

From the desk of

Lois Nix

Dec. 1, 1981

Dear Betty,

I apologize for being so long in acknowledging your letter and sending the money for the deed. I was down to the last on finishing the book and just had to stop everything else and finish it.

Now THE BOOK is at the printers so I can come back among the living. The deed arrived, and as you said it didn't say what I had hoped, but it also did not say some of the things attributed to it by some abstractors. Which was a plus for me. I wonder what happens to some of these abstractors, they must wander to another page and put it down as part of another. I found one case where all the abstractors have the man's wife as Nancy and when I got the original will it was Mary, very clear, legible, handwriting, could not be mistaken for Nancy!

I also received the North Carolina Research by Leary & Stirewalt and will order the County Records book.

Tho I am through with the Denson's (at least I hope I am for a while) I am not through with North Carolina, as I have four or five other family lines originating there. So I will be contacting you again when I need some more originals.

Thanks so much, sorry this one was so hard to find. I am glad to have the deed, because I can definitely refute any of those typists who have added information to the abstract.

Sincerely,



Lois Nix

From the desk of

Lois Nix

6209 Belpree
Amarillo, Tx. 79106
Oct. 18, 1981

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5.40046 ee ~~pt 3~~
Dear Betty,

I have ordered the N. C. Research book, thanks for sending me the flyer. We don't have it in our library.

Thanks for checking the Will and Estate Abstracts. At the moment, I don't have any more requests unless the actual deed records are on microfilm at the Archives--for Anson Co. that is.

If so, I need someone to look at the actual deed for the following.

This is from Deed Abstracts. They say found in Book 7
Oct. 6, 1779 pg. 177

Wm. Boggan to Patrick Boggan, both of Anson Co. for 100 pounds, 200 acres south of PeeDee River on Gould's fork of Brown Creek. Jemima Boggan also signs.
Wit: Wm. Boggan, Patrick Boggan. Proved in Oct. Court 1779 by Wm. Morgan.

The Reg. of Deeds in Wadesboro, N. C. did not find this in Deed Book 7, in fact she says she found no such deed for 200 acres. So unless the deeds are micro-filmed in the Archives, there is no need to look in more Abstracts. I need to know if the deed says anything about this Jemima being a Denson.

The list of James Denson's grants is sufficient. No need to go copy them.

Do I owe you more money? Other than the deed mentioned above, guess we will just put things on hold for right now until I need something specific. Thanks for all the work and your promptness. I certainly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Lois Nix

~~Wm to Howard, Jms 1778~~
~~7-57~~

Patrick Beggan - Wm B.
6 Oct 1779 (7-177)
Youlds Fork

~~1786 H - 106~~

(B2) 298 PD Riv

22 Feb. 1788

Patrick Hunt
43 - 374
grant 53 - 74
James B. Hunt 269 James B. H.
250
Wm B.
lord

CR.005-401-3

30 Sept. 1981

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Before I do anything more, have you checked North Carolina Records by Clark? no
N.C. Wills by Grimes? yes
Salisbury District Sup. Ct. Estates? no

Balance Due \$25.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Camin

Oct. 5, 1981

Dear Betty,

Thanks for the information. I did not know James Denson received 6 grants between 1751 and 1787. Can you list them for Me? From the description in these grants (above) it seems his property ended up in Richmond Co. after the division. Can you check for a will etc. on Jemima Boggan -- I have since discovered that Jemima Denson (James Jr.'s) widow married William Boggan by Oct. 6 1779. I think they lived on her land as he sold his on this date. Do you have access to the two books mentioned above? I do not. If you can do so easily, please check them for both James Denson's and William or Jemima Boggan. After that I will just have to quit and write up what I have.

One burning question.. do you know why or how or what for, people received 500 acres of land in a grant? I am enclosing the \$25.00 now due.

Sincerely,

Lois Nix

6209 Belphie Amarello H
79106

8 Oct. 1981

Mrs. Joe Nix
6209 Belpree
Amarillo, Texas
79106

Dear Lois,

Because you had the information on the 1746 grant I assumed that you knew about the balance of them. The books I mentioned are the land grant books in the Land Grant office of the Sec'y of State - in the Administration Bldg. There are files which we use to locate the grants and then we usually go to the Envelope (cover) filed under the county. The entry is made in these big old books which we tend to stay away from because of the weight. In cases where the covers are empty, we still have the book information even if there is no plat.

These are	James Denson	#4739	130 Acres	1787 (1785)	
all in	"	"	#2370	75 "	1766
Anson Co.	"	"	#865	100 "	1753
	"	"	#1440	150 "	1756 (1760)
	"	"	# 1949	150 "	1760 (I think)
	Richard Denson	#0109	613 "	1751	

If you want me to go and copy these, let me know.

Will look up the Boggan will next tuesday when I go back to the Archives.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Camin
3123 Childers st.
Raleigh, N.C.
27612

6209 Belpree
Amarillo, Texas 79106
August 24, 1981

Mrs. Betty J. Camin
3123 Childers St.
Raleigh, N. C. 27612

Dear Mrs. Camin:

I am returning my original letter and some other family information and would like to employ your services for one day (or less) to research the following:

I believe all this can be done in the Archives and Secretary of State's Office. You can forget Bladen County.

Look for:

1. Copy of Original Grant dated 22 Nov. 1746 to James Denson (later of Anson County, N. C.) grant referred to on Page 2 of notes. In one place only this is shown as George Denson, maybe a misreading of the name. The name George never reappears in family groups, children's names etc.

2. Copy of Grant # 243 to James Denson of Anson Co. dated 15 Nov. 1753

3. Any early marriage records if they exist in Archives for Densons, *None*

✓ Nathaniel Denson to Charity Colson

✓ Joseph Denson to Martha Colson

✓ James Denson Jr. to Jemima _____

✓ Jemima Denson (widow) to _____?

✓ James Denson Sr. to Priscilla _____

✓ 4. I would like a copy of an early Anson County Map.

All this is in the time period 1750-1800

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Joe Nix
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Nathaniel Denson b. 1763 (about) d. 1838. Married Charity Colson in Anson Co. N. C.

Nathaniel is our direct Line. We believe he is son of James Denson Jr. who is son of James Denson Sr.

Nathaniel, his brother Shadrach and brother Jesse are on 1790 Anson Co. N. C. Census. By 1811 Nathaniel and family are in St. Stephens, Alabama.

Nathaniel's children

1. James b. 28 Mar 1791
2. Isaac b. 11 Jun 1793
3. Joseph b 8 Apr 1795
4. Jesse b. 30 Dec 1797
5. William b. 9 Aug 1800 Baptist Minister in Miss.
6. Thomas b. 27 Mar 1802
7. Mary b. 1 Apr 1804
8. Catherine b. 17 Dec 1807
9. Shadrach b. 17 Jan 1809 Helped form Baptist church in Miss
10. Nathaniel b. 15 Mar. 1811

Family in later years very active in forming Baptist Churches.

Have not been able to find where Nathaniel or brothers or father James Jr. were in Revolution, although neighbors and in-laws were active.

3 of Nathaniel's sons were in War of 1812. Also his brother Jesse was with Andrew Jackson in Indian Wars and 1812.

CHAPTER II

ANCESTORS OF NATHANIEL DENSON

1. James Denson d. 1760 Anson County North Carolina = Priscilla ?
d. 23 Mar. 1778. Their known children:
 2. i James Denson = Jemima
 3. ii Shadrach Denson = Mary

Early deed records and probate records in Anson County, N. C. support the information above. Consider the following abstracts from these early records. (Arranged chronologically for better readability)

November 22, 1746 James Denson Senior, Planter, received an original grant of 500A on the north side of the Great PeeDee at the Red Bluff.

Deed Book 1.

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|---------------------------|---|
| p. 64-65
21 Jun 1750 | James Denson Sr., planter to James Denson, Jr. planter, for 5 s. Va. money 100 A on N. Side of Great PeeDee, part of original grant 22 Nov 1746.
Wit: Wm. Downs, Luke Blakely. |
| p. 63
22 Jun 1750 | James Denson Sr., planter to William Downs, weaver, for £ 10 Va. money, 100A land on N. Side Great Pee Dee, granted to sd. Denson 22 Nov 1746.
Wit: Thomas Ridge, Luke Blakely, Saml Armstrong |
| 12 Jun 1753 | James Denson Sr. and James Denson Jr. were Jurors in Inquest of Bryan Ponn Anson County, N. C. |
| 15 Nov 1753 | Land Grant #243 to James Denson of Anson County 100 A. west side of Little River on a branch a mile from the mouth. |
| p. 242-243
26 Jul 1756 | James Denson Sr. to James Denson Jr. for £40, 150A on N. side Great PeeDee at Red Bluff, part of original 500A grant 22 Nov 1746. |
| p.271-272
29 Oct 1757 | James Denson Jr. of Anson County to William Terry for £ 20 Sterling money of Gr. Britain, 100A on N.E. side of Great PeeDee, deeded to Denson 21 Jun 1750. |
| p.269-270
24 Jan 1758 | Capt. Wm. Terry to Samuel Wilkins, yeoman, for £ 50, part of tract granted James Denson 22 Nov 1746; 100A by Denson to Downs 22 Jun 1750, by Downs to Terry Oct. 1757. |

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- Baltimore: 1. Brent Holcomb, Anson County, N. C. Deed Abstracts, Vol. I; 1749-1757
Genealogical Publishing Co. 1974
2. May W. McBee, comp. Abstracts of Early Records Anson County, N.C.
(Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1950)

100A Denson Sr., to Denson Jr.; Denson Jr. to Terry
Oct. 19, 1757.

p.157-158

24 Oct. 1760

James Denson of Anson County to Shadrach Denson
for £ 40 procurement money, 3 tracts on N. side
PeeDee

(1) 150A part of grant to James Sr. 22 Nov 1746
being land where Shadrach and his mother now live.

(2) land adj. to Josephus White granted sd. Denson
Sr. 5 Dec 1753 -(see grant #243 15 Nov 1753)

(3) Land between the lines of James Shephard, 3
tracts falling to James Denson Jr. by heirship by
the death of his father, he being the oldest son and
the will not proven for want of evidences. 300A
total.

James Denson SEAL
(Jr.)

Wit: Anne Cartrite, Priscilla Denson, Dorsey Pentecost₁

1770

Petition to Governor against court at Salisbury asking a
court at Campellton be established...signed by Shadrach
Denson and James Denson.

23 Aug 1771

Shadrach Denson and wife Mary to William Mask and wife
Rebecca, land described in deed above from James Denson
Jr. to Shadrach Denson. Proven in Jan. 1772 court by
John Mask. 2

It is obvious from the 24 Oct. 1760 deed that James Denson Sr. had
died, and James Denson Jr. was no longer signing his name with Junior.

Sometime later, Priscilla Denson remarried a McPherson, probably
Alexander McPherson who died 14 Jan 1778. She left a will that is
recorded in Will Book I, p. 31. (Abstract follows)

"Will of Priscillah McPherson of Anson County, to son Shadrach
Denson all my land, gr-dau. Betsey Denson. Shadrach Denson sole Exor.
23 Mch. 1778. (A true copy of Priscillah McPherson's last will and
Testament, Thos. Wade, Clk.) Her son James was not mentioned because
he predeceased her in 1777 as will be revealed later. 3

1. Brent Holcomb, Anson County, N. C. Deed Abstrscts, Vol.II; 1757-1766
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3. Ibid.

2. James Denson (James) d. 1777 = Jemima. The following is believed to be a list of their children:

- i William Denson d. 1789 unmarried in Anson County, N. C. An inventory of his estate photocopied from original records in Anson County reads as follows:

"Inventory of Estate of William Denson, Deceased, which came to the Privy or knowledge of Wm. Boggan Administrator"

1 Coat, 2 Jackets homespun
1 pr leather breeches, 10 yard stripd. cotton cloth.
5 yds ditto tow, 4 shirts & pr cotton boots
2 pr stockings, 1 copy book, 1 ditto Young Mans Best Companion
2 woodin boxes, 14 tt iron, 2 tt cotton thread,
2 tt Flax, his part of the Estate of his father James Denson Decsd. *should include 7 items?*

- ii James Denson d. 1817 Ga. = Nancy d. 1850

A will found in Jones County, Ga is believed to be that of this James Denson. Abstract follows:

To wife, not named; to daugus: Rebecca, Eliz.,
Auttah, Jeremiah, Mary Tisdal: to children of son James H. Exrs. Lazarus Battle, Luke Bond, Jesse McK Pope, Edmond Lowe, Jno. Cook, Peter Wyche.
Wit: Nathaniel Halley, H. P. Cook, Shadrach Denson, Aaron Stone.₁

4. iii Joseph Hopkins Denson = Martha Colson

- 5.* iv Nathaniel Denson = Charity Colson

- v Shadrach Denson = Elizabeth

Nothing is know about this son, unless he is the one listed above who witnessed the will in Jones County.

6. vi Jesse Denson = (1) Elizabeth; = (2) Ann Hutchins

Several years ago
This list of names was copied from an old Bible and sent to Edith Denson, of Bandera, Texas by Jeannette Denson Metts, with the notation that these were Nathaniel Denson's brothers. No mother and father was listed, but the death date for William and James was given, as well as the first names of the wives. Until the inventory of William's estate surfaced, clearly naming him a son of James Denson, there had been no leads as to their parentage. Though there is no positive proof, several significant facts point in this same direction.

1. Carolyn White Williams, History of Jones Co. Ga. 1807-1907 (Macon: J. W. Burke Co., 1957)

2. Edith Denson, Box 456, Bandera, Texas 78003

3. Jeannette Denson Metts, ~~1123 W. Cherokee Glenn, Ocean Springs, Ms.~~
~~gr-gr granddaughter of Nathaniel Denson.~~

Joseph Hopkins Denson and Nathaniel Denson both married daughters of Joseph Colson who had a mill on the PeeDee River near the Denson land. Deeds already quoted show that James, the father of this family had many acres of land on the north side of the PeeDee River. Other deeds such as ~~the reference~~ the following make reference to the mill and its location.

Deed Book 3. p. 289

21 April 1765 David Bruton to Wm. Page, both of Anson for £ 12 procurement money, 100 A. on N side of Denson's fork of the Little River above the mill"

Jesse Denson, a known brother to Nathaniel Denson, gave a statement in Texas in 1831 that he was originally from North Carolina.

And the final hint, Nathaniel Denson had two sons who named daughters Jemima, leading to the conclusion that they were named for their great-grandmother.

An inventory of James Denson's estate was found in Anson County Probate records. (See photocopy).

"James Denson, October 6, 1777. An Inventory of the Estate of James Denson Deceased.

3 Head of Horse kind, 12 Head of Cattle, 28 Head of Hogs
3 beds & part of furniture, 1 chest, 8 pewter basons
2 dishes, 9 plates, 13 spoons 5 knives & 6 forks, 1 box iron
& heaters, 2 poots, 1 skillet, 1 frying pan, 3 saddles
3 bridles, 3 bells, 1 pitcher, 4 bottles, 1 candle stick,
7 books some she(d) tools 2 axes 1 grubbing hoe, 4 weeding
hoes 2 plows & part of gears, 1 cait (gate?), 3 hogshead,
7 barrels, 2 chearns, 4 piggins, 1 pail, 1 tub, 1 loom,
1 grindstone, 2 razors, 3 augers, 2 chisels, 1 handsaw, 2
gimblets, 1 wedge, 2 spinning wheels, 4 pr of cards, 2 slays
and harnis, 3 chears, 3 stools, 1 table, 1 old Keter (kettle?)
1 shovel, 3 bedsteads, 1 stock lock, 3 dollars.

Jemima Denson Admr.

No will was registered, this is an inventory of his personal property. No records remain of the disposition of his land, other than what he sold prior to his death.

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CHART 1

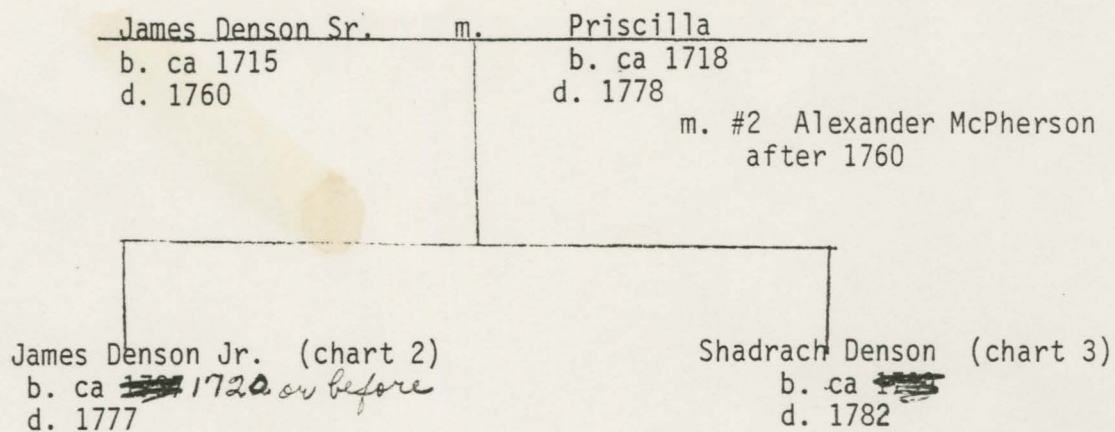
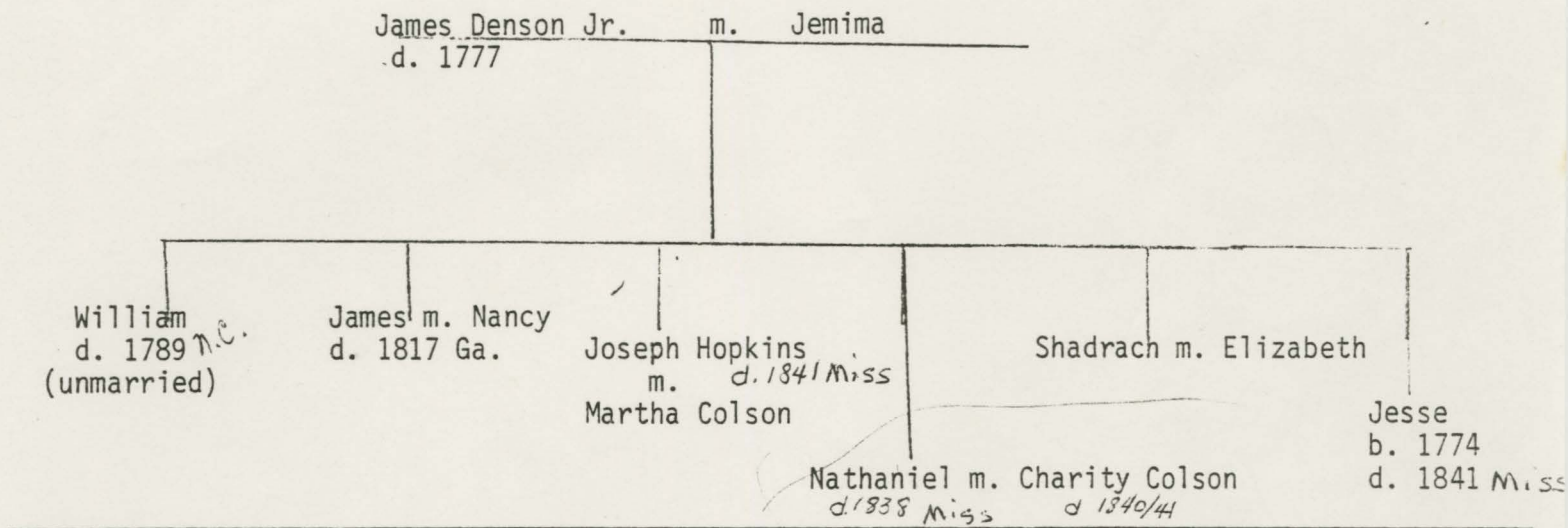
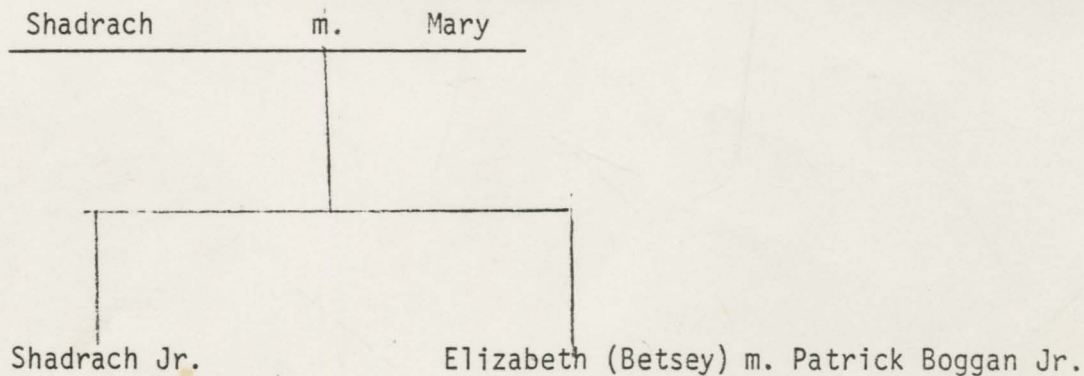


CHART 2



Denson Co N.C. 1790 Census

CHART 3



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August 14, 1981
6209 Belpree
Amarillo, Texas 79106

Betty J. Camin
3123 Childers St.
Raleigh, N. C. 27612

Dear Ms. Childers:

I am enclosing an SASE and ask that you quote your price per hour and minimum fee if any, for searching the following:

I am seeking information on the Denson family found in Anson Co. N.C. from before 1750 - 1800. I have covered all deed and probate records in Anson County. In the deed records in Anson Co. reference is made to an "original grant of 500A Nov 22, 1746 to James Denson". Since Anson was formed in 1749 from Bladen Co. I have concluded the original grant might be found in Bladen County. #1 #2

I want a search of the early grants in Bladen County, early probate or estate inventories and early marriage records for any Denson--especially a James or Shadrach. If you have other ideas on where this might be, please mention them in your reply.

If the grant mentioned is found, please include the land description as well as genealogy information in abstracting it.

Yours very truly,

Jois Nix

Mrs. Joe Nix

#1 Bladen Co. burned 1800 + 1893 - No early estate records. . . There are Wills 1766-1961 on film.

#2 Grants are in Sol S office a blk frm Archive. Filed by name + then county.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Archives and Records Section
109 E. Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Date Sept. 1, 1981

Amt. rec'd _____ Cash order _____

By _____

(Do not write in this space)

Mrs. Linda J. Campbell
5074 N. Lynch Rd.
Harrah, OK 73045

Records in the Archives may be examined in the Search Room, 201 Archives and History-State Library Building, 109 East Jones Street, from 8:00 to 5:30 Tuesday through Friday and 8:30-5:30 on Saturday. The Search Room is closed on Sundays, Mondays, Holidays, and on Saturdays following Friday Holidays.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM
WHEN ORDERING

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST RECEIVED 8/27/81

- ☒ We have the following record(s) in which you may be interested. If you wish to order a copy, return this form with check or money order (payable to Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources) to North Carolina State Archives, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611. Allow three weeks for delivery. Please do not send payment in excess of the amount quoted.

Nash Co. (original) Wills, 1778-1922 (C.R.069.801.4)

Freeman, John, 1804.....XEROX COPY \$1.50

(C.R.069.801.3)...Denson, Mapee (Massee), 1818....XEROX COPY \$1.50

- ☒ We have searched Nash County (original) Wills

without finding Henry Freeman

- ☐ MARRIAGE BONDS for _____ have not been preserved.

- ☐ Marriage records after 1868 (and in some cases after about 1850) are kept in the office of Register of Deeds in the county seat.

- ☐ WILL BOOKS (in which wills were recorded after 1760) are kept in the office of Clerk of Court in the appropriate county.

- ☐ Although we have microfilm copies of the early will books for _____, it will be necessary for you to visit the Search Room or engage a professional researcher inasmuch as we do not have sufficient staff to conduct private searches on microfilm.

- ☐ Wills are executed by an executor/executrix. Reference to an administrator/administratrix in an estate record usually means THERE WAS NO WILL.

- ☐ DEEDS are kept in the office of Register of Deeds in the county seat.

- ☐ Although we have microfilm copies of early deed books for _____, see note on microfilm under WILL BOOKS.

- ☐ LAND GRANTS are kept by the Land Grant Office, Office of the Secretary of State, Administration Building, Raleigh 27603. When writing that address, furnish full name of grantee and county in which grant was made.

- ☐ VITAL STATISTICS were not officially kept in North Carolina before October 1, 1913. For birth records after 1913 and death records after 1929, write Division of Health Services, Vital Records Branch, P. O. Box 2091, Raleigh, 27602, giving full name of individual concerned (including parents' names if requesting a birth certificate), and name of county and year in which birth or death occurred.

- ☐ FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS: The only indexed and printed North Carolina censuses are those for 1790 and 1820. Other census records for 1800 through 1880 and 1900 are on microfilm and are not indexed from 1860 through 1880. See note on microfilm under WILL BOOKS. Only names of heads of households are listed in the census records before 1850.

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*Abstracts of Will Book I
Nash County NC 1778-1868*

FOREMAN, CORNELIUS of Edgecombe Co.

P. 588. Oct. 27, 1863 - May Ct. 1864. Nephew:
LEMUEL F. WHELESS (Ex). Legatee: HILLIARD CARLISLE.
These two to share entire estate. Wit: JAMES C.
KNIGHT, W. H. T. KNIGHT.

FOREHAND, DAVID

P. 430. Mar. 30, 1838 - Aug. Ct. 1838. Heirs of
BETSEY RUFFIN: POLLY RUFFIN, DAVID RUFFIN, MARTHA ANN
RUFFIN, SAMUEL HENRY RUFFIN, ELIZABETH FRANCES RUFFIN,
JOHN RUFFIN. Other Legatees: BETSEY RUFFIN, JOHN
MATHS (MATTHEWS?), LUCY TAYLOR, MORNING MORIS, LETTIE
FOREHAND. Ex: BARNEY PEARSON. Wit: DEMSEY
HARRISON, TEACHEN RICKS.

FOX, JACOB

P. 573. April 29, 1861 - Aug. Ct. 1861. Wife: MARY.
Dau: HELEN KEARNEY - all due me from the estate of her
gr. father, BARTHOLOMEW FULLER, and the note I hold
against K. KEARNEY. My 3 youngest chil: 1. ISHAM,
2. READIN, 3. LUCY. Wish to sell PITT's plantation
except $\frac{1}{2}$ A. around grave-yard. Ex: A. H. ARRINGTON,
E. B. HILLIARD. Wit: THOS. W. AVENT, WM. LEONARD.

FRAZIER, ALEXANDER

P. 283. Oct. 21, 1816 - Nov. Ct. 1816. Wife:
SALLY. Niece: SALLY YOUNG. WILLIAM GATLIN of Gates
Co. - all my land in that county - no relationship.
CHARITY HENRY - no relationship. Ex: WILLIAM
HARRISON. Wit: JAMES HARRIS, SEL(?) B. PIPPIN, JESSE
PEALE.

FRAZIER, SALLY

P. 331. April 28, 1825 - Nov. Ct. 1825. Sons and
Ex's: 1. ANCEL FERRELL, 2. JAMES FERRELL. Dau: EUNICE
EDWARDS. Wit: ARCHIBALD LAMON, PATSY MORGAN.

FREEMAN, JOHN - Nuncupative will

P. 157. Nov. 20, 1804 - May Ct. 1805. Mother:
MASSEY DENSON. Bro: MATHEW FREEMAN. Legatee: MILLS
WHITLEY. Sworn by EDWARD COOPER and JAMES TEWELL before
JOSEPH ARRINGTON, ESQ.

FREEMAN, WILLIAM G.

P. 540. July 3
HARRIET FREEMAN.
thought to have been
(apparently wife of
her child to share
Ex: Mother and sis
WILLIAM T. DORTCH.
BENJAMIN A. BLOUNT,

GANDY, EDWARD

P. 291. July 2
1. GRIFFIN GANDY -
164 A. on lines of
DAVID RICKS, 3. AMOS
2. ELIZABETH GANDY.
S. WESTRAY, JOHN MEY

GARDENER, GEORGE

P. 302. Mar. 24
SARAH. Sons: 1.
place on the lines
2. HOLMAN. Daus:
and 3. MARTHA AVENT
NATHAN WARD. DRUCI
nated as daughter b
ARRINGTON. Wit:
NATHANIEL CRUMP.

GAY, JOHN of Frankl.

P. 196. June 8
MARTHA. Sons: 1.
2. MILLS GAY. Dau
ELIAS GAY. Wit: 1
DAVID VINSON.

GILBERT, NATHAN

P. 192. July 16
CHARITY. Son: JOI
Daus: 1. SALLEY, 2.
REDMUND BUNN. Wit
Codicil July 16, 186

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AUTHOR'S FOREWORD

The region in which Nash County is located was settled soon after 1740 and was at that time a part of Edgecombe County. In November 1777, Nathan Boddie, a legislator from Edgecombe County, introduced a bill in the Assembly sitting at New Bern to create the new county. The act reads "Whereas the large extent of the county of Edgecombe renders it grievous and troublesome to many of the inhabitants thereof to attend Courts and General Elections and other Public Meetings appointed therein..." The county was named for General Francis Nash who was mortally wounded in the battle of Germantown.

The original southern boundary of the county was Contentnea Creek but, when Wilson County was formed in 1855, about one-fourth of its area was taken from the southern part of Nash County. Another change was made in 1871 when the line adjoining Edgecombe County was moved a slight distance to the east. It follows the roadbed of the present Atlantic Coast Line Railroad tracks.

This volume would not be complete without recognition being given to Mrs. Ruth S. Williams and Mrs. Margarette G. Griffin of Rocky Mount, N. C. and to Mr. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, N. C. for their interest and advice; to Mr. J. N. Sills, Clerk of Superior Court for Nash Co., and to Mrs. Catherine Griffin, Register of Deeds for Nash Co., for their assistance and patience.

Joseph W. Watson

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2. MOLLY, 3. ANN, 4. HULDA, 5. BETTY. Exrs: Son JOSEPH
DENSON and JOHN RICKS. Wit: WILSON VICK, MATHEW
WESTER, ARTHUR WESTER.

DENSON, MASEE (MASSEY?) (wid.?)

P. 294. Jan. 30, 1818 - Feb. Ct. 1818. Sons:
1. MATHEW FREEMAN, 2. HENRY FREEMAN. Daus: 1. MARTHA
WHITLEY, 2. SALLY SCREWS, 3. REBECCA TURNER, 4. MASSEE
HACKNEY, 5. ISABEL COOPER, wife of JAMES COOPER,
6. MARY COOPER, wife of BENJ. COOPER. Gr. chil: Chil.
of MARY and BENJ. COOPER: REBECCA, MASEE, MATHEW. Ex:
JOSEPH ARRINGTON. Wit: WILLIAM MCGREGOR, ALLEN DRAKE.

DERRING, JOHN

P. 500. Dec. 10, 1846 - Feb. Ct. 1847. Wife:
MARGARET. Sons: 1. JAMES, 2. EMELIUS - balance of
CHAMBLISS tract, 3. JOSIAH NICHOLAS DERRING - reversion
of land whereon I live and 56 A. of CHAMBLISS tract,
4. JOHN RANDOLPH DERRING - to be guardian for son JOSIAH.
Daus: 1. SOPHONIA, 2. MARY - these two to have BLOUNT
land. Son-in-law: JOHN D. P. WILKINSON. Ex: Son
JOHN RANDOLPH DERRING, NATHANIEL HARRISON, JOSHUA WATSON.
Wit: THOMAS W. AVENT (Clerk: M.), JOHN HARRISON.

DEW, DUNCAN

P. 160. Dec. 3, 1803 - Feb. Ct. 1805. Wife:
ELIZABETH. Dau: PATSEY - the HARDY BLACKWELL land
between Toisnot and Mill Branch, also 100 A. adjacent.
If PATSEY die without heir, property shall go to the
following: BETSEY D., NANCY, RODAH and OBEDIENCE
ROBBINS; DUNCAN and LARRY BONDS (BARNES?); LARRY and
DUNCAN DEW, sons of JOHN DEW. No relationship: RODIA
CROWELL (probably daughter) - the NATHAN COBBS BLUMERY
land on south side Great Swamp. Cousin: DUNCAN DEW.
Ex: JOHN DEW, SR., JOHN ROBBINS, SR. Wit: WILLIAM
SORSBY, MILLICENT STRICKLAND, W. R. HORN.

DEW, JOHN

P. 71. Dec. 30, 1790 - May Ct. 1791. Son: DUNKIN
(DUNCAN). Daus: 1. CATE ROBBINS - 300 A. lying on
Turkey Crk., loan certificates in hands of JOHN BONDS;
cattle in hands of ROBERT LANCASTER, HARTE LANCASTER
and BENJAMIN BUNN; 2. NANCY DEW - 640 A. where MATHEW

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DEANS, JOHN inventory by David M. Deans, exr., Feb. 25, 1847, May Term 1847 included twenty-four negroes. Sale held March 4, 1847, with the widow, John E. Deans, and Marcum H. Deans among the buyers. Account current, Feb. Term 1849.

DEANS, RHODA inventory by Marcum H. Deans, admr., May Term 1851. Sale held March 6, 1851, with John E. Deans principal buyer. Account current 1847-1851, Feb. Term 1854.

DEANS, ROBERT D. inventory of land included three tracts with a total of 697 acres in Nash and Wayne counties. Inventory of personal property and sale by Robert M. Cox, admr., Jan. 12, 1850, Feb. Term 1851. The widow, John B. Deans, and George H. Deans bought. Additional sales held Dec. 12, 1850 and June 12, 1851.

DEANS, SKIDMORE account current with John Deans, admr., Feb. Term 1859. Widow allowance paid.

DEANS, THOMAS inventory by Robert Creekman, exr., May 10, 1797, included 500 acres of land and five negroes. Account current mentioned orphan, John Deans.

relationship unknown
DENSON, BENJAMIN inventory by John Ricks, exr., Jan. 1782. Account current mentioned Mary Denson and son, Jethro Denson.

DENSON, BENJAMIN B. inventory by John E. Thorn, admr., Nov. 9, 1855, Nov. Term 1855. Sale held Sept. 25, 1855 with Mary Denson principal buyer. Account current, Feb. Term 1858. Allowance paid to Mary M. Denson.

DENSON, JETHRO inventory and sale by William Arrington, admr., Feb. 26, 1801, May Term 1801.

DENSON, MASSEE inventory and sale by Joseph Arrington, Jr., exr., Dec. 1, 1818. Jin Hackney, Mills, Whitley, and Henry Freeman were buyers.

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DEVENPORT (DAVENPORT), AMY inventory by Nathan Boddie, admr. Sale held Dec. 10, 1790 by William Arrington, Sheriff, with John Devenport a buyer.

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BY, deceased, March 14, 1820.

p. 189 SION BECKWITH was son of THOMAS BECKWITH,
March 8, 1820.

p. 191 BENJA. ATKINSON was administrator of the
estate of JOEL WILLIAMS, deceased, Oct. 21, 1820.

p. 192 JANE A. BATTLE, wife of CULLIN BATTLE of
Hancock Co., Ga., was formerly JANE A. LAMON, Sept.
26, 1820.

p. 192 Same as preceding deed, Sept. 26, 1820.

p. 193 Same as two preceding deeds, Sept. 26,
1820.

p. 193 HENRY BUNN and wife, ANN (NANCY) BUNN, of
Twiggs Co., Ga. sold land, June 1, 1819.

p. 194 Same as preceding deed, June 1, 1819.

p. 195 The interest of ARCHIBALD WHELESS in a
tract of land whereon MILBREY WHELESS then lived was
sold at public auction, Feb. 25, 1818.

p. 197 SAMUEL WEAVER and wife, WINNEFORD WEAVER,
deed of trust to JONATHAN WEAVER of Edgecombe Co.,
Feb. 28, 1818.

p. 198 JOHN EATMAN deed to RUFFIN EATMAN, Sept.
3, 1820.

p. 198 RUFFIN EATMAN was son of JOHN EATMAN,
Sept. 3, 1820.

p. 199 ISAAC HILLIARD of Halifax Co. bought land,
Nov. 7, 1820.

p. 200 ISAAC HILLIARD of Halifax Co. deed to
ROBERT C. HILLIARD of Nash Co., Nov. 8, 1820.

p. 200 HENRY FREEMAN of Robertson Co., Tenn. was
son of HENRY FREEMAN, deceased, whose wife was MASSEE
FREEMAN; the deed was signed as MATHEW FREEMAN, Nov.
24, 1819.

p. 202 WILLIAM BUNN of Twiggs Co., Ga. sold land
in Nash Co. to JOHN McDADE of Edgecombe Co., Jan. 11,
1818.

p. 203 WILLIAM BUNN of Twiggs Co., Ga. sold land,
Jan. 11, 1818.

p. 203 WINNEFRED WEAVER was probably wife of
SAMUEL WEAVER - cosigned deed, Aug. 14, 1820.

p. 204 SAMUEL SANDEFORD of Franklin Co. sold
land, Jan. 30, 1813.

p. 205 ARCHIBALD G. WHITFIELD sold part of a

FLOWERS, NANCY B., orphan of Henry Flowers. Returns 1847-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59 by Alfred Thompson, gdn. Was Nancy Clark in 1859.

FLOYD, DILLA, daughter of Sarah Floyd. Bond 1827, returns 1828-32 by Sally (Sarah) Floyd, gdn. Michael Collins former gdn.

FLOYD, PENUEL, son of Sarah Floyd. Bond 1827, returns 1828-32 by Sally (Sarah) Floyd, gdn. Michael Collins former gdn.

FLOYD, SARAH (SALLY), daughter of Sarah Floyd. Bond 1827, returns 1828-32 by Sally (Sarah) Floyd, gdn. Michael Collins former gdn.

FLOYD, SUSANNAH (SUSAN), daughter of Sarah Floyd. Bonds 1827-32, return 1834 by Sally (Sarah) Floyd, gdn.

FORT, MARGARET JANE. Bonds 1819-1824, return 1824 by Archibald Lamon, gdn.

FRAZIER, WILLIAM, orphan of Frederic Frazier. Bonds 1817-22-24, returns 1817-18-20-21-22-23-24 by Archibald Lamon, gdn.

FREEMAN, MARTHA D. Bond 1858 by Lucien N. B. Battle, gdn.

FREEMAN, MARY, orphan of Henry Freeman. Bond 1798 by Jethro Denson, gdn. Bond 1801 by Massey Denson, gdn.

FREEMAN, REBECCA, orphan of Henry Freeman. Bond 1798 by Jethro Denson, gdn.

GAY, JOHN, orphan of John Gay. Bond 1800, returns 1813-14-15-16-19-20 by Elias Gay, gdn.

GILBERT, NATHAN, orphan of Nathan Gilbert. Bond 1810, returns 1811-13-14-15-16-18 by Henry Ricks, gdn. Paid Mrs. Charity Gilbert for board.

GILBERT, PHEBE, orphan of Nathan Gilbert. Bond

admr., May 12, 1815. Sarah Floyd, Mary Floyd, and Elizabeth Floyd bought. Account current, 1816-1827. Residue divided among the widow, Sarah Floyd, and her two children, Aug. 13, 1827.

FORE, WILLIAM inventory by William Taylor, admr., Feb. 13, 1793, included 350 acres of land. Account current, Feb. Term 1801.

FOREHAND, DAVID sale by Barney Pearson, exr., Sept. 20, 1838, Nov. Term 1838. David Taylor, Matilda Derem, Elizabeth Ruffin, and the widow were buyers. Another sale held Nov. 1, 1838, with Calvin Parker principal buyer. Account current, Nov. Term 1840.

FRAZIER, ALEXANDER inventory by John Taylor, admr., Nov. Term 1817. This included 870 acres of land in Nash Co., 1710 acres in Franklin Co., 240 acres in Gates Co., and 75-1/2 acres in Wayne Co. for a total of 2895-1/2 acres; also, fifteen negroes and many notes due. Sales held Dec. 12, 1816 and Jan. 1, 1818. Account current, Feb. 9, 1820, mentioned Sally Frazier.

FRAZIER, SALLY inventory and sale by Ansel Ferrell and James Ferrell, exrs., Nov. 10, 1825, Feb. Term 1826.

FREEMAN, BRIAN H. inventory by Lucien N. B. Battle, admr., Aug. Term 1852. He had owned a store and had many notes and accounts due. Sale held Oct. 30, 1852, with the widow principal buyer. The admr. filed a complaint against Amariah Freeman, William G. Freeman, and Harriett G. Freeman in 1853. Account current, May Term 1858. Money was received from W. W. Boddie, admr. of James T. Williams, decd., partner in the firm of Freeman & Williams. Eighteen negroes were hired out, some to the Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad and one to the widow, Mrs. A. F. Freeman. Money was advanced to William G. Freeman.

FREEMAN, HENRY inventory by Masee Freeman, exrx., Dec. 31, 1796, Feb. Term 1797. Sale held April 8, 1797.

FREEMAN, HENRY inventory by Joseph P. Arring-

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