secretary and treasurer of Mitchell's Chapel Church when the new sanctuary was built in 1925.

The children of Marvin P. and Della Calloway Holcomb are: Mary Ethel, Fletcher Monroe, Oscar Marvin, Lucy Elizabeth, Edna Mae, Sanford Blum, Allen Franklin, and Hugh Ed-

ward Holcomb.

(1) Mary Ethel Holcomb Casstevens, son of William (Beulah) Wagoner Casstevens children.

Johnsie Annette Casstevens, son of Evan Fletcher, son of Cornelius Fletcher, and children: Tracy Edward, Teilius, and Jan Annette Fletcher. Marshall Casstevens and they are the parents of Jacob Allen, Samuel Paul, Joshua Franklin Casstevens, and Kent Casstevens m Newnan.

Kay Casstevens m Stinson, son of James son. They have two children and Timothy Brent Stinson.

Gordon Brent Casstevens died September 6, 1991, Senior at Starmount Hill after the accident.

(2) Fletcher Holcomb Warden, daughter of Harold Warden. They have one child, Er Holcomb, who married Fletcher Holcomb during World War II.

(3) Oscar Marvin Holcomb, daughter of Carol Haynes, daughter of Alma Bray Haynes. Oscar died during World War II and was killed. They have two children, Lynn Holcomb, Carol, and their children are M and Michelle Brown.

(4) Lucy Elizabeth Holcomb, daughter of Harold Reece, son of Alma Haynes Reece. Their children are Peggy and Peggy have two children, Melissa Ann Reece.

(5) Edna Mae Holcomb, daughter of Caldwell. They live in Panama. Their children are Stephen, Karen Teres Dale, and Doris Elizabeth, married Eddie Conley. Terry Chasteen.

(6) Sanford Blum Holcomb, daughter of Claudette Hemric, daughter of Mamie Roberts Hemric, son of Ernest Marvin, David Wynn Holcomb. Sanford died in 1973 during the Korean War.

Allen Franklin Holcomb, son of Saunders. They have one child, Carol, and Jerry Allen Holcomb in the National Guard.

Hugh Edward Holcomb, son of married Janice Rae Howland as Ray and Dorothy (Dorothy) daughter is Melissa Dav

JAMES MONROE

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Marshall Casstevens married Rachel South-
 ern and they are the parents of four children:
 Jacob Allen, Samuel Paul, Nathan Patrick, and
 Joshua Franklin Casstevens.

Kent Casstevens married Bobbie Sharon
 Newman.

Kay Casstevens married James Timothy
 Stinson, son of James and Joy Holcomb Stin-
 son. They have two children, Scarlette Ann,
 and Timothy Brent Stinson.

Gordon Brent Casstevens died in a car acci-
 dent September 6, 1969, at age 17. He was a
 Senior at Starmount High School at the time of
 the accident.

(2) Fletcher Holcomb married Mary Gray
 Warden, daughter of Howard and Myrtle Hud-
 son Warden. They have one son, Steve Fletch-
 er Holcomb, who married Tonya Yvonne Kig-
 ger. Fletcher Holcomb served in the Army dur-
 ing World War II.

(3) Oscar Marvin Holcomb married Doris
 Carol Haynes, daughter of James Tilden and
 Alma Bray Haynes. Oscar was a Marine during
 World War II and was wounded on Okinawa.
 They have two children, Mitty Carol and Cathy
 Lynn Holcomb. Carol married W. C. Brown
 and their children are Michael Todd and Amy
 Michelle Brown.

(4) Lucy Elizabeth Holcomb married Worth
 Harold Reece, son of Wiley and Nevada
 Haynes Reece. Their son, Harold Monroe
 Reece, married Peggy Jean Hutchens. Harold
 and Peggy have two children, Joseph Harold
 and Melissa Ann Reece.

(5) Edna Mae Holcomb married Robert
 Caldwell. They live in Piedmont, South Caroli-
 na. Their children are Robert Eric, Donald
 Stephen, Karen Teresse, twins (David and
 Dale), and Doris Elizabeth Caldwell. Doris
 married Eddie Conley. Karen Caldwell married
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(6) Sanford Blum Holcomb married
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 Wynn Holcomb. Sanford, a veteran of the Ko-
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Allen Franklin Holcomb married Minnie Lou
 Saunders. They have two children, Susan
 Carol, and Jerry Allen Holcomb. Allen served
 in the National Guard for six years.

Hugh Edward Holcomb, the youngest child,
 married Janice Rae Howell, daughter of Thom-
 as Ray and Dorothy Craver Howell. Their
 daughter is Melissa Dawn Holcomb.

— Lucy Holcomb Reece

JAMES MONROE HOLCOMB

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James Monroe Holcomb was born April 22,
 1864, in Longtown, N.C., the son of Daniel

Marion Holcomb (July 17, 1842 — November
 4, 1913) and Cloey Elizabeth Gross (January
 31, 1843 — April 25, 1914). He was one of
 eight children: (1) Maggie Elenoir, (2) James
 Monroe, (3) Calvin Eli, (4) Philip Moses, (5)
 Sanford Green, (6) Sara Jane, (7) William
 Dee, and (8) Alfred Cleveland.

Jim married Martha Jane Long (March 10,
 1867 — March 14, 1943), daughter of George
 and Elizabeth Vestal Long of Longtown, on
 December 24, 1887. To this couple were born
 three children: Clyde (February 13, 1898),
 Flake (January 11, 1904 — November 19,
 1953), and Lula (September 11, 1891 —
 October 12, 1895). Jim, educated at Siloam
 School and Asbury-Martin School, moved to
 Jonesville, N.C., about 1900.

Clyde married John Edgar Reece (April 16,
 1896 — May 3, 1971) on January 22, 1920.
 Ed was in the automobile business in Elkin and
 Jonesville. Two boys were born to this couple:
 E. Kemp (September 12, 1922) and Mark H.
 (March 16, 1926). Kemp was married to Mil-
 dred Frances Hayworth of Greensboro, N.C.,
 on May 8, 1953. Two children were born to
 this couple: Anne Clyde, and E. Kemp, Jr.
 Kemp is a stockbroker and Vice-President and
 Resident Manager of Interstate Securities Cor-
 poration in Greensboro.

Mark was married to Shirley Parker of Burl-
 ington on June 10, 1950. Four children were
 born to this family: Lisa Parker, Mark H., Jr.,
 John Edgar II, and William Jordon. Mark is
 Dean of men at Wake Forest University in
 Winston-Salem, N.C.

Jim, along with his brothers Sanford and
 William Dee, founded the very successful Hol-
 comb Brothers of Elkin, N.C., a wholesale and
 retail grocery business and the Elkin and
 Alleghany Produce Co. which served North-
 western North Carolina. Active in the civic
 and religious affairs of Jonesville and Elkin, he
 was a strong advocate of a better educational sys-
 tem for all children. As a member of the School
 Board he was instrumental in establishing one
 of the most progressive, secondary educa-
 tional programs in Yadkin County. He was a
 dedicated Christian layman and was an ardent
 supporter in the growth of the First Baptist
 Church in Jonesville.

Jim died on June 11, 1947, leaving a mem-
 ory of great benevolence and kindness to his
 fellow man.

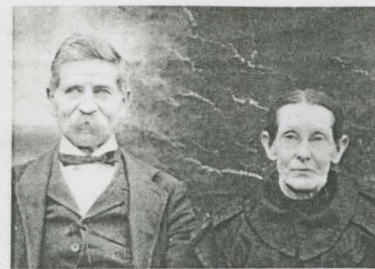
— E. Kemp Reece

**THE DANIEL MARIAN
 HOLCOMB FAMILY**

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Daniel Marian Holcomb known as "Danny
 Holcomb" was born July 7, 1842, about one
 mile north of Longtown in Yadkin County,
 North Carolina and died November 4, 1913.
 Danny Holcomb was a prominent citizen and a
 country merchant.

Daniel Holcomb married Cloey Eliza Gross
 February 2, 1862 in Longtown, North Caroli-
 na. She was born January 31, 1843 and died
 April 25, 1914. They had eight children, Mag-
 gie Elenoir, James Monroe, Calvin Eli, Philip
 Moses, Santford Green, Sarah Jane, William



D.M. (age 67) and Cloey E. Holcomb (age 66)

Dee and Alfred Cleveland.

Mr. Holcomb established a merchantile
 store in 1874 in the Longtown Community and
 ran this with his sons until he was forced to
 retire because of a physical disability. He was
 known for his excellent and beautiful pen-
 manship and recieved many letters com-
 plimenting him on his achievement.

Daniel Marian Holcomb was the son of Rev.
 William J. (Billy) and Elizabeth Holcomb Hol-
 comb known and called "Granny Betsy". She
 was the daughter of John and Fannie Brittain
 Holcomb. They had twelve children: Thomas,
 Lewis, John L., James, Fannie, George D.,
 William T., Daniel Marion, Ferdnard, Lucro-
 tus, Precilla, and Peggy.

Cloey Eliza Gross, wife of Daniel Marian
 Holcomb, was the daughter of Moses (Gran-
 cer) and Sally (Sarah) Holcomb Gross. Cloey
 was born and reared close to Knobs Church.
 She and Daniel were members of Knobs
 Church, now Swains Church, near Longtown,
 and were buried there.

— Margaret Holcomb Wellborn

**SANTFORD GREEN
 HOLCOMB'S FAMILY**

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Santford Green (Sant) Holcomb of Jonesville
 was born June 23, 1877 and died January
 17, 1961. He was born in the Longtown Com-
 munity in Yadkin County about three miles
 south of Swains Baptist Church, formerly the
 Knobs Church. The birthplace still exists today
 and is known as "Danny Holcomb's home-
 place".

He married Mary Victoria Helton on July 18,
 1899, daughter of George and Elizabeth Long
 Helton of the Brannon section near Yadkinville.
 She was born on October 3, 1879.

They had nine children, Marvin, Hugh,
 Jones, Odell, Sig, Jack, Cloie, Margaret and
 Irene.

He attended Mrs. Anne Edgerton Williams
 School at Brannon, where he was independent
 and an outstanding student.

As a young man Sant clerked in his father's
 store in Longtown and worked on the farm.
 Later he operated a store in the Center Com-
 munity and still later he and R. Blum Long of
 Longtown operated a store at Yadkinville
 known as Holcomb & Long, and managed by
 Mr. Long for about two years.

Mr. Holcomb and his brothers established
 Holcomb Brothers of Elkin in 1906. It was a
 wholesale and retail Dry Goods Store. This



Santford Green and Mary Victoria Helton Holcomb.

business closed in 1932 after great success. He continued to operate the Elkin and Alleghany Produce successfully from 1932 to 1949.

In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb moved to Jonesville and he continued to operate Holcomb Brothers as president. He became a successful business man. He was president of the Elkin-Jonesville Building and Loan Association in 1932 and served on the board of directors from 1931 until 1954. He resigned in 1954 due to ill health and was made a life-long honorary director of the association.

He was a second baseman on the "Red Strings" team, a baseball team of Yadkin County that was organized in 1896. The Red Strings is a story of the history and families of Yadkin County at the turn of the century and it was probably one of North Carolina's greatest amateur baseball teams of that era. They played sixty games between 1896 and 1902, losing only three. He was considered a "hefty" batter.

Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb were members of the Jonesville Baptist Church. They were buried in the Hollywood Cemetery in Elkin, North Carolina.

— Margaret Holcomb Wellborn

C. J. HOLCOMB

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Clinton Jones Holcomb lives in Jonesville, North Carolina, Yadkin County, and is known as "Mr. Clint" and "C.J." He was born January 9, 1882, and will soon celebrate his 99th birthday. He is the son of Lucretus and Huldah Ann Ray Holcomb.

He attended the "Free School" at Longtown in Yadkin County and summer school at Rena near Swaim's Church, under the supervision of professor T.M. George.

He taught school at Longtown in 1917 and at Central School in Knobs township in 1918. Mr. Clint was magistrate in South Knobs district for four years. He recalls uniting over fifty couples in marriage.

On April 20, 1924, he married Rosa Sprouse. She was born April 12, 1897. They have two sons, C.J., Jr., and Wesley, and four grandchildren. C.J., Jr., married Mary Elizabeth Edwards and Wesley married Jo Ann Henderson.

In 1926 he moved to Jonesville. He served as mayor for one term in 1926. He said being a

mayor was not much except the title, but he remembers sending one man to jail for interrupting a town meeting.

His first job after moving to Jonesville was with E.F. McNeer, a merchant in Elkin. In 1928 he went to work for Cash and Carry Grocery store in Elkin. He also operated the "Old Corner Grocery" in Jonesville until he retired.

He is a member of Swaim's Baptist Church in Yadkin County. He was clerk of this church for four years and served as superintendent of Sunday School for several years.

Rosa Sprouse Holcomb died June 4, 1973, and was buried at Mitchell's Chapel United Methodist Church. She was the daughter of Miles F. and Melvina Hinshaw Sprouse.

— Mrs. Margaret H. Wellborn

JOHN D. HOLCOMB, SR. AND FAMILY

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John D. Holcomb, Sr., was born near Longtown, in Yadkin County, North Carolina, May 20, 1877, the son of Thomas Franklin and Sarah Long Holcomb. The Holcombs were of English ancestry and the Longs of Dutch origin.

John D.'s father, Thomas Holcomb, (born 1846) served four years in the Confederate Army and participated in many of the battles around Richmond, and Petersburg, Virginia. He was present at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Once Thomas Holcomb was knocked from his horse by a passing shell.

Thomas Holcomb was a farmer and he served as United States Department of Revenue store-keeper and gauger until 1910. He lived near Mountain View Baptist Church. At the time of his death in 1923, Thomas J. Holcomb was court bailiff.

Sarah Long, Thomas F. Holcomb's first wife died in 1883. The children of that marriage were: Philip (a merchant and farmer in Lockwood, Missouri); Winnie (wife of Arthur Younger of Farley, Missouri); and John D. Holcomb. Four children did not live to be adults.

Thomas F. Holcomb married second Martha J. Hutchins. By this marriage there were seven children: Green, who farmed in the Longtown community, Thomas, David, James C., Clement, Virgil, and James who lived in Cincinnati.

As a boy, John D. Holcomb attended Professor Dixon's Normal School in Yadkinville. After working two years as clerk in the office of Sheriff Hamlin of Yadkin County, John D. resumed his education.

For thirty days he was employed by Rosenbacher Brothers and then joined the R.J. Reynolds Company as a traveling salesman, a position he held for six years. The next 14 years were spent as an employee of the F.M. Bohannon Company as a salesman. He traveled in the southeastern United States covering the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. During this period, John D. Holcomb resided in Albany, Georgia. He would ride a train to a town and hire a buggy at a livery stable to travel to stores in the county. At one

store, John D. told the store owner, "My name is Holcomb." The owner told him he could not help it (if his name was Holcomb). John D. decided not to get mad, and the man became one of John D.'s best customers.

Frank Douthit and Ben Shore built a store across the street from the courthouse on the south side about 1905. The bricks for the building were made near South Deep Creek and Trig Howell helped haul them to Yadkinville. Douthit and Shore sold general merchandise, including hardware, groceries, dry goods, and shoes.

Later, J.H. Dobbins bought them out, and about 1920, John D. Holcomb, Sr., became Dobbins' partner. About a year later, John D. bought out Mr. Dobbins.

Two years later, in 1922, John D. Holcomb, Sr. organized the Yadkin Grocery Company, of which he was the first president. At that time, the Yadkin Grocery Company was the only wholesale grocery company located more than ten miles from a railroad.

During the Great Depression, John D. could neither buy nor sell many goods. In order to make his store look well-stocked, he put empty boxes on the shelves. John D. often took peas in payment of debts.

The economy eased somewhat in the 1930's when the government started issuing food and clothing orders to needy families.

John D. Holcomb, Sr., married Nora Hamlin, daughter of Sheriff Jim Hamlin, and they had two children: John D., Jr., and Sara. Sheriff Hamlin served from 1884 until 1888, and he was the last Democrat sheriff of Yadkin County even to the present day. J.W. "Red" Williamson came close to being elected, but lost to the Republican candidate by a very small margin.

Jim Hamlin operated a general store at the site of the present Central Carolina Bank, and other stores. He was in the tobacco manufacturing business also.

Mr. Hamlin hired a Mr. Whitaker to cut wood at 25¢ a cord. After Mr. Hamlin looked over the cords of wood, he decided he did not need any more. Mr. Whitaker told him that he needed the work, and suggested that he would only charge 15¢ per cord if Mr. Hamlin would let him continue working. After Mr. Whitaker had finished, Jim Hamlin said that the cords looked small. Whitaker replied that they were "15¢ cords."

John D. Holcomb, Jr., was educated in the Yadkin County schools and graduated from Yadkinville High School. He entered North Carolina State College in the fall of 1932 and specialized in general business education and business administration. When he returned from college, he joined his father in the mercantile business.

John D., Jr., became general manager of the store in 1934. He has operated the store since the death of his father in 1951, together with his wife, Blanche (Williams) Holcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Williams of the Union Cross section, and several employees (Plummer Wooten, Clyde Wishon). He has retained the store name, "John D. Holcomb & Son."

John D. Holcomb, Jr., is a member of the

Yadkinville Methodist Church, and was Financial Secretary of the church for many years.

Sara Holcomb, a retired nurse, has done voluntary service to patients at Hoots Memorial Hospital in Jonesville. She taught school in Jonesville and now does volunteer work at the hospital.

(See "John D. Holcomb" in *CAROLINA: REBUILDING COMMONWEALTH*, Vol. 1, American Historical Society, 511, and *YADKIN COUNTY*, James Williams Printing Co., N.C., 1939, p. 40.)

EVERETT EDISON HOLCOMB AND FAMILY

Everett Edison Holcomb was born in Yadkin County, North Carolina, to Arthur Clinton and Mary Victoria Holcomb. Ed is the oldest son, including Rovey, Ann, Kate, Nelson, and Gladys.

Arthur Clinton's parents were Nathan and Martha Whitehead Holcomb.

On April 8, 1925, Everett Edison Holcomb was born in Jonesville, Yadkin County, Iowa, on July 1, 1925, daughter of James Samuel and Mary Royal Dudley. Grace's father (from the oldest to the youngest) were Lloyd, Kenneth, Peter, and Odell.

Ed is described in an article in *Everett Holcombs*, published in the *State* magazine as a blacksmith shop funder. At the early age of 15, he worked as a blacksmith shop funder.

Before operating his own company and his first major project was as an electrician, a brick mason, and a welder. He did construction work in schools in Yadkin and was employed as foreman for two years. He also worked on the resort homes at Roanoke Island.

In 1947 Ed built his own home and in 1952 he founded the Holcomb Company which was owned by Charles, until his death in 1951. Arthur Holcomb specialized in the construction of vacuum pumps, a high vacuum pump, a high vacuum condenser.

Ed has also designed and built equipment with the help of his son, Glyn. Some of his products include a primer, a sod planter, well-drillers, cutters a 65-ton press, machinery, and woodwork.

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of years.

Sara Holcomb, a retired teacher, and former
"Pink Lady" who spent many hours in
voluntary service to patients at the Lula Conrad
Hoots Memorial Hospital, resides in the home-
place. She taught school for 27 years, and
now does volunteer work at the courthouse.

(See "John D. Holcomb", in *NORTH
CAROLINA: REBUILDING AND ANCIENT
COMMONWEALTH*, Volume IV, Chicago: The
American Historical Society, Inc., 1928, p.
511, and *YADKIN COUNTY RECORD BOOK*,
James Williams Printing Co., Yadkinville,
N.C., 1939, p. 40.)

— John D. Holcomb, Jr.

EVERETT EDISON HOLCOMB FAMILY

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Everett Edison Holcomb, known as Ed, was
born in Yadkin County on April 27, 1903, to
Arthur Clinton and Minnie Jennette Wishon
Holcomb. Ed is the oldest of the nine children
including Rovey, Ann, Gertha, Claude, Larnie,
Kate, Nelson, and Gladys.

Arthur Clinton's parents were Samuel and
Sarah Whitehead Holcomb. Minnie's parents
were Nathan and Martha Sizemore Wishon.

On April 8, 1925, Ed Holcomb married Lil-
lian Grace Dudley who was born in Hardin
County, Iowa, on July 22, 1908. She is the
daughter of James Samuel and Rachel Vashti
Royal Dudley. Grace's brothers and sisters are
(from the oldest to the youngest) Loyce, Jack,
Lloyd, Kenneth, Pete, Melvin, Lucille, and
Odell.

Ed is described in an article, "The Enterpris-
ing Holcombs," published in the *North Caroli-
na State* magazine as a natural-born machin-
ist. At the early age of fourteen, he operated a
blacksmith shop furnished for him by his
father. Before operating Dobbins Milling Com-
pany and his first machine shop, Ed was an
electrician, a brick mason, and a construction
worker. He did construction work in five
schools in Yadkin and Guilford counties, serv-
ing as foreman for two school constructions.
He also worked on the construction of several
resort homes at Roaring Gap, North Carolina.

In 1947 Ed built Holcomb's Repair Shop,
and in 1952 he founded Holcomb's Creosote
Company which was operated by his son,
Charles, until his death in 1977, and by a
relative, Arthur Holcomb. The majority of the
equipment for the creosote plant was designed
and made in the repair shop, including a
vacuum pump, a high-pressure cylinder, a
barometric condenser, and a post peeler.

Ed has also designed and made, with the
help of his son, Glyn, special machines and
equipment for farmers and industrialists of
Yadkin County and throughout the state.
Some of his productions were the tobacco
primer, a sod planter, a shavings machine,
well-drillers, cutters and dies for styrofoam, a
65-ton press, machine parts for textile indus-
tries, and woodworking machines.

Ed is also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He enjoys people and hard work, and he has
contributed much to the county in which he
has lived all his life.

Grace and Ed Holcomb had five children,
one of whom died as an infant.

Glyn Edward Holcomb, the oldest child,
was born on May 21, 1926, in Yadkin County.
He married Marvis June Davis and their chil-
dren are Karen, Patricia, Belinda, Stephanie,
and Edward. Glyn and his father operate Hol-
comb's Repair Shop. Glyn is the owner and
operator of a cattle farm, Little Big Horn, lo-
cated on the Shacktown Road. He served in
the Pacific War zone during World War II. He is
an active member of Center United Methodist
Church.

Charles Dewey Holcomb, the second child,
was born July 16, 1928, in Yadkin County,
North Carolina, and died May 8, 1977. He is
buried in the Deep Creek Friends Church
cemetery. He married Audrey Smith, and their
children are: Charles Dewey, Jr., Barry, Ben-
ny, Rebecca, and Boyd. Charles helped oper-
ate Holcomb's Creosote Company. He
attended North Carolina State University,
served in the army, farmed, and served as a
director of Central Carolina Bank. He was a
member of Deep Creek Friends Church.

Rachel Edith, the third child, was born
September 26, 1932, in Yadkin County. She
married Max Davis and they have two children,
Bart and Jill Davis. Edith received a bachelor's
degree from the University of North Carolina at
Greensboro, and a master's degree from
Appalachian State University. She is a member
of the Eastern Star, the Yadkinville United
Methodist Church, and serves as Director of
Special Programs in the Yadkin County
Schools. Her husband is an assistant superin-
tendent for the Yadkin County Schools.

The youngest child, Gerald Wayne Hol-
comb, was born September 30, 1938, in Yad-
kin County. He married Joan Alfreda Reavis
and they have two children, Kelly and Gerald.
Wayne is a millwright worker for R.J.
Reynolds Company, a farmer, and a farm
machinery dealer. He is a member of the South
Oak Ridge Baptist Church. His wife, Joan, is a
teacher of the gifted and talented students at
Forbush High School.

— Edith Holcomb Davis

ALFRED EUGENE HOLTON

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Alfred Eugene Holton, known as Gene, was
a United States District Attorney for the West-
ern North Carolina District during the Republi-
can Presidential terms of McKinley (who
appointed him), *Roosevelt* and Taft. Having a
reputation as a vigorous prosecutor, Holton's
most prominent, or perhaps most publicized,
successful convictions were some eighty
"moonshiners", between 1905 and 1909.

Holton was born on October 29, 1852, in
Guilford County. He and his parents moved to
Iredell County several years later. His father,
Reverend Quinton Holton, was a minister who
could preach in eight languages and was well
informed in law. Although the Holton children
studied in the public schools, they were in-

structed at home far beyond the level of the
public schools. Of the six children of the family
of our sons and two daughters, three sons and
one daughter, Tabitha, were attorneys. The
red-headed, blue-eyed Gene was instructed in
law by his father and Judge Albion Tourgee
and obtained his license in 1875.

Holton spent his early manhood and law
practice in Yadkin County. In 1874, at age 21,
he represented the county in the lower house
of the North Carolina General Assembly. Hol-
ton married Elizabeth Petty in 1891, who even-
tually bore him twelve children, five daughters
and seven sons, several of whom became
prominent in their own right.

In 1896, Holton and family moved to Win-
ston Salem, where he formed a law firm with
Major J.E. Alexander, Alexander and Holton. A
year later, President McKinley appointed him
to the U.S. District Attorney position, a posi-
tion he held (not without a healthy amount of
political controversy) until after the Democrats
and Woodrow Wilson became President in
1913. Holton, a staunch Republican all his life,
was unsurprisingly not reappointed. He re-
turned to Winston-Salem where he and one of
his sons, George R., continued to practice
law, the firm becoming known as Holton and
Holton.

Holton is perhaps most remembered for his
successful Federal prosecution of some 25
revenue officers, indicted with defrauding the
government in the "Whiskey Fraud Case" of
the 1900s." He was described in the press of
the day as having "made such a remarkable
fight in conducting this case, which has been
one of the most important and stupendous
ever tried in any court in the State . . ."

Praise came both from local citizens and the
Treasury Department in Washington, which
said "Your courage, zeal and masterly prepa-
ration and presentation of your case enabled
the jury to reach a just conclusion. You are to
be heartily congratulated and commended
upon the conviction of these conspirators who
have defrauded the government of its rev-
enues."

A.E. Holton was respected as a wise and
vigorous enforcer of the law. Although he was
recognized as an avid Republican, one news-
paper acknowledged that no "party has ever
had in the State a gentleman of greater ability
or more splendid integrity than (Holton). As a
lawyer he stands high up among the ablest
men yet produced by the State. By hard work
and long years of it he has attained high rank
among the State's foremost men."

Gene Holton passed away in 1928. His chil-
dren were George, Frank, Mary (Mrs. John
Holmes), Harriette (Mrs. Oliver S. Anthony),
John, Beth (Mrs. Walter V. Oakie), Ted, Gene,
Eleanor (Mrs. A. Farris Martin), David, Rebec-
ca (Mrs. John Workman) and Walter.

— Mrs. Edward J. Dize
(Granddaughter)

TABITHA HOLTON

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Tabitha Holton was the first woman lawyer
in North Carolina and in all the South. Her life

Grace Ayers celebrates birthday August 26

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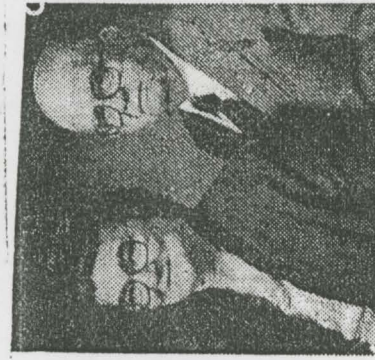
Grace Ayers celebrated her 73rd birthday Sunday, Aug. 26, at her home on Rt. 3, Galax.

Those attending from Galax were Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Woodel, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Savage and family, Lisa Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Douglas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Higgins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Higgins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oman Roberts and family, Mike Woodel, Kathy Wright, Mr.

and Mrs. C.L. Lawson and family, Tina Woodel, Sheila and Danny Gale Bourne, Myrtle Fayne, Vilene Pack, Ruth Lineberry, James, Lena, Penny, Willard Isom, and Michael Woodel.

Out-of-town: Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Cooke and family, Angie Scarborough, Spartanburg, S.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodel, Mr. and Mrs. David Woodel and family, Sparta, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crouse and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jose

Florez and family, Dobson, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crouse and family, Mount Airy, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McMillian and family, Cana; Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Crouse and family, Vernell Crouse, Mount Airy; Manuel and Mary Nunley and John Paul, Poplar Camp; Albino Padron, Mount Airy; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Whitaker, Larry and Melissa Whittaker, Elkin, N.C.; and Lester Arington, Mount Airy. ■ 09031984



MR. AND MRS. HALL

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hall of Route 3, Mount Airy, were honored Saturday afternoon, November 24, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a lovely reception in the Reception Hall of Woodville Baptist Church. Guests were invited from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hosts were the couple's children, Don and Glenda Riddle of Pilot Mountain, Jerry and Faye Frye of Stoneville, Sandra and George Martin of Route 3, Mount Airy, and Alda and Anthony Wilmoth of Fort



MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE HOLCOMB celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary Thursday at Brenan Senior Village. (Photo by Dave Roberts)

Pair celebrate 68th anniversary

By Dave Roberts

ELKIN--Clarence and Annie Brown Holcomb of Elkin celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary last Thursday at a surprise reception given by Brenam Senior Village, where both have been residents for six weeks.

Both were originally from Wilkes County, she from Stone Mountain and he from Benham, but they moved to Elkin when they were married and have lived here ever since.

Holcomb, 89, is a retired electrician for Duke Power Company, and Mrs. Holcomb was always a housewife, said their daughter, Patsy Hinson of Elkin.

How did the Holcombs manage to

stay together so long? "We just worked, and we never did have a fight," Mrs. Holcomb said.

How did they avoid fighting?

"I reckon I just run," she said with a smile.

Holcomb joked at first that they "fussed and carried on," but he later admitted that they "lived in pretty good harmony."

The couple had nine children, five of whom are still living. Besides Ms. Hinson, they are Mrs. B. R. (Velda) Holbrook of Shelby; Harold Holcomb of Hampton, Va.; Mrs. Fred (Opal) Hemric of Calhoun, Ga.; and Fred Holcomb of Thurmond.

Their deceased children were Mrs. Lester (Ruby) Haynes of Jonesville; Mrs.

Franklin (Helen) Miller of State Road; Wilbur Holcomb of Elkin, who was killed in World War II; and Bud Holcomb of Elkin.

Holcomb said the happiest time of their lives was "when we got old. We went camping a whole lot, and we made seven or eight trips to Florida."

Mrs. Holcomb agreed.

What advice do they have for other couples?

"Love one another and take good care of each other," Holcomb said.

"That's all I would know how to do," Mrs. Holcomb agreed.

Mr. E. C. Foy, Sr., was honored with a delightful surprise picnic Thursday evening, May 1st, in celebration of his 80th birthday anniversary.

Around thirty members of the family gathered at the home on South Main street for the enjoyable affair and supper was served picnic style on the back lawn.

Mr. Foy was honored with many nice gifts and received numerous telegrams and flowers from other relatives and friends.

Out-of-town members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter James of Laurinburg and Mrs. Walter D. Moss and daughter of North Wilkesboro. 391944

BASKETBALL
Teams Entertained

The Franklin high school girls' and boys' basketball teams were honored Tuesday night by their coaches, J. C. Hiatt and J. C. Newsome. Coaches Hiatt and Newsome gave a real Thanksgiving fete after the games with Stuart. It was a gala affair for all present.

The school lunch-room was decorated with the school colors and autumn colors, with a Thanksgiving motif carried out in decorations and menu. The menu consisted of tomato juice cocktail, baked turkey with chestnut dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffed potatoes, English peas, vegetable salad, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, hot rolls and coffee.

Other guests besides members of the teams were Principal H. S. Broome and Mrs. Broome, Franklin cheerleaders and sponsor, Coach and Mrs. J. E. Paufree of Stuart high school, Stuart, Va., and all members of both boys' and girls' teams from Stuart high school.

The cheerleaders, under the direction of Mrs. Hubert Starling, acted as waitresses. 11291946



01021984 **50th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Raffis France celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 29 with a dinner given in the fellowship hall of Joylight Baptist Church. The dinner was given by their family.

HOLCOMB 01-16-1985

Mrs. Annie Laurie Conrad Holcomb, 75, 659 McGregory Road, Winston-Salem, died at Forsyth Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning. She was born Dec. 14, 1909, in Forsyth Co., to Lucas and Emma Warner Conrad. She spent most of her life in Forsyth Co. Mrs. Holcomb worked for Thalhimers over 10 years before retiring. She was a member of Sharon United Methodist Church and was a member of Jonestown Senior Citizens. Mrs. Holcomb is survived by her husband, Albert H. Holcomb, of the home, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, April 4, 1981; also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Herman (JoAnn) Phelps, McGregory Road, Mrs.



01021984 **25th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simmons Sr. of 105 Cornelius Avenue, Mount Airy, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Thursday, December 27. They were honored with a surprise family anniversary and bon voyage party. Afterwards, they left for a cruise to the Bahamas aboard the S. S. Emerald Seas. Hosting the party were the couple's children, Tina Louise Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simmons Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were married December 27, 1959 in the First Baptist Church of Mount Airy.

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Original record, in the possession of Mrs. Lillian Ray.
Copied by her, and sent to Mrs. Zella Davidson.

James Fisher 1845 Sarah V. Fisher

Philip Robinson, was born May the 27 1807

James Robinson, was born May the 18, 1807; & died Feb. the 15, 1808

William Robinson, was born Oct. the 6, 1809

Thomas J. Robinson, was born July the 22, 1812

Sarah V. Robinson, was born Oct. 23, 1814

Lawrence Robinson, was born Aug. the 1, 1817; & died Mar. 21, 1820-21?

Louis Robinson, was born July the 27, 1819

James M.C. Fisher, a son of William Fisher & Catherine R. Fisher,
was born Mar. the 20, in the year of our Lord, 1808

Morman Z.L. Fisher, a son of William Fisher, & Catherian Fisher,
was born in the year of our Lord, and Jan. the 8th, 1812; (1813?)
and died October the 19, 1853.

James M.C. Fisher, and his wife, Sarah V. Fisher, was married
October the 18, 1832.

William L. Fisher, was born Aug. the 17, in the year of our Lord, 1833

Rachel P. Fisher, was born Sept. the 3, in the year of our Lord, 1834

Lawrence H.A. Fisher, was borne the 4th day of June, 1836

Volarah Isbel Fisher, was born Aug. the 10, in the year of our Lord, 1837

Jesse V.T. Fisher, was born Feb. the 4th, in the year of our Lord, 1804
(1840?)

Leweasy Katherine Fisher, was born Oct. the 18, 1841

Rebeckah M. Fisher, was born June 11, 1843

Lewisiana Francis Fisher, was born Feb. the 15, 1845

Marian Gains Fisher, was born Dec. the 12, 1846

Alvis Matison Fisher, was born Apr. the 19th, 1848

Ruth Ann Fisher, was born June 18, 1850

Morman Husted Fisher, was born July the 18, 1852

Jesse V.T. Fisher, departed this life, June the 27, 1805 (1850?)
Morman Husted Fisher, died April 1, 1906
Sarah V. Robinson Fisher, died Aug. 25, 1890
Lewi William L. Fisher, departed this life, Aug. 27, 1853
James M.C. Fisher, departed this life, Dec. 20, 1853
Volare I. Fisher, departed this life, Dec. 29, 1853
Louese C. Fisher, departed this life, Jan. 26, 1854
Lawrence H. Fisher, departed this life, Feb. 2, 1898 (~~1878~~)
Gaines M. Fisher, died July 1, 1906
Rachel Perlina Fisher Ashley, died Oct. 1, 1912
Rebeca Fisher Scales, died April 6, 1902
Rachel Holcomb, was born Nov. the 11, 1779; and departed this life,
April the 5, 1847

CAPTAIN JOHN WARRICK CHAPTER
D. A. R.

G. A. Holcomb

11 Oct 1802

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17 June 2002

Surry County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 997
Dobson, NC 27017

Dear Sir or Madam:

I'm trying to locate various records on my ancestors and have not been successful at the county level.

I would like to enlist your help in trying to locate this information. Please let me know what information, costs and fees, you need from me for your assistance.

The surnames involved are from my mother's side of the family - mainly ROSE and Holcombe.

I've enclosed a return envelope for your reply.

Sincerely,

Sammy J. Eggleston
P.O. Box 1141
Veradale, WA 99037-1141

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 997
DOBSON, NC 27017
<http://juliemorrison.com/surry/>

July 16, 2002

Tammy J. Eggleston
P. O. Box 1141
Veradale, WA 99037-1141

Thank you for your letter dated June 17, 2002 regarding the Rose and Holcomb families. Surry County, NC has records on both of these families from the late 1770s to 1880s. Most of the Holcomb families were in Yadkin Co., NC in 1850 when Yadkin Co. formed from Surry Co. But there are still some Holcomb families in Surry Co. today. We do not have research already done on this family and hope you will share with us some of your findings. We like to get family group sheets and pedigree charts for our files.

Our association does not do in-depth research but will check our books, files, and records on specific people at no cost, only for copies if we send copies of material found. If you want to let us know specific names to look for, we will be happy to look at census records, marriage records, deeds, wills, etc.

The early names found in 1779 were George, John, Lawrence, Phillip and Thomas Holcomb and Bennit and David Rose. Most of these Holcombs were in Yadkin Co. after 1850. There are many Holcomb family histories in the book, "The Heritage of Yadkin Co., NC." Have you found that some of the Rose names in records were found as Ross? NC did not keep birth and death records until 1913.

We will also be happy to put queries in our quarterly journal for you at no cost. Information is enclosed. Our queries are also posted on our web page shown above.

We will be happy to assist you if you will let us know more specific information and names that you need information on.

WJH
Wilma J. Hiatt
Research Committee

Enclosures

Meet your neighbor: Bill Holcomb

By Patsy Bradley
Guest Writer

Bill Holcomb was the third generation owner of Holcomb Hardware, Inc. in Mount Airy. Now his son, Richard, is the fourth generation owner and Bill works part-time for Richard.

Bill's grandfather, Fletcher Holcomb, bought the business from F.L. Smith in 1914. After Fletcher's death, Bill's father Hugh Holcomb continued in the hardware store. A member of the Holcomb family has been in the hardware business until the present day.

Bill was born at his parent's home on Elm Street in Mount Airy on February 23, 1927, with Dr. Roy Mitchell as the attending doctor. His mother told him it snowed 16 inches that day.

His mother, Rachel Luckenbach Holcomb, traveled extensively to different parts of the world. She willingly gave programs featuring her slides to many clubs, schools and other functions in Mount Airy and many surrounding counties.

Part of the charm of an old-fashioned hardware store, heated with a potbellied stove, is the friendly atmosphere where many unusual items can be found. Changes in the store had to be made due to competition from Wal-Mart and other chain stores, so locksmithing became an important part of the business and Richard is now a Master Locksmith. Maintaining swimming pools came easily because Bill and Marjorie had a pool since 1958, which was filled with dirt last year and is now a flower and vegetable garden.

Bill says that during the Depression if a toy broke you had to fix it yourself. Early on he developed an ability for fixing things, which he enjoys doing today.

At the age of 12, Bill started working

on Saturdays at the hardware store where he was paid one penny for putting together a small red wagon, two cents for a medium one and a nickel for a large one. On a good Saturday he could make a dollar. He reminisces about the old days when everything they sold was wrapped in brown paper and tied with string. The only time paper bags were used was when nails or screws were sold.

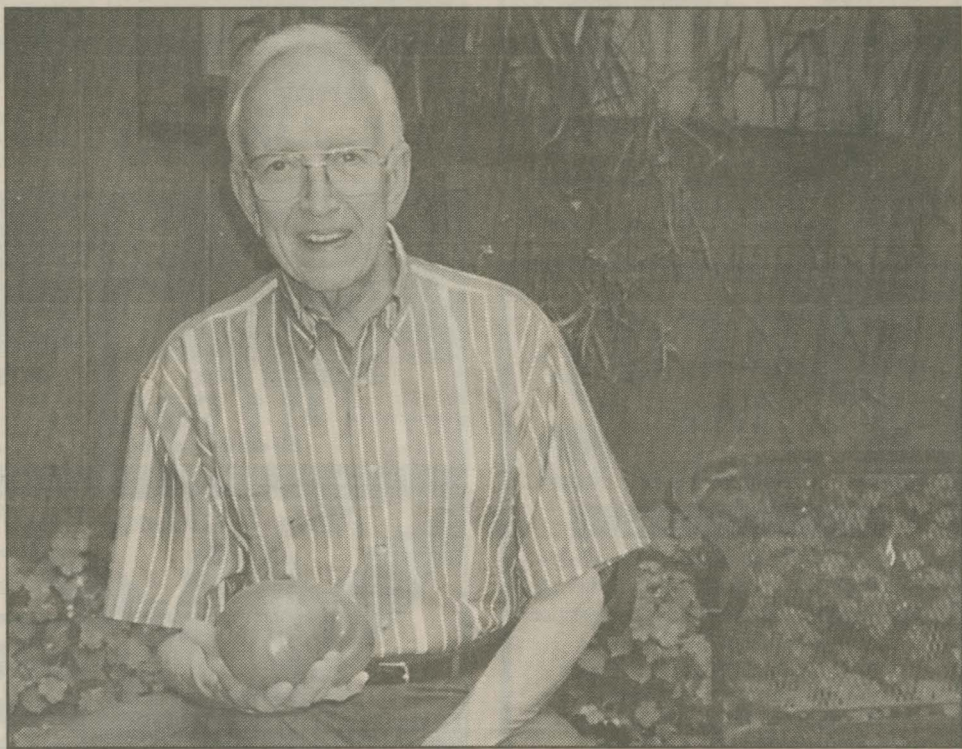
Throughout the following years, until he entered N.C. State College, he worked part-time at Holcomb Hardware.

In 1945, Bill enlisted in the Navy where he served until his discharge in 1946. He then continued his studies at State College until he graduated in 1950, when he started working full time with his father.

One day he noticed a nice looking girl walking along Main Street, found out who she was and said to himself, "I believe I will marry her," and he did. She was Marjorie Benbow from Winston-Salem, who had graduated from Guilford College and was teaching high school English at Flat Rock School. She later became a kindergarten and first grade teacher with the city school system.

Bill and Marjorie have three children: Inglis, who is married to David Rowe and they live in Mount Airy; Denise, who is married to McLean Faw and they live in Matthews and Richard who also lives in Mount Airy. Bill and Marjorie have five grandsons: Locke and Anderson Rowe; and Luke, Ben and Matthew Faw.

For over 50 years Frank Scott has been a faithful, dedicated employee. More recently, Rossie George and Conrad Martin have become valued full-time employees. This past summer, Anderson Rowe, Bill's grandson worked part-time making five generations at Holcomb Hardware.



Bill Holcomb shows off a large tomato.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 997
DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA

October 13, 2004

Ann Russell Zugg
410 N.E. 1400
Andrews, TX 79714

Dear Ms. Zugg:

This is a list of deeds I found for Thomas Holcomb:

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grantor</u>
A-339 (Grant)	D-197
C-435	G-220,221
E-185	H-52, 155
H-157	L-199
N-306	

The only deed I found for Yeargan Holcomb was a grantor deed: M-460

You may order deeds from the Surry County Register of Deeds Office, PO Box 303, Dobson, NC 27017. They charge 25¢ per page for copies plus postage for mailing. You may want to send an extra \$1.00 or \$2.00 because some deeds are multiple pages, but usually they are not more than two pages long. They will refund any overage of funds.

Land grants for Revolutionary War service were located in present day Tennessee (I believe Franklin and Green Counties.) The estate records of Thomas Holcomb may reveal the name of his wife, if she received a dower, and later when Yergan received the homeplace. Often land received by will is not changed from the original owner's name for generations so it's difficult to trace unless you have the name of the present owner or earlier family member to trace back.

You may wish to contact the Yadkin County Historical Society, PO Box 1250, Yadkinville, NC 27055-1250 for more information. Yadkin County split from Surry in 1850, but I believe the above land is located in present-day Yadkin County since many of the records mentioned Deep Creek.

I hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Ann B. Stewart
Corresponding Secretary

754 (3)
(- Sent copy of wills
John/Thomas Holcomb,
copy of map from
to white linen's W.B.)

September 28, 2004

Surry Co. Genealogical Assn.
P.O. Box 997
Dobson, NC 27017

To Whom It May Concern:

In trying to locate some information, it was suggested that I write a note to your Association and perhaps you could help me or give me the name of someone that could.

I am trying to locate some information on Thomas Holcomb whose will was dated 3 Apr 1806 which states that his wife is to have the homeplace on S side Waggoners Crk. And upon her death son Yergan was to receive the homeplace. I believe this to be the land that he received as a land grant for his service in the Revolutionary War.

I believe (not sure) that Thomas wife was named Rachel, I am trying to find her name and also when she died and her son inherited the homeplace. I thought that a search through the abstract office that traces land records could help me, but I am unable to locate such an office there in Dobson.

If you could help me or send me the name of someone that might be able to would be greatly appreciated.

I would be glad to reimburse any expenses incurred.

Your attention regarding this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ann Russell Zugg
410 N.E. 1400
Andrews, TX 79714
annz@cleansed.net

Thomas Holcomb
Deeds (Grantee) (Grantor)

A-339 (Grant) D-197
C-435 " G-220, 221
E-185 " H-52, 155
H-157 " L-199
N-306

Yergan Holcomb
M-460 (Grantor Deed)

3:80 Will of William Forkner. 7 Feb. 1807. Wife Susanna to have 960 A homeplace & adj. lands during widowhood, then to go to son Samuel who gets 400 A with the dwelling house. Residue to Micajah & William "my other two youngest sons". Sons James & Martin to divide another 237 A tract. Son Lewis to have land in Stokes Co. Sons Isaac & Pleasant have rec'd their part. Dau. Vilate Jackson to have \$220. Amer Jackson to have Deskin Haney's bonds. Dau. Mary (Makey) Harris. Dau. Lucy to have negroes Anthony & Nicey. Exrs: Jesse Franklin, Elijah Harris, John Martin. Wit: John Sparger, Lewis P. Clark, John Forkner. Prvd by Sparger & Forkner. Rec. May Ct. 1807.

→ 3:82. Will of Thomas Holcomb. 3 Apr. 1806. Wife to have homeplace on S side Waggoners Crk. Sons Drury, Shadrack and Thomas to have land adj. Raleigh Holcomb. Sons Lambert & Raleigh. Son Yergan to have homeplace at wife's death. Exrs: sons Shadrack & Raleigh. Wit: Abner Greenwood, G. D. Holcomb, Rachel Holcomb. Prvd by first two. Rec. Nov. 1807.

3:82a. Will of Archilus Stanley. 8 May 1805. Wife Martha Standley to have all articles she brought with her. Dau. Agnes Stanley and her two sons Elijah & Archilus. Son Jesse. Exrs: James Stanley, William Johnson. Wit: J. N. O. Price, Jacob Jester. Prvd by wit. Rec. Nov. Ct. 1807.

3:83a. Will of Johnson Summers. 25 Sept. 1807. Wife Sarah. Jephtha Lakey, son of Margaret Lakey. No exrs. Wit: William Summers, John Wooten. Rec. Nov. Ct. 1807.

3:83a. Will of Jacob Sheppard. 3 Nov. 1807. Wife Pamela to have negro woman Juda, gray mare Poll. Sons William Watters Sheppard and Augustine Henry Sheppard to have homeplace with former to have negroes Daniel & James and latter to have negroes Mary & Aaron. Son Westley to have 150 A on Pilot Crk and negro boy Lewis. Dau. Elizabeth Moore. Grandson, Henry Carter Moore. Dau. Martha Wolf to have negro woman Hannah. Dau. Ann Pines Sheppard to have negroes Jeremiah & Henderson. Dau. Charity Sheppard to have negroes Bill & Rhoda. Exrs: William Watters Sheppard,

No. 244

County *Surry*

Name *Holcomb Thomas*

Acres *220*

Grant No. *243*

Issued *Apr. 3. 1785*

Warrant No. _____ Entry No. *467*

Entered *Dec 1, 1778*

Book No. *41* Page No. *16*

Location *Big. at a Post oak
in Crawford's Em.*

Remarks: _____

No. 467

*Thomas Holcomb
Dec 1st 1778*

No. 467

STATE of NORTH-CAROLINA:

No. 1167

JOSEPH WINSTON, Entry-Officer of Claims
for Lands in the County of Surry,

To the Surveyor of the said County, Greeting:

YOU are hereby required, as soon as may be, to lay
off, and survey, for *Thomas Holcomb*
a Tract Parcel of Land, containing *two Acres and*
Acres, lying in the County aforesaid;

*Containing a Tract of 11/2 Acres
North of Deep Creek, adjoining David Bradford,
Abraham Prater, and Currier Huff!*

Observing the Directions of the Act of Assembly, in such Case made and provided, for
running out Lands. Two just and fair Plans of such Survey, with a proper Certificate annexed
to each, you are to transmit, with this Warrant, to the Secretary's Office without Delay.

GIVEN under my Hand, at

Day of

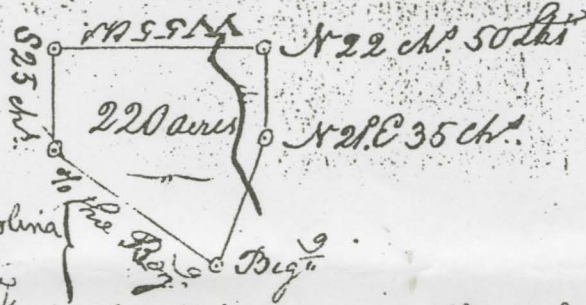
August *Office*

the

Anno Dom. 1788

J. Winston *Enr.*

Drawn by a scale of 50 chains



State of N. Carolina
 Swain County

This Plan represents a Tract of Land Survey for Thomas Holcomb Beginning at a Post Oak in Crafford line, running thence North Twenty one degrees East along said line crossing the North fork of Deep Creek Thirty five chains to a white Oak, thence North Twenty two chains and fifty links to a white Oak, thence West crossing said Creek fifty five chains to a hemlock stump, thence South Twenty five chains to a Black Oak, thence along agreed on with Greenberry Paterson to the Beginning.

Containing Two Hundred and Twenty Acres, Surveyed

April 22^d 1779

John Chm Car

Reubin Niggs
 John Crafford

Ben. Speer

References: Yadkin County Historical Society's Heritage Book;
 Yadkin County Historical Society's Journal, Sept. 1988 and June
 1988 Issues.

*Issue #5
 Dec 1988*

Editor of "Our Heritage and History," a newsletter on the Carter family, is trying to locate descendants of Grimes Anston Holcomb, son of George Durham Holcombe & Rachel Williams. Grimes was born October 11, 1802. He married 1st- to Permelia Maimikel in Sept. 1832; 2nd- to Mary S. Stockbogan on 21 Sept. 1835. All three are buried in Deep Creek Friends Cemetery, Yadkin County. The 1850 Surry County, South Division, lists Grimes' household as follows:

- Grimes A. 47
- Mary S. 39
- Louisianna 16
- Justina G. 14
- LayFayette D. 12
- Emily E. 10
- Commodore J. 7
- Motine P. (Perry) 5
- Rachel C. 3
- Mary K. 1

*as Chestnut no. 16 Feb 1854 Jasper Newton McKnight
 b 15 July 1835 + wife E. J. 20 July April 1843 +
 d. 3rd Feb 1852 Deep Creek Tr
 b. 27 Apr 1813; d. 16 May 1863
 5 July 1845; 3 Feb 1898 + Hannah M.
 20 April 1850
 27 Feb 1912*

*b 1 Aug 1840
 d. 30 Aug 1858
 Deep Creek*

Another child may have been Columbus P. (1860 census, age 17, twin of Mary?) In the 1880 census for Yadkin County, Mottie P. shows up as 24, with wife Hannah 21, son Daniel G. 5 months of age, and Mary Holcomb, mother, age 67. Grimes' daughter Rachel married Charles Hobson, son of Stephen & Edny Hobson in 1868. In other records, Rachel is listed as marrying George W. Mosey in 1879. Am also looking for descendants of Deliah Holcomb, born May 6, 1836, who married Isaac N. Vestal Sept. 22, 1852.

Please write: Wanda Craaybeek, P.O. Box 781, Boonville, North Carolina 27011.

Descendants of William HOLCOMB

- William HOLCOMB b: Abt 1650 in England d: Aft 1705 in St. Stephens Parish, New Kent County, VA
- 2 William HOLCOMB, Jr b: Abt 1678 in St. Stephens Parish, New Kent County, VA
 - 2 Henry HOLCOMB b: October 12, 1680 in St. Stephens Parish, New Kent County, VA
 - 2 Richard HOLCOMB b: 1682 in St. Stephens Parish, New Kent County, VA
 - 3 Richard HOLCOMB III
 - 3 Benjamin HOLCOMB
 - 3 John HOLCOMB
 - 3 Joseph HOLCOMB
 - 2 John HOLCOMB b: 1685 in St. Stephens Parish, New Kent County, VA d: 1779-1781 in Surry County, NC
 - +Elizabeth GRYMES b: 1685-1690 in King & Queen County, VA d: in Surry County, NC m: Abt 1711 in King and Queen County, VA
 - 3 Daughter HOLCOMB b: in King and Queen County, VA
 - +William OVERSTREET
 - 4 Benjamin OVERSTREET
 - 4 John Holcomb OVERSTREET d: 1815
 - 4 Benoni OVERSTREET
 - 4 James OVERSTREET b: 1799-1800
 - +Elizabeth ???
 - 3 Daughter HOLCOMB b: in King and Queen County, VA
 - +??? HARVEY
 - 4 Philemon HARVEY
 - 4 Littleberry HARVEY
 - 4 John Holcomb HARVEY
 - 3 John HOLCOMB, Jr b: 1712 in King and Queen County, VA d: 1781 in Surry County, NC
 - +Elizabeth LAWRENCE b: 1715-1720 d: 1781 in Surry County, NC m: in King and Queen County, VA
 - 4 Grymes HOLCOMB b: in King and Queen County, VA d: 1786
 - * 5 George D. HOLCOMB b: December 25, 1769 d: April 05, 1845 in Surry County, NC
 - +Rachael WILLIAMS b: July 17, 1779 d: September 27, 1829 in Surry County, NC m: November 20, 1794
 - 6 Ruth Boone HOLCOMB b: December 15, 1799 in Surry County, NC d: December 14, 1881
 - +William SPILLMAN b: March 08, 1793 d: October 12, 1840 m: August 06, 1815
 - 6 Grimes A. HOLCOMB b: October 11, 1802 in Surry County, NC d: June 13, 1876
 - +Parmelia MCMICKEL d: January 16, 1834
 - 7 Louisiana HOLCOMB b: 1834
 - *2nd Wife of Grimes A. HOLCOMB:
 - +Mary S. STOCKBERGER b: 1810-1811 in NC d: August 20, 1892
 - 7 Justina G. HOLCOMB b: 1836
 - 7 Lafayette D. HOLCOMB b: 1838
 - 7 Emily E. HOLCOMB b: August 30, 1840 d: August 30, 1858
 - 7 Commodore J. HOLCOMB b: 1843
 - 7 Motire G. Perry HOLCOMB b: 1845 d: February 03, 1898
 - +Hannah VESTAL b: November 20, 1850 d: February 27, 1912
 - 7 Rachael C. HOLCOMB b: 1847
 - +George W. MOSEY m: August 09, 1879
 - 7 Mary K. HOLCOMB b: 1849
 - 6 Louisiana West HOLCOMB b: January 30, 1805 in Surry County, NC
 - +Thomas WILLIAMS m: September 30, 1819
 - 6 Nancy Williams HOLCOMB b: February 29, 1808 in Surry County, NC
 - +James PATTERSON m: October 11, 1826
 - 7 Yarnette D. PATTERSON b: July 26, 1827
 - 7 Elizabeth T. PATTERSON b: April 13, 1829
 - 6 Rachael Delany HOLCOMB b: June 21, 1810 in Surry County, NC
 - +Daniel RHODES m: November 07, 1826
 - 6 William D. HOLCOMB b: April 02, 1813 in Surry County, NC d: October 26, 1829 in Surry County, NC
 - 6 Jean Jackson HOLCOMB b: June 05, 1815 in Surry County, NC
 - +??? WILLIAMS
 - 7 Delilah Holcomb WILLIAMS b: May 06, 1836
 - 6 Margaret HOLCOMB b: November 07, 1817 in Surry County, NC
 - +John W. MILLER m: February 01, 1833
 - 6 George Washington HOLCOMB b: July 21, 1820 in Surry County, NC d: April 18, 1822 in Surry County, NC
 - 6 Elizabeth Indiana HOLCOMB b: September 21, 1823 in Surry County, NC
 - +Hugh CARTER m: June 11, 1841
 - 7 Elecader CARTER d: June 17, 1844
 - 5 Mary Elizabeth HOLCOMB
 - 4 Philemon HOLCOMB b: in King and Queen County, VA d: Aft 1795
 - +Margaret ???
 - 5 George Duran HOLCOMB b: Abt 1770
 - 5 Macheck HOLCOMB b: 1770-1775
 - 5 Issac HOLCOMB b: 1780 d: February 18, 1875
 - +Nancy CHAPPELL b: 1785 d: March 20, 1869 in York District, SC
 - 5 John S. HOLCOMB b: 1786 d: September 15, 1878 in Yadkin County, NC
 - +Anna ???
 - 5 Decy HOLCOMB b: Abt 1773 d: October 31, 1837
 - +Hezeker STOUT m: June 27, 1811 in Wilkes County, NC
 - 4 John HOLCOMB III b: Abt 1730 in Amelia County, VA d: 1817-1818
 - +??? MAY b: in VA
 - 5 May HOLCOMB b: Abt 1760 in Surry County, NC
 - +Mary STAFFORD m: in Surry County, NC
 - 6 Obadiah HOLCOMB
 - 6 Larkin HOLCOMB
 - 6 Asa HOLCOMB b: in VA

COOKE

HIGH POINT — Mrs. Margaret Reetta Holcomb Cooke, 93, resident of Arden Place died July 10, 1999 in San Antonio, Texas while visiting her son and family. Mrs. Cooke was born on June 8, 1906 in Yadkin County, a daughter to Thomas Franklin and Alcey Hutchins Holcomb. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Esther Bible Class of the Sunday School. Mrs. Cooke was a former member of the Executive Club and had been a volunteer at Evergreens Nursing Center. She was a member of the High Point Womens Club and was an Honorary Real Daughter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Cooke was preceded in death by her husbands: Mr. Jones M. Shore, Mr. Paul G. Wilson, and Dr. Dennis H. Cooke. Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. C. Wayne and Barbara Shore of San Antonio, Texas; two step-sons, Dennis H. Cooke of Raleigh and Avery Murray Cooke of Greensboro; one step-daughter, Mr. Richard (Monty Wilson) Blackwelder of Concord, N.C.; three grandchildren, David, Mark, and Laurie Shore; eight step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church by Dr. Bill Slater. A second service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Mountain View Baptist Church in Yadkin County by Reverend Tim Tucker. Mrs. Cooke's body will be placed in Mountain View Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow the service in the church cemetery. Visitation will be at Sechrest Funeral Service, 1301 E. Lexington Avenue, High Point on Wednesday evening from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Memorials may be directed to First Baptist Church, 405 N. Main Street, High Point, N.C. 27260 or to Mountain View Baptist Church, 1232 Mountain View Church Road, Hamptonville, N.C. 27020.

82) In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Holcomb ^{senr} of the County of Surry,
and State of North-Carolina, being of perfect health, mind, and memory,
do make and ordain, this my last will and testament, and as touching
the worldly goods as it has pleased God to bestow or endow me with, I give,
devise, and dispose of; in the following manner (writ)

Imprimis, I lend unto my beloved wife, the land and plantation, whereon
I now live, that is to say, the land lying on the South side of Waggoners Creek;
with all ~~the plantation~~ my stock of horses, cattle, hogs, &c. with all
my household, and kitchen furniture, during her natural life, except
one bay horse colt, ^{with a blaze face} Prance (so called)

Item, I give and bequeath unto my sons, Drury Holcomb, Shadrach
Holcomb, and Thomas Holcomb; all the land which I possess on the North
side of Waggoners Creek, adjoining Waggoners line, and Raleigh Holcombs
line; to be equally divided among them as they see cause.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Lambert Holcomb, one young
bay horse colt called Prance, and if not in my possession or should die
the sum of sixty dollars, to be paid out of my perishable property after
my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son, Raleigh Holcomb the sum of
ten pounds cash to be paid him at the death of my wife.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Jagan Holcomb the land and planta-
tion which I have lent unto my beloved wife with all the remainder or
remainders of my personal property ^{unto her} ~~lent~~, after paying my son Raleigh
Holcomb ten pounds cash to him and his heirs forever to be received
and possessed after the death of my wife.

And lastly, I do make, ordain, constitute, and appoint, my sons
Shadrach Holcomb, and Raleigh Holcomb, my whole and
Executors of this my last will and testament, ^{attest} annulling
and revoking all other wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 3rd day
of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and six.

Signed, sealed, published, and
delivered in presents of

his Thomas + Holcomb
mark

Abner Greenwood

G. D. Holcomb

Rachel ^{her} Holcomb
mark

State of North Carolina, Lenoir County, November Session 1807
Abner Greenwood and George D. Holcomb (two of the subscribing witnesses
to the foregoing last will and testament of Thomas Holcomb) made oath
that they saw the said Thomas Holcomb sign, publish and declare the
same to be his last will and testament that he was of sound disposing mind
and memory and at the same time they saw Rachel Holcomb sign the
same as a witness thereto which was ordered to be recorded, done accordingly by
J. H. Jones Secy.

This eighth day of the fifth month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and five I Archibus Stanley of Lenoir County and State of North-
Carolina being in my sound senses and memory do make this my last
will and testament touching such worldly estate as I am possessed of in
the following manner.

First it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of
my personal estate.

Secondly I give to my beloved wife Martha Stanley one half of all the
cattle and hogs I have and all the articles that she brought with her
when we came together and one half of the meadow and ten acres
of cleared land and house where I now live during her widowhood and
one half of all that we have gained since we have come together.

Archibus Stanley

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William Forkner, 1807



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

James Walter and Rachel Holcomb share a kiss about a month before they died.

Couple

From Page A1

They hadn't seen each other in a week as Rachel was being treated for pneumonia at Chatham Rehabilitation Center in Elkin and James, who had dementia, was at home with family.

Park said her dad would ask where his wife went, but he didn't believe family members when they told him she was at the hospital. He thought she had already passed away, Park said.

"They were holding on for each other," Park said. "My dad could not stand for her to be out of his sight. When my dad thought she was gone, he felt like he could go, too."

The couple met in the 1940s and had been together ever since.

The day James came home from World War II, his father took him to Mount Airy to buy him a suit, not knowing that mundane task would change his son's life.

In pursuit of a necktie to match, James stopped at J.C. Penney in Elkin while his father went to town to pay some bills.

Rachel was working at the store counter.

"She went home and told her mom she met a single guy and she didn't know a thing about him, but if he asked her out, she'd give him a date," Park said. "My dad told us years later that he never did like that necktie, but he liked the girl."

The two went on a double date with some mutual friends and the rest is history. They were married in May of 1947.

James went to college and became a teacher, and later principal, in Wilkes, Yadkin and Surry county schools for 36 years.

Rachel became a stay-at-home mom after the birth of her four children, Randall Holcomb, Wanda Kennedy, Angela Townsend and Jewell Park, all of whom are now married.

Park and her husband, Benny Park, have been married for 46 years, she

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Jewell Park
Daughter

said, a testament to her upbringing in the shadow of her parents' love, she said.

"Every morning, he kissed her good-bye and left for work and every evening, he kissed her hello," Park said. "My dad always said he married the most beautiful girl in the country. We come from a long line of love."

James, born in 1920, was stern but loving and an active member of Little Elkin Baptist Church, their oldest daughter Kennedy said. Rachel, born in 1927, was the perfect mother, meticulously organized and always there when her kids needed her.

"They were always loving, wonderful, kind people to everyone," said Kennedy, who has been married for 49 years. "You could always see their love for each other and for the family."

A joint funeral was held for the couple on July 29 with full military honors and the presence of their family members.

The couple had four children, five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

While her parents spent the last week of their lives apart, Park said they'll spend eternity hand-in-hand.

"I know they are in heaven together. My daddy has her mind back and my mom has her health and they have each other," she said. "How much more wonderful could heaven be?"

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