



AND HOW WAS ROYAL GEORGE WILLIAMSON'S CHRISTMAS IN 1820?

This old 1900's Christmas card--soon to become antique--reveals the influence of the book *A CHRISTMAS CAROL* by Charles Dickens of the Victorian Era. There's the lantern, the holly, the snow, the lighted Christmas tree, the quaintly costumed family with children and a dog. The Church steeple looms in the background. (By the way I don't remember any particular dog in the *CAROL*, either). How much of this Christmas joy was foretold in Caswell County in the 1820's?

Fortunately we happen to have a book which is a primary source of historical information--an 1820's Store Accountbook. It is home-made and all written by hand. The date, name of customer, article purchased and price can be read now in spite of the age of the paper and ink. When the Richmond-Miles Museum was located in the Old Courthouse, CCHA members Robert (Bob) L. and Lois left it with us on loan. They said they had numbers of their ancestor, Royal George Williamson's Account Books for the remaining years of his life which ended in the mid 1850's. This precious volume may have been among the first books kept by Williamson and Nathaniel Lea, a physically-handicapped brother of George's wife, Rebecca Lea, daughter of the renowned "Cane-

brake" Lea who married Hannah Slade, dau. of Thomas, first in Caswell, in 1792. The last address we have of Bob and Lois Graham is 3267 Oak Ridge Circle, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092-654

Williamson & Lea (the brother-in-law had charge of the blacksmith shop) is known to have been in full swing at Melrose from 1820. The establishment filled the void left by the death of Jesse Carter at Semora (his Red House had been established right after the Revolution and the listing of his customers fills page after page on the Clerk of Court's account Books. When Thomas Slade died in 1798 he directed in his will that his tobacco be sold to Jesse Carter. It seems that Royal George was also an agent in dealing with the farmers' products. Williamson also had been an officer in forced sales and also would lend money to his patrons on occasion.

So, what did people buy from Williamson's on December 22, 1820 and we find that one Thomas Ray bought what seems to be a roll of knives and a roll of forks. We believe this was in anticipation of a Christmas feast at his humble log cabin, wherever it may have been. Is anybody out there looking for a Thomas Ray? Well, we had one. The following entry is for one William Sawyer who for himself bought 3 pounds of sugar, 1 paper of pins, and some ginger. The expression "for self" indicates merely that the person making the purchase was sent to get the family needs satisfied. By the way, how long has it been since you have seen "paper of pins"? There was a time, even in this just-passed century, when all sewing activity needed small, fairly long, straight pins. They came in long rows on a roll of stout paper and the seamstresses were not the only ones who sometimes had to resort to straight pins. There was a saying in the Slade household, for instance, that went, "My Marmie taught me never to take anything that didn't belong to me -- not even a pin." I have seen pins of this type used to fasten children's paper ornaments on their little Christmas trees for their dolls.

The third customer was Ralph Hubbard, member of a researched family of the vicinity. Wasn't he in the War of 1812? Maybe not. The comment is "for self" and the article is "one pair of fine shoes" Was this going to be for Thomasina, who, we believe, was his spouse? Glad to hear from you Hubbards.

Now on the 23rd of December, 1820, Shadrack Morton "for himself" bought 1 quart of whiskey. Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas, Shadrack! There were numbers of Mortons here in those days and we believe some work has been done on that line in Milton.

Next came William Montgomery who "for himself" purchased 1 nutmeg. Does anybody realize how these little spices that you had to grate-up by hand could add to the joys of Christmas? He also purchased two tumblers (nice antique everyday glasses) and one set of white plates. Tell me they weren't looking forward to a Christmas feast! By the way, we welcome more Montgomery information for our Family room. They had one of the best-known old mills here, you know.

It then seems that George Turner has sent by his un-named "boy" for 1 piece of unbleached cotton (bound to be sewed into a new shirt for The Day) and 12 lbs. of best sugar. We find there were three kinds of sugar you could get at the store; the ordinary grade may have been brown sugar and beside the "best" you could get "loaf" sugar. Festivity is just around the corner!

Now comes Archibald Ingraham "for self" and gets 1 nutmeg and what looks like 3 pounds of loaf sugar. He also is planning a little hunting with his 14 shot and the powder to go with them. He's mending the chicken-house (or maybe his dwelling) with 4 big cut nails. Is that knife he also bought to cut up a deer with? We'll never know.

What a busy Christmas Eve! Now comes John Scott, Jr. (There's a lady in Rockingham County who's been searching for Scotts for a long time. Is this one of yours?) Well, he wants 9 glass buttons (will somebody finish a garment in time?) and one currycomb. Will old Dobbin be surprised!

Well, look who's here! Ellis Carroll (for himself) and he buys 4 lbs. of sugar. There are still Caswell County Carrolls, by the way.

Here's Capt. John Lea who lives not too far off in what will later be the Old Jones House, and he buys for himself and Mrs. Lea 12 pounds of the best sugar.

Here comes another Montgomery, Abraham, and for self he buys 4 yards of fine cambric (somebody promised to make him a new shirt?)

Apparently William Richmond, Jr. and son borrow a small sum and weary George closes the store and does not open it on December 25th because there are no accounts recorded on that day but nobody can accuse George of being lazy--not then, not later. We would like an explanation of how this son of a Virginia gentleman named James who came to Caswell County in 1787 and died here at Locust Hill ever got the nickname "Royal". He was definitely not related to "Scotch Jim."

## MORE WILLIAMS

Since last NEWSLETTER, member Lewis M. Williams of 9606 Leaning Rock Circle, Austin, TX. 78730, has sent more information on the destruction of the cemetery where Robert Williams, early Governor of Mississippi, was buried. All the Caswell information we have seen about him seemed confused and contradictory, but the horrifying picture of what can happen to monuments when efforts are not made to prevent their destruction is cause for alarm and all historical bodies should be aware of what can happen.

The contributions of Anne Smith Neal of Locust Hill are always welcomed by the NEWSLETTER and on Sept. 17 Anne Neal wrote me her findings on a subject which she has addressed for many years as she lives near the home of Col. John Williams and near the burial place which Mr. Lewis Williams was able to visit this summer. She writes:

I have found that Nathaniel Williams, Sr., son of John the Emigrant, married Elizabeth (unknown), and their Bible record in the John Kerr Connally Kerr papers, UNC Library, Chapel Hill, N. C., shows:

John Williams, July 7, 1740  
 Nathaniel Williams born Oct. 1, 1742  
 Robert Williams born Mar. 27, 1744  
 Joseph Williams, born March 27, 1748  
 (MARMADUKE WAS A GRANDSON)

Col. John married Betsy Williams, born 1744 and had these children:

- I. Marmaduke, called DUKE in most records in the county, born Feb. 14, 1768
- II. Henrietta born \_\_\_\_\_ married Col. Richard Simpson, son of Richard and Mary & moved to KY.
- III. Elizabeth, born Oct. 15, 1773, married General Azariah Graves, Caswell County Marmaduke, married EDE Harris Nov. 4, 1790. He moved to KY, then to Ala., where he died in 1834

Nathaniel Williams, Jr. had brothers John, Robert (Governor of Territory of Miss.), and Marmaduke. This Marmaduke generally appeared in court records as Marmaduke. He was also involved in court cases with his first cousin Marmaduke called DUKE WILLIAMS.

Their UNCLE Robert Williams had a large property in Pittsylvania Co., Va. His record is sometimes confused with his nephew from Rockingham County, N.C. Marmaduke of Rockingham County served in Congress. A study of Caswell County Court records and deeds will show that these are two different men, that their names were the same, BUT that in Court records they are distinguished as Duke and Marmaduke. Duke was a few years older than his cousin Marmaduke, but they were educated in the law (as for that day) and apparently worked together from time to time..

In his will, Col. John named his son as DUKE. Marmaduke from Rockingham County went on to serve in Congress. His brother Robert, Gov. of Mississippi, apparently left the County while in debt and had to be rescued from it by his family.

The children of Duke Williams and Ede Harris were: John Williams, Betsey W. Williams, Robt. Harris Williams, Christopher Harris Williams, Lydia Harris Williams, Mary Ann Simpson Williams, Ede Harris Williams, Charles F. A. Williams, and Flora Asphasia Narcissa Williams, (Bible record of Christopher Harris Williams, Jr.)

John Williams, son of Nathaniel, Jr., married in Caswell County to Susanna Dixon. Caswell MB dated Jan. 10, 1800, bond by Duke Williams, his cousin

Nathaniel Williams, Jr., married her sister Elizabeth Dixon in Caswell. MB dated June 26, 1790, bond by Robert Harris.

Marmaduke Williams, youngest son of Nathaniel Williams, Jr., M. widow Agnes Harris in Caswell County, bond dated Oct. 26, 1798. Bond Alexander Murohey. By the way, the JR. on the MB of John Williams, referred to John Williams, younger, as opposed to John Williams, the elder, still alive.

(Member L.L. Williams kindly promised an article on Robert)

### Governor Robert Williams

By: Lewis Lanier Williams

Supplemental to the mention of Robert Williams in the article about General Sam Houston<sup>1</sup>, some further information may be of interest.

The fourth child of Nathaniel and Mary Ann Williamson Williams, Robert Williams was born ca. 1770, died January 25, 1836, and married after October 2, 1790, Elizabeth Winston. He was a lawyer, politician and three term congressman from North Carolina before President Jefferson named him to the Mississippi land commission in 1803 and then as the third governor of the Mississippi Territory in 1805. His term expired in 1809 when President Jefferson replaced him.<sup>2</sup> According to Dunbar Rowland, his public character is criticized in various histories of the State. His public papers indicate that he was business-like, direct, prompt, fearless, and clear-minded; but he took no pains to conciliate, and tested the unknown extent of the absolute powers of a Territorial governor. Monette, the original Mississippi historian, says of him: "He rendered himself odious to his political opponents and scarcely respected by his friends. Destitute of refined sensibility and generous feeling, and governed in his official intercourse by a narrow and selfish polity, he knew not how to conciliate his enemies or to secure the attachment and esteem of his friends." Monette also speaks of his "strong prejudices, uncultivated mind, disregard of the courtesy due from a statesman, and his arbitrary disposition," expressions apparently derived from the partisan publications of his day.

As Governor of Mississippi Territory, he issued a proclamation on February 6, 1807, accusing Aaron Burr of being a fugitive from justice.<sup>3</sup>

The cemetery where Gov. Williams, along with other members of his family, was buried was on Ingleside Plantation, owned by his daughter, Eliza Winston Williams Richardson and her husband, Samuel Richardson, and which is now incorporated within the city limits of Monroe, Louisiana. Sadly, the cemetery was apparently cleared of the gravestones at some time prior to March 29, 1983,<sup>4</sup> and thus the location of Gov. Williams' grave has been lost.

Regrettable also is the confusion of facts about Gov. Williams with those about his first cousin, also named Robert Williams. The first child of Col. Joseph and Rebekah Lanier Williams, Robert Overton Williams was born July 12, 1773, died May 27, 1821, and is buried in grave number 129, First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee. He lived in Raleigh, North Carolina, served as a member of Congress, as trustee of the University of North Carolina and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board thereof, as Grand Master of Masons of N. C. and Tennessee in 1811, and was Adjutant-General of the State of North Carolina, and thus is sometimes referred to as General.

<sup>1</sup> Newsletter, Caswell County Historical Association, Vol. XVIII, Number 2.

<sup>2</sup> Robert Lowery and William H. McCardle, *A History of Mississippi*, pp. 194-212, and Dunbar Rowland, *Mississippi*, Vol. II, pp. 972-977.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Perkins Abernethy, *The Burr Conspiracy*, p. 219.

<sup>4</sup> See "Tombstones shed light on past", *News-Star-World*, Monroe, Louisiana, March 29, 1983, and "Ingleside Was Built Here in 1830s", *News-Star-World*, Monroe, Louisiana, July 2, 1976.

## NOTES AND QUERIES

While organizing files, the Editor came across a document of interest to both the Historical Association and the Thomas Day/Union Tavern members. It is in the form of a letter:  
 103 Norwood Ave.  
 Asheville, N. C. 28604  
 Aug. 3, 1991

Dear Mary:

Thank you so much for your prompt reply to my inquiry about giving the secretary to the Caswell County Historical Association.

Ellen was the one who said it belonged to Major Thomas Donoho. Katie Sheppard said she thought it was some of the Glenn furniture. If she was correct, then it probably came from Virginia. I had two men who repaired antique furniture look at it. The first one said he thought it was made in Philadelphia; the other one said he thought it was a plantation product. I think it dates from 1800-1820. Tom Day might have made it. None of the family ever said he made it so I doubt that he made it.

If the Tom Day Museum ever gets going and the Historical Society wants to lend it to them, it is o. k. with me. I just want it well taken care of and not where it will be leaked on and ruined.

I suggest they come for it Mon. or Tues. Aug. 26 or 27 ~~on~~ Thursday, Aug. the 29th. I have a business appointment the 28th so I don't want them the 28th.

I have a request to make of the Society. I would like a statement from them that I gave them the antique mahogany secretary valued at \$1,000.00. I assume they are a non-profit organization and that a gift to them would be tax-deductible. I had it appraised several years ago and was told in its present condition it was worth \$1,000.00, in good condition \$2,000.00. In one of the desk drawers are pieces of veneer.

Let me know what day to expect them. I have been trying to clear it out. I packed books and stood up and leaned over too much and my leg hurts. It is time to start supper.

Love to both of you,  
 MAY MEBANE

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 It will be remembered that Anne and Cleve Daniel went for what we found out was not a secretary but a butler's desk and with much effort, for it was heavy, it was on display in the Jailer's Quarters at the Old Jail for several years. One day the Tavern sent someone over to pick it up and we all look forward to seeing a really great piece of very-old furniture in whatever they may call the Tavern Museum. Meanwhile the document remains in the files of our Museum.

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 Great progress has been accomplished at the Aboretum back of the Old Courthouse. Work on the trail continues with plantings to be made when proper. Keep checking.

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Another scrap of paper from Mary Satterfield accompanied the Letter of Gift. This note is as follows:

"According to Mrs. W. H. Walton (Mary McCrary) who owns a miniature of Mrs. Nancy Graves Yancey, wife of Bartlett Yancey, she was about five feet and four inches tall and weighed 120-130 lbs. She had light blue eyes, medium brown hair and a fair complexion. She had a small double-chin. " We wonder if this describes the young Nancy pictured in our Powell's HISTORY OF CASWELL COUNTY?

By the way, Mary Satterfield took the Andersons with her one time to visit the McCrarys in South Boston. They showed us the mourning-picture for Bartlett's son who died shortly after he did. They also had one of the wash-stands at "Summerhill", the Yanceyville house. It was from the Waltons that a picture we have in the Museum might have been that of Bartlett during the Washington, D. C. days. One of the ladies said it used to hang in the back hall and they said it was Paw. We have never been able to identify either the subject or the artist, a highly-trained one. Of course we have the Robertsportra of Nancy in old age.

And lest we forget, Richmond-Miles has a miniature on ivory of John Payne Carter, husband of Archibald DeBowe's daughter Cornelia Murphey Carter Daniel.

## MORE NOTES AND QUERIES

In catching up with our mail we may have overlooked a query by J. A. Dresser, 216 Pine Ridge Drive, Wappinger's Falls, NY 23590 and we quote "I would be happy to hear from family researchers"(his specialty is the LYON family).

CCHA receives requests for research of family lines and we have several forms which we can send in answer to specific queries for copies of our records. Ken Smith, 5730 Washburn Ave. S Minneapolis, Mn. 55410 recently received a note from Nancy Rudd (secretary and treasurer and so much more until she recently resigned to devote her time to her ill husband) to the effect that she had been to the Courthouse and learned that they do not research such reports on family lines. Apparently they do not furnish copies of old wills either because Mr. Smith is glad to pay for copies of the following:

Will of Thomas Hornbuckle, 1799, Will Book C, page 376  
 " " Noah Cobb, 1808, Will Book F, page 3

Most researchers use the recorded tapes of the Will Books at Gunn Memorial Library. But the Library did not furnish copying service either, the last we heard. Bottom Line: Caswell County is a nice place to visit and be sure to check out the Museum, too, when you come.

We have a request from Joyce Vichota still pending (no address on this one), but it's in our files.

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## WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FEATURE A DOUBLE HEADER

Yanceyville Presbyterian Church, Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 2:30

Mark your calendars now for the winter meeting of the Historical Association at 2:30 pm in the Yanceyville Presbyterian Church. A "double-header" afternoon will feature a program presentation with "show and tell" during the fellowship hour. Bring some friends and tell your neighbors about this exciting program.

**Program feature:** "Saving our Photographic Treasures – Ann Gunn Everitt, on behalf of CCHA, attended the North Carolina Preservation Consortium symposium "Photographic Memory; Preserving our Photographic Collections" as a way to increase her knowledge of preservation for the benefit of CCHA and Caswell citizens.

Born, brought up, and lived most of her life in Yanceyville, Ann is the daughter of the late John O. and Annie Newman Gunn, also Caswell natives, and charter members of CCHA. Educated in Caswell County Schools, she holds a BA from Duke University and an MFA from Pratt Institute. She is married to Layton J. Everitt, and has two sons and three grandsons.

Ann's lifelong interest in photography began when she borrowed her Aunt Pattie Gunn's Brownie camera to take pictures at Girl Scout camp where there was a makeshift dark room in which scouts could develop and print photos. Her interest in taking care of photos developed when she became aware of the hundreds of photographs her family had saved over a period of more than a hundred years and of which she became custodian following the deaths of her parents.

She will address the concerns of the museum and of people with home collections as she shares the threats to photographs and how to take care of them.

**Show and Tell:** "Finding First American History in the Fields of Caswell" – David Kirby will display some of his Native American Treasures. As a young boy, David, the son of Caswell County tobacco farmers the late J.B. and Mabel S. Kirby, plowed the fields with mules and tractors, finding these treasures as he worked. The interest created in First American artifacts led him to read and study all that he found on these subjects. His father told him how he, too, had found arrowheads as a boy and sometimes sold them two for a nickel to a local merchant for candy.

So, he has always loved arrowheads, hatchets, and other tools and artifacts that date back for thousands of years. He loves sharing his knowledge with others and often teaches classes on this subject such as Boy Scout troops. Having lived practically all of his life in Caswell County, he is blessed to have this land for afternoon strolls in hope of finding yet another beautiful man-made tool and time with grandchildren as he shares his love of First American History with them.

David was born near the Caswell/Orange County line in the Prospect Hill community, the fifth child of ten. After serving 4 years in the Navy of the USS Forrestal David attended Piedmont Community College and earned degrees in Agricultural Business and Agriculture Science.

**Bring your favorite Native American artifacts, and let David tell you about their history.**

There will be a brief business meeting for reports from the Board of Directors.

### NEWS FROM THE NET – WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Our Webmaster, Richmond Frederick, continues to add new information to our website nearly every day. We are so fortunate to have his skills and his commitment to our having an excellent website.

- We need every member's email address (if you have email). We will begin with the addresses we have and send information about the association, the museum, and special events. Also, we would like to send the newsletter as an email attachment to all who are willing to receive it in that form. The current cost for each newsletter is about \$1.75 per issue (about 50% of your dues each year.)  
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For information call the Richmond-Miles Museum at 336-694-4965 between 12 noon and 4 pm Tuesday to Friday.  
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### RECENT GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

This fall we have received several significant gifts for the museum: Dr. Houston Jones has donated the communion table that was used in the Gilead Presbyterian Church new Milton, a table which he built in his Shop Class at Cobb High School when he was a student there, and a group of photographs of historical interest. The family of Dorothy Yarborough Zimmerman has donated 3 original oil paintings by Maud Florance Gatewood as a memorial to Dot. Memories of "puppy love" are brought back when you see the little doll given to Elise Vernon by her first grade "puppy love" and donated by Ms. Vernon. Mirror image benches which were used by the Prosecutor and Defense Attorney in the Historic Courtroom were received from the Estate of Maud Florance Gatewood. [Some folks think these benches were really made as "parlour courting benches" to prevent courting couples from sitting too close together.

### OLD FACES IN NEW PLACES

We are creating a portrait gallery in the Museum Conference Room. You'll find a prestigious assembly of Caswell citizens around these walls when this is finished.

### COMING EVENTS:

Thursday, January 12, 5:00 pm – Board of Directors Meeting (members welcome to come as observers)

Note: Regular Board of Directors Meeting Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 5:00pm-6:30pm

Sunday, January 15, 2:30 pm – Winter Quarterly Meeting – Yanceyville Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 2, 2:30 pm – Annual Meeting of Association

Saturday, May 6, 2006 – CCHA/Danville Symphony Gala – Dinner and Show at Yancey House Pavilion

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