



# NEWSLETTER

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From Your President

I would like to thank you for electing me to the important job of the Brunswick County Historical Society president. I promise to do the best of my ability to serve this organization. To do this I will need the support of each of you.

Now that the Y2K bug chose not to throw a monkey wrench in the worlds computers, maybe we can once again get down to business as usual.

In the past one hundred years things have changed dramatically; from the horse and buggy days to jet engines, from steam to diesel, from walking postmen to television, from postage to computers, and many many more changes to numerous to mention.

Perhaps we can cover some of the changes of the future as well as the changes of the past. One question still remains, "What does the future hold"? Things are changing so fast that we can not predict what the years ahead hold.

We will be looking ahead as we study the past.

Sincerely,  
Henry C. Williams

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1. There were 32 people present at the November, 1999 meeting. For the program, 12 veterans spoke of their days in the Armed Forces. Members brought pictures, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia to share. The group enjoyed refreshments and the conversation lasted long after the program was over.
2. Veterans that spoke were: Doris and Oscar Mintz, Rudolph Royal, Don Jenrette, Douglas Hawes, Mike Bishop, John Holden, Dykes Hewett, Henry Williams, Bob Slockett, Glenn Kye and Kay Whitman. Barbara Wilson shared her brother's experiences on Long Beach. These memories are found in this Newsletter.
3. We still have 14 rolls of microfilm left to buy for the library at Brunswick Community College. Remember your friends' birthdays and other special occasions with a gift of a roll of 1920's NC Census. Send the Treasurer a check for \$34.
4. It's never too late to post a query! Want to find that elusive ancestor?? Want to know who GGGGranddaddy's wife was?? Send the Editor a query and it will be posted in the next Newsletter.
5. HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2000 DUES??? Just check the membership list on page 2 for your name. If it's not there it's time to pay your dues. Send the Treasurer a check for \$10.

"There was cross charges of using profane language and getting mad enough to hit your brother in the face. But there was a fellar named Adams from Southport. He was a stickler, he wanted everything done by the letter.

"He was quite a glib fella, and he got up and started praying in the middle of the trial," Gray said. "I thought he would go on nearly all day.

"Finally, he got up and said, 'How do you feel about it now,' and they decided to just drop it."

Born in Holden Beach in 1897, Gray recollects with detail the stories of that area long ago, and a few of his own travels.

In 1917, he had just finished working on a merchant ship around the New York harbor area. When he returned to Holden Beach by train, he noticed that the beautiful countryside of Pennsylvania and New Jersey was also very profitable. Because he had been poor and he knew that those states were Republican, he decided he was going to be Republican, too, he said.

When he went down to the magistrate's house to register for the upcoming election, the long-time magistrate opened the book to the page that listed his entire---Democratic---family.

"I said, 'Republican,' and the old man nearly fainted," Gray said. "Well, he set his pen down and gave me a lecture. He said I was a disgrace to my dead daddy."

At the age of 14, Gray quit school, which was only held for three or four months a year, to go work alongside his brother on a boat which transported supplies on the Lockwood Folly River between Supply and Wilmington.

Later he worked for the government on the *Henry Bacon*, a boat that was dredging the Cape Fear River. He eventually ended up on an old Dutch ship that the United States was using to transport supplies because the German government had threatened to sink the Dutch.

"I had to do that or they would have drafted me in the army." Gray said.

When he came aboard the *Elizabeth*, which he described as an "old dirty box," the merchant shipping agent who had booked him had not told him what the cargo was.

"He didn't tell me what the ship was transporting," Gray said, "I said, 'Ain't that ammunition?' He said, 'Yes sir, 14,000 tons of live ammunition.'"

Gray returned to Holden Beach for the last time in 1933, when he signed up with Atkinson Dredging Co., where he worked dredging the intracoastal waterway from Miami to Wilmington, Del., until he retired in 1965.

## YELLOW FEVER CEMETERY

### Grenada, Mississippi

The cemetery is located in the town of Grenada in Grenada County, MI on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, east of the railroad tracks. The cemetery is locally known as the Yellow Fever Cemetery, however it was used prior to the epidemic of 1878. It contains two graves of local interest:

John Gibbs  
Born Feb 14, 1793 in Brunswick County, NC  
Died Jun 16, 1879 in Grenada, MI

Margaret M. Gibbs  
Born Apr 20, 1792 in Wilmington, NC  
Died Aug 3, 1865 at Pilgrims Rest near  
Grenada, MI

MISCELLANEOUS DEATH RECORDS  
BOOKS 1,2,3  
Brunswick County Courthouse, Bolivia, NC

Essie May Gray  
Born 22 March, 1911, Shallotte, NC  
Died 8 Oct 1913  
Father: Richard E. Gray  
Mother: Lillie Ivey Leonard  
Died from Spasmodic Croup  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Both parents born at Shallotte, NC  
Book 1 Page 1

Daniel Freeman Caison  
Born not given  
Died 17 Oct 1913  
Father: Timothy Phelps  
Mother: Mary Emerline Caison  
Age: 50  
Occupation: working turpentine  
Died from Typhoid Fever  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Informant: Dee Caison  
Book 1 Page 3

Unnamed Boy Phelps  
Born 17 Jan 1914  
Died 17 Jan 1914  
Father: Preston Hall Phelps  
Mother: Rebecca Jane Lewis  
Father born at Supply, NC  
Mother born at Shallotte, NC  
Buried Sharon Cemetery  
Book 1 Page 12

Lenora Belle Hewett  
Born 21 Jun 1878  
Died 20 Feb 1914  
Father: Tom Thair  
Mother: Charity Lenora Johnson  
Born Mill Creek, Brunswick Co., NC  
Father born Supply, NC  
Mother born Mill Creek, Bruns. Co., NC  
Illiterate  
Died from Paralysis  
Buried Silent Grove Cemetery  
Book 1 Page 14

William George Cheers  
Born 6 Dec 1913  
Died 3 Jan 1914  
Father: Claud S. Cheers  
Mother: Nicie Ozella Martin

Buried Martin Cemetery  
Father born Brunswick Co., NC  
Mother born Columbus Co, NC  
Book 1 Page 10

Rebecca Adline Hewett  
Born 1 Mar 1896  
Died 11 Dec 1913  
Father: James Walker Hewett  
Mother: Annie Victoria Hewett  
Died from severe Hookworm infection  
Buried Oak Grove Cemetery  
Book 1 Page 9

John Bascum Mercer  
Born 8 Mar 1855  
Died 28 Nov 1913  
Father: John Mercer  
Mother: Annie Jane Evans  
Occupation: Merchant/shoe retail dealer  
School: Common School'  
Buried Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, NC  
Both parents born in Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 1 Page 8

Unnamed Girl Hewett  
Born 25 Nov 1913  
Died 25 Nov 1913  
Father: Henry White Hewett  
Mother: Bertie Clementine Sellers  
Book 1 Page 7

Unnamed Girl Phelps  
Born 30 Oct 1913  
Died 30 Oct 1913  
Father: David Albert Phelps  
Mother: Mary Fulford  
Book 1 Page 5

William Henry Rabon  
Born not given  
Died 31 Mar 1914  
Father: Joel Rabon  
Mother: Ellie Hewett  
Age: about 60 years old  
Occupation: farmer  
Illiterate  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Father born New Hanover County, NC  
Mother born Brunswick County, NC  
Book 1 Page 16

James Edward Evans  
Born 21 May 1914  
Died 10 Jun 1914  
Father: Archie Edwards Evans  
Mother: Lillie Pearl Hewett  
Buried Oak Grove Cemetery  
Both parents born at Supply, NC  
Book 1 Page 28

Unnamed Boy Hewett  
Born 11 Apr 1914  
Died 11 Apr 1914  
Father: John William Hewett  
Mother: Ronie Terril Sellers  
Both parents born Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 1 Page 21

Carrie Janna Autry  
Born 22 Feb 1914, Wilmington, NC  
Died 20 Jul 1914  
Father: George W. Autry  
Mother: Rebecca Smith  
Buried at Surburb, NC (Brunswick Co., NC)  
Both parents born in Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 1 Page 30

Martha E. Potter  
Born 12 Aug 1825  
Died 26 Jul 1914  
Father: James Potter  
Mother: Kitsie Pounds  
Buried Upper Town Creek  
All born in Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 1 Page 31

Burt Austin Holden  
Born 22 Oct 1913  
Died 20 Jul 1914  
Father: John Thomas Holden  
Mother: Maggie Jane Fulford  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
All born at Supply, NC  
Book 1 Page 33

Zebra Hewett  
Born 22 Jul 1912  
Died 14 Jul 1914  
Father: G. Willie Hewett  
Mother: Lenora Belle Johnson  
Buried Silent Grove Cemetery  
Father born at Shallotte, NC  
Mother born Mill Creek Community  
Child born Boones Neck, NC  
Book 1 Page 34

Charles Dexter Robinson  
Born not given  
Died 30 Oct 1914  
Father: Hezekiah Robinson  
Mother: Jane Sellers  
Age: about 70  
Occupation: farming/fishing  
All born Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 1 Page 37

Britia Jane Styron Dixon  
Born 5 May 1840  
Died 3 Oct 1914  
Father: Wallis Styron  
Mother: Lizzie Gaston  
All born Beaufort, NC  
Widow at death  
Informant: J.W. Dixon  
Book 1 Page 38

Sinclair Lancaster  
Born 10 Apr 1857  
Died 12 Oct 1914  
Father: Jesse Lancaster  
Mother: Nancy Causey  
Single  
Occupation: farmer  
Born Brunswick Co., NC  
Parents born Craven Co., NC  
Book 1 Page 39

John William Roberts  
Born 26 Oct 1914  
Died 19 Nov 1914  
Father: John Pritchard Roberts  
Mother: Isadore Cleveland  
All born Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 1 Page 40

Issac Gabriel Hewett  
Born 1 Jul 1840  
Died 20 Nov 1914  
Father: Uriah Hewett  
Mother: Priscilla Caison  
Married  
Occupation: farmer, turpentine stiller  
All born Brunswick Co., NC  
Informant: G.T. Holden  
Book 1 Page 41

Roger Betts Holmes  
Born 5 Nov 1890  
Died 5 Dec 1914  
Father: James Holmes  
Mother: Sarah S. White  
Single

Occupation: mechanic  
Attended Common Schools  
Buried Lehigh Cemetery  
Father born Council, NC  
Mother & son born Shallotte, NC  
Informant: Willie R. Holmes  
Book 1 Page 43

Hannah Jane Hewett Lewis ( Mrs. G.W.)  
Born 21 Mar 1858  
Died 12 Nov 1914  
Father: Samuel M. Hewett  
Mother: Rebecca Flowers  
Father & daughter born Brunswick Co., NC  
Mother born in NC  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Informant: G.W. Lewis  
Book 1 Page 46

George Washington Clemmons  
Born 6 Nov 1852  
Died 5 Jan 1915  
Father: George Clemmons  
Mother: Catherine Gause  
Married  
Buried Swain (now Galloway) Cemetery  
Illiterate  
Occupation: farmer  
All born Brunswick Co., NC  
Informant: G. M. Clemmons  
Book 2 Page 1

Emerline Pounds Williams  
Born 24 Nov 1837  
Died 7 Jan 1915  
Widow at death  
Father & daughter born Town Creek  
Mother born Hoods Creek  
Informant: J.W. Sellers  
Book 2 Page 2

Mealy Anne Phelps  
Born 12 Sep 1914  
Died 15 Jan 1915  
Father: David Alfred Phelps  
Mother: Mary Fulford  
All born Supply, NC  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 3

Arthur Hauson Dixon  
Born 10 Dec 1914  
Died 30 Jan 1915  
Father: Albert Lee Dixon  
Mother: Beulah Hewett  
Father & son born Supply, NC

Mother born New Hanover Co., NC  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 4

Thomas Clemmons  
Born 11 Nov 1839  
Died 24 Jan 1915  
Father: Robert Clemmons  
Mother: Elizabeth Swain  
Buried Swain (now Galloway) Cemetery  
Occupation: farmer  
Married  
Informant: Issac Clemmons  
Book 2 Page 5

Unnamed Girl Hewett  
Born 19 Feb 1915  
Died 20 Feb 1915  
Father: Moody Fletcher Hewett  
Mother: Mary Stella Register  
Buried Silent Grove Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 6

Sarah Elizabeth Dew Galloway  
Born 4 Nov 1850, South Carolina  
Died 27 Feb 1915  
Father: Alexander Dew  
Mother: Collie Smith  
Buried Swain (now Galloway Cemetery)  
Widow at death  
Informant: Emma Rhodes  
Book 2 Page 7

Margaret Ann Peterson Kirby  
Born not given  
Died 25 Mar 1915  
Father: Timothy Peterson  
Mother: not given  
Age: 69  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Widow at death  
Born Craven County, NC  
Book 2 Page 11

Carl Dare Coleman  
Born 15 May 1915  
Died 18 May 1915  
Father: Francis Adolphus Coleman  
Mother: Lillie Lee Stanley  
Father & son born Supply, NC  
Mother born Shallotte, NC  
Book 2 Page 16

Susan Ann Lancaster Roach  
Born 6 Sep 1842  
Died 14 Jun 1915  
Father: Jesse Lancaster  
Mother: Nancy Cossey (Causey)  
Born Brunswick County, NC  
Parents born Craven County, NC  
Buried Lancaster Cemetery  
Widow at death  
Attended Common Schools  
Informant: Sarah Nancy Burris, Jacksonville, FL  
Book 2 Page 18

Clyde Galloway  
Born 30 Dec 1913  
Died 16 Apr 1915  
Father: Richard Lee Galloway  
Mother: Florence Edia Holden  
Buried Holden Cemetery  
All born Supply, NC  
Book 2 Page 19

Addie Florence Phelps  
Born 8 Feb 1903  
Died 19 Jun 1915  
Father: William Hedrick Phelps  
Mother: Mary Addie Clemmons  
Buried Silent Grove Cemetery  
All born Supply, NC  
Book 2 Page 20

Unnamed Girl Hewett  
Born 24 Jun 1915  
Died 24 Jun 1915  
Father: James Walker Hewett  
Mother: Annie V. Hewett  
Buried near home  
Child born Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 2 Page 21

Mary Eliza Lehew Danford  
Born not given  
Died 3 Jul 1915  
Father: Benjamin Lehew  
Mother: Julia Hewett  
Age: 55  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Born Shallotte, NC  
Informant: Walter Leonard, Supply, NC  
Book 2 Page 22

Newland Bryan Brown  
Born 11 Dec 1913  
Died 4 Jul 1915  
Father: Gilbert Brown  
Mother: Minnie Laton Stallings  
Buried Swain (now Galloway) Cemetery  
All born Brunswick County, NC  
Book 2 Page 23

John Thomas Cumbee  
Born 16 Aug 1840  
Died 7 Jul 1915  
Father: Jacob Cumbee  
Mother: Rachel Hewett  
All born Shallotte, NC  
Buried family cemetery  
Married  
Occupation: farmer  
Informant: D.O. Hewett  
Book 2 Page 24

Amelia Jane Hewett  
Born 28 Feb 1844  
Died 9 Jul 1915  
Father: Elijah Hewett  
Mother: Abbie Holden  
Buried at home  
Widow at death  
All born Brunswick County, NC  
Informant: J.V. Hewett  
Book 2 Page 25

Unnamed Girl Clemmons  
Born 22 Jul 1915  
Died 22 Jul 1915  
Father: Samuel S. Clemmons  
Mother: Caroline P. Sellers  
Buried Silent Grove Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 27

Unnamed Girl Hewett  
Born 23 Jul 1915  
Died 23 Jul 1915  
Father: Whit Hewett  
Mother: Sarah Jane Milliken  
Buried at home  
Book 2 Page 28

Unnamed Girl Galloway  
Born 1914  
Died 1914  
Father: Thomas Galloway  
Mother: Ida Galloway  
Parents born Supply, NC  
Book 1 Page 29

Unnamed Girl Galloway  
Born 15 Jul 1915  
Died 16 Jul 1915  
Father: Thomas Galloway  
Mother: Ida Galloway  
Buried G.T. Holden Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 29

Lonnie Wilson Holden  
Born 13 Aug 1915  
Died 18 Aug 1915  
Father: Orrin Hollis Holden  
Mother: Ada Lee Davis  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 31

Louisa Clemmons Sellers  
Born 9 Apr 1833  
Died 13 Sep 1915  
Father: Timothy Clemmons  
Mother: Mary Caison  
Widow at death  
Buried family cemetery  
Illiterate  
Father & daughter born Brunswick Co., NC  
Mother born Sampson County, NC  
Informant: Sam E. Phelps  
Book 2 Page 32

Jane Clemmons Clemmons  
Born not given  
Died 27 Sep 1915  
Father: Timothy Clemmons  
Mother: Mary Caison  
Age: 83  
Buried Oak Grove Cemetery  
Widow at death  
Father & daughter born Brunswick Co., NC  
Mother born Sampson County, NC  
Informant: B.W. Phelps  
Book 2 Page 33

Tamar S. Rabon Holden  
Born 9 Mar 1850  
Died 1 Oct 1915  
Father: Joel H. Rabon  
Mother: Ella Hewett  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Widow at death  
Father born New Hanover County, NC  
Mother & daughter born Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 2 Page 34

Abram Danford  
Born 4 Oct 1840, Smithville (Southport),NC  
Died 14 Oct 1915  
Father: Abram Danford  
Mother: Mary Jane Cliff  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Occupation: farmer and turpentine stiller  
Father born SC  
Mother born NC  
Book 2 Page 35

Delbert Clemmons  
Born 24 Jun 1915  
Died 16 Oct 1915  
Father: Haynes H. Clemmons  
Mother: Beedie E. Holden  
Buried Oak Grove Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 36

Unnamed Girl Holden  
Born 5 Nov 1915  
Died 5 Nov 1915  
Father: George Washington Holden  
Mother: Flora Lewis  
Buried family cemetery  
Book 2 Page 37

Rexie Jane Phelps  
Born 3 Aug 1909  
Died 8 Nov 1915  
Father: Henry Thomas Phelps  
Mother: Eddie B. Bellamy  
Buried Silent Grove Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 38

Samuel Edwin Holden  
Born 13 Oct 1915  
Died 14 Dec 1915  
Father: Wilford Rockwell Holden  
Mother: Katie Sylvannah Clemmons  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Book 2 Page 39

Unnamed Boy Holden  
Born 13 Jan 1916  
Died 17 Jan 1916  
Father: Grover Holden  
Mother: Amelia Hewett  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Book 3 Page 38

Unnamed Boy Long  
Born 2 Feb 1916  
Died 2 Feb 1916  
Father: Forney Albert Long  
Mother: Minnie Lee Long

Buried Prospect Cemetery  
Father born Iredell, NC  
Mother born Seaside, NC  
Book 3 Page 39

Annie Hatteridge Clemmons  
Born 1 Feb 1854  
Died 14 Jan 1916  
Father: Elisha Sellers  
Mother: Mary Elizabeth Swain  
Buried Prospect Cemetery  
Could read & write  
Book 3 Page 40

Viola Clemmons  
Born 29 Nov 1891  
Died 26 Mar 1916  
Father: R. Badger Clemmons  
Mother: Annie H. Sellers  
Buried family cemetery (Prospect)  
Book 3 Page 45

William T. Rourk  
Born not given  
Died 3 May 1916  
Father: Tom Rourk  
Mother: Sarah Jane Robinson  
Age: 55  
Married  
Occupation: farmer  
Could read & write  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Informant: D.E. Robinson  
Book 3 Page 47

Lue Ellen Hewett  
Born not given  
Died 17 May 1916  
Father: Joseph Blanton, born SC  
Mother: Mary Ann Harrelson  
Mother & daughter born Green Sea, SC  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Age: 39  
Married  
Informant: A.L. Hewett  
Book 3 Page 48

Jessie Swain  
Born 25 Oct 1897  
Died 28 May 1916  
Father: Timothy Swain  
Mother: Mary E. Danford  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Both parents born Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 3 Page 50

John O. Hewett  
Born 22 Jun 1883, Shallotte, NC  
Died 4 Jun 1916  
Mother: Margarette Hewett  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Book 3 Page 51

Ruth Harvah Simmons  
Born 15 Mar 1913  
Died 17 Jun 1916  
Father: Ollie W. Simmons  
Mother: Edna Sellers  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Died of Hookworm  
Parents born Shallotte, NC  
Book 3 Page 52

John Long  
Born 6 Sep 1857  
Died 10 Jul 1916  
Father: Joseph Long  
Mother: Margarette McLamb  
Buried Prospect Cemetery  
Married  
Illiterate  
Father born Iredell, NC  
Mother born Brunswick Co., NC  
Book 3 Page 54

Drusilla Simmons  
Born 15 Jan 1842  
Died 18 Aug 1916  
Father: Anntney (Anthony) Arnold  
Mother: Sarah Hewett  
Buried Lehew Cemetery  
Married  
Died of Bright's Disease  
Both parents born Brunswick County, NC  
Informant: Elisha Sellers  
Book 3 Page 56

Clara Ethel Hewett  
Born 10 May 1916  
Died 26 Aug 1916  
Father: Henry Jasper Hewett  
Mother: Annie Milliken  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Father born Brunswick Co., NC  
Mother born Conway, SC  
Book 3 Page 57

Unnamed Boy Hewett  
Born 30 Aug 1916  
Died 1 Sep 1916  
Father: Bryant W. Hewett  
Mother: Dorcas A. Lewis



Buried Silent Grove Cemetery  
Father born Supply, NC  
Mother born SC  
Book 3 Page 58

Maudie L. Reaves  
Born not given  
Died 3 Nov 1916  
Father: Thomas B. Robinson  
Mother: Sirena Evans  
Age: 26  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Married  
Mother born Richland Neck, NC  
Father born Supply, NC  
Informant: G.A. Reaves  
Book 3 Page 59

George Washington Leonard  
Born 14 Oct 1855  
Died 6 Nov 1916  
Father: Asa Leonard  
Mother: Sallie Simmons  
Buried Lebew Cemetery  
Married  
Occupation: farmer  
Could read & write  
Parents born in NC  
Book 3 Page 60

Thomas B. Robinson  
Born not given  
Died 16 Nov 1916  
Father: John Robinson  
Mother: Unknown  
Age: 71  
Buried Sharon UMC Cemetery  
Widowed  
Informant: A.T. Hewett  
Book 3 Page 61

Emma J. Rabon  
Born not given  
Died 1 Dec 1916  
Father: Ruben Hewett  
Mother: Patsy Hewett  
Buried Lebew Cemetery  
Age: 65  
All born Brunswick County, NC  
Book 3 Page 62

Harry Sellers  
Born 28 Oct 1912  
Died 20 Dec 1916  
Father: Sam Peter Sellers  
Mother: Anna M. Brown  
Buried at home  
Cause of death—fire burn  
Book 3 Page 63

### MR. AYERS S. WHITE IS DEAD

The Brunswick County News, Shallotte, NC, July, 1918

After a lingering illness of the past seven months, being confined to his bed most of the time, Shallotte's oldest male inhabitant, Mr. Ayers White, died Sunday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock at his residence here. [ Mr. White died July 14, 1918.] At his bedside at the time of his death was his wife and a few relatives and friends.

Uncle Ayers was born June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1849, and was in his seventieth year. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella White, one son W. Closs White, four daughters Mrs. L. C. Tripp, Mrs. L. A. Holden, Mrs. M. E. Chadwick and Mrs. W. R. Goley, and a score or more of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two brothers, Messrs. Marion and Frank P. White, both of Shallotte.

Uncle Ayers, for a number of years, acted in the capacity of deputy-sheriff, township constable and town marshal. Many all over the county remember his face around the court house at Southport where he figured in many important cases for the State. He was with Sheriff Jackson Stanland the night he was shot and fatally wounded by J. C. Walker.

Interment was made in the Leonard cemetery, in Shallotte, Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large assemblage of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The funeral services were held at the grave, conducted by Rev. R. N. Fitts.

## REMINISCING ABOUT MISS ELLEN BELLAMY AND THE BELLAMY MANSION

By: Susie Sellers Carson, September 11, 2002

[ Mrs. Carson was asked by her brother-in-law, William Dunn, to speak before a group of hearing impaired adults in Wilmington, NC. The following is her speech about her memories of Miss Ellen Bellamy and the visits to her home. Thelma is her sister and wife of Bill Dunn.]

Bill said you wanted me to speak about the Bellamy Mansion located at the corner of 5th and Market Streets here in Wilmington. How many of you have ever visited the Mansion?

Over the years I have had a particular interest in the Bellamy Mansion because I visited it so often in the late thirties and early forties when my greataunt was caregiver and companion for Miss Ellen Bellamy who lived in the Mansion at the time. I loved both of those ladies dearly.

Miss Ellen was born in 1852 and was not quite 9 years old when the Civil War broke out. By the time that Thelma and I came to know her, she was very frail and had to remain in bed most of the time and could not descend the long flight of stairs from their second-floor apartment to the first floor. We visited often enough that Miss Ellen came to know and love us, too, and once she told our great aunt to let us choose a souvenir each from among the many small items in the house. Thelma chose a green glass slipper and I chose a small but lovely china dish. She also wanted Aunt Babe, as we called her, to tell us the story of her home and its furnishings of which she was very proud. That pleased our aunt very much.

I forgot to mention that our aunt's name was Sarah Adeline Stallings, known to Miss Ellen and the Wilmington people as Miss Lina, but to family members she was lovingly known as Aunt Babe.

Being the history-minded gal that I've always been, these little tours of the house appealed to me greatly. As the years have passed I have forgotten many of the details and have only visited the house once since then, but it is forever etched on my mind. I have always kept a file on the house and have today

brought several of the items with me to show you. One of the most interesting items is a little book written by Miss Ellen beginning April 26, 1937, when she was 85 years old and completed in April of 1940 when she was 88. I treasure this little book and it must be handled with great care. I doubt if there are many of these around. I also brought some news articles I have kept in the file and a book called "Time, Talent and Tradition", edited by Janet Seapker, who you will recall, was at one time Director of the Cape Fear Museum. It contains an essay written by architectural historian Ed Turberg in which he describes the house which was built in 1859 by slave labor with excellent supervision. During the Civil War it was occupied by Federal troops and the Bellamy family moved back to Grovely, their plantation in Brunswick County. After the war, and after much negotiation, the Bellamys moved back into the Mansion. It remained in the family until it became a museum.

Miss Ellen's mind remained remarkably clear until her death. In the little book I mentioned and which she named "Back with the Tide" she gave a detailed description of the 22-room house which she loved so much. I loved the house, of course, but my main interest was the two dear old ladies who lived there alone. The furnishings were exquisite. I had never seen such luxurious things. I don't remember being jealous or envious of such, but simply awed at the richness of the items. I was particularly intrigued by the piano and one of the sofas. I have pictures of them, too, which I have here. The young lady in the picture is a dear cousin of mine who was an Azalea Bell several years ago when these pictures were made. She was the great great great niece of our Aunt Babe and I was glad she posed there in the parlor for these pictures.

Another treasure that I brought is a book of poetry written by Miss Ellen's pastor, the Rev. Andrew J. Howell, the same year Miss Ellen began her book. Aunt Babe gave me this copy of it in 1940. Knowing that Aunt Babe had lived in Southport for a time, Mr. Howell once wrote a poem about Southport especially for her. I have a copy, but did not bring it because I can't remember where it is - I'm having Senior Moments!

It would take many hours for me to tell you the many details about the house and its owners, so I will not attempt that, but I hope my remarks today have intrigued you enough that you will want to visit the Mansion and see its wonders for yourself. I might add that Miss Ellen was never willing to accept the United States of America as her country after the War; it was still the Confederacy. She would never permit the Stars and Stripes to be displayed in or on the house. Once, a President of the United States (I can't remember which one) was visiting Wilmington and wanted to see the house. At the time she was still able to answer the doorbell - and she turned him away. I have a suspicion that she did all Yankees this way, too, if she knew who they were. But I'm glad that they can visit the dear old house today right along with us Southerners!

OBITUARY OF MRS. Theodocia Vasthi Stallings Sellers  
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Obituarie of Mrs. E. Sellers

On March 20, 1922, God, in His all wise providence, removed from our midst to her heavenly home Sister Theodosia V. Sellers, wife of Brother Elisha Sellers and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stallings. She was born Nov. 26, 1869. Joined Mt. Pisgah Church while young, and has even been a faithful member. She loved the church, Sunday School and Missionary Society and always to do her part. A good wife and mother, a true friend and neighbor is gone. She leaves a grief stricken husband, ten children, twenty one grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. All the children are church members but two, and we hope they may soon be brought into the fold. We extend to the husband and children our deepest sympathy and commend them to our Lord whom she loved and trusted. A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our home which never can be filled. She was laid to rest in the family burying ground near her old home. A copy of this be sent to family, one to the Recorder for publication and one placed on Records of our Missionary Society.