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Lemons. Robertson - notes of Mrs. Edward Sutton ①

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History

Alexander Lemons' last name was spelled variously as "Lemons, Lemmons, Lemonds, & Limons". Sometimes it was spelled 3 different ways on the same page of 1 document; such were the personal whims of different writers and the un-fixed rules of spelling in former times. Even Alexander, himself, sometimes spelled his last name, using the letter "i" instead of "e". However, his surname was then, as now, most often spelled "Lemons".

Alexander Lemons, born 8 February 1761, lived to the great age of 97, dying about the year 1858. He was buried between his 2 wives in the churchyard at Providence Baptist Church, near Franklin's Fork Creek between Stoneville and Leaksville, in Rockingham County, N.C. Only the stone of his second wife, Obelience, still stands (It was a professionally cut stone). The headstones of the first wife, and that of Alexander with just the legend "Alexander Lemons" scratched on it were simple fieldstones which stood here all these many years, until the recent remodeling of the Providence Church Building - at which time the graveyard was "landscaped". All



live with his children in Surry Co. N.C., near Mt. Airy.

Not long before this time a new church, called Antioch Missionary Baptist Church had been organized (8 April, 1858). One of the organizers of this Church, and its clerk, was Wm. R. Robertson, son of Rev. John Robertson. For a while the infant church held its worship services in members homes. Then in 1860, Thomas C. Lewis, who was married to one of the Rev. Robertson's daughters (Martha Ann) donated land for a church building 4 miles west of what is now the city of Mt. Airy, on what is now labeled State Road no 89.

It was after the Rev. Robertson's son-in-law gave land for the erection of the church building, known as Antioch, west of Mt. Airy in Surry County, that the now invalid minister, Rev. Robertson, went to live out his days with his children. Here, at Antioch Church, beneath an oak, the old minister, of so many years in so many churches in 3 States, was laid to rest, having died on 27 April, 1880. And beside him lie the bones of his devoted wife, Katherine, and other members of his family.

It will be noted that not only did the Rev.

Robertson have a history of serving as pastor in many different churches, but the father of his wife was the one who donated the land for the Baptist Church at Leaksville (which is still in existence), and the husband of his daughter was the one who donated the land for the United Baptist Church at Mt. Airy (also still in existence).

To Katherine and the Rev. John Robertson there were born the following children:

1- Elizabeth Jane Robertson b. 1825.

m. John Adams Thomas, son of Adam and Martha Jane (Chandler) Thomas.

2- Elizabeth Jane, called "Eliza", and husband, John Adams Thomas, had the following children:

1- John Adams Thomas, Jr. ("Jian") who married Elizabeth Smith;

2- Robert S. Thomas ("Bob") who married Lula Jackson;

3- Rhoda Sophronia Ann ("Nannie") Thomas who married Robert Richard Lewis, son of Abraham Ann (Barnes) Lewis;

4- Mary Frances ("Fannie") Thomas who married Robert Harmon Lewis son of John P. & Martha Elizabeth Thomas Lewis;

5- Melissa Thomas who married Robert Phillips;

and 6- Flora Thomas who married John Henry Glenn.

Fannie and Robert Richard Lewis were the parents of Grover Cleveland ("Cler") Lewis and Ida Boag Lewis (Mrs. Benjamin Lancaster) of Deep Springs.

Fannie and Robert Hayward Lewis were parents of my grandfather: Nathaniel Henry ("Nat") Lewis, and his brother, Thomas Leslie ("Les") Lewis, of Stonewille.

2 - Joseph H. Robertson, b. 1828

3 - Thomas B. Robertson b. 1832

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4 - John X. Robertson b. 25 Feb. 1835 d. 18 Nov. 1913.  
His wife was \_\_\_\_\_  
born 1832 and died 8 June 1922. Both buried  
at Antioch Baptist Church.

Twins

5 - William A. Robertson b. 1836

6 - Martha Ann Robertson b. 1836

Married Thomas C. Lewis, son of Theophilus and Martha (Thomas) Lewis, who was called "Patsy" Nate; Thomas C. Lewis was a brother of the above mentioned John P. Lewis; and a 1st cousin of the above mentioned John Lewis who married Ann Barnes.

(For the children & descendants of Martha Ann & husband Thomas C. Lewis see info. further along in these pages.)

U. S. Census, Rock Co. - NC. p 65 26 August 1850

name	age	occupation	place of Birth
John Robertson	45	Minister, Missionary Baptist	NC.
Catherine "	47		NC
Joseph N "	22	<small>(Catherine's son is mentioned in Robert Child's m. 16 Sept. 1846)</small>	Tenn.
Thomas B "	18		"
John N "	16		"
William A "	14		"
Martha A "	14		"
Martha Robertson	46		NC.

Note: John and Catherine's older daughter, Elizabeth Jane Robertson, is not shown on this census of 1850 as she was not then at home, having married on 16 Sept. 1846. (book)

Martha Robertson, age 46, was a sister of John

Martha Ann Robertson born 1836 (daughter of Rev. John Robertson and Catherine (Lemons) Robertson was 20 years younger than her husband, Thomas C. Lewis, who was born in 1816, son of Theophilus and Martha Lewis who are buried beside County Road No 2212, 2 miles South of Stoneville in Rockingham County.

Thomas's (Thomas C. Lewis) family were all Episcopalians; and he himself had once been an Episcopal lay-minister at The

old Lewis Chapel on Mountain Run Creek just South of Stoneville, but, having married the daughter of a Baptist minister, he became an ardent member of the Baptist persuasion; and, as previously mentioned, donated land for the Antioch Baptist Church in Surry County.

Surry County Deed Book No 11, Page 74:

" Know all men by these presents that I Thomas C. Lewis of the county of Surry and State of North Carolina with grant give and convey unto Wm. Johnson, Felix Johnson, and C. Hatcher, - Trustees for the Antioch Church, 2 Acres of land bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak (oak) corner below the spring, etc, etc, then to corner at Haystack road, etc, etc, to have and to hold for the use of the Missionary Baptist Church, with all appurtenances thereto belonging, and whenever it ceases to be used as a Missionary Baptist Church the same to return back to the original tract of land. The said T. C. Lewis binds himself, his heirs & assigns to defend the right and title to said land against the claims of any or all persons whatsoever.

Witness whereunto I put my name and affix my seal this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1860 <sup>signed</sup> Thomas C. Lewis

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Cornelius Robinson - Va. 1640

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