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AUGUST MEETING TO BE HELD AT BEMC IN SUPPLY, NC AUGUST 13, 2007 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 meeting begins at 7:30 P. M. Refreshments will be served at 7:15 P. M. **We always meet the 2nd Monday in February, May, August and November.**

The speakers will be Jim McNeil. Jim has a Nuclear Engineering Consulting business. He has written a book "Masters of the Shoals" and has a presentation on Cape Fear Pilots during the Civil War.

The Treasurer reports a bank balance of \$1,821.45. This bank balance is as of August 1, 2007. The editor prints and mails the Newsletter before the August bank statement arrives. Total membership stands at 74. This includes 19 Life Members. Newsletters are sent to 5 libraries, 1 historical society and 1 state historic site. For \$100 one can become a life member and never have to worry about dues again. Today, this is truly a bargain. Talk with your friends and invite them to the next meeting. Don't assume they know about the society. We are receiving good publicity due to Jarvis Baillargeon and the meeting notices he places in area newspapers.

Society Officers 2007-2009

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MISSION STATEMENT: To collect, preserve, study, evaluate and publicize the history of Brunswick County, NC. To devote meetings to presentation of materials about Brunswick County and the Lower Cape Fear through lectures, slides, and discussion. To publish a newsletter which contains news of the Society's activities, research papers and articles that pertain to genealogy.

SCHOONER CLARENCE H. SUNK AND ALL ABOARD FILL A WATERY GRAVE

Wednesday, December 9, 1903

(From an unknown newspaper)

The most terrible disaster that has taken place on our coast in many years was the loss of the coasting schooner Clarence H., bound from Shallotte to Wilmington, on Wednesday night. The drowning of all on board consisted of Captain Lucian Hewett, Mate Morris Caison, Cook Walker Hewett, and two passengers, Captain William E. and James P. Lewis.

The little vessel sailed out of Shallotte bar Wednesday afternoon about one o'clock. At that time only a light wind was blowing from the northwest, but as night approached the velocity of the wind increased, and by nine o'clock a stiff gale was blowing, accompanied by a heavy sea. Sometime before midnight the vessel capsized. The last seen of her was by the crew of the schooner C. D. Maffitt, both having come out of the Shallotte bar at about the same time. At dark the Clarence H. was about a half-mile in advance. Shortly before the little craft, bottom up with both masts out, washed ashore nearly abreast of the Cape Fear Life Saving Station, this being the only tidings of her after the darkness closed in and shut her from the view of the crew of the C. D. Maffitt.

Early Thursday morning the body of Captain William E. Lewis washed ashore near where the wreck came in and was recovered by the Life Saving crew. Up to the present time this is the only body that had been recovered out of the five that met what must have been a very tragic death, though the particulars will never be known.

The entire crew, with the exception of Captain William E. Lewis, who lived at Federal Point, were from Shallotte. The two Captains were married men with large families, while the other three unfortunate ones were all young men under thirty years of age and unmarried.

The Clarence H. was owned by Messrs. Jackson Stanaland and W. A. Frink, of Shallotte, and Messrs. C. N. Leonard and W. H. Phillips, of Wilmington. She was making a special trip to carry the furniture and household effects of Mr. W. H. Phillips to Wilmington, who had recently removed there from Shallotte. This with several bales of cotton and a few barrels of rosin, consisted the cargo. It was at first thought that the entire cargo would be lost, but some of the cotton, which drifted on the beach, and a small amount of Mr. Phillip's furniture has been saved. The last named was secured by cutting a hole through the bottom of the vessel and taking it out of her.

The body of Captain William E. Lewis was brought over to Southport on Thursday and interred here on Saturday. His family and a number of other relatives arrived here on Friday and attended the funeral on Saturday, the services having been conducted at the grave by Rev. Euclid McWhorter.

FIVE WERE DROWNED

(The Morning Star, Wilmington, NC, Friday, December 11, 1903)

While attempting to get over the bar into a safe harbor in the teeth of a stiff northwest gale late Wednesday night, the coasting schooner "Clarence H.," bound from Shallotte, Brunswick County, to Wilmington, with a cargo of general merchandise, capsized off the mouth of the Cape Fear river and all hands aboard, including crew of three and two passengers, all white, were drowned. The drowned men are: Capt. Lucian Hewett, of Shallotte, master of the vessel, unmarried and aged about 28 years. Mate Morris Caison, of Shallotte, unmarried and aged about 26 years. Cook Robinson, son of Mr. Hartford Robinson, a well-to-do citizen of Brunswick county, aged about 20. (Note this information differs from the previous article.) Capt. James Lewis, of Brunswick county, a passenger, aged about 45 years and man of a family and former master of the sharpie "C. D. Maffitt." Capt. William Lewis, of Federal Point, a brother of Capt. James Lewis, aged about 38 years and a well known fisherman.

The wrecked sharpie was built a year ago last Summer. Mr. R. V. Leonard, of Wilmington, was the agent for the schooner. She is 54 feet long, 14 ½ feet wide, four feet deep and was 14 net tons register. Her value is about \$1,500, with no insurance. Of course, however, she will not be a total loss.

The steamer "Franklin Pierce," which arrived yesterday morning, left Shallotte after the departure of the schooner and Capt. Kermon said he passed her only a short ways out. It is supposed that the gale struck the little craft and the sails were so manipulated that she turned over. The wreck on the island gave every evidence of that having been the fate of the craft.

The wreck is in charge of Capt. J. E. Robinson, of the schooner "Bessie Moore," who has been engaged by the owners to look after their interest until Messrs. Phillips, Leonard, and others from here can go down this morning. The cargo is valued at from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Mr. Phillips and wife, who were here awaiting the arrival of their household effects, were left with only the apparel they are wearing. The most of the property is expected to be found intact in the hold of the vessel, but, of course, will be ruined by the water.

AFTERMATH OF THE WRECK

(This article appeared in the Weekly Star, Wilmington, NC. Friday, December 18, 1903)

Mr. R. V. Leonard, Wilmington agent of the schooner "Clarence H," which capsized off Cape Fear bar, and Mr. J. W. Brooks have returned from the scene of the wreck. They were joined there Friday by the other owners and together they cut a hole in the bottom of the overturned schooner and found several barrels of rosin and other portions of the cargo. There was no trace of the four drowned men whose bodies have not been recovered. Messrs. Stanland and Frink were left in charge and yesterday Mr. Leonard received information that two bales of cotton and several barrels of rosin had floated ashore on Bald Head.

Whether the vessel can be saved will not be known until Monday. Messrs. Frink and Stanland expected to take out the bottom of the schooner yesterday and ascertain whether the deck beams are all right. If so, the hull will be saved. The cabin, masts and rigging were all cut off the schooner when she went over. From a general view of the wreck it is believed that when the gale came, Capt. Wm. Lewis was at the wheel and the four other men were in the cabin. Capt. Lewis' body is the only one recovered, and across his forehead were indications of a heavy blow, probably caused by a mast striking him as the vessel went over. A physician of Southport, who made an examination of the body before it was sent to Shallotte for interment, said there was no evidence of water in the lungs as is usual when drowning occurs. The other men went overboard with the cabin.

Last night a brother of Capt. Hewett was looking for the body along the beach, but there had been no developments at nightfall. The tug "Blanche" which came up yesterday afternoon, brought a trunk and a bundle of household goods belonging to Mr. W. H. Phillips and which were a part of the ruined cargo.

USS JOHN L. WILLIAMSON (DE-370) NAMED FOR BRUNSWICK COUNTY NATIVE

John Leon Williamson was born November 5, 1921 in Ash, North Carolina. He was the son of John Bunion Williamson and Loverage Bennett. "Bunn" Williamson was one of the Bug Hill (Columbus County, NC) Williamson clan. Lovie Bennett was the daughter of William Mintz Bennett and Frances Victoria Cannon from the Hickmans Crossroads area of Brunswick County.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY – NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER
805 KIDDER BREESE SE – WASHINGTON NAVY YARD
WASHINGTON DC 20374-5060

John L. Williamson

John Leon Williamson was born 5 November 1921 in Ash, N.C., and enlisted in the Navy at Raleigh 11 July 1940. After recruit training, he was assigned to cruiser *San Francisco*. Williamson was on board the fighting cruiser during the attack on Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941 and the initial American amphibious assault of the war on Guadalcanal. He also took part in the American victory at the night Battle of Cape Esperance in October. On 12 November 1942 one of the many Japanese attempts to bombard American positions in the Solomons and to reinforce their own garrisons there resulted another great battle, the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal. Before the main engagement, *San Francisco* (CA-38) and other ships were attacked by torpedo bombers off Guadalcanal. Williamson, an antiaircraft gunner fired at an approaching torpedo plane, remaining at his station with cool determination as the enemy aircraft crashed directly at his gun mount. For his great courage in the face of this attack, Seaman First Class Williamson was awarded the Navy cross posthumously.

(DE-370: dp. 1,350; l. 306'; b. 36'8"; dr. 9'5"; s. 24 k.; cpl. 186; a. 2 5", 4 40mm., 10 20mm., 2 dct, 8 dep., 1 dep., (h.h.), 321"tt; cl. *John C. Butler*)

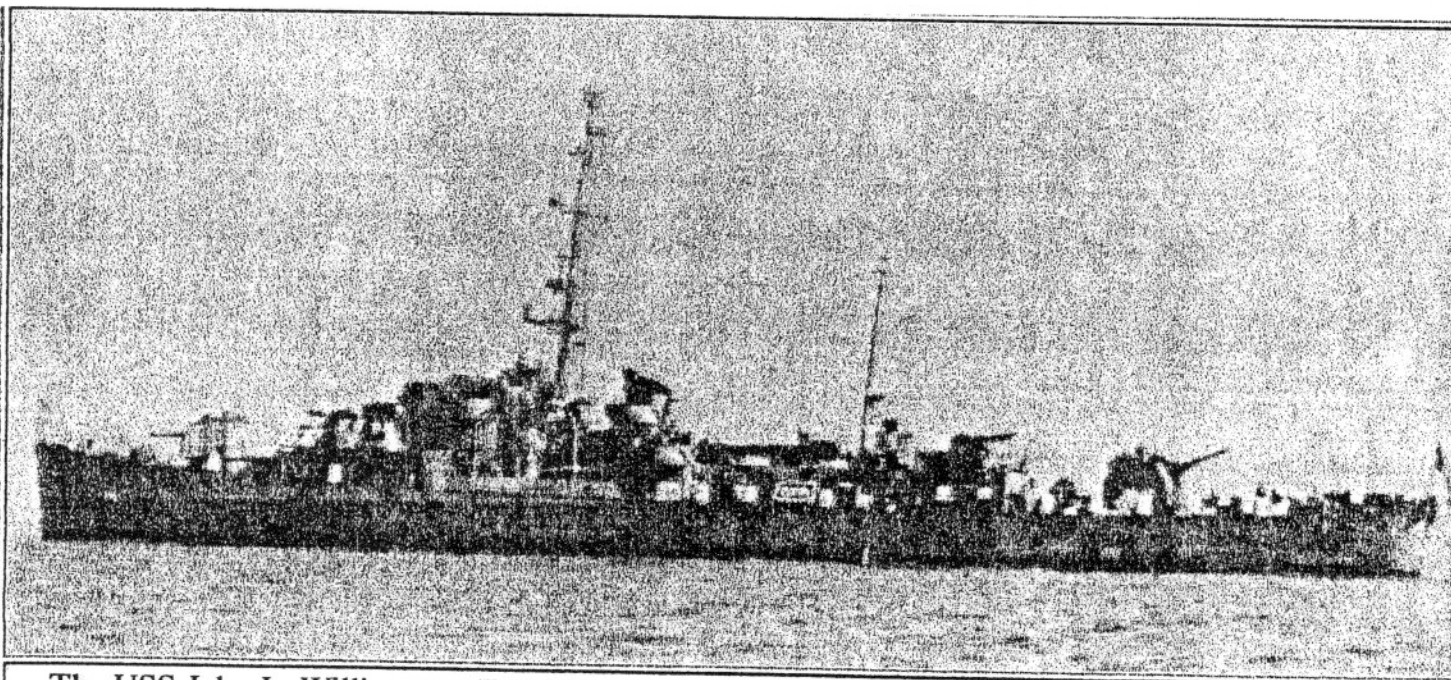
John L. Williamson (DE-370) was laid down 22 May 1944 by Consolidated Steel Corp., Orange, Tex.; launched 29 August 1944; sponsored by Mrs. Sherman Register, sister of Seaman First Class Williamson; and commissioned 31 October 1944, Lt. Comdr. J. E. Allen in command.

Following shakedown training in waters off Bermuda, the new escort vessel arrived Boston 21 December 1945. Early in 1945 she received orders to join the Pacific Fleet, and got underway 3 January to steam via the Panama Canal to San Diego. There she arrived 19 January, and moved on to Pearl Harbor 28 January for training exercises. As Allied amphibious assaults struck ever-closer to Japan, *John L. Williamson* sailed 2 March with a convoy for Iwo Jima, arriving 20 March after a stop at Eniwetok. She took up antisubmarine patrol around the island for 4 days and anchored again at Eniwetok 28 March 1945.

After serving on a brief antisubmarine patrol off Eniwetok, the ship steamed to Majuro 5 April and for the next 3 weeks operated in the Marshall Islands. Air strikes and shore bombardments combined with surrender demands over loudspeakers were used to induce Japanese holdouts to give themselves up. *John L. Williamson* fired at shore batteries and emplacements at Mill, Alu, and other islands, taking off scores of prisoners and natives from these bypassed islands. She sailed from Majuro 24 April, and arrived Ulithi 5 days later for picket duty.

John L. Williamson remained on patrol duty around Ulithi with an occasional escort voyage to Eniwetok with troop transports until departing 15 July with a large convoy for Okinawa. She arrived Okinawa 21 July during the final stages of this, the last great island fight of the war, and after 2 days patrolling off the transport area returned to Ulithi 27 July. The ship made one more escort voyage to Okinawa in August, and was at anchor at Ulithi when the Japanese accepted surrender terms 15 August.

The destroyer escort sailed 22 August for Okinawa and Japan, arriving Wakayama 14 September to escort ships through the swept channel and aid in occupation operations. After screening flight operations off Japan, she carried out courier duties between Wakayama and Yokosuka until she sailed for the United States 2 January 1946. *John L. Williamson* arrived San Francisco 22 January 1946 and decommissioned 14 June 1946 at San Diego. She entered the Pacific Reserve Fleet there and in January 1947 was transferred to Stockton, Calif., where she remains.



The USS *John L. Williamson* (DE-370) in an undated photograph, but probably in 1946. Equipped with the weapons found on a typical Butler-class DE. The antenna arrangement, however, is unusual in that she is equipped with the *new* SU surface-search radar *and* is still equipped with the HF/DF mounted on the aft mast. In that respect, she had both the *newest* and *oldest* equipment available.

Descendants of James Williamson

Generation No. 1

1. JAMES¹ WILLIAMSON was born Abt. 1825. He married REBECCA GORE. She was born Jun 1829, and died 28 May 1898.

Child of JAMES WILLIAMSON and REBECCA GORE is:

2. i. JOHN W.² WILLIAMSON, b. 31 Aug 1855; d. 03 Nov 1920.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN W.² WILLIAMSON (*JAMES¹*) was born 31 Aug 1855, and died 03 Nov 1920. He married SARAH MARGARET BENTON. She was born 28 Sep 1862, and died 10 Mar 1919.

Child of JOHN WILLIAMSON and SARAH BENTON is:

3. i. JOHN BUNION³ WILLIAMSON, b. 07 Aug 1889, Columbus County, NC; d. 10 Jan 1971.

Generation No. 3

3. JOHN BUNION³ WILLIAMSON (*JOHN W.², JAMES¹*) was born 07 Aug 1889 in Columbus County, NC, and died 10 Jan 1971. He married LOVERAGE BENNETT 06 Jun 1912 in Brunswick County, NC, daughter of WILLIAM BENNETT and FRANCES CANNON. She was born 08 Mar 1894 in Brunswick County, NC, and died 27 Nov 1937 in Brunswick County, NC.

More About JOHN BUNION WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Bennett Town Cemetery, Hickman's Crossroads, Shallotte, NC

More About LOVERAGE BENNETT:

Burial: Bennett Town Cemetery, Hickman's Crossroads, Shallotte, NC

Children of JOHN WILLIAMSON and LOVERAGE BENNETT are:

4. i. ULYSSES GRANT⁴ WILLIAMSON, b. 05 Aug 1913, Brunswick County, NC; d. 06 Mar 1982, Brunswick County, NC.
5. ii. MADALINE WILLIAMSON, b. 01 Nov 1917, Brunswick County, NC; d. 15 Oct 1954, Brunswick County, NC.
- iii. EDMUND HOLLIS WILLIAMSON, b. 04 Aug 1918, Brunswick County, NC; d. 03 Feb 1948.

More About EDMUND HOLLIS WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Bennett Town Cemetery, Hickman's Crossroads, Shallotte, NC

6. iv. ODELL WILLIAMSON, b. 21 Nov 1919, Brunswick County, NC.
- v. JOHN LEON WILLIAMSON, b. 05 Nov 1921, Brunswick County, NC; d. 12 Nov 1942, Solomon Islands.
- vi. WALTER EARL WILLIAMSON, b. 14 Dec 1923, Brunswick County, NC; d. 07 Nov 1925.

More About WALTER EARL WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Bennett Town Cemetery, Hickman's Crossroads, Shallotte, NC

- vii. WILLIAM CURTIS WILLIAMSON, b. 13 Feb 1927, Brunswick County, NC.
- viii. GLENN NORWOOD WILLIAMSON, b. 27 Jul 1929, Brunswick County, NC; d. 24 Oct 1976, Brunswick County, NC; m. MARY VALDENA MILLIKEN; b. 25 Dec 1929, Brunswick County, NC.

More About GLENN NORWOOD WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Brunswick Memorial Gardens, Shallotte, NC

Generation No. 4

4. ULYSSES GRANT⁴ WILLIAMSON (*JOHN BUNION³, JOHN W.², JAMES¹*) was born 05 Aug 1913 in Brunswick County, NC, and died 06 Mar 1982 in Brunswick County, NC². He married (1) LOUISE BULLARD. She died Aft. 1982. He married (2) FRANCES E. BOYD. She was born Abt. 1914 in Brunswick County, NC.

More About ULYSSES GRANT WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Manly Bennett Cemetery, Hickman's Crossroads, Shallotte, NC

Children of ULYSSES WILLIAMSON and FRANCES BOYD are:

- i. MARJORIE L.⁵ WILLIAMSON, b. 04 Nov 1933; d. 04 Nov 1937.

More About MARJORIE L. WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Bennett Town Cemetery, Hickman's Crossroads, Shallotte, NC

- ii. KENNETH RAY WILLIAMSON, b. 1937; d. 1956.

5. MADALINE⁴ WILLIAMSON (*JOHN BUNION³, JOHN W.², JAMES¹*) was born 01 Nov 1917 in Brunswick County, NC, and died 15 Oct 1954 in Brunswick County, NC. She married SHERMAN JOSEPH REGISTER. He was born 31 Oct 1919 in Brunswick County, NC, and died 15 Oct 1954 in Brunswick County, NC.

More About MADALINE WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Gurganus Cemetery, Shallotte Point, Shallotte, NC

More About SHERMAN JOSEPH REGISTER:

Burial: Gurganus Cemetery, Shallotte Point, Shallotte, NC

Children of MADALINE WILLIAMSON and SHERMAN REGISTER are:

- i. SHERMAN LEON⁵ REGISTER, b. 27 Jan 1944, Brunswick County, NC; d. 15 Oct 1954, Brunswick County, NC.
- ii. SONJA REGISTER.

6. ODELL⁴ WILLIAMSON (*JOHN BUNION³, JOHN W.², JAMES¹*) was born 21 Nov 1919 in Brunswick County, NC. He married VIRGINIA COX, daughter of OLEN COX and MARTHA TODD. She was born 30 Oct 1922.

Children of ODELL WILLIAMSON and VIRGINIA COX are:

- i. ODELL DECAROL⁵ WILLIAMSON, m. SARA JANICE MCBRYDE, 22 Sep 1979, Brunswick County, NC.
- ii. LADANE WILLIAMSON, m. WILLIAM THOMAS BULLINGTON, JR., 21 Dec 1975, Brunswick County, NC³.
- iii. INFANT SON WILLIAMSON, b. 08 Feb 1946, Brunswick County, NC; d. 09 Feb 1946, Brunswick County, NC.

More About INFANT SON WILLIAMSON:

Burial: Bennett Town Cemetery, Hickman's Crossroads, Shallotte, NC

Endnotes

1. "Brunswick County, NC Courthouse, Register of Deeds", Death Book 63, Page 143.
2. "Brunswick County, NC Courthouse, Register of Deeds", Death Book 69, Page 28.
3. "Brunswick County, NC Courthouse, Register of Deeds", Marriage Book 75, Page 127.

THE
HOLY BIBLE
containing
THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

Translated out of the original tongues
And with the former Translations Diligently Compared
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1832

This Bible was the property of Eliza Gold Frink and now in
possession of Bessie Mae Stover Frink (Mrs. Benjamin J.)
1611 Doncaster Drive, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309

FAMILY RECORD

<p>Andrew Son of George Gold was born 28th Sept. 1806</p>	<p>Andrew L. Gold and Margaret Ann Morse was married 28 June 1832</p>
<p>Margaret Ann Daughter of Bryant & Eleaor Gause was born 29th June 1812</p>	<p>Andrew L. Gold deceased the 1st of Oct. A.D. 1833</p>
<p>Eliza Landers Gold Daughter of Andrew L. & Margaret Ann Gold was born May the 1, A.D. 1833</p>	<p>Uriah Morse died the 10 of May 1853</p>
	<p>Mrs. Margaret Ann Morse died the 21st December 1875</p>
<p>Uriah son of Francis and Fanny Morse was born March the 5 1796</p>	<p>James M. Morse died Oct. 15, 1877</p>
	<p>Virginia Morse died April 16th 1852</p>
<p>Uriah Morse was married to Margaret Gold the 22 day of April 1834</p>	<p>James M. Morse was married to Jane B. Latham May 23, 1859</p>
<p>Their childrens ages</p>	<p>Childrens ages</p>
<p>Ellenor was born March the 1, 1835</p>	<p>Margaret Sept. 2, 1860</p>
<p>Edward August 27, 1836</p>	<p>Marion E. Sept. 1, 1861</p>
<p>Columbia May 25, 1838</p>	<p>Florida Lee July 28, 1865</p>
<p>James Oct. 2, 1839</p>	
<p>Ribbia February 25, 1842</p>	<p>John Morse was married to Annie E. Daniels Feb. 1, 1877</p>
<p>Francis Ann August 1, 1843</p>	
<p>Fanny Sept. 25, 1845</p>	
<p>Francis Sept. 25, 1845</p>	
<p>John August 2, 1849</p>	
<p>Virginia Dec. 2, 1851</p>	

Family Record

Marriages

Solomon B. Frink and Eliza L. Gold
was married May the 22nd 1851

Mary E. Frink was married to Jonas Wilson
Nov. 15, 1877

Births

Solomon B. Frink was born Feb. the 1, 1820

Eliza L. Gold wife of S. B. Frink was born May the 1, 1833

Margaret A. Frink was born Sept. the 17, 1852

Francis O. Frink was born January the 25, 1855

Mary E. Frink was born August the 17, 1857

Doctor S. Frink was born February the 22, 1860

Anne V. Frink was born July the 28 , 1862

Ander G. Frink was born March the 18th, 1865

Wm. P. Frink was born July the 23, 1869

Sallie J. Frink was born September the 26, 1872

E. W. Wilson was born September the 21, 1878

W. A. Bland was born March the 8, 1883

Deaths

Margaret A. Frink dauter of S. B. & Eliza Frink dide
August 17, 1859

Frances O. Bland Daughter of S. B. & Eliza Frink dide
Feb. 13, 1885

Mary E. Wilson, daughter of S. B. & Eliza Frink and wife
of Jonas Wilson died January 17, 1946

The above records were from two pages taken from another
Bible and placed in the Bible of Eliza Gold Frink.