



# NEWSLETTER

BRUNSWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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## A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

As the song goes "There's a time each year that we always hold dear--Good old summertime with the birds and the trees and the sweet scented breezes, Good old summertime." I hope you have had a great summer so far.

Our August 10th meeting will be held at the Museum of Coastal Carolina , 21 East 2nd Street, Ocean Isle Beach, NC. Telephone: 579-1016. After crossing the bridge onto the island, the museum is visible on your left as you look east down 2nd Street. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Robert Cline will be the speaker. Come and hear an interesting speech and then a tour of the Museum. During the business meeting we will hear progress reports from the chairmen of the various committees. Projects include a book of Brunswick County people and beautification of the courthouse lobby.

The November 9th meeting will be held in the Town Creek/Winnabow area and the speaker, Gwen Causey, will speak on the history of the Brunswick Baptist Association which will celebrate its centennial in October, 1999.

Mark your calendar for these dates. Make plans now to attend these meetings. Invite someone to come with you and encourage them to join our society. See you August 10th!

Your President,

Lottie Ludlum

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### DUES

Thirty-eight members (eight are new members) have paid their dues for 1998. If you have not sent your dues please do so immediately! Dues remain \$10.00 per year. They go toward publishing four Newsletters and the projects of the Society. Send them to: P.O. Box 874, Shallotte, NC 28459.

Mrs. Marita Holden, one of our members, died July 17, 1998. Her funeral was held on July 20, 1998 and she was buried in Alexandria, VA on July 21, 1998. We extend our sympathy to her husband, William, and the family.

# Editor's Page . . .

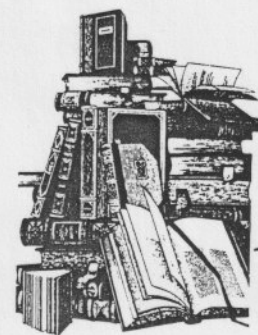
It has been brought to the attention of the Editor that an article in the May issue contained some misleading information. On page 2 Lewis Philip Hall wrote about the Waccamaw Land and Lumber Company and a planned plant on Town Creek. According to a lifelong resident of Winnabow this plant never materialized. Mr. Hall may have confused it with the tramway at Bolton. There may have been plans but the investors never saw a return on their money.

However, the Town Creek Lumber Company was established about 1905. It was located near where the W B and S trestle passed over Town Creek. This was about  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of the Post Office in Winnabow. A tram was built on the north side of Town Creek into the Green Swamp and was used in the logging of timber. The company was backed by people in Wilmington. Scott Campbell was the Superintendent and W.E. Stratton from Kentucky worked in the office. When the mill closed in the early 20's W. E. Stratton taught school for one year at the New Hope School. During the year he lived in the mill house and at the end of the school term he returned to Kentucky.

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Along the CAPE FEAR  
by  
Susan Taylor Block

Nestled between the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean, Wilmington, NC, is at the center of the historic Cape Fear region. Incorporated in 1740, Wilmington has been called home by such notables as Woodrow Wilson, David Brinkley, Whistler's mother, and Frank Capra, Jr. Sports fans know Wilmington as the hometown of famed basketball player Michael Jordan.



*The  
Book  
Corner*

In Along the Cape Fear, local historian and author Susan Taylor Block explores this picturesque region of beautiful beaches and charming 18th and 19th century buildings. Readers are invited to see why the Wilmington area has always attracted everyone from heads of state, to history buffs, to directors of major motion pictures.

The photographs presented here were selected carefully from Cape Fear Museum's impressive 10,000 image collection. Coupled with informative text, the pictures enable us to reflect on the city's past and present, its industrious and creative people, its natural beauty, and its architectural distinctions. Along the Cape Fear is a rare find: a volume full of glimpses into the daily life of a region, sure to teach and inspire us for years to come.

Your Editor found at least 21 pictures from Brunswick County. Of these, the cover photo was taken of three photographers at the grave of Eleazer Allen. Mr. Allen was buried on the grounds of Lilliput, his riverside plantation just north of Orton.

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Jan. 25, 1907--Mr. J.R. Ward, an aged Confederate veteran, a survivor of Fort Fisher, had the misfortune to lose his dwelling, barn, stables and store by fire yesterday morning near Winnabow. The fire originated from a defective flue. He is totally blind and as there are few residents in the immediate neighborhood, not much help arrived in response to the ringing of the farm bell until it was too late. The piano from the house and a few light furnishings were saved but nothing else. His loss is quite severe.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY  
THE FARTHEST SOUTH**

**Most Southernly County In North Carolina Is  
Composed of Six Townships: Writer Tells  
Of Communities As Of Today**

**By BILL KEZIAH**

SOUTHPORT. - Brunswick county, furthest south on the North Carolina coast line, is composed of six townships. Instead of rehashing a lot of history, of which the county has much, this article is intended to be relative to Brunswick as it is today, covering township by township and giving such information relative to each, as is available and considered of interest.

It is felt from the beginning that a lot of matter, interesting to the individual will be overlooked. Such omission should be understood as being due to one or another of three causes: lack of information, limited space and need to confine as much as possible to matters of general interest.

**Northwest Township**

Northwest lies in the northern part of the county, bounded in part by New Hanover, Bladen and Columbus counties. The township lies mostly north of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, which crosses it. The Seaboard Air Line also passes through North West.

This township can lay claim to most of the manufacturing in Brunswick county, chiefly in fertilizer production. The Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, F. S. Royster Co., Armour & Co., and Smith Douglas all have large fertilizer plants at Navassa. The general tonnage is not available, but the four plants can be set down as having an enormous yearly production of the standard established brands of fertilizers, esteemed throughout dozens of states.

The Smith-Douglas plant is a peace-time transformation from war. In August, three years ago, the great mass of steel that forms the building was waiting at a Pacific port to be loaded and shipped to form one of the gigantic airplane hangers that was springing up nearer and nearer to the home island of Japan.

The world's second atomic bomb burst, the war was over. Overnight what is now the Smith-Douglas plant became so much surplus government property. From the Pacific port it came east. Five of the hangers were welded together to form a huge structure 762 feet long, 148 feet wide and 57 feet high. This building is said to house the most modern fertilizer manufacturing equipment in the world.

In addition to the fertilizer manufacturing the Gulf States Creosoting Company also has a huge plant at Navassa, with stock yards covering several acres and several miles of railroad sidings.

The Wilmington Pine Company, owned by a Southport man, is one of the biggest finished lumber producers in this area. The Spiritine Chemical Company may also be credited to the Navassa section, as can the Barefoot Mattress company.

Leland, the main business community, has one of the five white consolidated schools of the county, serving all of North West township and a portion of Town Creek township. Several two and three teacher schools serve the colored children of the township. White and colored churches are numerous throughout the township.

The Eastbrook Nurseries are at Leland. The North Carolina Equipment company has a sales room, warehouse and shop on Routes 74 and 76. Stores and filling stations are numerous. The Whiskey Creek Apiaries, about the largest honey producers in southeastern North Carolina, is in the northern part of the township. In some sections, North West has very productive farming land. The E. W. Garrard Farms grow several hundred acres of grain and other crops on the Seaboard Air Line railroad. This farming organization carries on its operations in about every state in the Union where farming is done.

### **Town Creek Township**

This township lies west of Route 74, traversed through the center by Route 17. Near the North West township line it is very thickly settled. At the Brunswick River Bridge where the highway forms the township line, Town Creek township has the Maritime Commission ship lay-in-basin, said to be the largest in the world in use since World War II. All of Eagles Island west of the highway and from a point at the U. S. Engineers Dock on the Cape Fear, opposite Wilmington is in Town Creek township.

The River Road, running to Southport and parallel to the ship lay in basin, is one of nine routes described for tourists on the seven-color tour maps now being distributed by the State News Bureau. This tour lies entirely in Brunswick, running from the bridge to Southport and Southport to Supply, a distance of 37.5 miles.

Down the River Road is the beautiful and historic Clarendon Plantation, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thomas. The original home was destroyed during the civil war. The present structure, a beautiful 17 room red brick building was built about 1868. On this plantation is 25-acre scuppernong grape vineyard, largest in this county.

Another point of great interest in Town Creek on the river road is the Pleasant Oaks Plantation, owned by F. B. Adams of New York. Mr. Adams is chairman of the board of directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. His farm in Brunswick is a model one, so far as farms go. Grain growing and livestock raising constitute the main effort.

This plantation is unusual, in that literally thousands of wild Canadian geese now make their home there, (some people who have seen them say that there are millions). While courtesy rules the plantation, the shooting of the wild geese and ducks is not permitted and each year sees the number increasing by the thousands. The great birds are said to literally darken the ground of the growing grain fields. They do little or no damage to growing grain. Winnabow and Bolivia are the main communities of Town Creek. Both have post offices and each has two rural routes. Town Creek, a deep and sluggish fresh water and tidal stream that meanders through the township affords some of the best winter fishing in the county. The summer fishing in this stream is also unexcelled.

The township has some exceptionally fine trucking and farming land. The township high consolidated school is located at Bolivia. The Bolivia Lumber Company, owned by Felton Garner, who also owns the Wiomington Pine Company at Navassa, is the largest lumber producer in the county.

## Smithville Township

Smithville, often called Southport township, adjoins Town Creek on the north. Orton Plantation on the River Road, is credited with being the biggest show place in eastern North Carolina. For its plant growing, gardening, farming and lumbering activities this industry employs or supports about 150 persons.

South of Orton another Smithville township asset is the tomato plant producing lands, now being developed by New Jersey interests and also interested parties from other eastern states. One 135 acre tract of this land is now being cleared for the express purpose of growing tomato plants next year. Everett H. Sheppard of Shiloh New Jersey, is mainly interested. He will plant 50 or 60 acres of tomato seed this spring and will ship the plants to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland.

Southport, formerly Smithville, the same as the township, has a population of about 1800. The town owns its own light and power plant, producing ample current for both Southport and Fort Caswell with considerable surplus. The water system, also city owned, is an excellent one, producing an abundance of clear, sparkling water that tests show to be unusually pure. Serving all the township, Southport has a fine consolidated high school. Another consolidated high school for Negroes serves most of the county, at Southport. Methodists and Baptists predominate but the town also has good Episcopalian, Presbyterian and Catholic churches. A good bank, tow drug stores, laundry, fine hospital and a considerable number of places of business make up the town. Without industry save for fishing a great deal of activity centers around that. Nearly half a million dollars are said to have been expended for boats and equipment during 1947. This equipment ranged to everything from nets to big diesel powered shrimp trawlers and still bigger menhaden boats that were former U. S. Navy mine sweepers, sought locally and converted to the fishing industry.

A point of interest in Smithville township is Bald Head island, 17,000 acre tract of semitropical land lying at the mouth of the river, four miles off Southport. This island is owned by Frank O. Sherrill of Charlotte.

Another township point of interest is Fort Caswell, probably the oldest military post on the North Carolina coast still in use. Following World War II it has never been declared surplus. The Navy is still holding to it and maintaining it with a small group of caretakers.

Oak Island, widely known Coast Guard station, adjoins the Fort.

Smithville township is well fixed in the matter of ocean beaches. Caswell Beach and Long Beach beginning just below Fort Caswell and running far down the coast, have many miles that are being rapidly developed and filling up with summer homes. At this time Thor Johnson, A. B. in music at the University of North Carolina in 1934 and now the widely famed conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in Cincinnati, Ohio, is preparing to build a home at Caswell Beach.

Other prominent people throughout the United States own property at one or the other of these beaches and a great deal of building is in prospect this year. Long Beach has about 11 miles of uninterrupted beach.

The Southport section of Smithville township has an average year-round temperature of 62.4, this is described by the North Carolina State News Bureau as being the mildest in the State. A total of only 7 inches of snow has fallen at Southport in the past 24 years and none has fallen to hide the ground in six years.

### **Lockwoods Folly Township**

Lying west and north of Lockwoods Folly river and bounded on the west by the Shallotte river, this township has several miles of coast line on which three beach properties are now rapidly developing. In the order of their development these are Holden's Beach, Robinson and Bellamy Beach and Colonial Beach. In addition to its small hotel and many excellent summer homes, fishing in the inland waterway back of Holden's Beach is assuming important commercial and sport proportions. Several shrimp buying houses are on the waterway at Holden's Beach. All three of the beach properties have unusually fine bathing beaches.

Along the coast very little farming is carried on, the principal occupation being shrimping and fishing. Further inland the character of the land improves greatly and farming is carried on extensively. Unusually nice homes mark southern Lockwoods Folly township.

Towns are Supply and the town of Shallotte. Shallotte is incorporated with a population of about 500. This population is rapidly increasing. The place is generally regarded as an unusually fine business center, catering to a side area. Although the fact is not generally recognized, Shallotte is in Lockwoods Folly township. The Shallotte consolidated high school and the several places of business across the Shallotte river are in Shallotte township.

Shallotte is the home of Brunswick Rural Electrification Unit, which is now spending nearly a million dollars in expansion in Brunswick and Columbus counties. This system has been a tremendous aid to better living in Brunswick county. The town has a bank, a modern cold storage freezer locker plant and its business people are able to supply anything needed in a thriving farming and fishing community.

The county agent, home agent and AAA offices are located at Supply.

### **Shallotte Township**

The west side of the Shallotte river is noted for its largest consolidated high school in the county, The Shallotte school with an enrollment of upwards of 1100 and situated about a quarter of a mile from the Town of Shallotte. The community around the school has several fine stores and is looked upon as being a part of the Town of Shallotte, although it is in another township and not in the incorporated limits.

Down Shallotte River five miles is Shallotte Village Point, situated at the conjunction of the with the intracoastal waterway. This place is noted for its fine fishing and oystering. The fishing attracts many sportsmen and commercial shrimp fishing is also carried on extensively. The ocean beach is just a short distance away across the waterway.

All down the coast to the South Carolina line from Shallotte Point commercial and sport fishing and oystering is carried on extensively. Gause Landing, 8 miles below the Point, is on the waterway and just across from Hale Beach, a property owned by Myrtle Beach and Charlotte interests, who have

development plans in the process of formation. Gause Landing is very thickly settled and popular to non residents during the summer and fall for the fine fishing and hunting they afford.

Along Route 17, on from Shallotte, Grissetown is a fine community of Shallotte township with seven or eight good business places. Hickman's Cross Roads is on a hard surface road leading out from Route 17, near Thomasboro. It is thickly settled.

Longwood, between the Whiteville-Shallotte road and Grissetown, will soon have a hard surface road. Longwood has an unusually fine farming community. Among the leaders there are Rice Gwynn, merchant and farmer; M. C. Gore, farmer and dealer in explosives; L. C. Brown, farmer and lumberman; T. T. Ward, farmer and president of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Gwynn is the largest tobacco grower in Brunswick. Since last fall he has expended \$20,000 in constructing large drainage canals on his farms. His tobacco crop last year brought in \$100,000.00.

Mr. Gore owns and lives in one of the largest and most modern brick homes in Brunswick. He is believed to also have the largest and most substantial farm barn in Brunswick. The structure is of cinder blocks, 90 x 110 feet and very tall. An unusual feature of this barn is seen in the inside on one corner.

### **Waccamaw Township**

Waccamaw township is probably justified in laying claim to having the best farming lands in Brunswick county. Tobacco is the main crop and the Waccamaw growers rate tops in both production and quality of the weed. Corn, peanuts, other crops and cows and hogs are not neglected.

The chief drawback to farming in Waccamaw township is the flooding of the Waccamaw river during wet years. This causes the general wetness of much of the rich, black farming lands and is also a hindrance to the clearing and cultivating of thousands of acres that are now virtually swamps. A proposed canal from the river through this township to the coast will be a godsend to the Waccamaw farmers, as well as to many in lower Shallotte township. Plans for this canal are already well defined, are said to have the approval of the U. S. Army Engineers, of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District and various other agencies. Informed sources believe something will be done about it within one year.

Waccamaw township has no large communities, strictly speaking. The center of things may be said to be about Ash. Waccamaw consolidated high school is located there, serving Waccamaw and a small part of Shallotte township. The Ash community is thickly settled, has a post office, a Rural and Star mail route and a number of places of business.

Freeland or the Kingtown community, nearer the river, is thickly settled by small farmers all owning their farms. It has a post office, served by a Star Route. The post office in turn has a rural route running through Freeland and to the ranch of the Reigel paper company at Makotlka. Freeland and Makotoka both formerly had post offices of their own.

The Reigel Ranch, near Makotoka, has been conducting an apparently very successful effort to raise Brahma cattle on its huge holdings in and bordering on the Green Swamp. Some tow years ago three purebred Brahma bulls were purchased in Florida. Along with the bulls the company purchased 5 head of cows. Many of the cows were purebred Brahmas, others were mixed breeds.

Some of the cows dropped calves soon after the importation to Brunswick. In all some 63 calves were dropped in 1947. With additional purchase having been made the company now has around 250 of the Brahma cattle, these being variously pure and mixed breeds. It is understood that additional pure bred bulls are to be purchased shortly and added to the herd.

The Brahmas are said to require very little feed other than that which they can obtain by their own efforts by foraging. They are very hardy and seem immune to insects.

### **Recapitulation**

J. E. Dodson, practical farmer in his own right, has been county agent in Brunswick for about 30 years. Trained in the work, a born farmer, his own experiences at farming, stock raising, poultry raising and beekeeping have added to his qualifications for aiding the Brunswick farmers in their undertakings. His home is in Waccamaw township and the office is at Supply.

Miss Corinne Green, home agent, began her duties the first of the year. Previously she had been home economics teacher at the Shallotte school for several years. A report from her this week indicated she was making rapid progress with the many home demonstration clubs in the county. Miss Greene also has her office at Supply.

The county has an efficient forest fire warden in D. L. Mercer of Bolivia. Some 25 years ago probably 75 per cent of the wooded area was burned over yearly with heavy losses. For 20 years the county has been cooperating with the State in the prevention of Forest fires. Half a dozen fire towers are kept manned during all danger periods. These towers and the homes of the wardens are linked up with the county and state owned telephone lines. Loss from forest fires has been reduced to a minimum and the wood crop is now often described as the greatest crop produce in Brunswick.

A serious drawback to the county is the lack of adequate telephone service. Southport with Bell dial system is well taken care of. Bolivia, Supply, Shallotte and Shallotte and Waccamaw townships are almost isolated from telephone service, with only two lines running from Southport through Supply to Shallotte. The half a dozen phones at Shallotte are all toll phones.

The county has a good weekly newspaper in the State Port Pilot, published at Southport. Keenly interested in the development of farming, fishing and all things that contribute to the better living of the people of Brunswick, the paper has been an instrument for good will and general development.

Editors Note: This article appeared in the Sunday Star-News in 1947. It was part of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition.



## HONOR ROLL OF VALOR

THE PEOPLE OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, REMEMBERS THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.

SOME DIED HEROICALLY IN WAR, OTHERS MET TRAGIC DEATH DURING PEACE TIME.

ALL WERE HONORABLE.



### *Veterans' Memorial Erected*

Coastal Monument workmen Hubert Jackson and James Johnson took great care Monday morning setting this 5,000-pound monument on an equally hefty base at the county complex near Bolivia. Sponsored by the Brunswick County Veterans' Council, the county-financed memorial honors local veterans of all wars. It will be the focal point of a small memorial tract set aside at the complex. A flagpole with a brass eagle mounting also has been erected and Todd's Greenhouse plans to donate landscaping shrubbery. "It's going to be the prettiest spot out here," veterans' spokesman Jack Caton said. A dedication ceremony has been set for Nov. 11, time to be announced. (Beacon staff photo)

UNITED STATES ARMY

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CLYDE T. ANGEL  
ELLIS BELLAMY  
HENRY C. BRAGAW  
EDWARD M. BREW  
NORWOOD O. BROOKS  
LEROY D. BURKETT  
JACOB L. CAISON  
HARVEY CHADWICK  
J. HARVEY CLIFF  
CHESTER D. COMBS  
GEORGE T. CONGELTON  
JOHN A. CONNELL  
CHARLES M. COX  
ARTHUR W. CROSSLAND  
LARRY D. DANIELS  
EMILIO FARIOO  
McKENZIE W. GENWRIGHT  
CHARLES L. GORE  
KENNETH A. GORE  
PRELOW GRISSETTE  
DOUGLAS H. HANKINS  
CLARENCE H. HAYES  
LEE V. HEWETT  
RICHARD A. HEWETT  
ALONZA L. HOOPER  
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RICHARD JONES  
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KENNETH L. KINSLER  
FRANKLYN M. LANIER  
MAYLON M. LEONARD  
BARNEY J. LEWIS  
J. CHAPMAN LEWIS  
ROSCOE S. LONG  
FREDDIE B. LOTT  
CLAUDIE McCALL  
WILLIAM C. McGINNIS  
CARSON MERCER  
ALBERT L. MOORE  
WILLIAM A. MUNCEY  
ROBERT W. RAMSEY  
CALDER B. ROBINSON  
LONNIE SMITH  
EDWARD STANLEY  
JAMES C. STANLEY  
BOBART L. SUTTON  
ALTON L. TOLER  
HERBERT B. WARD  
RONNIE R. WHITE  
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GEORGE D. GORE  
JACK S. HEWETT  
JAMES F. HEWETT  
ROY H. HOLDEN  
HUGH MERCER  
COOLIDGE PHELPS  
ROBERT L. REYNOLDS  
JAY G. SIMMONS  
HUBERT WALTON  
RUPERT W. WALTON  
J. LEON WILLIAMSON

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CLARENCE V. MOBLEY  
GREGORY H. STANCIL

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WILLIAM H. JAMES  
H. DWIGHT KING

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JOHN E. McKEITHAN

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ROBERT M. BENNETT  
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JOHN S. BROOKS  
AMOS BROWN  
ANTHONY L. BROWNING  
JOHN J. BUCKNER  
JOHN C. BUTLER  
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WILLIAM B. CAISON  
A. S. CARNEY  
JAMES A. CARROLL  
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NEILL CHANCEY  
MICHAEL H. CHIMIS  
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GEORGE M. CLEMMONS  
EDWARD CLIFF  
JOHN CLIFF  
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WESLEY P. GORE

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OBEDIAH HART

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DILLON D. HEWETT

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JAMES HEWETT

MELVIN HEWETT

SAMUEL M. HEWETT

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WILLIAM HEWETT

DORITY W. HEWITT

BENJAMIN R. HICKMAN

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BENJAMIN F. HOLDEN

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WINTHROP HOLDEN

ITHAMORE HUDSON

JOSEPH HUGHES

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JOHN JORDAN

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OWEN MAHN

WILLIAM A. MALTSBY

OLIVER E. MERCER

BENJAMIN MILLIKEN

JOHN W. MILLIKEN

PINCKNEY C. MILLIKEN

SIMEON MILLIKEN

SOLOMON MILLIKEN

JOHN H. MINTZ

STEPHEN MINTZ

WILLIAM MINTZ

DANIEL NANCE

ISAIAH NEALLY

ROBERT M. OTTOWAY

WILLIAM H. PARKER

R. M. PENNY

McGILBERT PILGRIM

WILLIAM H. PILGRIM

J. W. POINNS

HENRY G. POTTER

ABRAHAM J. POUNS

JACOB A. POUNS

JOHN W. POUNS

SAMUEL J. POUNS

WILLIAM M. RAYMOND

G. S. REAVES

SAMUEL F. REAVES

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JOHN J. WILLETTS  
WILLIAM J. WILLETTS  
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BENJAMIN SMITH

## In Memoriam

On June 3, 1967, U.S. Army Sgt. Kenneth Airic Gore was manning the perimeter of a South Vietnamese ambush site engaged in hostile fighting when he was killed under enemy fire.

He had served one-half of a 13-month assignment in Vietnam; he had been in the Army one year and two days. His 19th birthday was only a month away.

The 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Gore Jr. of Shallotte, Kenny was the youngest—and the first—of the 10 Brunswick County men who were killed during the course of the Vietnam War.

Tuesday, April 30, 1985, was the 10th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the unconditional surrender of the Republic of South Vietnam to the North Vietnamese Army.

That American involvement in the war continues to be questioned and that the war was ultimately lost does not lessen the courage and sacrifice of those who fought—and died. We honor their memory.

**Sgt. Kenneth Airic Gore**  
Shallotte

July 2, 1948-June 3, 1967

**Pfc. Prelow Grissette**  
Shallotte

Oct. 29, 1946-Nov. 19, 1967

**Cpl. Richard Alfred Hewett**  
Supply

May 8, 1946-March 28, 1968

**Spec. 4 Larry Dean Daniels**  
Ash

Jan. 28, 1946-May 4, 1968

**Cpl. Clarence Vernon Mobley**  
Winnabow

April 27, 1947-June 18, 1968

**1st Lt. John Alexander Connell**  
Southport

Jan. 14, 1945-Aug. 20, 1968

**Pfc. John Edwin Jacobs**  
Leland

Dec. 4, 1947-Oct. 1, 1968

**Pfc. Franklin Monroe Lanier**  
Winnabow

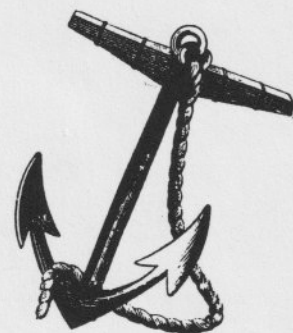
March 20, 1949-March 12, 1969

**Cpl. Ronnie Rudolph White**  
Ash

Dec. 24, 1948-March 21, 1969

**Capt. McKenzie W. Genwright**  
Winnabow

Feb. 1, 1942-Sept. 3, 1969



## Remembering...

Those from Brunswick County who died during World War II and are memorialized on the Battleship North Carolina:

Andrews, James B.  
Angel, Clyde T.  
Bellamy, Ellis  
Bowling, Jesse Willard  
Bragaw, Henry C.  
Brew, Edward M.  
Brooks, Norwood O.  
Burkett, Leroy D.  
Caison, Jacob L.  
Cliff, Harvey J.  
Cox, Charles M.  
Croom, Clifton A.  
Farino, Emilio  
Fodale, Charles Benedict  
Hayes, Clarence H.  
King, Edward L.  
Kinsler, Kenneth H.  
Leonard, Mahlon M.  
Lewis, Barney J.  
Lewis, Joseph C.  
Long, Roscoe S.  
McGinnis, William C.  
Meyer, Carson  
Moore, Albert L.  
Ramsey, Robert W.  
Reynolds, Robert Leroy  
Robinson, Calder B.  
Stanley, Edward  
Stanley, James C.  
Sutton, Hobart L.  
Walton, Rupert Wayne  
Willetts, Solomon I.  
Williamson, John Leon



# Under the Genealogy Tree

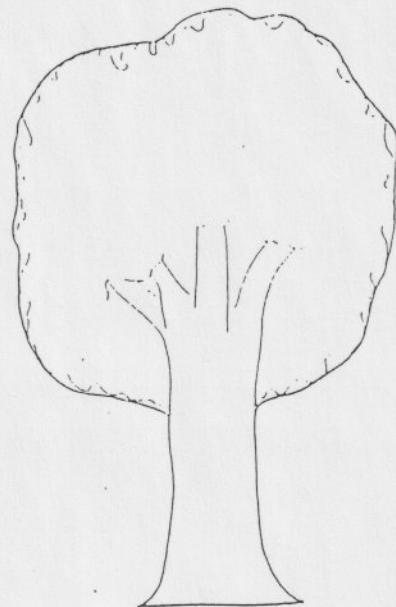
by: Gwen Causey

The following letter appeared in the October 1969 issue of The Independent Republic Quarterly published by The Horry County Historical Society, Conway, SC.

25 Carolina Apts.  
Wilmington, N. C. 28401  
August 18, 1969

Will you please publish the following in your Quarterly – a great publication.

According to the records of my maternal ancestors, my great, great grand father, Thomas Hankins, b. July 13, 1777-d. Aug. 30, 1831, marr. 1807 Sarah Galloway, daugh. of Nathaniel Galloway and wife Charlotte Gause of Brunswick County, N. C. Thomas Hankins was the son of Dennis Hankins, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth Daniel (Probate Court, Vol. 90, P. 88, Charleston, S.C.) He resided for a time at Little River, S. C., and family records state, at Pamplico, S. C. Can anyone give me the location of Pamplico, its history, and the county seat. During the American Revolution, Dennis Hankins, Jr. was a member of the Committee of Safety at Little River (S.C. Archives). In the book "Historical Sketches of North Carolina" by John Hill Wheeler, published at Philadelphia, 1851, are listed as members of the House of Commons, for Brunswick 1782 and 1783, Wm. Watters, Dennis Hawkins, Please note Hawkins, which is, without a doubt, an error in copying. This, of course, should be Hankins – Dennis Hankins formerly of Little River, S. C. who had moved to Brunswick County. He was a wealthy man and a large land owner, as the court records in Horry County, S. C. and Brunswick County, N. C. will show. He lived on his plantation "Snows Point" (formerly Governors Point) on Walden's Creek, a little north of



Southport, N.C. His will was made in Brunswick County, N. C. 8 Aug. 1781 and he died there prior to 1792.

As far as can be determined, there never has been a man by the name of Dennis Hawkins in Brunswick County, and in order to keep the records straight, the name Dennis Hankins should be rightfully used in any future historical material pertaining to the House of Commons in Young America during the years of 1782 and 1783, for Brunswick County, N.C.

The children of Dennis Hankins, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth Daniell are:

Masters Hankins marr. Mary Bacot  
Dennis Hankins III marr. Sarah Daniell  
Thomsa Hankins marr. Sarah Galloway  
William Hankins marr. ----  
Samuel Hankins marr. Rebecca Evans Daniel  
Elizabeth Hankins marr. Needham Gause

Many liberal educators of the present are beginning a drive to erase from history every tradition and record of the Old South. They began this scheme by barring a display of the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and by prohibiting Dixie, the marching Song of the Southern Soldier, to be used in school functions. If we allow this to happen, without a strong protest to our elected representatives, both at the State and National level our noble ancestors will turn over in their graves.

Sincerely yours,  
Lewis Philip Hall



Arnold Cemetery in Brunswick Co. NC Off Hiway 87 near Danford Rd.

Vonie  
son of RJ & J McDowell  
b 19 sep 1905  
d 11 Sep 1906

Curuly Danford  
D 1891

Amanda O. Lewis  
b 28 Aug 1878  
d 13 Feb 1919

Sarah E. Danford  
3mar 1871  
27 Feb. 1895

Thomas McDowell  
12 Sep 1849  
224 Jan 1925

Mary R. Danford  
25 June 1875  
4 Nov 1909

Sarah E. w. of  
Thomas McDowell  
b 12 July 1855  
d 21 Apr 1905

Claten Danford  
d 1902

Thomas W. Swain  
son of John and Penelope Swain  
b 13 Sep 1829  
d 17 Sep 1891

Mark Reynolds  
b 14 Oct 1801  
d 23 Dec 1877  
aged 76 yrs 2 mos 9 days

Hattie M. Swain.  
b 22 Feb 1870  
d 2 Nov 1891

Isaac Reynolds  
b 22 Jan 1804  
d 24 May 1869  
Erected by his affectionate  
Bro. Mark

Carl J. son of EJ & SE Danford  
28 Dec 1893  
8 Dec 1917

Rachel Reynolds  
age 2 yrs & 6 mos

Clara Danford  
d 12 Dec 1887

Murkdick Reynolds  
d 25 Jul 1865  
age 29 yrs

Elizabeth A. Atkinson  
25 Dec 1840  
8 Nov 1914

Eunity  
W of MW Reynolds  
b 22 Jul 1822  
d 25 Mar 1851

Sarah J. Arnold  
5 July 1812  
15 Jan 1894

Unitie  
W of Fred Arnold  
b 23 Mar 1851  
d 22 Oct 1914

Fredrick Arnold  
1807-1885  
Aged about 78 Yrs.

Annie W of Mark Reynolds  
d 8 Apr 1871  
age 72 yrs

Mrs. Eunice Reynolds  
d 11 April 1878  
age 65 yrs

Fred Arnold  
b 5 Jan 1850  
d 8 Jul 1934

Joseph Gore  
6 Dec 1871  
21 Apr 1947

Golie W of W. L. Lewis  
Dau of RJ & LJ McDowell  
b 22 Jun 1902  
d 25 Feb 1918

Mary J Gore  
8 Oct 1870  
15 Dec 1923

### OLD ENGLISH FIELD

LOCATION: Beyond Southport Primary School  
COMMENTS: Abandoned. Not identifiable as burial site.

According to some members of our black community, there was once a cemetery on what is known locally as the Old English Field. There are no markers and the graves have been obliterated; however, it has long been recognized as a cemetery. The site is a large cleared area with overhanging oaks located back of the Southport Primary School, beyond the home of Colonel Marion Burn, toward the creek near what we call The Cottage Tract. Site is in area now designated for a housing development.

### BROWN'S CHAPEL CEMETERY

LOCATION: Leonard Street  
COMMENTS: Abandoned. Not identifiable as burial site.

This site was set aside at one time for the burial of members of Brown's Chapel Church which was located on Leonard Street. The land was originally owned by Melissa Jackson, an astute business woman of the black community who amassed large land holdings through hard work and diligence.

The last burial in the cemetery was in the early 1900's and it is no longer identifiable as a cemetery. It was located through information given by senior citizens who remembered it as a burial ground in their childhood days.

Soon after its organization, the Southport Historical Society undertook a project to build an appropriate marker at the cemetery, but plans have virtually been abandoned because it has not been possible to obtain a list of the persons buried in the cemetery.

### \*\*\*\*\* ANCESTORS AND YOU

If you could meet your ancestors  
All standing in a row;  
Would you be proud of them?  
Or don't you know?  
Some strange discoveries are made  
When climbing family trees.

And some of them you know  
Do not exactly please.  
But here's another question  
Which requires a different view.  
If you could meet your ancestors  
Would they be proud of you ?