

Abraham Wood of Rowan and Surry County, North Carolina

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Abraham Wood was an early settler of what is now Surry County, North Carolina. Like many of our early ancestors, little is known about him or his family. In addition, research is complicated by another individual of the same name who moved to Rowan County, North Carolina about 1775, served in the Revolutionary War, and then returned to Maryland. In searching transcribed records of the period, these facts about Abraham Wood have been gathered:

- Abraham Wood first appeared in the area that was then Rowan County, North Carolina on a tax list in 1768.¹
- He is listed as a witness to the will of Ann Thomas, which was prepared December 19, 1769 in Rowan County, North Carolina.²
- Abraham Wood was taxed for 1772 in Surry County.³
- The 1774 tax list for Surry County is the first hint of the name of an additional family member of Abraham Wood, as the entry states: "Abraham Wood, and son Abraham Wood, Jr.: 2 polls."⁴
- On August 12, 1778, William Head entered 640 acres of land in Surry County, described as "being on the south side of Dill's Creek" (which is in present day Yadkin County, North Carolina), "joining Benjamin Pettets' deeded land, ...and up the N side of the said creek including Zachariah Martin and Abraham Wood's improvement."⁵
- On the 1782 tax list of Surry County, North Carolina, Abraham Wood was shown with four horses, nine head of cattle, and no land.^{6,7}
- In 1784, Abraham and Cartin Wood return the inventory of the estate of Hezekiah Wright of Surry County.⁸ The identity of Cartin Wood is unknown to the author.
- In 1785, William Hughlett brought a lawsuit against Abraham Wood, Jr. in Surry County.⁹

¹ Jo White Linn, Rowan County, North Carolina Tax Lists, 1757-1800. Annotated Transcriptions. [Publishing information not available] p. 104

² Jo White Linn, Abstracts of Wills and Estates Records of Rowan County, North Carolina 1753-1805, and Tax Lists of 1759 and 1778. Published privately by Mrs. Linn: Box 1948, Salisbury, North Carolina, 1980 p. 12

³ North Carolina Taxpayers, 1701-1786, compiled by Clarence E. Ratcliff. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1984.

⁴ Luther N. Byrd: Tax Lists: Surry County, North Carolina for the Year 1774 with a partial listing for 1775. Privately published by the author: Westfield, North Carolina, ca 1995.

⁵ Agnes M. Wells, Virginia G. Phillips, and Carol J. Leonard. Joseph Winston: His Entry Book. Surry County, North Carolina Land Entries 1778-1781. Published privately by the authors, 1987.

⁶ Mrs. Robert J. Taylor, 1782 Tax List of Surry County, North Carolina. Published privately by the author: Box 687, Cimarron, Kansas 67835, p. 21.

⁷ 1782 Tax List of Surry County, North Carolina. Published in "The Journal of Surry County Genealogical Association", July 1982, p.11.

⁸ Jo White Linn, Surry County, North Carolina Wills, 1771-1827: Annotated Genealogical Abstracts. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, p.54.

- Abraham Wood witnessed the will of his neighbor, Benjamin Pettit, which was prepared August 2, 1785 in Surry County.¹⁰
- Later in the month, Abraham, Sr. was exempted from paying any further poll taxes.¹¹ He had been taxed in 1785 for 350 acres and one white poll.¹² Obediah Wood first appears on the Surry County tax list in 1786.¹³
- On September 8, 1786, Abraham Wood, Sr., purchased 320 acres on Bean Shoal Creek in what is now Yakin County, North Carolina from Gideon Brown and his wife, Drewsilla. Witnesses to the transaction were John Williams, John Kerr, and Jesse Scott.¹⁴

There are several more entries in the Surry County Court Minute Books, but it is unclear if the entries refer to Abraham Wood, Jr., or Abraham Wood, Sr.

- Abraham Wood served on a jury in Surry County on February 17, 1786.¹⁵
- On May 11, 1786, Abraham Wood and wife brought a lawsuit in Surry County against Edwards Young.¹⁶
- On August 12, 1788, Abraham Wood gave his power of attorney to Airs Hudspeth of Surry County. Is this Abraham, Sr., trying to settle his affairs? Or is this Abraham, Jr., preparing to leave Surry County, and appointing Airs Hudspeth to finish his business affairs?¹⁷
- In the same court session, Thomas Eastop sued Abraham Wood. Thomas Pettit appeared as a witness in Abraham Wood's behalf.¹⁸

Abraham Wood Sr., died about November 1788 in Surry County. He died intestate, and his son-in-law, Jesse Scott, was appointed administrator of the estate. Obediah Wood and James Scott were named securities for Jesse Scott.¹⁹ Abraham Wood's wife must have preceded him in death, since there seems to be no mention of a dower or year's allowance for her. A sale to disperse the estate of Abraham Wood was held about November 1789. Among the items sold were household goods, agricultural implements, tools, cattle, sheep, and horses. In addition, the family Bible was sold to an unnamed party for 20 shillings.²⁰

Only two children have been linked conclusively to Abraham Wood, Sr.: Abraham Wood, Jr., and Fannie Wood Scott. Abraham Wood, Jr., was listed in the 1772 Surry County

⁹ Mrs. W.O. Absher, Surry County, North Carolina Court Minutes: Volumes I & II, 1768-1789. Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, Inc. 1985, p. 62

¹⁰ Linn, Surry County, North Carolina Wills, p. 64

¹¹ Mrs. Absher, Court Minutes: Volumes I & II, 1768-1789. p. 72.

¹² Linn, Surry County, North Carolina Wills, p. 84.

¹³ Ibid. p. 84.

¹⁴ Mrs. W.O. Absher, Surry County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts, - Book D: 1779-1790. Published privately by the author, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, p. 25

¹⁵ Mrs. Absher, Court Minutes I & II p. 87.

¹⁶ Ibid. p. 92.

¹⁷ Mrs. Absher, Court Minutes I & II p. 142.

¹⁸ Ibid. p. 143

¹⁹ Ibid. p. 150

²⁰ See the estate papers of Abraham Wood, ca 1789, Surry County, North Carolina.

tax list, and in various entries in the early Surry County Minutes. Fannie Wood Scott's relationship to Abraham Wood is proven by the entry in the Surry County Court Minutes giving administration of Abraham Wood's estate to his son-in-law, Jesse Scott. Although a deed record for the transfer of the land purchased by Abraham Wood in 1786 has not been found, Jesse Scott apparently had possession of at least part of the land after Abraham's death. Jesse Scott sold a portion of it to Absolom Kerr, "160 acres, part of a tract conveyed to Abraham Wood by Gideon Brown 8 September 1786 adjoining the Old Iron Works Road." Witnesses were Reuben Kerr, Samuel Martin, and Alexander Kerr.²¹ Absolom and Reuben Kerr were the sons of Alexander Kerr of Surry County. Alexander Kerr's brother, John Kerr, was a witness with Jesse Scott when Abraham Wood initially purchased the tract of land in 1798. In addition, Jesse and Fannie Wood Scott's daughter, Sarah "Sally" Scott, married John Kerr, the son of Alexander Kerr on December 23, 1803 in Surry County.²²

Fannie Wood Scott was born about 1755, and died between 1830 and 1832 in Overton County, Tennessee.²³ Jesse and Fannie Wood Scott were married prior to 1782²⁴. Evidence of Fannie Wood Scott's first name can be found on the roster of the Pleasant Run Baptist Church of Monroe County, Kentucky.²⁵ Further proof can be found in the Monroe County, Kentucky, death register entry for their daughter, Frankey Scott Barry.²⁶

The relationship between Jesse Scott, Abraham Wood, Sr., and Obediah Wood is not definitely established. Obediah Wood married Frances Charles of Surry County on September 7, 1785. Jesse Scott was bondman for the marriage.²⁷ Obediah was a bondman for Jesse Scott in conjunction with the settlement of the estate of Abraham Wood, Sr. About 1790, Obediah Wood left Surry County for Greenville County, South Carolina, where he lived near members of the Charles family until about 1824. At that time, he resettled in Jefferson County, Alabama, near Birmingham. The area where Obediah and his descendants lived was called "Woodlawn". He became the progenitor of a large family there.²⁸

²¹ Carol Leonard Snow, Surry County Deed Abstracts, volumes G & H 1795-1800, p. 59-60. Deed Book H, p. 36. 6 February 1798.

²² Compiled by Brent H. Holcomb, Marriages of Surry County, North Carolina: 1779-1868. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982, p. 117.

²³ Fannie's age has been derived from various census listings: Surry County, North Carolina, 1800; and Overton County, Tennessee, 1820. In the 1830 Overton County, Tennessee census, Fanny is probably the 70-79 year old woman living in the home of John and Elizabeth Scott Sims. In 1832, the four daughters of Jesse and Fanny Scott, who had remained in the Overton County area, deeded their portion of the land that Jesse Scott had purchased in Overton County in 1810 to John Sims. See Edythe Rucker Whitley's Overton County, Tennessee Genealogical Records, p. 41 and 44.

²⁴ Their oldest daughter, Nancy, who was married to John Coe of Surry County, North Carolina and Monroe and Cumberland Counties, Kentucky, was born about 1782. Although she is the oldest child to survive to adulthood, it is possible there were other children older than she who did not.

²⁵ Transcribed by Eva Coe Peden, Minutes of the Pleasant Run Church: McFarland's Creek, Monroe County, Kentucky, 1827-1844. Glasgow Kentucky: Gorin Genealogical Publishing.

²⁶ Monroe County, Kentucky Vital Statistics, Volume 2. Glasgow, Kentucky: Gorin Genealogical Publishing. Deaths, p. 3.

²⁷ Compiled by Brent H. Holcomb, Marriages of Surry County, North Carolina: 1779-1868. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982, p. 223.

²⁸ "History of the Wood Family of Woodlawn" in Pioneer Trails, a publication of the Birmingham, [Alabama] Genealogical Society. Volume 31, #1; January 1989; #2, April 1989; #3, July 1989; Volume 32, #2, April 1990.

According to this tombstone, Obediah was born in 1753 and died in May of 1849,²⁹ If he was not a son of Abraham Wood's, he is certainly related closely to Abraham in some way.

It is interesting to note that Jesse and Fannie Scott named their oldest son "Obadiah". Obediah Scott's son, Philip, named one of his sons "Obadiah". In addition, Jesse and Fannie Scott's daughter, Mary "Polly" Scott Harris named one of her sons "Obadiah"; as did one of her daughters, Martha Harris Snodgrass. Another great grandson of Fannie and Jesse Scott carried on the name Obediah as well. Archibald Obediah Scott, the son of Jesse F. and Sarah Poindexter Scott³⁰ was born January 1854 in Dade County, Missouri.

The name "Edmund" was used frequently in Obediah Wood's family in Alabama. There was an Edmond Wood in Surry County who would have been a contemporary of Obediah Wood, and Jesse and Fannie Wood Scott. Edmond Wood was married to Rebecca, a daughter of Welcome Hodges, by 1774.³¹ He sold his land about 1795 and left Surry County, perhaps going to Tennessee.³² This Edmond Wood is probably related in some way to Abraham, Abraham Jr., Fannie Wood Scott and Obediah Wood.

It is unknown where Abraham Wood, Jr. moved after leaving Surry County, North Carolina in the mid-1780's. There are numerous entries in the compiled records of many states pertaining to an Abraham or Abram Wood who would be about the right age to be a son of Abraham Wood, Sr., of Surry County, North Carolina. There has been some confusion between the descendants of Obediah Wood of Wake County, North Carolina, who also use the name "Abraham" and "Abram" among their descendants. Some of this Obediah Wood's descendants, who eventually settled in Arkansas, have mistakenly claimed Frances Charles as his wife.

It is unknown at this time where Abraham Wood, Sr., lived prior to being taxed in 1768 in Rowan County, North Carolina. One theory is that he is the Abraham Wood mentioned as a son in the 1740 Hyde County, North Carolina will of Thomas Wood.³³ It is possible that Abraham Wood is from Maryland, like many of the other early settlers of the early Rowan County area.

²⁹ "Wood Family Cemetery" in Pioneer Trails, publication of the Birmingham [Alabama] Genealogical Society. Volume 18, Number 1, January 1976, p. 7-11.

³⁰ Sarah Poindexter Scott was born about 1830 and died before Jesse F. Scott's 1865 marriage to Sarah Jones. Sarah Poindexter Scott was the daughter of William Archibald Poindexter, who was born about 1807 in Surry County, North Carolina, and died about 1878 in Dade County, Missouri. William Archibald Poindexter was the son of Archibald Pledge Poindexter and Rebecca Flynn. Archibald P. Poindexter was the son of Thomas Poindexter and Elizabeth Pledge. Jesse Scott witnessed a land transaction for Thomas Poindexter in 1785 in Surry County, North Carolina. See Absher's Surry County, North Carolina Deeds, and A. B. C., p. 101.

³¹ Mrs. W.O. Absher, Surry County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts: Deed Books A, B, and C, (1770-1788) Easley, South Carolina: Southern Historical Press, Inc. 1981, p. 8.

³² Mrs. W.O. Absher, Surry County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts - Book F (1793-1797) Published by the author: 702 Sixth St., North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659, 1976, p. 24, and 44.

³³ J. Bryan Grimes, Abstracts of North Carolina Wills. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1997, p. 421.

Another Abraham Wood, born 1753 in Frederick County, Maryland, settled briefly in Rowan County about 1775, and served in the Revolutionary War. This Abraham Wood is probably the son of Joseph and Catharine Wood. After the war, this Abraham Wood returned to Maryland briefly, before moving on to Woodford County, Kentucky, and then to Edgar County, Illinois, where he was pensioned. He died in Edgar County in 1833.³⁴ Could there be a family connection between these two men with the same name?

It's also possible that Abraham Wood was from Virginia. Fannie Wood, his daughter married before 1782 into the Scott family. Some of the Scotts in Surry County, North Carolina, as well as the Poindexters, and Kerrs, can be traced to the James River area of Virginia before the Revolutionary War.

It's also possible that Abraham Wood was an immigrant, settling in Rowan County, North Carolina shortly after arriving on the shores of "the colonies."

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North Carolina Citizen Pioneer of West

A paper published in California gives an interesting account of the life of Azariah Lundy, who went from this section of North Carolina to the west at the age of 17 years and became a pioneer in the Santa Clara Valley. At his recent death he was one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of that section.

He was the last survivor of 12 children of Mrs. Bettie Galyean. He was in his youth employed by the government as express driver carrying mail 2 years between Albuquerque and Fort Leavenworth, New Mexico, and had many hair breadth escapes with the Indians.

Two brothers David and Dan joined him in California in 1863 where he engaged in fruit growing and cattle raising.

Four children survive him.

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³⁴ Revolutionary War Pension File of Abraham Wood, #S.32,611

Leander and Martha Jane Wood

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Leander and Martha Jane Wood

My great-grandfather Leander A. Wood started life September 25, 1865 in Surry County, North Carolina. Leander is the son of Peter and Pantha Merritt Coe Wood; he traveled west as a young man. In 1880, Leander and his mother Pantha, brothers and sisters lived in Miami County, Ohio. Leander, then age 15, and his brother August worked as farmers. Sometime around the late 1880s Leander and several other families from Miami County moved to Sedalia, Missouri to work the farms there. Leander met Martha Jane Pease born May 21, 1878, in Darke County, Ohio, daughter of John B. Pease and Sarah Elizabeth Rex Pease Reichard. They were married December 24, 1892 in Sedalia, Missouri. Born to them while living in Sedalia were Elsie Elizabeth 1895-1978, Floyd Westley 1896, and my grandmother Anna Christina 1899-1933. Thank goodness for the Pease family bible, because all Sedalia's records were burned and there are no marriage or birth records to be found.

In 1900 Leander, Martha and children left Sedalia, Missouri and moved to Vermilion County, Illinois (where I still reside). In 1901 Leander and Martha have a another son George 1901-1963 and later in 1922, they also have another daughter, Betty Lou 1922- abt 1980. Leander dies in Vermilion County, Illinois July 31, 1936 and Martha dies in Mt. Carmel, Illinois at her daughter Elsie's on March 9, 1943. I never knew my grandmother Anna Christina. She died in 1933, but her husband my grandfather Fred Onley lived into his 90s and we were very close.

Fred Onley was a wonderful grandfather. He did tell me stories of the Wood's family. One of which amazes me. When Leander and his family left Sedalia, Missouri, they left in the month of January and walked to Vermilion County, Illinois. Can you imagine walking in the cold and snow 600 miles with two small children and a baby. I don't know if I could do that, but I guess you did what you had too. Probably no money and was the only way to leave. I am surprised they all survived the winter.

I am trying to now find out about Peter Wood. I know his parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Butcher Wood. I know that Peter was in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, but I cannot find when or where he died. I know in 1870 they lived in Boone, North Carolina. I hope my information about Leander A. Wood will help others with their research. If anyone has questions, I would be glad to try and answer them.

Wood
DIARY of MARQUIS LAFAYETTE WOOD (Just as he wrote it.)
Manuscript Department of Duke University

1858 January

Monday 4. Left for Mt. Airy, reached Winston, and spent the night with my friend and classmate, Col. J. W. Alspaugh....

Wednesday 6. Traveled 22 miles. Stayed with Brother Pace, who lives near the Pilot Mountain.

Thursday 7. Reached Mt. Airy. Stopped with Brother Prather. Found him and family to be quite pleasant. Formed the acquaintance of Rev. William C. Reid.

Friday 8. Called on Bro. Reid. Visited Bro. Elisha Banner and Rev. W. Rawley.

Saturday 9. Read and studied some. In the afternoon called on Bro. Rawley. Found Bro. B. T. Shelton and lady at his house.

Tuesday 12. Went to spend the night with Bro. Roberts, a local preacher, living in the country.

Saturday 16. Left Mt. Airy for Bro. Pace's. I passed a camp of the company of gypsies which passed through Mt. Airy last Thursday. As soon as they said good morning, boss, I was bartered for a horse trade. But I left them without any trading, or effecting any good.

Sunday 17.....Preached at Ebenezer from St. John 17: 20-21. Read the "General Rules" to the society, and gave them a talk.

Wednesday 20. Rode a few miles. Found a rough and poor country. Took dinner with Bro. Wiley Patterson's family. Spent the night with Bro. Dan Haymore.

Thursday, 21.....Preached at Mt. Hermon. Read the "General Rules" of our church to the people.... Spent the night with Bro. A. Lewis... Found the country around

Mt. Hermon quite broken--somewhat mountainous--but now very rocky. Land not rich.

Friday 22. Preached at a schoolhouse, through a regular appointment called Indian Graves.

(He read the "General Rules" to all churches.)

Sunday, 31. Preached at Oak Grove to quite a large and attentive congregation... Went home with Bro. Saunders, a Protestant Methodist preacher.

1858 February

Tuesday 2. Clouds skirting around. Snow on the Blue Ridge--the mountain. Came to Mt. Airy this morning. Stopped with Bro. E. Banner.

Sunday 7. At 11 o'clock I preached at Lebanon from St. John 17, 20-21. Not many persons out in consequence of the snow. Preached at candle-lighting, in Mt. Airy, from Heb. 4:9. Several persons out.

Met up with old Bro. Hicks who I saw at a camp-meeting on the Blue Ridge Mission in 1856. Bro. Hicks is a local preacher on the Surry Circuit. He told me that he was converted under the preaching of Waddle Johnson, the first Methodist preacher that came through this country. He said that he had often heard of the Methodist preachers, and had always heard them represented as false prophets. But when they came in reach he was determined to go and hear them and accordingly when

Rev. Mr. Johnson preached in some five or six miles of him, he was present, and under conviction before going to hear him, and had the horrors of hell so depicted and the beauties of heaven so portrayed, that he could hold out no longer, and fell as a dead man, thinking that he was going to die. After passing a few days between hope and fear, while lying upon his bed of rest, meditating upon his condition and the mercy

of God the Lord caused gladness to fill his soul and joy to spring up in his heart.

Feeling it his duty to offer life eternal through Jesus to others, Bro. Hicks sought license to preach. All the time the devil tempting him on various points--bringing his want of an education to his mind... (Bro. Hicks was licensed to preach.)

Thursday 11. Quite cold. But seven persons met me at Salem, my appointment....

People got very cold. Found here a new church though not completed, but it is, will be quite respectable.

Sunday 14. Did not leave Bro. Patterson's in consequence of bad health and the snow....

Wednesday 17... Mr. C. M. Vanorsdell presented me with my ambrotype, which was a good picture.

Friday 19. ...Went to, and spent the night with, William W. Banner, an old school mate. ...

March 1858 Told the people at Hollow Springs....At Flat Shoals I preached.... I exhorted a small congregation at New Hope...Spent part of the day with Bro. Needham who labors on the Fisher's River Mission.

Sunday 7....Snow about three inches deep. Bro. Reid preached at 11 o'clock ... I preached at night ...Bro. Reid gave us a very heart searching exhortation. And also gave the citizens a talk about building a church.

Monday 8. Snowed all last night and snowing this morning. When it ceased-it was about eight inches deep.

We spent the day principally talking about building a church in Mt. Airy. Finally a while before night we succeeded in making a start in raising the money. Got \$510 and the lot subscribed through a part of it was conditionally. I think the snow was providentially sent to detain Bro. Reid in Mt. Airy to instrumentally in putting the ball fully in motion.

Bro. Reid and I took tea with Mr. Robert Gilmer.

Tuesday 9. Continued the effort to raise money to build a church with tolerable success.

Wednesday 10. Raised the subscription for a church to \$815.00. Bro. Reid left this morning. ("Bro. Reid" was Numa F. Reid, presiding elder.)

Thursday 11. Preached at Salem from ...to about 20 or 25 persons. Went home with Bro. Andrew J. Satterfield, a nice man and has a nice family.

Friday 12. Preached at White Plains.

1858 March

Saturday 13. Went to Rockford. This was once the county town of Curry, but is now near the county line. Rockford is on the Yadkin River, and is on a hillside. It looks somewhat dilapidated. There is a free church here. The Baptists have the ascendancy. The old Court House, now called a Seminary, is the neatest building in the place. I stopped with Bro. Nicholson. This is a pleasant family.

I preached at candle-lighting, from... A tolerable congregation.

Sunday 14. After riding 7½ miles I reached Siloam, and preached to a respectable and attentive congregation. Held class meeting and read the "General Rules".

Went home with Bro. Journey, a local deacon.

Tuesday, 16. Spent the day reading. Visited Widow Reeves and family in the evening and took tea with them...went and spent the night with Bro. Whitaker....

Spent the night with Bro. Nutt.

Left Bro. Nutt in the afternoon, went down the Ararat, through fields

.....(He tells of cutting off branches off a fallen tree to get there, etc. .)

The main dwelling is very comfortable.....I shall not visit Bro. Fulk again til he cuts a road to his house.

April 1958

Thursday, April 1...done a little towards a church in Mt. Airy. The cause moves on but slowly.

Friday 2 Done a little more towards raising funds for the church here. Visited Gen. Graves' family. (Baptised wife who was very ill. She died.)

Saturday 3 ...Preached at Oak Grove.

Sunday 4. At 11 o'clock preached in Mt. Airy the funeral of Ellen Victoria Allred, deceased, little daughter of Murphy Allred. Bro. Jesse Roberts preached on the occasion a very appropriate short sermon. 3 o'clock Bro. Reid preached.

At candle-lighting I preached for the colored people from Eph. 2:8.

Monday 5. Attended the burial of a little boy, son of Edward Banner..Went out and spent the night with Mr. R. R. Galloway. persons.

Tuesday 6. Spent the night with Squire Moore's family. Preached at Lebanon to 9 Wednesday...Went to, and spent the night with Bro. Murlin Sparger.

Friday 9. ...Preached at White Plains to six persons. Creeks were up some in consequence of the rain that fell last night. The water ran up in my buggy, and crossing Stewart's Creek it sloshed a little on the seat.

Saturday 10. ...Preached at Rockford/ at candle-lighting to an attentive audience.

Sunday 11. Preached at Siloam. Formed a Sabbath School. Quite a large and attentive congregation.

1858 April

Sunday 18. Preached at Ebenezer..

Thursday 22. Preached at Mt. Hermon. Formed a Sabbath School. Was happy to meet up with Bro. Pepper, preacher on the Patrick Circuit. Transcribed the class books for Mt. Hermon and Indian Graves.

Saturday 24. Preached at Hollow Springs to five women and two children.

Sunday 25. Flat Shoals. Organized a Sabbath School.

Tuesday 27. Preached at New Hope. Formed a Sabbath School....Preached at candle lighting at Bro. Alex Gallaspie's...

Wednesday 28...Spent the night with Bro. "B. Barker.

Thursday 29. ...For the first time I saw today the "Siamese Twins". I had only a slight view of them, as they were attending to business at the time and so was I. They are not as large as I expected to see them.

Saturday, May 1. Preached at Oak Grove to a small congregation..Went to Bro. Mitchell's for dinner, but as his wife was about to present him with a son, or daughter I did not stay all night. Before I got far I met the doctor going to superintend the presentation, but he was too late I learned since.

Sunday 2. Preached at Lebanon from...Held class meeting and read the "General Rules" to the society.

Wednesday 5. Went out to Bro. Gwyn's and spent the night.

Friday 7. Went to Rockford in the forenoon, stopped with Bro. Nicholson, called on Bro. James W. Davis, whose wife is sick. Bro. E. Moore came to see, and spend the night with me. (June 1858)

Saturday 5...I heard Mr. Caldwell (Presbyterian) preach in the Male Academy.

Sunday 6. 8 o'clock. // 4. M. The Presbyterian ministers, Caldwell, Smyth, Montgomery, held a prayer meeting which I attended. 11 o'clock. Mr. Caldwell preached for me at Lebanon. 3 o'clock Mr. Montgomery preached at Mt. Airy They have established a small church in the place.

July 1858

Thursday 22. Preached at Mt. Hermon. Held class meeting. I shot a very large rattlesnake under Bro. Lewis' crib. Bro Pepper and lady came and spent the night with me.

Saturday 31. Preached Oak Grove ...Large congregation. After preaching went to Ararat River and baptised three persons--one by immersion. These are the first adult persons I ever baptised, and of course the first immersing I ever done.

Sunday, August 1. Preached at Salem, at 11 o'clock the funeral of Bro. Evans' child.

August 1858

Thursday 19. Did not have meeting in the day as but few persons usually come out. So I concluded to spend the day in ascending the noted Pilot Mountain with my friends Dodson and Carr. I suppose about 9 o'clock we, with Charlie and little Sammie, started for the Pinnacle's height. The weather being quite warm, and Millard Fillmore, the noble horse that carried Bro. Charlie Pace and I as far as we could well ~~drive~~ drive, having been in the pasture for some time we had to travel very slow. About one o'clock after climbing over rocks, and ascending steps and ladders which have been placed along the rugged ascent of the granite Pinnacle we stood about eighteen hundred feet above the level of the waters of the beautifully curving Adkin. There high up in the atmosphere upon one of the granite rocks, worn smooth by the tread of the hundreds of visitors to its inviting summit to scan at a glance a vast extent of Nature's grand and soul stirring works--after resting a while our weary bodies and casting around the eye upon the broad, beautiful and magnificent landscapes towering mountains and the majestic Blue Ridge, we helped ourselves to lunch, which Sister Pace so kindly provided us and drew from and quaffed freely of the small runlet which we had filled with mineral water from Mr. Gilliam's spring, near his house. While we were satisfying the demands of nature we gazed intensely upon the Sauratown Mountains which lifted themselves east of us--the verdant landscape, dotted with farms and dwellings, marked with roads. To the right of Sauratown Mountains as the distance increases the picturesque landscape seems to heighten till it meets and mingles with the blue heavens, forbidding the vision of man reaching further, and at the same time causing the beholder to feel how finite--how small--how circumscribed the sight even when upon the tallest

peaks of earth.

When our lunch was dispatched we commenced rambling over and around the dizzy heights of the Pinnacle. As the eye is lifted toward the south-south west the sparkling waters of the Yadkin at different places meet the view. Beyond its rolling ripples the southwest, the Brushy Mountains who blue tinged tops shut out all beyond peer up to add to the grandeur of scene.

As the west and northwest lies the sublime Blue Ridge defying the gaze. While upon its side and top may be seen sparks of the woodsman's ax and the farmers' utensils, as if man was determined to make every spot of the world, however rough, yield to his support. Upon the whole, what a scene! How magnificent! Who can stand upon the summit of the lofty mountain and view the grandeur of surrounding scenery, and not be impressed with the wisdom and power of Nature's God?

We then descended to base of the Pinnacle, and walked around it to view its towering granite height. It lifts itself as if some great internal commotion shot it above the surrounding and other part of the mountain. That time had worn its surroundings down while it stands defying the pelting storm and raging wind. One of these theories is very probable.

Late in the afternoon we returned to Bro. Pace's and hastened to Ebenezer to worship God whose works we had been beholding and admiring.

September 1858

Friday 3. Attended to some little matters concerning the church (Mount Airy). At 1 o'clock I with Miss Phattie Prather, Thomas W. Prather, and Miss Rebecca Banner started to a camp meeting in Wythe Co., Va. We reached the top of the Blue Ridge, up the Fancy Gap, about an hour after dark. We traveled up the mountain which is five miles from the base to the top with no light but that of the stars. The road winds around hollows and ravines along high precipices and towering crags. On one hand threatening rocks hang above the head, on the other the rippling rivulet is heard for a number of feet below. We spent the night with Mr. Mitchell who lives on the top of the mountain. He is quite a clever man, takes pleasure making sojourns pleasant.

Saturday 4. Early this morning we left Mr. Mitchell's, and pursued our journey. Being under the impression that Cripple Creek Camp Ground was in six or seven miles of Wytheville, and knowing that we could not reach this place today, we concluded to go by way of Wytheville and spend the night there. We stopped at Cart. Raper's and had our horses fed. We had a snack, which Mrs. Mitchell gave us. About daylight dawn we reached Wytheville, and to our astonishment and mortification learned that we were eighteen or twenty miles from the place of our destination. We stopped at the Wytheville House kept by Mr. Crocket. This is a pleasant hotel. Very attention is paid to guests, to make them comfortable.

Sunday 5. We hasted early this morning for the camp meeting. The road most of the way was quite good. The other portion was quite rough. I suppose it was 1 o'clock when we reached the campground. And when we arrived at the place we were ~~sadly~~ sadly disappointed. The camp-ground is right by the side of Cripple Creek, hemmed in on every side by mountains. The first voice we heard on our arrival was that of boys, "Will you have your horse taken care of?" Seeing no appearance of the harbor or preaching I inquired for the church. Some one pointed further on and across the creek, we drove across, and to our great astonishment, we found ourselves among a number of wagons, selling cakes, candies, etc. We then inquired for the preachers' camp and had to re-cross the creek to find it. Finally we succeeded in finding the harbor and worship was going. We sent for the preacher in charge. He came out. I introduced myself to him. But as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was about to be administered, he could not immediately attend to us. The ladies were accommodated at Bro. Porter's tent. When the Sacrament was over Bro. Worley came to me again and carried me into the preachers' tent and introduced me to Bro. McGeer of the Marion Circuit.....

Monday 6. Cripple Creek. I preached the first sermon from Luke 16:23... Bro. Kerr preached at 11 o'clock; Bro. Torbell at 3: Bro. Morley at night.

Tuesday 7. We left the camp meeting and went to Wytheville. Here I met up with my friend Mr. Jas. Reid Pace..... This is a nice and growing town. When the improvement now in progress are completed and other streets filled out it will be a large

Wood Diary - 1858

and beautiful town. The Tennessee and Virginia Rail Road runs by this place.

Wednesday 8. We traveled towards N. C. as far as Hillsville, the county site of Carroll Co. We spent the night at Mr. Walker's Hotel. He is quite a clever man and has a pleasant family.

Thursday 9. We reached Mt. Airy, 3½ o'clock, P. M. The ride down the mountain was delightful. The scenery was beautiful. Upon the whole we had a pleasant trip.

Sunday 12. Prayer meeting at Oak Grove. At 4 p. M. I preached at Lebanon the funeral of some colored persons, deceased. Spent the night with Edward Bonner.

Wednesday, 15. Oak Grove. I preached at 11 o'clock... Four or five were pleading for mercy. At candle-lighting, one joined our church. Bro. Minshaw preached. I followed with an exhortation. But two or three got down to be prayed for. I then for back sliders and cold hearted professors, and several came forward, and other sinners seeking life and salvation. When I told all who wanted to be made happy to get down and begin to pray. All the professors of religion knelt down. The Holy Spirit was poured out, and such a time of rejoicing and shouting I scarcely ever saw in all my life. Six or seven persons were converted, several back-sliders were reclaimed, and others were crying for mercy.

Johnny Brower, a little boy about thirteen years old, was a bright convert, but after his conversion he became a successful exhorter and instructor of penitents. He was instrumental in getting three or four down upon their knees to pray for pardon and peace. One, he and other little boys, and who was himself a little boy, and who was himself a little boy, persuaded to such religions, was converted to God. Glorious time indeed.

October 1858

Sunday 10. Rockford. Preached at 11 o'clock the funeral of some colored persons deceased.

Bro. Nicholson's wife was converted in her room about midnight. Today, one young lady joined the church.

These items were inadvertently omitted from this copy. One has to scan to get any items of interest.

Jan. 27. Took supper with Gen Graves whose son had just brought home his wife.

Monday 8. Went and spent the night with Bro. Hugh Gwyn and family.

June 4. Bro. Needham baptised six persons for me, four of them were immersed.

Thurs. 5. Visited with Brother Needham and an afflicted young lady, Sister Margaret Patterson.

July 30. Quarterly conference was held at 8 o'clock. Bro. Avent preached, Bro. Barringer preached at 11, at 3 Bro. Bush, at candlelight Bro. Heflin.

Tues. 31. Salem. Bro. Wheeler preached at 8 o'clock. Bro. Reid at 11, Bro. Avent at 3, at candlelight Bro. Heflin.

August. Thurs. 2. Our camp meeting closed this morning. It resulted in the conversion of about 50 souls--28 white, 3 colored.

MARRIAGES

Surry County, N.C.

1869 - 1899

Wood, Calvin (Senter, Rebecca)	11 Dec 1869	Wood, McDaniel (Hays, Sally Ann)	22 Oct 1875
Wood, David (Hollinsworth, Loo)	07 Dec 1883	Wood, Nancy (Lyon, Ambrous Huston)	14 Jan 1877
Wood, Dempson (Bowles, Amy)	24 Feb 1870	Wood, Nancy R. (Atkins, John S.)	14 Apr 1895
Wood, Eli C. (Hiatt, Ellen)	30 Jan 1889	Wood, Neoma (Marion, A. H.)	03 Jan 1897
Wood, Elizabeth (Couch, Fillmore)	13 Oct 1878	Wood, Nicholas (Hall, Evaline)	08 Apr 1877
Wood, Elizia J. (Williamson, William)	31 Oct 1892	Wood, Peter (Slaydon, Leitha)	03 Jan 1896
Wood, Ella (Wood, Sandy R.)	12 Nov 1893	Wood, R. H. (Eads, Sarah)	10 Dec 1899
Wood, Emma (Snow, Thos. E.)	01 Feb 1876	Wood, R. S. (Brindle, Bettie)	07 Oct 1894
Wood, Emma (Snow, Thomas E.)	26 Dec 1875	Wood, Ransa (Brown, Henry S.)	06 May 1877
Wood, Fannie (Hamlin, T. V.)	17 Sep 1899	Wood, Rebecca J. (Shaw, R. C.)	19 Dec 1886
Wood, Florence (Key, A. R.)	23 Aug 1893	Wood, Regana (Holyfield, J. D.)	25 Feb 1882
Wood, George W. (Amburn, Sallie L.)	30 May 1892	Wood, Richard M. (Cheek, Nancy C.)	28 Jul 1878
Wood, Henry (Nance, Valley)	24 Dec 1893	Wood, Richard N. (White, Sarah)	19 Dec 1870
Wood, Henry W. (Hazelwood, Rebecca)	10 Jan 1895	Wood, Rosey (Slayden, James)	01 Sep 1881
Wood, Huldah (Reid, R. G.)	18 Jan 1872	Wood, Rufus H. (Goin, Margaret)	01 Jul 1875
Wood, Ida L. (Stanley, Weldon L.)	02 Jan 1887	Wood, S. (Spense, Jane)	26 Mar 1876
Wood, Ira (Williams, Ellen)	20 Mar 1890	Wood, Sandy R. (Wood, Ella)	12 Nov 1893
Wood, J. H. (Linville, Emma)	25 Mar 1897	Wood, Sarah (Martin, C. C.)	17 Sep 1888
Wood, James M. (Poindexter, Sarah F.)	19 Jan 1896	Wood, Sic (Woode, Mary)	02 Jul 1876
Wood, Jesse M. (Wood, Mary J.)	30 Sep 1888	Wood, Sina A. (Hawks, John)	19 Feb 1888
Wood, John P. (Huston, Virginia A.)	14 Jun 1896	Wood, Sion (Jester, Sarah A.)	18 Aug 1885
Wood, John W. (Simpson, Thaney R.)	03 Oct 1872	Wood, Texanna (Bullin, H. W.)	21 Apr 1897
Wood, John W. (Coe, Laura)	15 Nov 1899	Wood, W. M. (Snow, Sarah E.)	04 Feb 1894
Wood, Junitia (Cook, John M.)	07 Dec 1883	Wood, W. T. (Lineberry, J. L.)	25 Jun 1899
Wood, L. E. (Brannock, P. C.)	31 May 1874	Wood, Washington (Teague, Elizabeth)	07 Nov 1870
Wood, Lavina (Jenkins, John H.)	01 Mar 1874	Wood, Wm. L. (Land, Martha V.)	23 Feb 1876
Wood, Lou (Stanley, Sexton)	22 Mar 1894	Wood, Wm. R. (Martin, Sarah)	09 Aug 1891
Wood, Louisa V. (Poindexter, David F.)	25 Apr 1886	Wood, Wm. R. (Cox, Bettie)	21 Mar 1889
Wood, Luzina (Holder, John H.)	25 Dec 1891	Wood, Zackariah (Bledsoe, Clarisa J.)	08 Feb 1883
Wood, Lyda (Hardy, Madison)	24 Dec 1890	Woodall, Alice (Pulliam, Wm. H.)	09 Oct 1892
Wood, Mahala (Broomer, Willie)	19 Jul 1869	Woodall, Etta (Ring, Chas. J.)	28 Oct 1888
Wood, Martha Ann (Axsom, Martin C.)	02 Jan 1876	Woodall, John E. (Cheeks, Parthena)	07 Jan 1892
Wood, Martin (Vaughn, Elizabeth)	04 Feb 1869	Woodall, M. F. (Taylor, Sarah J.)	19 Oct 1884
Wood, Mary (Payne, Bartlet)	1870	Woode, Mary (Wood, Sic)	02 Jul 1876
Wood, Mary (Reed, Andrew J.)	07 Apr 1872	Woode, Sarah (Shinalt, D. M.)	19 Dec 1876
Wood, Mary Ann (Butcher, John H.)	05 Feb 1874	Woodle, Dempson (Cheek, Plutina)	17 Jul 1881
Wood, Mary E. (Draughn, James)	24 Dec 1893	Woodle, Martha (Luffman, Caleb F.)	11 Dec 1879
Wood, Mary J. (Wood, Jesse M.)	30 Sep 1888	Woodliff, A. F. (Cordle, LeAnna)	09 Jan 1898
Wood, Mary V. (Hayse, W. T.)	01 Sep 1881	Woodruff, A. B. (Eldridge, Lula)	14 Jan 1880

June 11, 2001

Dear Ann B. Stewart;

I hope you don't mind me writing to you concerning the Wood/Coe family. I have tried several times to go to <http://juliemorrison.com/surry> and I can't get it on line. It states it's "unavailable at this time."

I was so excited to find something and yet I have little. I'm very interested in purchasing cemetery books, census books, marriage books, birth records and any thing you society deems I could use to find out about my family. I hope you have a list of books available with the purchase price. I will send a self addressed envelope for an answer.

I wish I could have stayed for the Surry County Genealogical Society meeting. I would really like to meet some relatives. HA.!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter, I'm hoping you can pass it on to someone who has some information, or answer yourself.

Sincerely,
Sharon (Wood) Schaffner

Sharon Schaffner

P.S. Genealogy information; Peter Wood married Pantha Mereet Coe, July 4, 1851, Surry County, North Carolina. I don't know any thing about the children listed in the 1860 Census, Surry County, N. C. My, Aunt told me that my Great-Grandfather, August Wood, had a brother, Leander who lived in Ill., he visited them in Piqua, Ohio (Miami County) some time between 1915 and 1920. That is the extent of family knowledge of August's relatives, other than sibblings.

I know nothing about Pantha Mereet Coe. It appears in the Surry County, 1860 Census, her father is William Coe, As for her mother?? I know that many women died young and he could have had several wives. Rachael listed in the 1860 Census may not be her mother. I can not find a death record for Pantha, but she is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Piqua, Ohio, Miami County.

Sharon Schaffner, P.O. Box 800, Aberdeen, Or 97101-0800

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COUNTY OF SURRY, NORTH CAROLINA
REGISTER OF DEEDS

June 20, 2001

Mrs. Sharon Schaffner
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Dear Mrs. Schaffner:

Thank you for your recent thank you note. We appreciate all the compliments paid the staff!

I wish we had time to do research for people, but we can answer only simple requests due to the size of our staff. However, I will pass your SASE envelope along to the Surry Co. Genealogy Association and they will send you a list of books available for sale.

Bill Hardy has been researching Wood/Coe/Stanley and other families. His e-mail address is: hmninc@surry.net. If you will contact him, he said he would be happy to share information if your families connect. He mentioned he was going to a "Wood" reunion this weekend and is trying to get some "last minute" things tied together. It may be a week or so before he answers, so don't be discouraged if he doesn't contact you right away.

The only thing I noticed in the Register of Deeds office (looking quickly) on Leander Wood is the 1860 census. Without more to go on (such as time period, etc.), it's hard to find specific information. (There were several generations of "Peter Wood" families, so it's hard to follow the Peter Wood that married a Coe without doing research that is more extensive.)

Let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ann B. Stewart

Ann B. Stewart, Deputy

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June 24, 2001

Sharon Schaffner
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Sharon,

I saw a copy of your letter dated June 11, 2001 to Ann Stewart regarding Peter Wood who married Pantha M. Coe in Surry. Our president, Judy Cardwell, has several generations on this Coe family. You can email her at judyocard@aol.com and she can send it to you or email me and I'll try to send you what she sent me. She is better at sending things by email than I am. Sometimes mine will go and sometimes it won't go. Ha.

I noticed you were having trouble going to our web site. I don't know why. We haven't heard of anyone else having trouble. Keep trying and I hope you get it to come up.

My email is wjhiatt@aol.com if you want to email me.

WH
Wilma Hiatt
Research Committee

10-11-2000

The following genealogy inquiries have been received by the Patrick County Genealogy Society.

*I just wanted to share some information with you. My husband, Daniel E. (Dan) Wood was born in Pulaski County, Belspring, Va. I, Juanita Frances (Fran) Hurt Wood was born in Floyd County, Willis. My parents, Larry William and E. Peggy Keith Hurt still live in Radford.

My husband's parents were Theodore Roosevelt (Ted) Wood, and Bertha Caldwell Wood. We are interested in finding any information on Peter Madison Wood, who was born in Patrick County in 1860, died in 1943 and was buried in Oxford, Pa. His first wife was Mary Bryant, who was born in Floyd County, (no known dates). His second wife was Sallie J. Chumbley (born around Montgomery or Floyd County in 1882, died 1957, buried in Oxford, Pa). Peter was Dan's great-grandfather.

Dan was born on May 24, 1941; Fran was born on January 21, 1942. We were married on May 19, 1962.

Send information to Fran Wood, 5803 Cardinal Way, Greensboro, N.C. 27410.

*Are there one or two Isham Craddocks? I have information that says Isham was born about 1750 and information that says a son Isham was born about 1775. The second married Sarah Hollandsworth. Could the first Isham have married twice and had two families? Maybe there is no second Isham, born in 1775?

Send information to Jane Craddock Canada, 48255 Turquis Street, Fremont, Calif. 94539.

Monnie Washington Wood

A reception will be given in honor of the 100th birthday of Monnie Washington Wood on December 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Beulah Ruritan Building. The reception will be given by his children who invite all his family, friends, neighbors and the public. Gifts are not requested.

Mr. Wood was born to George Washington and Letisha Amburn Wood on December 28, 1894 in the Round Peak area of Surry County. He was the second of eight children, only one besides Mr. Wood is still living, a sister Mrs. Lola Wood of Mount Airy.

Mr. Wood graduated from the "Old Beulah School" after completion of the seventh grade, which was the total requirement at that time. He was offered a "teaching" position following that but turned it down.

A life of hard work has been the heart of the century of Mr. Wood's life. He lived on the farm and helped his father from birth to 1917. He and his bride, Bessie Brown were married in a buggy on March 18, 1917. He and his wife moved to the Wesley York farm in the Beulah Community where he became a share cropper and began his own family. In 1924 the Wood family moved to Mount Airy where Monnie worked in the Mount Airy Furniture Factory for eight years. He recalls that his wages at that time was \$2.40 per day for a full ten hour day.

In the depth of the depression, he moved back to the York farm in 1932 and again assumed the role of a tobacco share cropper until 1947 when he bought a 12 acre tract of land only one mile from his home and built a new house. He has resided in the same residence since. Upon this move, Mr. Wood became a sawmill worker and was known as one of the best sawyers in the area. He worked for several sawmill operators in the area until he retired at age 70. His work life was still not complete as he began working for his son at the country store just across the road from his residence. He worked in the store until his son sold out in 1972 when Mr. Wood finally retired at the age of 78. An interesting note is that only two of Mr. Wood's former employers are still living, Henley Goings, age 86, a retired sawmill owner, and his son, who owned the store.

His next years were filled with working around the house but most of all in helping take care of his wife who was in ill health. He watched over her and assisted her in every way until her death at age 91 in 1985 after a blissful marriage of 69 years.

He still resides by himself although he is continuously cared for by his devoted daughter, Annie, who lives next door and makes many "trips" a day to take care of her father.

He is very alert, reads a considerable amount, keeps up with current events by newspaper and television. His health is very

good, however, he does have trouble "getting around" as his legs have gotten very weak.

Mr. Wood has lived his entire life in the Beulah Community and has many memories. He has driven oxen and remembers a humorous incident once when one of the "steers" laid down in the road while pulling cargo and would not get up. He has driven a team of horses pulling a wagon across many streams that were frozen solid in the cold winters of the "teens". He purchased his first car "around 1920" a T-Model Ford. He remembers the different names of the Post Office in the Beulah area from the time it was New London, to Round Peak, then Bottom and finally closed and mail came from the big town of Mount Airy.

He has used tobacco since he was eight years old in every form--chewing, dipping snuff, smoking using tobacco straight from the barn and rolled into a brown paper bag, smoked a pipe and cigars. He still uses snuff continuously each day. He remarks that when I die, I guess people will say "Yes, tobacco got him."

One of the darkest areas of his life was probably during World War II when three of his sons were in the military. His eldest, Brady, was killed in action in 1945 at Okinawa.

He has lived under the administration of 19 presidents, and has voted in every election since 1912. His favorite President of all time was President Eisenhower.

Mr. Wood's family today consist of one daughter, Annie Nichols who lives next door; three sons, Glen and John of Mount Airy and Leonard of Raleigh. He has eleven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren.

Monnie Wood is living proof that hard work will not hurt anyone. He has always been known as one of the most reliable workers in the community. He has been blessed with good health having only been in the hospital "about three times" in his life.

Many, many inventions have been made in the century of Monnie Wood's life. Living has changed from primitive to modern. Books do not do justice to talking to a person of this age and hearing him tell of life as it "really was".

Mr. Wood is looking forward to seeing many relatives, friends and neighbors during the reception in his honor.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
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February 22, 1994

Nancy L. Wood
4643 S. 28 W. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74107-7632

Thank you for letter of February 10, 1994 regarding Abraham Wood
and William Wood.

You can obtain copies of the wills from the Department of Cultural Resources, Div. of Archives and History, Archives and Records Section, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807. We have enclosed a bit of information on abstracts of wills on Abraham and William.

A local researcher in our area is Betty Camin, 1904 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030. You will need to contact her about her fee. A well-known historian in our area is Ruth Minick, 341 Franklin Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030. She might be able to help you regarding Surry County residents that moved to Kentucky.

You might consider sending a query for our journal. Information is enclosed.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

Research Committee

Enclosures

4643 S. 28 W. Ave.
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February 10, 1994

Surry County Genealogical Society
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Dear Fellow Hunter:

I am wondering how to get a copy of the will
and probate records for:

Abraham Wood dec'd 25 Nov. 1789
William Wood Dec'd before Feb 1790

I am interested in these two gentlemen as being
possible ancestors to our Abraham Wood, born
between 1750-1760 who bought land in Madison Co.
Ky 1794, had a son Abraham Jr. who married Madison
Co. Ky 29 Nov. 1806 and both show up in Bedford
Co. TN from 1812-1820, then Marion Co. Arkansas.

I have been unable to find the parents, wife of
our Abraham Sr. or where he was prior to being
on tax roll 1792 Madison Co. Ky. I know a lot
of people went to Ky from N.C. - have studied
Daniel Boone's travels and wonder if there is
a list of people who traveled from your area to
Ky.

Would appreciate you advising if someone can
obtain this info for me and what the costs would
be. I don't know where else to look.

Thanks.

Very truly yours,


Nancy L. Wood

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION

FAYE SOUTHERN WOOD

PERSONAL

Faye Southern Wood was born December 01, 1938, to Lincoln and Cassie Southern in the Beulah Community of Surry County. She was a member of a farm family, assisting in all the chores of the farm during her school years.

In 1956, Faye married John Wood. She is the mother of two living sons, Monnie, a Civil Engineer, and Wesley a Paramedic. One son died a few hours after birth. She has three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. She resides in the Beulah Community at 115 Wesmon Street, Mount Airy, telephone 910-352-4115.

EDUCATION

Faye Wood graduated from Beulah High School in 1956. She immediately entered training to become a Radiologist. This training was terminated by her marriage.

After being out of the classroom for eighteen years, Faye enrolled as a student at Surry Community College in 1974. She received her Associate in Arts Degree, with honors, in 1976 as well as an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Business Administration at the same time. Since then, she has taken many additional classes at Surry Community in Management, Computers, and Psychology as well as numerous Continuing Education classes including Auto Body Repair, Crafts of various nature and many emergency medical classes.

EMPLOYMENT

Faye began working in the public sector in 1957 as a secretary with the North Carolina Teacher's Retirement System in Raleigh. She worked for a brief time with Security Life Insurance Company in Winston-Salem in 1959. From 1959 to 1972, Faye was a partner with her husband in a self-owned business, as well as a housewife. She worked part-time for Aladdin's while a student at SCC.

In 1977, Faye began work in the area that would encompass her future contributions to society when she became employed as a secretary to the Surry County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

THE SUCCESS AND GROWTH OF THE CHAPTER

When Faye began work with the Surry County Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1977, she was secretary to Grace Vaughn, then Executive Director. Mrs. Vaughn's health was not good, and she was frequently out of work, so it was up to Faye to run the office. Very soon, Mrs. Vaughn retired and Faye was named Executive Secretary.

At this time, the office was located in an old home on Pine Street and was a "one person" operation. Faye had no assistance even on a part time basis, except for a few volunteers. When she took over the office, there were only twenty bloodmobiles per year yielding some 1500 units. There was no Disaster Program of any kind. There were only two volunteer First Aid instructors and no water safety program. The operating budget was around \$15,000 per year.

From this meager beginning, Faye began to build the Surry County Chapter. She focused her main attention to the Blood Program in the early stages, organizing and manning each bloodmobile. She began to develop a list and train First Aid and CPR instructors. She had visions, but only visions, of some type of local disaster plan for the future. She was faced with being on call for Service to Military Families on a 24 hour day basis -- this element has not changed during the time period.

Faye gave her utmost to the Red Cross operation. She saw the blood program begin to grow. She added more and more volunteer instructors to the Health Services area. She implemented the Water Safety Program. She began plans on a very small scale for handling small disasters. A few part-time work study students began to assist.

In 1990, Faye saw her dreams come true when she led the efforts to build a new office building. Within a period of one year, a spacious new office building was built, funds were acquired from donations from individuals, businesses and industries, and a \$250,000 building was completed and furnished with up to date furniture and paid for in full.

In the eighteen years she has managed the Chapter, the following indicates the success that has been accomplished. The Chapter has won many Gold Circle Awards for the blood services program plus a plaque most every year for exceeding the assigned goals.

As of the present, Faye is the Executive Director of the Chapter and manages four full time employees. A Health Services and Disaster Director oversees over seventy-five instructors in the Health Services area. As an example, last year over 4000 students were trained in First Aid, CPR and related courses. There are over twenty Water Safety Instructors who conduct classes in all phases of Water Safety. In the Disaster Area, a complete Disaster plan is in effect. An example of this area includes serving 118 families in single family fires, opening shelters for over 935 persons due to floods, blizzards and propane gas leaks to name a few. Thousands of meals are served to volunteers in areas of forest fires and other disasters.

Two grants have been applied for and received. One was used to purchase a generator in case of power failure to the Red Cross Building. It is the only building in the county with facilities to

house persons in case of power outage disasters. The other grant is being used to raise funds to better serve the communities through services rendered by the Chapter.

The blood program has a Director who oversees 120 bloodmobiles per year, a far cry from the beginning 20 of eighteen years ago. Over 6000 units are collected each year serving up to 24,000 patients. Many awards have been received by the Chapter in this area.

A Support Services director is employed to try to increase the funds of the Chapter so that even more services demanded by the public may be offered.

A full time receptionist/secretary is on duty to handle routine daily assignments.

Faye is still on call 24 hours a day for Service to Military Families, handling some 135 cases per year at all hours of day, night and weekends.

Two vehicles have been acquired by the Chapter to handle the areas of services rendered by the Red Cross.

One may say that Faye is the Red Cross Person within the County. No one can say how many lives have been touched by her or the result of her management. She is completely dedicated to her job and to helping others through the efforts of the Red Cross. This may be indicated by the fact that Faye is a ten gallon blood donor herself, proving that she practices what she preaches.

Faye received the "Tiffney" Award for Excellence in Management in the Carolinas Region of Red Cross for 1993.

Faye has served Red Cross on numerous committees on the State and Region Level of Red Cross operations over the years.

The Red Cross has come many miles during her tenure as Director. Faye sincerely believes in the cause and looks forward to doing even more for the citizens of the County.

HUMANITARIAN/CIVIC

With all of the above, Faye has still found time to constantly help other through other means. She received her Emergency Technician Certification in 1980. She became a First Responder for the Skull Camp Volunteer Fire Department and still runs calls, day or night in this capacity. She became a volunteer reservist for the Surry County Emergency Medical Services in 1982 and for thirteen years has ridden an ambulance as a crew member on a volunteer basis. She received her Emergency Technician Intermediate Certification in 1983 and maintains her current certification. Faye has been the recipient of the "Reservist of the Year" award from the Surry EMS. She was also honored by being

awarded the "Life Saving Award" from the Surry County Commissioners for saving five lives while with the EMS

Faye has had training in Stress Management as it relates to death and dying. She serves as a group leader for volunteers, paramedics or families who have experienced a traumatic experience with an accident or other terrible event. A de-briefing session is held following these types of events for those involved.

Faye is a member of the Skull Camp Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She serves as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Camp E-Mon-Tal-E, Boy's Wilderness Camp. She is an avid ceramics person, attending classes two nights per week and has made many beautiful articles by hand. Her hobbies include reading, golfing and most any type of volunteer work.

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After being out of the classroom for eighteen years, Faye enrolled as a student at Surry Community College in 1974. She received her Associate in Arts Degree with honors in 1976 as well as an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Business Administration at the same time. Since then, she has taken many additional classes at Surry Community College in Management, Computer, and Psychology as well as numerous Continuing Education classes including Auto Body Repair, Crafts of various nature and many emergency medical classes.

EMPLOYMENT

Faye began working in the public sector in 1967 as a secretary with the North Carolina Teacher's Retirement System in Raleigh. She worked for a brief time with Security Life Insurance Company in Winston-Salem in 1969. From 1969 to 1972, Faye was a partner with her husband in a self-owned business, as well as a housewife. She worked part-time for Aladdin's while a student at SCC.

In 1977, Faye began work in the area that would encompass her future contributions to society when she became employed as a secretary to the Surry County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

THE BEGINNING AND GROWTH OF THE CHAPTER

When Faye began work with the Surry County Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1977, she was secretary to Grace Vaughn, then Executive Director. Mrs. Vaughn's health was not good, and she was frequently out of work, so it was up to Faye to run the office. Very soon, Mrs. Vaughn retired and Faye was named Executive Secretary.

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Dear Wilma Hiatt;

June 27, 2001

Thank you for all the info you
sent for my Wood/ Coe research.
I'm sending for all the Census
and information regarding Cemetery
readings

I have a knack for making
simple things complicated. I hope you
can understand I've ordered both
volumes I and II "The Heritage of
Sally C."

If anyone has any information
about my family please
give them my address.

Thank you

Sharon (Wood) Schaffner
P.O. Box 800
Aberdeen, OH 45101

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order to
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ELI C. WOOD

Eli C. Wood, 80, Surry Merchant

MOUNT AIRY.—Eli C. Wood, 80, of Mount Airy, Route 2, Woodville section, died at his home at 2 p.m. yesterday.

He was born in Surry County, Sept. 4, 1870, son of John and Nancy Lambert Wood. Mr. Wood was a farmer and merchant of the Woodville section for more than half a century. He served on the Woodville School Committee for 25 years; was one of the founders of the Woodville Baptist Church and a deacon for 50 years.

He was also a member of the Junior Order.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Woodville Baptist Church, with the Rev. Tom Cooke, the Rev. Gurney Holder, the Rev. Joe Wall and the Rev. Roy Davis in charge. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

His first wife, the former Ellen C. Hiatt, died in 1936. He is survived by his second wife, the former Carrie Shamel; three sons, Ernest Wood of Mount Airy, Roy Wood of Mount Airy, Route 2, Alvey Wood of Mount Airy, Route 1; three daughters, Mrs. Alvin Chilton, Mrs. Roy Nunn and Mrs. Tommie Collins, all of Mount Airy, Route 2; 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Sunday Living



PROFILE

'Mack' Wood

NAME: Selbert McRae 'Mack' Wood, Sr.
AGE: 68
HOMETOWN: Mount Airy, NC
FAMILY: Wife, Dora Ann Johnson Wood, sons Selbert McRae 'Bert' Wood, Michael Lee Wood, five grandchildren, one great grandchild
EDUCATION: Mount Airy High School, Surry Community College, Gardner Webb, Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga., Basic Infantry Officer Course, Ft. Benning, Career Infantry Officer Course, Ft. Benning, Air Mobility Course, Ft. Benning, Industry College of Armed Forces, Washington, Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., Defense Dept. Human Relations Institute, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., War College.
OCCUPATION: Retired from Wood's TV, retired U.S. Army Lt. Col., real estate broker
HOBBIES: Travel, sports, politics, golf
FAV. FOOD: Lobster
FAV. MOVIE: Sting
FAV. BOOK: Bible

By CAROLINE BEAMER

Staff Writer

He could almost pass for General Norman Schwartzkopf: stocky, with a military bearing but easily breaking into a smile. This retired military man is local. Meet Selbert McRae 'Mack' Wood.

Wood joined the army in 1952 after he graduated from Mount Airy High School in the early fifties, growing up in a large family and wanting a taste of the world outside of Mount Airy. His 'taste of the world' before it was all over was visiting 35 nations, being a guest at the White House, the Pentagon—and having a top secret Crypto clearance.

Most folks in Mount Airy know Wood as one of the brothers who ran Woods TV (now their children operate the business), but Mack Wood was known in the military world as a top military infantry soldier and military strategist.

His armed forces career continued until a few years ago when a heart attack forced Wood to retire right before his final promotion to General. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

As a National Guard officer he called his troops into action for several area catastrophes, such as Mount Airy's major floods in the late seventies and racial rioting in Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

Asked if military strategy has changed much today from what it was when he was a student he said, "Not much. It's still your basic two up, one in," he said.

He explained when Greensboro police couldn't regain control of an AT&T University dormitory during student uprisings, his unit was able to do it immediately with the two up, one in technique, which is cover both sides and have another contingent in reserve. "Police are trained differently from the military. But if anyone had to be arrested, that was handled by law enforcement," he said.

The organization of the military is something that Wood appreciated and said that the chain of command gave everyone an understanding of how things should be done.

"I loved it. The organization and the technical training were better than any," he said.

Protocol in the military has its function and its tradition. "A General is not allowed in a vehicle

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"It's my calling ... to believe in restorative justice and to help give a voice to those who are outcast."

Bert Wood, the president of the Partnership for a Drug-Free North Carolina



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Bert Wood speaks at a "Wet, Wild and Drug Free" celebration at Wet 'n Wild Emerald Pointe Water Park in Greensboro.

Always Open

Bert Wood puts his heart into his work at a drug-treatment agency



Wood has worked at the STEP One Partnership since 1989.

By Migdalia Vazquez
JOURNAL REPORTER

9-8-2005

At one point in his life, Bert Wood wanted to be an ordained minister. Now, he sees himself a "minister without a collar."

"I think I am a minister," Wood said. "In my heart of hearts, I think this, what I'm doing — helping others — it feels good," he said raising his right hand in a fist and gently tapping his heart.

Wood's calling is to fight the ravages of addiction.

As the president and chief executive of the Partnership for a Drug-Free North Carolina, Wood oversees a staff of 222 and has an annual budget of more than \$7.7 million. The agency, also known as STEP One Partnership, was founded in 1974. It grew from just one office on Hawthorne Road to 10 treatment of-

fices and numerous prevention and case-management offices from Asheville to Durham.

In treatment services alone, STEP One, a private, nonprofit agency, helps 1,100 families in Forsyth County each year. Services include a residential treatment center for adults and adolescents, adult substance-abuse treatment, prevention services, and mental-health services for children.

Wood, who came to STEP One in 1989, is particularly proud of two of the agency's accomplishments: It was the first treatment program in the state to provide child care and the second in the state to provide services in Spanish.

He said that many challenges lie ahead in the substance-abuse and mental-health arena, including fund-

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Bert Wood

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ceutical treatment program for narcotics addicts.

"It's a pretty cool thing that we are improving the quality of treatment for heroin and narcotics addicts," he said.

Wood also chairs the N.C. Department of Correction's Substance Abuse Advisory Council.

He hasn't always been successful in his pursuits. At one point in his life, Wood ran for office.

"I ran in the Senate 12th District in the Democratic primary, finishing (third) out of five for two seats. I also ran for a seat in the North Carolina House in a general election in November of 2000. I finished fourth out of five candidates

for three seats," he recalled.

Right now, his family is in a sort of chaos mode.

"Our family is rather stressed right now — with our daughters taking piano lessons, guitar lessons, voice lessons and participating in plays and with Mary Beth trying to complete her thesis — I will be glad when April is over," Wood said.

His wife, Mary Beth, is in the process of earning her master's degree in nursing from Gardner-Webb University. She is the patient-care coordinator for Northern Hospice.

"The fact that I am in the helping profession and she is in the helping profession is stressful to our family because

we are both working with families that have needs all the time. It's tough because we don't always get to address each other's needs. It's often times hard for 'helpers' to be helped."

The couple, who will celebrate their 21st anniversary in July, met while Wood was in Maryland and they were working in the same hospital. She was a charge nurse and he worked in the Intensive Care Unit and in the hemodialysis unit.

"We ended up dating," he said, "and, about two years later, we were married."

Talking about his return to Mount Airy, Wood said coming home was one of the best

decisions he ever made.

"I have to say a couple of reflective things about moving back to Mount Airy. It is a sense of grounding and fulfillment to come back to one's hometown. It's amazing to have a son and daughters going to Snappy Lunch like I did when I was their age. To have them worshiping in the same church is real important.

"I think that I can speak for my wife and myself, that we have both had opportunities to go to other locations. I've been in this house for 20 years now, but there is a real important grounding in raising a family here, because it is a good place to be. You can't put a value on that."

Former chaplain, youth advisor
and drug-abuse counselor is still...

Searching for challenges

By Mondee Tilley
Staff Writer

At 48, Bert Wood has accomplished more than most people do in a lifetime. He attributes that to his love of challenges. Wood has been the chaplain at a Maryland state psychiatric hospital, started a new Southern Baptist church in Utah, tried his hand at politics and counseled young people. Wood has worked for non-profit organizations for most of his career, often in drug and alcohol addiction treatment. Now he is president of the Partnership for a Drug Free NC.

Wood is originally from Mount Airy. He left for about eight or 10 years, then returned after completing graduate school.

"There was a joke in the '70s that there are two kinds of folks in the addiction field — those who are recovering alcoholics and those who are recovering from being a minister. I might be the latter of those two," joked Wood.

After graduating from Mount Airy High School, Wood decided to attend Wingate College to earn his associate of arts degree.

After transferring to Wake Forest University, Wood married a Cuban native. They were married for about four years, but had no children. During their relationship, he became involved in active forms of ministry. He worked with Mexican-Americans in New Mexico and started a Baptist church in Salt Lake City, Utah. Wood went on to get his master's degree in pastoral counseling and Biblical languages from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

After he earned his master's, his marriage broke up. Wood returned to the East Coast and went into clinical and human services work. He was a chaplain at a Maryland state psychiatric hospital for 15 months.

"As I left the formal church ministry, I emphasized on my clinical training," he explained. "That's when I got into counseling and human services administration."

He said the mental-health industry was growing rapidly when he returned home.

"The joke was, when I returned back to North Carolina, that the mental health industry would hire anyone with a pulse," Wood laughed.

He took over the helm of Surry Friends of Youth in August 1981.

"There was just me and a secretary when I came back. They had some rapid growth while I was there. I was lucky to be in the right place at the right time."

Over his eight years there, the program grew until there were about 14 people on his staff. He opened another office in Elkin and also started the Stokes Friends of Youth.

In March 1989, he left Friends of Youth to begin working for STEP ONE in Winston-Salem.

"In 1989, when I got there, we began doing child care from 9 in the morning until 9 at night for anybody who needed counseling. They could bring their children with them. We were the first coun-

seling treatment program in the state to do child care," he said.

Wood helped establish STEP ONE's Stokes County office, Project Graduation and First Night Piedmont, which was an alcohol-free New Year's Eve party. He was there in 1995 when STEP ONE started providing services in Spanish.

Profile

Name: S.M. "Bert" Wood Jr.

Age: 48

Family: Wife, Mary Beth; a son and daughter-in-law, Jarod and Dena Wood; one grandson, Nicholas; and two daughters, Anna and Lauren

Education: Master of divinity, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest; bachelor of arts, Wake Forest University; associate of arts, Wingate College; Mount Airy High School

Occupation: President for the Partnership for a Drug Free NC

Hometown: Mount Airy

Hobbies: Golf, exercising, basketball and joking

Favorite food: Curried chicken

Favorite music: Beach music

Favorite TV show: "The West Wing"

Favorite book: Last one read



Mondee Tilley/The Mount Airy News

"We were the second in the state to do services in Spanish. Forty percent of the people in Forsyth County who go to court are Spanish and half of those are monolingual, so it's a huge problem. The courts really were not able to address the needs of that population," he said.

More recently, Wood began a Hepatitis C screening project.

"Hepatitis C is a silent epidemic among needle users as well as sex partners of drug users. There is an alarming statistic of up to 70 to 80 percent of persons who inject having Hepatitis C. We started a pilot project for that and the CDC — Centers for Disease Control — is looking at replicating it," Wood said.

He also helped begin a treatment program for older adults.

"We are not getting any younger," chuckled Wood. "With the baby boomers now getting older — whether it is losing jobs, spouses, family moving away — they don't have the structure of support they are used to having. The addiction problem is pretty specific and significant for that population," he said.

As coordinator for the Partnership for a Drug Free NC, Wood said the general public might recognize its parent organization from some famous commercials.

"Probably the thing that is most visible are the commercials that say, 'This is your brain. This is your brain on drugs.' Lots of famous people have starred in these commercials in newspaper, radio and TV," Wood said.

He is also a consultant for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. As part of that group, he helps survey and consults with methadone programs around the nation. Methadone is a pharma-

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WOOD

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ing and assuring that people have equal access to treatment.

About 25 percent of his clients relapse. "You can see that as a failure or as a confirmation that they need services, and it's a challenge to do it better and differently," he said. "I liken STEP One to a sanctuary, meaning it is a place of safety without fear or retribution or rejection. This is a place of hospitality; a place they are cared for and made well."

A 60-year-old recovering heroin addict, who spoke on the condition that his name not be used, said he owes his new life to a STEP One counselor. He's among the 8 percent of the agency's clients who receive methadone as part of a treatment plan that includes psychotherapy and attendance at support-group meetings.

"My life now is a complete turnaround, I've got more trust from my wife now," the man said. "The main thing about STEP One is my counselor — without him I would not be where I'm at. He's taught me how to take care of myself, and I never had a counselor who took time with me and who had faith in me."

Part of Wood's job is teaching children to avoid drugs in the first place.

On a recent blistering Sunday afternoon, Wood stood on a platform to open this year's "Wet, Wild and Free" drug-free appreciation celebration at Wet 'n Wild Emerald Pointe Water Park in Greensboro. With sweat dripping down his face and soaking his white T-shirt, he walked through the crowd, shaking hands and welcoming the more than 900 young people and their families who attended.

As in earlier years, the gathering drew winners of an essay-writing contest for children ages 4 through 14. Children and teenagers write why they want to stay drug-free.

"Talking about (drugs) to the kids is not glitzy; it's not sexy," Wood said. He pointed to a group of teenagers performing on stage. "This is. Activities such as these is what kids and families need more of."

Wood, 50, was born in Winston-Salem and grew up as a Southern Baptist in Mount Airy. He earned an associate's degree from Wingate College, where he was most interested in psychology. His life's journey, though, was about to change.

"After returning home from a wonderful experience in New York, working in vacation Bible schools, working in the inner-city drop-in center in Buffalo and building a log cabin at a

camp, I felt that religion and philosophy would be more helpful, meaningful and relevant for me and what I wanted to do than a major in psychology."

He went on to Wake Forest University with a new double major and then earned a master's in divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminar in 1980.

While he was still studying, he was offered a position as director of Christian Social Ministries for a multicounty region in Rochester, N.Y. But the offer was withdrawn after he told the ministry that he was separated from his wife.

The memory and the pain of that rejection still lingers.

"I cried so hard, I popped blood vessels in my eyes. The anguish was so great that God was not available to me when I needed it ... it was horrifically hurtful, the sense of aloneness and despair."

Wood, who eventually became a Presbyterian, knows that addicts suffer from rejection, too.

"It's my calling ... to believe in restorative justice and to help outcast," he said.

Scott Wilson, a friend for more than 20 years, said Wood's passion for and commitment to helping others affected him so much that he has dedicated his life to counseling. "I love Bert, he took a chance on me by giving me my first job in the helping profession," Wilson said.

"I love his heart and his wicked humor," said Wilson, now a counselor at Surry Community College. "He will pick up for the person who needs a helping hand, and he will needle you regardless of how important you are."

Last week, Wood and his administrative and finance staff moved back to the STEP One treatment center on Fourth Street after about two years on the 23rd floor of the Winston-Salem Tower. The move brings him closer to the people he serves.

"One of my philosophies is to manage by presence, so walking around the building in the morning, and sitting down in the lobby waiting for persons to be served, it gets you back to the reason of being in this business," Wood said.

"Our organization is in a life-saving business, and there's daily good news about reducing stigma, assisting people in recovery, empowering young people to make healthy decisions," he said. "And unlike the Maytag repair man, unfortunately, there will always be business."

■ Migdalia Vazquez can be reached at 727-7303 or at mvazquez@wsjournal.com.

Individual Summary

Name: Calvin WOOD¹
Sex: Male
Father: Michael WOOD (abt 1799 -)
Mother: Cindy MARTIN (-)

Individual Facts

Birth JUN 15 1838
Death APR 15 1920 (age 81) Franklin Township, Mount Airy, Surry County, NC

Marriages/Children

1. Rebecca SENTER

Marriage DEC 11 1869 (age 31) Franklin Township, Mount Airy, Surry County, NC
Children Dick WOOD (1870 -)
George Washington "Wash" WOOD (APR 26 1870 - AUG 5 1948)
Eles L "Left" WOOD (NOV 1873 -)
Calvin Lafayette WOOD (OCT 13 1878 - JUN 1 1954)
Eldridge B. WOOD (FEB 1879 -)
Lafayette WOOD (MAY 1881 -)
Hillary WOOD (DEC 8 1882 -)

Notes (Individual)

Notes (Family #1)

Sources

1. Wilma Hiatt 3265 Spainhour Mill Road, Tobaccoville, NC 27050-9780.

Wood's TV is a family business

By MICAH MASSEI
Staff Writer

Bestselling author Gail Lumet Buckley once noted that "family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future."

Such a description seems fitting when speaking to those of the Wood family of Mount Airy, whose local Woods TV satellite/electronics store has been an invaluable service for the good folks of Surry County for almost 60 years.

"Everybody wants to sell," said co-owner Michael Wood, "but it seems nowadays, nobody wants to 'service' anymore. We want to provide a good service to people."

Michael, along with his cousin, Tycho Wood Jr., inherited the family business, which began as a small operation out of the garage of both the men's grandfather, Ernest Wood in 1947.

"Woods TV started out on Rockford Street in 1947 out of my grandfather's garage by (my uncle) Woody Wood," said Michael.

"In 1951, he moved out of the garage and onto Willow Street. Two years later, it moved to the corner of Worth and Rockford (streets), where for a while it served as Woods TV, a grill, a bus station, a taxi cab service, a gas station and a Nash card dealership — all under one roof."

For the next 15 years, Woody, Tycho Sr. and Michael's father, Mack, operated all of the respective businesses. In 1968, the men shifted their primary focus of business towards television and electronics.

"Electronics — that was the trend," said Mack. "It was an up and coming thing, and we went after it."

With a new change in focus towards selling primarily electronics, Woods TV also would experience changes among those operating within the local family business.

"Tycho Jr. and I have built it up," said Michael, who shortly after graduating from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980, joined Tycho Jr. Wood Jr. in beginning the third generation of Woods TV family owners. "I've basically worked down here since I was old enough to pick trash up

"Electronics — that was the trend. It was an up and coming thing, and we went after it."

Mack Wood

in the parking lot. I wanted to continue the family tradition."

Double-majoring in political science and studio art, Michael first looked for work within the field of city administration, but eventually opted to continue doing what he's always loved to do.

"After graduating, I was looking for a job," said Michael.

"At that time, I was wanting to be in city administration — which has helped me greatly in running a business, (because) city administration works a lot like a business degree. I was looking for a job, and I got a job at Woolco, doing something I loved doing and knew about — selling electronics."

"I took my experience at Woods TV and used that there in how they gained business and worked selling electronics and TVs. I was selling TVs and thought, 'Why not do it for my dad?'"

As Michael and Tycho Jr. continue the family name and business, as well as what's easily a notable local business landmark, both men affirm satisfaction in finding success from not only a business standpoint, but also in receiving the respect and admiration of those in their family for whom they've "taken the reigns from" in continuing the family tradition.

"I think they've done a quality service," said Mack. "When we all got into it, we all had a purpose to want to provide the best to the people of Mount Airy. A lot of fathers have passed their businesses to their sons throughout the years, and I'm proud to say that Mike and Tycho Jr. have built it up and have really done well with it."

"Family is important, just like the community is important," added Tycho Jr. "We feel like we're not just another business in the community, (but something) that's really a part of the community."



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Originating from the garage of elder Ernest Wood in 1947, Mack Wood, left, Michael Wood, Tycho Wood Jr. and Tycho Wood Sr. are among those of the Wood family who've continued the family's legacy within the local business mainstay for nearly 60 years.



Micah Massei/The Mount Airy News

Woods TV Co-owner Michael Wood, works hard from his desk on yet another busy morning at the local, family-owned satellite/electronics business.



Submitted photo

Shifting its focus towards selling (primarily) television sets in 1968, Woods TV now offers televisions, satellite dishes, as well as other electronics.

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Thursday, November 1, 2007

LOCAL NEWS

Confederate soldiers remembered in hard cover book

Hi Wilma! Thought you'd be interested in hearing we finished our book. What a job!

Thomas Lowry & Edward Lowry are both listed in this book since they are my ancestors.

Our Confederate Ancestors buried in Cumberland, Putnam, Van Buren and White counties, listing a few in Jackson, Overton and Warren Counties, is available. This book is a four-year project of the Captain Sally Tompkins #2123, United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter, to honor the 200th birthday of Gen. Robert Edward Lee, in 2007.

This hard cover, 325-page book, contains information on more than 1,200 Confederate soldiers. Most are buried in these various counties of the Upper Cumberland region. This includes location of burial with photo of the tombstone, if available, photo of the soldier, birth and death dates, units of service to the Confederate States, Home



DONATION. Cathy Farley (center), director of White County Public Library, accepts a donation of the book *Our Confederate Ancestors* from Martha Sue Broyles and Pamela Wood.

PURCHASE.

White County Executive Herd Sullivan makes one of the first purchases of *Our Confederate Ancestors* from Pamela Wood.



Guards or Civil Service.

Chapter member Margaret Cordell is a descendant of Capt. Samuel Joseph Johnson, a survivor of the Immortal 600 listing of information is included on the members of the Immortal with ties to Tennessee.

A list of chapter members, living and deceased, and information on their ancestors is included, no matter where their ancestors lived, served or are buried outside the Upper Cumberland Region.

Our Confederate Ancestors is available for \$45 plus \$5 for shipping and handling. An order form may be found on the Internet site of Southern Lion Books. A bonus offer has been added on the book "Confederate Orphans", which also includes short stories of this region, with copies of this book added at \$12 soft cover and \$22 hard cover, as long as they last.

All checks need to be made to Capt. Sally Tompkins #2123 UDC. For more information contact E.H. Parsons, P.O. Box 1001, Crossville, TN 38557-1001 or Martha Sue Broyles, 1735 McMinnville Highway, Sparta, TN 38583.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Love, Pamela Wood

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June 2, 2004

**Betty Schwier
516 East Townview Circle
Mansfield, OH 44907**

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2004 regarding Elias Wood and his father James Wood. We are very sorry that we did not find information on them in our files. We emailed several Wood researchers but they did not have information.

James Wood is found on the Surry County, NC 1830 census probably soon after his marriage. He is 20-30 years old and the female in the household is 15-20 years old. He is listed next to Peter Wood who is 50-60 years old, female is 50-60 years old and they have two others in the household (probably children), a male age 10-15 and a female 5-10. Perhaps Peter is the father of James and James has just married and living near his parents. There are two males by the name of James Wood listed in the 1835 tax list in Surry Co. One James Wood is paying 1 white poll tax in Capt. Stanley's District. There are Butcher families in this district also. The other James Wood is listed as son of Thomas Wood paying only 1 white poll tax in the Rockford District.

The 1850 Surry Co. census listed James' wife as Leviny, son Henry, son Elias, son Aaron, son Moses. You stated he married ___?___ Butcher. An Elizabeth Butcher (six months old) is listed living in the household next to James Wood. This household's names and ages are confusing as you will notice on the copy you have.

You may wish to write SCGA members Rita and Chester Mayberry, 3900 Glouster Dr., Lexington, KY 40510. I tried emailing them but the email address was not a current one apparently. They research Wood and Butcher families.

We will be happy to put a query in our fall journal for you and maybe you will get a response from the query as it will be posted on our web site.

Thank you for all the information you sent on these Wood men. We will add it to our files in the research room.

Wilma H.

**Wilma J. Hiatt
Research Committee**

516 East Townview Circle

MANSFIELD, OHIO 44907

APRIL 28, 2004

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 997

DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA 27017

To Whom it may concern:

I am researching one

Elias WOOD

b. 12 Nov. 1835 in VA - or - NC

m. 10(?) March 1866 in Greene Co. Ohio

d. 30 April 1926

James WOOD (father of Elias)

b. in N. Carolina

m. — Butcher

One James Wood was found in Surry County, N. Carolina
in the 1850 U.S. Census (37 years old). Elias was 12 yr. old

A James Wood is listed in the 1860 Census - South
Eastern District Ashe, North Carolina 46 yrs. old

Do you have any information that would either
confirm - or not confirm - that this is James is relative
to my Elias?

Family tradition says that Elias WOOD - my great
grandfather - fought in the Confederate army.
We found the military records of one Elias Wood
enlisting in the Virginia Company C - 24th Infantry
Regiment as a private on 24 May 1861 - and
deserted on 01 March 1865.

I would greatly appreciate any information
you could find on these two men. Thank you.

Enclosed is return envelope.

Sincerely,

Betty Schwier (SCHWIER)

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WOOD

DEATHS

No. 874. Received May 5, 1926.
 Name Elias Wood, Sex Male Color white
 Town or Township Union County Miami
 Married Single Widowed ☒ Divorced
 Age 90-5-18 Occupation Farmer.
 Birthplace Virginia. Date Nov. 12, 1835.
 * Name of father James Wood, Birthplace N. Carolina.
 Maiden name of mother Miss Butcher,
 Birthplace N. Carolina.
 Informant William Wood, Address Laura, R.R.#1.
 Date of death April 30, 1926. Cause Senile Heart.
 Place of burial Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Date May 3, 1926.
 Undertaker C. H. Hale, Address West Milton, O.
 Physician D. W. Shellabarger, Address Potsdam, Ohio.
 1266b

COPY

WOOD

DEATHS

Reg. Dist. No.	874	Prim. Reg. Dist. No.	5331	File No.	Reg. No.	17
City, Village or Township	Union Twp			Miami County, Ohio		
Full Name	Alice Wood					
Sex	Female	Color	White	Marital Relation	Married	
Name of Husband or Wife	Elias Wood					
Age:	Years	67	Months	3	Days	1
Date of Birth	Dec. 22, 1848		Occupation	Housewife		
Birthplace	Kenia, O					
Name of Father	Thomas McDermott		Birthplace	Unknown		
Maiden Name of Mother	Unknown		Birthplace	Unknown		
Place of Burial	Pleasant Hill, O		Date	Mch 26, 1916		
Physician	D.W. Shellabarger		Address	Potsdam, O		
Undertaker	W.C. Williamson		Date of Death	Mch 23, 1916		
Cause of Death	Angina Pectoris					
			Secondary	La Grippe		
Registrar	J. Edwin Jay		Date Received	Mch 25, 1916		

* Note: On Elias' death certificate, William Wood (son of Elias) said that Elias' father was born in Virginia.
 In the 1880 Census , Elias said that ^{he} his father was born in North Carolina.
 On Thomas' (son of Elias) death cert. it states that Elias was born in West Virginia.

Marriage Record.

The State of Ohio, Greene County, ss:

I, Elias Wood do make solemn oath that I am
twenty-one years of age, and have no wife living; that Ellen Mc Dermott
is eighteen years of age, and has no husband living; that she is a resident of said County,
and that, so far as I am informed or believe, there is no legal objection existing to our
marriage.

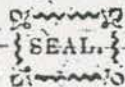
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this
1st day of March 1866
Marshall P. J.

The State of Ohio, Greene County, ss.

TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES IN SAID COUNTY.

I, Marshall
CHARLES W. DEWEY, Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County and
State aforesaid, have Licensed, and do hereby License and authorize Elias
Wood and Ellen Mc Dermott to be joined in marriage.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name,
and affixed the seal of said Court, at Xenia, this 1st
day of March 1866



Marshall P. J.

THE STATE OF OHIO, GREENE COUNTY, SS:

I do hereby certify that _____ and _____
were joined in marriage by me, on the _____ day of _____
1866

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in North Carolina in the County of Lenoir Sta

North Carolina enumerated by me, on the 24th day of Oct 1850. W. H. Lenoir Ass't Marsh

Housing Family Number in the order of enumeration	Family Number in the order of enumeration	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Description			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.			Whether deaf mute, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, convict.
			Age	Sex	Color (White, Black, or Mulatto)				10	11	12	
1		Mary Bray	16	F				North Carolina				
2		Arthur	10	M								
3		Mary	6	F								
4	1884 1886	Marshall Laffoon	25	M		Labourer					1	
5		Mary	28	F							1	
6		Mary	1	F								
7		Thompson	77	M								
8	1887 1887	James Wood	37	M		Farmer						
9		Lewis	38	F							1	
10		Mary	16	M		Labourer						
11		Clapp	12	M								
12		Spencer	10	M								
12		Mary	5	M								
14	1870 1870	Beardson Lee	1	M								
15		Lacy	26	M		Labourer					1	
16		Elizabeth	28	F							1	
17		Mary	11	F								
18		Woodward	2	F								
19		Thos. M. Datcher	6 1/2	F								

1850 WOOD

Wood, James age 37 Farmer

1850 U.S. Census

North Division, Lenoir, NC.

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	1188	Marth Lappoon	23	M	Lab.
		Nancy	28	F	
		Mary	1	F	
7		Henderson	51/2	M	
8	1189	James Wood	37	M	Fa
9		Lewis	38	F	
10		Mary	16	M	Lab
11		Elizabeth	12	M	
12		John	10	M	
13		Moses	9	M	
14	1190	Pearson Lac	1	M	
15		Luey	26	M	Lab
16		Elizabeth	28	F	
17		Mary	4	F	
18		on J.	2	F	

1860 United States Federal Census
Household of James Wood

About this database
New states added this week: N
information below

Name	Age in 1860	Estimated Birth Year	Birthplace	Race	Home in 1860 (City, County, State)	Gender ' C
<u>James Wood</u>	46	1813	North Carolina		South Eastern District, Ashe, North Carolina	Male
<u>Malvina Wood</u>	46	1813	North Carolina		South Eastern District, Ashe, North Carolina	Female
<u>Nathaniel Wood</u>	20	1839	North Carolina		South Eastern District, Ashe, North Carolina	Male
<u>Moses Wood</u>	11	1848	North Carolina		South Eastern District, Ashe, North Carolina	Male
<u>Samuel Wood</u>	5	1854	North Carolina		South Eastern District, Ashe, North Carolina	male

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Ashe, NC

Monnie Washington Wood

A reception will be given in honor of the 100th birthday of Monnie Washington Wood on December 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Beulah Ruritan Building. The reception will be given by his children who invite all his family, friends, neighbors and the public. Gifts are not requested.

Mr. Wood was born to George Washington and Letisha Amburn Wood on December 28, 1894 in the Round Peak area of Surry County. He was the second of eight children, only one besides Mr. Wood is still living, a sister Mrs. Lola Wood of Mount Airy.

Mr. Wood graduated from the "Old Beulah School" after completion of the seventh grade, which was the total requirement at that time. He was offered a "teaching" position following that but turned it down.

A life of hard work has been the heart of the century of Mr. Wood's life. He lived on the farm and helped his father from birth to 1917. He and his bride, Bessie Brown were married in a buggy on March 18, 1917. He and his wife moved to the Wesley York farm in the Beulah Community where he became a share cropper and began his own family. In 1924 the Wood family moved to Mount Airy where Monnie worked in the Mount Airy Furniture Factory for eight years. He recalls that his wages at that time was \$2.40 per day for a full ten hour day.

In the depth of the depression, he moved back to the York farm in 1932 and again assumed the role of a tobacco share cropper until 1947 when he bought a 12 acre tract of land only one mile from his home and built a new house. He has resided in the same residence since. Upon this move, Mr. Wood became a sawmill worker and was known as one of the best sawyers in the area. He worked for several sawmill operators in the area until he retired at age 70. His work life was still not complete as he began working for his son at the country store just across the road from his residence. He worked in the store until his son sold out in 1972 when Mr. Wood finally retired at the age of 78. An interesting note is that only two of Mr. Wood's former employers are still living, Henley Goings, age 86, a retired sawmill owner, and his son, who owned the store.

His next years were filled with working around the house but most of all in helping take care of his wife who was in ill health. He watched over her and assisted her in every way until her death at age 91 in 1985 after a blissful marriage of 69 years.

He still resides by himself although he is continuously cared for by his devoted daughter, Annie, who lives next door and makes many "trips" a day to take care of her father.

He is very alert, reads a considerable amount, keeps up with current events by newspaper and television. His health is very

good, however, he does have trouble "getting around" as his legs have gotten very weak.

Mr. Wood has lived his entire life in the Beulah Community and has many memories. He has driven oxen and remembers a humorous incident once when one of the "steers" laid down in the road while pulling cargo and would not get up. He has driven a team of horses pulling a wagon across many streams that were frozen solid in the cold winters of the "teens". He purchased his first car "around 1920" a T-Model Ford. He remembers the different names of the Post Office in the Beulah area from the time it was New London, to Round Peak, then Bottom and finally closed and mail came from the big town of Mount Airy.

He has used tobacco since he was eight years old in every form--chewing, dipping snuff, smoking using tobacco straight from the barn and rolled into a brown paper bag, smoked a pipe and cigars. He still uses snuff continuously each day. He remarks that when I die, I guess people will say "Yes, tobacco got him."

One of the darkest areas of his life was probably during World War II when three of his sons were in the military. His eldest, Brady, was killed in action in 1945 at Okinawa.

He has lived under the administration of 19 presidents, and has voted in every election since 1912. His favorite President of all time was President Eisenhower.

Mr. Wood's family today consist of one daughter, Annie Nichols who lives next door; three sons, Glen and John of Mount Airy and Leonard of Raleigh. He has eleven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren.

Monnie Wood is living proof that hard work will not hurt anyone. He has always been known as one of the most reliable workers in the community. He has been blessed with good health having only been in the hospital "about three times" in his life.

Many, many inventions have been made in the century of Monnie Wood's life. Living has changed from primitive to modern. Books do not do justice to talking to a person of this age and hearing him tell of life as it "really was".

Mr. Wood is looking forward to seeing many relatives, friends and neighbors during the reception in his honor.

DIARY of MARQUIS LAFAYETTE WOOD (Just as he wrote it.)
Manuscript Department of Duke University

1858 January

Monday 4. Left for Mt. Airy, reached Winston, and spent the night with my friend and classmate, Col. J. W. Alspaugh....

Wednesday 6. Traveled 22 miles. Stayed with Brother Pace, who lives near the Pilot Mountain.

Thursday 7. Reached Mt. Airy. Stopped with Brother Prather. Found him and family to be quite pleasant. Formed the acquaintance of Rev. William C. Reid.

Friday 8. Called on Bro. Reid. Visited Bro. Elisha Banner and Rev. W. Rawley.

Saturday 9. Read and studied some. In the afternoon called on Bro. Rawley. Found Bro. B. T. Shelton and lady at his house.

Tuesday 12. Went to spend the night with Bro. Roberts, a local preacher, living in the country.

Saturday 16. Left Mt. Airy for Bro. Pace's. I passed a camp of the company of gypsies which passed through Mt. Airy last Thursday. As soon as they said good morning, boss, I was bartered for a horse trade. But I left them without any trading, or effecting any good.

Sunday 17.... Preached at Ebenezer from St. John 17: 20-21. Read the "General Rules" to the society, and gave them a talk.

Wednesday 20. Rode a few miles. Found a rough and poor country. Took dinner with Bro. Wiley Patterson's family. Spent the night with Bro. Dan Haymore.

Thursday, 21.... Preached at Mt. Hermon. Read the "General Rules" of our church to the people.... Spent the night with Bro. A. Lewis... Found the country around

Mt. Hermon quite broken--somewhat mountainous--but now very rocky. Land not rich.

Friday 22. Preached at a schoolhouse, through a regular appointment called Indian Graves.

(He read the "General Rules" to all churches.)

Sunday, 31. Preached at Oak Grove to quite a large and attentive congregation...

Went home with Bro. Saunders, a Protestant Methodist preacher.

1858 February

Tuesday 2. Clouds skirting around. Snow on the Blue Ridge--the mountain. Came to Mt. Airy this morning. Stopped with Bro. E. Banner.

Sunday 7. At 11 o'clock I preached at Lebanon from St. John 17, 20-21. Not many persons out in consequence of the snow. Preached at candle-lighting, in Mt. Airy, from Heb. 4:9. Several persons out.

Met up with old Bro. Hicks who I saw at a camp-meeting on the Blue Ridge Mission in 1856. Bro. Hicks is a local preacher on the Surry Circuit. He told me that he was converted under the preaching of Waddle Johnson, the first Methodist preacher that came through this country. He said that he had often heard of the Methodist preachers, and had always heard them represented as false prophets. But when they came in reach he was determined to go and hear them and accordingly when

Rev. Mr. Johnson preached in some five or six miles of him, he was present, and under conviction before going to hear him, and had the horrors of hell so depicted and the beauties of heaven so portrayed, that he could hold out no longer, and fell as a dead man, thinking that he was going to die. After passing a few days between hope and fear, while lying upon his bed of rest, meditating upon his condition and the mercy

of God the Lord caused gladness to fill his soul and joy to spring up in his heart.

Feeling it his duty to offer life eternal through Jesus to others, Bro. Hicks sought license to preach. All the time the devil tempting him on various points--bringing his want of an education to his mind... (Bro. Hicks was licensed to preach.)

Thursday 11. Quite cold. But seven persons met me at Salem, my appointment....

People got very cold. Found here a new church though not completed, but it is, will be quite respectable.

Sunday 14. Did not leave Bro. Patterson's in consequence of bad health and the snow....

Wednesday 17... Mr. C. M. Vanorsdell presented me with my ambrotype, which was a good picture.

the church in the place. Stopped at Ed Banner's. Esp. 9 p.m. 1
married Charles & Webb to Mary Maria of Carroll, a runaway match.
Wood diary 1858 2

Friday 19. ...Went to, and spent the night with, William W. Banner, an old school
mate.

March 1858 Told the people at Hollow Springs....At Flat Shoals I preached....
exhorted a small congregation at New Hope...Spent part of the day with Bro.
Needham who labors on the Fisher's River Mission.

Sunday 7....Snow about three inches deep. Bro. Reid preached at 11 o'clock ...
I preached at night ...Bro. Reid gave us a very heart searching exhortation. And
also gave the citizens a talk about building a church.

Monday 8. Snowed all last night and snowing this morning. When it ceased-it was
about eight inches deep.

We spent the day principally talking about building a church in Mt. Airy.
Finally a while before night we succeeded in making a start in raising the money.
Got \$510 and the lot subscribed through a part of it was conditionally. I think
the snow was providentially sent to detain Bro. Reid in Mt. Airy to instrumentally
in putting the ball fully in motion.

Bro. Reid and I took tea with Mr. Robert Gilmer.

Tuesday 9. continued the effort to raise money to build a church with tolerable
success.

Wednesday 10. Raised the subscription for a church to \$815.00. Bro. Reid left
this morning. ("Bro. Reid" was Numa F. Reid, presiding elder.)

Thursday 11. Preached at Salem from ...to about 20 or 25 persons. Went home with
Bro. Andrew J. Satterfield, a nice man and has a nice family.

Friday 12. Preached at White Plains.

1858 March

Saturday 13. Went to Rockford. This was once the county town of Curry, but is now
near the county line. Rockford is on the Yadkin River, and is on a hillside. It
looks somewhat dilapidated. There is free church here. The Baptists have the
ascendency. The old Court House, now called a Seminary, is the neatest building
in the place. I stopped with Bro. Nicholson. This is a pleasant family.

I preached at candle-lighting, from... A tolerable congregation.

Sunday 14. After riding 7½ miles I reached Siloam, and preached to a respectable
and attentive congregation. Held class meeting and read the "General Rules".
Went home with Bro. Journey, a local deacon.

Tuesday, 16. Spent the day reading. Visited Widow Reeves and family in the
evening and took tea with them...went and spent the night with Bro. Whitaker....

Spent the night with Bro. Nutt.

Left Bro. Nutt in the afternoon, went down the Ararat, through fields

.....(He tells of cutting off branches off a fallen tree to get there, etc.)

The main dwelling is very comfortable.....I shall not visit Bro. Fulk again
til he cuts a road to his house.

April 1858

Thursday, April 1...done a little towards a church in Mt. Airy. The cause moves on
but slowly.

Friday 2 Done a little more towards raising funds for the church here. Visited
Ben. Graves' family. (Baptised wife who was very ill. She died.)

Saturday 3 ..Preached at Oak Grove.

Sunday 4. At 11 o'clock preached in Mt. Airy ...the funeral of Ellen Victoria
Allred, deceased, little daughter of Murphy Allred. Bro. Jesse Roberts preached
on the occasion a very appropriate short sermon. 3 o'clock Bro. Reid preached.

At candle-lighting I preached for the colored people from Eph. 2:8.

Monday 5. Attended the burial of a little boy, son of Edward Banner..Went out and
spent the night with Mr. R. R. Galloway. persons.

Tuesday 6. Spent the night with Squire Moore's family. Preached at Lebanon to 9
Wednesday...Went to, and spent the night with Bro. Murlin Sparger.

Friday 9. ..Preached at White Plains to six persons. Creeks were up some in
consequence of the rain that fell last night. The water ran up in my buggy, and
crossing Stewart's Creek it sloshed a little on the seat.

Saturday 10. ..Preached at Rockford/ at candle-lighting to an attentive audience.

Sunday 11. Preached at Siloam. Formed a Sabbath School. Quite a large and
attentive congregation.

1858 April

Sunday 18. Preached at Ebenezer..

Thursday 22. Preached at Mt. Hermon. Formed a Sabbath School. was happy to meet up with Bro. Pepper, preacher on the Patrick Circuit. Transcribed the class books for Mt. Hermon and Indian Graves.

Saturday 24. Preached at Hollow Springs to five women and two children.

Sunday 25. Flat Shoals. Organized a Sabbath School.

Tuesday 27. Preached at New Hope. Formed a Sabbath School....Preached at candle lighting at Bro. Alex Gallaspie's...

Wednesday 28...Spent the night with Bro. A. Berket.

Thursday 29. ...For the first time I saw today the "Siamese Twins". I had only a slight view of them, as they were attending to business at the time and so was I. They are not as large as I expected to see them.

Saturday, May 1. Preached at Oak Grove to a small congregation ..Went to Bro. Mitchell's for dinner, but as his wife was about to present him with a son, or daughter I did not stay all night. Before I got far I met the doctor going to superintend the presentation, but he was too late I learned since.

Sunday 2. Preached at Lebanon from...Held class meeting and read the "General Rules" to the society.

Wednesday 5. Went out to Bro. Gwyn's and spent the night.

Friday 7. Went to Rockford in the forenoon, stopped with Bro. Nicholson, called on Bro. James W. Davis, whose wife is sick. Bro. D. Moore came to see, and spend the night with me. (June 1858)

Saturday 5...I heard Mr. Caldwell (Presbyterian) preach in the Male Academy.

Sunday 6. 8 o'clock. //W// A. M. The Presbyterian ministers, Caldwell, Smyth, Montgomery, held a prayer meeting which I attended. 11 o'clock. Mr. Caldwell preached for me at Lebanon. 3 o'clock Mr. Montgomery preached at Mt. Airy They have established a small church in the place.

July 1858

Thursday 22. Preached at Mt. Hermon. Held class meeting. I shot a very large rattle snake under Bro. Lewis' crib. Bro Pepper and lady came and spent the night with me.

Saturday 31. Preached Oak Grove ...Large congregation. After preaching went to Ararat River and baptised three persons--one by immersion. These are the first adult persons I ever baptised, and of course the first immersing I ever done.

Sunday, August 1. Preached at Salem, at 11 o'clock the funeral of Bro. Evans' child.

August 1858

Thursday 19. Did not have meeting in the day as but few persons usually come out. So I concluded to spend the day in ascending the noted Pilot Mountain with my friends Dodson and Carr. I suppose about 9 o'clock we, with Charlie and little Sammie, started for the pinnacle's height. The weather being quite warm, and Millard Fillmore, the noble horse that carried Bro. Charlie Pace and I as far as we could well ~~drive~~ drive, having been in the pasture for some time we had to travel very slow. About one o'clock after climbing over rocks, and ascending steps and ladders which have been placed along the rugged ascent of the granite Pinnacle we stood about eighteen hundred feet above the level of the waters of the beautifully curving Adkin. There high up in the atmosphere upon one of the granite rocks, worn smooth by the tread of the hundreds of visitors to its inviting summit to scan at a glance a vast extent of Nature's grand and soul stirring works--after resting a while our weary bodies and casting around the eye upon the broad, beautiful and magnificent landscapes towering mountains and the majestic Blue Ridge, we helped ourselves to lunch which Sister Pace so kindly provided us and drew from and quaffed freely of the small runlet which we had filled with mineral water from Mr. Gilliam's spring, near his house. While we were satisfying the demands of nature we gazed intensely upon the Sauratown Mountains which lifted themselves east of us--the verdant landscape, dotted with farms and dwellings, marked with roads. To the right of Sauratown Mountains as the distance increases the picturesque landscape seems to heighten til it meets and mingles with the blue heavens, forbidding the vision of man reaching further, and at the same time causing the beholder to feel how finite--how small--how circumscribed the sight even when upon the tallest

peaks of earth.

When our lunch was dispatched we commenced rambling over and around the dizzy heights of the Pinnacle. As the eye is lifted toward the south-south west the sparkling waters of the Yadkin at different places meet the view. Beyond its rolling ripples the southwest, the Brushy Mountains who blue tinged tops shut out all beyond peer up to add to the grandeur of scene.

As the west and northwest lies the sublime Blue Ridge defying the gaze. While upon its side and top may be seen sparks of the woodsmen's ax and the farmers' utensils, as if man was determined to make every spot of the world, however rough, yield to his support. Upon the whole, what a scene! How magnificent! Who can stand upon the summit of the lofty mountain and view the grandeur of surrounding scenery, and not be impressed with the wisdom and power of Nature's God?

We then descended to base of the pinnacle, and walked around it to view its towering granite height. It lifts itself as if some great internal commotion shot it above the surrounding and other part of the mountain. That time had worn its surroundings down while it stands defying the pelting storm and raging wind. One of these theories is very probable.

Late in the afternoon we returned to Bro. Rice's and hastened to Ebenezer to worship God whose works we had been beholding and admiring.

September 1858

Friday 3. Attended to some little matters concerning the church (Mount Airy). At 1 o'clock I with Miss Phattie Prather, Thomas W. Prather, and Miss Rebecca Banner started to a camp meeting in Wythe Co., Va. We reached the top of the Blue Ridge, or the Fancy Gap, about an hour after dark. We traveled up the mountain which is five miles from the base to the top with no light but that of the stars. The road winds around hollows and ravines along high precipices and towering crags. On one hand threatening rocks hang above the head, on the other the rippling rivulet is heard for a number of feet below. We spent the night with Mr. Mitchell who lives on the top of the mountain. He is quite a clever man, takes pleasure making sojourns pleasant.

Saturday 4. Early this morning we left Mr. Mitchell's, and pursued our journey. Being under the impression that Cripple Creek Camp Ground was in six or seven miles of Wytheville, and knowing that we could not reach this place today, we concluded to go by way of Wytheville and spend the night there. We stopped at Cart. Raper's and had our horses fed. We had a snack, which Mrs. Mitchell gave us. About daylight dawn we reached Wytheville, and to our astonishment and mortification learned that we were eighteen or twenty miles from the place of our destination. We stopped at the Wytheville House kept by Mr. Crocket. This is a pleasant hotel.

Very attention is paid to guests, to make them comfortable.

Sunday 5. We hasted early this morning for the camp meeting. The road most of the way was quite good. The other portion was quite rough. I suppose it was 1 o'clock when we reached the campground. And when we arrived at the place we were ~~sadly~~ sadly disappointed. The camp-ground is right by the side of Cripple Creek, hemmed in on every side by mountains. The first voice we heard on our arrival was that of boys, "Will you have your horse taken care of?" Seeing no appearance of the harbor or preaching I inquired for the church. Some one pointed further on and across the creek, we drove across, and to our great astonishment, we found ourselves among a number of wagons, selling cakes, condis, etc. We then inquired for the preachers' camp and had to re-cross the creek to find it. Finally we succeeded in finding the harbor and worship was going. We sent for the preacher in charge. He came out. I introduced myself to him. But as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was about to be administered, he could not immediately attend to us. The ladies were accommodated at Bro. Porter's tent. When the Sacrament was over Bro. Worley came to me again and carried me into the preachers' tent and introduced me to Bro. McGeer of the Marion Circuit.....

Monday 6. Cripple Creek. I preached the first sermon from Luke 16:23... Bro. Kerr preached at 11 o'clock; Bro. Torbell at 3: Bro. Morley at night.

Tuesday 7. We left the camp meeting and went to Wytheville. Here I met up with my friend Mr. Jas. Reid back..... This is a nice and growing town. When the improvement now in progress are completed and other streets filled out it will be a large

and beautiful town. The Tennessee and Virginia Rail Road runs by this place.

Wednesday 8. We traveled towards N. C. as far as Hillsville, the county site of Carroll Co. We spent the night at Mr. Walker's Hotel. He is quite a clever man and has a pleasant family.

Thursday 9. We reached Mt. Airy, 3½ o'clock, P. M. The ride down the mountain was delightful. The scenery was beautiful. Upon the whole we had a pleasant trip.

Sunday 12. Prayer meeting at Oak Grove. At 4 p. M. I preached at Lebanon the funeral of some colored persons, deceased. Spent the night with Edward B. nner.

Wednesday, 15. Oak Grove. I preached at 11 o'clock... Four or five were pleading for mercy. At candle-lighting, one joined our church. Bro. Minshaw preached. I followed with an exhortation. But two or three got down to be prayed for. I then for back sliders and cold hearted professors, and several came forward, and other sinners seeking life and salvation. Then I told all who wanted to be made happy to get down and begin to pray. All the professors of religion knelt down. The Holy Spirit was poured out, and such a time of rejoicing and shouting I scarcely ever saw in all my life. Six or seven persons were converted, several back-sliders were reclaimed, and others were crying for mercy.

Johnny Brower, a little boy about thirteen years old, was a bright convert, but after his conversion he became a successful exhorter and instructor of penitents. He was instrumental in getting three or four down upon their knees to pray for pardon and peace. One, he and other little boys, and who was himself a little boy, and who was himself a little boy, persuaded to such religions, was converted to God. Glorious time indeed.

October 1858

Sunday 10. Rockford. Preached at 11 o'clock the funeral of some colored persons deceased.

Bro. Nicholson's wife was converted in her room about midnight. Today, one young lady joined the church.

These items were inadvertently omitted from this copy. One has to scan to get any items of interest.

Jan. 27. Took supper with Gen Graves whose son had just brought home his wife.

Monday 8. Went and spent the night with Bro. Hugh Gwyn and family.

June 4. Bro. Needham baptised six persons for me, four of them were immersed.

Thurs. 5. Visited with Brother Needham and an afflicted young lady, Sister Margaret Patterson.

July 30. Quarterly conference was held at 8 o'clock. Bro. Avent preached, Bro. Barringer preached at 11, at 3 Bro. Bush, at candlelight Bro. Heflin.

Tues. 31. Salem. Bro. Wheeler preached at 8 o'clock. Bro. Reid at 11, Bro. Avent at 3, at candlelight Bro. Heflin.

August. Thurs. 2. Our camp meeting closed this morning. It resulted in the conversion of about 50 souls--28 white, 3 colored.

Nov. 18. Rode 20 miles to Mt Airy. Preached at candlelight

Apr. 10. Preached at Lebanon

23. Left my buggy at John Banna, Esq.

May. Preached at 11 o'clock at Lebanon. Received two probationers into Full Fellowship, one white, one colored. Preached in Mt Airy at night

29. Preached at Mt Airy Spent night with Richard Gwynard

Sept. 5. I preached at Lebanon at 11 o'clock. At 3 o'clock I preached at Mr. Cherel's (?) Presbyterian. Preached in Mt Airy, a good sermon. I preached at 5 o'clock at Lebanon to the colored people. The funeral of a child of color, deceased

Marquis Wood married Mon. 19, Sept. 1859, and evidently did not go to his circuit any more. Went to China around 1859.

Wood Diary (continued)

(In 1869 Mr. Wood was again stationed in Mount Airy. He does not tell any church business of note. His entries are mostly "read a little" and a list of people to whom he wrote letters. Below, I have jotted down some names people in Mount Airy might be interested in.)

Dec. 1868. Tues. 22. Left my father's this morning for Mount Airy. Reached High Point just before night.

Wed. 23. Reached old Salem about 9 o'clock this morning. Found that the hack between Salem and Mount Airy has stopped, so I had to hire a private conveyance.

Thurs. 24. Traveled to John North's--about 33 miles from Winston.

Fri. 25. Reached Mount Airy about 12 o'clock. Stopped with William M. Banner. Quaker lady preached in town tonight.

Sat. Dined at M. Bray's. Moved to Mrs. Susan Banner's in the p. m. to board.
----attended a children's party at J. Frank Graves, Esq.

Feb. 7. Visited Mrs. German Baymore who has lost her eyesight and has partially lost her mind.

Went to Murlin Sparger's. Preached at Salem.

Mar. 16 Stopped at parsonage.

Sun. Mar. 21. Preached the funeral sermon of late Eliza Banner.

Mar. 30. Visited Mrs. Murphy Willard who is sick.

Mentions Mrs. Wood, John Banner

Apr. 6 Married Joseph H. Fitting and Virginia B. Hollingsworth

Apr. 15. Pilgrimage and dined with Sister Reeves.

Visited Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Jerry Gilmer

Married Wythe B. Graham of Wythe Co. to Miss Sarah Virginia Owen.

Married Charles W. Shumate and Alvina Correll

Attended Miss Lizzie's concert in the evening.

Spent day at William J. Mitchell's

July 1869. This afternoon from 130 to 150 persons, men, women and children passed through Mount Airy on their way to Utah. They were leaving this (Curry) county. Most of them have joined the Mormons.

Spent day with Murlin Sparger

July 13 Married John F. Davis and Miss Fattie Banner.

Married William C. F. Banner and Miss Esther A. Mains

(preached at Salem, Oak Grove)

Aug. 21. Spent the day with my wife with the Piamese Twins. We went to the house of Chang which is the smaller and left side one. They landed in this country the 16th of August 1829 and were 59 years old. (They were born, I think, May 21

11. They told me how old they were when they came to this country, and when they landed. They are kind and entertaining.)

Aug. 27, 1869. Father Hicks preached for me at night at Oak Grove.

Sept. 22, 1869. Visited Mrs. Galloway who died at 2 o'clock p. m.
Spent day with Mr. Hugh Gwyn.

Miss A. Gilmer and Carri's school closed today. They gave the girls a party tonight at Mr. Banner's.

The Sabbath schools in Mount Airy and Salem met today and had a very nice picnic. Mr. Frank Graves, Esq. made the children short talks.

Married Am. G. Banner, son of Ed H. and Susan Banner to Miss Montana (?) Allred, daughter of Little and Eliza Allred. Also I married Neah (?) Brown to Adeline McCanless, both colored.

Married Gen Neill and Margaret Fulton, both colored, at parsonage.

Feb. 22, 1870. Married Mr. Curming M Short to Miss Juan Nannie Hines.

Mar. 25 1870. Married William G. Foy and Miss Alice Benner this morning at 11. This afternoon at 3 o'clock I attended a public meeting at the church to see about enclosing the graveyard.

Married John M. Scarger to Miss Matilda Smith (Thurs. May 5)

Preached at night for the colored people in Mt. Airy, Needmore St. from 1st Jan. 12, 23-24.

Started at 11 o'clock in company with E. W. Lewis, B. Y. Graves, Miss Minnie Armstrong, Miss Sallie Pickett, and my family to top of Blue Ridge. Stopped with James Mitchell.

July 7, Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer died. Member of church for 40 years. Aged 67.

Sunday 25 Sept. 1870. Dr. Miles Foy preached at 8 o'clock.

Married Capt. Finley (?) to Miss Mollie Gwyn.

Thurs. Dec. 15. Went to Patrick Co. to marry William T. Gilmer to Miss Cora A. Moore.

(In 1868 and 1869 Mr. Wood was again stationed in Mount Airy. He does not tell much church business of note. His entries are mostly "read a little", a list of people to whom he wrote letters, his garden, the people he visited. However, he took time to get married again--his first wife whom he had married around 1859, had died in China. This time he married a Mount Airy school teacher who did not live long either. Then he married a widow who did not live here--all three marriages were made while he was stationed in Mount Airy.)

Thurs. 9 (Jan.) 1868. Col. Alspaugh kindly sent me to Mount Airy. Left Winston a little after 12 o'clock, and rode eighteen miles to Mr. N. Dalton's. I do not think I have ever had a colder ride.

Fri. 10. Very cold day. Reached Mt. Airy about 3 o'clock p. m. Stopped with Dr. Matt Banner. Found my friends in the place well.

Sat. 11. Attended meeting of the Masonic Lodge. (Preached at Oak Grove.) Visited Mrs. Brower's.

Jan. 16. (Visited Bro. Mithhell's). Bro. Murphy Allred's to spend the night. Held a meeting of my students this afternoon.

Fri. 17. Went home with Bro. Merlin Sparger, 3 1/2 miles from Mt. Airy and in the neighborhood of Salem Church.

(Below are just jottings. Bro. James Sparger's family. Preached at Salem. Visited Wm. M. Banner's, El L. Banner's, Thos. W. Prather and family, Robt. Gilmer. Renewed Mrs. J. W. Brower's subscription to the "Episcopal Methodist.")

Feb. 1868. Married John W. Sperson and Elizabeth King, both from Patrick Co., Va. To John Patterson's and spent the night. Went home with Andrew J. Satterfield. Rufus Roberts. Went out four miles to Hugh Gwyn, Esq.. Went to John Banner's.

Thurs. 30 (April) Rode five miles in the country this morning to see Morris Inman who is quite sick of pneumonia.

May 30. In the afternoon went up to Salem, and held a church trial. Expelled Mrs. Levine Collins for slander; and John Tyler Smith for gambling.

Monday 22, (June) I married Frank L. Moore and Rachel E. Banner.

Sat. 11.

(July) We had a thunder cloud last night. Lightning struck the church in Mt. Airy doing considerable damage.

Solemnized the rites of matrimony between John Moore and Hannah Davidson, colored.

John Satterfield at Salem. Clemniline (?) Satterfield died most triumphantly.

1868. Sept. Tues. 3. Moved to Mrs. Susan Banner's this morning to board. Spent several hours in the afternoon in the church who are making a pulpit and an altar.

Thurs. Sept. 10. Went to colored people's graveyard, near Mt. Airy, to bury a little negro boy who died yesterday.

Walter Creasy licensed to preach.

Revival. Sept. 23. Dr. Closs, Bro. Needham. Preached to colored.

Oct. 1868. 14. Jacob W. Brower, Esq. died about 8 o'clock p. m. He was a useful man, constant member of the M. E. Church, South at Oak Grove. No man was ever more missed in any community than he will be. He has done a great deal for this section of the country.

15. The funeral of Bro. Brower took place this afternoon. He was buried with Masonic honors. There was a very large concourse of people present.

16. Attended the Masonic committee meeting on the death of Bro. Jacob W. Brower. Visited the bereaved family.

1868. Nov. 10. Attended to some business of the church. Dr. Foy preached for us at night. After preaching we held another parsonage meeting.

Nov. 15. At four o'clock I baptized two colored persons and took those into the church. Dr. Reed preached a fine sermon at night.

December 20 (Friday). Attended the meeting of the Agricultural Society of this place in the afternoon. Started for home at midnight.

Dec 20th. Sunday 5. In the evening I married John H. Sawyer to Miss Martha Sawyer.

Sunday 9. Preached at night for the colored people in the city. Ministers present from the 12th 13-14.

Sunday 14. The Sabbath school in the city had a very nice picnic today in the morning. It was a beautiful success. Bro. W. A. Graham, one of our school boys, was in a very good speech. The Ladies Sabbath School also had a picnic.

Sunday 22. At 11 o'clock attended the funeral of one of the late Pres. Hallway to a very large congregation. Preached at the morning and evening at the house at 7. Preached at night at the city.

Jan 1873

Friday 12. Wrote to Dr. F. P. Hall, welcoming 5.15 for delegates to General Conference. Attended a meeting of the Association today and preached at night.

Friday 19. Preached at the city at 11.

Saturday. Attended 5. Went out to the flat rock.

Sunday 13. Wrote an obituary of one Sawyer, daughter of a friend and friend.

October 1870

Friday 20. Beautiful day. Started at 11 o'clock A. M. in company with Dr. W. Loring, H. I. Shaver, Miss Martha Sawyer, Miss Maria Sawyer, and my family to the top of the Blue Ridge Mountain via Ferry Gap and reached there between sunset and dark. Stayed with James Mitchell, who lives in the top of the mountain at an elevation of 2750 feet above sea level.

Saturday 21. Went out this morning to the highest peak of the Blue Ridge to see the sun rise. The view was beautiful and grand. Then we went to the village and to the hotel and stayed there. Had a very good dinner at the Devil's Den. Reached at 11 o'clock after dark.

Sunday 22. Dr. Miller preached at 11 o'clock. (Went meeting at Center Gap from 10 to 11 in evening.)

October 18th. Thursday 5. Had four calls from Dr. W. Loring to Harry James P. Sawyer to come to school.

Friday 7. Took a whole day. In the afternoon a meeting was held at the top of the Blue Ridge Mountain. Spoke at the table of Dr. F. P. Hallway and delivered a lecture on faith.

Saturday 15. Home of the family of the Sawyer family and yesterday evening.

Sunday 16. Preached in the city at 11 o'clock. At 10 o'clock at 11 o'clock and at 12 o'clock for the colored people at night from 7 to 10.

Sunday 19. In the afternoon attended a meeting in memory of the late Mrs. Mary E. Sawyer.

Sunday 30. Delivered a discourse at 11 o'clock in the city. The subject was "The Life and Character of General Andrew Jackson" who was born in North Carolina, March 20, 1767 and died in Washington, Virginia, October 18, 1845. There was a large congregation in attendance.

Nov. 2. Moved to the new residence. Reached at night.

1870 Wood Diary (Taught in a male academy)

January 1870

Saturday 19 (February) Henry (?) Sparger's youngest child, Mary Elizabeth, died this mornig at 10 o'clock. She was two years and most three months old. The child fell in a kettle of water last Thursday and got so badly burned that she died. Tuesday 22. Taught all day. In the evening I married Mr. Cummings M. Short to Miss Susan Nannie Hines.

March 1870

Friday 25. Married William G. Fry to Miss Eliza Banner this morning at 11 o'clock. This afternoon at 3 o'clock I attended a public meeting at the church to see about enclosing the graveyard. Taught the balance of the day.

Sunday 11. Attended Sabbath School in Mt. Airy and reached. Preached at Oak Grove at 3 o'clock. Prayer meeting in Mt. Airy.

Saturday 30 (April) Attended the meeting of the Agricultural Society of this place in the afternoon. Planted 20 seeds of Chinese yams.

May 1870. Thursday 5. In the evening I married John M. Sparger to Miss Matilda Smith.

Sunday 9. Pre-ched at night for the co lored people in Mt. Airy, Needmore Street, from I Sam. 12: 23-24.

Saturday 14. The Sabbath School in Mt. Airy had a very nice pick-nick today in the Academy. It was a complete success. Mr. W. A. Graham, one of our school boys made us a very good speech. The Salem Sabbath School also had a pick-nick.

Sunday 15. At 11 o'clock preached the funeral sermon of the late Mrs. Gallaway to a very large congregation. (Sunday School in the morning and preaching at Oak Grove at 3. Prayer meeting at night at Mt. Airy.)

June 1870

Friday 10. Wrote to Dr. N. F. Reid, enclosing \$5.15 for delegates to General Conference. Attended Miss Lizzie Gilmer's examination today and concert at night.

Friday 5. August. Wrote to Gen R. E. Lee.

September. Saturday 5. Went out to the Flat Rock.

Wednesday 14. Wrote an obituary of Ann Sparger, daughter of William and Sarah Sparger.

September 1870

Tuesday 20. Beautiful day. Started at 11 o'clock a. m. in company with C. W. Lewis, B. Y. Graves, Miss Minnie Armstrong, Miss Sallie Fickett, and my family to the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains, via Fancy Gap; and reached there between sunset and dark. Stopped with James Mitchell, who lives in the top of the mountain at an elevation of 3005 dwvr above Norfolk.

Wednesday 21. We went out this morning on the highest point of Elk Spur to see the sun rise. The scene was beautiful and grand. Then we went two miles east to Mr. Morris' and visited near his house a cliff of rocks known as the Devil's Den, reached Mt. Airy a little after dark.

Sunday 25. Dr. Miles Foy preached at 8 o'clock. (camp meeting at Center Camp Ground in Yadkin County.)

October 1870. Thursday 5. Road four miles to G. W. Smith's to marry James N. Slaughter to Ednie E. Smith.

Friday 7. Taught a while today. In the afternoon a spelling contest came off between the boys of Mt. Airy Collegiate Institute and the girls of M. Female academy and delivered a lecture on China.

Saturday 15. Heard of the death of Gen. Robert E. Lee yesterday evening.

Sunday 16. Preached in Mt. Airy at 11 o'clock; at Oak Grove at 3½ o'clock; and at Needmore for the colored people at night from I Sam. 2:30.

Wednesday 19. In the afternoon attended a meeting in memory of the late Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Sunday 30. Delivered a discourse at 11 o'clock in Mt. Airy from Exodus 11:3 on the Life and Character of General Robert Edmund Lee who was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia January 20, 1807 and died in Lexington, Virginia, October 12, 1870. There was a large congregation in attendance.

Rev. R. Daniel Haymore, a Baptist minister, preached at night.

1870 Wood Diary

Friday 9. Buried Capt. James C. Norman in the afternoon. Funeral largely attended. He leaves a widowed mother, and four little children without father or mother.
December 1870.

Saturday 11. Spent most of the day with Rev. Hugh Gwyn.

Thursday 15. Taught till 12 o'clock. In the afternoon went to Patrick County, Va. to marry William Gilmer to Miss Cora A. Moore. The wedding party reached Mt. Airy at 2 o'clock p. m. We closed school this evening.

Sunday 18. Preached at Salem at 11 o'clock a. m. and in Mt. Airy at night.

Wednesday 21. Attended a young men's party in the evening.

Friday 23. Miss E. A. Gilmer and Carrie's school closed today; and they gave the girls a party at night at Mrs. Banner's.

(1871, Rev. Wood went to Olin, N. C.)

wood, Lewis

'A remarkable man' and his lifetime of service

Lewis Wood's family has learned a lot about him over these past few weeks.

They've seen him accept devastating news with humility and grace. Wood, 88, is under hospice care now after learning in December that he has pancreatic cancer.

His wife of more than six decades, his two sons and daughter have sat with him through good days and bad, and marveled at his strength.

They've heard stories, too, some they had heard and others they had not, particularly after news of his health spread among the hundreds of men — young and old — whose lives he had touched over 75 years spent with the Boy Scouts of America in Stokes County.

"Since word got out we've heard from a steady stream of well-wishers and visitors," said son Keith Wood. "Not all of them were his friends; he's outlived most of them. It was the Scouts,



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and people who got to know him through Scouting.

"He's a remarkable man."

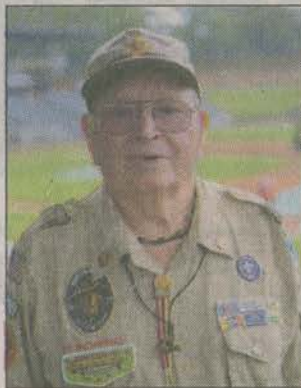
'He loved it'

Seventy-five years is a long time to do anything, much less something by which you're giving freely of your time as a volunteer.

Lewis Wood joined the Scouts in 1943, a young man looking to belong to something larger than himself. He found that in the Boy Scouts, and liked it so much he never really let it get too far away.

"He loved it," said Keith Wood. "That's the only way I know how to describe it."

Lewis Wood didn't make it to Eagle Scout, but it wasn't



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Lewis Wood

for a lack of desire. Back in those days, right after the end of World War II, a lot of young men got busy working and raising families.

Lewis Wood was no different.

"He had to earn a living for his family," Keith Wood said. "Back then, kids his age had to raise tobacco."

He made his living working for the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and farmed some on the side, plowing the earth with a horse. Through all that, Scouting never re-

ally left his blood.

When Keith and his brother Nathan got old enough, they joined the Boy Scouts and Lewis stepped up to serve as a Scoutmaster for Troop 412 of Piedmont Springs near Danbury, a volunteer job he held for more than 50 years.

"As long as I can remember, it was always the Boy Scouts every Monday night," said daughter Annette Wood. "He got real involved with (Camp) Raven Knob. He went to summer camp every year. Last year was the first one he missed."

Lewis Wood also served as Scoutmaster for Troop 440, which serves Scouts with special needs in Stokes County.

For that, he's received many honors and accolades from scouting. The names — Order of the Arrow's Vigil Honor, the Hanging Rock District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award — won't mean much to folks not involved with

Scouting, but they are a big deal to those who aim to help young men.

"He's a fantastic father," Annette Wood said. "Anything to do with Scouts, he's dedicated to it 100 percent."

75 years

Of all those awards, perhaps the one that means the most to Lewis Wood was one presented to him earlier this month at his home — a service pin recognizing those 75 years.

Jay Wood, the Hanging Rock district commissioner, Wood's family and a handful of others from the Scouting community came along to honor his commitment.

"Lewis' service has truly made the world a better place," said Jay Wood, who is not related. "He has done his 'good turn daily.'"

Annette Wood said her dad enjoyed the little ceremony and had looked forward to it. "He'd told his doctor about it, that if he lived to January it would

be 75 years in Scouting. ... We're so grateful they were able to present him that pin."

Equally as meaningful these past few weeks are the stories that came with the reminiscing.

"One guy came by to thank him for all he had done for him," Keith Wood said. "He said 'Somehow you were the only one who ever saw any good in me. You didn't give up on me.'"

Hearing those things and seeing how their father has carried himself since learning about his cancer has cushioned the blow for Wood's adult children and Maxine, his wife.

"He's told us that he's lived a wonderful life and for us not to be sad and to let nature take its course," said Annette Wood.

In other words, Lewis Wood is prepared for what may come. Just like a good Scout should be.

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