



NEWSLETTER

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WHERE BRUNSWICK COUNTY CAME FROM

The earliest settlements in North Carolina were made on the coast, along Albermarle and Pamlico Sounds, near the mouth of the Cape Fear River. The outlines of the settlements are shown on a map, 1709, made by John Lawson, the surveyor-general. The line commences at the mouth of Currituck Inlet, and sweeps around in a semi-circle, crossing the Roanoke at Aconeche Island, passing by the head of Pamlico Sound, crossing the Neuse near the mouth of Contentnea Creek, and so on east of where Fayetteville now stands, to the Atlantic, thirty miles south of the mouth of the Cape Fear. The population was less than seven thousand. (Rumple, "A History of Rowan County, N.C.", p. 41)

In its early years Brunswick was in Carteret Precinct, for when Carteret Precinct, as the counties were formerly called, was established in 1722, it ran down the coast to the unknown confines of North Carolina, and back into the wilderness without limitation.

So the settlement at Brunswick, in 1725, was in Carteret, until New Hanover Precinct was established; and then it was in New Hanover, which at first embraced the territory now in Duplin, Sampson, Bladen and Brunswick Counties. It was not until shortly before the Revolution that Brunswick was cut off from New Hanover.

As the Cape Fear region was originally in Carteret Precinct, some of the early grants and deeds for lands in New Hanover and Brunswick were registered at Beaufort, the county seat of Carteret.

(Sprunt, "Chronicles of the Cape Fear River", p. 40)

THE SOLDIERS IN BEAUFORT

William Byrd II, in his Journal, has this to say about Thomas Lovick, who commanded the soldiers in Beaufort, "Never were understrappers so humble, as the North Carolina Collectors are to this huge man. They pay him the same Colirt (?) they wou'd do, if they held their Commissions from his Will and Pleasure. Tho' the case is much otherwise, because their Commissions are as good as his, being granted by the same Commissioners of his Majesty' Customers. However he expects the World of Homage from them, calling them his Officers. Nor is he content with homage only, but he taxes them, as indeed he does all the other Collectors of his Province with a hundred little services.

At night the Noble Captain retir'd before the mesj of the company, and was stepping without Ceremoney into our Bed, but I arriv'd just time enough to prevent it. We cou'd not possibly be so civil to this free Gentleman, as to make him so great a Compliment. Much less let him yake possession according to the Carolina Breeding without Invitation. Had Ruth or Rachel my Landlord's Daugheters taken this Liberty, We shou'd perhaps have made no Words; but in truth the Captain had no Charms that merited so particular an Indulgence." (WmByrd's sense of humor equalled his dislike of Carolinians).

(Histories of the Dividing Line Betwixt Va. and N.C.", The Secret History" p.77 & 79).

Thos. Lovick, of Chowan County, was Collector of Customs, 1728, and with his brother, John, was one of the Commissioners who participated in the survey of the Dividing Line.

THE SPANISH ALARM 1747-48

To the Sheriff of New Hanover County or the Geoler of the publick Gaol -
Greeting:

I send you herewith the bodys of Juan Gudemis, Manuel Rodrigues, Juan Deiadis, Gudzlexis, Del Rosario, who were brought before me by Capt. John Shippe, who deposeth on Oath that he was Chief Mate of the Schooner Sarah, Robert Graves Master, from the Bay of Honduras and bound to Boston in New England, and that in the Latitude 30 dægrees 76 minutes Long, on the 10th of this Inst. January, he was taken by tow Spanish Privateers, Capt. Besent & Lomann Sixteen tun Carreage Guns & that they took the Capt. on board the rprivateer with two of the men belong to their schooner and left him with one foremast man on board & put the above

sd Spaniards with them with orders to follow the privateers and that they having no instrument on board or provisions, the above sd Spaniards surrendered themselves with the vessel to him to carry her into the first Port he could gett into and that he brought her into Bear Inlett. You are safely to keeo sd persons till they can be carried in a Flagg of Truce to some Spanish Port, and for you so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given under my hand, character and seal this 26th day of Janty, 1747

EDWARD WARD, J. P.

I do hereby Aucharize and Depute John or Arthur Averitt to take the within mentioned prisoners into his custody & Deliver them to the Sheriff or Gaoler at Wilmington. Given under my hand the 26 Janty, 1747.

EDWARD WARD

PUBLIC EDUCATION BEGINS IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brunswick County Commissioners met 11 March, 1872, and organized the Board of Education as prescribed in the School Laws of the Sæate of North Carolina satisfied the 12 of Feb., 1872.

Present: R. W. Woodsides, Chairman

Thomas G. Drew

Edward W. Gaylor

Payment ordered for the following teachers:

F. W. Mills at Towncreek

E. Mears at Shallotte

B. H. Piggott at Shallotte

B. L. Butler at Waccamaw

M. N. Farmer at North West

Miss Rote Stewart at Smithville

Mrs. E. Moore at Smithville

C. A. Edwards at Lockwood's Folly

B. C. Byrd at Towncreek

Thomas G. Drew paid \$48 for rent of school house

J. W. Bennett appointed School Examiner

L. D. Thurston, Clerk

(Note: Amounts paid teachers varied from \$75 to \$160 each.)

Another meeting on 8 April, 1872

Present: R. W. Woodsides, Chairman

E. W. Gaylor

T. G. Drew

W. A. Moore

Payment ordered for the following teachers:

Mark Dickson

John W. Davis

S. B. Foy

Another meeting on 9 September, 1872

Be it remembered that the Board of County Commissioners of and for Brunswick County met at the Court House, Smithville, on the 9th day of September, A.D. 1872, for the purpose of Organizing a Board of Education as prescribed in the School Laws of the State of North Carolina ratified the 12 Day of February A.D. 1872.

Present: Samuel P. Swain, Chairman

Wallace Styson

Lewis A. Galloway, Clerk

Another meeting on 8 October, 1872.

Be it remembered that the Board of County Commissioners of and for Brunswick County met at the Court House in Smithville on this 8th day of October A.D. 1872 and organized the Board of Education as prescribed in the School Laws of the State of North Carolina ratified the 12 day of February A.D. 1782.

Present: Samuel P. Swain, Chairman

G. K. Andrews

B. L. Butler

Paid Miss Kate Stewart of School District No. 1, town of Smithville, \$113.

Another meeting on 2 December, 1872.

It met at the Court House, Smithville.

Present: Samuel P. Swain, Chairman

G. K. Andrews

Wallace Styson

The treasurer reported \$566.81 received and paid out for teachers and rents.

Ordered that the bond of John L. Wescott as Treasurer of the Board of Education with William A. French as security for Three Thousand Dollars has been accepted.

Lewis A. Galloway, Sec.

Another meeting 3 December, 1872.

Present: Samuel P. Swain, Chairman

G. K. Andrews
Wallace Styson

Ordered Sabiston J. Clowis a teacher at Shallotte be paid \$26.37.

Lewis A. Galloway, Sec.

At a meeting on 9 July, 1873 a School Census was reported for the year 1873.

Present: Edgar Thomas, Chairman
Wallace Styson

School Census for the Year 1873

	White		Colored	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
North West	184	134	200	180
Town Creek	122	126	128	112
Smithville	154	151	103	107
Lockwood's Folly	129	110	56	28
Shallotte	147	152	35	35
Waccamaw	73	87	3	6
Total	809	760	525	468
Total	1569		993	
Grand Total	2562			

(Note: The facts for the article above were copied from the Minutes of the Board of Education. Vol. 1, pp. 1-6)

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Brunswick County Historical Society will be on May 12 at 8:00 pm in the Shallotte Library.

The program will be a taped oral history of Winnebaw by Mr. Knowles.