



# NEWSLETTER

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MAY MEETING TO BE HELD AT BEMC IN SUPPLY, NC  
MAY 10, 2004 7:30 P. M.

**The next meeting** of the Brunswick County Historical Society will be held at the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation Building, 795 Ocean Highway West, Supply, NC. The genealogy group will meet for 45 minutes at 6:30, prior to the regular meeting. Refreshments will be served at 7:15.

**The genealogy group** will include discussion on internet websites available for research.

**The speaker will be Wilbur D. Jones, Jr.** of Wilmington, NC. He will give us a look at the World War II homefront through his accounts of Camp Davis, the shipyard, the USOs and servicemen's clubs, the scrap drives and war bond sales, the role of women, the flurry of romances and weddings, and the African-American experience. All of this is captured in his latest book, *A Sentimental Journey: Memoirs of a Wartime Boomtown*. Copies of the book will be available for sale and autographing by the author. We are quite fortunate to have Mr. Jones as a speaker. Tell all your friends and neighbors and try to bring someone new with you to the meeting.

**DUES! DUES! DUES!...**Take a moment to check the membership list on the next page. If your name is not there this will be your last Newsletter. Come prepared to pay or send a check for \$10.00 to the Treasurer at the address above. Consider becoming a lifetime member. For only \$100.00 you'll never have to worry with paying your dues again. Quite a bargain!!!

**The Old New Hanover Genealogical Society** has issued us an invitation to be a part of their Spring Picnic on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at Brunswicktown State Historic Site at 11:30 A. M. Brenda Marshburn, Historic Interpreter, will give a talk and conduct a tour of the site. Lunch will be at 12:30 P. M. consisting of BBQ, chicken and all the fixin'. Cost is \$ 7.50 and reservations must be received by Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. After lunch there will be demonstrations by re-enactors, a video and a chance to tour the new exhibits just recently installed. To reserve tickets call Carolyn Corbett at 910-270-4481 or email [Carolyncorbett@charter.net](mailto:Carolyncorbett@charter.net).

**Records of buried veterans go online...**VA has made it easier and faster for the public to get answers about family history, old war buddies or famous war heroes. The agency put on the Web 3.2 million records for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War. The VA's Nationwide Gravesite Locator, at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov), also has records for some state veterans cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery since 1999. The site will be updated daily. Annually, about 80,000 veterans are buried at national cemeteries.

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## THE STATE PORT PILOT

Wednesday, July 6, 1938

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** At a family reunion last October I was given a copy of the July 6, 1938 edition of THE STATE PORT PILOT. I thought it would be interesting to review the headlines and local stories for a brief glimpse of life in the late 30's. Following is some of the local news and happenings around Southport and the county.

### **Official Second Primary Returns Show Gainy, Tripp And Stanaland Are Winners**

Dillon L. Gainy, Walter M. Stanaland and L. C. Tripp emerged from Saturday's second primary battle victorious over their rivals.

Leading the ticket was Gainy who piled up a vote of 1,290 for a 415 majority over J. A. Russ, incumbent, who had 875 votes.

The race between Stanaland and M. B. Watkins was in doubt until the official canvass Tuesday morning. Up to that time it was believed that the two men had finished in a dead heat with 1,068 votes each, with one of Stanaland's votes being in dispute. The official canvass gave Stanaland a narrow margin of a 5-vote majority, 1,076 to 1,071.

Tripp secured a 117-vote majority over J. Roland Mintz in the race for nomination as member of the board of county commissioners. Tripp had 1,086 votes as compared with 969 for his opponent.

### **Roland Mintz Will Contest Nomination Of J. M. Roach**

J. Roland Mintz, who was the second high man in the second primary race for county commissioner Saturday, has notified Chairman G. T. Rourk, of the Brunswick County Board of Elections, that he is demanding that his name appear on the ballot in the general election in November. He claims that he is the rightful nominee, and says that if J. M. Roach is declared the nominee he will appeal to the state election board.

### **Increase Number of Teachers in County Schools**

Faculty additions will be made at two Brunswick County schools this year as a result of teacher allotments announced last week by Miss Annie Mae Woodside, county superintendent of schools.

At Waccamaw there will be a new department of vocational agriculture, the first in Brunswick County. In addition, one new member has been added to the regular high school faculty, making the total number of teachers at Waccamaw this year 18.

In the Shallotte-Lockwoods Folly school the faculty increases from 25 to twenty-eight. Included is a George Reid teacher, to be paid by the George Reid Foundation as head of a new department in home economics.

At Southport attendance figures fell only two or three short of qualifying the school for an extra elementary teacher. If parents will start all of their children of school age to school on the first

day this fall it is likely that attendance figures will at the end of the first month justify an addition to the faculty of 11.

Leland will lose one of her twelve teachers, while at Bolivia the number of faculty members remains the same at 12.

Last year there were 49 colored teachers in the county and for next year the number has been reduced to 48.

### **Prison Head Lands Shark**

Barcy A. Marlowe, superintendent of the Highway Prison camp at Whiteville, proudly exhibited the 70-pound shark which he recently landed at Holden's Beach in Brunswick County. "It's the best meat I ever tasted," commented Mr. Marlowe.

### **Tobacco Barns Burn In County**

Two tobacco barns were razed by fire in the Grissettown section during the past week. H. A. Mintz, who had just completed a new barn and installed the oil burning system, lost his barn Tuesday when the oil tank exploded. The other barn belonged to S. J. Frink.

### **Jenrette Is Seriously Hurt**

Clarence H. Jenerette, prominent Brunswick County citizen, was seriously injured Tuesday morning in an automobile accident near Grissettown. Jenerette was headed toward Southport when a small child started to cross the road in front of his machine. He swerved his car to avoid hitting the child and ran into a tobacco barn. His arm was badly cut and the automobile he was driving was badly damaged.

### **S. I. Burris Buys Wilmington Store**

S. I. Burris, prominent Southport seafood dealer, announced Tuesday the purchase of the Robert C. Fergus retail market in Wilmington. This will give the Southport area a retail outlet nearby for much of the seafood that he buys at his dock in Southport. The purchase price involved in this business deal was not disclosed.

### **Family Reunion Observed Sunday**

Members of the Sellers family in Brunswick County gathered Sunday at the home of O. B. Sellers, at Supply in the first of what is expected to become a series of annual home-coming day events.

Devotional exercises were conducted under the spreading oaks in the front yard. Following an opening song there was prayer by the Rev. Luther Williams, Methodist minister, of Ellore, S. C. There followed a sermon by the Rev. T. F. Johnson, of Winnabow, who used as his text Hebrews 11: 18. Closing prayer was by Walter G. Phelps, of Wilmington.

The table erected in the yard for the purpose of spreading lunch was found to be inadequate for the bountiful supply of food brought in the picnic baskets, so an extension was made and all gathered around for the repast.

An interesting preliminary was a tribute paid Simeon Sellers who celebrated his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday on that date, and a group of the young gathered about him and sang "Happy Birthday."

Then came the dinner hour when all gathered around the table piled high with fine food and ate to their heart's content. After dinner came the enrollment of guests present, after which C. Ed. Taylor, of Southport, spoke with considerable humor and interest of the Sellers family in Brunswick County as he has known it.

Mr. Phelps, of Wilmington, then took an opportunity to pay tribute to O. B. Sellers, who was in charge of arrangements for the day. Mr. Sellers, he testified, had played a major role in bring him into the fold as a Christian.

A poll was next made to determine the oldest person in attendance, and this honor went to Richard D. Sellers, of Shallotte, who was over 81-year-old of age. Simeon Sellers, who was observing his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday, came next in line, followed by F. T. Clemmons, who married into the Sellers family, and S. S. Clemmons, both of whom were 72. Mrs. Annie Parker, widow of E. N. Parker, was the eldest woman present, her age being 69.

O. B. Sellers, who himself is 67-years of age, was assisted in making arrangements for the occasion by Mrs. Bertha DeVane and H. L. Clemmons. Among those present were representatives from Cumberland, Lee and New Hanover counties, South Carolina and other distant points.

**Editor's Note:**Then followed an entire column listing by name all those who were in attendance.

## Save Money On Pre-Payment of Taxes

During the month of July a discount of 2 1/2 per cent will be allowed for prepayment of 1938 taxes. This Is A Worthwhile Saving.

Chas. E. Gause

TAX COLLECTOR

## Sanitary Notice

All home owners and owners of vacant lots in the City of Southport are required to clean and keep their premises clean of all unsightly and unsanitary rubbish, weeds, etc. Please attend to this immediately. Inspection will be made in a few days and at frequent intervals.

John D. Ericksen

MAYOR

**Peaceful Fourth Observed Monday**  
**From: The State Port Pilot, July 6, 1938**

One could hardly describe the Fourth of July as a quite day at Southport. From a nautical standpoint, it was as about as rough as it could be but all the roughness was confined to the elements and the sea. Everybody had a quiet, good time, except for the disappointment that many experienced through inability to get outside for some of the Southport fishing.

The bank, post office, court house and business places were closed. The absence of Southporters who usually go to nearby beaches or somewhere for the 4<sup>th</sup> was more than made up for by the visitors who came in to go fishing and found they could not. But, several of them stayed over for better weather.

The Coast Guard cutter Modoc brought the greatest semblance of a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration to Southport. Coming down the river on an errand somewhere outside, she entered the Southport harbor at just twelve o'clock and in accordance with the national custom she fired the 22-gun 4<sup>th</sup> of July noon day salute to the national day.

A few listeners got the idea that she was firing a salute to Southport in passing, but she was simply passing Southport at noon and her regular observation of the national day happened to have an audience.

**Huge Shark Is Hooked And Landed On Southport Dock**  
**From: The State Port Pilot, July 6, 1938**

It took a lot of muscle, science, skill and everything you have to bring a 355-pound shark alongside a boat or dock with nothing in the way of tackle except an ordinary {sic} casting rod, reel and line.

E. H. Best, of Erwin, did just that early Sunday morning while waiting to go out on a fishing trip with a party from Erwin and Wilmington. They were aboard the Volushia, of Captain E. L. Krahnke. The boat was tide {sic} up at the pilot dock and Mr. Best idly baited his hook with a piece of salt mullet. He did not have to wait long for results.

Somewhere down in the 21-feet of water the shark struck. The fisherman's first idea was that his hook had become fouled up on a submarine, or a floating submerged log. There was just a slow and relentless pull that bade fair to break the rod, certainly the line.

But Mr. Best had done some heavy fishing somewhere. He knew how much that rod could stand. He braked his reel and plied his rod for all the resistance that either would stand. After a long period of grudgingly giving out line he was able to slowly take it back in and keep it. No one clocked the performance, but is said to have been a full hour after the shark was first hooked before it was worked alongside the Volushia and there someone gaffed it. Lines were slipped over its head and with much exertion on the part of half dozen men it was hoisted to the dock.

More than 50 photographs were made of the catch. The other Erwin men in the party were V. S. Swanson, H. A. Best and J. C. Byrd.

## THE GREEN SWAMP

### Brunswick County's Botanical Garden

The Green Swamp, located in Brunswick County, in the southeasternmost corner of North Carolina, is of national significance and international interest. It offers an amazing display of carnivorous plant life and serves as a valuable resource for observation and research.

The Green Swamp is an extensive wetland ecosystem in which pine wiregrass savannahs and dense evergreen shrub bogs or "pocosins" comprise the prime natural communities. Both of these vegetative types are dependent on an abundant water supply, long periods of time during which the soil is waterlogged, and periodic fires. Beginning in mid-May through September, the savannahs produce incredible displays of carnivorous plants. These include a variety of pitcher-plants, sundews, bladderworts, and the endemic Venus flytrap. Other showy plants, such as orchids and irises, accentuate the setting with splashes of color.

The Green Swamp's wildlife community contributes to the significance of the area. The American alligator, Bachman's warbler, and the red-cockaded woodpecker are all listed in the Federal Register as endangered species.

Prehistoric Indian culture is evident in the Swamp through the presence of recently discovered potsherd fragments. At present, there are five known archeological sites within the boundaries of the swamp. These sites are significant since they provide the only known information to early man's past use of the area.

The Green Swamp area itself, originally about 200,000 acres, was always sparsely populated. It was named for John Green, a property owner who lived there prior to the Revolutionary War. In 1795, it was appraised at 4.2 cents per acre when the State of North Carolina deeded the land to private individuals. After several ownership changes, much of the original property was purchased in 1861 by the Green Swamp Company which initiated large scale logging operations. A survey in 1870 indicated that resources were considerable. Dominate species were gum and cypress.

Until the turn of the century, swamp vegetation was modified mainly by periodic natural fires and some selective cutting. By 1937, however, most of the forest areas had been cut over which drastically changed the area's ecology. Drainage operations in the northern part of the swamp transferred large sections into tree plantations. The Federal Paper Board converted thousands of acres into cultivation of loblolly pine.

Prior to 1937, railroads and steam skidders were used to bring out the timber since very few roads existed. A civilian Conservation Corps Camp was built that year near the present Bolton Fire Tower for the purpose of road construction. The "CCC" boys built a road from Supply to Bolton, most of which serves as the foundation of Highway NC 211.

In 1974, a portion of the unspoiled Green Swamp was designated by the President and the U.S. Congress as a National Natural Landmark. Until July 1977, this 24,800-acre tract was held in ownership by the Federal Paper Board Company of New York and Bolton, NC. At this time the Federal Paper Board Company donated 13,850 acres of the southern half of the landmark to The North Carolina Nature Conservancy to be held in perpetuity for the people of North Carolina. The gift of land was assessed at \$289 per acre.

The Algonquin Indian word, "pocosin," described areas "...where water backs up, as in spring freshets, or in the rainy season, which by reason of such happening became necessarily more or less marshy or boggy." No description could be more appropos for the Green Swamp which features long hydroperiods, large expanses of evergreen shrub bogs and scattered patches of low-lying, poorly-drained savannahs.

Scattered pine savannahs in the Swamp provide an element of diversity rather lacking in the pocosin plant community. Savannahs occur on mineral soil, are maintained by frequent fires and have the shortest

hydroperiods. An open canopy of longleaf pine with a hummocky ground cover of wiregrass characterizes the vegetative types. However, an unusual diversity of herbaceous species in the ground cover give the savannahs increased significance in terms of valued natural resources. Among these are 14 species of carnivorous plants. The Green Swamp is believed to be the only remaining natural area where all 14 species occurring in southeast North Carolina can be found.

The pine savannahs harbor at least 10 species of orchids, as well as sedges, fern, club-moss, cane huckleberry and others. As least 112 common species of plants are associated with pine-wiregrass savannahs.

The Swamp is the only site where all 21 species of sphagnum moss found on the North Carolina coastal plain occur.

### CARNIVOROUS PLANTS FOUND IN THE GREEN SWAMP

Dionaea muscipula	Venus Flytrap
Drosera capillaris	sundew
Drosera intermedia	sundew
Pinguicula caerulea	butterwort
Pinguicula lutea	butterwort
Utricularia cornuta	bladderwort
Utricularia juncea	bladderwort
Utricularia purpurea	bladderwort
Utricularia subulata	bladderwort
Utricularia inflata	bladderwort
Sarracenia flava	pitcher-plant
Sarracenia minor	pitcher-plant
Sarracenia purpurea	pitcher-plant
Sarracenia rubra	pitcher-plant

### OTHER PLANT LIFE

slash pine	water lilies	dwarf crested iris (snake tongue)
cinnamon fern	sweet magnolia (bay)	smooth meadow beauty
yellow fringeless orchid	sphagnum moss	rough-leaf loosestrife
longleaf pine	titi	myrtle-leaf holly
pond pine	swamp cypress	atlantic white cedar
black gum	bayberry	carolina grass-of-parnassus
sedges	savannah cowbane	wireleaf dropseed
Cooley's meadowrue	pineland plantain	white fringed orchid
wiregrass	peat moss	loblolly pine
gallberry	savanna possum tails	carolina goldenrod
savanna indigo-bush	spoonflower	yucca ( beargrass )

### WEB ADDRESSES

[www.tnc.org](http://www.tnc.org)

<http://capefearorchid.wilmington.org/>



Clemmons (Women) Marriages  
Brunswick County, NC Courthouse  
Bolivia, NC

John W. **Coleman**, age 22 and Fannie P. **Clemmons**, age 20 married November 29, 1894

Ephram **Cumbee**, age 23 and Mary **Clemmons**, age 22 married September 4, 1901

David H. **Caison**, age 24 and Winnie **Clemmons**, age 21 married June 1, 1902

Tom W. **Brown**, age 21 and Letta **Clemmons**, age 20 married September 20, 1903

Archibald **Evans** and Martha **Clemmons** married November 24, 1853

William **Fulford**, age 23 and Rebecca O. **Clemmons**, age 18 married October 28, 1900

Stephen L. **Hewett** and Mary E. **Clemmons** married February 24, 1867

Ephriam **Holden** and Lydia Ann **Clemmons** married November 20, 1871

L.K.W. **Hewett**, age 25 and Rebecca A. **Clemmons**, age 26 married February 11, 1885

D.W. **Hewett**, age 23 and Beckie **Clemmons**, age 18 married March 2, 1893

James M. **Hewett**, age 24 and Emlae F. **Clemmons**, age 21 married April 9, 1899

Thomas W. **Lewis** and Sarah **Clemmons** married September 24, 1859

Jessie **Long**, age 32 and Henrietta **Clemmons**, age 20 married December 25, 1884 by  
Rev. R.J. Long at the home of A.B. Clemmons; Witnesses: W.H. Woodard and J.F.  
Jacobs

Walter **Leonard**, age 28 and Maggie **Clemmons**, age 21 married August 4, 1904

J.H. **Milliken**, age 30 and Sarah A. **Clemmons**, age 25 married March 10, 1889

Vernon **Newman**, age 22 and Katie **Clemmons**, age 16 married June 13, 1901 at Goose  
Marsh

W.H. **Phelps**, age 26 and M.A. **Clemmons**, age 24 married July 7, 1889 at home of L.  
Clemmons

Frank **Potter**, age 22 and Mary **Clemmons**, age 21 married November 4, 1904

Charles W. **Roberson**, age 60 and Mary J. **Clemmons**, age 40 married May 21, 1875 at  
home of Thomas Clemmons; Witness: Nancy Clemmons

Robert M. **Stanley**, age 26 and Emma R. **Clemmons**, age 23 married September 7, 1902

David **Washburn** and Alsie **Clemmons** married January 2, 1871

Marion **Brown**, age 30 and Rebecca A. **Clemmons**, age 28 married September 3, 1919 at Bolivia, NC

Willie **Brown**, age 22 and Dorothy **Clemmons**, age 21 married May 6, 1930

A.A. **Cumbee**, age 39 and Addie **Clemmons**, age 19 married October 28, 1925

J.C. **Fulbright**, age 20 and Ada **Clemmons**, age 19 married December 24, 1919

Newman **Fulford**, age 22 and Edna **Clemmons**, age 23 married October 9, 1921

Rufus **Ganey**, age 21 and Bettie W. **Clemmons**, age 18 married February 13, 1913

Eugene H. **Gray**, age 32 and Mittie **Clemmons**, age 26 married January 23, 1915

Albert M. **Hewett**, age 23 and Eva L. **Clemmons**, age 20 married August 5, 1913

W.R. **Holden**, age 23 and Katie S. **Clemmons**, age 29 married March 30, 1915

Frank **Holden**, age 25 and Rosa D. **Clemmons**, age 20 married January 18, 1919

Henry **Floyd**, age 27 and Etta L. **Clemmons**, age 21 married July 7, 1923

Alton **Hewett**, age 21 and Myra **Clemmons**, age 17 married August 8, 1926

Willie **Hewett**, age 22 and Lillian **Clemmons**, age 19 married December 22, 1926

Willie **Henry**, age 21 and Orena **Clemmons**, age 16 married July 19, 1927

Willie O. **Miles**, age 38 and Ioda **Clemmons**, age 19 married July 2, 1927

( F. or T. ) P. **McKeithan**, age 25 and Bessie **Clemmons**, age 20 married October 15, 1916

Joe **McDonald**, age 22 and G. Lida **Clemmons**, age 17 married December 2, 1922

George B. **Phelps**, age 37 and Bertha **Clemmons**, age 24 married May 11, 1919

Frank B. **Privett**, age 20 and Beulah **Clemmons**, age 18 married June 12, 1922

V.P. **Robinson**, age 26 and Linnie **Clemmons**, age 24 married February 16, 1913

J.O. **Smith**, age 22 and Olivia I. **Clemmons**, age 18 married June 16, 1907

S.W. **Smith**, age 45 and Othelia **Clemmons**, age 16 married October 2, 1912

E.E. **Sellers**, age 30 and Lizzie **Clemmons**, age 25 married October 18, 1914

G.C. **Swain**, age 28 and Jewell **Clemmons**, age 18 married August 30, 1916

J.A. **Singletary**, age 43 and Ester **Clemmons**, age 22 married April 13, 1917

S.C. **Swain**, age 26 and Myrtle **Clemmons**, age 17 married April 25, 1917

O. D. **Sellers**, age 24 and Letha **Clemmons**, age 20 married April 24, 1918

Clyde A. **Simmons**, age 25 and Vera **Clemmons**, age 20 married April 29, 1927

Joseph P. **Vaught**, age 22 and Catherine **Clemmons**, age 18 married December 15, 1915

Edgar C. **Woodbery, Jr.**, age 27 and Susie W. **Clemmons**, age 22 married March 18, 1909

David **Wigner**, age 37 and Lucy **Clemmons**, age 25 married October 25, 1919

Z.M. **Williams**, age 26 and Bessie M. **Clemmons**, age 19 married February 2, 1921

#### BRUNSWICK SHERIFF REPORTS STILL RAIDS

Wilmington Morning Star, Wilmington, NC  
Friday, February 22, 1957

SHALLOTTE, Feb.21—Some of the Brunswick County moonshiners have had tough luck, lately, according to the law enforcement officers. A man was charged with having equipment for making whiskey, Deputy Sheriff M. L. Galloway said. The still was destroyed, and about 700 gallons of mash, ready to run, was poured out. The still was of wooden sides and copper top and bottom style, with the worm type condenser, and was of three barrel capacity. Galloway was assisted in the raid by Deputy Sheriff Henry Pike.

In another raid the sheriff's department and a number of federal agents combined to destroy a large booze plant. About 6,000 gallons of mash was poured out, and the officer said this still required 65 bags of sugar and 25 bags of wheat middlings for a single operation. No arrests were made.

Sheriff Gray reported the raiding of another still near the city limits of Southport last Tuesday. No operators were present, and no arrests were made, but the still was destroyed and 250 gallons of mash was poured out.

## DIED SATURDAY NIGHT

Mr. J. H. White, Shallotte's Oldest Resident Dies of Bright's Disease

From the *Brunswick County News*, January, 1916

Mr. J. H. White, the oldest and one of the most highly respected citizens of Shallotte, died Saturday night about 11 o'clock at his home here with Bright's Disease.

Mr. White had been in bad health for several months, but was able to be up until about four weeks before his death, when he was confined to his room. At first it was thought that he would be able to overcome his sickness, having a strong constitution, but about a week before his death he began to sink fast and the physicians in attendance knew it was only a matter of time until death would relieve him of his suffering.

Mr. White was a man with an iron constitution and no one knew the pain he suffered during his last days on earth, although several days before the end came he called several of his children and grand-children to his bedside and told them that he would never be well again, seeming to realize that he could never overcome the disease.

Mr. White was a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church. (Editor's note: Today Chapel Hill Baptist Church is known as First Baptist Church, Shallotte, NC.)

He was one of the most successful business men in this community, having been interested in the mercantile business in Shallotte for many years. He was also a large land owner and was one of Brunswick County's most prosperous farmers. He was a director of the Citizens Bank of Shallotte, having served in this capacity since its establishment in 1911.

Mr. White was born in Brunswick County, in Shallotte Township, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1839, and would have been 77 years of age had he lived 13 days longer. (Editor's note: Mr. J. H. White died January 8, 1916.) He spent his entire life in Brunswick County except for a period of some four years spent in Virginia during the Civil War. He enlisted in the Confederate Army at the outbreak of the war and was a member of Company G, 20<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment. He was united in marriage to Miss Malissa Arnold in 1859, who died in May, 1887. To this union was born 13 children, 7 girls and 6 boys. He also had 35 grand-children and 27 great-grand-children.

Mr. White was the oldest child of a family of seven children, two girls and five boys, three of whom are still living; Messrs. A. S., F. M., and F. P. White, all of Shallotte.

Mr. White's family are long livers, his father being in his eighties when he died, and his mother, who died only a few years ago, was 84 at the time of her death.

Besides the grand children, great-grand-children, brothers and a host of friends left to mourn his loss are nine children, who are as follows: Mrs. A. A. Milliken, Mrs. J. A. Stanley, Mrs. Bascum Stanley, Mrs. J. B. Gray, Mrs. Ann Gore; Messrs. H. T. White, M. L. White and Grant White, of this place, and Mrs. Rebecca Russ of Sanford, S. C. (Editor's note: Could this be Sanford, N. C.?)

The remains were entered (sic) in Lebew Cemetery Monday morning at 11 o'clock, with Rev. J. I. Stone conducting the burial service.

MRS. WILLIAM R. GOLEY DIES IN SHALLOTTE

From the *Brunswick County News*, March 5, 1923

Died at her home in Shallotte early Monday morning Mrs. Lula Goley, wife of Dr. William R. Goley. Mrs. Goley was born at Shallotte January 15, 1884 and was 39 years old at the time of her death.

Just with the awakening of a new day she went to sleep like a tired child. It was just as the birds carolled the coming of the morning and just as the rosy fingers of the orb of day tinted the eastern sky with a sheen of glory. Surely a most fitting time for a pure spirit to take its flight heavenward.

None but these who have sat in the shadow of a great bereavement can justly weigh such a sorrow as this. Those who have gone down into the valley of suffering and stood by the side of a loved one, as hope after hope dropped away as the petals fall from a fading flower, know that such anguish cannot find solace in the tenderest words. She who has gone forth could not be supported on her solitary path by any earthly friend. The husband, with a devotion few men are capable of, whose strength and skill was given freely and tenderly, whose heroic devotion never faltered, could not detain her by the clasp of earthly love; but after the last word had been spoken, the last sign of recognition was gone, a look of peace settled on her face which proclaimed victory, and he knew she was resting on a mighty arm.

Mrs. Goley was a victim of pneumonia, and was ill just a little more than two weeks.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. W. R. Goley, one brother Mr. W. C. White, and two sisters, Mrs. L. A. Holden and Mrs. M. E. Chadwick.

"God touched her with His finger, and she slept," but not until a beautiful life was lived, a noble example of patience, fidelity to truth and faith were given. Not until visions of a heavenly life, in Christ Jesus, had cheered and illumed the valley of the shadow. And now, that she sleeps, memory takes up the harp of life, and smiting the strings, finds that her virtues melt into music. So it ever is, when a life is nobly and devinely (sic) lived.

Life will never be quite the same to those who knew her, while those who were nearest to her will long for her with unutterable longings --- a wife and sister's gentle and loving sympathy.

The flowers were many and beautiful. Flowers seem to be the best emblem we have to express love, for we wreath them around the cradle, the marriage altar and the tomb. Thus would we leave her and in memory keep her, as sweetly reposing among the beautiful and fragrant flowers.

W. R. Holmes

**Comstock Now Working On Bar  
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The U. S. E. Dredge Somstock {sic} arrived last week from Georgetown, S. C. and now is engaged in dredging operations at the Cape Fear river bar. It is not known just how long she will remain here.