CHILDREN's MARRIAGES.

NAMES.	Month.	Day.	Year.	
Lewis W. Bray was born	April	29	1818	
Clarissa Jane Roberts was born	Dec.	6	1819	1879
Lewis W. Bray & Clarissa Jane Roberts were married	Sept	26	1844	
Hulda Bray was Born	June	12	1845	
[illegible] Born	July	2	1851	
[illegible] Born	Oct.	16	1853	
[illegible] Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible] Bray Deceased	Aug.	14	1854	
[illegible] Bray Born	Sept.	23	1855	
Clarissa J. Bray departed this Life Nov		24	1879	
[illegible] Powell departed Life Nov		28	1902	
[illegible]	Oct	29	1917	

* Mary E. Bray departed life Oct. 29, 1917

NORTH CAROLINA, Avery **County.**

I, Lacy N. Snow do hereby certify that J. K. Bowles and his wife E. G. Bowles his wife, personally appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed of mortgage; and the said E. G. Bowles being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily; without fear or compulsion of her said husband, or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. ~~Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.~~

This March 31st day of 1887

Lacy N. Snow

Justice of the Peace

NORTH CAROLINA, **County.**

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me, by

the grantor, for the purposes therein expressed. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered. This

day of 188.

NORTH CAROLINA, **County.**

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day proven before me, by the oath and examination of

the subscribing witness thereto. Let the same, with this certificate be registered. this day of 188,

NOTE:—The foregoing certificates may be used by either the Clerk of a Court of Record, a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public. When used by a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the words, "*Let the same, with this Certificate be Registered,*" must be stricken out. The Justice or the Notary must insert before the date the words, "*Witness my hand and private seal.*" The letters "J. P." or the words, "Notary Public," and the scroll seal, must be placed after the name of the Magistrate, or that of the Notary.

NORTH CAROLINA, Avery **County.**

The foregoing certificate of L. N. Snow a Justice of the Peace of Avery County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument with the certificates, be registered. Witness my hand and official seal, this 4th day of April 1887.

R. L. Hodgen Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for registration at 10 o'clock A. M., April 4th, 1887 and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Avery County in book No. 4 page 509

April 7 1887

W. H. Franson

Register of Deeds,

MORTGAGE DEED.

James K. Bowles et al
Elizabeth G. Bowles
TO
H. C. Hampton

Book Page

FEES:

Probate, Certificate and Seal Justice & Notary, 20
" Clerk, 1.00
State Tax, Registration, 1.00
Fees paid 2.20

Received of H. C. Hampton Administrator of J. G. Bowles fifty eight dollars and 67 cents the full face of this mortgage and note which is recorded in the same this 3 June 1897

N. C. Hampton

721

Number 390-A.

Mortgage Deed—General Form.—Printed and for sale at Harrell's Printing House, Weldon, N. C.—1, 10, '87, 3000.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and eight Seven between James R Bowles and his wife Elizabeth C Bowles of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina of the first part, and H C Hamilton of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina, of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty one dollars & 05/100 Dollars in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have BARGAINED and SOLD, CONVEYED and CONFIRMED, and by these presents do Bargain, Sell, Convey and Confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all the following described piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina and known and designated as follows, viz: Three undivided Shares in the tract of Land known as the Milly Bowles tract of land on which she lived at the time of her death and which land descended to the heirs of said Milly Bowles deceased, the said three Shares being the Share of J R Bowles and the Share of John Bowles bought by J R Bowles & the Share of Lydia J Pilson each share being one fifth of said land, said tract of land adjoining the lands of Joshua Venable T W Harding heirs Wm Bain & others lying on Fisher River for more particular description see title deed to Milly Bowles

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto in anywise appertaining to him the said H C Hamilton his heirs and assigns FOREVER. And the said J R Bowles & E C Bowles parties of the first part, doth COVENANT with the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, as follows:

First, That they are the owners and lawfully seized of said premises. Second, That they have good right to convey the same. Third, That the same is free from all encumbrances whatever. And Fourth, That the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the same, and that they will WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same against all lawful claims.

PROVIDED, NEVERTHELESS, That if the said James R Bowles & E C Bowles of the first part, their heirs, executors and administrators, shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid to the said H C Hamilton party of the second part his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, the sum of Sixty one 05/100 Dollars, according to the condition of a certain Bond of even date herewith, payable To H C Hamilton one half to be due in 12 months from date & the other half in two years from date Then this Deed to be Null and Void: otherwise to be in full force and effect. But if default shall be made in the payment of the said sum of money, or the interest, or any part thereof, at the time hereinbefore specified for the payment thereof, the said party of the first part, in such case do hereby authorize and fully empower the said party of the second part his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, upon written notice to party of first part for 20 days, that prompt payment is expected, and in default thereof, sale will be made under the powers of this Mortgage, to sell the said hereby granted premises at public outcry at said Bowles residence after first advertising the same thirty days and convey the same to the purchaser in fee simple, and out of the moneys arising from such sale, to retain the principal and interest which shall then be due on the said Bond together with all costs and charges, and pay the surplus (if any) to the said party of the first part their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

In Testimony whereof, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Jacy P. Jones

J. R. Bowles (SEAL.)

E. C. Bowles her + (SEAL.)

Hansem
Brays
Will

Will
Also paid
$10 for to Payne

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Recorded

In the name of god Amen I Haven Bray
of the County of Surry & State of North Carolina
Being Weak in body but sound in mind & taking
To mind the certainty of death & the uncertainty of
Life & ~~death~~ and being desirous to dispose of such
Worldly estate as it has been pleased god to bless me
with do make & constitute this my last will and
Testament in manner & form as follows first I
resign my Spirit to the God that gave it & my body
I resign to the ground from whence it was taken
To be decently buried by my friends doubting nothing but that
I shall receive it again in the resurrection at the
Last day secondly I desire that all my just debts be
paid as soon as convenient after my death, thirdly
I bequeath unto to my beloved wife Nancy during her
natural life or widow hood sixty acres of land such
as she may choose adjoining the dwelling house where
I now reside with all my household & kitchen furniture
except such as shall be there after given to my grand
son Lewis also my mare two choice cows & calves with
all my stock of hogs also all the plantation utensils
also all my part of the crop of every kind which
is one half of all the crop that is now on the
plantation the balance of my lands I wish to
to be rented for the benefit of my several children
and legatees forth given to my grand son Lewis Bray
before named also two beds & one bed & furniture
which property was his mothers fifth after the
death or marriage of my wife I wish all the
property real & personal to be equally devided
Between my several children hereafter named after deduct
ing ten dollars out of my son Miltons part
the land my son Joel contracted for some time
a go of his Brother Milton bounded as follows

on the south near the Cooper path on the south west by the rock pond road on the north east by the creek to the apple orchard British Thurn south to my line I wish my son Jack to have to him & his heirs forever

Sally Jack Isaac John Milton Nancy

Lastly I constitute & appoint my beloved friend John D. Jones to execute this my last will and testament signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us

John Jones
D. B. Reynolds

his
Samuel Brayfield
mark

Ancestor Chart #___

Compiled by Mel Bond
Address 566 Bell Rd.
Wright City, Mo. 63390
314-745-2864

#1 BRAY

4466

1 Bray,Phillip 4
Born 9/30/1878
Married
Died 11/20/1931 Troy,Mo.

Spouse ~~Graves,~~ Janie
Born 3/12/1884
Died 12/8/1962 Troy,Mo.

2 Bray,James Noah
Born 3/9/1851
Married Lincoln Co.Mo.
Died 10/30/1912
Moscow Mills,Mo.

I have death certificates of

3 Wilson,Martha J.
Born 6/17/1853 Ark.
Died 1/30/1916
Moscow Mills,Mo.

4 Bray,Hanan
Born 1808 N.C.
Married 4/11/1836 Surry N.C.
Died 1898 N.C.
Linccoln Co.Mo.

5 Snow,Mary (Polly)
Born 1813 N.C.
Died 1896 Lincoln Co. Mo.

6 Wilson,Phillip
Born 1852 TN.
Married
Died 1916 Troy,Mo.

7 Martha (Sara)
Born
Died

8 Bray, David
Born 1747 Bruinswick Co. VA.
Married
Died

9. Wheelas, Nellie
Born
Died Married 9/27/1803 N.C.

10 Snow,(Frost)
Born
Married 9/27/1803 N.C.
Died

11
Born
Died

12
Born
Married
Died

13
Born
Died

14
Born
Married
Died

15
Born
Died

Continued on Chart #___

Record the date and place for each birth, marriage, and death known. Use ink for information that is proved by a document or documents. Use pencil for what you believe to be true but is not yet proved.

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Ancestor Chart #___

2 BOND

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Continued on Chart #

1 Bond, William J.
Born 2/19/1852 N.C.
Married 7/22/1873
Died 1927 Ft.Madison,Ia.

Spouse Rebecca Belle, Toops
Born 7/25/1854 Indianaa
Died 1/10/1913
Bethlehem,Mo.

(Last name - Toops)

2 Bond, Enoch
Born N.C.
Married N.C.
Died Ia.

3 Macy,Rachel (Hopus)
Born
Died 1828 Indiania
Mo.

4
Born
Married
Died

5
Born
Died

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

June 24, 1998

Rev. Mel Bond
566 Bell Road
Wright City, MO 63390

Thank you for your letter dated June 5, 1998 regarding your work with the Native Americans in South Dakota. However, we are sorry that we cannot find any information for you that would give an indication that your ancestors may be Indians.

We are sending your some information on a David Bray family (which was not one of the highlighted names on your ancestor chart) that was found in our book "The Brays of Fisher River" by Edna B. Reece. Apparently, there was another Hanan Bray in Surry Co. also that married a Nancy that was named in a will abstract circa Nov. 1843. Your ancestor chart shows Hanan Bray died in 1898.

There were so many Frost Snows in Surry Co. that with the little information you gave it is hard to know which would be your line. We found information that a Frost Snow Jr. had a daughter Mary (Polly) Snow that married James Norman. And the marriage of Mary (Polly) Snow who married Hanan Bray is recorded in Surry Co. They married 11 April 1836 as you stated on your ancestor chart. We can get a copy of this marriage record if you do not have it.

As you can see by the enclosed lists of researchers on the Bray and Snow families, that there are many interested in these two families in Surry County. We suggest you write Dr. C. N. Sheap, Rt. 2, Box 954, Bridgewater, VA 22812 for information on the Snow family. He has done extensive research.

There are 41 Snow family histories in our books, "The Heritage of Surry County," Volume I and Volume II. We briefly scanned these but did not see where a Mary (Polly) Snow married Hanan Bray. However, we could have easily have overlooked it. We also checked these books in our library, "The Genealogy of Andrew Jerome "Romey" Snow, Surry Co., NC, circa 1765-1990," "A Family History of Byrd Winfield Snow," and "Richard (Dick) Snow and William Malery Snow Descendants."

We are returning your check for $20 as we do not feel we have been of that much help to you.

Our suggestion to you is to send surname cards for our file, a query for our journal, write some of the researchers listed (they are more qualified to answer your questions), and join our association, if you are not already a member, since there is so much information out there on the Brays and Snows. We

have enclosed a brochure regarding our association. Our quarterly journals are well worth the $15 ($17 for family) membership fee. Our journals are usually from 30 to 40 pages in length and you also receive a monthly newsletter.

If you wish to return the check to join SCGA and donate the other $5 to SCGA for the enclosed copies, you may do so.

If you feel copies of the pages from a will abstract book mentioning David Bray (1786) and Hanon Bray and wife Nancy (1843) would be beneficial to you, we can send those.

One could spend months researhing the Brays and Snows of Surry Co. and so much of this has been done, we believe a query in our journal would be very helpful. Our association just doesn't have the manpower to do in-depth research. We are most happy to check our available resources, make a few copies, and check the courthouse for records for specific questions such as births, marriages, deaths, deeds, wills, etc.

These names you had highlighted we do not feel we could help at all: Martha J. Wilson, Phillip Wilson, Nellie Wheelas, Enoch Bond, and Rachel Hopus Macy.

We wish we could have found the information you were looking for amd we wish you much success in achieving your goal of finding Indian heritage.

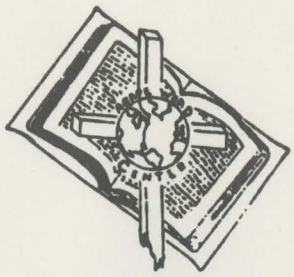
We hope you will consider becoming a member of SCGA. Let us hear from you again if you want to send a query and surname cards for our file.

Good luck with your research.

WA
Research Committee

Enclosures

Agape Word Center
140 N. Point Prairie
Wentzville, Missouri 63385



Pastor Mel & Donna Bond
Phone: 327-5632

June 5, 1998

Dear Wilma,

Trusting this note finds you and yours doing well.
I was given your name and this address with the thought that you may be able to help me in researching my family ancestors. I have been pastoring since 1972 and in the last 5 years I have been working with the Native Americans in South Dakota. If I can give some actual proof that I have Native American heritage it will help me greatly in working with the Native Americans. So I am especially interested in any information that you can get for me that would give any indication that my ancestors may be Indians.
However any information that you can give me of the people that are on my Pedigree Charts that are highlighted in yellow would be a great help as it may be a missing link.
In closed is a little bit of money that may pay for postage, copping ect. expenses and if you need more please let me know.
I thank you for your consideration.

Claiming God's Richest and best for you and yours.
God is Good Nahum 1:7

Mel

Mel Bond

P.S. marriage certificates, bonds, deeds, birth - death certificates any documents or any thing like that can prove their existence.

I thank you Very Much



David Bray Surry 1786
copy p. 82 gr. book
Agape Word Center p. 156
140 N. Point Prairie Rd. p. 139
Wentzville, Missouri 63385 160

copy
m. license of Hanon Bray
Bray
Snow





Address Correction Requested

Wilma

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Hanon Bray
wife Nancy
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1784, 1783
Front St.
Mary 'Polly' Snow
m. James Norman

(Snow)
Dr. C. N. Sheap
Rt 2, Box 954
Bridgewater, VA 22812

WILMA
Surry County Genealogical Society
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Dobson, N.C. 27017

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BRAY

Star Rt. Box 194
Buffalo, Mo. 65622
June 16, 1982

Mrs. Agnes Wells
521 N. Franklin Rd
Mt. Airy, N. C. 27030

Dear Mrs. Wells

Many thanks for sending me the names of persons doing Bray research. I have written to each and have received some good leads from Mrs. Ellen Money which I am following up.

Some information on William Bray is enclosed for the files of the Surry County Genealogical Association.

Thanks, also, for telling me about your newspaper column "Surry Family Trees". I have drafted a query which I would like included. Please feel free to edit it. If there is a charge, let me know and I will send payment.

Sincerely,

Hazel Rea

Seek information on Littleberry BRAY who appears in Surry County censuses 1790, 1800. Where and when was he born? His son, William, b.1778, migrated to Gallia co., Ohio in 1811. What were the names of his other children? Any information appreciated.

Hazel Rea, Star Rt.,Box 194, Buffalo MO 65622

Gave query to Hester for journal

BRAY

William BRAY, b.1778, in Surry Co., N.C., was the son of Littleberry BRAY, who is listed in the 1790 and 1800 U.S. censuses of Surry Co. William Bray married (1801) Elizabeth Denny, daughter of Azariah and Sarah Wise (Felton) Denny. They migrated to Gallia Co., Ohio, arriving there Oct. 17, 1811. He served in the War of 1812. William died in 1861, leaving his entire estate to his son William, jr., with instructions to pay $40 to "my son Harrel" within six months. "My other children having here-to-fore paid what I consider a fair proportion of my estate." His other children were not named. William and Elizabeth (Denny) Bray are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Springfield Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio. Their stones read: BRAY, Wm. d.Apr.20.1861. 83 y 2 m 21 da
" Elizabeth, wife of Wm. d.June 26,1869 - 85y 2m 22d
William & Elizabeth had 12 children: 9 sons, 3 daughters. (Not listed in chronological order.)

1. Harrel, sometimes "Harold", a Baptist minister. Migrated to Dallas (then Polk) Co., Mo. in the 1830s. He went to Calif. in 1849, during the Gold Rush. His wife, Mary, and children followed him in 1853. They lived and died in Guernville, Sonoma Co., Calif.

2. Reuben. (Was still living in the 1880's.) Mary Bray, wife of Reuben, is buried in Denney Cmty, Springfield Twp., Gallia Co., Ohio. "d. May 31, 1871. 51y 8 m 3 d."

3. William, Jr. b. 10 Jan 1817. d .18 Jan 1892. buried: Denny Cemetery, Gallia Co., Ohio.
m. (1) Clarinda Barton, (2) Sarah Denny.

4. Noah. b. 29 Jan 1819, d.26 Aug. 1889. Dallas Co., Mo.
m.(1) Elizabeth Darby, (2) Mrs. Mary(BRASHEARS) BAKER

5. Nathan. b.30 Mar 1827, d. 18 Mar 1879, Springfield, Mo.
m. Martha CORY of Madison Co., Ind.
Lawyer & judge.

6-9 Names undetermined.

10. Nancy Bray m. Ransom Denney 1 June 1836, Gallia Co. Ohio
Migrated to Jay Co. Ind.

11. Another daughter married a MATTHEWS and settled in Jay Co., Ind. (First names not knowm)

12. There is on record in Gallia Co. the marriage, 26 Nov 1826, of Sally W. Bray and Thomas Collins. Believed to be the daughter of Wm. & Elizabeth Bray. Not yet proven.

Compiled by Hazel Rea
Star Rt. Box 194
Buffalo, Mo. 65622

14 June 1982

Sources of information:

Hardesty's Atlas of Lawrence & Gallia counties, Ohio. 1882. p.1, Personal History section of Springfield Twp. Biographical sketch of William Bray, Jr.

An account of the 101 birthday celebration of Mary (Mrs. Harold) Bray appeared in the Gurenville Calif. Republican, Feb. 15,1902. Reprinted in Buffalo (Mo.) Reflex, Mar. 13, 1902. p.3,col.5.

Goodspeed's History of Dallas Co. Mo. 1889. Biog. sketch of Noah Bray

United States Biographical Dictionary. Missouri Volume. Edited by J. W. Hodge. Kansas City, Mo. 1878. Biography of Nathan Bray.

DENNEY, Guy C. Genealogy of the North Carolina Branch of the Denny-Denney Family. Indianapolis, Ind. 1946
(Reproduced from typewritten copy)

Hazel Rea
Star Rt. Box 194
Buffalo, Mo. 65622

BRAY

MOUNT AIRY — Mr. James Russell Bray, 87, of 327 Cherry Street, Apt. 8, died Saturday, April 24, 1999, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Mr. Bray was born March 14, 1912 in Surry County to the late James Saxton Bray and Molly Russell Bray. Mr. Bray was an active member of First Baptist Church having been a Sunday school teacher for 50 years, a Deacon and a member of the church choir. Mr. Bray was also a U.S. Army Veteran, had served in World War II and received a Bronze Star. He was a retired school teacher and businessman and an active member of numerous local civic organizations. Mr. Bray is survived by his wife, LuEva Burdette Bray; one daughter, Kathleen Bray Hoyng and husband, Michael Alan Hoyng, of Mt. Airy; one son, James Donley Bray and wife Sybil C. Bray of Lewisville; five grandchildren, Charles Estes and wife, Julie, of Winston-Salem, Dan Estes of Atlanta, Ga., Jim B. Bray, a student at East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., and Megan Bray and Jessica Bray of Lewisville; one great granddaughter, Danielle Estes of Winston-Salem; one sister, Lou Webb of Mt. Airy; one niece, Shannon Smith and husband, Don Plambeck, of Staunton, Va.; and two nephews, Rev. Robert Smith and wife, Martha Smith, of Greensboro and Andy Webb of Mt. Airy. In addition to his parents, Mr. Bray was preceded in death by one sister, Rachel Smith. Private graveside services will be held on Wednesday, April 28 at Oakdale Cemetery, conducted by Rev. Kevin Wilson and Rev. Robert M. Smith, Jr., with interment to follow. Pallbearers and flag presentation will be conducted by VFW Memorial Honor Guard Post 2019 of Mt. Airy. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 at the First Baptist Church, Mt. Airy, conducted by Rev. Kevin Wilson and Rev. Robert M. Smith, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Highway Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends immediately after the memorial service until 4:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the church and other times at the home of Kathleen Bray Hoyng, 314 Brintle Street, Mt. Airy. (White Plains Community). Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 714 North Main Street, Mt. Airy, N.C. 27030. The family is being served by Howell Funeral Service of Mt. Airy, N.C.

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Journal 4-26-99

BRAY

Mary Bray Vanegas 1551 Orchard Dr. Ojai, Calif. 93023

May 7, 1993

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

Through a request to the North Carolina Genealogical Society I received portion of "Heritage Surry County N. C., Vol. 11983". This pertained to my family BRAY.

I am enclosing a copy of the page they sent. Could you send me copy of the pages that precede and follow this page that mention any Brays? I have more names of my ancestors Bray in Surry County and would like to have this information to see if any are listed.

Also would like to refer you to my letters of March 24th and April 5th. Do you think someone will be able to answer them? If not would appreciate having other sources in Surry County to look into.

Looking for Littleberry Bray. He is on the 1790 Tax Records for Surry County. His grandson, Harrell Bray, is my great-great grandfather.

Thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,

Mary Bray Vanegas

Mary Bray Vanegas

ENCL: SASE
$5.00 for copies/research

Sent flyers
A.W.

North Carolina State Library
Raleigh, N. C.

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had died by 1893.

(i) Artha Bray, Jr. was born circa 1836 in Surry County. He was licensed to teach school in 1858 by L.J. Norman. On May 4, 1861, "Arthur Bray" enlisted in Company A, 28th Regiment of North Carolina Troops. Artha was wounded and captured at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on July 3, 1863. He was confined at Fort Delaware, Delaware and Point Lookout, Maryland, where he was paroled on November 1, 1864. Returning to Surry County, he did not marry and suffered from his wounds until he died in May, 1867. His will, which was nuncupatated on March 22, 1867 to Robert F. Bray and H.C. Hampton, divided his estate between his mother Polly and his sisters Mary and Sarah.

(j) Mary E. Bray was born May 14, 1844, in Surry County. She married John Thomas "Tom" Perkins on March 26, 1874. Tom was born in Surry County October 15, 1852, son of Isaac and Nancy (Ledbetter) Perkins. (Isaac married Sarah Bray, who was a sister of Mary E. Bray.) Tom and Mary had five children: Charlie T. (1876-1954) married Lillie B. Hemmings; Lee (1879-1971) married Hettie Snow; Nancy E. (1883-1907), never married; and Arramittie F. (1888-1911), never married, and Etter, who married Early Bray, and died in Washington. Nancy died December 26, 1917, and was buried in the Copeland Baptist Church Cemetery. Tom, who was a Mason, died October 18, 1934, and was buried beside his wife.

Sources: *The Brays of Fisher River* by Edna (Bray) Reece (1970); Surry County court records, deeds, wills, marriage records, death records; conversations with family members.

— James E. Cockerham

DAVID BRAY

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David Bray was born in Brunswick County, Virginia in 1743. He was the son of Peter Bray, an Englishman, and his wife, Martha Scott Bray.

At an early age David Bray was brought to Northampton County, North Carolina. When he was 21 he moved to Bute, a county which no longer exists. From Bute he moved to Rowan where he was at the beginning of the American Revolution.

The name of David Bray's wife is unknown. The children of David Bray were: William, born about 1772, married Letitia (Letty) Hamlin; Nathan, born 1773, married Judith Horne; Hanon, born 1775, married (1) Polly Snow (2) Nancy —; Reuben, born 1777, married Rebecca Laffoon; David Bray Jr., born February 22, 1779 married Nellie Wheelas; Martha Bray married — Alberty; Amy Bray unmarried.

During the American Revolution David Bray served in the Militia on several tours of duty. He served as a private and as an Ensign. It was during the Revolution he moved to Surry County.

When David Bray was 89 years old, he applied for a pension. Two years later he received a pension of $52.25 a year.

David Bray died in Surry County, N.C. January 6, 1836 at the age of 93.

Amy Bray, the unmarried daughter of David Bray, applied for and received a pension after her father's death.

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Ruby Bray Canipe

THE BRAY-FINNEY FAMILY

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John Leonard Bray (1878-1976) married Lela Magnora Finney (1882-1969) August 29, 1901. They were married at the home of the bride, by the Rev. George Burcham. Lela was the daughter of W.L. (Lee) Finney and Mary Ann Elizabeth (Molly) Adams Finney.

In an interview with *Tribune* staff writer, Ann Adkins, August 29, 1969, John L. Bray said "I've been married to the same woman 68 years and enjoyed," every single minute of it". "It took me six months to ask her father if I could marry her, so it's no wonder we've been married a long time."

John and Lela were the parents of eight children. They were — Raymond, Alma, Edna, Dick, Ruby, Charles, Melissa and John Leonard Jr.

John L. Bray learned to farm at an early age. He cleared new ground and raised tobacco in Surry County. He continued to farm in Yadkin County. Grandpa Minish had a store and a country inn. When John and Lela were first married they had a store and their home was always open to anyone who needed a place to eat and sleep.

Lela Bray had a good singing voice. She sang as she worked. Her songs would express her feelings at that time. Nothing pleased John and Lela more than to have their family gather around the piano and sing.

This family enjoyed history, especially family history. They would be pleased to know this Surry heritage book is being written.

Many of their descendants are following in their parents footsteps by their interest in family history.

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Ruby Bray Canipe

BRAY-HAMLIN FAMILY

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William Bray, the oldest son of David Bray Sr. was born about 1772. His father sold him 140 acres of land on Fisher River in Surry County. This was part of the land grants David Bray Sr. had received for his service in the American Revolution.

Letitia (Letty) Hamblin was born 1773 in Surry County. She was the daughter of Peter Hamlin (Hamblin). She married William Bray in 1792.

The children of William and Letitia Hamlin Bray were: Thomas, Amy, Leander, Sallie, Tyre, Matilda, Henry C., Benjamin and William R.

William Bray served in the War of 1812. After his death, his wife Letitia (Letty) received two land grants.

Peter Hamlin, (Hamblin) made a will listing Letty (Letitia) as one of his children.

I, Peter Hamblin of the county of Surry being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed by God, do this 18th year of our Lor 1802, make and publish this my last will a testament, in the manner following:

First, I gave to my daughter, Elizabeth, f teen shillings.

Second, I gave to my daughter, Tabith fifteen shillings.

Thirdly, I gave to my daughter, Sally, fifte shillings.

Fourthly, I gave to my daughter, Letty, fi pounds.

Fifth, I gave to my son, Thomas, te pounds.

Sixth, I gave to my son, William one tw year-old mare colt, one hundred fifty acres land, to be divided equally between my so William and my son Stephen, also three feath er beds and furniture to be divided betwee William and Stephen, also my stock of catt and hogs and all my household furniture to b divided between the said two.

Witnessed by Abner Rose and David Thom ason. In 1804 James Fitzgerald made oat that he saw Peter Hamblin sign the will an Abner Rose and David Thomason witness it

Thomas Hamlin (T.V.) was clerk of Court a Rockford and Dobson.

On February 6, 1793 John Allen deede Peter Hamlin a parcel of land on the east side o Fisher River, containing one hundred acres Signed by John Allen and his wife, Elinor Allen witnessed by David Bray and William Bray Surry County fall term of open court 1793.

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Ruby Bray Can

THE H. POINDEXTER (DECK) BRAY FAMILY

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Henry Poindexter (Deck) Bray was born in Surry County, October 29, 1853, the youngest child of Henry C. and Martha Poindexter Bra

Deck's early years were care-free. He liked the outdoors where he learned to hunt and fish. They say he inherited his musical talent from his father and his Hamlin ancestors. He could play old tunes on the fiddle (violin). Sometimes he would sing and at other times he would just pat his foot.

The Civil War brought a change in the life of young Deck Bray. Both parents died soon after the war was over. Deck went to live in the home of a cousin, Lewis Bray and his wife, Clarice Roberts Bray. They had a son Leonard (Len) who was about Deck's age. The boys had work to do, but there was time for hunting and playing the fiddle.

When Deck Bray was twenty-twp years old he went to visit his brother Bob in Yadkin County. Bob lived at the Woodruff Mill near the home of T.R. and Jane Minish. The first time Deck saw the girl he married she was plowing. Margaret (Maggie) Minish was born January 29, 1861. She was the only child of T.R. and Jane Minish. She was strong and healthy and able to help her father on the farm. Deck Bray knew this was the girl he wanted to marry. On December 31, 1876, Deck Bray and Maggie Minish were married. Maggie was not quite sixteen, but her parents gave their written

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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of thirty shillings for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our Treasury by Hanon Bray, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Hanon Bray a tract of land containing two hundred acres, lying and being in the County of Surry, beginning at a pine on Codys Creek and running North thirty one chains and seventy seven links to a post oak, West sixty three chains and fifty four links to a black oak, South thirty one chains and seventy seven links to a stake, thence East sixty three chains and fifty four links to the beginning--Entered Nov. 29th 1794--as by the plat here unto assessed doth appear; together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining; To hold to the said Hanon Bray his heirs and assigns forever; yielding and paying to us such sums of money yearly or otherwise as our General Assembly from time to time may direct. Provided always that the said grantee shall cause this grant to be registered in the Register's office of our said County of Surry within twelve months from the date hereof, otherwise the same shall be void and of no effect. In Testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and our great Seal to be hereunto affixed. Witness: Benjamin Williams, Esquire, our Governor, Captain, General and Commander in Chief, at Raleigh, the seventeenth day of Dec. in the XXIVth year of our Independence, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

By command **B Williams**
Will White Secretary
Recorded in the Secretary's Office **W. Hill J.Sec. (?)**

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LuEva Bray celebrates her 90th birthday



10-12-03

LuEva Bray was honored with a birthday luncheon Sunday afternoon at The Wolf's Lair Restaurant in Dobson. Hosting the celebration were her children: Jim and Sybil Bray and Mike and Katy Hoyng. She will be 90 years old Oct. 13.

Mrs. Bray is the widow of James R. Bray. They were introduced by Burl Ives in 1937 in New York City, where she attended the Julliard School of Music, and they were married on Oct. 23, 1938.

A native of Mount Morris, Pa., she was born Oct. 13, 1913. She graduated from Drake University in 1937 and won an audition to participate in Major Bowes Amateur Hour Radio program that same year in New York City. She was a key figure in the organization of the Mount Airy Opera Club and performed with the group.

She has five grandchildren, Chuck and Dan Estes, Jim Bray, Megan Bray and Jessica Bray; and two great-grandchildren, Danielle Estes and Brandon Estes.

A very active member of First Baptist Church, she organized the handbell choir, led the youth choir, sang with the choir and sang for weddings and funerals for many years. She was a Girl Scout leader and taught at Flat Rock Elementary School.

Mrs. Bray is chairman of her circle, a loyal member of the PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization), volunteers at Tharrington School and loves to dine out with friends and family. She attributes her energy and optimism to her strong faith and the love of her family.

emailed Judy
8-17-04

N.

Do you have an Obit & Index on CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS "CHRIS" BRAY. Born on 19 Nov. 1839 in Surry County. N.C. & died in Stokes County N.C. on 5 Oct 1905 he was 65 Buried in Old Hollow primitive Baptist Church. Hope you have any Obit on him & how much is it?

Thanks
Judy M. Hodges

mailed her info from the
Bray Book 11-12-2004 (pg 51 & 115 (photo)

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

August 25, 2004

Ruby M. Hodges
4022 Colony Hills
Colorado, CO 80916-3408

The Dobson Community Library forwarded your letter postmarked August 4, 2004 to our association for a reply.

We do not have a copy of an obituary or a newspaper article regarding the death of Christopher Columbus Bray who died 5 Oct 1905 in Stokes County, NC.

We are sending you some info that was given to us by a Bray researcher. She does not have an obituary. She states that he died in Surry County rather than Stokes County. Old Hollow Primitive Baptist Church is in Surry County. We will put a query in our journal to see if we get a response.

Sorry that we cannot help you more at this time.

WH

Wilma J. Hiatt
Research Committee

Enclosure

State of North Carolina
Surry County

W. R. Doss Adm of } In Superior Court
J. R. Bowles Elisa } Before the Clerk
beth C. Bowles.

vs.

J. W. Bowles J. E. Bowles
and Annie Bowles

The Plaintiffs
Complain and allege-

1st That on day of February 1895 that
J. R. Bowles late of said County
died intestate and leaving
him the Pet. Elisabeth C. Bowles his
widow and J. W. Bowles J. E. Bowles and
Annie Bowles the Defendants his only
heirs at law.

2nd That the Plaintiff W. R. Doss has
been appointed by a proper pro-
ceeding in the Superior Court of
The County of the said J. R. Bow-
les and has been duly qualified
as such Adm and took upon him-
self the Administration of said
Estate-

3rd That at the time of his death the said J.R. Bowles was seized and possessed of the following described tract of land in said County in Dobson Township on Fishers River adjoining the lands of Annie Bowles Deps Wood Wm Davis Mary & Vandy Bray containing Ninety four acres.

4th That the debts against the estate of the said J.R. Bowles and cost of Administration will amount to about two hundred and fifty dollars and that it will be necessary to sell a part of said lands to pay off said debts and cost of Administration

5th That the defendants J.W. Bowles J.R. Bowles and Annie Bowles are minors without any general or testamentary Guardian and on necessary parties to this action.

6th That part of the indebtedness of J.R. Bowles was a note sent

W. R. Dodd being sworn says that the foregoing complaint is true to the best of his knowledge and belief

Sworn to & subscribed before me Dec 24th 1896 W. R. Dodd.

L. W. Snow J.P.

W. R. Dodd
vs.
J. W. Bagwell et al

Complaint

ed by a mortgage on the land above described to H. C. Hopkins which is a first lien on said land. the said debt and interest is about ~~fifty~~ [illegible] dollars.

7th That the Plaintiff Elisabeth C. Bowles is the widow of J. R. Bowles deceased and is entitled to dower of one third in value of said land.

Wherefore they Pfs ask that a guardian ad litem be appointed for the minor defts and that dower for the Pff Elisabeth C. Bowles out of said land be laid off and set apart to her out of said land and that the remainder of said land be sold to pay off said debt and that first money realized from said sale be applied to the discharge of the debt due H. C. Hopkins which is a lien on said land and for such other and further relief as they may be Entitled.

Carter & Lindsey & Ky
Parks

No-6-198

Isaac Perkins

Will —

May 23rd 1883

Recorded See Will
Book Page 189-190

I Isaac Perkins of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory but in feeble health do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament. To wit I give will bequeath and devise to my wife Sally Perkins during her natural life my home tract of land with every appurtenance thereto for her whole use and benefit also all of my Stock one Mare Eliza all the Cattle, hogs, and Sheep on hand at my death also all of my household and Kitchen furniture of every description all my farming tools waggon buggy and harness for her Sole use and benefit so long as she may live also all the Crop on hand or growing

After the death of my wife Sally Perkins I will bequeath and devise to my Children namely ~~Leather~~ Perkins, John I Perkins, James R Perkins and Francis Brinkley wife of Robert Brinkley and to the Children of my daughter Mary Jane Ashburn wife of Jackson Ashburn my home tract of land to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike and the Children of my daughter Mary Jane to take her Share in the same

The land to be divided in lots of equal value if they should so agree and if they cannot agree upon such division then that the land be sold and the procedy divided as I have herein provided and at the death of my wife Sally Perkins I give will and bequeath to my four children above named all of my personal property of every discription which may remain at the death of my wife to be equally divided between them my daughter May J. Ashburn taking to her own use her share of said personally property

In witness whereof I herto Set my hand and Seal in the presence of the Subscribing witness hereto This 23rd day of May 1883

Witness
J. C. Hampton
L. J. Jones
W. C. Perkins.
F. R. Badgett.

Isaac Perkins (Seal)

May desier Jo. A. Perkins. to be Executor

Last will

As a Codicil to this my last will and testament

I Constitute my son Lee A Perkins my Executor to execute & carry out this my last will & testament Witness my hand and Seal this 9th day of December 1883

Witness

H. C. Hampton

James H. Hobbs

J. A. & Perkins (Seal)

King & Bray from Alfred Adkins

This Indanture made and entered into this fourth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty three between Alfred Adkins of the One part and King & Bray of the other part all of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Eight Dollars The receipt whereof is hereby fully Acknowledged The Said Alfred Adkins hath bargained sold Aliened and Conveyed and by thes presents doth bargain Sell alien and Convey unto him the said King & Bray all of his undivided interest in a Certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Surry Conveyed to him by deed from Mark Laffon and wife Nancy it being the one ninth part of the Land which descended to the heirs of Aretha Bray dec'd. And bounded as follows Beginning at a Vine on the South Side of a Branch waters of Fisk River runs North twenty Two Chains to a post Oak Thence east forty four Chains and five links to a red Oak South twenty Two Chains to a red Oak thence west to the Beginning Containing in the whole one hundred acres Also one other tract adjoining the described tract bounded as follows Beginning on a Chestnut tree on the Oar Bank Road runs South twenty eight Chains to a post Oak Corner of the above described tract runs with line of said tract forty four Chains and five links to a red Oak thence South with the same to a red Oak Corner then East to a post Oak on the main Rockford Road thence the said road as it meanders to the Cross road thence with Cross road as it meanders westwardly to the beginning Containing Three hundred Acres more or less To have and to hold the same to the said King & Bray his heirs & Assigns together with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging forever in fee simple. And the said Alfred Adkins doth hereby Covenant to and with the said King & Bray to warrant and defend the title to the said one ninth part of the premises herein before discribed against the Claim or entry of all persons whatsoever. And the said Alfred Adkins further Covenants to and with the said King & Bray that he is siezed of an estate in fee simple in the said one ninth part of the lands herein described and hath full power to make and Convey such an estate and hath Conveyed the same by

To her in hand paid by the said K A Bray the receipt of which is hereby fully acknowledged hath bargained sold aliened and conveyed, and by these presents doth hereby bargain Sell alien Convey and Confirm unto the said K A Bray his heirs and assigns for ever all of her undevided interest and Claim in the following discribed tract and parcil of Land, which interest is one ninth part of said Lands. Subject to the Widows Dower which Lands are Situated and Bounded as follows to wit. Beginning on a Pine on the South side of a Branch of Fish River and runs North Twenty two Chains to a post Oak, Thence East forty four Chains and five links to a red Oak South twenty two Chains to a red Oak Thence West to the Beginning it being a tract of Land Conveyed to Artha Bray deceased by Jesse Alberty, Also One other tract adjoining the above tract Bounded as follows to wit lying and being in said County of Surry on the waters of Fish River Beginning at a Chestnut tree on the car Road Running South twenty eight Chains to a post Oak, Artha Brays Corner Thence East with Brays line forty four Chains and five links to a red oak, Thence South with Brays line twenty two Chains to a red Oak, Brays Corner, Thence East to a post Oak in the main Rockford Road, Thence up said Road as it meanders to the Cross road, Thence with said Road with its various Meanderings Westerly to the Beginning including three hundred Acres of Land be the same more or less, and the two ~~tracts~~ Containing four hundred acres More or less to have and to hold the said one ninth part in said lands Subject to the Dower as aforsaid to the said K A Bray his heirs and Assigns forever Together with every appertinance thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining free and Clear from every incumberance whatsoever, And the said Leticia Bray doth hereby Covenant to and with the said K A Bray his heirs and assigns to warrant and forever defend the title to the said one ninth in said land to the said K A Bray his heirs and assigns against the Claim or Claims of all persons whatsoever And she doth further Covenant to and with the said K A Bray his heirs and assigns, That she is Siezed of an Estate in the above discribed lands and premises and hath power and authority to Convey such an Estate and hath done the same by this Indenture, In Witness Whereof I have thereunto set my hand and Seal the ~~day~~ year above written

her
Leticia + Bray (Seal)
mark

Witness
J F Graves
A Collins

North Carolina
Surry County } Sept 29th 1856

The due execution of the foregoing deed was this day duly proven before me by the oath of J A Graves one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto Let the same together with this Certificate be Registered according to Law

John M Dobson Clk
By T D Hamlin DC

Elisha Banner from Thos J Williams

This Indenture made the 13th day of May A D one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six between Thos J Williams Sheriff of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina on the one part, and Elisha Banner of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina on the other part Witnesseth that whereas by Virtue of a Justices Judgment wherein Elisha Banner was plaintiff and William Jones was Defendant Execution issued and was levied on the Lands of the said William Jones hereinafter described and the proceedings returned to the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County of Surry whereupon the said Court at February Term 1856 issued a Venditioni exponas or order of Sale Commanding the said Sheriff to expose to Public Sale the Lands and tenements aforesaid And Satisfy the sum of Forty Seven Dollars together with all Costs to which the said William Jones is liable as on record may appear, And whereas the said Sheriff by Virtue of his office and the writ of Vanditioni exponas aforesaid, did proceed on the 12th day of May in the Town of Dobson to Sell the said Lands and Tenements for ready Money after having duly advertised the same according to law whereupon, Elisha Banner became the purchaser at the Sum of Thirty Eight Dollars Now Therefore This Indenture witnesseth That Thos J Williams Sheriff as aforesaid, for and in Consideration of the said Sum of Thirty Eight Dollars to him in hand paid by the said Elisha Banner the receipt whereof is hereby fully acknowledged, hath bargained, sold aliened enfeoffed Conveyed and Confirmed, and by these presents Doth bargain Sell alien enfeoff Convey and Confirm unto him, the said Elisha Banner heirs and assigns forever, all the right title Claim interest and demand of him the said Thos J Williams Sheriff, in the lands

ore before the 20th August 1860 it is hereby provided and agreed that the aforesaid Thos H Anthony trustee shall take possession of the above named goods accounts &c. and shall proceed to collect and sell as may be agreed upon by the parties all or a sufficiency thereof to satisfy the above named claims together with the charges of executing this trust and it is covenanted and provided that until there is a Breach of the foregoing provisos so as to enable the said Thomas H Anthony trustee to enter the said L J Bodenhammer is to remain in the quiet possession of the above named goods accounts notes &c Be it known Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and date above written

L J Bodenhammer (Seal)
T H Anthony (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
N Hamlin

South Carolina Sept 11th day 1860
Surry County } The Execution of the foregoing deed in trust was this day duly acknowledged before me by L J Bodenhammer & T H Anthony &c the same together with this Certificate to be Registered according to Law

John H Robeson Clk
By N Hamlin D C

Came to hand the 11th September 1860 T H Anthony Trustee

Alfred Adkins from Mark Laffoon & wife

This Indenture Made this Eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty One between Mark Laffoon Jur and his wife Nancy Laffoon of the first part and Alfred Adkins of the Second part all of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina Witnesseth That the said Mark Laffoon And his wife Nancy Laffoon for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Two Dollars and fifty Cents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged hath bargained Sold and Conveyed and by these presents doth give grant bargain Sell and Convey to the said Alfred Adkins All their undivided interest in a certain tract and parcel of land lying in the County of Surry and State aforesaid it being one ninth part of the lands which decended to the heirs of Artha Bray ded And bounded as follows Beginning at a pine on the South side of a Branch waters of Fish River runs North Twenty two Chains to a post Oak thence East forty four Chains and five links to a red Oak South twenty two Chains to a red Oak thence West to the Beginning containing in the whole one hundred acres Also one other tract adjoining the above described tract Bounded as follows Beginning on a Chesnut tree on the Car bank road runs South Twenty eight Chains to a post Oak the Corner of the above tract thence East

with the line of the above tract forty four Chains and five links to a red oak. Thence South with said line Twenty Two Chains to a red Oak Corner Then East to a post Oak on the Main Rockford road thence up said road as it Meanders to the Cross road thence with the Cross road as it Meanders Westwardly to the Beginning Containing three hundred acres More or Less to have and to hold the same with the appertinances thereunto belonging to him the said Alfred Adkins his Exectors Administrators and assigns forever in fee Simple and the Said M Laffoon and wife Nancy Laffoon do hereby Covenant to warrant and defend the title to the One ninth part of the premedis here in before described to the Said Alfred Adkins his hiers and Assigns Against the Claim and entry of all persons whatsoever and they doth farther Covenant that they are Seiged of an Estate in fee Simble in the above described lands and have power to Make and Convey Such an Estate and hath Conveyed the Same by these presents In Witness whereof the Said Mark Laffoon and Nancy Laffoon his wife have hereto Set there hands and Seals the day and year above Written

Witness

Mark + his mark Laffoon [Seal]

Nancy + her mark Laffoon [Seal]

Wm Waugh

Robt Williams

North Carolina

The execution of this deed was duly acknowledged before me by Mark Laffoon & Nancy his wife in the presance of each other And afterwards the Said Nancy being by Me privitly examined Seperate & apart from her husband Acknowledged that She executed the Same freely & of her own Accord Without Compulsion Or Constraint on the part of her husband Let the deed & this Certificate be registered

October 10th 1851

R. M. Pearson J.C.

these presents In witness whereof the said Alfred Adkins hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written

Alfred his + mark Adkins Seal

Witness
A M Waugh Jurat
D M Cashier

North Carolina } August 22nd 1856
Surry County }

The Execution of the foregoing deed was this day duly proved by the oath of A M Waugh one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, Let the same together with this certificate be Registered according to Law

John A Dobson Clk
By J V Hamlin DC

Amy to Hiram from Amy to

This Indenture made this 4th day of Decr in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty four Between Amy Bray of the first part And King Hiram Bray of the Second part, both of the County of Surry & State of North Carolina Witnesseth that the said Amy Bray for and in Consideration of The Sum of Twenty five Dollars to her in hand paid by the said King Hiram Bray the receipt of which is hereby fully Acknowledged, hath bargained Sold Aliened and Conveyed, And by these presents doth hereby bargain Sell alien Convey and Confirm unto the said King Hiram Bray, his Heirs and Asigns for ever all of her undivided interest and Claim in the following described tract and parcel of land, which interest is one Ninth part of said Lands, Subject to the Widows Dower, Which Lands are Situated and bounded as follows to wit, Beginning on a pine on the South Side of a branch of Fish River and runs North twenty Two Chains to a post Oak, Thence East forty four Chains and five links to a Red Oak South twenty Two Chains to a Red Oak Thence West to the Beginning it being a tract of land Conveyed to Artha Bray Deceased by Jesse Alberty, Also one other tract adjoining the above Tract, Bounded as follows to wit lying and being in said County of Surry on the waters of Fish River, Beginning at a Chestnut tree on the Car Road running South twenty eight Chains to a post Oak Artha Brays Corner, Thence East with Brays line forty four Chains and five links to a red Oak, Thence South with Brays line twenty two Chains to a Red Oak Bray Corner, Thence East to a post Oak in the main

Rockford Road. Thence up said Road as it meanders to the Croft Road, thence with said Road with its various meanders westwardly to the Beginning including three Hundred acres of Land be the same more or less, and the two tracts containing four hundred acres more or less, to have and to hold the said one ninth part in said Lands Subject to the Dower as aforesaid to the said King Hiram Bray his Heirs and assigns forever together with every appertinance thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining free and Clear from every incumberance whatsoever, and the said Amy Bray doth hereby Covenant to and with the said King Hiram Bray his heirs and assigns to warrant and forever defend the title to the said one ninth in said Land to the said King Hiram Bray his heirs and assigns against the Claim or Claims of any and all persons whatsoever, And the said Amy Bray doth further Covenant to and with the said King Hiram Bray his his heirs and assigns in the above described Lands and primises and hath power and full authority to Convey such an estate of inheritance And hath done the same by this Indenture In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written

her
Amy mark Bray (Seal)

Witness
Jo. Dobson
J R Vaughn Jurat

North Carolina } August 22D 1856
Surry County } The Execution of the foregoing Deed was this day duly proved before me by the oath of J. R. Vaughn one of the subscribing witnesses there to Let the same together with this Certificate be Registered According to Law

John M Dobson Clk
By J V Hamlin DC

~~King Hiram Bray from Leticia Bray~~

This Indenture Made this 30th day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty three between Leticia Bray of the first part and King Hiram Bray of the second part both of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina Witnesseth that the said Leticia Bray for and in Consideration of the sum of twenty five Dollars

David & Edward Bray & others from Amy. Bray. Deed of Gift

Know all men by these presents that for divers good causes I give and bequeath unto Lebanan Brays three children namely David Edward & Hodevin one half of my tract of land supposed to be ninety acres more or less together with all my stock of cattle to them and their heirs forever & also give and bequeath unto Calvin Bray heirs the other half of my tract of land to them and their heirs forever I also give unto Enoch Bowles wife James Bowles wife and Nathan Albarty wife my wearing clothes at my death to be equally divided between them and should I remain where I am until death I give unto the above named David my bed and furniture all the above named property is to remain in my possession and at my discretion until my death &c.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us

John. Jones
James M Cafford
Jo. Mankins

Amy [illegible] Bray (Seal)
mark

Surry County Court Sept. Term 1824

The execution of the within deed is duly proven in open court by the oath of Jno. Jones a subscribing witness thereto and is ordered to be registered

F. Adams Clerk
By A Champion DC

J Cowles from D. Money Trust Deed

This Indenture made and entered into this 18th day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty nine between David Money of the first part and Josiah Cowles of the second part and of the third part all of the county of Surry in the State of North Carolina Witnesseth that whereas the said David Money stands justly indebted to the said Josiah Cowles to the amt of one hundred dollars or upwards due by note & judgments and whereas the said David Money is willing and desirous to secure the payment of the said debts and all such interests as has or may accrue thereon Now therefore in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said David Money by the said Josiah Cowles the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged

BK 6.

We Jesse H Bray and Sarah M Bray of the County of Morgan and State of Indiana do hereby make ordain Constitute and appoint Jacob Bruett of the County of Morgan and State of Indiana our true and Lawful Attorney to Settle all of the ~~united business of the~~ Sarah M Bray in the County of Owen and State of Indiana ~~for~~ to be and and be Sued and to Employ Counsil for the purpose of Prosecuting any Suit or Claim in our favor the Same as we our Selves Could if we were Present in witness whereof the Said Jesse H Bray and Sarah M Bray have hereunto Set their hands and ~~Seals~~ this the fourth day of Sept 1865

Jesse H Bray

Sarah M Bray

The State of Indiana }
Morgan County ss } Before me Bradford Garrison a Justice of the Peace in and for Said County this 4th day of September 1865 Jesse H Bray and Sarah M Bray acknowledged the above Power of Attorney to be their act and deed for the purposes therein ~~named~~ witness ~~witness~~ my hand and Justice Seal

~~Bradford~~ Garrison J P

Estate Richard Bray
Bof 204

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MORGAN COUNTY, } ss:

I, JARVIS J. JOHNSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court, within and for the county of Morgan, aforesaid, do hereby certify that Bradford Garrison, Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, was, at the time of making said certificate, to-wit: the 14th day of September, 1865, an acting Justice of the Peace within and for said county of Morgan, duly elected, commissioned and qualified, and that full faith and credit ought to be given to his official acts, and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

In witness of which I hereunto affix the Seal of said Court and subscribe my name, at Martinsville, this 19th

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State of North Carolina,

Surry COUNTY.

Office of the Register of Deeds,

Aug 9 1871

TO ANY ORDAINED MINISTER OF ANY RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION, OR ANY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR SAID COUNTY:

Enoch Johnson having offered to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage of Hiram Lefs of Surry county aged 68 years, color White, the son of Mathew Johnson and Nancy Johnson the father now Dead the mother Dead resident of Surry county And Sarah B Peal of of Surry county aged 47 years, color White, daughter of Timothy Peal and Sally the father Dead. the mother Dead resident of Surry county NC

And the written consent of ..... the .....

of the said ..... to the proposed marriage having been filed with me.

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed Marriage at any place within the said County.

You are required within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage to return this License to me, at my office with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License. and with the blanks therein filed according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

W F Freeman **Register of Deeds.**

By Jos Flippin Dep Reg.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Surry COUNTY.

I, Jos Flippins a Justice of the peace united in Matrimony Enoch Johnson and Sarah B Peal the parties licensed above, on the 11th day of Aug 1871, at my Residence in Eldora Township, in said County according to law.

Witnesses present at Marriage:

Jos Flippins J P.

John M Boggan of of Surry county NC

Sarah A Carson of . . .

John Gilbert of . . .

Bray. Thomas H.

Co A, 2 North Carolina Inf.

(Confederate.)

Private Private

CARD NUMBERS.

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Number of personal papers herein _____

BOOK MARK: _____

See also _____

(Confederate.)

B | 2 | N. C.

Thos W. Bray

Pvt. 2 N. C. Regt.

Name appears as signature to an

Oath of Allegiance

to the United States, subscribed and sworn to at Point Lookout, Md., June 23, 1865.

Place of residence Surrey Co, N. C.

Complexion Dk ; hair Brown

Eyes Hazel ; height 5 ft. 8 in.

NOTE: Released at Point Lookout, June 23, 1865, by G. O. No. 109, A. G. O.

Remarks:

Number of roll:

32; sheet 14

Rm Buckley Copyist.

(665)

(Confederate.)

B. | 2 | N. C.

Thos W. Bray

Pvt., Co. A., 2 Reg't N. C.

Appears on a roll of

Prisoners of War

at Point Lookout, Md.

Date of arrival City Point, Va. Apl. 15, 1865.

Where captured Farmville

When captured Apl. 6, 1865.

Remarks: Released June 23, 1865

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F. W. Kautzel Copyist.

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Bray, Calvin

Co. D, 22 Iowa Infantry.

Private | Private

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See also

DATE SPRING QUARTER 1980

NAME OF PERSON PREPARING CHART Allen Whitaker

STREET ADDRESS RT 3 Box 262-L

CITY ELKIN, N.C. 28621 STATE

LAWRENCE Allen Whitaker
BORN 8-31-48
WHERE Surry Co. NC.
WHEN MARRIED 12-11-76
DIED
WHERE

Peggy Sue Leonard
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

ARVIL JAMES Whitaker
BORN 3-2-17
WHERE Surry Co. N.C.
WHEN MARRIED 11-8-47
DIED
WHERE

MARTHA Milliner Brown
BORN 1-24-26
WHERE Yadkin Co.
DIED
WHERE

JAMES Elbert Whitaker
BORN 8-23-1887
WHERE Surry Co., N.C.
WHEN MARRIED 4-27-1913
DIED 10-10-1963
WHERE Wilkes Co., NC

MAMIE Clemintine Woodie
BORN 9-11-1894
WHERE Surry Co., N.C.
DIED
WHERE

William Marvin Brown
BORN 11-19-1884
WHERE Yadkin Co., N.C.
WHEN MARRIED 6-5-1904
DIED 3-28-1964
WHERE Yadkin Co., NC

MARTHA Louisia Bray
BORN 8-28-1885
WHERE Yadkin Co., N.C.
DIED 5-2-1960
WHERE Yadkin Co, N.C.

Thomas Whitaker
BORN 1852
WHERE Surry Co N.C.
WHEN MARRIED 10-18-1882
DIED
WHERE

BORN ~~1854~~ 11-16-1859
WHERE Surry Co N.C.
DIED ~~2-8-~~ 12-22-1939
WHERE ~~Eutinia~~ Williamson

ISAIAH Whitaker
NAME Smith BORN DIED

SALLY Whitaker
NAME BORN DIED

BENJAMIN Williamson
NAME BORN DIED

LUCINDA Williamson
NAME BORN DIED

FRANK Woodie
BORN 1856
WHERE Surry Co. N.C.
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

BORN 1860
WHERE Surry Co. N.C.
DIED
WHERE JANE TAYLOR

NAME BORN DIED
NAME BORN DIED
NAME BORN DIED
NAME BORN DIED

THOMAS FRANKLIN BROWN
BORN
WHERE YADKIN, Co. NC
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

CAROLINE DAVIS
BORN
WHERE YADKIN, Co N.C.
DIED
WHERE

NAME BORN DIED
NAME BORN DIED

REV. JONES DAVIS
NAME BORN DIED

NAME BORN DIED

HENRY Poindexter BRAY
BORN
WHERE YADKIN Co. N.C.
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE Rebeca White

NAME BORN DIED
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SURRY COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thereby acknowledge the receipt of Twenty-Dollars and Twenty-four cents of William Whitaker of Owen County & State of Indiana & who is the Administrator of Richard G. Bray deceased. The aforesaid Sum of Twenty Dollars is my Compensation in full for Services, and aid in procuring for said Whitaker a claim against the United States, in favor of him as administrator of Richd G. Bray deceased who ~~died~~ Reputed & believed died at or near Santa Fe New Mexico & the Twenty-four cents for postage paid by me - & further certify that the Total Amount received of the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of the Heirs & administrator aforesaid was Sixty-nine dollars & eighteen cents, - Bloomington Indiana October the first day A.D. 1856

George W. Harden

Reputed & believed

Record of Bank Clerk two dollars
c. for publishing "Notice Claims of Distribution"
in the Estate of Richard G. Bray deced
July 29. 1857 Dr Clerk

The Estate of R. G. Bray deced
To R. Clerk Clerk Dr.

To making out notice for publicati	,50
Rec'd Affidavit of 25 - fil affts & pet - 6	,30
do Reting 25, No. 10 order 10	45
2,25 2 oaths	10
1,35 Retained do above out money in my hand	$1.35
2,40	R. Clerk Clerk

Richard Bray's Estate
Box 204

Recd of Board Mark Clerks of Orrs
Court of Common Pleas the sum of
five dollars an 84 cents. in full
part on distribution of the estate of
Richard Bray deceased
July. 29th ~~1857~~ Judah + Bray
mark

October the 9th 1856
received of William Whitaker
administrator of the estate of
Richard C Bray Deceased one gold
ring as the property of sd R. C. Bray
Valued at three dollars
H. P. Bray

October 9th 1856,
Received from William Whitaker
Admr of the of the estate of Richard C.
Bray Decd one gold ring valued
at $1,00. Said property being the property
of Sd decedant $1,00
Wm Whitaker

October the 9th 1856
received of William Whitaker administrator of the estate of Richard C Bray
Deceast one gold ring as the property
of Sd Deceast Valued at one dollar
Judah + Bray
mark

Richard Bray's Estate Box 204

The undersigned in behalf of his wife Mary Crockett represents that it appears from the report of the administrator made at the last Term of this Court, that there was at in the hands of the Clerk for distribution the sum of $16,25, 16,25

Witnesses fees & Clerks fees accruing since last Court 3.60

$11.69

leaving the sum of $11 69/100 for distribution

That Julia Bray the mother of said Richard deceased is entitled to one half or 5.84½

That Hiram Bray Warren P. Bray Jesse Bray Reuben Bray Jane Whitaker wife of William Whitaker Martha Wood wife of John Wood Mary Crockett wife of George W Crockett are each intitled as heirs of said Richard Bray deceased to one fourteenth part, Viz - $ 83½ cts each

Respectfully Submitted

G W Crockett

Subscribed & Sworn to in Open Court this 29th day 1857. R. Liddell Clk

Petition for distribution
Richard Bray, Estate
Box 204

LuEva Bray joined PEO at 18; remains loyal with 75-year membership

Chapter AV pays tribute with 'This is Your Life'.....

Eleanor Powell
Lifestyle Editor

LuEva Bray thought she was joining PEO members for a holiday luncheon at First Baptist Church.

Little did the 94-year-old widow of James Bray realize that the group was surprising her with a program celebrating her 75 years in the Philanthropic Educational Organization. And neither did she know that her son, Jim Bray, and daughter Katy Hoyng and other family members were in another part of the church waiting to make their grand entrance.

Following the opening address by June Snow, the chapter president then invited special guests to join the chapter members in the fellowship hall. LuEva Bray was taken by surprise when 20 some members of her family came into the room.

Snow announced that LuEva Bray was being honored that day for her 75-year membership in the Philanthropic Educational Organization. In the blessing she said, "Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for the opportunity to be here together today. We thank you for those who have traveled to get here, both state officers and family members."

Then Andy Webb, narrated a program on "This is Your Life, LuEva Bray." Holding an arm bouquet of yellow roses, she showed surprise, laughter and enjoyment as pertinent parts of her life were revealed.

As details were revealed, Larry Keesler played music that captured the mood of the events being related to the audience.

Andy Webb began by telling that LuEva was born in 1913 in Mount Morris, Pa. She later lived with an aunt in Knoxville, Iowa, where she graduated from high school. It was that aunt who introduced her to PEO and she became a part of Chapter P at the early age of 18. Music and PEO were very important part of her life.

In 1937 she graduated from the Conservatory of Music at Drake University in Des Moines and later moved to New York with dreams of studying at Julliard and a possible career in music.

Jim Bray recalled that his mother and five others from the Conservatory at Drake always ate together at mealtime. A young southerner began sitting at their table (apparently struck by LuEva.) "You and your friends liked listening to him talk. It was Beryl Ives, a mutual friend of both of you, who introside Church."

Their lives were changed drastically on Feb. 10, 1941, when Jim Bray was called into active duty in the United States Army. They were living at Ft. Seal, Okla., when they heard the announcement of the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Jim Bray went overseas in 1944 and was gone for one year.

When he left for Europe, LuEva and baby daughter, Katy, headed to Mount Airy to make their home with Mother Bray. After his return from service, the couple bought a lovely house on a three-quarter acre lot on Cherry Street for $5,000. "That's where I was born in 1946 and where Katy and I grew up," said Jim Bray.

"During that time, you were instrumental in bringing the Mount Airy Opera Club to Mount Airy," said Andy Webb. "Both you and Uncle Jim participated in performances under the direction of Dr. Clifford Bair. You were also active in the First Baptist Church, where both of you sang in the choir, blessing the congregation with many solos. You directed a children's choir, sharing your love of music with many young people. You have remained active in this church all these years, es-



LuEva Bray is seated on the stage for a presentation of her life presented by nephew, Andy Webb, left, and son, Jim Bray.

member that you gave some of them baths, and you took you classes on trips, including Old Salem," Jim Bray said of his mother.

And then Andy said, "Of course, during much of our adult life there was no PEO chapter where you were living. to your sisters."

In conclusion Jim Bray told the audience that his mother had met challenges head-on. "Where others might have chosen an easier path, you never faltered. That beautiful zest for life, that gleam in your eyes, that spark that shows every time

"The way you live is at the heart of what it means to be a PEO. It is only fitting that your fellow PEO Sisters would want to honor you on this occasion of your 75th year as a PEO. They know that you will continue to brighten lives and inspire others as long as you live. Your sisters

honor for the life she has lived and the influence she has had on each of us. Thank you for her 75 years in PEO and for the beautiful spirit she exhibits in everything she does."

At that point Bray was escorted to the stage where she was seated in a queenly fashion as her son, Jim Bray, and

duced you to this North Carolinian, James Russell Bray. For Dad it must have been love at first sight."

Webb went on to say, "Though you refused Uncle Jim's first request for a date, before long you were seeing each other two to three times a week. After about a year, Uncle Jim got his way, and you were married in the little chapel at River-

[illegible] class and your mission group."

"In 1968, you began a new career – teaching. Both you and Dad went back to school to get teaching degrees. Your enthusiasm and love of life were perfect for your chosen field, teaching Special Education. Children who needed you were very blessed to have you pour your love over their lives. I re-

But you lived with the spirit of PEO wherever you were. Then on Saturday, Nov. 8, 1986, you joined 15 other charter members in organizing Chapter AV in Mount Airy. You served as vice president that year and with your experience and your enthusiasm for life, you continued throughout the years to be the epitome of a PEO and a mentor

someone talks with you – all of these things have blessed everyone who knows you. You have spent you life pushing and supporting the arts. You've shred that adventurous spirit, that joy, that ability to help people realize that we do have time to sit back and talk and listen to each other. You help people to know what it is to appreciate life.

want you to know that they're extremely proud of you and are honored to call you 'sister.'

"You are truly a star!"

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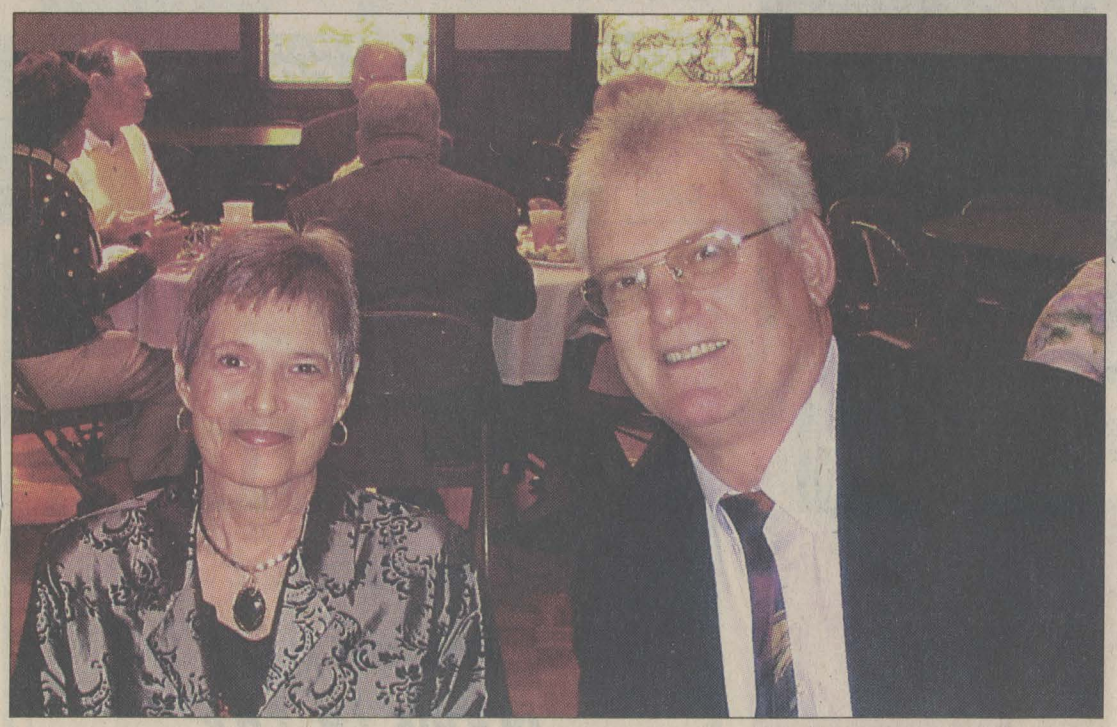
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LuEva Bray is congratulsted by the program chairmen, from left, Nancy Belton, Madge Johnson, June Snow and Martha Morgan.



Martha Morgan looks on as Nancy Belton presents LuEva Bray with treasured photographs.



Katy Bray Hoyng, daughter of the honoree, attended with her husband, Mike.



Larry Keesler plays music during the narration.

State of North Carolina
Surry County

On this the 8th day of November in the year 1858 before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid. Personally appeared Joel Bray aged Sixty four years a resident of Surry County. who being by me duly sworn according to law depo-ses and saith that he is the identical Joel Bray who served as a private in Capt. John Witchers Company in the 5th Regiment of North Carolina Commanded by Col Hunter & Atkinsons in the War with Great Britain declared in June 1812 That he was drafted in the County of Surry in the Fall of the year 1813. That he served in said War at the City of Norfolk in the State of Virginia for more than 3 months and was Honorably discharged. And recd a discharge from the proper officer which said discharge is now on file in the proper office at Washington City he having made application heretofore and recd a Warrant for forty acres which he has sold and does not now recollect the No. of the same and that ~~he has never made~~ any application for recd any warrant and as above Stated. He believes the Number of his warrant was 54.654.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he he may be entitled under the act of Congress of 3d March 1855.

Joel Bray

Witness
Jos Worth

Sloans Surv'g Gen'l Office
18th Nov. 1834

Dear Sir England you
will please find an
application for land Warrant
for one Jacob Bray
please remit the Warrant
to me at this office
Yours truly
R. E. Reeves
Sloans Genl

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR PENSION.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF Surry

On this 6th day of July, A. D. 1903, personally appeared before me, R B Folger Justice of Peace, ~~C. S. C.~~ in and for the State and County aforesaid, Martha M Bledsoe, age 65 years, and a resident at Stony Knob post-office in said County and State, and who, being duly sworn, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 332 of the Laws of 1901, for the relief of certain Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Widows," ratified March 2, 1903; that she is the widow of the late Wm A Bray who enlisted in Co. B, 2nd Bat ~~Reg.~~ N. C. State Troops, on or about the 25th day of Oct, 186/, to serve in the armies of the late Confederate States. She further states that she was married to said Soldier or Sailor before the first day of April, 1865, and that she is now a widow, and has been for twelve months immediately preceding this Application for Pension, a *bona fide* resident of North Carolina; that she holds no office under the United States or under any State or County from which she is receiving the sum of three hundred dollars as fees or as salary annually; that she is not worth in her own right, or the right of her late husband, property at its assessed value for taxation to the amount of five hundred dollars ($500), nor has she disposed of property of such value by gift or voluntary conveyance since the 11th of March, 1885.

That her husband W A Bray was killed in Battle at Gettysburg the 1st day of July 1863. That after the Close of the War she was married to J B Bledsoe who died in 1895 That she is still a widow

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of July, 1903.
R B Folger J P
Signature of ~~C. S. C.~~

her
Martha M X Bledsoe
mark
Signature of Applicant.

CERTIFICATE OF WITNESSES.

Also personally appeared before me John R Badgett, who resides at Rugo post-office, and Lee A. Wood who resides at Rugo post-office, in said County and State, whom I know to be respectable and entitled to credit, and being by me duly sworn, say that They are acquainted with Martha M Bledsoe, the widow of the late Wm A. Bray, of Co. B, 2nd Bat ~~Regiment~~ North Carolina State Troops, and that they believe her to be the identical person she represents herself to be, and that the facts set forth in her affidavit are correct to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of July, 1903.
R B Folger J P
Signature of ~~C. S. C.~~

John R Badgett
his
Lee A X Wood
mark
Signatures of Witnesses.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Surry County.

To the Auditor of the State of North Carolina:

We certify that we have carefully examined the application of Martha M. Bledsoe the widow of the late W. A. Bray, who enlisted in Company B, 2nd Bat Regiment of North Carolina State Troops, for a pension under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 332 of the Laws of 1901, for the relief of certain Confederate Soldiers and Widows," ratified March 2, 1903, and the proofs filed in support thereof; that we are satisfied the said Martha M. Bledsoe is a widow of the late W. A. Bray, who enlisted in Company B, 2 Bat Regiment of North Carolina State Troops, on or about the ..... day of Oct 186/. We certify the following allegations set forth in her application to be true, namely: That she is now a widow; that she is, and has been for twelve months immediately preceding this Application for Pension, a *bona fide* resident of North Carolina; that she holds no office under the United States, or under any State or County, from which she is receiving the sum of three hundred dollars as fees or as a salary annually; that she is not worth in her own right, or the right of her late husband, property at its assessed value for taxation to the amount of five hundred dollars ($500), nor has she disposed of property of such value by gift or voluntary conveyance since the 11th day of March, 1885, and therefore her application is correct and just under the act.

C. A. Hayes
Clerk Superior Court.

(IMPRESS COUNTY SEAL HERE).

Approved:

L. W. Bowles
W. E. Patterson
J. G. Burrus
County Pension Board.

Surry Co
Widow's Application for Pension.
ACT OF MARCH 2D, 1903.

Mrs. Martha M Bledsoe
Widow of W. A. Bray
Company B, 2nd Bat Regiment
North Carolina State Troops.

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Filed by Board of Pensions of .....
County, N. C., ... day of .....
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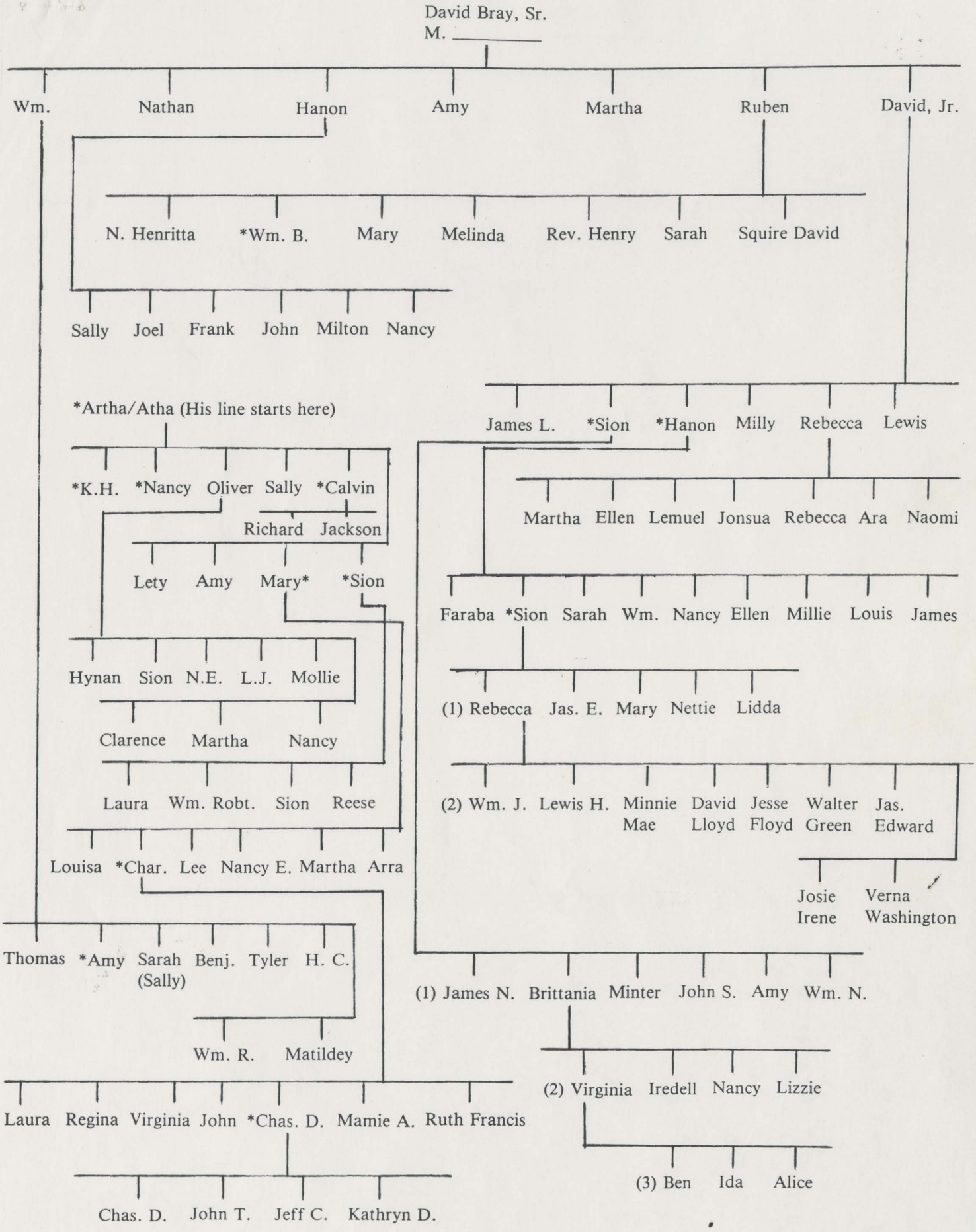
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1884	Brady	Charles C.	Smith, Mary Ann	1	61
1887	Brady	Daniel W.	Cloud, Mary J.	1	67
1891	Brady	Daniel W.	Fariss, Valeria	1	79
1893	Brady	Dallis	Vipman, Lucy J.	1	88
1895	Brady	James F.	Lineberry, Maggie	1	96
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1898	Bray	Milton F.	Amburn, Alverta J.	1	107
1900	Bray	John W.	Quesinberry, Bettie	1	116
1903	Brawley	William	Edwards, Renie	1	131
1904	Bray	Melton F.	Quesinberry, Lottie M.	1	135
1911	Brady	James F.	Davis, Linnie	1	164
1911	Brant	Samuel	Hawks, Media	1	165
1915	Brady	Roscoe	Nester, Sallie Jane	2	11
1917	Brady	Thomas	Quesinberry, Fannie L.	2	24
1927	Brady	Claude	Mays, Ethel	2	84
1931	Bradley	Hershel Lee	Prince, Delma	3	13
1931	Brandon	Wesley Otis	Craver, Katherine Cooley	3	24
1932	Branon	Hugh	Charpell, Kathryn	3	30
1932	Bray	Christopher Colombus	Nance, Mattie Jane	3	38
1933	Branch	Isaac Webb	Tate, Ocie Lee	3	41
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1878	Bradner	Polly A.	Reynolds Asa B.	1	45
1880	Bradner	Julia	Ayers, Jacob S. P.	1	50
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1896	Brady	Mary A.	Johnson, Neal L.	1	99
1906	Brady	R. E.	Cloud J. C.	1	142
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1928	Brady	Annie	Bowers, Willie Floyd	2	85
1928	Brash	Jocelyn Sadie	Payne, John Howard	2	88
1931	Brandon	Jessie Mae	Ireland, Wm. Nelson	3	22
1932	Branch	Mary Ruth	Haymore, Loyd Franklin	3	41
1933	Brack	Bishop Lawsie Lee	Hart, Claude Marion	3	49
1934	Brady	Zera	Marsh, Frank	3	69
1934	Bradley	Minnie	Fulk, Vernon	3	72
1935	Bray	Etta Mae	Barnes, Charlie Lee	3	87
1936	Brashears	Lida Ruth	King, Smith Fogleman	3	95
1937	Brady	Maud Alice	Dean, Graham Robert	3	119
1937	Branch	Elah	Fulk, Carlton	3	119
1938	Branch	Lois	Bowman, Ausby	4	5
1939	Bradley	Rosa	Taylor, Alex	4	26
1939	Branch	Alta Louise	Lawson, Johnnie	4	24

1911	Brant	Samuel	Hawks, Media	1	165	1931	Brandon	Jessie Mae	Ireland, Wm. Nelson	3	22
1915	Brady	Roscoe	Nester, Sallie Jane	2	11	1932	Branch	Mary Ruth	Haymore, Loyd Franklin	3	41
1917	Brady	Thomas	Quesinberry, Fannie L.	2	24	1933	Brack	Bishop Lawsie Lee	Hart, Claude Marion	3	49
1927	Brady	Claude	Mays, Ethel	2	84	1934	Brady	Zera	Marsh, Frank	3	69
1931	Bradley	Hershel Lee	Prince, Delma	3	13	1934	Bradley	Minnie	Fulk, Vernon	3	72
1931	Brandon	Wesley Otis	Craver, Katherine Cooley	3	24	1935	Bray	Etta Mae	Barnes, Charlie Lee	3	87
1932	Branon	Hugh	Charpell, Kathryn	3	30	1936	Brashears	Lida Ruth	King, Smith Fogleman	3	95
1932	Bray	Colombus Christopher	Nance, Mattie Jane	3	38	1937	Brady	Maud Alice	Dean, Graham Robert	3	119
1933	Branch	Isaac Webb	Tate, Ocie Lee	3	41	1937	Branch	Elah	Fulk, Carlton	3	119
1933	Bray	Richard Early	King, Victoria Elizabeth	3	47	1938	Branch	Lois	Bowman, Ausby	4	5
1933	Brady	Herman	Hawks, Ruby	3	49	1939	Bradley	Rosa	Taylor, Alex	4	26
1934	Branch	Lawrence Joe	Hemmings, Vesta Faye	3	58	1939	Branch	Alta	Lawson, Johnnie	4	24
1934	Branch	Ellis	Johnson, Rosa	3	65	1939	Broadway	Louise Emily	Honeycutt, James Rowland	4	36
1936	Bradshaw	Hersey Taft	Kelly, Nelouise	3	104	1939	Bratcher	Eva	Long, Wm. Lawrence	4	36
1936	Brady	Raiff	Combs, Elva	3	105	1940	Branch	Isabella	Haymore, Sam	4	45
1937	Bradley	Cornelius Robert	Lawson, Gilliam	4	3	1940	Bratton	Daphne	Murray, Loyde Jackson	4	47
1938	Bray	Paul	Wells, Lola Mae	4	8	1940	Braddock	Asalee	Jones, James Worth	4	48
1938	Brady	William	Calicut, Vernon Loui	4	13	1940	Braswell	Joyce	Williams, Wolford	4	48
1938	Bradway	Delmar Lonnie	Wilson, Annie Kate	4	15	1942	Bransch	Virgie	Haines, Woodrow	4	64
1939	Bratton	Clyde Andrew	Sproles, Grace Lee	4	23	1943	Branch	Vear Mae	Slater, Ralph Hubert	4	67
1939	Branch	Jesse	Shelton, Elsie	4	37	1946	Bradley	Gertrude Evane	Chatham, Leo Rogers	4	80
1940	Bramer	Wesley	Payne, Louise	4	48	1950	Brady	Lila Victoria	Branscome, Julius Luster	5	1
1940	Brady	Clinton	Burnett, Sylvia	4	50	1952	Brady	Prinnie Mozelle	Compton, Otis Mastin	5	7
1940	Branch	Warren	Slate, Cassie	4	51	1953	Bradley	Frances Elizabeth	Wallace, James Howard	5	11
1940	Brackens	Frank Jack	Thore, Agnes Kathleen	4	53	1958	Brannock	Rachel Eva Sue	Jennings, Ray Monroe	5	30
1940	Bradford	McDonald Jas.	Akers, Lillian Maude	4	53	1958	Brady	Bessie Viola	Sizemore, Hiram Roger	5	31
1941	Bradley	Bradley Encheson	Carberry, Minnie Mae	4	59	1963	Brady	Pamela Gail	Mitchell, Dawyer Henry	5	46
1942	Brady	Howard Walker	Marshall, Virginia Mae	4	61	1966	Brady	Judy Ann	Stanley, Roger Dale	5	59
1947	Brady	James Arlis	Weddle, Lucille	4	90						


David Bray, Sr.
M. _____
Wm.
Nathan
Hanon
Amy
Martha
Ruben
David, Jr.
N. Henritta
*Wm. B.
Mary
Melinda
Rev. Henry
Sarah
Squire David
Sally
Joel
Frank
John
Milton
Nancy
*Artha/Atha (His line starts here)
James L.
*Sion
*Hanon
Milly
Rebecca
Lewis
*K.H.
*Nancy
Oliver
Sally
*Calvin
Richard
Jackson
Martha
Ellen
Lemuel
Jonsua
Rebecca
Ara
Naomi
Lety
Amy
Mary*
*Sion
Faraba
*Sion
Sarah
Wm.
Nancy
Ellen
Millie
Louis
James
Hynan
Sion
N.E.
L.J.
Mollie
(1) Rebecca
Jas. E.
Mary
Nettie
Lidda
Clarence
Martha
Nancy
Laura
Wm. Robt.
Sion
Reese
(2) Wm. J.
Lewis H.
Minnie Mae
David Lloyd
Jesse Floyd
Walter Green
Jas. Edward
Josie Irene
Verna Washington
Louisa
*Char.
Lee
Nancy E.
Martha
Arra
Thomas
*Amy
Sarah (Sally)
Benj.
Tyler
H. C.
(1) James N.
Brittania
Minter
John S.
Amy
Wm. N.
Wm. R.
Matildey
(2) Virginia
Iredell
Nancy
Lizzie
Laura
Regina
Virginia
John
*Chas. D.
Mamie A.
Ruth
Francis
(3) Ben
Ida
Alice
Chas. D.
John T.
Jeff C.
Kathryn D.

Ms. Mildred Eaton,
Corresponding Sec'y, SCGA
P. O. Box 997
Dobson, North Carolina 27017

Dear Ms. Eaton:

Do you, as Secretary, have a record of anyone building a genealogy in the name of Bray?

Do you, as Secretary, know of a researcher who would be willing to search the Census Records as follows:

Counties: Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin
Time Period: 1870 through 1890
Name: Louis (Lewis?) H. Bray

I have enclosed an SASE for your convenience in replying. And, thank you in advance for any help you may be able to supply.

Sincerely,

Norma L. Morris

Mrs. Norma L. Morris
2725 North 5-Mile Rd., Sp. 34
Boise, Idaho 83713

1860 Yadkin Census (Book) no
1880 " " " no
1830 Stokes " " no
1840 " " " no
1850 " " " no
1860 " " " no
1880 Surry " " yes

Jimmy Lockerham may be working on BRAY.

Bray, William

State of North Carolina }
Surry County }

On this 29th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand ~~eight~~ hundred and fifty four personally appeared before me acting justice of the peace within and for the county aforesaid Mrs Letitia Bray a resident of the county of Surry and State of North Carolina aged eighty ~~three~~ years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the law of the United States passed on the 3rd day of Feby A.D. 1853. That she is the widow of William Bray who was a private in the company of Capt Davidson of the 5th or 7th Regiment of North Carolina militia commanded by Col Jesse A Pearson War of 1812. That she was married to the said William Bray about the year 1790 for which proof she refers to the files for obtaining her land warrant. That her husband the aforesaid William Bray died on the 26 day of April 1854 at the poor house in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina. in consequence of a disease of the nerves contracted while in the service of the United States + which rendered him almost helpless from the time of his return from said service until his death. That she was a widow at the passage of the act aforesaid and is still a widow. and that she had by the said William Bray the following Children Thomas Bray, Amy, Leander, Sally, Tyre, Matilda Mary Benjamin & William. whose ages she can not now remember. having lost their record of their births. all of whom were largely over sixteen at the passage of this act.

+ in the discharge of his duty

her
Letitia ✕ Bray
mark

Subscribed and Sworn to before me the day and year first above written and I certify that I have no interest in the result of the case and am not concerned in its prosecution

John H Hamlin J.P.

~~State of North Carolina~~
~~Surry County~~

~~On this 31st day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and fifty four personally appeared before me the resident Signed a justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid. Watson Hollyfield~~

to day
fy that
d and

State of North Carolina }
Surry County }

On this 28th day
of July A.D. 1864 personally appeared before
me an acting justice of the peace within
and for the County and State aforesaid
Watson Hodgefield and Benjamin Baker who
severally being sworn according to Law
declare that they were personally acquainted
with William Bray named in the foregoing
declaration. That he enlisted ~~in~~ volunteered
in the company of Capt Davidson in
the Regiment of North Carolina Militia
war of 1812. and March to Salisbury &c.
as fifer of said Company where he was
attacked with disease known as the Shaking
palsy incapacitating for the duties of fifer
&c. then entered the line and served a
six months tour in the Creek Nation
against ~~in the service~~ as above. by exposure
his disease was greatly augmented. and
after his return home was so disabled
as never to be able to do any labor towards
the support of his family. That he died
at the poor house of Surry County in the
State of North Carolina at the time stated
in the declaration of Mrs Bray. Also that
the said Letitia Bray is the widow
of the aforesaid William Bray and
that is is now a widow. Also that
they were in the service aforesaid
with Wm Bray and have ever since
lived in the same neighborhood with him
until his death

N. Post Office

In

Benjamin Baker

Sworn to and subscribed before me
the day and year above written and
I hereby Certify that the witness above
are men of respectability and are
entitled to full confidence in any Court
of justice of our County

John H. Saunders JP

State of North Carolina
Surry County

I John H. Dobson
Clerk of the County Court of Surry
do hereby certify that John Saunders
whose name appears to the above affidavit
was an acting Magistrate for County aforesaid
at the signing the above and that the above
~~Extract and~~ his own proper hand
writing. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal of office this 14th day of November
A.D. 1854

J. H. Dobson Clk

No 1257

Treasury Department
Fifth Auditor's Office
January 9th 1855.

Sir,

The name of William Bray appears on the Rolls of Captain Davidson's Company, of North Carolina Militia. but it does not appear that he rendered any service,

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chr Jones jr
Auditor

L. P. Waldo Esq
Com of Pensions

R.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of North Carolina } ss.
COUNTY OF Surry }

In the matter of claim for pension of Mrs. Lelitha Bray widow of Joel Bray, Soldier of war of 1812,

Personally came before me, a Justice of the peace in and for aforesaid County and State, Nancy Johnson aged 65 years, and James Jones aged 77 years, citizens of the Town of ..., County of Surry, State of North Carolina, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who,

Post Office Address. Mrs Johnsons P.O. is Pilot Mt. Mrs Jones is P.O. Dobson N.C.

being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

Nancy Johnson States That She has known the partys above named to Wit Joel Bray and wife Lelitha Bray since her first Recollection that She was present at Hanan Brays Residence the the Father of Joel Bray when Said Joel Bray come home with his wife Lelithea Bray Soon after the alledged Marriage this Being the first time the parties Joel Bray and wife Lelitha Bray had visited his Fathers house since the alleged Marriage that She herd Nancy Bray the Mother of Joel Bray Say that they the parties above Named had lately Been Married that She said Nancy Johnson was But a Child Seven or eight years of age that She has Known them ever since until the death of Joel Bray that they was All the times up to his Death Recognized as Man and wife in this Country No Change to the Contrary ever Being Brought

Jane Jones States that on the 20th day of April 1820 her Father died on or about the first Sunday in June following She was at the Douglas meeting house in and Saw Joel ~~Bray and his wife~~ Lelitha Bray Come to meeting and the Mother of Joel Bray Told her that they Said Joel Bray and Lelitha Bray was maried a few days Before and She saw their friends Congratulating them on that occasion that She has known them ever up to the times of Joel Brays death that they was Recognized as Man and wife Nothing to the Contrary ever having Been alleged

They further declare that they have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 persons)

Signature of Affiants. Nancy Johnson
Jane Jones

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
JUN 22 1907
PENSION BUREAU

State of North Carolina }
Surry County } On this 18th day of August AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty one personally appeared before me as acting justice of the peace within and for the County and state aforesaid Joel Bray aged fifty six years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Joel Bray who was a private in the Company Commanded by Captain John Pitcher in the fifth Regiment of North Carolina militia Commanded by Col Richard Allen in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June AD 1812. That he Volunteered in the County and State aforesaid some time in the month of September in the year 1814 for the term of six months and Continued in actual service for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at Norfolk Virginia on the 22nd day of Feby. AD. 1815 as will appear by his original certificate of discharge herewith presented or by the muster rolls of said Company. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States passed 28th September AD. 1850

Joel Bray

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written. And I hereby certify that I believe the said Joel Bray is the identical man who served in above stated and that he is now old and infirm

D. Bladdwood J.P. Seal

22.762
March 9. 1878
Cert. No. 7.973

SERVICE PENSION,
War of 1812.

Original Case.
Reopened from
Act of

WIDOW'S BRIEF.

Telitha Bray, widow of

Joel Bray

Rank: Private
Captain John Witcher
Regiment: North Carolina Militia
State: North Carolina

Post Office: Copeland, County of Surrey, State of North Carolina
Attorney: R. H. Walker P. O.: Washington, D. C.
— County, State of — Pay, Fee $10, No Contract filed.

Application filed May 23. 1878.

Alleged service. Claimant alleges that Joel Bray was a Pvt. in the war of 1812 (no name of Capt. of Co. stated) That the soldier was drafted in Surry Co, N. C, about Oct. or Nov. 1814 for 6 months, was in service 3 months & was discharged at Norfolk, Va. in 1815.

Record evidence of service. The 3rd Auditor under date of April 14, 1852, reports that Joel Bray served from Nov. 28, 1814 to Feb. 22, 1815 in Capt. John Watchus's Co.

Parol evidence of service.

Length of service 51 days

Proof of identity. Identifying witnesses, who state they have known claimant 20 years, both prior and subsequent to the soldiers death.

Proof of loyalty.

Admitted Aug. 3rd, 1878, to a pension of EIGHT DOLLARS per month from March 9. 1878 the date of filing of the act.

No pension previously applied for

Jno N Miller
Pension Searcher.

Warrant for Bounty Land claim 95281-120 55 issued

O'Brien
Bounty Land Searcher.

Chas H. Jewell
Examiner.

APPROVED August 15, 1878.

T L Gilly
Reviewer.

(OVER.)

D. | 22 | Iowa

×Calvin 1 Bray.

Pvt. Co D. 22. Reg Iowa Infty

Appears on

Muster Roll

of detachment of Paroled Prisoners at Benton Barracks, Missouri,

for March & Apl., 1865.

Station Benton Brks Mo.

Clothing account:

Last settled ....., 186 ; drawn since $ 100

Present or absent not stated.

Remarks:

× Entry Cancelled

Book mark:

Gulager

(520) Copyist.

B | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pri., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on **Returns** as follows:

Feb. 1863. Gain Feb. 16 on the March, enlisted in the Regiment

July to Sept 1863. Absent on furlough July 29/63.

Oct. 1863 - Loss, Sept. 19 Vicksburg, deserted.

Mar. 1864 - Gain, Mar 27/64 Matagorda Bay Texas voluntarily rt'd from desertion.

May 1864 - Absent, left in New Orleans on duty May 4/64.

Oct. 1864 to Mar. 1865 - Absent prisoner of War, taken at Winchester Va. Oct. 19/64.

Apl & May 1865 - Absent paroled prisoners of War, captured Oct. 19/64.

June 1865 - Loss, Apl 5/65 Benton Barracks Mo. Died of disease.

Book mark

A H Davis

(546) Copyist.

D | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Priv., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Jany & Feby, 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't, $ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: Enrolled Feb. 8/63 Thomsonville Mo., Period 3 years). Muster-in not given.

Book mark: .....

Talbott

(358) Copyist.

D | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Priv., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on **Special Muster Roll**

for April 10, 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't, $ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: .....

Book mark: .....

Talbott

(359) Copyist.

D | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Priv., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for March & April, 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't, $ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: .....

Book mark: .....

Talbott

(358) Copyist.

D | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Priv., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for May & June, 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't, $ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: Mustered in Feb. 8/63 Thomsonville Mo.).

†Corrected by Nichols Cpr.

Book mark: .....

Talbott

(358) Copyist.

D | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Priv, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for July & Aug, 1863

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, $ ____ 100 for ____

Due Gov't, $ ____ 100 for ____

Remarks: Absent without leave

Book mark:

Talbott

(358) Copyist.

D | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Priv, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Sept & Oct, 1863

Present or absent

Stoppage, $ ____ 100 for ____

Due Gov't, $ ____ 100 for ____

Remarks: Deserted Sept 18, 1863 from Vicksburg Miss.

Next name on roll Mch. & Apl. '64

Book mark:

Talbott

(358) Copyist.

NB | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D 22 Reg't Iowa Inf.

Appears on

Descriptive List of Deserters

dated Vermillion Bayou La Oct 16, 1863.

Deserted:

When Sep 18, 1863

Where Vicksburg

Arrested:

When ____, 186 .

Where

Remarks: Term of furlough expired & reported as deserter according to orders recd from Corps Hdq Dis. G.O. No 46. Current Series Oct 15/63 & so on roll

Book mark:

Jones

(351) Copyist.

NB | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Inf.

Appears on

Descriptive List of Deserters

dated New Iberria La Nov 2, 1863.

Deserted:

When Sept 18, 1863

Where Vicksburg Miss.

Arrested:

When ____, 186 .

Where

Remarks: On furlough.

Book mark:

Jones

(351) Copyist.

B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for March & Apr., 1864.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't, $ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: Returned from desertion March 25th 1864 Returned to duty without loss of pay or allowances by order of Genl McClernand

Book mark: Charges of Desertion (over)

Furnish -

(858) Copyist.

B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Inf.

Appears on

Descriptive List of Deserters

dated Matagorda Island Tex. Apl, 1864.

Deserted:

When ....., 186 .

Where .....

Arrested:

When ....., 186 .

Where .....

Remarks: Returned from desertion March 27/64 at Matagorda Island Texas. Returned to duty without loss of pay or allowance by order of Maj Gen Banks.

Book mark: .....

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(351) Copyist.

B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for May & June, 1864.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't, $ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: .....

Book mark: .....

Furnish -

(858) Copyist.

B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for July & Aug, 1864.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, $ ..... 100 for .....

Due Gov't, $ ..... 100 for .....

Remarks: $ 6.00 Retained pay due under an act of Congress July 1864 increasing the Pay of Soldiers -

Book mark: .....

Furnish -

(858) Copyist.

JUL 21 1891
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removed Returned to this Co and Regt. March 28, 1864 was restored to duty without loss of pay or allowances by special order no. 63 dated Hd qrs 1st Div 13th A.C. Mat. agurda Island March 30, 1864 evidence having been adduced satisfactorily to the Maj. Genl commanding, that the absence was, under the circumstances unavoidable see 6159-B- A.G.O. (E.B) 1894

B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Sept & Oct, 1864.

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Remarks: Captured by the enemy Oct 19th 1864 at Cedar Creek Va. - $ 6.00 Retained pay due unaccordance act of Congress July 1864 increasing the pay of soldiers.

Book mark:

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(358) Copyist.

B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Nov & Dec, 1864.

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Remarks: Captured by the enemy Oct 19" 1864 at Cedar Creek Va. - $ 6.00 retained pay due for the months of May & June 64.

Book mark:

Jurniss

(358) Copyist.

B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Jan & Feb, 1865.

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Remarks: Captured by the enemy Oct-19' 64 at Cedar Creek Va. $ 6.00 retained pay due for the months of May & June 1864.

Book mark:

Jurniss

(358) Copyist.

JUL. 21 9936905 1891

St Louis of diarrhoea vide D & D. R.-

JUL. 21 9936696 1891

March & April well. Died of disease contracted since entering the service while in the line of duty Vide D & D. R. -

D | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

....., Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 31 years; height 5 feet 8 inches.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Gray; hair dark

Where born Surry NC

Occupation Farmer

ENLISTMENT.

When Febr 8, 186 3.

Where Thomasville Mo.

By whom R M Wilson; term during the war y'rs.

Remarks: Enlisted into Co D
Service Febr 8 '63 R B Atherton
Major & Mustering Officer
Deserted Feb 17th 1863
Rec'd a furlough of
30 days at Vicksburg Miss
and never returned.
This on the 28th day of (over)

D L Allen

(383a) Copyist.

I | 22 | Iowa

Calvin Bray

Pvt. Co D. 22 Reg. Iowa Inft.

Appears on

Muster Roll

of detachment of Paroled Prisoners at Benton Barracks, Missouri,

for January, 186 5.

Station Benton Barracks Mo.

Clothing account:

Last settled ....., 186 ; drawn since $ 100

Present or absent Present.

Remarks: .....

Book mark: .....

N. N. Gibson

(520) Copyist.

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July 1863. Returned from desertion
Mch. 27th 1864.
Bray died Apr. 5. 1865
Benton Barracks on
of Diarrha
Battles engaged in:
Port Gibson May 1st.
Champion Hills May 16th
Black River Bridge May 17th
Siege of Vicksburg and
siege of Jackson Miss
Taken prisoner at Cedar
Creek Va. Oct. 19th '64.

13 | 22 | Iowa

Calvin Bray
Pvt Co D. 22 Reg Iowa Inft.

Appears on

Muster Roll

of detachment of Paroled Prisoners at Benton Barracks, Missouri,

for Jany Feby, 1865.

Station Benton Brks Mo.

Clothing account:

Last settled ....., 186 ; drawn since $ 100

Present or absent Present

Remarks:

Book mark:

W. W. Gibson

(520) Copyist.

13 | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bragg.
Pvt Co. D. 22 Regt Iowa Inf.

Appears on

Muster Roll

of detachment of Paroled Prisoners at Benton Barracks, Missouri,

for Mch to Apr, 1865.

Station Benton Barracks Mo.

Clothing account:

Last settled ....., 186 ; drawn since $ 100

Present or absent Absent.

Remarks: Absent with leave.

Book mark:

Scott.

(520) Copyist.

13 | 22 | Iowa

Calvin Bragg*
Pvt Co. * 22 Regt Iowa Inf.

Appears on

Muster Roll

of detachment of paroled prisoners at Benton Barracks, Missouri,

for May June 1865.

Station Benton Barracks Mo

Captured:

When Oct 19, 1865.

Where Cedar Creek Va

Delivered:

When Mch 4, 1865.

Where Richmond, Va

Reported at Post Mch 23, 1865.

Sent from Post Apr 5, 1865.

Present or absent .....

Remarks: Died in Hospt at Benton Barracks Mo.
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Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Mch Apl, 1865.

Present or absent Absent

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Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Appears on a

Detachment Muster Roll

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of the organization named above

for Mch Apl, 186 5.

Station Benton Barracks Mo

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, $ 100 for

Due Gov't, $ 100 for

Remarks: Absent with leave.

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B. | 22 | Iowa.

Calvin Bray

Pvt, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Infantry.

Age 21 years.

Appears on **Co. Muster-out Roll,** dated

Savannah Ga July 25, 1865.

Muster-out to date , 186 .

Last paid to June 30, 1865

Clothing account:

Last settled , 186 ; drawn since $ 100

Due soldier $ 100; due U. S. $ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd $ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., $ 100

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Remarks: Died April 5th 1865 at Det Louisa (Diarrhoea) Paid for the month of Jan & Feb 1865 Co. Returned pay due for the months of may & June 64. Final Statements given

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Calvin Bray

, Co. D, 22 Reg't Iowa Vols

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War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, July 18, 1874

"Charge of desertion removed. Returned to his Co and Regt. March 22 1864 was restored to duty without loss of pay or allowances, by Special Orders No 63, dated Hd Qrs 1st Div 13 A C, Matagorda Island March 20 1864 evidence having been adduced satisfactory to the Maj Gen Comdg that the absence was under the circumstances, unavoidable"

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State of North Carolina,

Gaddin COUNTY.

Office of Register of Deeds,

June 1st 1881.

To any Ordained Minister of any Religious Denomination or any Justice of the Peace of said County:

1 G H Dougsp having applied to me for a LICENSE for the Marriage

of[2] Thos H [redacted] of[3] Sumy, aged[4] 20 years,

color[5] White the son of[6] William Bray and[7] M M Bary

the father now[8] dead, the mother[9] living resident of[10] Sumy

And[11] Sarah J Gough of[12] Gaddin aged[13] 19 years

color[14] White, daughter of[15] S G Gough and[16] Nancy P Gough

the father[17] dead, the mother[18] dead, resident of[19] Gaddin

*And the written consent of ..... the .....

of the said ..... to the proposed marriage having been filed with me,

And there being no legal impediment to such marriage known to me, you are hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the date hereof, to celebrate the proposed marriage at any place within the said county.

You are required within two months after you shall have celebrated such marriage to return this License to me, at my office, with your signature subscribed to the certificate under this License, and with the blanks therein filled according to the facts, under penalty of forfeiting two hundred dollars to the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

P G Gadsay

Register of Deeds.

No. .....

1. Name of person applying for license
2. Name of man to be married in full
3. Residence.
4. Age.
5. White or colored.
6. Father of man to be married
7. Mother of man to be married
8. Living or dead.
9. Living or dead.
10. Residence if known, if not, state unknown.
11. Name of woman to be married in full
12. Residence.
13. Age.
14. White or colored.
15. Father's name
16. Mother's name
17. Living or dead
18. Living or dead
19. Residence if known, if not, state unknown.

* If both parties are over 18 years of age strike out

G. H. Gough, being duly sworn, says: That the parties applying for License, are of lawful age, and that, so far as he is informed and believes, there is no lawful cause or impediment, forbidding said marriage.

his
G H X Gough
mark

Witness: A. Horn

State of North Carolina,

..... COUNTY.

I,[1] A. Horn a[2] Justice of Peace

united in Matrimony[3] Thomas H Bary and[4] Sarah J Gough

the parties licensed above, on the 1st day of June, 1881, at[5] East Bend

in[6] East Bend

Township, in said County, according to law.

*WITNESSES PRESENT AT MARRIAGE:

A Horn J.P.

J H Degerne of Gaddin

William Taylor of "

L M Matthews of "

1 Name of person officiating. 2 If minister, of what denomination, if Justice of the Peace, so state. 3 Name of man married. 4 Name of woman married 5. Place of Marriage. 6. Township. *At least three persons present at marriage must sign as witnesses.

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Camp near Kinston
March 10th 1863

Dear Wife

I take the opportunity of writing you a few lines I am not very well I have a pain in my side but nothing serious I hope there is a goodeal of excitement here now all the Brigade except our battalion is gone and we will leave in the morning I think Genl Pettigrew with his brigade is advancing on the north side of the River and we are going down on the South side we all under the command of Genl D H Hill who is to bring on the attack and then fall back and get the yankees to follow after him to Pettigrew then cross the River and gain the enemies Rear if we can succeed in this I think we will capture a good portion of their army but if we fail I cannot tell how it will be but I hope we will be successfull if the Yankies ever get to Goldsboro Richmond is gone sure but they will have a rough time before they get to Goldsboro

write quick and often be sure to write as soon as you get this letter tell me a heap about John and Susa tell them to be good children mind pappa will come home sometime I never [illegible] home you must do the best you can but I hope the good all things will upon my home again it looks like any thing if I could be at two days orders have come for us to be ready to march in the morning it is now [illegible] and we are all busy [illegible] will again close as I [illegible] your Husband till death

Martha A Bray } W W Bray

wrote two three letters as quick as you get this I will be sure to get one at home like I cannot write enough

I expect by on you get this letter I shall have to ask my fate on the battle field I trust I shall come out safe but should it be my unfortunate lot to fall then be it so though I am unwell I shall bear my men in the fight if I am able to walk it may be that there will be no fight here soon but my opinion is that will be in a few days for Genl Hill is determined to advance on the enemy in the direction of newberne I think is our enemies move but I suppose he knows better than I do and it may be all for the better Brother Robt is better but not well yet he will not go with us I have not heard a word from home since I left Goldsboro only when Mr Lassiter come back to camp I think it very strange that I never get any letters from you all the rest get letters every week and I never hear a word from you except somebody come from there it looks like if you wrote much some of the letters would surely get here if you knew how bad I wanted to hear from you and my sweet little children you would write a many a letter to me sure I want to see you all the worst in the world I would give any thing in this world to be at home with you and them little babes tonight clasp their little bodies how bad I want to see them I have forgot how they look but I hope I will live to see you all again but that is uncertain for we are engaged in a uncertain business I thought some time ago that the war would soon end but I see no prospect of its ending now the yankees will soon have three million more men in the field and time alone can only tell how the war will end I shall try to get to come home this Spring or Summer if I live and get the chance you have no idie how bad I want to see you and the children but you know it is impossible for me to get to come home this war this awful war when will it end never till every thing is ruined I fear

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of North Carolina } ss.
COUNTY OF Lenny

In the matter of Claim for Pension of Mrs Juliet Bray
widow of Joel Bray Soldier of war of 1812

Personally came before me, a Justice of the peace in and for aforesaid County and State, Nancy Johnson aged 65 years, and Lizzie G. Gibbons aged 27 years, citizen of the Town of Post Office Address. Liloam, County of Lenny, State of North Carolina, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That they saw Joel Bray after his death which took place on the 29 th of october A.D. 1868 and that they attended his Burial on the 30th of oct 1868

They further declare that they have no interest in said case, and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when any affiant signs BY MARK, (2 *persons*)

Signature of Affiants. Nancy Jo Johnson
Lizzie Gibbons

U.

WAR OF 1812.

CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR SERVICE PENSION,

Under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 4740, inclusive, Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9, 1878.

N. B.—All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof; and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

State of North Carolina County of Surry, ss.

On this the 19th day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and Seventy eight, personally appeared before me Jos Phippin Justice of the Peace the same being a ~~court of record~~ within and for the County and State aforesaid, (1) Selitha Bray, aged 77 years, a resident of Surry County, in the State of North Carolina, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) Joel Bray deceased, who was the identical (3) Joel Bray, who served under the name of (4) Joel Bray as a (5) Privateer in the Company commanded by Captain ; in the regiment of , commanded by ; in the war of (6) 1812; that her said husband (7) was drafted at in Surry County No. on or about the day of October & November A. D. 1814 for the term of Six Months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (8) Three months and whose services terminated, by reason of (9) an honorable Discharge at Norfolk Va. on the day of A. D. 1815. She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (10) 19 years of age A Farmer Born Surry County No. hight six feet high Black hair and eyes dark Complecion

She further states that she was married to the said Joel Bray, ~~at the city (or town) of~~, in the county of Surry, and in the State of North Carolina, on the 25th day of May A. D. 1820 by one (11) Thomas Douglas, who was a (12) Justice of the Peace; and that her name before her said marriage was Selitha Hill, and that she has not remarried since the death of said Joel Bray; and she further states that (13) that Neither herself nor her husband had Been previously married

and that her said husband (14) Joel Bray, died at his Residence, in the State of North Carolina, on the 29th day of October A. D. 1869; and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (15) Surry County North Carolina

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension to which she may be entitled under Sections 4736 to 4740, inclusive, Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9, 1878, and hereby appoints **R. W. WALKER, of Washington, D. C.**, her true and lawful attorney to prosecute her claim.

And she further declares that she has heretofore made no application for (16) Bounty land or pension But that her husband drew Bounty land in his own name in his lifetime

and that her residence is ~~No. street, city (or town) of~~ county of Surry State of North Carolina, and that her post office address is Copeland Post office Surry County North Carolina

[Two attesting witnesses who can write their names.]

her
Selitha + Bray
mark
Signature of Claimant.

W. G. Harbour

Hayes McKinney

Also personally appeared W. G. Harbour, aged 45 years, residing at No. in Surry County street, in North Carolina and Lydia Hackney, aged 34 years, residing at No. in Surry County

Relatives show up for LuEva Bray's celebration





LuEva Bray was surprised when the PEO Chapter AV entertained with a luncheon and programin her honor at First Baptist Church. She was happy to see her grandchildren, Jessica Bray, left photo; and Julie Estes and husband Chuck Estes.



Andy Webb, Jim Bray and Sybil Bray enjoy lunch before the program begins.



PEO Chapter AV President June Snow, center, is seated with Marie Judson, left, and Martha Morgan, right. Standing are Madge Johnson, Nancy Belton and Linda Stanfield. The club sponsored the celebration honoring LuEva Bray on her 75th year as a club member.



LuEva's niece, Shannon Smith came down from Staunton, Va.; and a nephew, the Rev. Robert Smith and wife Martha were there from Greensboro.



Kathy Stanley, Joy and Jim Davis, seated, dined with Dr. Jack Snow, Ann Yokeley and and Dr. Steve Yokeley.



Seated together were PEO members, Jane Britt, Mary Botkin and Amy Johnson; standing, Karen Springthorpe, Carol Burke and Bep Zonneveld.