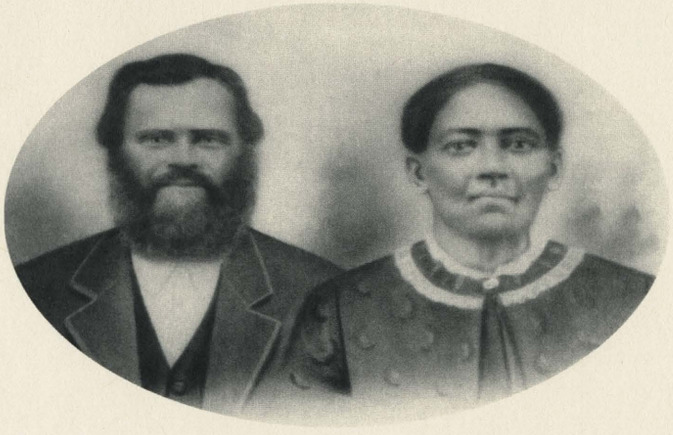
30th
Tucker-Dobson Family Reunion



Amy Penn Flippen Tucker
1840-1925
Wife of
David "Davy" Tucker
1820 - c.1880



Lewis Dobson
1824-1911

Caroline Dunnagan Dobson
Born 1832

"Remembering and Celebrating Our Heritage"

Mount Airy, North Carolina
June 19-21, 2009

30th
Tucker-Dobson
Family Reunion Keepsake Booklet

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Dear Family,

*It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Mount Airy, North Carolina and the **30th Tucker-Dobson Family Reunion**. Planning for your arrival has been exciting. We are so happy that you are here.*

*"**Remembering and Celebrating Our Heritage**" was chosen as our theme because we want to remember, honor and celebrate ancestors who lived, worked and worshipped in this area. It is from their example that we learned the importance of family, hard work and the desire to be productive members of society.*

*Six persons answered the call for material for the **Keepsake Booklet**: Odessa Dobson Hanes, Rosa Elaine Tucker Opoulos, Ronald Edward Scales, Daphne Smith Tucker, Emma Jean Tucker and Jesse David Tucker. We hope you enjoy reading their contributions.*

Reunion activities were planned with your enjoyment in mind. In between the fun and food, we want to take the opportunity to embrace, educate and encourage.

*The **Heritage Bus Tour** includes significant family spots to either take you where you've never been before or to give you a chance to revisit a place you have not seen for some time.*

***Heritage Theatre Night** has been designed to encourage and educate. A Candle Lighting Ceremony will be followed by two one-act plays. Barbara Jean Tucker Claytor will portray Amy Penn Flippen Tucker. Ronald Edward Scales will portray Lewis Dobson.*

Our goal has been to plan a family reunion that will ignite a spark in you to want to learn more about your history, create a desire in you to share a family story and to leave you with a sense of pride in who you are.

With love,
The 2009 Family Reunion Committee

City of Mount Airy

Office of the Mayor
JACK A. LOFTIS

May 29, 2009

Descendents of Lewis and Caroline Dobson
And
Descendents of David and Amy Tucker

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure for me to extend personally, as well as on behalf of the City of Mount Airy Board of Commissions and all of the residents of our area, a most cordial welcome to the City of Mount Airy.

Family reunions are occasions that renew the feelings of love, pride, and support that nurture our lives. Families are the cornerstone of our community. All families should be encouraged to continue strengthening their ties through gatherings and activities such as family reunions that involve as many members as possible.

We know your 30th year Tucker-Dobson Family Reunion, June 19-21, 2009 will be successful; and it is our hope that you will return in the near future, as a family and individually, to what we consider to be one of the finest cities in our State.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Loftis, Mayor
City of Mount Airy

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A Brief History of the Tucker-Dobson Reunion

The Tucker-Dobson Family Reunion was the brain child of Barbara Tucker Claytor. In 1980 as her mother's family, the Dobsons, was planning to get together in Beckley, West Virginia during the Easter weekend, Barbara had a bright idea. She thought it would be wonderful if her father's family, the Tuckers, could join them as well. They did and the rest is history.

Reunion Chronology

1980	**Beckley, West Virginia**
1981	**Mount Airy, North Carolina**
1982	**Beckley, West Virginia**
1983	**Mount Airy, North Carolina**
1984	**Beckley, West Virginia**
1985	**Winston-Salem, North Carolina**
1986	**Beckley, West Virginia**
1987	**Boonville, North Carolina**
1988	**Mount Airy, North Carolina**
1989	**Beckley, West Virginia**
1990	**Columbus, Ohio**
1991	**Newark, Delaware**
1992	**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**
1993	**Mount Airy, North Carolina**
1994	**Durham, North Carolina**
1995	**Virginia Beach, Virginia**
1996	**Boonville, North Carolina**
1997	**Beckley, West Virginia**
1998	**Los Angeles, California**
1999	**Winston-Salem, North Carolina**
2000	**Columbus, Ohio**
2001	**Chicago, Illinois**
2002	**Washington, DC**
2003	**Flint, Michigan**
2004	**Greensboro, North Carolina**
2005	**Los Angeles, California**
2006	**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
2007	**Cruise to the Bahamas**
2008	**Denver, Colorado**
2009	**Mount Airy, North Carolina**

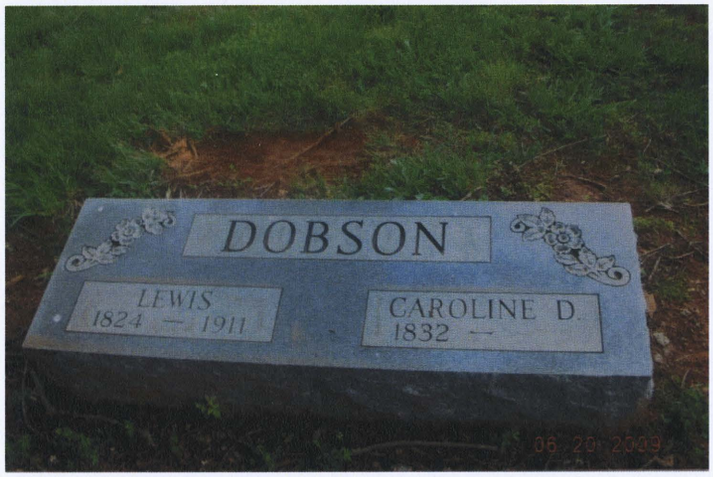


The Old Graveyard

Beneath the roots of tangled weeds,
Afar in country graveyards,
Lie the ones whose uncrowned heads
Have stamped this nation's destiny.

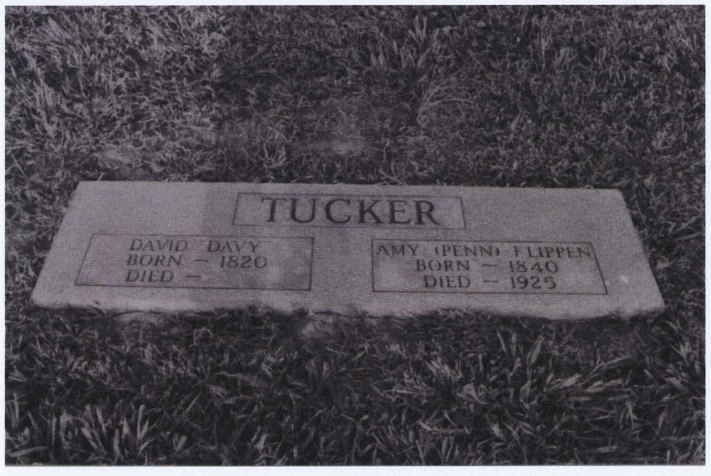
Beneath those tottering slabs of stone,
Whose tribute, moss and mold efface,
Sleeps the calm dust that made us great-
The true sub-stratum of our race.

~Sara John English~



Lewis and Caroline's Children

Peter
Lucy
Samuel
Pompey
John
Archie
Neal
Jack
James
Caroline
Mary



David and Amy's Children

Sarah
Benjamin
Charlie
Mary Ann
Emma

DO

NOT FORGET THE THINGS YOU

HAVE SEEN ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE;

MAKE THEM KNOWN TO YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR

CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

Deuteronomy 4:9
(NRSV)

The Chosen

My feelings are,
that in each family, one is called to find the ancestors, to put flesh on their bones and make them live again, To tell the family story and to feel that, somehow, they know and approve.
To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before.
We are the storytellers of the tribe.
We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: tell our story.
So we do.
And in finding them, we somehow find ourselves.
How many graves have I stood before and cried? I've lost count.
How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt, somehow, there was love there for me? I can't say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts.
It goes to who I am and why I do the things I do.
It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen.
It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving out. Their resoluteness to go on and build lives for their families.
It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a nation.
It goes to an understanding that they were doing it for us –
for the future that we might be born who we are-
that we might remember them.
So we do with love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence because we are them and they are us.

So, as scribes called, we tell the story of our families.
It will be up to the ones called in the next generation to answer the call and take their places in the long line of family storytellers.
That is why I do family genealogy,
and that is what calls those young and old
to step up and put flesh on the bones.

~Author Unknown~

Sharing Family Stories

Each generation creates a well of wisdom, stories of a lifetime that should be shared with the next generation. But with everyone living such busy lives, and with families spread across the world, we seldom take time to convey the stories that connect us with our past and future generations.

Memoir writing is one way to ensure that our children and grandchildren have a link to their family's past. It's a process of capturing stories you remember being told as a child, as well as the ones you create in your own life, and putting them in an enduring format.

Writing memoirs should be fun, not something that makes you anxious. Remember, you are writing for people you love. You get to choose what stories to include and what to leave out. Nobody is standing in the wings with a red pen to make corrections. These are your stories, which can be read and appreciated for years to come. It is the wisdom you have gained, the legacy of your own life that you are compiling for posterity.

Memoir writing should begin by breaking down the process into bite-sized pieces, manageable pieces, making it a project you look forward to completing. Here are three ideas to help you get started.

Use photographs—Go through your old boxes of photos and albums. Choose 10 of your favorite photographs representing different time periods in your life. Take each photo and write down the details recalled and memories evoked by the picture. Describe the people, the place, the emotions of the day, and time when that particular memory was captured on film. Recreate as many details as possible. Attach the photo to the paper you wrote the story on. After you have completed all 10, have them made into a spiral bound book at your local copy center.

Create your family tree—Draw a family tree, beginning with your great-grandparents. After you have listed everyone on the tree and shown how each person is related, write a story describing each person you listed.

Create a timeline—Label one blank sheet of paper for each decade you have lived—zero to 10 years on the first page, 11 to 20 years on the second page, and so on. On each page, choose two memories from that particular decade and make a note, including the year, your age, and the event. Continue the process through each decade. Once you have finished, go back through your notes and write a story describing each event. You can even invite other relatives to make notes on the timeline to help trigger more details of the memories you are working to describe.

The most precious gift you can give to anyone is yourself—your stories are ones that will be shared for generations to come. Take the time now to ensure the past is remembered in the future. Remember to start small, work one project at a time. Before you know it, you'll have volumes of family memories ready to share.

~ by **Tricia Sanders** from *American Profile,* ***March 2009*** ~



Slave Cabin

Amy Penn Flippen Tucker May Have Lived Here

This slave cabin was located on the property of a man named Raleigh White Flippen who came to Surry County from the state of Virginia in 1858. He lived in the area now known as Lowgap.

Amy was born in Virginia. The 1860 Slave Schedule indicates that Raleigh White Flippen had three slaves: 1 female, age 17; 1 male, age 13; 1 female baby, 6 months old. It is possible that the 17 year old was Amy Penn Flippen Tucker and that the 6 month old baby was her first child, Sarah. If not Amy's cabin, she probably lived in a similar one.

The cabin was saved by a family living in Lowgap and stands today in the yard near their home.



These daffodils grew beside the slave cabin.

Note: A more thorough search for additional information about Amy is planned.

Edward Willie Tucker

(1901-1965)

I was about 8 years old when Uncle Willie moved back to Mount Airy, North Carolina. He built a shoe repair shop across the road from us right beside our grandparents' house. Not only did he repair shoes, he did other leather work, such as making belts, ladies' purses and wallets, using an array of colors and patterns. He had a design for every taste. He did custom orders as well.

Uncle Willie was a skilled worker. He used wood inlay in making various picture frames, chests, jewelry boxes and "what nots". Perhaps his most famous wood product was the "Mule Cigarette Dispenser." You could pull the mule's ear down and his tail would raise up and dispense a cigarette. He made a male version, Jack, and a female version, Jenny. Uncle Willie also made a cigarette dispenser in the form of a camel and a duck, but the mules were the most popular. He would make a batch of 10-15 mules at a time. Sometimes he would mail them to relatives "up north" to sell for him because they would sell faster and bring more money than they did locally. He was very resourceful, "shifty" as they say.

Uncle Willie was always working on something in his shoe shop. It seemed that he could fix anything: leather repair, wood repair, pick a lock and even repair clocks. There was a lot for a wide-eyed, 8 year old boy to see. If only I could get my hands on them, I knew that I could help; but I asked a thousand questions and got in the way. Uncle Willie would say, "You monkey too much." But he did allow me to stand at the door and watch him work.

On the back wall of Uncle Willie's shop was a small cage where he kept a pet, red squirrel that he had raised from a baby. The red squirrel came from West Virginia. Uncle Willie would sometimes let the squirrel out of its cage. The squirrel would sit on his arm and shoulder. Sometimes the squirrel would go out the window and then return to his cage. One day Uncle Willie let the squirrel go outside but he never returned. Every time we went into the woods, we looked for the red squirrel but he was never seen again.

Uncle Willie had a wooden leg, the result of an accident. He was not satisfied with the fit of his first wooden leg so he made himself new and improved leg. Over the years, he was commissioned to make several wooded legs for other people.

Uncle Willie died in 1965 but memories of him are etched in my mind and heart forever.

by

~Jesse David Tucker~
Son of James Boston Tucker and Rosa Green Tucker
Grandson of Charlie and Ollie Grogan Tuckr
Great-Great-Grandson of Davy and Amy Penn Flippen Tucker
Great-Great-Grandson of Lewis and Caroline Dunnagan Dobson

Finding Lewis and Caroline Dunnagan Dobson

It was the work of my cousin, Barbara Jean Tucker Claytor, that inspired me to learn more about my ancestors. In 1984, Barbara published a booklet of information about the descendents of Davy and Amy Penn Flippen Tucker and Lewis and Caroline Dunnagan Dobson. I focused on Lewis and Caroline because they are my paternal great-great-grandparents.

Joining the Surry County Genealogical Society set the stage for my research. With the enthusiasm and encouragement from its members, I set out to learn all I could about Lewis and Caroline.

I learned from the records at Moody Funeral Home that Lewis died on October 4, 1911 and that he was buried in the Stoney Knoll Community. But where?

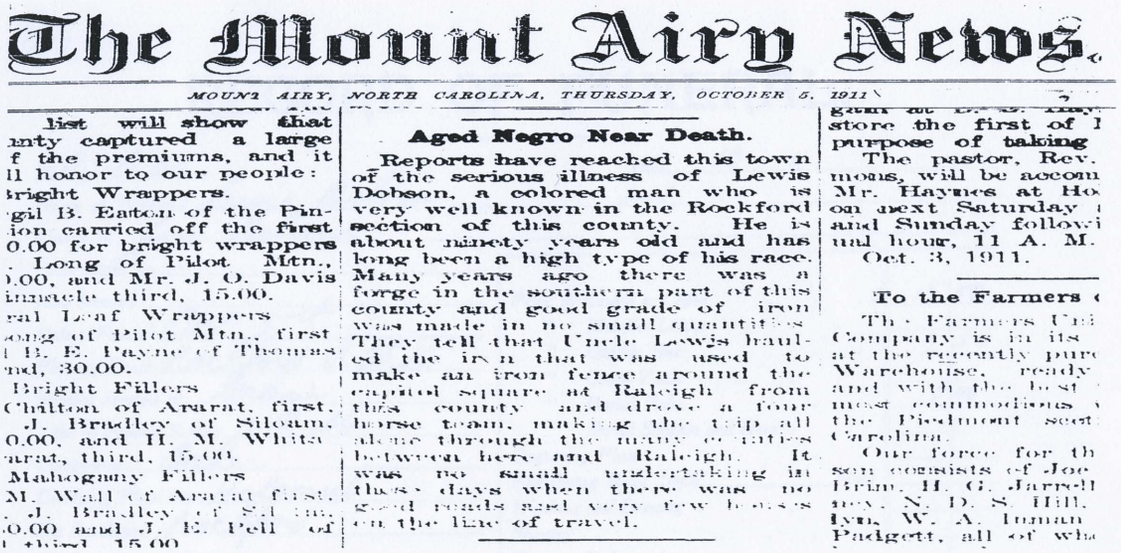
One summer day, my cousin, Ollie Mae Dobson Rawley, was visiting her mother when I talked with her about Lewis Dobson, her great-great grandfather. To my delight, she remembered that when she was growing up, her father, Ernest Dobson, would take her and her siblings in the old Plymouth car which had rumple seat to clean off great-great grandfather Lewis' gravesite. She remembered that the site was near a little white church in Stoney Knoll.

I went up and down the roads in Stoney Knoll looking for a little white church. I had gone several times but had not been successful. Then, one day while I was there, I saw a mailman and asked him about the little white church. He did not know but told me that the elderly gentleman, Mr. Wilbur Doss, who lived right down the road, would surely know. When I told Mr. and Mrs. Doss why I was there, Mr. Doss informed me that the little white church had been replaced with a little brick church. Mr. Doss confirmed that Blacks--Lewis and Caroline--were buried in the cemetery but was not quite sure just where. He sent me to see Mr. Woodrow Coe, another elderly man who lived on Rockford Road. Mr. Coe was unable to go with me to the cemetery but told me that Mr. Jim Perkins, a younger member of the church, would show me where the Blacks were buried.

Mr. Perkins met me at the church the next morning at 10:00. He walked me over to the big old oak trees at the edge of the cemetery. He did not have to say a single word because the indentations were right there before my eyes. There were five grave sites -- Lewis, Caroline and I am thinking three of their children who died when they were young. I cannot remember just how I felt emotionally at that moment. I do remember that my feet would not be still. I just walked around and around the grave sites feeling a sense of relief and peace. At last, I had found Lewis and Caroline.

by

~Ronald Edward Scales~
Son of John and Leola Pettigrew Scales
Grandson of Joseph and Emma Caroline Dobson Scales
Great-Great-Grandson of Lewis and Caroline Dunnagan Dobson



The Mount Airy News.

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1911

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Aged Negro Near Death.

Reports have reached this town of the serious illness of Lewis Dobson, a colored man who is very well known in the Rockford section of this county. He is about ninety years old and has long been a high type of his race. Many years ago there was a forge in the southern part of this county and good grade of iron was made in no small quantities. They tell that Uncle Lewis hauled the iron that was used to make an iron fence around the capitol square at Raleigh from this county and drove a four horse team, making the trip all alone through the many counties between here and Raleigh. It was no small undertaking in those days when there was no good roads and very few horses on the line of travel.

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Note: According to Moody Funeral Home records, Lewis passed away on October 4, 1911, one day before the newspaper was released.

~Newspaper copy provided by Ronald Edward Scales~

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RECORD OF FUNERAL.

No. 8 X A V Date 10 - 4 1911

Name of Deceased Lewis Dobson col

Charge to Jim Dobson

Order Given by " "

How Secured

Date of Funeral Oct 5th

Place of Death Rockford R F D 2

Funeral Services at Grave

Time of Funeral Service 2 P. M.

Clergyman Baker

Certifying Physician Holcomb

His Residence Rockford

Number of Burial Certificate

Cause of Death Old age

Date of Death Oct 4th

Occupation of the Deceased Farmer

Single or Married Widower Religion M. E.

Aged 87 Years, 10 Months, 9 Days.

Body to be shipped to

Size and Style of Casket or Coffin 2 B. [illegible]

Manufactured by Ronkin

Metallic Lining

Outside Box pine

Number of Handles 6

Interment at Stony Knoll Cemetery.

Lot or Grave No. Section No.

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(Diagram of Lot.)

Designate all Graves in Lot with Numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.), and mark space for this Funeral with a cross (✱).
Designate place for Monument with a small square (□).
Use space to the right of Diagram for the names of those buried in Lot.

Price of Casket or Coffin	$ 15 00
" Metallic Lining	
" Outside Box	2 50
" Grave Vault	
" Burial Robe	5 00
" Burial Slippers and Hose	
Engraving Plate	
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Keeping Body on Ice	
Disinfecting Rooms	
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" Folding Chairs	
" Candelabrum	
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Death Notices in Newspapers.	
(Names of Newspapers.)	
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~Funeral Record provided by Ronald Edward Scales~

Odessa Dobson Hanes
Daughter of Wiseman Dobson
Married to Eugene L. Hanes, Sr.
Resides in Columbia, Maryland

Sons
of
Odessa Dobson Hanes and Eugene L. Hanes, Sr.

~

Wendell L. Hanes
Married to Lesley Hanes
Daughter: Jasmine, age 4
Graduate of Brown University
Culture Media Degree
Resides in New York, New York
Profession: Producer, Composer, Editor, Publisher
Web sight: www.volitionsound.com

~

Monte Hanes
Graduate of University of Maryland
Resides in Louisville, Kentucky
Married to Major Jeri Hanes, West Point Graduate
(currently serving in Iraq as a prosecutor for the Army)

~

Eugene Hanes, Jr.
Studied at Howard Community College
Daughter: Jordan, age 8
Profession: Producer, Writer
Produced million best seller that went platinum

Submitted
by
Odessa Dobson Hanes
~Daughter of Wiseman Dobson~

Grandpa Charlie

(1866-1953)

After slavery, my great-grandmother, Amy Penn Flippen Tucker, lived in a log cabin in the Pine Ridge Community with her children and husband, David. She cooked in black, iron pots over an open fire. She never ever cooked on a regular stove.

To earn money for her family, great-grandmother Amy washed clothes for people in the community. The Felix Johnson Family was one of the families for whom she washed and ironed clothing. Her routine was to walk through the woods, back of her home, to the Johnson farm every Monday to get the dirty laundry and return home. During the week she would wash and iron the clothes. On Saturday, she would deliver the clean clothes to the Johnson family.

Around 1885 Mr. Johnson's cow had a calf. In those days it was important to have a cow/calf for milk and butter for the family. My great-grandmother knew that her family would soon be in need of a cow so she approached Mr. Johnson about the new calf on his farm. Mr. Johnson agreed to give her the calf. In exchange for the calf, he asked that her son, Charlie, work for him for six months.

My grandpa, Charlie Tucker, was only nine years old but went willingly to work for Mr. Johnson. Grandpa pulled weeds, feed the chickens, gathered eggs, grazed the cow, picked up rocks and took firewood into the house. He just did whatever needed to be done.

Grandpa lived in the barn. He ate in the barn or under a nearby tree. He had enough to eat and the Johnsons were good to him. He did not mind the work but looked forward to seeing his mother twice a week when she came to the Johnson House. He could hear his mother coming through the woods and would run to meet her. She always had a biscuit in her apron pocket for him. Grandpa said that the biscuit tasted like cake to him.

At that early age, Grandpa understood the importance of family members working together and supporting each other. His willingness to do his part showed love of family, obedience and commitment.

Grandpa developed strong morals, perseverance and a profound sense of work ethics that he passed down to his children and his children's children. As his granddaughter, I am grateful, proud and honored to continue his legacy.

by

~Rosa Elaine Tucker Opoulos~

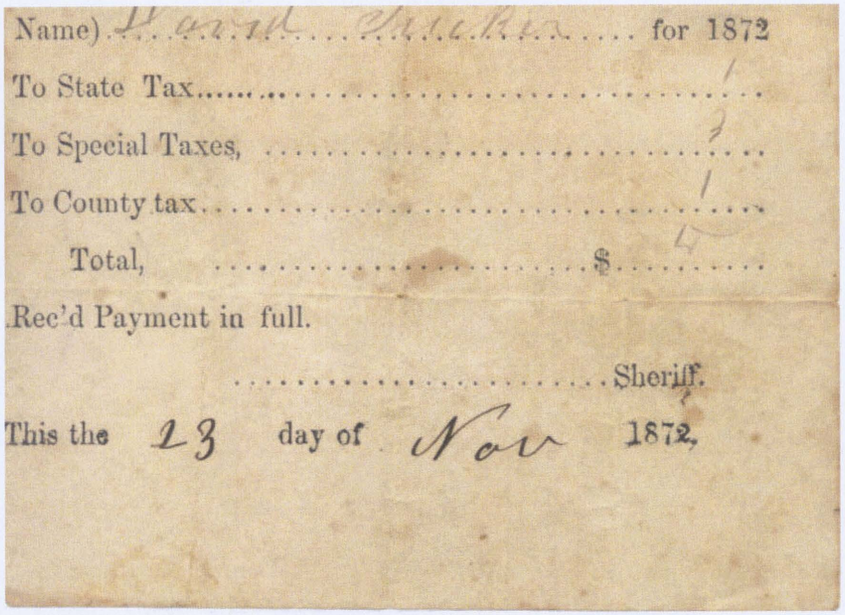
(as told to her by her late mother, Rosa Lee Green Tucker)

Daughter of James and Rosa Green Tucker

Granddaughter of Charlie and Ollie Grogan Tucker

Great-granddaughter of David and Amy Penn Flippen Tucker

Great-Granddaughter of Lewis and Caroline Dunnagan Dobson



Name) David Tucker for 1872

To State Tax 1

To Special Taxes, ... 2

To County tax 1

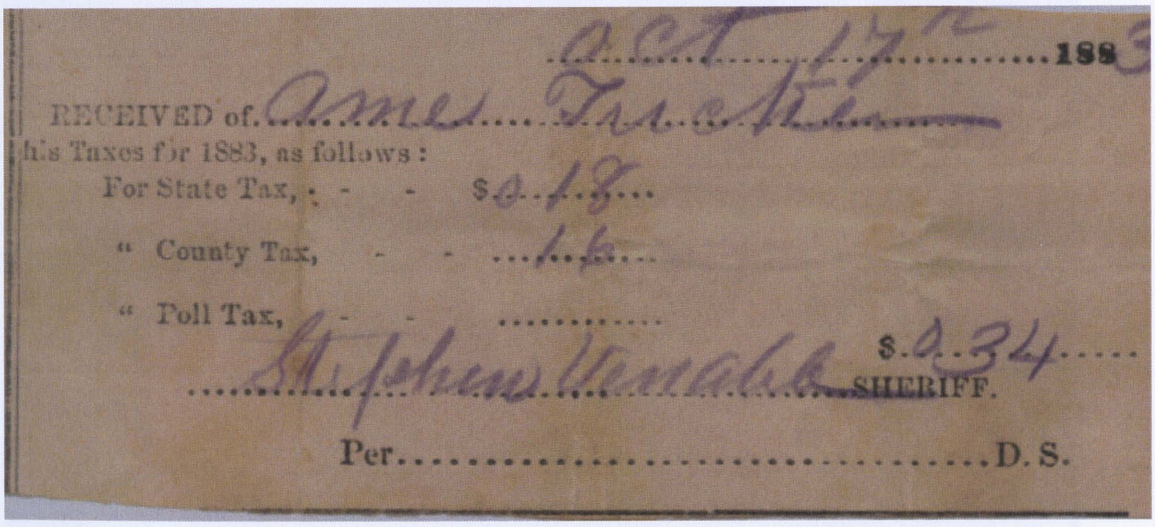
Total, ... $ 4

Rec'd Payment in full.

..... Sheriff.

This the 13 day of Nov 1872,

This November 13, 1872 receipt
shows that David Tucker paid taxes in the amount of $5.00.



Oct 17 1883

RECEIVED of Amos Tucker

his Taxes for 1883, as follows:

For State Tax, - - $ .12

" County Tax, - - .22

" Poll Tax, - - .....

$.34

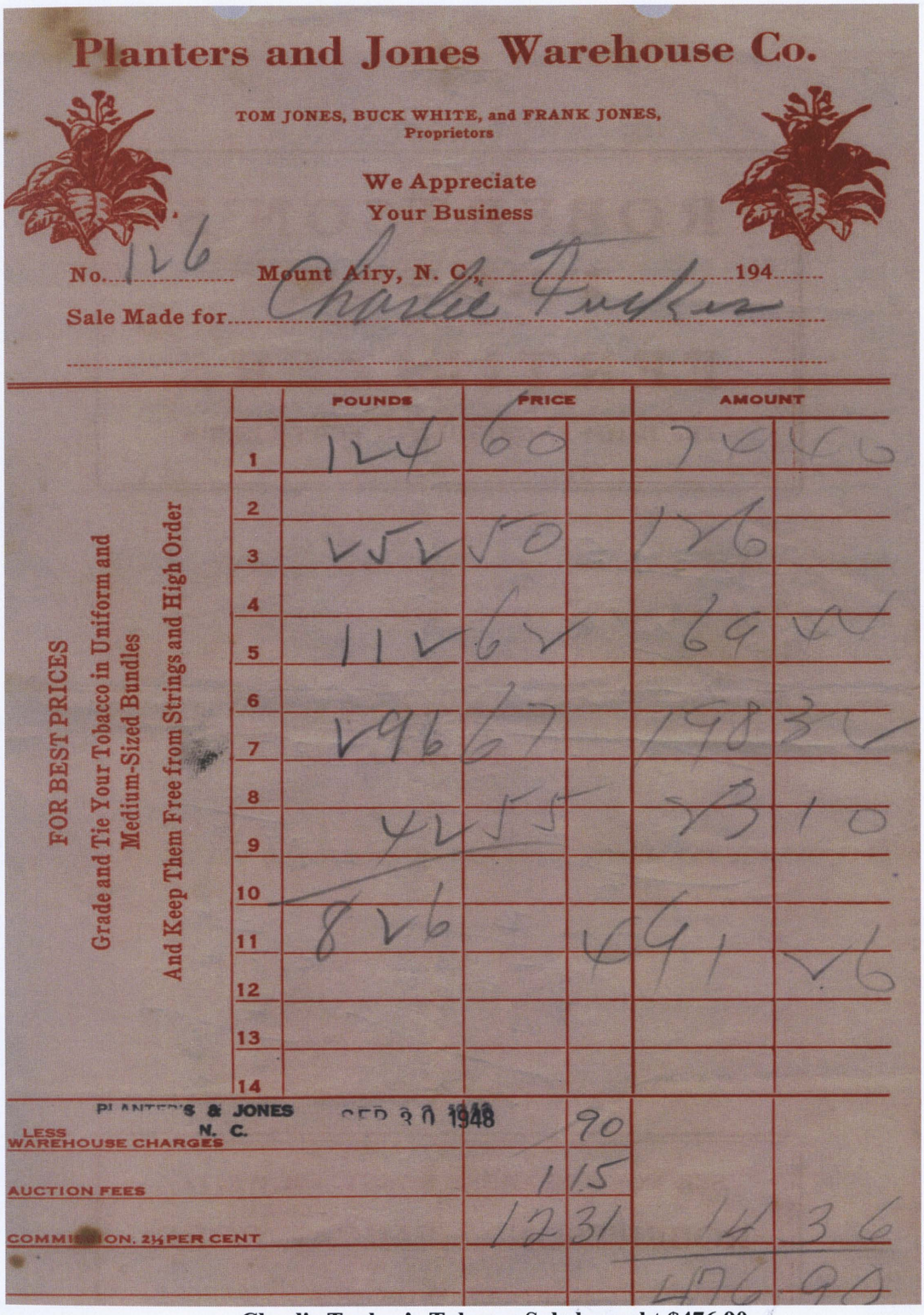
W. Johns Deputy SHERIFF.

Per ..... D. S.

On October 17, 1883 Amy Tucker Paid Taxes In the Amount of $.34.

~Submitted by Emma Jean Tucker~

Granddaughter of Charlie and Ollie Grogan Tucker
Granddaughter of Walter and Alice Dobson Green
Great-Great Granddaughter of David and Amy Penn Flippen Tucker
Great-Great Granddaughter of Lewis and Caroline Dunnagan Dobson



Planters and Jones Warehouse Co.

TOM JONES, BUCK WHITE, and FRANK JONES,
Proprietors

We Appreciate
Your Business

No. 126 Mount Airy, N. C., 194

Sale Made for Charlie Tucker

FOR BEST PRICES
Grade and Tie Your Tobacco in Uniform and Medium-Sized Bundles
And Keep Them Free from Strings and High Order

	POUNDS	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	124	60	74 46
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3	222	50	111
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PLANTERS & JONES N. C.

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LESS WAREHOUSE CHARGES	90	
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Charlie Tucker's Tobacco Sale brought $476.90
September 30, 1948

~Submitted by Emma Jean Tucker~

~In Loving Memory~

At the rising of the sun and its going down,

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of the winter,

We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live.

They are part of us,

We remember them.

~

-Gates of Prayer-

Some Advice From A Father...

Ancestry

When speaking of our Ancestry
My mother's eyes would shine,
And proudly she would tell us all,
"You're of the Tutor line."

But Father with a smile would say,
"While bearing that in mind,
You keep your eyes on goals ahead;
Not those that lie behind."

"You have a noble ancestry,
But all are dead and gone,
'tis you who have to prove your worth,
Not those who've journeyed on.

And back along that Tutor line,
'tis sorry truth I state,
There may be some you can't approve,
And even some you'd hate.

The way to prove your ancestry
Is what you are yourself;
Not by the charted Family Tree
In book upon the shelf.

So try to be an ancestor
Within the time allowed,
Of whom your children's children
In the future can be proud."

~author unknown~
(from The Country Register of Wisconsin)

THINGS LEARNED IN NORTH CAROLINA
(*Intended To Make You Smile*)

- A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road.
- There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 of them live in North Carolina.
- There are 10,000 types of spiders, all 10,000 of them live in North Carolina.
- If it grows, it'll stick ya. If it crawls, it'll bite cha.
- "Onced" and "twiced" are words.
- It is not a shopping cart, it's a buggy.
- "Jaw-P?" means, "Did y'all go to the bathroom?
- People actually grow and eat okra.
- "Fixinto" is one word.
- There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there is supper.
- Iced tea is appropriate for all meals, and you start drinking it when you're two. We do like a little tea with our sugar.
- Backwards and forward means, "I know everything about you."
- The word "Jeet" is actually a phrase meaning, "Did you eat?"
- You don't have to wear a watch because it doesn't matter what time it is. You work until you're done or it's too dark to see.
- You don't PUSH buttoms; you MASH em.
- You only own five spices: salt, pepper, Texas Pete, Tabasco and ketchup.
- The local newspapers cover the national and international news on one page, but require 6 pages for local gossip and high school football.
- Going to Walmart is a favorite past time known as "going Walmartin" or "off to Wally World."
- You describe the first cool snap (below 70 degrees) as good hog killin' weather.
- Fried catfish is the other white meat.
- You know all four seasons: Almost summer, summer, still summer and Christmas.

- You don't have to wear a watch, because it does not matter what time it is. You work until you're done or it's too dark to see.

~Submitted by Daphne Smith Tucker~
Wife of Jesse David Tucker

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM CAROLINA COUNTRY IF...

...You made a toothbrush from a sassafras stem.

...The most important day to go to church was homecoming.

...You ate banana sandwiches with cold milk.

...You go see if the mailman has run.

...You pleated a sheet of paper to make a fan.

...As a kid, you rode a tobacco stick for a horse and hitched him up with a piece of baler twine.

...For fun, you and your siblings would ride in the tobacco slide to the field and walk back to the barn.

...You know what a horse egg is.

...You are at work and it starts to rain, but you know your neighbors will get your clothes off the line.

...Your Mama tied raw potatoes on your feet to break a fever.

...You didn't know you were poor because everyone else was just as poor as you were.

...You know the difference between a whippin' and a whoppin'.

...You made a kite out of newspaper and two pine tree sticks.

...You remember when $3.50 would fill your gas tank.

...Everyone ate at home.

...You found a still and knew enough to keep your mouth shut.

...You look forward to Good Friday so you can plant the garden.

...You ask for sweet milk in a restaurant.

~Taken from the Carolina County Magazine~
(Intended To Make You Smile More)

30th TUCKER-DOBSON FAMILY REUNION
Mount Airy, North Carolina
June 19-21, 2009

Itinerary

Friday, June 19

3:00 - 5:30pm	**Registration – 2029 Rockford Street (Highway 601)**
6:00 –7:30pm	**Fish Fry** **105 Tucker Road** **Telephone**: 336-789-4304

Saturday, June 20

8:30-9:15am	**Registration – Hampton Inn**
9:30am	**Heritage Bus Tour** Buses will leave from parking lot of the Surry County Human Services Building, 1218 State Street. Located behind Kentucky Fried Chicken (across the street from the Hampton Inn) **Attire**: Family Reunion T-Shirt
1:30-4:30pm	**Dobson House** **539 Parker Road** Picnic Games Family Memorabilia Table (*old items, old photo albums, newspaper clippings, Grandpa's eye glasses, etc.)*
6:30-8:00pm	**Heritage Theatre** **Museum Annex** **144 W. Oak Street** *Candle Lighting Ceremony* *Barbara Tucker Claytor as Amy Penn Flippen Tucker* *Ronald Scales as Lewis Dobson*

Sunday, June 21

10:00am -11:30am	**Worship Service – Hampton Inn** *Special Recognitions* *Family Meeting* **Attire**: Casual
3:30pm – 5:30pm	**Caribbean Party** **105 Tucker RoadAttire**: Comfortable and Colorful

Registration & Friday Night Fish Fry



Friday Night Fish Fry



Heritage Bus Tour



Saturday Picnic



30th Tucker-Dobson Family Reunion
Heritage Theater



Amy Penn Flippen Tucker
1840-1925



Lewis and Caroline Dobson
1824-1911 Born 1832

Presiding	*Daphne Smith Tucker* *Emma Jean Tucker*
Welcome	*Brenda Tucker Martin*
Recitation	*Xavier Scott, Age 4*
Prayer	*Reverend Kathy Dobson*
Song	*"I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free"*
One-Act Play	*Barbara Claytor as Amy Penn Flippen Tucker*
Medley of Negro Spirituals	*Elaine Joyce-Norris* *Gloria Hatcher Richardson*
Song	*"Nobody Knows the Trouble I See"*
One-Act Play	*Ronald Scales as Lewis Dobson*
Amazing Grace	*Elaine Joyce-Norris* *Gloria Hatcher Richardson*

Candle Lighting Service

God	*Hazel Dobson Williams*
Faith	*Alexis Oates*
Family	*James Armstrong*
Love	*Rodney Rosser*
Hope	*Frances Dobson Dariety*
Courage	*Valerie Tucker Hendon*
Perseverance	*Jane Green*

Prayer	*Reverend Douglas Gwyn*
"This Little Light of Mine"	*Elaine Joyce-Norris & Audience*


Faith

30th Tucker-Dobson Family Reunion

Sunday Morning Service

June 21, 2009

Presiding	Angel Lightfoot
Prayer	Eric Hendon
Song	Elaine Joyce-Norris Gloria Hatcher Richardson

Moment of Silence
for
Deceased Family Members

Message	William "Sonny" Tucker
Solo	Elaine Joyce-Norris
Recognitions	Rosa Elaine Tucker Opoulos Dreama Gray MaKayla Williams
Words of Thanksgiving	2009 Reunion Committee
Family Reunion 2010	Jeanette Williams

Remarks

Closing Prayer	Virginia Corbin Tucker
Song	"Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand"

Sunday Morning



Caribbean Party



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to
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The 2009 Reunion Committee

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Dear Family,

We are so happy that you came to the annual family reunion and thankful that you returned home safely. Thank you for bringing the children. They were a beautiful sight to see.

Though you came from many points on the globe, we are all tied together by an extraordinary bond - family. Some of us are descendants of Lewis and Caroline Dunnagan Dobson. Others of us are descendants of David and Amy Penn Flippen Tucker. Some of us are descendants from both lines. It is truly a blessing that we have come together to celebrate our ancestors, in peace and love, for thirty years.

We were pleased to host the family reunion and we thank you for your many kind remarks. We also appreciate your kind suggestions. We had name tags to distribute on Saturday but forgot. We had some interactive activities planned but ran out of time and steam. There were some things we wanted to say that were left unsaid. Some things just fell through the cracks. We thank you for your understanding.

The positive aspect of being late with the Reunion Keepsake Booklet is that it includes pictures from this year's reunion. The photographs were provided by Darlene Scales Alton, James Alton, Barbara Jean Tucker Claytor, Kitty Dior, Jean An Distefano, Betty Hickman Fralin, Dreama Tucker Gray and Rosa Elaine Tucker Opoulos. This booklet is a gift. One copy is being given to each family.

We hope your memories of the family reunion are warm and tender ones, and that the good Lord will bless and keep you until we meet again.

We look forward to seeing you in Columbus, Ohio in 2010.

Love,
The Family Reunion Committee

~Simple Inspirations~

-"If you do not know your grandfather, you do not know who you are."
~August Wilson

-"...of all the nostalgias that haunt the human heart, the greatest of them all is the everlasting longing to bring what is youngest home to what is oldest."
~Laureens van der Post

-"The best thing to do behind one's back is to pat it." -Unknown

-"When one helps another, both are strong." ~German Proverb

-"You give a great gift to others by sharing your stories and passing on some of the wisdom you have gathered over the course of your life."
~from *Life Stories*

-"You must try to generate happiness within yourself. If you are not happy in one place, chances are you won't be happy anyplace." ~Ernie Banks

-"Our story begins at home." ~Unknown

-"You cannot throw a loved one out of your heart and mind." -Betsey Salunek

-"If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." ~Dolly Parton

-"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." ~Thomas Edison

-"Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never happen." ~James Russell Lowell

-"The best gift we can give our family is a history lesson."
~Jesse David Tucker