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Goins makes first flight at age 97

By STEVE WELKER **Editorial-page Editor**

MOUNT AIRY - Susie Goins of Westfield, who turned 98 on Jan. 6, still loves to talk about her first airplane ride.

She was 97 — well past the age when most people expect to get their wings in heaven when Susie Goins "did leave the surface of the earth" and received a set of genuine wings from a Northwest Airlines pilot.

"I'm all ready to do 'er again," Susie declared.

Her grandson, Danny, might prefer that she didn't. Her trip nearly scared him to death.

Goins, the widow of the late Sam P. Goins, has two surviving children: Mary Wall of Mount Airy and Elva Jean (Shelby) Parker of Medford, Ore. Last year she decided to make the 2,267-mile trip from Mount Airy to Medford to see Elva Jean and some of her grand-, great-grand- and greatgreat-grandchildren (she has 22, 41 and nine, respectively).

Mary Wall accompanied her mother. They flew from Charlotte to Minneapolis and on to

It was on the return trip that Mary began talking with a cabin attendant on the Northwest Airlines flight.

As they prepared to deplane in Minneapolis, the cabin attendant introduced Wall and Goins to the co-pilot. He, in turn, asked them to wait a minute. He then invited them onto the flight deck and introduced the pilot, Capt. Stuart M. Schneider.

The two posed for a photo with Goins and presented her with a "First Flight" certificate. It reads: "This is to certify that Susie Goins did leave the surface of the earth on this day in a heavier-than-air machine. The above-mentioned departed from MSP-Minneapolis-St. Paul in an Airbus 319 upon this memorable occasion."

After receiving the certificate, Goins asked, "Don't I get



my wings now?" — thinking of the plastic wings that airlines sometimes give to children.

Wall said Capt. Schneider laughed and said something like, "Ma'am, anyone brave enough to make her first flight at your age should have real wings. I'd be pleased if you'd wear mine."

And he unpinned his own lotte. silver wings and gave them to the 97-year-old widow from ny, who planned to pick up his North Carolina.

bother her at all.

Wall said their only problem came from airport security.

Goins has hip replacements whose metal parts set off security alarms. Suspicious guards detained the two women. Goins and Wall missed their scheduled flight altogether and arrived four hours late in Char-

Meanwhile, Wall's son Danmother and grandmother at the Goins said flying didn't airport, had no idea why they



(At left) Susie Goins poses with the pilot and co-pilot who flew the plane that brought her from Portland, Ore., to Minneapolis on her trip home after flying across the country last year. (Above) Goins received a certificate commemorating her flight, along with the pilot's silver wings.

flight.

He also had no idea when or where they would appear.

"He was pretty worried and upset," Wall said.

The story of Goins' first flight has amused her friends and been retold many times since she returned in Novem-

She opened and closed the folded "First Flight" certificate so many times that it partly split down the middle and must be held together with tape, but Susie still prizes it.

"She really enjoyed that trip," Walls said.

In addition to her two sur-

weren't on their scheduled viving children, Susie had two Shirley Bryant. sons, S.A. Goins and Floyd

She attends Word of God Goins, and another daughter, Baptist Church.

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GOINS

Mr. Fred Thompson Goins Jr., 54, of 102 Clubview Drive, Mount Airy, loving husband of Anita Watson Goins and wonderful father of Suzanne Goins Lynch, died Monday afternoon, May 15, 2000, at his home. Mr. Goins was born on December 19, 1945, in Surry County to Fred T. Goins Sr. and the late Janet Smith Goins. Mr. Goins was retired as principal of Cedar Ridge Elementary School, had taught and was assistant principal of Franklin Elementary School, was assistant principal at Gentry Middle School and principal of Beulah Elementary School. He was dedicated to education and had an overeducation and had an over-whelming love for his stu-dents. He was a deacon and member of Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Anita Watson Goins of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Johnny Lynch of High Point; his father and stepmother, Fred T. Goins Sr. and Jo Collins Goins of Mount Airy; a brother and sister-in-law, brother and sister-in-law, Dennis Wayne and Diane Goins of Alexandria, Va.; mother-in-law, Opal his mother-in-law, Watson of Mount Airy; two half-sisters, Twinkle half-sisters, Twinkle Poindexter of Yadkinville and Teena Macemore and husband, Wayne, of Yadkinville; and one half-brother and wife, Timothy and Ginger Collins of Yad-kinville. Funeral services kinville. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 4 p.m. in Moody Funeral Home Chapel, conducted by Dr. Wayne Hager, with burial to follow in Skyline Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials are calculated. Gardens. In fleu of flowers, memorials are asked to be made to The Fred T. Goins Jr. Memorial Fund, in care of Calvary Baptist Church, 416 South Franklin Road, Mount Airy, N.C. 27030. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 7 to 2 p.m. in Moody Funeral. to 9 p.m. in Moody Funeral Home of Mount Airy.

Educator Killed In Mowing Mishap

From Staff Reports

A longtime Surry County educator died Monday in an unusual accident, when the riding lawn mower he was on overturned and rolled down an em-

bankment, pinning him underneath.

Fred T. Goins Jr., 55, of 102 Club View Drive, Mount Airy, was found dead on the scene along Greenhill Road between Country Club Road and Club View Drive by members of the Mount Airy Rescue Squad and



Goins

paramedics with the Surry County Emergency Medical Service. The accident is believed to have happened around 6 p.m.

Goins had been filling in as assistant principal of Franklin Elementary School until the accident. He was retired as principal of Cedar Ridge Elementary, in the Beulah community, and was a former "Principal of the Year" in Surry County schools, for 1993-94.

Franklin Principal Carol Bledsoe was shaken by word of Goins' death Monday evening. She said that she had just seen him at work that day and couldn't believe what happened.

"He told me that it was refreshing

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Mondee Cox/The Mount Airy News

TRAGIC DEATH: Fred T. Goins, 55, of 102 Club View Drive, Mount Airy, died Monday after his lawn mower turned over, throwing him down a 10-foot embankment, where the mower came to rest on his upper body. Goins had been filling in as assistant principal at Franklin Elementary School.

Educator

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to be back in the swing of things and that he enjoyed his work at Franklin very much. He was a good man and very well liked in the community. He planned to work through the end of the year, and was such a benefit to the school. We will miss him very much," Bledsoe said.

Authorities on the scene said Goins' wife hadn't seen him in about 30 minutes. Officials said that she went to look for him and found Goins in the trench with the lawn mower on top on him. Rescue workers tied a strap to the back of a rescue vehicle on the scene and pulled him from beneath the wreckage.

Paramedics tested his vital signs and found no sign of life. Rescuers believe that Goins could have been dead for up to 30 minutes. Lt. Tim 1 of the Mount Airy Rescue Squad said that he would not be sure about the cause of death until a medical examiner report was released, but he said Goins could have suffered chest or neck trauma that might have caused his death.

Goins spent the bulk of his career as a sixth-grade teacher at Franklin Elementary. His wife is also a retired teacher.

GOINS

STATE ROAD — Lt. Clyde Her-man Goins, 92, of 125 Muncus Lane, passed away Monday, June 23, 2003, at Lt. Chatham

Memorial Hospital in Elkin. Lt. Goins was born in Stokes and



County March 8, 1911, to the late Millard Filmore Goins Betty and Betty Tilley Goins. MR. GOINS Lt. Goins retired from the Elkin Police Department after 28 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents; two former wives, Blanche Tuttle former wives, Blanche Tuttle and Annie Lee Hamby; a broth-er, Frank Goins; and four sis-ters, Ethel Boyer, Leila Culler, Louvinia Flinchum and Carrie Farmer; two grandchildren, Jayme Lovelace and Donald Swaim; and a great-great-grandchild, Abigail Lovelace. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Goins of the home; Cladys Gone Royd H. (Farlace) three sons, Boyd H. (Earlene) three sons, Boyd H. (Earlene) Goins, of Hamptonville, Clyde C. (Sandra) Goins of St. Albans, W.Va., and Ronnie (Tina) Gen-try of Jonesville; five daughters, Ann Goins Bandaringa of Yad-kinville, Collie Goins Gregg (Bob), of Inman, S.C., Ramona Goins Collins of State Road, Loutricia Gentry Burgess (Dewey) of Elkin and Kathy Gentry Colbert (Bobby) of Traphill; two sisters, Edith Gentry Colbert (Bobby) of Traphill; two sisters, Edith Pierce of Lewisville and Marie Hagen of Raleigh; 32 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 2003, at Johnson Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Jessie Garmon, the Rev. Gerald Miller and Chief Monroe Wagoner. Interment will follow at Crestwood Memorial Gardens in State Road. The Goins family State Road. The Goins family will receive friends from 6:30 to 9 this evening at Johnson Funeral Home, 615 West Main St., neral Home, 615 Wes Elkin. (336) 835-3211

Remembrance and Tribute To Clyde H. Goins

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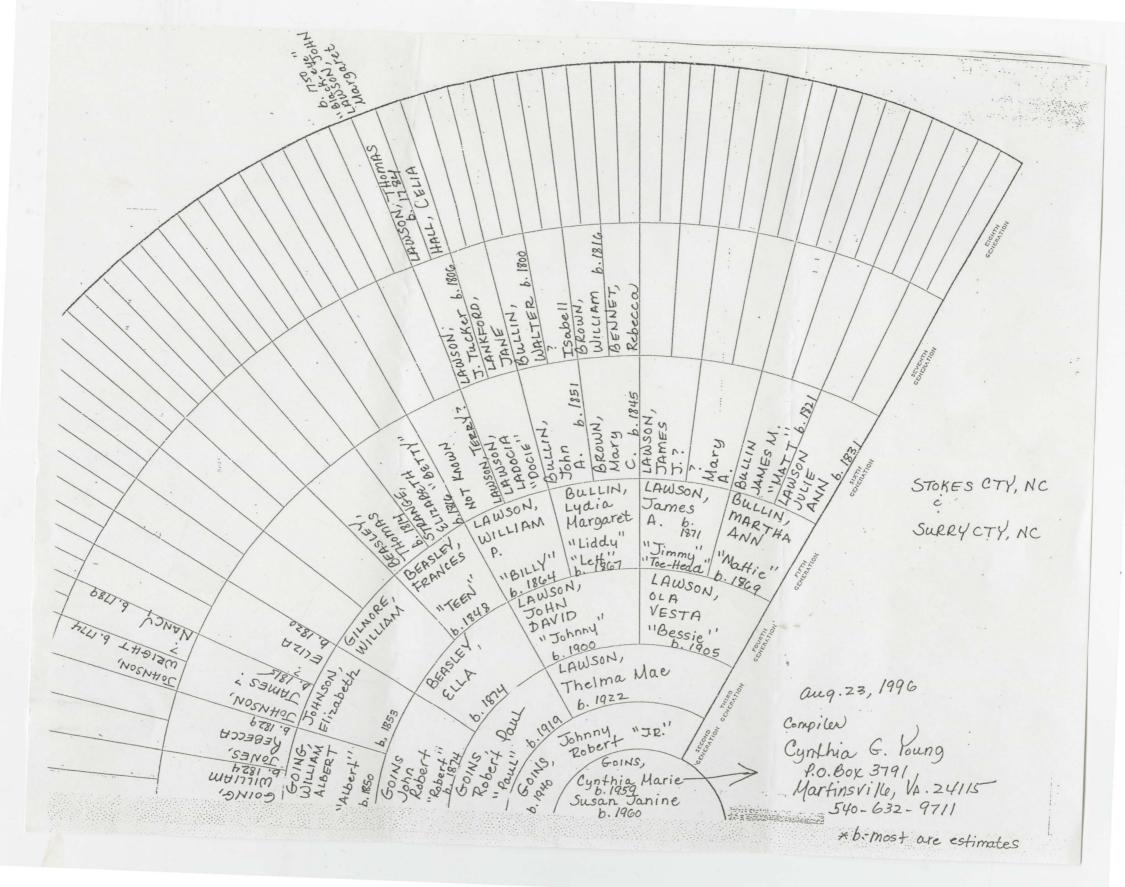
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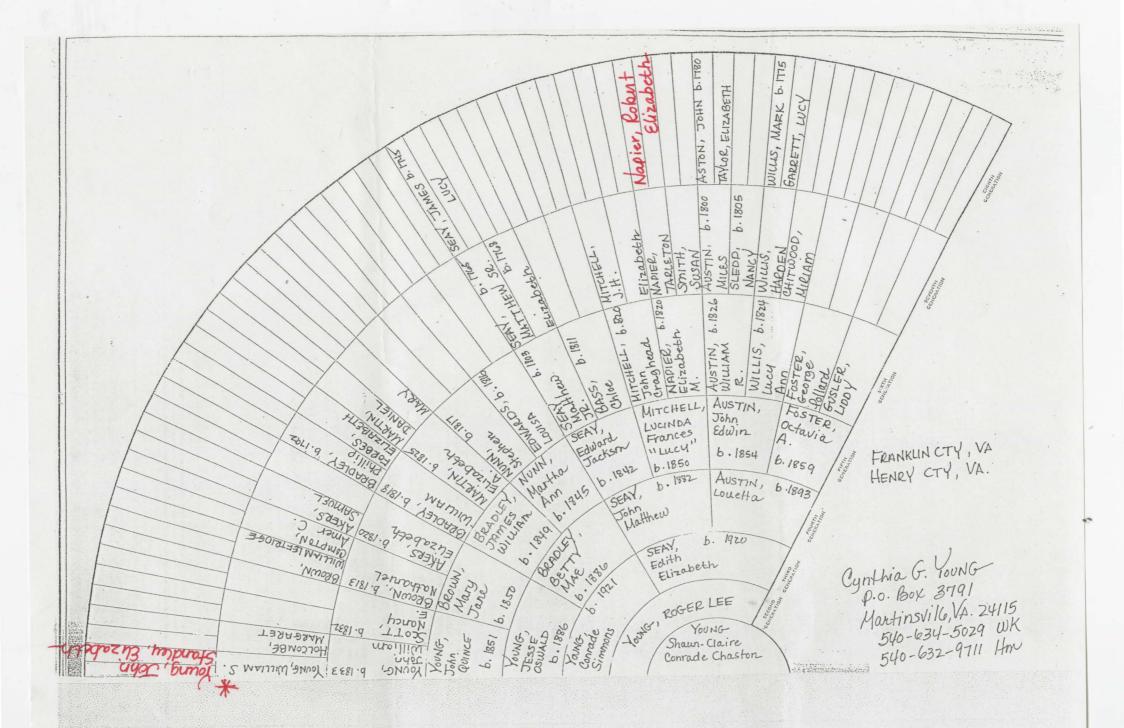
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Obituary of Elder W. P. Goings.

August 8, 1839. Was married to Lorina P. Davis, Nov. 1, 1866, and was married the 2nd time to Charity M. Davis, January 8, 1877. Joined the Primitive Baptist church at Meadow Creek, Grayson county, Va., on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1860 and was baptized by Elder Enoch Reeves and was ordained to the gospel ministry 1st Saturday in August, 1879. He departed this life Sept. 2, 1893.

His late wife and eleven children survive him. Some time after his ordination he moved his membership to Franklin church, Surry county, N. C., where he remained until his death. Brother Goings was a consistent member of the church and an honest, hard working man and a faithful minister of the gospel, and while we mourn our loss we also extend our sympathy to his widow and children in their bereavement.

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Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association - 1896

(Submitted by Wilma J. Hiatt)

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TIMES

Mrs. Idol Goins Taken By Death

Mrs. Anzeline Goins, 65, died at her home near Brim. Va., at 11:30 o'clock last Saturday night, her death coming after a long illness. Funeral rites were conducted at the grave at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. Lonnie Flemming, with burial in the family cemetery.

She was a native of that section of Virginia, the daughter of the late Milt and Kansas Smith Young. She is survived by her husband, Idol Goins; by one daughter, Mrs. Della King, of Rockingham; and by two brothers and four sisters.

Fri., August 29, 1941)

Mrs. Walter Curtis Link 6007 Claypoint Road Chesterfield, Virginia 23832

August 23, 1999

Surry County Genealogy Association P. O. Box 997 Dobson, NC 27017

Dear Genealogy Association:

Recently we have discovered the maiden name of my husband's great-grandmother, who was of Indian heritage (probably Cherokee). We are excited just knowing her maiden name: GOIN! We have been to the Dobson Courthouse once to research.

This is what we know: In the 1870 census for Patrick County, VA, she is listed as Rhoda L. Goin, 14, house servant, born in NC. Next door is her mother, Mary Goin, 35, housekeeper, born in NC and Emily Goin, 2, and Elizabeth Goin, 3, both The next time we find her is in 1896 in the born in NC. Patrick County, VA, marriage records. She is Roda Goin, single (although she already has 2 children) and gives Henry C. and Mary Goin as parents, and her birthplace as Stokes County, NC. On September 24, 1896, she marries Robert L. In the 1900 Patrick County, VA Census, Roda and her two children William Henry Frye, 11, and Agnes Frye, 6, and Mr. Frye's mother are together. Mr. Frye is in jail. By the Census of 1910, all of the above are in Giles County, VA, where my husband is from. Roda is now listed as Rosa Lavinia Frye, and that is what her family knew her by. She died on March 8, 1938, and her death certificate has this information given by her daughter Agnes: Born in Stokes County, NC, in 1854. Father, Henry Cole, Born in Stokes County, NC. Mother Mary Goin, birthplace unknown.

A cousin named Jeb or Jed Goin from Slate Mountain near Mt. Airy, NC, used to come to visit in the 1950's. I have found one Mary Goings, born in Surry County, NC in 1837 who died in Mt. Airy January 20, 1913. Her father was Benjamin Goings and mother's name not known. I haven't been able to connect this Mary with our Roda or Rosa.

Do you have any information which may be helpful? We will gladly reimburse you for any expense involved, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely seeking,

Dona Link

(804) 744-1811

JUDY GOINS-AUSTIN

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November 29, 1999

Surry County Genealogical Society Mt. Airy, NC

Dear Sirs,

I am in the process of researching my family tree. My great-grandfather, Eli Anderson Goins, was born July 20, 1879, in Surry County we think. The only information we have about his parents is that his father was J.H. Goins. We do not know who his mother was but we were told she was divorced from J.H. Goins. There was a sister to my great-grandfather. Her name was Annie and she was thought to be married to a Smith.

I would appreciate any information you might possibly have. I am sending a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

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Judy Goins-Austin

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION P. O. BOX 997 DOBSON, NC 27017

January 14, 2000

Judy Goins-Austin P. O. B. 472 Patterson, NC 28661

Thank you for your letter dated November 29, 1999 regarding Eli Anderson Goins and his father J. H. Goins.

We have checked our files and other available resources and did not find much. The only things found was an entry in the 1880 Surry County Census records was a John Goen, age 26, farmer, born in VA (parents born in VA); Mary, age 23, wife keeping house, b. NC (parents b. NC); Bettie, age 3, dau. b. NC; Eli, age 1, son b. NC. The family was living in the Westfield Township of Surry County. (Another John Goen, age 16, was found in the household of Henry Inmon in the Westfield Township in the 1880 census also.) You stated that Eli had a sister named Annie. A sister is listed as Bettie. Her name could have been Elizabeth Ann and she was called either Bettie or Annie.

We did not find them in the Surry County 1900 census records. Neither did we find a marriage record. You stated that Eli was born July 20, 1879 in Surry County. The above census record would be correct in his age.

We did not find a marriage record for an Annie Goins marrying a Smith in Surry Co. We will be happy to print a query in our journal if you would like to submit one. We have much interest in the Goins family and several family histories are found in the heritage books of Surry and Stokes County.

We are very sorry that we could not help more with your research. If you feel we might help further, please write again. Good luck with your research.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION P. O. BOX 997 DOBSON, NC 27017

August 13, 1998

Julie Baade P. O. Box 190 Monona, IA 52159

Thank you for your letter dated July 7, 1998 regarding the Goins family. We are sending you a list of Goins/Goings family researchers and their address that you requested. We are also sending some additional information found on the family. Some of it may be of help to you.

We found two marriages and a death record in Surry Co. and did not know if you had the information. If you wish copies of the records, write the Register of Deeds, P. O. Box 303, Dobson, NC 27017. Copies are 25 cents each. Information found was as follows:

George W. Goins m. Mary C. Clark 21 Feb 1862 Surry Co. (A-2221)

Rufus Goins m. Lettie M. Hutchins 30 May 1886 Surry Co. (C-1451)

Rufus Goins, son of George & Mary Goins, died 8 Jan 1941 Mount Airy, Surry Co. (Book 27, p. 230)

There are Goings/Goins family histories in our book "The Heritage of Surry County," Vol. I and II. These books have over 700 family histories in them and Vol. I has county history as well. "The Heritage of Stokes County," Vol. II also had Goins family histories. We did not find them related to your line from the information you sent in your letter.

Patrick County, VA is next to Surry County, NC. We do not have many Patrick County records. They are just beginning to form the Patrick Co. Genealogy Society and they are planning a heritage book. Information is enclosed. If you have enough family history, it would be great to get your history in their book on the Huel Goins family. One history and one photo are free of charge. Write Alpha Marie Hiatt, P. O. Box 518, Stuart, VA 24171. She will send you more information.

If you will let us know more of what you need we might can help you further. We would be happy to print a query for you in our journal and place surname cards in our file. We would also like to have a copy of any pedigree chart or family group charts you might have on families with Surry Co. connections. Good luck with your research.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION P. O. BOX 997 DOBSON, NC 27017

October 28, 1996

Cindy G. Young P. O. Box 3791 Martinsville, VA 24115

Thank you for your letter dated August 23, 1996 regarding the Young and Goins families. We are sorry it has taken us so long to answer your letter. We were happy to receive the Bible Records of Robert and Ella Beasley Goins and your family charts. We will place them in our file at Surry Community College.

We will also place your surname cards in our file and enclosed you will find surname cards on Beasley, Bullins, Gilmore, Goins, Johnson, Jones, and Lawson surnames.

Back issues of the SCGA journals cost \$5 each plus shipping cost. A "Subject Index" has been compiled of all SCGA journals from 1981 through 1995 (17 pages). The cost is \$5 plus \$1.50 shipping cost. It would be quite expensive purchasing all past issues. Perhaps you might wish to buy a "Subject Index" and then purchase the ones you think might be beneficial to you. The "Winter 1995" issue lists all members of SCGA (over 300) and some listings of families they are researching.

Have you seen the Goins and Young family histories in the heritage books of Surry and Stokes counties? Both counties have published two volumes of family histories.

If we can be of service to you in the future please write again. Good luck with your research.

WH Research Committee

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION P. O. BOX 997 DOBSON, NC 27017

September 21, 1998

Julie Baade P. O. Box 190 Mon**¢**ona, IA 52159

Thank you for your letter dated August 18, 1998 regarding the Goins family. It was good to hear from you again. And thanks so much for your donation to our association. We will acknowledge it in our newsletter. That was very kind of you.

We have 30 cemetery books done of Surry County cemeteries and surrounding areas. They are very time consuming to find what one needs to know. Most of them do not have a full name index, but some do. We checked our oldest books and the ones with the full name index but we did not find Huel Goins. If he died between 1860 and 1870, he is probably in an unmarked grave somewhere. There is a Goins Cemetery listed in Stokes and Surry Counties that we checked.

We did find Huel Goen listed in the Surry Co. Estate Records. Agent was J. L. Fulk (J.P.), Report Inv. 9-13-1847, file 574. The Clerk of Court office said we would have to write the NC Archives to receive a copy. If you have not written them, write the Department of Cultural Resources, Archives and Records Section, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807. If you do not get info from them you're looking for, please write us again. Iris Harvey, an SCGA member who lives in Raleigh, may be able to help.

We are happy that you were able to visit our research center at Surry Community College. We hope you can come back again sometime. We hope Scott enjoys his new job at Durham Regional. That is not too far away.

Thanks for the family group sheets. We will put them in our file. We really need some info on the Goins family.

Clark Goins, agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Company in Dobson, has done some Goins research. You can write him at 1682 Haystack Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Thanks again for your donation and we hope you will write us again. Good luck with your research.

WH Research Committee

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

May 14, 1999

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We saw your letter which was sent to the Mount Airy Museum regarding the Goings family. The letter was printed in a local paper called "Simple Pleasures."

We are sending you a copy of a family history on Going-Goins-Goin that was printed in the book "The Heritage of Stokes County, North Carolina" Volume II. It was an interesting history of the family and we thought it might be of some interest to you if you had not seen the article. Apparently, there was Indian blood in the Going's family as you questioned but the origin may not have been determined as yet.

There is information on Hardin Goins and Morgan Goins in the book "Surry County Soldiers in the Civil War" by Hester Jackson. Are these your family?

Local members of SCGA are listed if you wish to contact them:
Billie & Judith Goins, 717 Pine Ridge Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030;
Fred Goins, 308 Arlington St., Mount Airy, NC 27030; Clark Goins,
1682 Haystack Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030; and Cindy Young, P. O.
Box 3791, Martinsville, VA 24115 (540-632-9711) (she is
researching a William Goings). We're not sure these members are
researching your particular family but you might wish to contact
them.

You mentioned making a trip to Mount Airy. The Surry County Genealogical Association has a research center located in the Learning Resources Center (LRC) at Surry Community College Library in Dobson, NC near Mount Airy, NC (about a 15 minute drive from Mount Airy to Dobson). They are open Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are at times open on Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (You might want to double check about Saturdays during your visit.) They are closed on Sundays and holidays. There are no restrictions on who can do research and there is no charge. Copies of material can be made for 5 cents per page. The college is located on South Main Street in Dobson. Our genealogical information is located on the second floor of the building.

The college is just down the street from the Surry County Courthouse in Dobson. So it will be convenient for you to visit both for research. The college has a cafeteria and several restaurants are near the courthouse.

For your information, a SCGA brochure is enclosed. Our quarterly journals are usually 30 to 40 pages in length and if sold separately sell for \$5. The journals are well worth our membership fee of \$15 a year. Queries can be submitted to our journal free of charge.

The courthouse has the usual documents such as births, marriages, and death records. Surry County did not keep birth and death records until 1914. Some delayed birth records are available. Marriage records are from late 1700s. Estate records, deeds of trust, and some wills are available. Some of the will books were sent to the State Archives in Raleigh. An old historial map of Surry with a listing of early settlers is available to purchase at the courthouse for less than \$5 for the map and an index. Copies of documents at the courthouse cost 25 cents each.

At the college we have vertical files on families, many family genealogy books as well as other books (we are sending you a list of local books available for sale), a surname card file, copies of genealogical journals of Surry and many many more from NC and other states, maps, and the usual microfilm of Surry and other counties. If you will check the SCGA Journals for May and August of 1993 at the college you will find a listing of most of the books and files.

A visit to the Chamber of Commerce (downtown Mount Airy on Main Street) or to the Visitor Center on N. Main Street in Mount Airy would be helpful and you could probably pick up a lot of information and maps of the area. The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History on Main Street is located between the Visitor Center and the Chamber of Commerce.

SCGA meets the second Monday night of each month at the college at 7 p.m. in the administrative building unless we have a meeting at the courthouse or a field trip in June.

Located on H. 601 between Mount Airy and Dobson are the Hampton Inn (336-789-5999) which is the newest of the two and Comfort Inn (336-789-2000). They are located very near each other and there are many restaurants nearby as well as a shopping area.

Perhaps some of this information will be helpful to you if you decide to visit Mount Airy. If we can help further please write again. Good luck with your research.

Copies of material can be made for 5 cents per page. The college

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Dear Hember,

For Card Index and SASE for copies of cards in Surmame Files.

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Thank you, Cindy

Cindy G. Young POB 3791

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Confederate Soldier Is Home

FAYETTEVILLE (AP) — The remains of a Grays Creek Confederate soldier have been brought back to his hometown for burial after 100 years.

The remains of Benjamin Franklin Yarborough were buried in a private graveside service Thursday afternoon in a Grays Creek church.

Yarborough was the grandfather of Wilson F. Yarborough of Fayetteville. He was 34 years old when he left his wife and year-old son in Grays Creek July 16, 1862, to join Company A, 14th North Carolina Infantry Regiment of the Confederate Army.

His family never heard from him again.

Interest in locating some trace of Yarborough prompted a great-grandson, Curtis Bowen of Baltimore, to search for his missing ancestor.

A letter found in a family trunk led Bowen to Winchester, Va., and a check of the library of the Antietam National Battlefield Site Visitor Center showed that Yarborough's regiment fought at what was called Bloody Lane in which half the unit was killed or wounded.

After a check of local cemeteries, Bowen discovered in the microfilm records at the National Archives in Washington that Yarborough had survived the Battle of Antietam.

Later, Bowen traced hospital records that showed his great-grandfather died on Oct. 16, 1862, of typhoid and acute dysentary in St. Charles Hospital in Richmond, Va.

He located Yarborough's grave in Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond.

After verification from North Carolina archives, the Yarborough family won permission in court action to move the remains to Grays Creek.

Norma B. Moran, one of Yarborough's greatgrandchildren, said, "We all just wanted to bring him home where we think he belongs."

He's Studied 135 Cemeteries

ASU News Bureau

BOONE — John Heaton, an acquisitions librarian at Appalachian State University, says he can tell pretty accurately how old a grave is without even looking at the inscription on the stone.

For four years now, Heaton has been working on a census of all the graves in Watauga County. In the process, he says, he has learned that gravestones, like houses and cars, tend to have a certain style for a particular period in history.

Heaton began his cemetery project almost by accident. Several years ago, he took a course in Appalachian Studies at ASU and for a class project decided to conduct a census of the few cemeteries within the Boone town limits.

What happened then was that he "got hooked." He found the project so interesting that he expanded it. So far, he has recorded about 4,000 burials in 135 different cemeteries, public and private. He says that from what he has found, he probably hasn't covered even half of the cemeteries in the county.

Heaton is giving the material he is collecting to the ASU library for inclusion in the special Appalachian materials collection. He says he thinks it may be useful to historians and genealogical researchers.

Heaton says he has found some interesting burial practices among mountain folk.

For example, a small ovalshaped picture of the person buried is often found at the top of the gravestone.

Among mountain folks, he says, loved ones are still buried facing the east,

according to tradition.

The most common inscription on older mountain gravestones is "Rest In Peace."

Many inscriptions are personal. Heaton's favorite is, "Remember friends, as you pass by, as you are, once was I, as I am, you soon shall be, prepare for death and be with me."

Another favorite is a recent child's inscription: "Wynken, Blyken, and Nod sailed off on a sailing ship and didn't return."

The Boone city cemetery has the most historic graves he has found in the county, including those of John Preston Arthur, an author and historian; and Drs. B.B. Dougherty and D.D. Dougherty, the founders of Appalachian State University.

Graveyards Researched

Ashe Dead Surveyed

By Arlene Edwards Staff Reporter

JEFFERSON - There's a new kind of digging going on in Ashe County graveyards.

It's being done with wire brushes, chalk, paper, pencils and a computer.

about the people who have lived and died in Ashe County during the 180 years there has been an as "the big snow." Ashe County.

dozen years ago when a resident named Danny Miller started roaming through cemeteries in pastures. search of his ancestors.

part of a federal grant to finance a cemetery sur- effort. vev as part of a countywide observance of the nation's bicentennial.

Russell Hamilton of Winston-Salem retired from when the time came.

his job as an electronics field engineer for Western Electric.

Hamilton moved to Winston-Salem when the company did in 1952 and discovered the beauty of Ashe County eight years later.

He went there first during the winter of 1960 The thing being unearthed is information - when Ashe County, a county known for its big snows, had what even the folks in Ashe remember

There had been reports of people being trapped The project got its unofficial start more than a in isolated mountain cabins without food or water and of cows starving and freezing in snow-covered

Hamilton and a number of other folks from It gained a little momentum a few years back Western Electric went up to donate their when the county commissioners decided to use knowledge of communications to the rescue

Hamilton kept going back — every chance he got - after the spring thaw. And, by 1968, he had But the search didn't really gather steam until bought some land in Glendale Springs to retire on

Masterminding a search for the names of everyone who has ever been buried under Ashe County soil was the furthest thing from his mind.

He drifted into the time-consuming task the same way Danny Miller did - hunting for his own

Hamilton recalls that he stopped by the Ashe County Public Library and asked to see any gravestone or cemetery records they might have on file.

"They handed me a stack of papers like so," he recalled, gesturing with his hands about a foot apart, "that didn't mean a whole lot."

The papers, he said, were the notes that Danny Miller had made during his personal genealogical project and that Wilma Jones, the young lady whom the commissioners hired for their bicentennial search, made until the grant money ran out.

And, he said, using the disorganized material

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Staff Photo by Howard Walker

Robin Little and Nancy Bare search for tombstones of former Ashe County residents.



Staff Photo by Howard Walker

Russell Hamilton and Connie Ellis feed information into computer.

Graveyards Researched in Ashe

Continued From Page B1 was "a hopeless task."

Hamilton recalls that he asked. "Why in the world don't you put it on a computer and let the computer sort it out?"

The librarians had a ready answer — "That costs money and we don't have any."

The first thing Hamilton knew he was saying, "I'm familiar enough with programming that I could generate some programs for you. we could rent a key punch machine and when the girls aren't busy they could do the cards.

All the librarians would have to do, he said, was find about \$100 a month to rent a keypunch machine.

A group that calls itself the Friends of the Library came up with the money, and the key punch machine arrived in Jefferson last October.

Members of the library staff started punching out the information Danny Miller and Wilma Jones had copied off tombstones in the area and going back to the cemeteries, with wirebrushes and chalk in hand, to verify it.

Ashe County has 19 townships, and Hamilton gned a code letter to each of them. Then he pinpointed every known cemetery in each of the townships.

Then he recruited volunteers to go into each of the townships to hunt for other cemeteries as well as for old-timers who might know the names of the people buried in graves marked only by a fieldstone.

Hamilton estimates that at least 11,460 graves have been located in more than 450 cemeteries and says that all available information about each has been fed into Forsyth County's computer in Winston-Salem.

The computer, he says, can sort through those 11,000-plus names in a matter of minutes and come up with a complete list of everyone with the same last name who has been buried in any one of the more than 450 cemeteries.

"It would take days," he says, "for a person to go through all of the lists picking out a certain name."

And, he says, when a new grave is discovered or the occupant of a grave under a field-stone is identified or a new obituary appears in an Ashe County newspaper, the name can be inserted in the proper alphabetical position

immediately.

Hamilton is hoping the list can be published in book form by the end of this year or the first of next and is surveying the county to determine the amount of interest there is in such a book.

He doesn't want to make money on the book. But he doesn't want to lose money either. And he needs to get some sort of feel for the number of potential buyers there are before he decides whether to publish it.

In the meantime, he is continuing to search for both tombstones and cemeteried that aren't on the list.

And he's hoping he'll a more letters like the one for the woman who wrote, sending you everybody land the Bible."

Gravestone epitaphs provide clues to life gone of

BOONE — John Heaton is not a ghoul, but he does hang around graveyards a lot.

For the past four years Heaton has been taking a complete census of all the burials in Watauga County, and he has turned up — if you'll pardon the expression — a lot of interesting things.

When Heaton isn't out in some remote Watauga County burying ground filling 3x5 index cards or legal pads with the names and dates and other data that are still legible on headstones, he is an acquisitions librarian at Appalachian State University

Since he began his project, the 41-year-old Heaton has recorded some 4,000 burials in 135 different cemeteries, and he believes that he has not yet visited even half of Watauga County's public and private burial grounds.

Many of those 135 cemeteries are tiny family plots scattered all over this mountainous county and dating back to the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Many of them originally served large families or small community groups who found travel to the county-seat difficult and sometimes impossible.

Heaton began his census-taking project innocently enough, with no intention of letting it get so out of hand. Back a few years ago he took an Appalachian Studies course at ASU, and for his class project he decided to conduct a census of the few cemeteries within Boone's city limits.

The result of that effort was so interesting and satisfactory that it was placed in the special Appalachian materials collection in the ASU library. Heaton hopes that this census-taking is of particular usefulness to genealogical researchers and historians.

In his enumeration of the city burials in Boone, Heaton found many grave sites of considerable historical interest. Like the headstone for Ransom Hayes (died 1862) in the small Hayes family cemetery; "He Gave Watauga County 25 Acres of Land, One Half of Original County Cite Where Boone Is Now Located."

One of the oldest burials that Heaton has found was located near the Blowing Rock golf course. The old fieldstone marker had only a date — 1740 — and a single initial G still legible. One local legend has it that this particular grave contains a slave buried in a hollow log, but Heaton has found nothing to substantiate that story.

Not many marked burials dating from the 1700's still survive in Watauga County, although there are many still extant from the early 19th century.

According to Heaton, some of the earliest graves are in the western (Meat Camp) area of the county, but he has so far devoted himself to a census of the eastern portion of the county and to Boone proper.

He is eager to move his project to the older, western end of the county. Heaton can tell fairly accurately how old a grave is without even looking at the inscription on the

Gravestones, like houses and cars, tend to have a certain style for a particular period in history, he says. Mountain folk often are remem-



Librarian John Heaton records mountain family history via a census of graveyards.

bered with a small oval-shaped picture at the top of their stone.

Among mountain folks, loved ones in olden times were buried facing the East. The tradition, based on Biblical origins, continues today.

The most common inscription on older mountain gravestones is "Rest In Peace."

Many inscriptions are personal. Heaton's favorite is "remember friends, as you pass by, as you are, once was I, as I am, you soon shall be, prepare for death and be with me."

Another favorite is a recent child's inscription: "Wynken, Blyken, and Nodd Sailed off on a sailing ship and didn't return."

The Boone city cemetery has the most historic graves in the county including that of a prominent author and historian John Preston Arthur, Dr. B.B. Dougherty and Dr. D.D. Doughtery, the founders of Appalachian State University.

Many graves belie their occupant's past. John Heaton's favorite legend from the past is that of the woman who used the pseudonym of "Kate Shell."

Her story involves an early sheriff of Watauga County, one David (Cobb) McCanles. As sheriff, McCanles also was tax collector, and, according to legend, he fled to Johnson City, then took a train around 1857 with the county taxes.

McCanles set up a toll ferry and saloon out west, and was a friend of Wild Bill Hickok. Kat Shell joined Cobb McCanles out west.

McCanles and his brother were subsequently killed by Hickok in a gunfight. Some say the fight was over horses. Another version of the story was that the fight was over Kate Shell.

After McCanles's death, she returned to Watauga County, where she died in 1932 at age 99. Kate Shell never told what really did happen out west.

Cemeteries are just naturally melancholy places, but Heaton's research has led him to even sadder spectacles — like the little family cemetery he discovered off the Blue Ridge Parkway

It lies in a cow pasture, and most of the headstones have been knocked over and trampled by grazing cows.

"But some of the prettiest, best kept up and well groomed cemeteries I've seen are just little family cemeteries," Heaton comments.

Over the years, he has developed his own methodology for taking the census of a burying ground. The fact that burials have invariably been made facing the East helps him identify unmarked graves, of which there are literally hundreds in Watauga County. One cemetery he has visited contained four marked and 46 unmarked graves.

The best time to visit the burying ground, Heaton says, is after the first frost or after the snow melts in late spring. Stones that were previously hidden will suddenly appear, and slight depressions in the ground—the sign of an unmarked grave—will be clearer.

"There's also not so much danger of snakes at those times, either," Heaton points out.

He has been working his way through Watauga County's cemeteries with the help of an excellent map published by the Stout Map Company in Greensboro. The map was drawn from topographical charts from the United States Geological Survey and shows many of the existing cemeteries. "But many aren't marked," Heaton says.

For the obscure and the forgotten burying grounds, Heaton relies on local informants, old histories and other books and tips from interested friends. He is also busy going through microfilmed copies of the earliest newspapers in the county, recording all the available genealogical information that was printed in them, including both deaths and births.

Heaton hopes to have all his data suitably alphabetized and arranged some day in the future for use by historians or private citizens wishing to trace family histories.

But he still has a lot of cemeteries to visit. One in particular in the so-called Sampson area of the county, has been blocked by a large tree down across the only access road. "I keep waiting for someone to come in and cut that three out so that I can get in," Heaton says.

He can afford to be patient. In the kind of census he takes, there's no fear that the residents will have moved out by the time he gets there

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in the State aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto the State of North Curolina, in the just and full sum of Cue Thousand Dollars, current money of the State, to be paid to the said State of North Carolina; for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we find curselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally and firmly by these presents. Stated with our seals, and dated this Loren and

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bounder A. M. Bergles hath made upplication for a License for Marriage, to be celebrated between him and Accessed Let see the Marriage of the country aforesaid: Now, in case it shall not hereafter appear that there is any lawful cause or impediment to obstruct said Marriage, then the above obligation to be veidomotherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

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Mary Jane Mahaffey of Dobson called to say that she saw the column in Simple Pleasures about the Obadiah Snow family. She has in her possession several letters from James Snow and wife, Poll; Walker Snow, in Indiana and Kansas to Mary Jane's great-great-grandfather, William Walker, back in Surry County. These letters tell us many things about life 130 years ago.

Monroe County, Indiana 20 Nov. 1858 Dear Brother and Sister,

I take the first opportunity to drop you a few lines. We are well, hoping you are enjoying the same blessing. We got here to the country we started to by traveling along a long ruff road. We went through the state of Virginia and Kentucky. The water we had we could not drink. Polly and Huldah was sick about a week. We was on the road thirty-five days and we lost about five days. My wagon broke down and we had to stop and get it fixed. It cost me \$3,50. We traveled on. Everything was high. We had to pay 25 to 30 cents a dozen for eggs and corn was \$1 a bushel. In all the trip cost me \$44.45. Hugh-never thowed in a cent. I can't begrudge money and time. I never expect to see that country again though I would like to see you again and all my friends. I cant advise you to come to this country but this is a rich country to make a living. Here is everything that anybody has to need to want. The people say this has not been a good crop year but here they make twice as much in one year as they make in Surry in two years. Corn is 30c, wheat is 60c, pork is 85c per hundred pounds. Cows and calves are from \$20 to \$25, a good horse is \$100 to \$150 and is high. Here land is from \$20 to \$30 an acre but the people say it is higher than it was when the people first settled in the county. Mr. Wolff sold from S500 to \$1,000 worth of pork. Pink East sold \$1,212 worth of pork and has 120 more to sell. I am living with a man named John Long, I had the good luck to settle with a

good old father and mother. He winters my stears and dont charge a cent for it. He gives me two cows to milk. Everything a man would need to want

I want to enquire about the papers i left in John Mankins' hands and whether D. Rutledge has done anything with the papers I left in his hands.

I guess you know that your father Edmund Parker is dead. We saw Riley Parker's daugnter the other day and she said that he was dead. She wants you to write to her when you write to me. Riley Parker has moved up to the north. And his daughter married a man by the name of Pierre. She wants to know how Uncle Joseph Parker is and all the connections in that country. Direct your letter to me in care of Hardy Bauguess, Monroe County, Indiana. So nothing more at present but still remaining your affectionate brother and sister until death.

From James Snow and Polly Snow

William Walker and Irenia Walker

February 19, 1866 State of Kansas Dear Brother and Sister,

I take this opportunity of drop-ing you a few lines to let you know that we are well at this time hoping that these few lines find you all

enjoying the same blessing.
I can only think back to that time that is past and gone and to the old Mother Country (Surry) and friends and sometimes I think I will come back to that old country and then when I think back to those old red hills and pore country it makes me stay here though I would like to see you again.

I have not heard a sermon preached since the War com-menced (Civil War). We are as though we were in the wilderness. I would come to hear old John Jones preach one more sermon if it was not so far but I reckon I shall never hear hima gain. (John Jones was one of the best-known Primitive Baptist preachers in Surry).

I could write a good deal but I have to write by candle lite and I can't see. I am getting so blind I can't see nothing without my specks.

I want you to write to me whether brother Ruel Snow has ever come back to that country or not since the War commenced and whether any of James Mankins . boy got home or not, i don't know where they are. Polly wants to know how William Gaines is a coming along. Polly has made and sold 125 pounds of butter since the first of June. It sells from fifty to seventy five cents a pound.

James Snow and Polly Snow to William Walker and Irenia Walker

to Surry Co. NC May 18, 1874 Kennekah, Auhison Co., Kansas To William and Ironia Walker from Irenia's mother, Nancy Jane

Dear daughter and son. We are all well at present and hope this finds you enjoying the same blessings and I would like to see you once more but I am too old to go to see you. I would like to no if you ever expect to come to see me. If not don't forget to try and meet me beyond the grave, Most of my children are trying to live a Christian life and I hope to meet them on that happy shore where my family circle will never be broke no more. If you were here I could see all my children in one

The last year I have had seven grandchildren born. I haven't done going yet. These are my children (besides Irenia). Clark (Parker) had seven chil-

dren and lost three Finney (Parker) had seven children and lost two

Jane had eleven and lost two Granda (Parker) had four and lost one

Frances had nine and lost 2 and one is married

John (Parker) had seven and lost

Riley Parker had five Columbus Parker had one rebecca has had three children. Nancy Parker

to William and Irenia Walker (Nancy Parker is the widow of Edmund Parker, who left Surry County and moved to Indiana, then to Kansas.

In Fisher's River Scenes book by John Allen Snow, there is a story of John Senter. Did he have a daughter named Nancy born around 1837? Also, do your readers know anything on the Ivy Green School, Jarrell School and Jarrell Cemetery in the Round Peak area, I would appreciate any information.

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Pension Application of William Going: W7546

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State of North Carolina County Court

Surry County } February Term AD 1834

At a court of pleas and quarter sessions began and held for the county of Surry and State aforesaid on the 12th February 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of said court, the same being a court of Record, William Going of the county and state aforesaid, aged 72 years who being duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of and act of Congress passed June the 7th AD 1832- That he served under the following named officers and in the manner herein after stated. To wit,

That he was born on the 13th day of September AD 1861 [sic] in Rockingham County Virginia and moved when young into that part of Henry County, now Patrick, where he continued to reside until about ten years ago when he moved in the county of Surry N.C. where he now resides - that in the winter of 1781 or the latter part of 1780 he volunteered and was marched a private volunteer under the command of Capt Sam'l. Shaws from Henry County (now Patrick) Va. south and joined the troops under the command of General Greene in N.C. Guilford County near a ford on Haw River called the High Rock in the month of March 1781 shortly after the engagement at Guilford Courthouse - that he was marched south across the Yadkin into the state of South Carolina down to Camden - that his term of service expired a day or two before he arrived at Camden when his Captain talked of returning to Va., but being told by his higher officers that he and his men had better have remained at home and planted their corn, and by the said officers being requested and encouraged to continue with the troops until they should arrive at Camden his Capt. (Shaw) marched his men on and assisted in giving the American troops possession of Camden. Whence he was marched home and dismissed, but received no written discharge- that he had been on service in this tour three months-That shortly after his return home this affiant further states he was drafted and marched under the command of Captain Jonathan Hamby and Major John Ward, (whom he met at Salisbury) south thro the state of N.C. into S.C. crossing the Dan, the Yadkin, the Cataba [sic: Catawba], the Broad, the Tiger [sic: Tyger], the Enoree, & the Saluda River and joined the troops under General Greene engaged in the Siege of Ninety Six- that he continued to assist the troops in the siege until the British were reinforced with troops sent up from Charleston under Lord Rawdon as he believes, when the Americans were repulsed and forced to abandon the siege and retreat in which several skirmishes took place the British pursuing until the Americans crossed Broad River- that he thinks he recollects seeing at Ninety Six Col. Lee & Col. Washington of the Cavalry that he was discharged by Capt. Hamby near Broad River by word and returned home which was in the Fall of the year after serving three months - served in this tour as a private. And this Affiant further states some time before his first tour into South Carolina he served as a private volunteer under one Captain Shelton [sic: probably Eliphaz Shelton in 1778] after the Tories and was marched over into N.C. Surry County & scoured the country commencing on the headwaters of the Ararat, and marched thence to Fish River, Wards Gap, the Flower Gap and home, that owing to old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the month or year when he performed this tour but knows that it was in the fall of the year - that in performing the tour he remained stationed for some time at several points and that he must have been on this tour out on service more that one month - that owing to his old age and loss of memory as aforesaid he cannot stat the precise length of his service [page torn] states from the best of his recollection that he must have served as a private not less than six months for which he claims a pensionthat he has no documentary evidence of his service- that owing to his removal, death & other removals he knows of no persons living who can testify from personal knowledge to his services but Manuel Hill of Stokes County and Joel Blancit of Patrick County Virginia whose certificates accompany this Declaration that there lives near him no clergyman to whom he is known and whose certificate he can procure as to his character for truth and his belief as to his Revolutionary services - that he is known to Stephen Shilton Sen & Stephen Shilton Junior who

will testify to his character for truth and their belief as to his being a soldier of the Revolution - that he has a record of his age in his Bible which was given him by his father- that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Subscribed & sworn to in Open Court this 12th day of February 1834 [signed] William Going

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