

Secrets of
Leaksville Lodge

#136

A.F.A.M.



1850 — 1992

By H. C. Pace, Jr.

"Secrets of Leaksville Lodge #136 A. F. A. M. "
Leaksville, North Carolina
(Now Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina)
1850 - 1992
This Book Was Written by Henry Clay Pace, Jr.



**Henry Clay Pace Jr.,
Obituary**

Masonic Birthday February 5, 1945

Birth: Oct. 17, 1914

Leaksville

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Death: Aug. 11, 2000

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Henry Clay Pace Jr., 85, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, at Morehead Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, at First Baptist Church of Eden.

Burial will be in Lawson Cemetery. A native of Leaksville, he was a member of First Baptist Church, graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and Roanoke Business College.

He was a former member of the Leaksville Township Board and former director of Leaksville Bank and Trust. He was a former member of Rotarian.

Mr. Pace was a member of Leaksville Lodge 136 and a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a retired volunteer fireman and was the retired president of Pace-Stone, Inc.

Family links: Parents:

Henry Clay Pace (1880 - 1961)

Julia Alice Hatcher Pace (1882 - 1956)

Burial: Lawson Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

PREFACE

This history was not begun with the intention of writing a book for the public, but merely to produce a lodge booklet. The public may read it as time

goes on. I find myself connected to the eleven members of Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. Trying to find out as much as possible of these great men. I was determined that I would use my best ability to get as much information about these men as I could.

I will disagree with Napoleon when he said that history was nothing but a falsehood, agreed upon. History is an important study. It has been said that if history was taken away from us, the world would go back into savagery. While I am merely compiling information obtained from others and the Madison, N.C. Library, I feel most deeply there may be imperfections on my part of this work as I am not a PhD or a Doctor in Literature, English or Journalism. I hope that all will read this history with an impartial mind as it is most assuredly a labor of love in preserving the memory of Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. This book is not intended as a mode of genealogical research, but I have spent many hours looking, cleaning grave markers, finding some under brush piles and even buried in the ground. Many hours of looking in libraries, files, books, newspaper files, and clippings along with personal letters, 17 years of it.

For example, it has been very difficult to find out too much of the lodge members 140 years ago. We had members that served in the Civil War, World War I and II, also *Korean* and *Vietnam*. I do not know of the Desert Storm conflict.

It is the earnest hope of mine that this book will make each reader feel a sense of belonging to this great organization #136 with the purpose that he is meant to be here, that he has a standing and that he has a responsibility to those who came before and to those who follow.

This book has been the labor of love for Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. And all that it has meant to our members. It is my sincere hope that it will become a cherished lodge heirloom in the golden years ahead. I would now like to dedicate this writing to all past masters of Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M.

Fraternally



H. C. Pace, Jr.

Roll of Members and officers of
of Leaksville for the year 1850

- Officers
- ✓ W. L. Buford W. M.
 - ✓ J. W. Burton S. W.
 - ✓ A. Stephens J. W.
 - ✓ J. C. Martin S. E.
 - ✓ James P. Dillard Treas.
 - ✓ J. H. Chaplin S. D.
 - ✓ John Strong J. D.
 - ✓ Thos. Taylor Tyler

- Members
- ✓ W. L. Buford New Field
 - ✓ J. W. Burton ✓ D. C. Calhoun
 - ✓ A. Stephens Leasing Blackburn
 - ✓ J. C. Martin ✓ John H. Conway
 - ✓ James P. Dillard
 - ✓ J. H. Chaplin
 - ✓ John Strong

Admitted	Passed	Stand	W. T. T. T.	Expelled	Rejected
4	4	4	2	none	0

This is a correct statement
James C. Martin Secy. W. L. Buford W. M.

Minutes of Leaksville Lodge #136
as of December 3, 1850

Return of members and officers of Leaksville Lodge for the year 1850

Officers

Walter Lee Binford	Worshipful Master
Jones Williams Burton	Senior Warden
W. Absalom Stephens	Junior Warden
James C. Martin	Secretary
James P. Dillard	Treasurer
George Henry Chaplin	Senor Deacon
John Strong	Junior Deacon
Thomas Williams Field	Tyler

Members

Dr. Walter Lee Binford
Jones Williams Burton
W. Absalom Stephens
James. C. Martin
James P. Dillard
George Henry Chaplin
John Strong
Obadiah C. Calhoun
Lindsey Blackburn
John T. Pankey
Thomas Williams Field

This is a correct minutes
James C. Martin, Secretary

W. L. Binford, Worshipful Master

Fortunate are the people of any period who have preserved for them in written or other permanent forms some of the important facts

relating to their origin and development. Such data provides source of knowledge and satisfaction that can promote a more intelligent and understanding approach to problems and future planning.

This story of the Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. has been compiled and written with the idea of recording some of the most significant events from the rich past of the lodge. We owe a debt of gratitude to the devoted brothers of the past masters who gave unselfishly in the building of this great organization.

The following brothers have contributed 90 years acting as secretary: J. Fletcher Kemp, L. P. Mitchell, Ernest M. Hodges, John Mitchell, L. M. Barksdale, Bennett Nooe, Walter Carter, A.W. Hancock and J. D. Richardson. My appreciation to each of them is more than expression could explain.

We commemorated during 1976 a great historic event, for July 4, 1776, some 56 patriots signed the Declaration of Independence and these gave birth to a nation of great destiny.

Since then, the past 216 years ring with some mighty changes: 13 colonies into 50 great states, three million population to over 300 million. Then 30 days crossing the Atlantic to a 3 ½ hour trip.

Scientific and medical inventions that astound the imagination, including atomic power, 3 day space travel to the moon and rockets that encircle, photographs and talk to us from our sister planets, higher standards of living and even a greater capacity for population and for lengthening and betterment of life.

Yet these miracles of the mind have also brought tremendous dangers. For we cannot assume man will use them wisely. For example, more and more nations can now enflame the world with total destruction and there is a tremendous gap between man's scientific achievements and his moral development. Man has become scientifically strong, but he remains morally weak. His standards of personal behavior are still back in the dark ages of medieval Rome and Greece when their culture crumbled.

We of the 20th Century America can take hold of the historic destiny of our country that came alive 216 years ago. This can best be done through spiritual morality that our patriot founders gave us. Statesmen may plan and speculate for Liberty, but it is religion and

morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand.

We have all heard, “Today is the first day of the rest of your life”. Let us take a good look at this day, January 1, 1992. It ushers in the 216th anniversary of the birth of our nation. It too is the first day of the remaining days of our republic’s life. Whether they be long or short, duration is not for us to know, but we do know that our actions can have a part in their length and scope. Just as we can shorten or prolong our own life by our health habits, so the life of a nation is affected by the action of its citizen.

In the year 1829, Benjamin Smith was the Governor of North Carolina and passed away in debt. It was brought out that he signed a friend’s note and the friend forfeited. Governor Smith was unable to pay and at that time the law read that no one could be buried with a debt like this against them. His brother masons stole his body at night and secretly buried him in an unmarked grave. Where it stayed for a decade. The law was repealed. The masons dug his body up and he was buried in the church cemetery in Wilmington along with his family and a marker erected which still stands today. That was the way it was 163 years ago.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters, and said let there be light and there was light.

When the light first appeared, we are sure it was just as bright on the rolling hills of the north bank of the Dan River as it was in the Garden of Eden.

Before the turn of the 17th century the hunting call and war hoops of the Saura Indians under the leadership of their Chief Dannaho for whom the Dan River takes its name, had sounded and echoed through the forest and hillsides of this lovely land.

Chief Dannaho and his tribe lived up on the Dan River, what is now called Eagle Falls near Settle Bridge. Their meeting place with other tribes, where they held friendly meetings and games, is located about two miles east of Highway 14 in the bottom lands of Rock Creek, now located on what was know as the Old Glenn Plantation. The

Indians mound is very visible from the road, and is not a burial ground, but was used by the Chiefs for their meetings and to observe the games among their tribes.

The first white men coming into this part of the country found many kinds of large and small game, bear, deer, panther, wolf, wild cats, fox and beaver. The rivers and small streams flourished with game fish. This section of Rockingham County was known in those days as "The Valley of the Dan".

When the commissions of North Carolina and Virginia hired Colonel William Byrd to survey a dividing line between the states, Colonial Byrd selected 20,000 acres of this land on the north side of Dan River. Some say to pay for his labor. This land he called "The Garden of Eden". The south west cornerstone of his land is now visible by a marker on Hamilton Street and in the yard of the late Allen D. Ivie, Jr. It is approximately three blocks north west of the first mason's lodge and runs within a few feet north of our present lodge; this would be Early Avenue. Not long after Byrd's survey, which he made in 1728, permanent white settlers came to the Valley of the Dan and began to arrive in the land of Eden.

The first people who came according to history was from the Albermarle region of North Carolina and eastern Virginia, the tide water section. It is believed that most of these were of the Cavalier type as contrasted with the Puritan stock who came later from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

As early as 1750, the settlers had come into this section of the Valley of the Dan. This beautiful and fertile valley had attracted a fine body of immigrants from eastern Virginia. They came as English, Scotch and Huguenots with their fine sense of culture and social grace. Some had wealth and bought large tracks of land and lived like barons. It is known that many of the people who settled in this area, that later became the Town of Leaksville were devoted church people.

Although they had no church buildings, they assembled together in homes and in a school building and even under brush arbors to carry on worship services. It is understood that members of various denominations regularly met together for these services. The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches were formed in the little

brick school house on Henry Street built by Nathaniel Henry, son of Patrick Henry, The first masonic lodge was also formed here and it was known as the male academy.



*Birthplace of Leaksville Lodge #136
built in 1820, 521 Henry Street*

History teaches us, through records, that the town of Leaksville was laid out in the year of 1797 by John Leak with streets running north and south, east and west as they are today and names such as Washington, Hamilton, Patrick, Water, Monroe, and Jay.

Spray was first called Splashey and when John Barnett asked North Carolina Commission for a charter, it was refused as they said Splashy sounded too much like a mud hold, so it was changed to Spray, from the spray of water created at John Barnett's grist mill.

Leaksville was then as it had been since the boom days of 1818,

the leading area of Rockingham County. It was the head of navigation on the Dan River. It was the trading center of the great back country spreading across the Blue Ridge Mountains into Virginia. It became the chief town between Hillsborough and Old Salem.

As stated before, John Barnett had developed water power by digging the canal in 1810, 1811, 1812 and erecting a grist mill. He sold one half interest in this canal and mill to John Morehead, father of Governor John Motley Morehead. Morehead then began to develop this water power and erected one of the first textile mills in North Carolina. Mr. John Barnett died in 1838 and his holdings were all sold to Mr. Morehead. Mr. Barnett was buried just off Hollinsworth Street and his grave is visible today.

Leaksville became an educational center for that period. It's famous school, as stated before, was the brick academy built in 1820. After Nathaniel Henry left the school, Patrick Henry, III taught school there until the year of 1847. Nathaniel Henry has three children buried in the church yard of the Episcopal Church and their grave markers are visible today. There was an academy for girls conducted in the community. It was located on the north west corner of Hamilton Street and Seymour Court and one of the teachers was Mrs. Walter Lee Binford, wife of our first Master. These school buildings were always open to any church group holding religious services. That situation probably accounted for the fact that Leaksville had no church buildings until 1841.

During that period, the churches of other denominations in the community were making progress. In 1839 a Baptist congregation was organized here. In the early eighteen "forties", they built a wooden church building on the corner of Jay and Hamilton Streets.

The Episcopal Church was organized in 1842 and in 1844 erected their present church building. Prior to that time, the Episcopalians had worshiped in the Henry Academy Building.

The Presbyterian Church was organized here about 1842. They, too, used the old brick academy building for their services. Later on in 1882, there was a church building for their denomination constructed at the corner of Monroe and Church Streets. This building still stands today, and has been made over into an apartment.

About 1841 there came to Leaksville, a pioneer Methodist preacher named Rev. Benton Field, who had a tremendous influence on both the church and also the community. He also played a part in the second Masonic Lodge meeting place. He became a leader of the Methodist group here preached often in the old brick academy. On December 3, 1850, the year Millard Fillmore became president of the United States, the charter was issued for Leaksville Lodge #136 ancient, free and accepted Masons. They, too, held their communications in the old brick academy. It seems that friendship between the Masonic Lodge and the Methodist was very good as they both were using the brick academy for their meetings. The year of 1858, the Methodist and the mason, each holding the other in the highest esteem, bought a lot on Jay Street from the Rev. Benton Field for the purpose of erecting a church and a masonic meeting hall. The first story was owned by the church and the second story by the masons.

The trustees for the church were Grief B. Wade. Daniel E. Field, William Monroe, Robert Moir, Richard M. Hopper, Benton J. Field, Daniel M. Osborne, Franklin Harris and Pryor Reynolds.



Memory sketch of the old Methodist Church and Masonic Temple built in the year of 1858 and used by both organization until just after the turn of the century.

The trustees for Leaksville Lodge #136 were: Thomas W. Field, Daniel E. Field, Robert A. Robertson, Jones W. Burton and John Strong. The names of some of these appear on our charter. They agreed at that time there would be no conflict between the two organizations and their meeting dates and times. A toll of the old bell as it tapped twelve on the Saturday evening before the full moon, announced to the town that the masons would meet that night. The Masonic Hall and Church stood where the Methodist sanctuary is today about 150 feet from Henry Street. A white wooden structure of two full stories, square in form and was adorned with an attractive steeple. There were three windows on each side of the lower floor and also three on each side of the top floor. To the rear of the church on the east side facing Henry Street was a back door leading into the sanctuary. On the west side at the

back, facing Patrick was a door and up the steps which led to the second floor, and the Masonic Lodge Hall.

In the steeple tower was a bell made in England in 1859 and was the bell the masons used. This bell was used in the church that was built in 1903 and is still being used in the new church today.

The Lodge had a huge wood burning stove to heat it. Overhead light fixtures hung from the ceiling and bore kerosene lamps. There was also lamps along each side of the walls.

The following information has been written by Brother Fletcher Kemp who was for years secretary of the lodge. He was born in 1869 and died in 1939.

Leaksville Lodge #136 ancient, free and accepted mason was chartered December 3, 1850. Dan River Lodge #129 in Madison was chartered the same day. Due to there being six numbers between 129 and 136, The Grand Master of North Carolina chartered at least eight lodges on this date. There was also a lodge in Price, one in Wentworth and one in Cascade, Virginia, but I do not have these dates. They have just discovered that there was a lodge in Stoneville. I do not know the date chartered, but am listing the members of 1869. It was Cherokee Lodge #197 and the time for their communications was the fourth Saturday in each month.

James M. Grogan, W.M.
Gustavus A. Smith, S.W.
Spencer Kallam, J.W.
N. H. Dodd, Treasurer
Dr. J. A. Smith, Secretary
A. W. Combs. S.D.
Irvin Kallam, J.D.
Thomas Martin, Tyler

Members were:

S. W. Amos

Plesent Henis

C. H. Dondridge
J. M. Evans
W. S. Garrit
J. H. Glenn
Martin Grogan
W. P. Grogan
Sam Martin
Sam Martin, Jr.
Abraham Martin
Hamilton Martin
T. A. Roberts
R. E. Sims
Walker Smith
Dr. J. W. Smith
J. T. Trent

Thomas Henis
Thomas Holland
Walter Kallam
James Kallam
Spencer Kallam
H. S. Kallam
A. T. Kallam
Dr. W. W. Morris
Harden Price
John H. Price
Rice Price
Joseph H. Price
John A. Price
G. L. Trent

The custom seemed then to have small lodges scattered over the area, each having but a small membership. Now there are no county lodges. Through the years they, ceased to function and their members have joined the town lodges. From our records, we find the following officers installed December 3, 1850 of Leaksville Lodge #136.

Dr. W. L. Binford
Jones Williams Burton
Absalom Stephens
J. C. Martin
James P. Dillard
George H. Chaplin
John Strong
Thomas Field

Worshipful Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Secretary
Treasurer
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Tyler

Other members in 1850 were:

Obadiah Calhoun
John T. Pankey

Lindsay Blackburn

Now at this point, I wish to clarify a mistake in the spelling of Brother Binford's name on our charter. Our original charter was given up on 1880 and we received a duplicate charter in 1898. The name was copied on the duplicate and the Grand Secretary spelled it Bareford. When I wrote the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the list of names of past masters, they gave me three spellings of his name; Bareford, Bereford, and Binford and we all know now it was Binford. For further proof, we now have in the archives of the lodge, taken from the Episcopal Church records, the following marriages: December 16, 1841, Dr. Walter Lee Binford and Nannie Page Kentock Nelson solemnized the rites of matrimony between both being of Leaksville, North Carolina.

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Church of the

1845

Marriages —

Decr. 18th I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony
between Wm. W. H. Wade of the County of
Halifax, Va. and Miss Sarah Jennings of
Leaksville. —

1846

Decr. 16th

Mr. Walter Lee Binford
and
Nannie Sage Shieldock Nelson.
Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between
all of Leaksville. —

1847

Mar. 7th

Honble Stephen A. Douglas U. S. Senator
Elect from the State of Illinois
And
Miss Martha Deany Martin, daughter
of Col. Robt. Martin, of Westworth, Robeson
County, N. Carolina —
Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between

July 10th

Hugh Nelson Esq.
and
Miss Lucy A. Taliferro,
Both of Roanoke Mount, Franklin County
Virginia. Solemnized the Rites
of Matrimony between. —

Dr. W. L. Binford, the first Worshipful Master was practicing his

medical profession here and afterwards went to Irisburg, Va., where he died some years later. He was father of the Honorable Hugh Binford, one of Rockingham County's representatives in the legislature. The next marriage on record there was as follows: April 7th, 1847 The Honorable Stephen A. Douglas elect from the State of Illinois and Miss Martha Denny Martin, daughter of Col. Robert Martin of Wentworth, Rockingham County, North Carolina, solemnized the rites of Matrimony between. History teaches us that Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois was the democrat candidate for the President of the United States and was defeated by Abraham Lincoln. Stephen A. Douglas has great-grandchildren living in Greensboro today. Now a bit more information concerning Dan River Lodge #129 has come to me listing membership of 1856

LIST OF MEMBERS OF MADISON MASONIC LODGE IN 1856

The 1856 return of the Dan River Masonic Lodge, #129, Madison North Carolina to the Grand Masonic Lodge, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Dan River Lodge was chartered on December 3, 1850. It surrendered its charter in 1880, was restored in 1889, surrendered its charter in 1896, was restored in 1897, again surrendered its charter in 1906 and was restored in 1907 and is still active today.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IN 1856

Officers:

N. B. Scales, W.M.
Jackson Scales, S.W.
N. Dalton, J.W.
S. Ivey, Secretary

B. F. Foy, J.D.
Thomas Hall, Tyler
V. Allen, Treasurer
J. J. Lautenschlager, S. D.

Members:

Thomas Price
J. M. Scales
Thomas W. Purgerson
John M. Lindsay
P. M. Scales
John Foy, Jr.
John R. Duncan
George W. Webster
R. F. Purgerson
J. W. Moore
W. H. Foy
R. H. Gladson
Ashal Grogan

A. A. Baughn
William L. Scales
T. H. Lewellyn
R. L. Moore
Ham Scales
D. Jordan
William Martin
R. Dalton
Isaac Fels
T. C. Coyle
C. R. Simpson
_____ Moore

The town of Leaksville was incorporated in January, 1873. The year Ulysses S. Grant was President. It was incorporated because of a bill that was introduced by Dr. A. B. Johns. The first Mayor was Col. James P. Dillard, the first two Republicans were W. A. Fretwell and James R. Stevens and two Democrats were Alex Moir and Richard Hopper. The following group of young men voted their first time: Hamilton Strong, G. A. Walker, John Walker, Charles Hamilton and George Dyer. The only negro voter at this time was "Uncle Bill" Miller. The first postmaster was Jones W. Burton. The first fine paid to the town was imposed on George Dyer for one dollar for tying a can to a dog's tail. The first railroad was the Danville and Western and the first engineer was John Garrison. Charles A. Reynolds owned the first bicycle and it was made from two buggy wheels. The first newspaper was edited by Bob Ward. The first drug store was operated by George Dyer and Priar Millner between 1874-1879. I tried to save the best information until last as to how Leaksville got its name. Mr. Thomas S. Galloway gave John Leake all of the land that he owned on the north bank of Dan River where Leaksville now stands for playing his fiddle at the Christmas festivities and the town was named after Leake.

It has been discovered by the writer that James P. Dillard and J. C. Martin were brother-in-laws, as J. C. Martin married Ruth Dillard and

they are buried one mile west of Leaksville, know as Smith Acres. The cemetery has long been abandoned, but the grave markers are very legible.

Also, John Strong and George Chaplin were Brother-in-laws, as George Chaplin married Francis Strong. This makes the lodge a little like a family affair.

Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. is proud of the fact that they were one of the first lodges in the state to pledge an amount to the Oxford Orphanage when it was founded. Some of the old members have said that it necessitated quite a sacrifice on their part to pay the pledge.

This was told by brother Fletcher Kemp in quote, "In 1876 when but a small boy, I remember a masonic picnic in the grove of oak trees where the First Baptist Church now stands. Big hearted, gruff voiced John Mills brought a class from the orphanage and gave a concert in the lodge room that night. Their mode of transportation was two large covered wagons, which was quite a contrast with the manner in which the singing travels today".

From the records we find Dr. Binford served three years as Worshipful Master and was succeeded by Rev. George Chaplin. At that time. Jones W. Burton was Senior Warden, Thomas Reynolds was Junior Warden and R. L. Galloway was Secretary. During this time, we find different religious organizations connected with the lodge. These were Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterians and Episcopalians. As it appears, all members attended church.

Dr. Reynolds was a merchants and also a physician. He was the father of Mrs. T. G. Taylor and the great grandfather of the late Betsy Nelson of our city.

In 1855, Thomas Field was elected Master of the lodge and held this office for 12 terms. One term with John Strong, Senior Warden, one term with William Roberson as Senior Warden, and eight terms with Dan Early Field as Senior Warden.

In 1873 Daniel Early Field was elected Worshipful Master who succeeded himself at the next election, with F. M. Hamlin, Senior Warden, J. B. Ray, Junior Warden; and Thomas W. Field as Secretary. In 1875, Thomas W. Field came back as Worshipful Master for three successive terms with T. F. Guerrant, W. C. Ragland and J. M. Price as

Senior Warden, J. R. Stephens and Daniel E. Field as Junior Warden and B. J. Field as Secretary.

According to the records, it seems that the Field Families were the prime movers in the lodge for a number of years. Thomas W. And Daniel E. as Worshipful Masters and Benton J. as Secretary for several terms. They were leaders giving the best they had to any cause they embraced.

In the first ten years, 1850-1860, the lodge lost six of the original members. Five moved away and one by death. However, the lodge continued to grow. The lodge roster as of 1861 was as follows:

Thomas W. Field	Worshipful Master
Daniel Early Field	Senior Warden
Dr. Robert Robinson	Junior Warden
Jones Williams Burton	Secretary
John Strong	Treasurer
George Winston	Senior Deacon
Calvin Jones	Junior Deacon
James Ray	Tyler

MEMBERS

William A. Carter	Benton J. Field
Dr. W. L. Binford	George Martin
Dr. T. E. Broadnax	Alexander Moir
John H. Bullard	Robert Moir
George H. Chaplin	Will Norman
James P. Dillard	Dr. Thomas Reynolds
O. R. Dillard	Hugh Willis
Chalmas Glenn	Elisha Keen
Stephen Hodges	Robert Woodson
P. D. Hopper	Beverly Flanagan
William M. Harrison	William R. Saunders
James C. Martin	J. Sanders

John D. Sale
Peter A. Kemp

James Moir

Looking over the roster of the lodge, we find names of great-grandchildren that are prominent in religious and civic life in and out of our community. I have personally talked to three great-grandchildren of some of the eleven charter members of 1850.

After the lodge surrendered its charter in 1880, some of its members connected themselves with the lodges at Martinsville, Danville, Reidsville and others, while some remained nonaffiliated until it was re-organized in 1898. So for 18 years, there was no lodge here.

At this time, let us go back and consider something about those 11 charter members. I have tried to make a study of these 11 gentlemen over the past 17 years as to their lifestyle, what they did for a living and where they lived. Some are very vague as it is difficult to find out about people that were born approximately 170 years ago.

LINDSAY BLACKBURN

Mr. Blackburn was born here in Rockingham County in 1822. I

do not have the date or his Father's name, but he was 28 years old in the 1850 census. He lived with Robert Moir in the eastern section of town. He married Penelope Moir on August 28, 1849 with the Rev. Green W. Reed officiating.

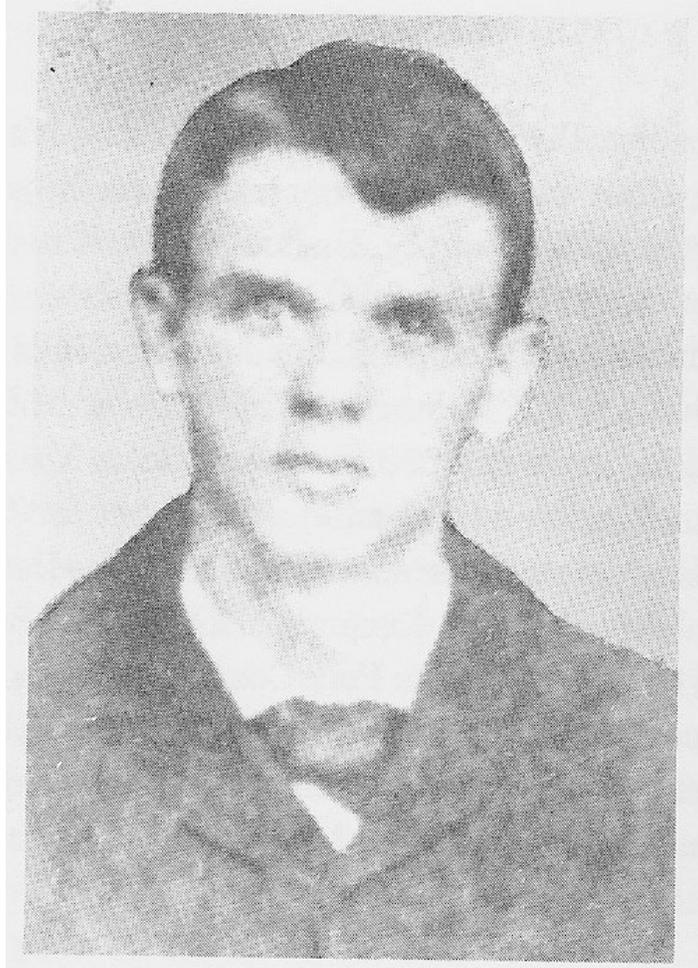
Penelope Moir was the daughter of Robert Moir. She was born in Scotland and came to this country as a young girl. While Brother Blackburn lived here in town, his occupation was listed as a tobacconist. They lived down in the area behind what is today, S. H. Knight Oil Company on Van Buren Road or Highway 14. The old Moir home still stands today.

Brother Blackburn and Penelope moved to Caswell County on Hogans Creek where he purchased a farm and this is where his record is lost. I do not have any census of Caswell County and his name does not appear on the roster or roll call of our lodge in the year of 1860.

JOHN T. PANKEY

Brother John T. Pankey was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, in 1827 and was 27 years old according to the 1860 census in Rockingham County. He bought 200 acres of land from the P. P.

Scales estate. This land bordered the Virginia line on the north that is now the Joe Scales farm and was bordered on the east side by Mr. Aiken and Mr. Peay's farm. Brother Pankey sold his farm in 1852 to a Mr. Aiken. This is probably where Aiken Road gets its name, and he left for Georgia. His youngest sister remained here and her name was Betty who later married a John Hopper, December 24, 1873. Brother John Pankey had two children by a Polk County, Georgia lady he married. Their names were James S. And Martha E. His wife's name was Elizabeth Booker who had been previously married with four children. This is as far as I can trace the John T. Pankey family.



THOMAS WILLIAMS FIELD

Thomas Williams Field, our first Tyler of Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M., was born here in Leaksville, June 24, 1828 and was the son of Rev. Benton Field, founder of the Methodist church here.. In the 1850 census, he was listed as a mechanic and a mill right worker making wagon and buggy wheels at the site known to us as Kings Mill. He was also known to be a finished carpenter and ran a saw mill. He married Margaret Moir, February 27, 1852 and was married by W. N. Mebane and it was witnessed by E. W. Hancock and R. R. Galloway. In the 1860 census, he was worth \$2,600.00 and had two daughters named Mary Lyles and Martha E. He didn't own any slaves.

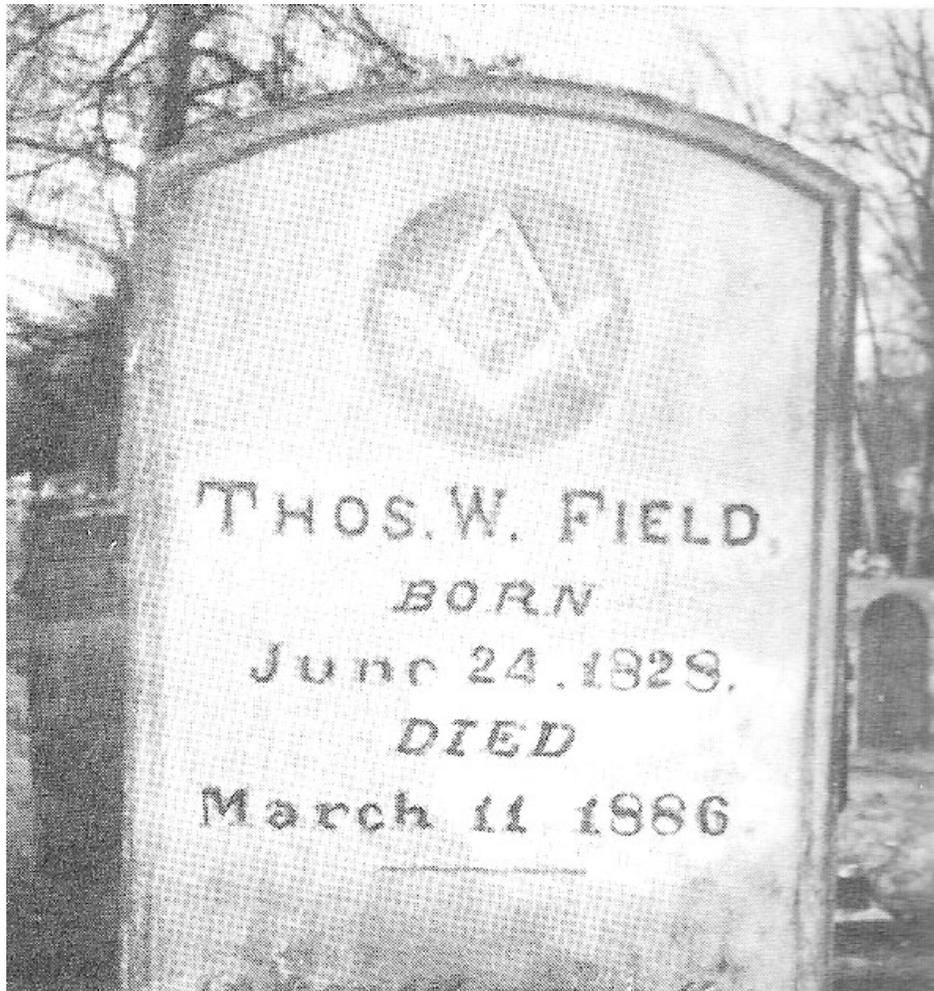
Bother Field became a contractor and a deputy sheriff and later

moved to Reidsville in 1883 where he helped form the #384 lodge there. Brother Field was full of energy and at the same time was a thin frail man. He managed to keep on the move



*Home of Thomas Field
809 Lindsay Drive*

In approximately 1870, he built his home at 809 Lindsay Drive which is in good living condition today. The house is of “T” shape, two stories, polygonal bays with flat roofs. The bay is projected from the front gable wing and is the original one on the house. The glassed-in porch was added later at the wraparound porch as a sun room. The house has Tuscan columns on brick piers with matching stick railing in between. Other owners of this house were R. P. Price, Sidna Allan, J. S. Wilson, Jr., and the last owner was the late Marion. F. Moir.



Brother Field passed away March 11, 1886 at the age of 57 and 9 months while visiting his daughter in Indiana. His body was brought back to Leaksville and buried in the Lawson Cemetery as per the grave marker.

JONES WILLIAMS BURTON

Jones Williams Burton, our first Senior Warden of Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M., was born in Henry County, Virginia on November 14, 1812 and came to Leaksville early in life. He married a lady by the name of Mary Smith from up on Mayo River. The wedding took place on July 4, 1848 and it was officiated by Thomas Burton and witnessed by T. B. Wheeler.

By the 1850 census, his worth was listed at \$1,500.00 and by 1860, it was listed at \$12,500.00, plus one slave girl named Dorcas. The Burton family all joined the Baptist Church along with Dorcas and was led by Preacher George H. Chaplin. He had one son by the name of Sam Burton that became a Preacher but died at the age of 24 years old. Sam left a daughter named Mary Fannie and this is as far down as I can trace Brother Burton. Must have been some business man, as he dealt in real estate, was a postmaster, a Justice of the Peace and was in the plug tobacco business. He was also half owner of a grist mill up on the Mayo River and, at one time, owned 1427 acres of land here in town. Most of the property ran from Hamilton Street, west to Matrimony Creek and from Center Church Road, south to Dan River. All of this property today is in the sections of town that we call old Leaksville, Five Forks, Patterson Property, Price Park, Seymour Court and Hampton Heights.

He started to build a house on Hamilton Street, but sold it before completing it to a Miss Meadows.



*Home of Jones W. Burton
511 S. Hamilton Street*

Brother Burton went on further out of town up on a hill in a large grove of trees and built a beautiful colonial type house.

Years later, after his death, the house was destroyed by fire. This property changed hands some and in the 1920's a school was erected on this spot and today it is know as Burton Grove School. In the 1860 census, his net worth was \$12,500.00. In 1869, he sold his brother-in-law, Nat Smith, 1/3 interest in his plug tobacco business and also in the merchandise store. This store stood on the corner of Washington and Henry, where Attorney Hux's office is today also across the street from Pace-Stone. He was becoming over-extended in his finances while he was involved in the prior business.

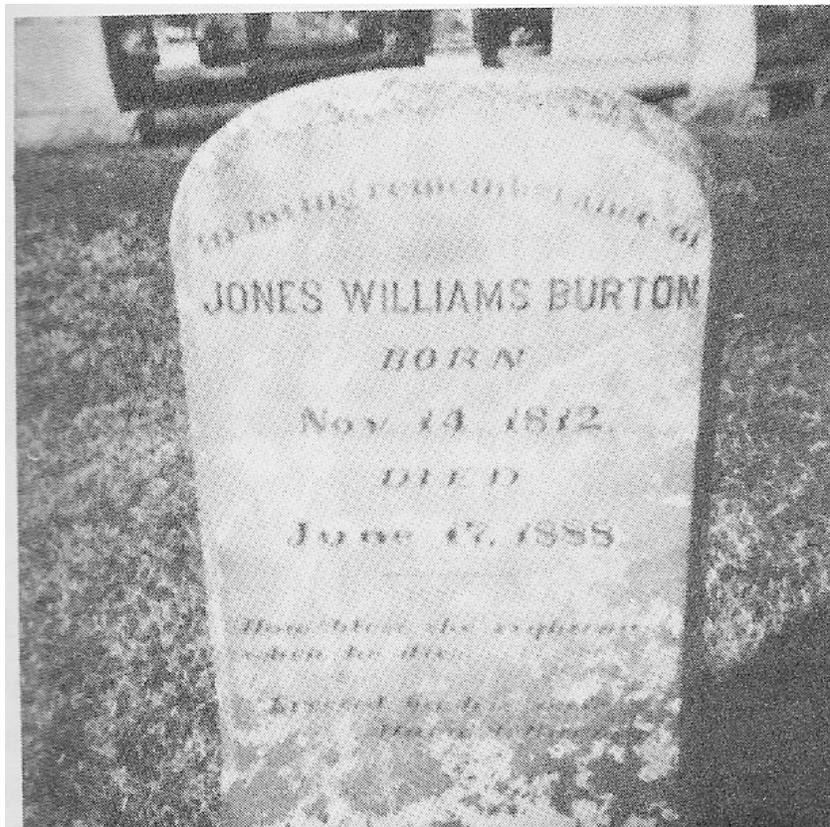
Bother Burton was Postmaster from 1842 until 1866, 24 years, then his daughter-in-law took over for the next 22 years, thus making the Burton's run the post office for a total of 46 years.

There was a spring on Burton Branch. This crosses Washington Street and runs south behind Burton Grove School. It was published in the papers that a recent discovery of a very valuable mineral spring on the premises of Jones W. Burton, Esq. within one quarter of a mile from

the heart of town and would add greatly to the prosperity of the place. The remarkable efficacy of the water especially in liver complaints, general diabetes and internal disease, will make it a rival of the best springs in Virginia.

Dr. Dabney, the state chemist who has recently analyzed the water pronounces it's a fine spring and its analysis proves it full of life sustaining properties. Just to think we have such a spring about one half block off Washington Street: it could be another fountain of youth if opened up again to the public.

Brother Burton lost most all of his investments during the Civil War and was really not able to recover as he did before.



He passed away June 17, 1888 in his 75th year and is buried in the Lawson Cemetery. His grave marker is very visible after 103 years.



*Home of James P. Dillard
604 S. Hamilton Street*

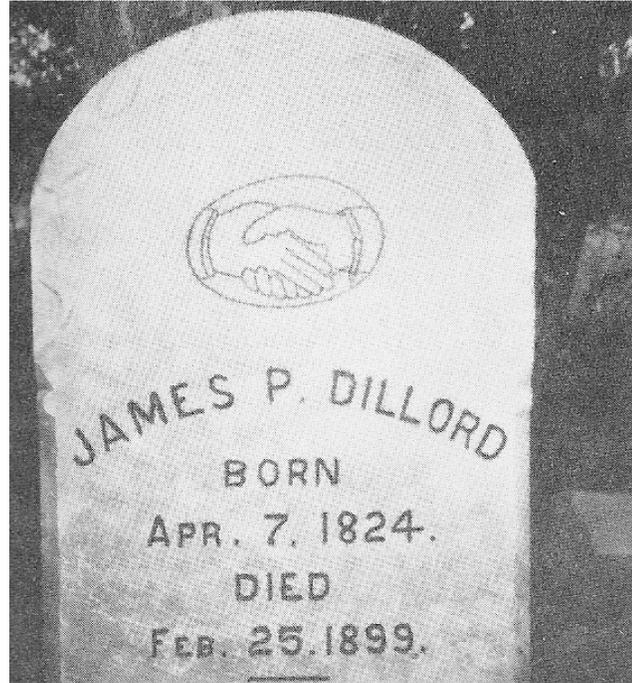
JAMES P. DILLARD

James P. Dillard was born here near Leaksville on or near the Bent that is on Dan River on April 7, 1824 but later moved up to where Smith Acres are today. Later, on the corner of Hamilton and Jay Streets, the house still stands today and a beautiful place it is. Presently, it is occupied by Mr. And Mrs. E. N. Stickles.

James Dillard was the first treasurer of the lodge and held this office for several years. He was a merchant with a partner named Bob Moir who also in the 1850 census was a farmer. His net worth was \$5,000.00 in 1850 and \$14,000.00 in 1860. His wife's name was Letitia, but I cannot find her last name before marriage.

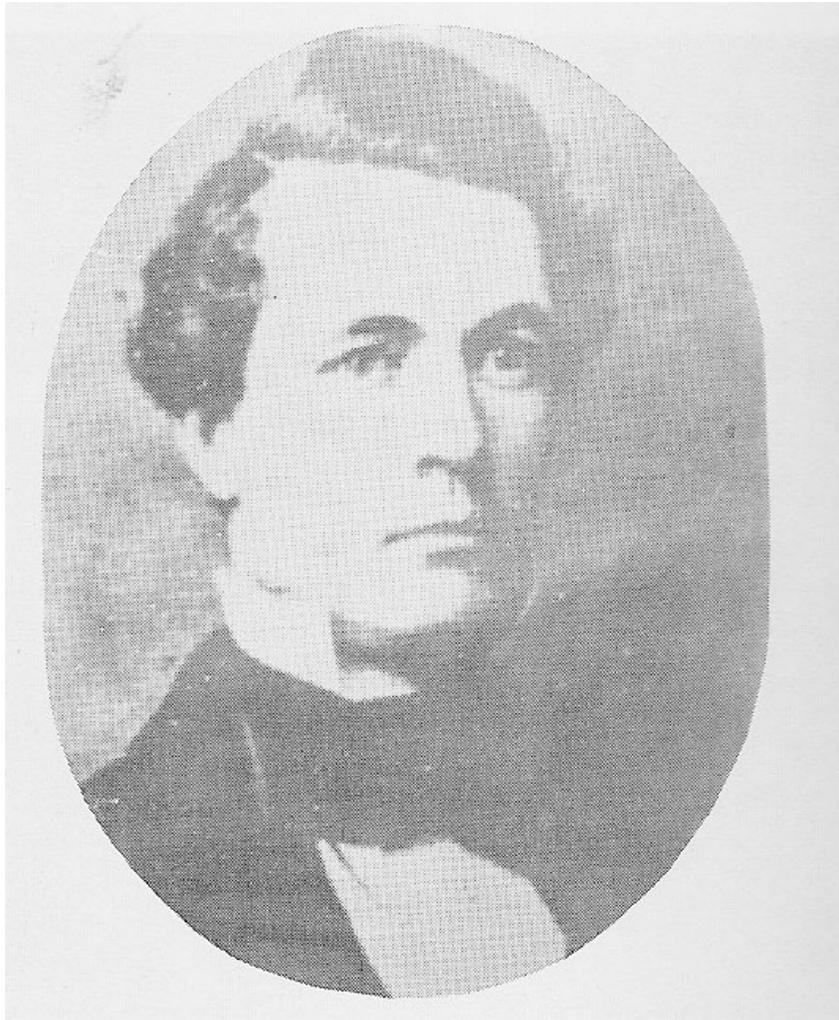
He was a member of our Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. Until 1880 when it

surrendered its charter and was instrumental in regaining it in 1898. He passed away the following year. The people that knew the Colonel, as he was called, feel sure that every cent was properly accounted for. It has been found that in 1874, Leaksville was incorporated in the year of 1874 and Brother Dillard was its first Mayor and held that post for several years. He had no children so this line of Dillard's stopped here. He was buried in the family cemetery on Smith Acres and the graves are very much unkept. His grave marker was approximately six inches under the ground with only the bottom corner exposed. Brother John T. Ellington, Jr., "Mutt" and I dug this marker out of the ground and cleaned it off to photograph it. Also, please note the misspelled word, Dillord. It should be Dillard. Also note the hands shaking at the top of the marker.



Brother Dillard was one of the very first to promote Leaksville Lodge #136 and to pledge an amount to the Oxford Orphanage when it was founded. Some of the old members have said that it necessitated quite a sacrifice on their part to pay the pledge.

Brother James P. Dillard passed away February 25, 1899 and is buried ½ miles west of Eden city limits.



DR. Walter Lee Binford

Dr. Walter Lee Binford, not Bereford, that is shown on our charter, was the first Worshipful Master of Leaksville Lodge #136. He was born near Rocky Mount, Virginia on January 16, 1819 and in the 1850 census, was listed as a physician with a net worth of \$2,500.00. We cannot find out about his early education, but he did go to the University of Virginia and on to graduate from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa. in the spring of 1841. Upon leaving school, he came to Leaksville and started his medical career. It was here that he met a young school teacher, Miss Nannie Page Kentock Nelson from Halifax County, Virginia. They were married in the Church of the Epiphany on December 16, 1846. Miss Nelson taught school in a little school house on the Corner of Hamilton Street and Seymour Court, and Mrs. Binford

had the following children:

Helen
Lucy Lee
Charles Hamlin
Magaline
Hugh Nelson

Elizabeth Nelson
Nannie Page
Maggie Fowler
Mary Lee



*Home of Dr. W. L. Binford
537 Henry Street*

We feel that Dr. Binford was exposed to masonry while he was in school as he was the leader in getting #136 formed and was made the first Master.

While Dr Binford was Master of the Lodge, he lost three children within three weeks. Lucy Lee Died May 18, 1852, Charles Hamlin, May 27, 1852 and Magaline, May 30, 1852; so it shows up again, the awful year of 1852. There was bound to have been an epidemic of fever of some kind. They were all buried in the Episcopal Church yard. Then January 2nd, 1862, Mary Lee died and is buried there also. During the year 1862, Dr. Binford, with his wife and the remainder of his children, moved up in Virginia to Irisburg where he continued to practice medicine along with running a grist mill. Part of the remains of the foundation of the old mill are still visible today.

His son, Hugh Nelson Binford, was one of Rockingham County's Representatives in legislature. We do have, in the museum of our lodge, a list of Dr. Binford's grocery bill dated part of 1871 and 1872.

Dr. Binford passed away January 18, 1885 at the old age of 69 and was brought back here and buried with the rest of his family. The Rev. J. T. Clark conducted the funeral.

Now at this point, there are some unexplained things that I am going to bring out. I received all of my information about Dr. Binford from Dr, Bing of Bassett, as he has made a study of all doctors in Henry County. He stated Dr, Binford is buried under the annex part of the Episcopal Church called the Parish House. The historians of the church had a list of all that were buried under the Parish House and along with this, I have personally seen under the church 23 or 30 foot stones packed up and this has been in the past year. Mrs. Binford passed away some years later at Oak Level and she was also brought back here to be buried.

There was a great-grandson by the name of Hugh Nelson Byerly of Madison now living in Leesburg, Florida that I have in the past corresponded with and he told me that his great-grandfather was a Binford, a doctor and that he was named after a great-uncle.



*Home of Absalom Stephens
535 Patrick Street*

W. ABSALOM STEPHENS

W. Absalom Stephens was born near Oak Ridge in 1811 when James Madison, the third President, was in office. When he was quite a young man, the family moved to Wentworth. As he grew up. He came to Leaksville and was a tailor by trade. His shop was on the south west corner of Washington and Henry Streets. His home was on the corner of Washington and Patrick Streets where the Buick dealership is now. He planned to build another house and had it under construction - half completed - when he passed away in 1852. Let's remember here again a death in 1852. His wife finished the house and raised her children in it. The following children: John W., James, Henry, Thomas and Letctia.

I do not know what happened to James, Henry and Thomas. They must

have moved away. John W. had some education and went on to be a state senator from Yanceyville. He acquired the name of "Chicken" Stephens and a plaque is in front of the old courthouse in Yanceyville in his honor.

He was at a political meeting in Yanceyville and someone came and told him that someone wanted to see him in his office which was on the second floor of the old courthouse. He did not return and after the political meeting, someone went to check on him. They found him in his office dead from a gun shot. There was some rumor that this was done by the Klu Klux Klan.

Absalom's wife was living with John W. At this time and later on their home burned. The town's people built it back and later on she was found with her throat cut. They claimed she rolled out of bed and broke a glass pottie that caused her death.

Letctia, the only daughter, never left this area. She married a Mr. Trodgon and they had a son named James Stephen Trodgon who was well known in our community. He was a surveyor by trade and everyone that knew him called him Jim Trodgon. Jim had a daughter which is the great-granddaughter of Brother Absalom. She is Mrs. Robert Turner of east Eden or Draper. We do not know for sure, but Mrs. Turner thinks that Absalom is buried in an unmarked grave in Lawson Cemetery.



OBADIAH C. CALHOUN

Brother Calhoun was born in Prince Edward County in Virginia in 1823 and was the son of Adam Calhoun. He came to Leaksville as a young man. He possessed the skill as a stone mason, building rock chimneys and dams in rivers and creeks. It was said he was the foreman of the rock dam in Spray on the Smith River. He was 27 years old when our lodge was chartered.

He married Elizabeth Ann Kemp in October, 1850 and she passed

away in February 1852. There goes another death in 1852, so let us continue to keep the year 1852 in our minds.

Brother Obadiah moved to Ridgeway, Virginia in the later part of the 50's but continued his membership in our lodge we know as late as 1861.

He came back to Leaksville on May 10, 1861 and joined the Confederate Army. We have a copy of his discharge in the museum of the lodge that reads as follows:

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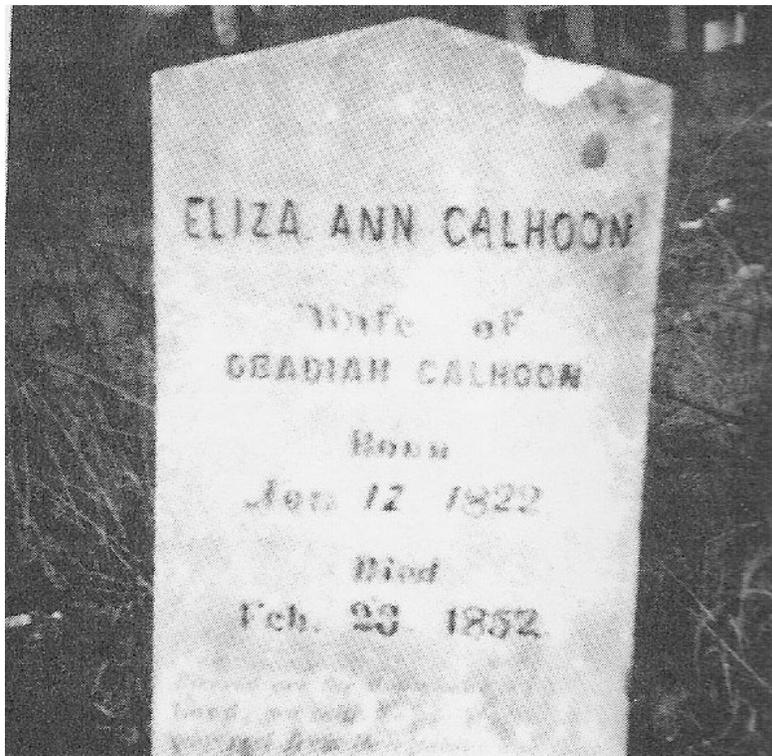
To all to whom it may concern know ye that O. C. Calhoun, a private of Captain A. B. John's Company H Thirteenth Regiment of North Carolina troops who was enlisted the 10th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one to serve twelve months is hereby honorably discharged from the Army of the Confederate States. He O. C. Calhoun, was born in Prince Edward County of the State of Virginia. He is 39 years of age, five feet nine inches high, dark in complexion, blue eyes, dark hair and by occupation when enlisted, a stone mason and has not reenlisted. The above description is a true copy from the muster you are given near Richmond, Virginia. This 1st day of August, 1862 camp copy. Transfer furnished in kind order General Lee by D. H. Wood, Captain.

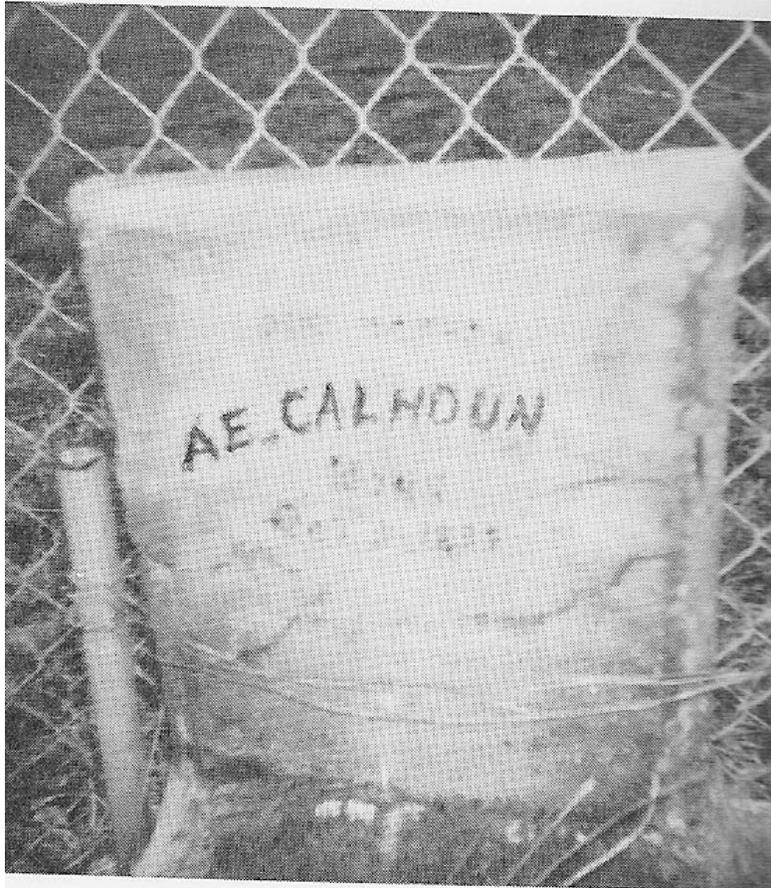
Brother Obadiah returned to this area and on to Ridgeway where he married Ann Elizabeth Carter. He was married in 1862 by Brother Dan E. Field, a member of our lodge and the brother of Thomas.

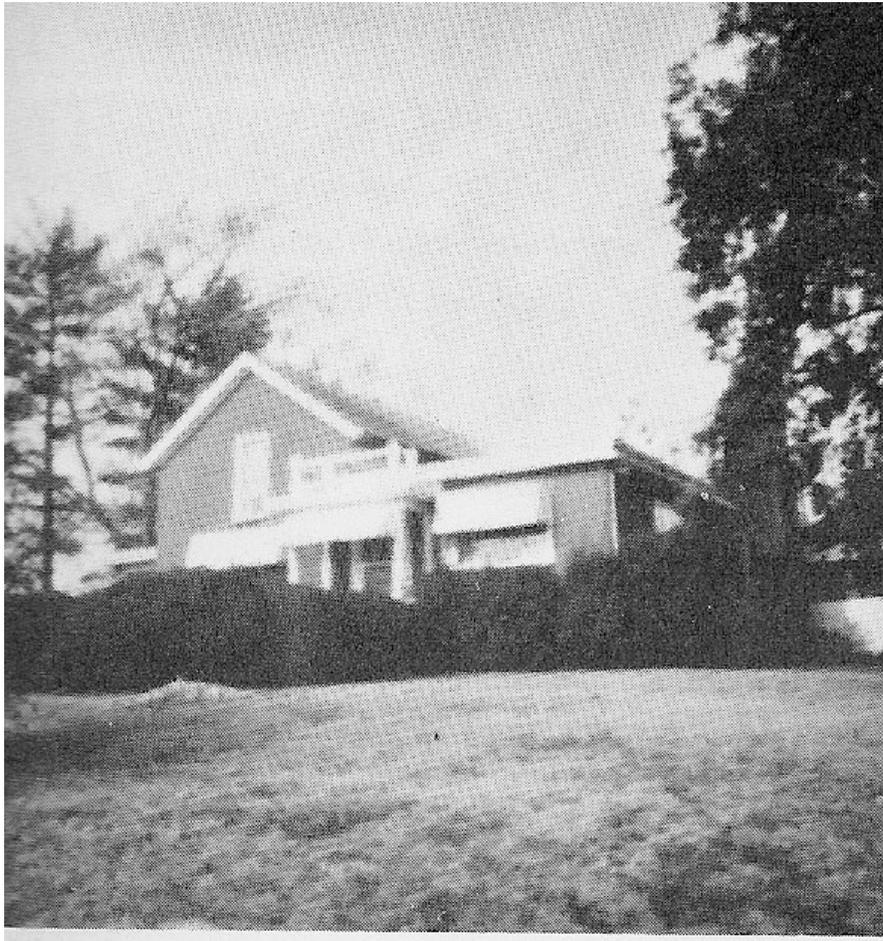
His home is ½ mile south of Ridgeway, just off Highway 87. I have been in this and on the back side is a stone chimney and fire place. This house was greatly remodeled in 1917 according to Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland who owns the home now. Obadiah is buried ½ mile south east of Ridgeway on the old road leading into Ridgeway in what is now the Ramsey family cemetery. Mr. Bob Cox, age 94 of Ridgeway, told me when he was 10 or 12 year old boy, he went with Mr. Drewey Calhoun, son of Obadiah, over to clean off the cemetery and Mr. Cox said that Mr. Drewey Calhoun said his parent's were buried there.

Rockingham County Historical Society reported that he was buried between his wives. These two wives are buried eight miles apart, so I will have to differ with them.

You may note that Obadiah's first wife named Elizabeth Ann and his second wife was Ann Elizabeth. Also, the spelling on their grave markers. The first is called **Calhoon** and the last **Calhoun**. Brother Calhoun had three daughters and one son by his second marriage. One daughter married a Ramsey, one married a Barnes and one a Murphy. The son Drewey married a Vestal. A member of our lodge today, Brother J. D. Murphy is the great-grandson of Obadiah. I do not have the death date of Obadiah, as he had no grave marker, but I am sure he is buried in Ridgeway next to Ann Elizabeth,







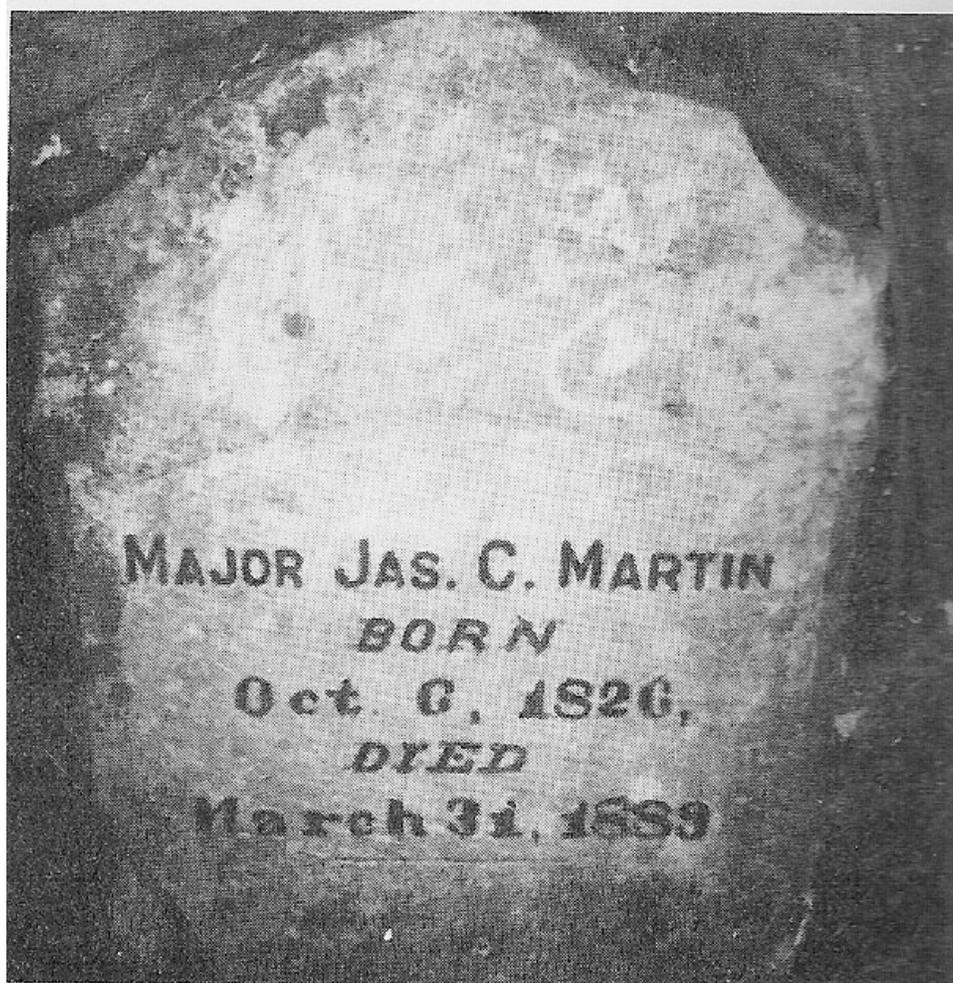
J. C. MARTIN

J. C. Martin was born in Henry County, Virginia near the settlement of Irisburg near the Smith River on October 6, 1826. When he was a young man, he came to Leaksville and lived with Jones W. Burton. He was a clerk in the Burton store. He later married Martha Ruth Dillard, sister of James P. Dillard on December 7, 1852.

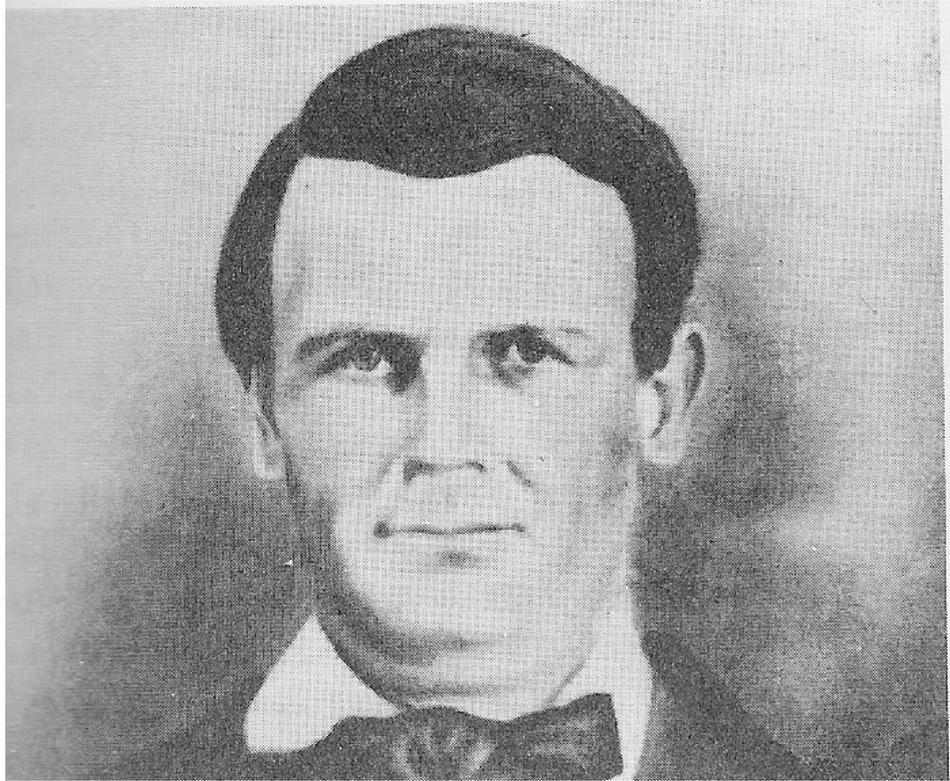
He worked and managed the store for several years until the Civil War. He then volunteered with the Confederate Army and climbed the ranks and at the end of the war was a Major. He was with General Lee's Army at Appomattox, Virginia when the surrender came.

After the war, he returned to Leaksville and went into the mercantile business for himself. Later on, he sold out and went to Martinsville, Virginia where he went into the same business the rest of his days. The home that he resided in here was on what we call Smith Acres and the home place still stands, but has been altered quite a

number of times. It is on top of the hill above the old drive-in theater and he is buried there behind the home place.



Brother Tony Holland and I had to remove a brush pile to find his grave marker. Brother Martin had three sons as listed in the 1860 census, John, 5; William, 3; and Sidnor Lee, 1. I do remember Dr. Sidnor Lee Martin and probably some of the older members remember him a Dr. Sid Martin. Brother James C. Martin died March 31, 1889 and his grave is very unkept.



GEORGE HENRY CHAPLIN

George Henry Chaplin was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, August 23, 1826 to William Ratcliff Chaplin and Elizabeth Henderson Jones. When George was a small boy, his parents moved to Danville, Virginia where he grew up to become a young man. He studied the Bible as to where he could teach along with having the other profession as a Tanner. As a young man, he moved to Leaksville where he continued his trade along with doing some preaching. He held the pulpit of the First Baptist Church here from 1849 to 1853.

George Henry and Frances Jefferson Strong were married here February 4, 1847 and a marriage bond for one thousand dollars for their marriage was issued January 26, 1847 in Rockingham County and signed by G. H. Chaplin and Richard Johnson. As of now, I do not know what a marriage bond is. It seems that the Chaplin's moved to Carroll County, Virginia about 1859, as Nannie Strong Turner always said she was born in Rockingham County and they came after the death of her two little sisters.

The family tradition is that George Chaplin felt the call from God

to do mission work among the mountain people and at that time, there was only one Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County. The church was Meadows of Dan Baptist Church. It was not in Carroll County, but Brother Chaplin served as Pastor for two years. Brother George and Frances and their two little girls spent the first year with the Turner family. The trip to Meadows of Dan was long and rough in the winter, so soon Brother George began to hold services in available buildings and outside under trees in the summer.

When the Civil War broke out, he volunteered and served until near the end when he was sent home to tan leather in order to make shoes for the Confederate soldiers. Brother George seemed to have done some land speculations as several deeds of land he bought and sold are recorded in the Carroll County Clerk's office.

I do not know what happened to the two slave girls that Zachariah Strong left his daughter, Frances, but there are no records that they went to Carroll County.

In 1878, the Stone Mountain Baptist Church was organized under the leadership of Brother George with 16 members. He was called to be their pastor and served until his death. It was impossible for a church of 16 members to support a pastor and his family, so Brother George cleared his land and farmed. He became a teacher for the children of his neighbors as there were no public schools. When Stone Mountain Post Office was started, he became the first postmaster and continued until his old age. He also learned to make shoes.

He must have been prosperous, as Elizabeth was a member of Averett College's first graduating class. Nannie was sent to a girls school at Meadows of Dan. The Chaplins lie buried in a small family cemetery on the front lawn of Stone Mountain Baptist Church which I have visited. Only Brother George's wife, Frances, their children and grandchildren are on this spot.



*Home of Rev. George H. Chaplin
Carroll Co., Virginia*

There is one other thing that has come to my mind. Brother George gained the rank of Major in the Confederate Army. This makes two Majors and one Private out of eleven charter members. When he passed away, he left each of his daughters 100 acres and a nice house. He passed away January 9, 1897. (This information was furnished by Mrs. Nellie Bowman Bausell of Wytheville, Virginia, great-granddaughter of Brother George and whom I have talked with several times.)



Now at this point, I will get away from the eleven charter members

and reflect on something that I have just discovered that may be of interest to us.

There have been twelve Masonic Lodges chartered here in Rockingham County, their locations and numbers. The Wentworth Lodge is number 111 and was chartered on December 10, 1846. Its charter was dropped on December 3, 1869. Dan River Lodge in Madison was chartered in 1880. It was restored in 1896 and is active today.

Leaksville Lodge #136, was chartered on December 3, 1850 and surrendered its charter in 1880 and was restored in 1898. It is active today. Cherokee Lodge #197 in Stoneville was chartered on December 7, 1858, was dropped in 1905 and restored in 1906. Its name changed to Stoneville Lodge in 1907 and its charter was surrendered in 1910. In 1916, Fraternal Lodge #130 was chartered December 3, 1850 at Rawlinsburg and gave up its charter 1857. Rawlinsburg was supposed to be just north of Ruffin. Mount Bethel #254, chartered December 5, 1866, at Lomaxville, moved to Aspin Grove in 1877 and gave up its charter in 1884. The author thinks this was in the Williamsburg section of our county.

Wentworth Lodge II 324 was chartered December 5, 1872 and gave up its charter in 1887. It was restored in 1895 and surrendered it in 1907.

Roman Eagle # 384 was chartered December 8, 1874 and then changed to Reidsville Lodge # 384. The name changed again on April 12, 1953 to Jefferson Penn Lodge # 384.

Wentworth again was organized January 13, 1909 and the number was 567. It consolidated with # 384 in 1931.

Rockwell Lodge # 600 received its charter January 12, 1912 but surrendered its charter March 28, 1933.

Meadow Lodge # 661 received its charter January 21, 1925, but consolidated with Leaksville Lodge #136 in 1926. The reason given was for the lack of a good meeting place.

JOHN STRONG

John Strong was our first Junior Deacon. He was born June 9,

1811, here in Rockingham County. He was the son of Zachariah Strong and Ruth Smith. The writer has looked far and wide for more information on this Brother. The old Strong plantation was up on the Price Road across from El Bethel Church, but I cannot locate a cemetery. There is a Strong cemetery on or near Tuttle Berry farm. There is only one stone with S. Strong on it. The rest are rocks.

I do remember very well William W. Strong, we all knew Uncle Billy. In his writings, he said Uncle John hung a Confederate flag from the second story window and said there was no Yankee born that was man enough to take it down.

John Strong married a lady by the name of Sarah Adams on December 3, 1841 and they had a son, William Z. Strong. He died in 1852, so let us remember the year 1852 as for deaths especially connected with our lodge. John Strong was the age of 39 when our lodge was formed and his occupation was a trader. In 1860, he had gone into farming. In the census of 1860, he had no other children and his net worth was listed at \$2,000.00. His father, Zachariah Strong, died January, 1838 and in his will, he left his son, John, a negro slave named Isaac. The value of \$231.00. John died February 17, 1873.



W. P. WHITE

In 1896, W. P. White of Graham came to Spray as principal of the school there. This school was a little red school just below the location of the Salvation Army building today. Being an enthusiastic mason, he felt the need of a lodge here. Through his energy and instrumentality, along with the assistance of some of the members of the old lodge, especially J. M. Price a Senior Warden, the lodge was reorganized and given the same name and number.

The Grand Lodge gave it a duplicate charter of the same one. The frame that contained the old charter made by some members of the old lodge was found hanging on the wall of the old room. The charter was returned to its original resting place and that old frame today is appreciated by each member of the lodge. It's history should always be given to each new member. As of today, this frame is over 142 years old. This frame and charter has escaped two fires.

In 1898 there were found living here, eleven members of the old

lodge: J. M. Price, Calvin G. Jones, S. A. Turner, J. P. Dillard, Peter A. Kemp, F. R. Osborne, A. B. Johns, W. S. Martin, W. S. Carter, Rev. D. E. Field and Benton F. Field.

At its reorganization, the first eight names above became members. W. S. Carter joining shortly after. None of the Field brothers joined, but always encouraged and assisted in any way they could. Benton J. Field died shortly afterwards.

Eight years later, Uncle Dan, as nearly everyone called Rev. Dan Field, sent word to Brother John F. Kemp to come by his store. He told him that his reason for not joining the lodge was that he felt he could do more good by giving his whole time to church work, but that he wished to die a Mason and a member of the Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. and this was gladly done very shortly.

Uncle Dan was elected and I feel sure that this was one election the lodge feels proud of. The following week, he left to visit his daughters living in Indiana and died while on this visit. His remains were brought back and buried in the Methodist cemetery, now the Lawson Cemetery and he is revered by all that knew him. The writer would like to have written more of his life, but he was not a charter member as he was only 20 years old in 1850.

After working under dispensation for a short time, the following officers were elected. W. P White succeeded himself in 1900 and 1901 and during the spring of 1901, he moved back to his old home in Graham and the position was filled by J. Fletcher Kemp, who was elected in 1902 and 1903 with J. B. Neal, Secretary. In 1904, J. H. Watson was Worshipful Master, and in 1905 and 1906, the Master's Chair was filled by J. Fletcher Kemp. C. T. Rose was Secretary. In 1907 and 1908, W. A. Walker was Worshipful Master and L. P. Mitchell was Secretary. In 1909 W. D. Sherwood was Worshipful Master and C. K. Wright was Secretary. In 1910 Fred Brantly was Worshipful Master and C. K. Wright was Secretary. In 1911 C.W. Rogers was elected Worshipful Master and J. F. Kemp was Secretary. Brother Kemp was re-elected for thirteen consecutive terms and the following men were Worshipful Master: W. L. Fowler, J. W. Donaho, Joe Coward, W. F. Cates, Harvey Joyce and Tony Eggleston.

In 1924, W. W. Jones was elected Worshipful Master with Ernest

M. Hodges as Secretary and Brother Hodges filled this position for ten years along with Master W. J. Baughn, H. Edd Boone, G. L. Siler, H. E. Donaho, C. M. Pender, Sam T. Anderson, B. W. Walker, L. J. Baker, E. E. Emory, O. L. Slayton and J. D. Carter.

In 1923, the membership of the lodge was almost equally divided between Leaksville, Spray and Draper. As a result of this, the members from Draper decided that a lodge there would be more convenient for them to attend. They withdrew and instituted the Meadow Lodge # 661. They grew and thrived for two years. For the lack of a suitable lodge room, they thought it would be better to disband and come back to the mother lodge #136, which they did. With this addition, it brought the membership up to 200, making it the largest in the county.

In 1902, the Methodist of the town erected a new church on the lot adjoining the old one and wished to build a parsonage nearby. They bought from the masons their ½ interest in the old church building that the masons had owned since 1858. The masons sold their part for \$400.00 and a co-partnership of a half century was served with the love and good will of each member of two organizations.

For several years after this, the lodge held its meetings in the Heiner building which was later destroyed by fire. This building was on the corner of Byrd and Boulevard Streets. In 1914, the Junior Order erected a three story building with a splendid lodge room on the third floor, which they rented at a nominal fee to other organization and they showed all kindness and consideration to the other fraternal orders.

Brother L. P. Mitchell and W. L. Fowler, were the oldest Masons at that time having been initiated in 1900. I the writer, had the pleasure of sitting in the lodge with both and were indebted for much of the information in this sketch which tells us the membership of the lodge is scattered over many states; at least it was at that time.

The latch string always hangs on the outside to visiting masons and especially from Danville, Madison and Reidsville. From the register we find that we had them from nearly all of the states east of the Mississippi and some from the west of it, also Canada and England.

A lot of this history came from Brother John Fletcher Kemp. His history was printed in the Leaksville News in 1939 and by many request from many Brother Masons, printed again in 1943. His son J. F.

“Jinks” Kemp, was also a member of our lodge. The Kemp family donated the Master’s chair in the East.

As our minutes show, the lodge moved to the Junior Order building on January 1, 1915 with the rent of \$4.00 per month and moved to our present Masonic Temple on October 14, 1939. As of the present time, we are trying to erect a new Temple on Thompson Street which I am sure we will do.

Through the years the annual dues have been as follows: 1902 / 75 cent, 1907 / \$1.00, 1911 / \$2.00, 1920 / \$3.00, 1925 / \$4.00, 1952 / \$6.00 and 1953 / \$10.00. When dues were raised to \$10.00, the dues were omitted to members being in good standing, with 30 years in the lodge and those who have reached the age of 65. Some of the old events taken from the minutes of the lodge are recorded.

In 1902, the Masonic order met with Methodist to talk over the price of our ½ interest of the old building. In 1905, December 9th, the bill for firewood was ordered paid on the amount of \$2.50. In 1905, November, the Oxford Asylum asked for Thanksgiving donation and we donated \$10.00 (please note then the Oxford Orphanage was called Oxford Asylum). In February, 1906, an oyster supper was given by our lodge and it was ordered to pay for three gallons of oysters the amount of \$3.75. In August, 1906, the Methodist offers \$400.00 for our ½ interest in the church building and we voted to accept. The vote was 11 to accept, eight against accepting. In June, 1906, a bill for lamp oil was ordered paid in the amount of \$1.70. In April, 1906, a bill was ordered paid for winding stairs and setting mantel of \$15.20. In September, Brother W. D. Sherwood, reports that the hall over Spray Drug and Chemical Company can be secured for meetings at \$1.00 per meeting, but we voted to go to the Heiner Building instead. In May, 1907, a committee consisting of Brother Wilson and Brother Ross was established to buy some lamps. In June, 1907, the Master ordered the rent of \$4.00 to be paid. In July, 1907, a hat passed. The amount of \$3.40 collected for a fruit supper. Invitations were sent to our Wentworth Brothers to join us. In September, 1907, a brother asking that we confer the 3rd degree on him was presented. The lodge voted to have him wait 12 months as he had not conducted himself properly. In December, 1907, the secretary was told to notify Brothers who were

behind with their dues. They were told to pay back the dues or to come to the next meeting and give a good reason as to why they hadn't paid. In May, 1907, the treasurer was ordered to pay for a wagon for moving. Ivie Brothers was paid \$.75. In January, 1912, whereas the Supreme Ruler of the universe has seen fit in his wise providence to remove from his earthly labors Brother Peter Anderson Kemp who departed this life November 7, 1911 in the 76th year of his life.

Brother Kemp had been for many years a member of Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. Therefore, be it resolved (1) that we, his fellow masons, place on record some memorial of his long and useful life. Be it remembered that he lived in the stormy days of the great Civil War, in which struggle he bore an honorable part as faithful soldier. When the war was over, he returned and settled down to make a living for his family and was happy in his domestic relations, raised a large family and found time to be a good neighbor, friend, and citizen. He did not neglect the claim of religion for he was approximately a sixty year member of the Methodist Church of Leaksville; (2) be it further resolved that we express our sympathy with the bereaved widow of the deceased and the six surviving children and that they go to the Holy Bible for consolation and to our heavenly Father for Divine comfort.

BY: P. H. Gwynn
W. A. Walker
L. S. Walker

In 1913, an apology by the Secretary was made for another Brother for language which was unbecoming to a mason in the lodge at our regular communication. On March 8, 1914 in quote, "To the Master Mason and members of our lodge, it becomes my duty to prefer charges against Brother _____ to wit, using profane language in the lodge and threatening a Brother's life, outside the Lodge..." The Worshipful Master calling a special communication Saturday evening March 8, 1914 for the purpose of trying Brother _____. Brother Stevenson was appointed as his counselor. The brother was asked if he would be friendly and forgive, his answer was **no**. He was asked to leave and await outside until a vote could be taken. The vote was for

indefinite suspension. The results were 23 for suspension and five against. The Brother was returned to the lodge room and informed of the ballot. His name was dropped from the roll.

In 1918, a Resolution was passed that the lodge appropriate \$826.00 for purchase of 200 war saving bonds. From December 20, 1919, to March 13, 1920, no meetings were held because of the "flu".

On October 23, 1920, six members were elected into the lodge, one was rejected. On April 30, 1921, the lodge voted to donate \$15.00 to a monument in memory of Jake Boone, first to be killed in World War I from here. Jake was a brother of Edd Boone, member of out lodge. This monument still stands today on Boone Road and this is where Boone Road gets its name. In January, 1922, the Master ordered that a notice of our communication be published in our local paper, "The Arrow". In September, 1922, the Rockingham County Masonic Association was formed after all masons in the county got together for a picnic. In April, 1925, a motion was made and carried to give Brother John Fletcher Kemp his dues for life, because of his great service rendered the lodge in the number of years as Master and Secretary. In September, 1926, a motion was made that Meadow Lodge #661 of Draper consolidate with Leaksville Lodge #136. The vote was to be held October 2, 1926. It was held on that date and carried by all. In April, 1927, the Brother mentioned in the previous minutes was suspended from the lodge after being found guilty of transporting whiskey. In September, 1927, the lodge voted to present all past Masters with a Master's Jewel. On October, 1927, Brother Tony Eggleston presented the lodge with an emblem of G handmade by him. We also find he made two of these and one is owned by his nephew, the late Clayborne Eggleston.

In March, 1928, Brother Gordon Siler, Worshipful Master and Ernest Hodges, secretary of the Masonic Lodge formed the idea of organizing an Order of Eastern Star Chapter. They went to Reidsville to talk to Mrs. Maud Hester, then past Grand Matron of the Brand Chapter of North Carolina, to see how to proceed. She told them to call a meeting at a certain place on a given date and invite masons, their wives, mothers, daughters and sisters. This they did on a certain night in April, 1928 at the Leaksville Graded School. They had a good

attendance and the functions of the chapter were explained. Out of this group, 38 signed up to become a charter member. On May 12, 1928, Mrs. Hester and Miss Mary Baker of the Reidsville Chapter came over and instituted the local chapter and put on degrees. The organization was first known as Leaksville-Spray Chapter but in a short while, it was changed to Tri-City Chapter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barksdale was the first Worthy Matron and Brother Ernest M. Hodges the first Worthy Patron. Mrs. Lizzie Hampton was the first Associate Matron and G. T. Sykes was the first Associate Patron. The first Secretary was Mrs. Ada Phillips. For the first couple of years, they had a struggle as few members joined and from time to time some were demitted or dropped out. The chapter did not begin to grow in numbers until the early forties and now at this writing has over a hundred members on roll. The 38 Carter Members were as follows:

Miss Emma Anderson
Mrs. Lillian Anderson
Mrs. Elizabeth Barksdale
Mrs. Maggie Boone
Mrs. Cora Dent
Fred Hedge
Mrs. Celia Hedge
Ernest M. Hodges
Mrs. Mollie Hodges
John Fletcher Kemp
Vincent Dehart
Mrs. Elizabeth Dehart
George V. Dehart
Mrs. Onie Fowler
Miss Annie Gilley
Mrs. Moran Hopper
Mrs. Lizzie Hampton
Mrs. Beulah Haizlip
Thomas Jones
Mrs. Susie Jones

Miss Lucy Kemp
Miss Lillian Kirkpatrick
Grayson Mills
Mrs. Ada Phillips
Gordon Siler
Ruth Siler
Mrs. Doris Miles
Mrs. Maye Terry
Mrs. Susie Walker
Mrs. Kenna McClure
Charley Phillips
Adolphus Pratt, Jr.
Mrs. Helen Price
Hampton Price
Glynn Sykes
Dewey Smith
Mrs. Grace Sykes
Mrs. Eloise Walker

Of the original 38 Charter members, the only two I know of that is still living at this time is Mrs. Beulah Haizlip and Miss Eloise Walker.

This chapter sponsors the Leaksville Assembly #17 Order of Rainbow for Girls and a very active group. On September 6, 1929, the lodge was shocked to learn that Brother Henry Shropshire, our Senior Warden, had met a tragic death of drowning. His car went into the canal. A Mr. Southern also lost his life trying to save Brother Shropshire. Flowers were sent to both families.

On December 6, 1930, the banquet was postponed due to the great depression. On March 18, 1933, communication from the Grand Master to hold a meeting on April 4 for prayer and support of President Roosevelt and his administration was received. On July 12, 1933 a motion was made and carried to lower the initiation fee from \$40.00 to \$30.00. On December 16, 1933, seven members from our lodge were suspended for nonpayment of their dues.

On July 20, 1935, three gavels were presented to the lodge by Brother Fletcher Kemp. The lumber for the gavels was taken from the

old Methodist Church and Masonic building which each, as I have stated before, owned ½ interest and built in 1858. Brother Kemp stated that the walnut wood was cut around 1850. On November 21, 1936, a motion was made and carried to give Brother W. A. Walker a lifetime membership for his long years of devoted work in the lodge.

On December 5, 1938, a committee consisting of Brother G. T. Sykes, Ernest M. Hodges, W. W. Gwynn, J. F. Kemp and T. M. Kirkpatrick was to investigate the possibility of buying a lot to erect a building to be used as a lodge in the future. On February 20, 1939, the committee recommended that we buy a lot on the corner of Bridge Street and Early Avenue. The Board of Trustees was appointed as follows: Brothers H. C. Pace, C. E. Hubbard and W. L. Fowler. On March 5, 1939, a Building Committee was appointed. Members were as follows: Brothers A. W. Hancock, Ernest M. Hodges, G. T. Sykes, W. C. Scolar and T. M. Kirkpatrick. On April 3, 1939, Brother G. T. Sykes reported in cash and pledges \$1,664.00 with \$882.00 left in the bank after paying for the lot. The total of \$2,500.00 was on hand for building. Brothers reported a consideration for a one story lodge instead of a two story building. The one story would cost approximately \$4,500.00 and the two approximately \$6,000.00. On October 14, 1939, the lodge held its communication in the new Temple.

February 5, 1940, a motion was made and carried to make Brother William Stevenson an honorary member of #136 A.F.A.M. Brother William Stevenson joined a lodge in England and later came to this country. He always attended meetings and was active but never applied for membership. On July 15, 1940, Brother Gus D. Lappas presented the lodge with a beautiful new Bible and the Worshipful Master expressed the lodge's greatest thanks. On November 4, 1940, eight members were suspended from the lodge for non-payment of dues. On April 21, 1941, the master reports that sufficient Brothers had subscribed to the building fund to pay off the mortgage. Also, the Kemp family donated the worshipful Master's chair in memory of the late Brother John Fletcher Kemp. On November 16, 1942, dues were raised to \$5.00 per year. On February 1, 1943, the lodge voted to have shrubbery planted around the lodge building at a cost of \$36.50. On October 4, 1943, the lodge voted to give Brother Tony Eggleston a

lifetime membership. On January 17, 1944, the lodge voted to send all service men a membership card for the year 1944. On April 8, 1944, a motion was made by Brother W. T. Dent and seconded by Brother L. M. Barksdale to make Brother Edd D. Picher an honorary member of our lodge. The motion was carried.

On April 15, 1946, Brother Hall Levette presented the lodge some literature and a talk on forming a chapter of DeMolay. The lodge voted to sponsor a chapter. The vote carried by all. On October 7, 1946, it was ordered by the Master a new set of officers aprons be bought. On April 7, 1947, the lodge voted unanimously to raise the dues to \$6.00 per year. On September 4, 1950, ten plates were donated by the Kirkpatrick family and sold to Brothers for the total of \$75.50 this money was turned over to H. C. Pace, Jr., to start a fund to purchase a sign with lights in front of the Temple.

On December 3, 1950, the lodge was 100 years old today. No mention of this was made in the minutes, but Brother Bennett Nooe gave the lodge the Secretary's desk and chair that night. I remember I was one of the two who brought that desk up the stairs into the meeting room.

There are some names that have helped me greatly in the past for information furnished to me in preparing this history of the lodge. I am grateful for their records and the past history they made. They are as follows:

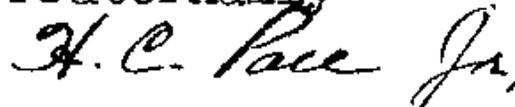
John Fletcher Kemp
L. P. Mitchell
P. H. Gwynn
W. L. Fowler
J. D. Cooper
W. J. Danaho
William Stevenson
W. A. Walker
Tony Eggleston
Ernest M. Hodges
A. W. Hancock
W. M. Carter

Douglas Richardson
 Joe Coward
 Harvey Joyce
 Sam Anderson
 Bennett Nooe

At this writing, all of these men have gone, but I can say that I have known them all and have sat in the lodge with many of them. I consider it a great honor in knowing them personally.

In conclusion, may we illuminate our minds by knowing that they who have passed on to that great beyond are still practicing their precepts of Masonry which are friendship, morality and brotherly love in that celestial temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Fraternally



H. C. Pace, Jr.

**OFFICERS OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE
 #136 A.F.A.M.**

1850 - 1992

1850	Master	Dr. Walter Lee Binford
	Senior Warden	Jones Williams Burton
	Junior Warden	W. Absalom Stephens
	Secretary	James C. Martin
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
	Senior Deacon	George Henry Chaplin
	Junior Deacon	John Strong
	Tyler	Thomas Williams Field
1851	Master	Dr. Walter Lee Binford

	Senior Warden	Jones Williams Burton
	Junior Warden	W. Absalom Stephens
	Secretary	James C. Martin
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1852	Master	Dr. Walter Lee Binford
	Senior Warden	Jones Williams Burton
	Junior Warden	Thomas Reynolds
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1853	Master	Rev. George Henry Chaplin
	Senior Warden	Jones Williams Burton
	Junior Warden	Thomas Reynolds
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1854	Master	Rev. George Henry Chaplin
	Senior Warden	Jones Williams Burton
	Junior Warden	Thomas Reynolds
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1855	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	John Strong
	Junior Warden	Daniel Early Field

	Secretary	Dr. Walter Lee Binford
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1856	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	William Roberson
	Junior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Secretary	Dr. Walter Lee Binford
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1857	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	John Strong
	Junior Warden	Obadiah C. Calhoun
	Secretary	Dr. Walter Lee Binford
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1858	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	William Roberson
	Junior Warden	Obadiah C. Calhoun
	Secretary	James P. Dillard
	Treasurer	John Strong
1859	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	Dr. Robert R. Robinson
	Secretary	James P. Dillard
	Treasurer	John Strong

1860	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	Dr. Walter Lee Binford
	Secretary	James P. Dillard
	Treasurer	John Strong

1861	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	Calvin Jones
	Secretary	James P. Dillard
	Treasurer	John Strong

1862 No returns to Grand Lodge due to Civil War

1863 No returns to Grand Lodge due to Civil War

1864 No returns to Grand Lodge due to Civil War

1865 No returns to Grand Lodge due to Civil War

1866 No returns to Grand Lodge due to Civil War

We must assume that during these years, the lodge did not meet due to the war that was going on.

1867	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	James P. Dillard
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway

	Treasurer	John Strong
1868	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	James P. Dillard
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	John Strong
1869	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	James P. Dillard
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	John Strong
1870	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	James P. Dillard
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	John Strong
1871	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Junior Warden	James P. Dillard
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	George Winston
1872	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	Daniel Early Field

	Junior Warden	James P. Dillard
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	George Winston
1873	Master	Daniel Early Field
	Senior Warden	H. M. Hamlin
	Junior Warden	James P. Dillard
	Secretary	R. R. Galloway
	Treasurer	Calvin Jones
1874	Master	Daniel Early Field
	Senior Warden	H. M. Hamlin
	Junior Warden	John B. Ray
	Secretary	Thomas Williams Field
	Treasurer	Calvin Jones
1875	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	D. F. Guerrant
	Junior Warden	J. R. Stevens
	Secretary	B. J. Field
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1876	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	W. C. Ragland
	Junior Warden	Daniel Early Field

	Secretary	B. J. Field
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1877	Master	Thomas Williams Field
	Senior Warden	J. M. Price
	Junior Warden	Daniel Early Field
	Secretary	B. J. Field
	Treasurer	James P. Dillard
1878	No returns sent to Grand Lodge, just drafted.	
1879	No return sent to the Grand Lodge.	
1880	Surrendered its charter after 30 years of service. The only reason that can be found is that the members lost interest. The charter was restored 1899 with the same name and number as we had before.	
1899	Master	W. P. White
	Senior Warden	J. M. Price
	Junior Warden	C. G. Jones
	Secretary	B. K. Terry
	Treasurer	W. S. Martin
1900	Master	W. P. White
	Senior Warden	J. M. Price
	Junior Warden	C. G. Jones

	Secretary	J. B. Neal
	Treasurer	W. S. Martin
1901	Master	W. P. White
	Senior Warden	J. M. Price
	Junior Warden	C. G. Jones
	Secretary	J. B. Neal
	Treasurer	W. S. Martin
1902	Master	John Fletcher Kemp
	Senior Warden	J. M. Price
	Junior Warden	C. G. Jones
	Secretary	J. B. Neal
	Treasurer	W. S. Martin
1903	Master	John Fletcher Kemp
	Senior Warden	J. M. Price
	Junior Warden	C. G. Jones
	Secretary	J. B. Neal
	Treasurer	W. S. Martin

1904	Master	W. H. Watson
	Senior Warden	W. A. Walker
	Junior Warden	L. S. Neal
	Secretary	C. T. Ross
	Treasurer	J. S. Patterson
1905	Master	John Fletcher Kemp
	Senior Warden	W. L. Fowler
	Junior Warden	S. T. Walker
	Secretary	C. T. Ross
	Treasurer	J. S. Patterson
1906	Master	John Fletcher Kemp
	Senior Warden	W. C. Rogers
	Junior Warden	W. D. Sherwood
	Secretary	C. T. Ross
	Treasurer	S. M. Hampton

1907	Master	W. A. Walker
	Senior Warden	W. C. Rogers
	Junior Warden	W. L. Fowler
	Secretary	L. P. Mitchell
	Treasurer	S. M. Hampton
1908	Master	W. A. Walker
	Senior Warden	W. C. Rogers
	Junior Warden	W. L. Fowler
	Secretary	L. P. Mitchell
	Treasurer	S. M. Hampton
1909	Master	W. D. Sherwood
	Senior Warden	Frederick Brantly
	Junior Warden	J. D. Cooper
	Secretary	C. K. Wright
	Treasurer	S. M. Hampton
1910	Master	Frederick Brantly
	Senior Warden	W. L. Fowler
	Junior Warden	J. D. Cooper
	Secretary	C. K. Wright
	Treasurer	S. M. Hampton
1911	Master	W. C. Rogers

	Senior Warden	W. J. Donaho
	Junior Warden	W. C. Tolar
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	S. M. Hampton
1912	Master	W. L. Fowler
	Senior Warden	W. J. Donaho
	Junior Warden	C. E. Ross
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	P. M. Millner
1913	Master	W. J. Donaho
	Senior Warden	W. C. Rogers
	Junior Warden	William Stevens
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	P. M. Millner
1914	Master	W. J. Donaho
	Senior Warden	Joe Coward

	Junior Warden	W. A. Walker
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	P. M. Millner
1915	Master	Joe Coward
	Senior Warden	W. F. Cates
	Junior Warden	Edd Boone
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	P. M. Millner
1916	Master	W. F. Cates
	Senior Warden	Edd Boone
	Junior Warden	Harvey Joyce
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	P. J. Millner
1917	Master	W. F. Cates
	Senior Warden	Edd Boone
	Junior Warden	Harvey Joyce

	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	C. W. Rogers
1918	Master	Harvey Joyce
	Senior Warden	W. A. Walker
	Junior Warden	Henry Shropshire
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	C. W. Rogers
1919	Master	Harvey Joyce
	Senior Warden	J. W. Krantz
	Junior Warden	John Eggleston
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	C. W. Rogers
1920	Master	Harvey Joyce
	Senior Warden	J. W. Krantz
	Junior Warden	John Eggleston
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp

	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1921	Master	Tony Eggleston
	Senior Warden	Edd Boone
	Junior Warden	W. W. Jones
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1922	Master	Tony Eggleston
	Senior Warden	W. W. Jones
	Junior Warden	W. J. Baughn
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1923	Master	Tony Eggleston
	Senior Warden	W. W. Jones
	Junior Warden	W. J. Baughn
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.

1924	Master	W. W. Jones
	Senior Warden	W. J. Baughn
	Junior Warden	Henry Shropshire
	Secretary	John Fletcher Kemp
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1925	Master	W. J. Baughn
	Senior Warden	W. W. Jones
	Junior Warden	G. L. Siler
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1926	Master	Edd Boone
	Senior Warden	G. L. Siler
	Junior Warden	W. W. Jones
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1927	Master	G. L. Siler

	Senior Warden	H. E. Donaho
	Junior Warden	C. M. Pender
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1928	Master	H. E. Donaho
	Senior Warden	C. M. Pender
	Junior Warden	T. M. Kirkpatrick
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1929	Master	C. M. Pender
	Senior Warden	Henry Shropshire
	Junior Warden	T. M. Kirkpatrick
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1930	Master	Sam T. Anderson
	Senior Warden	B. W. Walker

	Junior Warden	L. J. Baker
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1931	Master	B. W. Walker
	Senior Warden	L. J. Baker
	Junior Warden	E. A. Emory
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1932	Master	B. W. Walker
	Senior Warden	L. J. Baker
	Junior Warden	E. A. Emory
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1933	Master	L. J. Baker
	Senior Warden	E. A. Emory
	Junior Warden	O. L. Slayton

	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1934	Master	E. A. Emory
	Senior Warden	O. L. Slayton
	Junior Warden	S. L. Lawson
	Secretary	Ernest M. Hodges
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1935	Master	O. L. Slayton
	Senior Warden	S. L. Lawson
	Junior Warden	W. W. Gwynn
	Secretary	L. M. Barksdale
	Treasurer	Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
1936	Master	S. L. Lawson
	Senior Warden	S. T. Anderson
	Junior Warden	W. W. Gwynn
	Secretary	L. M. Barksdale

	Treasurer	G. T. Sykes
1937	Master	S. L. Lawson
	Senior Warden	J. B. Carter
	Junior Warden	E. P. Craddock
	Secretary	L. M. Barksdale
	Treasurer	G. T. Sykes
1938	Master	J. B. Carter
	Senior Warden	W. W. Gwynn
	Junior Warden	G. T. Sykes
	Secretary	L. M. Barksdale
	Treasurer	Ernest M. Hodges
1939	Master	J. B. Carter
	Senior Warden	W. W. Gwynn
	Junior Warden	G. T. Sykes
	Secretary	L. M. Barksdale
	Treasurer	Ernest M. Hodges

1940	Master	W. W. Gwynn
	Senior Warden	G. T. Sykes
	Junior Warden	W. C. Sholar
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Ernest M. Hodges
1941	Master	G. T. Sykes
	Senior Warden	T. M. Kirkpatrick
	Junior Warden	J. T. Mitchell
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Ernest M. Hodges
1942	Master	J. T. Mitchell
	Senior Warden	T. M. Kirkpatrick
	Junior Warden	Dan Strutton
	Secretary	L. M. Barksdale
	Treasurer	Ernest M. Hodges
1943	Master	Dan Strutton

Senior Warden	Irving Hodges
Junior Warden	Woodrow Norris
Secretary	J.T. Mitchell
Treasurer	I. H. Setliff

1944	Master	Irving Hodges
	Senior Warden	Woodrow Norris
	Junior Warden	C. J. Mabes
	Secretary	J. T. Mitchell
	Treasurer	I. H. Setliff

1945	Master	Jess W. Griggs
	Senior Warden	C. J. Mabes
	Junior Warden	J. S. Taylor
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	I. H. Setliff

1946	Master	C. J. Mabes
	Senior Warden	J. S. Taylor

Junior Warden	J. B. Sherwood
Secretary	Bennett Nooe
Treasurer	I. H. Setliff

1947	Master	E. W. Norris
	Senior Warden	J. B. Sherwood
	Junior Warden	L. M. Barksdale
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	T. S. Setliff

1948	Master	J. B. Sherwood
	Senior Warden	L. M. Barksdale
	Junior Warden	Lawrence W. Cox
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Frank Nance

1949	Master	L. M. Barksdale
	Senior Warden	Lawrence W. Cox
	Junior Warden	W. S. Hundley

	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1950	Master	Lawrence W. Cox
	Senior Warden	W. S. Hundley
	Junior Warden	W. C. Pinkney
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1951	Master	W. S. Hundley
	Senior Warden	W. C. Pinkney
	Junior Warden	I. H. Setliff
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1952	Master	W. C. Pinkney
	Senior Warden	I. H. Setliff
	Junior Warden	Walter M. Carter
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe

	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1953	Master	I. H. Setliff
	Senior Warden	Walter M. Carter
	Junior Warden	R. W. Newell
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1954	Master	Walter M. Carter
	Senior Warden	R. W. Newell
	Junior Warden	W. B. McBride
	Secretary	Bennett Nooe
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1955	Master	R. W. Newell
	Senior Warden	W. B. McBride
	Junior Warden	Raymond O. Endicott
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	Frank Nance

1956	Master	W. B. McBride
	Senior Warden	Raymond O. Endicott
	Junior Warden	DR. R. C. Turner
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1957	Master	R. O. Endicott
	Senior Warden	Dr. R. C. Turner
	Junior Warden	J. L. Adams
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1958	Master	Dr. R. C. Turner
	Senior Warden	J. L. Adams
	Junior Warden	Andrew Collins, Jr.
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	Frank Nance

1959	Master	J. L. Adams
	Senior Warden	Andrew Collins, Jr.
	Junior Warden	J. T. DePriest
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1960	Master	Andrew Collins, Jr.
	Senior Warden	J. T. DePriest
	Junior Warden	H. T. Harrison
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1961	Master	Jerry T. DePriest
	Senior Warden	E. C. Tiller
	Junior Warden	J. D. Richardson
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	Frank Nance

1962	Master	E. C. Tiller
	Senior Warden	J. D. Richardson
	Junior Warden	J. W. Webster
	Secretary	A. W. Hancock
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1963	Master	J. D. Richardson
	Senior Warden	H. T. Harrison
	Junior Warden	R. C. Crews
	Secretary	A. W. Hancock
	Treasurer	Frank Nance
1964	Master	Jerry D. Webster
	Senior Warden	R. C. Crews
	Junior Warden	H. N. Anderson
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	I. H. Setliff
1965	Master	R. C. Crews

	Senior Warden	H. N. Anderson
	Junior Warden	Charles Nooe
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	I. H. Setliff
1966	Master	H. N. Anderson
	Senior Warden	H. T. Harrison
	Junior Warden	Charles Nooe
	Secretary	W. M. Carter
	Treasurer	I. H. Setliff
1967	Master	Charles Nooe
	Senior Warden	H. L. Mitchell
	Junior Warden	H. T. Harrison
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1968	Master	H. T. Harrison
	Senior Warden	H. L. Mitchell

	Junior Warden	Kenneth McCray
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1969	Master	H. L. Mitchell
	Senior Warden	Henry P. Adams
	Junior Warden	P. M. Arehart
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1970	Master	Henry P. Adams
	Senior Warden	P. M. Arehart
	Junior Warden	J. D. Via
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1971	Master	P. M. Arehart
	Senior Warden	J. D. Via
	Junior Warden	R. M. Biggs

	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1972	Master	J. D. Via
	Senior Warden	R. M. Biggs
	Junior Warden	H. T. Robertson
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1973	Master	R. M. Biggs
	Senior Warden	H. T. Robertson
	Junior Warden	J. T. Ellington, Jr.
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1974	Master	H. T. Robertson
	Senior Warden	J. T. Ellington, Jr.
	Junior Warden	Charles Coleman
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson

	Treasurer	H. N. Anderson
1975	Master	J. T. Ellington, Jr.
	Senior Warden	Charles Coleman
	Junior Warden	B. E. Snyder
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	J. D. Via
1976	Master	Charles Coleman
	Senior Warden	B. E. Synder
	Junior Warden	C. J. Martin
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	J. D. Via
1977	Master	B. E. Synder
	Senior Warden	C. J. Martin
	Junior Warden	L. W. Cox, Jr.
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	J. D. Via

1978	Master	C. J. Martin
	Senior Warden	L. W. Cox. Jr.
	Junior Warden	W. A. Mumpower, Jr.
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	J. D. Via
1979	Master	L. W. Cox, Jr.
	Senior Warden	W. A. Mumpower, Jr.
	Junior Warden	Dr. H. M. Baker
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	J. D. Via
1980	Master	L. W. Cox, Jr., Acting
	Senior Warden	Dr. H. M. Baker
	Junior Warden	D. M. Durham
	Secretary	J. D. Durham
	Treasurer	J. D. Via
1981	Master	Dr. H. M. Baker

	Senior Warden	D. M. Durham
	Junior Warden	W. F. Mitchell
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1982	Master	D. M. Durham
	Senior Warden	H. C. Washburn, Jr.
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1983	Master	W. F. Mitchell
	Senior Warden	H. C. Washburn, Jr.
	Junior Warden	B. A. Carroll
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1984	Master	H. C. Washburn, Jr.
	Senior Warden	George Butler

	Junior Warden	Charles A. Walker
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1983	Master	W. F. Mitchell
	Senior Warden	H. C. Washburn, Jr.
	Junior Warden	B. A. Carroll
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1985	Master	George Butler
	Senior Warden	Charles A. Walker
	Junior Warden	Billy Vestal
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1986	Master	Charles A. Walker
	Senior Warden	Billy A. Vestal
	Junior Warden	Tommie Roberson

	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1987	Master	Billy A. Vestal
	Senior Warden	C. C. Hall
	Junior Warden	Tony Holland
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1988	Master	C. C. Hall
	Senior Warden	Tony Holland
	Junior Warden	James Sineath
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	W. S. Sherwood
1989	Master	Tony Holland
	Senior Warden	James Sineath
	Junior Warden	Steve Harkey
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson

	Treasurer	C. C. Hall
1990	Master	James Sineath
	Senior Warden	Frank Reid
	Junior Warden	Thomas R. Pilliam
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	C. C. Hall
1991	Master	Frank Reid
	Senior Warden	Thomas R. Pulliam
	Junior Warden	Gary S. Harkey
	Secretary	J. D. Richardson
	Treasurer	C. C. Hall
1992	Master	Thomas R. Pulliam
	Senior Warden	Gary S. Harkey
	Junior Warden	David S. Cummins
	Secretary	C. C. Hall
	Treasurer	Tony Holland

1993 Master

 Senior Warden

 Junior Warden

 Secretary

 Treasurer

NOTES ADDED BY Jim Riddle AFTER AUGUST 2012

The reason large number of people died in 1852

1852 Epidemic of yellow fever.

Marriage Bond

Definition: In earlier times, a marriage bond was given to the court by the intended groom prior to his marriage. It affirmed that there was no moral or legal reason why the couple could not be married and it also affirmed that the groom would not change his mind. If he did, and did not marry the intended bride, he would forfeit the bond. The bondsman, or surety, was often a brother or uncle to the bride, not necessarily a parent. The bondsman could also be related to the groom, or even be a neighbor or friend, but those situations occurred less often.

Splashy, N.C.

Splashy, North Carolina

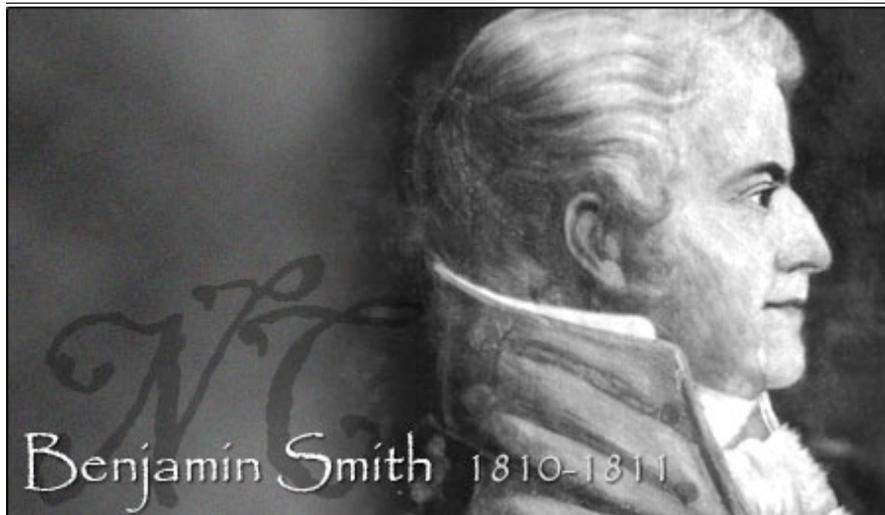
July 13, 2009 by [Jason Tomberlin](#)

Cataloging our collection's [North Carolina phone books](#) provided a great education for me about some of our State's interesting and unique town names. While trying to catalog a troublesome Rockingham County telephone book, whose title and name changes were causing me a great deal of head-scratching and temple rubbing, I unearthed a fun factoid concerning one of these "interesting and unique town names", which made it all worthwhile.

In 1968, the "[Leaksville, Spray, Draper phone book](#)" changed to the "[Eden phone book](#)." Unfamiliar with this area of North Carolina, I went straight to the *North Carolina Gazetteer*, by William S. Powell, to help clear up my confusion. I found that a merger of the three towns had occurred, resulting in a new town, which was named Eden. This cleared up my telephone book

title confusion, but while searching for this, I also found an entertaining piece of North Carolina trivia about Spray: according to Powell's *Gazetteer*, the area in north Rockingham County was "settled about 1813 and known first as Splashy from the water thrown up by a water wheel at a local mill; name later changed to the more sophisticated Spray." Splashy, North Carolina ... sounds like a nice cool place to have been on a hot summer day!

Information on North Carolina Governor Benjamin Smith



Benjamin Smith (1750-1829)

Smith was born in [Charles Town, South Carolina](#) into a socially prominent family, later moving to Brunswick County, North Carolina. During the [American Revolutionary War](#), Smith served an [aide-de-camp](#) to General [George Washington](#) and rose to the rank of [colonel](#) in the [Continental Army](#).

He was governor of North Carolina, a member of the state General Assembly, and during his political career, Smith also sat on the Board of Trustees of the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#) and donated 20,000 acres (81 km²) of land for the university's endowment; he chaired the trustees during his term as governor

Benjamin Smith owned what is now Bald Head Island and was once known as Smith's Island. Little is known of Smith's early youth or education, but in 1774 he studied law in London. After returning, Smith fought with distinction in the

Revolution. By the war's end he had risen to the rank of colonel. He served in the Assembly beginning in 1789.

When the University of North Carolina was chartered in 1789, Smith was named to the original board of trustees and donated 20,000 acres of land in present-day Tennessee to the school as an endowment. He remained a trustee until 1824. Smith contracted with the federal government to rebuild and expand Fort Johnston at Smithville (now Southport), the town established and named in his honor in 1792. In 1789 he purchased the tract at the mouth of the Cape Fear River that came to be known as Smith Island.

Smith was elected governor in 1810 and served a single term. As chief executive, he advocated reforms in the penal system, encouragement of industry, revitalization of the militia, and the establishment of an educational system "within the reach of every child in the state." His complaint that the governor's accommodations in Raleigh were not "fit for the family of a decent tradesman" may well have hastened construction of the first executive mansion three years later.

Following his governorship, Smith returned to the life of a planter. His once enormous wealth, however, was ravaged by financial misfortunes, extravagance, and debt. It was at his dilapidated Smithville residence that he died, a virtual pauper. Initially buried at Smithville, he was later re-interred in the churchyard of St. Philips at Brunswick Town.

JOHN LEAKE

LEAKESVILLE was the dream of JOHN LEAKE who settled north of the DAN RIVER on MATRIMONY CREEK. by 1773. Leak later added to his landholdings and by 1795 had selected as the site for a new town a high bluff near the confluence of the DAN and SMITH RIVERS.

LEAKE named the town Leakesville. Half acre lots were laid off along the towns original streets.: WATER, PATRICK, HENRY, HAMILTON, WASHINGTON & JAY. THOMAS SEARCY made the first purchase of a town lot in 1795.

In anticipation of Tobacco trade, JOHN LEAKE & ROBERT COLEMAN were appointed tobacco inspectors in 1796. The following year the general assembly chartered the town with LEAK, SNEAD, COLEMAN, NATHANIEL SEALS, & TERRY HUGHES as first commissioners.

In 1800 the assembly approved the establishment of two taverns in town. According to ALEXANDER SNEED'S 1810 description, the town was "a most delightful spot." and the best situated for trade perhaps of any in the county, as it commands a very extensive back country, the produce of

which (in consequence of a navigation free of obstructions up and down the DAN RIVER would inevitably center here." Natural obstructions to navigation of the Dan River, to which Sneed refered in 1810 were not removed until a decade later, consequently, the village did not grow very rapidly. By 1800 JOHN LEAK had lost much of his property through poor management.

From deed records I believe that LANDON HARRISON was a merchant in LEAKESVILLE. in 1822 LANDON HARRISON purchased a 22 ft lot # 3 from DEBARTES DEMPSEY , who also in 1822 sold lot # 40 in Leaksville to RICHARD HARRISON. in 1825

LANDON HARRISON makes two purchase in LEAKESVILLE 22 ft on HENRY ST from DEMPSEY and 66 ft from WILLIAM BARNETTE.

From:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/HARRISON/1997-09/0875430401>

Henry Clay Pace, Jr.
Age around 16 yrs old





MRS. HENRY PACE, JR., who before her marriage on Saturday evening, October 10th, was Miss Alice Elizabeth Fleming. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pace are members of wellknown Leaksville families and the wedding was of wide interest here.

**Miss Fleming Bride of
Henry Pace, Jr. In Pretty
Church Setting Saturday**

A wedding of beauty and simplicity was solemnized Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist church when Miss Alice Elizabeth Fleming was united in marriage with*Henry C. Pace, Jr.

The altar was banked with palms and ferns, interspersed with tall floor baskets holding white and yellow chrysanthemums. Cathedral candles in seven branched candelabra lighted the nuptial scene. Prior to the ceremony Gordon Pittendreigh, organist, and Miss Anna Wood Shumate, vocal soloist, gave a program of nuptial music. Mr. Pittendreigh played "Claire de Lune" (DeBussey); "Nocturne" (Greig); "Liebestraum" (Liszt). Miss Shumate sang "At Dawning" (Cadman); "Because" (Guy de Hardelot). During the ceremony Mr. Pittendreigh played "Ave Maria" (Schubert). The traditional wedding marches were played.

Ushers were Dr. Sam E. Pace, brother of the groom; Jack Fleming, brother of the bride; Clayburn Eggleston and J. O. Sugg.

The couple entered together unattended, and spoke their vows before the Rev. Robert C. Foster, who used the ring ceremony.

For her nuptials the bride wore a street-length dress of soldier blue crepe, fashioned along simple lines. Her matching blue felt hat featured a tiny veil. Other accessories were black. She wore a shoulder corsage of purple orchids.

The bride's mother wore all black, with a corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Pace is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Fleming. She received her education at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greens-

boro, and holds a position with the duPont company in Martinsville, Va.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pace of Leaksville. He received his education at the National Business College in Roanoke. He is associate with his father in the furniture business here.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Leaksville.

Leaksville Church of the Epiphany

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2257643>

<http://www.epiphanyeden.org/index.php>



Before 1900



About 2011



Leaksville Methodist Church



1858 Methodist and Masonic Lodge located on Henry Street
Leaksville N.C.

Betty Wynne informs us....I think the only picture which exists of
the Leaksville UMC is a drawing. The church was built by my
great-granddaddy Richard M Hopper.



Leaksville Methodist Church 1888 - 1955
Leaksville Lodge #136 meet on the 2nd floor of the building on the far left of the church entrance.



First Baptist Church



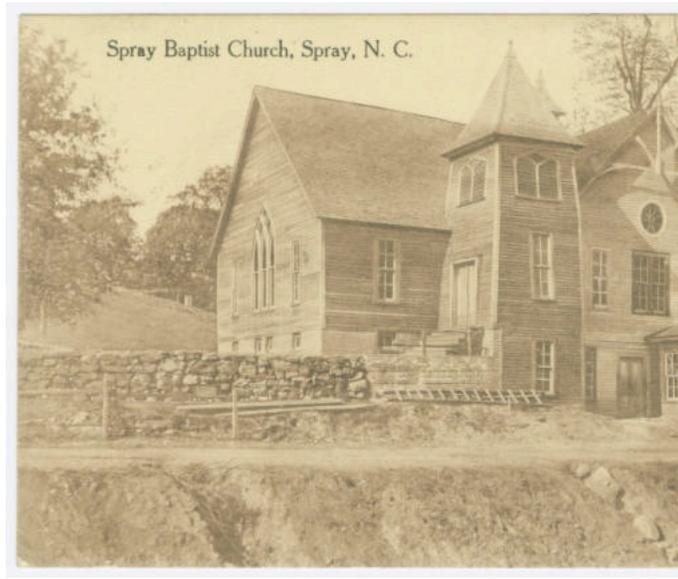
Leaksville, N. C.

First Baptist Church
2009



Eden, N. C.

Spray Baptist Church



Spray, N. C.

Spray Baptist Church



Eden, N.C.

Spray Mercantile, Company



Spray, N. C.

**Moorhead Mill & Smith River Bridge from Bluff
1911**



Spray, N.C.

**Field
Rev. Daniel Early Field (1831 - 1916)**



Rev. Daniel Early Field (1831-1916), a son of Benton Field and his second wife Martha F. Geurrant. Daniel married twice, first to Jane Hopper Lane (1839-1872) and second to Martha Ann Lane (1841-1909), both were sisters, daughters of his stepmother, Benton Field's third wife Lucy Hopper, the widow Lane. Shown in the picture are Daniel, his second wife Martha (known as Pattie), and a granddaughter.

Johns
Dr. Anthony Benning Johns (1835 - 1915)



EDEN — You might say the Tredways are accidental preservationists. In 2009, when Guarrant and Janet Tredway bid on the rundown, two-story house on Center Church Road in Eden, they had no idea that the home on the auction block was a significant piece of Eden's past.

They only knew that the looming hilltop house had become an eyesore, and they worried that if it fell into greater disrepair, it could lower the value of the apartments they own behind it .

So they thought they would make a modest bid, fix the house up a bit so that it was presentable, and then decide what to do with the white brick structure that sits on a couple of acres.

Two years and almost a quarter of a million dollars later, the Tredways are recipients of the Eden Preservation Society's first annual award honoring individuals or groups involved in a historical preservation project.

That wasn't what the Tredways set out to do. In 2009, the city of Eden and the county had released tax liens on the Center Church Road property and were offering it at public auction. With a bid of about \$26,500, the Tredways won the first round, but the federal government also held a tax lien and decided to list the home online for \$40,000. Weeks passed. No offers came in.

Last year, at the end of March, the federal government gave up and released its lien. By default, as much as anything, the Tredways had purchased a rattletrap of a house. By then, snippets of the home's past were surfacing.

Built in 1850, it was one of the few remaining houses from that time period in Eden. It was constructed by Dr. Anthony Bennings Johns II, a prominent Leaksville (now Eden) physician during the mid-19th century.

Whatever grandeur the home had then had been lost under piles of garbage. "There was so much junk you couldn't see the floors," says Guerrant. "The more we cleared, the worse it seemed to get," his wife, Janet, adds. They found floors caved in, walls rotting, and even a place in the kitchen that had burned and walled over.

The most recent owners had no electricity or running water. There was rotten food in the fridge, and rats and squirrels had moved in and made themselves at home. The Tredways started bringing the house back. And along the way, the house started to grow on them. They can't remember when they got the idea to make the home an events center — a place for weddings, parties and community gatherings — but eventually that became their goal.

They hauled out worn furniture and hauled in antiques, most from their own collections, including a bowed-glass hutch that belonged to Guerrant's great-grandmother, his Lionel train collection and Janet's antique glassware and china.

Guerrant, an electrician, rewired the home and hired others to replace plumbing, install a heating and air conditioning system, plaster, paint, refinish, replace and re-roof. It got a new kitchen, one that accommodates catering.

The Tredways got to know the house inside and out, marveling at its beautiful arched doorways and uneven walls and floors. "I think that adds to its character," says Guerrant.

And they got to know more about the home's past, much of the information coming from Melissa Whitten, director of the Eden Historical Museum. She has researched the Johns family, focusing mostly on Annie Eliza Johns.

Annie was the oldest of the Johns' four children and would have been a teenager when her father completed the home that was called Bleak House, perhaps after the Charles Dickens' novel. It has the architectural features of an I-house — a symmetrical, two-story farmhouse, featuring two rooms on each floor, connected by large central hallways. Bleak House had a small front porch with transoms on either side of the door; and in back of the home, the kitchen would have been in a separate building.

It was made of brick, indicating that the Johns were among the elite of Leaksville. Johns' slaves most likely made the bricks by hand and also farmed the couple of hundred acres of land surrounding the house. Though Johns would have been a man of means, it was Annie Johns who guaranteed the family's name would have a place in the region's history.

During the Civil War, she served as a matron in a hospital in Danville, Va., the last capital of the Confederacy. For three years she lived there, nursing ill and injured soldiers, a job many would have considered inappropriate for a lady of her stature. She became known as the "Florence Nightingale of the Civil War."

Whitten's research indicates that Annie Johns inherited Bleak House when her father died in the 1870s. Before her own death in 1889, she gave the home to her brother, Anthony Bennings Johns III.

In the late-19th or early-20th century, a two-story addition was put on the house. It grew again in the mid-20th century when a one-story wing was added on the east side of the home. By that time, it was most likely owned by D. Floyd Osborne, a local attorney and former Leaksville mayor, who bought the house around 1950. At some point, a two-story portico with columns was added to the front.

In August of 2010, with their renovations nearing completion, the Tredways petitioned the city of Eden to designate the home a local landmark. It isn't the first landmark to the Johns family in Eden. A Civil War Trails marker commemorating Annie Johns stands in front of Church of the Epiphany on Henry Street, where Annie was a dedicated member.

Whitten is responsible for getting the marker placed near the church where Annie is buried.

A decade ago, Whitten stumbled across Annie Johns' name at the Sutherlin Museum in Danville. Intrigued that this war heroine was from Leaksville, Whitten started portraying her in historical presentations to help others appreciate the era and the woman's contributions.

On Feb. 20, when the Eden Preservation Society presented the Tredways with a plaque to recognize their preservation efforts, Whitten as Annie Johns was there to participate. In period costume, she welcomed guests to the home her father built. Along with other members of the Preservation Society, she's pleased that the home is being used again.

Now named the Johns Manor House, it has three guest bedrooms that can be used by wedding parties and several rooms for meetings and events.

Already, the Tredways have some events booked.

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OXFORD ORPHANAGE



A (Non-Authoritative) History of Oxford Orphanage

Prior to the Civil War, the Masonic Fraternity of North Carolina was much smaller and more fragmented than it is today. In that era, Masons in other states promoted philanthropy by supporting Masonic colleges and seminaries. North Carolina Masons hoped such an institution would serve the common good of the state, as well as provide a rallying point for their fraternity.

The story of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford began in 1838 when David W. Stone introduced a set of resolutions at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina "to establish a Masonic Seminary for the education of children attached to the Fraternity." The resolutions passed, but nothing came of them. The Grand Lodge formed a committee to investigate the possibility of such an institution, but in 1839 the committee asked for a postponement of consideration, and did so again in 1840. In 1842 T. J. Lemay proposed "that the Grand Lodge should...provide for the establishment of a committee to study and report plans for the establishment of a charity school."

Grand Master W. F. Collins prepared a circular dated December 28, 1847, writing: "It is known to every member of the fraternity that this subject has occupied the attention of

the Grand Lodge at every communication since 1838. I will, however, here remark, that very little has been done, except to resolve and report upon the subject; the time has now arrived for action – ACTION! Let us, then, not leave to be done by others that which is our duty to perform."

Collins pointed out that Pennsylvania, New York, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Florida and Tennessee boasted such Masonic schools, and noted that Hiram Lodge in Raleigh had already appropriated \$1,000 for such an establishment. The first three lodges to appoint Trustees and report funds raised were Wake Forest, Concord in Tarboro, and St. John's in Wilmington.

The Grand Lodge passed a resolution in 1847 stating that the seminary of learning should educate "free from charge such poor and destitute orphans and children of living brother Masons who have not the means to confer the benefit upon their offspring, upon a fair and equitable plan of admission to be determined by the Grand Lodge." They decided that the school should be set up when \$15,000 had been raised and noted that fundraising plans had already been drawn up in the Proceedings of 1846.

In 1850 Luke Blackmer moved that the school be located in the small town of Oxford and the Lodge appointed a committee to determine a course of study. This was a daring venture for North Carolina Masons as there were only 65 lodges in the state with less than 5,000 members at the time. The committee urged that astronomy, natural philosophy, chemistry, geology, electricity and galvanism should be taught, with emphasis on architecture, the power of steam and its application to machinery, various processes of manufactures, metallurgy, natural history and engineering. The aim was to "furnish all young men with as full and complete a collegiate education as can be obtained at any similar institution in the Union."

A committee was appointed to acquire property in Oxford and procure from the general assembly an act of incorporation for a "Masonic College," to be named St. John's College. The Masons bought 109 acres near the Oxford city limits at a price of \$4,480. In 1855 Captain John Berry of Orange County and Major J. N. Holt of Warren County won the construction contract, for a price of \$22,500. On June 24 of that year, the traditional anniversary of the birth of St. John the Baptist, the cornerstone of St. John's College was laid with appropriate Masonic ceremonies: "The capstone having been lowered, the principal architect presented the working tools to the Grand Master, who handed them to the three principal officers for the testing of the work. With the square, the Deputy Grand Master proved the stone square, and that the craftsmen had performed their duty. With the level, the Senior Grand Warden pronounced it level and the Junior Grand Warden announced that it was true to the plumb. Corn as an emblem of plenty was scattered on the stone, the wine of joy and gladness was poured, and the oil of peace poured out, symbolizing love and sympathy for the widow and orphan, and mercies for them."

Rev. Leonidas Smith of Warrenton addressed the several thousand Masons in attendance: "Let Masons then cherish this institution of itself. It will be a refutation of all the slander that has been heaped on the fraternity. It will show what we are and what we aim to accomplish. It will be a standing evidence of our character, of our ability and of our benevolent intentions."

When completed in December of 1857 the building expressed the intentions of the Masonic Fraternity: "The building is 122 feet by 40 feet, the center is 63 feet, is four stories and a basement, contains 53 dormitories, a Chapel 40 feet by 60 feet, four recitation rooms, two society rooms and other rooms for chemical and other purposes." The four rooms suited for accommodations of professors were provided each with a

fireplace. The chapel with its gallery could seat 1,200 people comfortably. The college opened on July 13, 1858, but floundered. The school changed hands several times and converted from one type of institution to another. The Grand Lodge tried unsuccessfully to offer the building to the State as a military school when the Civil War broke out, and war refugees were allowed to squat in the building for some time as makeshift caretakers.

For years the Grand Lodge tried to sell the property as one failed venture after another occupied it. In December of 1872, John H. Mills suggested that "St. John's College be made into an asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children." After a raucous debate, Grand Master John Nichols cast the deciding vote, launching the first permanent orphanage in North Carolina:

The Oxford Orphan Asylum.

John H. Mills, also the founder and editor of the Biblical Recorder, a publication of the Baptists of North Carolina, was elected superintendent. The Grand Lodge appropriated \$500 for the initial support of the institution. Mills moved into the dilapidated building, with its missing windowpanes, and began working using the one chair and one table available.

On a cold, bleak Saturday afternoon in February 1873, Robert L. and Nancy Parrish and Isabelle Robertson, all from Granville County, were received into the home. Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston recalled the scene: "I was a student at Oxford in the Horner Military Academy and saw Mr. Mills receive the first orphan at this institution. I shall not forget the scene. I had gone there to carry a bundle of clothing collected from my fellow students. It was on Saturday afternoon. A dull cloud hung in the sky. A man with a one-horse wagon drove to the door. Mr. Mills, with gruff voice, asked his mission. He told it. The gigantic form of our friend shook with emotion. He lifted the pale youth from the wagon with the paw of a lion. He raised him in the air, and with melting pity and tears, let him drop upon his heart and kissed him. It was indeed the caress of the lion, but it was truly the caress of love."

The people of Granville County and the state responded well to requests for help. There were many days when the bottom of the flour barrel had to be scraped and the last stick of wood put into the little stove to keep the children warm. One may read of Mills' journeys with his old wagon on foraging trips. Later a group of children, singing and taking collections, brought considerable financial help and became the forerunner of the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, officially begun in June 1873.

The institution admitted 136 children the first year, with 109 remaining at the year's close. The Grand Lodge raised its donation to \$1,000 the second year.

The Asylum's mission was handicapped in the beginning by poor transportation across the state, which especially affected the ability to reach children in the mountains. On a trip to the French Broad Baptist Association meeting in Buncombe County in 1874 Mills met John Robert Sams, who shared Mills' concern for children from the mountains. Mills and Sams accepted an offer of the buildings and grounds of the abandoned Mars Hill College in Madison County by its Trustees. Since Mills' title was Superintendent of the Asylum, Sams became Steward of the Mars Hill Branch. Sally Greene of Greensboro was appointed First Matron.

The Mars Hill branch received its first child, Zeb Vance Goode of Burke County, in 1874. Goode ran away the next year. Some children were sent from Oxford and some admitted from surrounding counties. In 1875 the Masons voted against the proposal of Rev. L. M. Pease of Asheville that the Mars Hill branch be moved to that city, but Pease moved the institution to a rental house there anyway. Per a clause in the Mars Hill

agreement stating that the college should be used as an orphanage, the property reverted to its Trustees. The Masons were not able to modify the rental property to meet the needs of the children. With no suitable location available for the Asheville branch, Grand Master George W. Blount directed it to be closed and all children moved back to Oxford.

In 1876 the Grand Lodge appointed a committee to request an annual appropriation for the orphanage before the General Assembly. The General Assembly made no appropriation but encouraged the committee that such an investment might later be made. The next year a committee including T. S. Kenan and Zebulon Vance again appeared before the General Assembly, making clear that the benefits of the orphanage were not only for the children of Masons, and that in fact most of the children in the Asylum had no affiliation with Masonry. In 1878 Senator W. S. Harris of Franklin introduced a resolution that was approved, appropriating \$3,000 per year to the orphanage. This amount grew to \$5,000 in 1881 and \$10,000 in 1885.

The orphanage constructed a house in 1879 for hospital use. The following year the orphanage needed an additional boys' building, so part of its land was sold to raise money. The building was erected in 1882 and located several hundred yards west of the College.

A considerable awakening of interest in orphanage work in North Carolina brought more financial help for the orphanage during the years of 1879-80. Each Masonic Lodge appointed an Orphan Asylum Committee to raise interest in the orphanage and collect funds to send to the superintendent. Religious denominations passed resolutions commending the work at Oxford and urged their pastors to forward collections from their churches to the superintendent. The state's appropriation grew to \$5,000 in 1881 and to \$10,000 in 1885.

Until 1884 the superintendent of the orphanage reported directly to the Grand Lodge and was annually re-elected by the body. As of 1882 the Asylum employed:

John H. Mills, Superintendent

J. S. Midyette, Assistant Superintendent and Teacher of Third Form, Boys

Miss A. E. Shelton, Teacher of First Form, Boys

Mrs. E. E. Midyette, Teacher of Second Form, Boys

Miss Mary S. Long, Teacher of Third Form, Girls

Miss A. M. Clewell, Teacher of Second Form, Girls

Miss M. A. Harrison, Teacher of First Form, Girls

Miss M. F. Jordan, Books, Correspondence, and Vocal Music

Mrs. E. H. Jones, Manager of Sewing Room

Miss S. P. Van Duyn, Housekeeper

Students were also given vocational training. Older girls assisted in ordinary housework and the making and mending of clothes. Older boys assisted in the preparations of firewood and coal, care of livestock and cultivation of the soil. Although only \$500 was appropriated for the first year's work, Mills reported that \$5,704 had been spent and \$160 was left over.

In January of 1884, Grand Master Bingham and the Orphan Asylum Committee recommended that the Grand Lodge appoint a Board of Directors for the orphanage. Mills was re-elected as superintendent, but declined to accept, as he considered the creation of the Board a reflection of his ability to manage the orphanage. He agreed to remain in charge until his successor was chosen.

The successor was Dr. Benjamin Franklin Dixon, who began on Apr. 1, 1884 and built upon Mills' foundation. The Walker building was erected during this year, thanks to a gift

of \$1,000 from Mrs. Letitia Morehead Walker in memory of her son, John Morehead Walker. Another house was built just to the northwest of the Walker building. It housed the superintendent for two decades and in 1904 was converted into a hospital. Dixon enthusiastically supported the children's vocational training. The cornerstone of the Angela B. Duke "Industrial" Building was laid on June 24, 1886, with Gov. A. M. Scales present. The building opened in March 1887. In May a shoe making and repairing department was added, allowing the boys the opportunity for industrial training in the printing office, in the shoe shop, and on the farm. The shoe shop and printing departments moved into their own buildings that year.

During Dixon's progressive administration the number of children peaked at 264. Dixon resigned in September of 1890 and the Reverend Junius T. Harris, a Methodist minister, was elected to replace him. Unfortunately, Harris was stricken with pneumonia and died on Nov. 19, a little over a month later. Dixon returned to manage the orphanage until a replacement could be found.

In January of 1891 Dr. W. S. Black of Raleigh was elected superintendent. His wife, "Aunt Mary," was well loved by the children. During his administration the age of discharge for the children was raised from 16 to 18. The orphanage opened a broom factory on the property but it was a short-lived venture. Mrs. Black died Oct. 31, 1893.

Dr. Black resigned from the orphanage in May of 1894 and returned to preaching. N. M. Lawrence of Tarboro was elected superintendent following Black's departure and incorporated the Oxford, North Carolina, Orphan Asylum early in his administration. Lawrence converted the orphanage from its previous "barracks" system to a more efficient cottage system still in use today. Benjamin Duke, a director of the institution on the part of the State, offered to donate half the funds needed for the new buildings if the Masons could procure the rest. Four boys' cottages, four girls' cottages and a central dining room were completed by 1899.

The orphanage purchased the Hundley Bros. woodworking shops in 1896 for the children's training. The woodworking shop was moved some distance from the grounds closer to the boys' cottages, into a brick building erected mostly out of material from the boys' old building. Not far from the woodshop two brick buildings were erected for laundry, sewing, the printing office and the shoe shop.

Lawrence resigned from the orphanage on July 1, 1898. He was succeeded by Colonel William J. Hicks, who ran a powder mill near Raleigh during the Civil War. Around that time the Board of Directors created the office of Lady Supervisor and selected an energetic and capable woman, Nettie Nichols Bemis, as the first to hold this position. Miss Bemis began in August of 1897.

The industrial departments of the institution were centralized for supervision and economy. Rooms for the superintendent were converted into classrooms in the St. John's College building, and the superintendent's residence was converted into a hospital. A separate administration building was erected, verandas added to the St. John's College, deep wells bored and sewer systems installed.

The orphanage was relatively quiet in 1903 - there was not an automobile in town, no paved sidewalks or streets, no motion pictures, and no electric lights. On College Street, the orphanage was lined with a whitewashed plank fence. The 1902 orphanage report states that C. W. Toms of Durham, at his own expense, got an estimate for the installation of an electric light plant: \$4,750. The Board decided not to install it.

During 1918 the influenza epidemic hit the orphanage. Miss Bemis remembers there being 250 children sick at one time, 42 of them with pneumonia. With nine of the faculty sick as well, townspeople volunteered to come to the campus to cook, nurse, or perform

other chores.

Hicks offered his resignation on September 1, 1909 but remained when R. L. Brown was elected assistant superintendent. On Jan. 14, 1911, Col. Hicks died and Brown took his place. The Grand Lodge had now raised its annual donation to \$3,600, the state appropriating \$30,000, and the orphanage could accommodate 325 children. During Brown's administration the cottages were remodeled and a fireproof school building was erected and named after Past Grand Master John Nichols. In 1918 the orphanage had new sidewalks poured over the existing dirt paths worn by the children. A new hospital was erected and named for Colonel Hicks. The orphanage was separated from the school, so now the Superintendent and school principal could each devote their full time to their respective duties. Nettie N. Bemis served as part-time principal during the school term, 1925-1926. Superintendent Brown died on Mar. 12, 1928 while walking across the campus.

The Manual Arts Training Miss Bemis received at the Pratt Institute before she came to the orphanage served the children well. Girls were trained to work with raphia, reed, and to make baskets, while boys were trained in woodworking, metal work, and electricity. The Arts and Crafts Department was self-supporting, with townspeople and friends of the Home placing orders for baskets and crafts during its heyday. During World War I the Manual Arts Fund was used to buy liberty loan bonds, and exhibits of the children's work were sent to be displayed at the State Fair.

In 1921 the Oasis and Sudan Temples installed the Shrine Swimming Pool, saving the older boys from damming up the flow from the Thousand Dollar Spring back on the farm, and swimming in the resulting flow. Two athletic directors shared recreational duties. Forty-seven boys passed the athletic badge test, receiving medals for efficiency from the Red Cross instructors who administered the tests.

The York Rite Loan Fund was established to send worthy orphanage students to college; the A. B. Andrews fund for the same purpose; and the York Rite Library Fund was established to purchase books and magazines for the children. The orphanage also became the beneficiary of the legacies of Benjamin N. Duke and a Trust Fund given by John Neal, a graduate of the orphanage. The enrollment in the orphanage topped 400, the property valued around \$1.3 million, and the annual expenditures at \$175,000.

The Oxford Orphanage

In 1923 the name of the institution was officially changed to "Oxford Orphanage." Lucille Tuttle of Asheville became the first "institutional visitor," later known as "caseworker" and today as "Director of Admissions." Robert E. Ward, a former student of the Home, managed the Department of Practical Electricity. His course was quite popular with the older boys, teaching repairing and rewinding motors, armatures and transformers, together with other commercial electrical business.

The High School presented its first diplomas in 1922 to a graduating class of ten. Five entered East Carolina College, two attended Woman's College at Greensboro, one at Greensboro College, one at Wake Forest and one entered nurse's training at Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount. By that time there were 11 grades with 122 pupils who followed a course of study closely matched to that of the state. The classrooms in the old Main Building were crowded, long and narrow, and poorly lit. Part of one grade had to be transferred to the study room in First Girls' Cottage ("1-G"). Sixty-five former students gathered in the Masonic Hall on June 27, 1924, to form the Oxford Orphanage Alumni Association.

The William J. Hicks Memorial Hospital was completed in 1924, just north of the Administration building. It was furnished with steel furniture and contained an operating

room, a chemical laboratory and a dentist's office. The hospital had 70 beds and in time of need could hold 140. On April 9, 1924, Miss Nettie N. Bemis laid the first brick in the foundation of the John Nichols School Building. It was large enough to accommodate considerable increases in enrollment; its designers paid particular attention to lighting, ventilation and sanitation. The school was completed in 1925: fireproof, sanitary, and up-to-date in every respect, at a cost of \$85,000. It was accredited by the State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and educated both orphanage students and city children as part of the Oxford City School System.

On Aug. 1, 1928, the Reverend Creasy K. Proctor of Rocky Mount assumed the duties of superintendent. He at once stepped into prominence around the town and county. He organized the Granville County Chamber of Commerce and served as president for two years. He was president of the Rotary and Shrine clubs, and his Masonic affiliations embraced all degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and the Sudan Shrine. He was deeply interested in renovating the orphanage's buildings, and was instrumental in the erection of the R. C. Dunn "Baby" Cottage and the Angela B. Duke "Industrial" building. During his administration the enrollment of the home peaked at 393 children. Rev. Proctor died on June 25, 1946.

After Dr. Proctor's passing, some twenty men applied for consideration for Superintendent. The Board of Directors met in Raleigh on November 25, 1946, and selected the Reverend Alan DeLeon Gray, a Methodist minister and graduate of the Duke Divinity School.

Eli Troy Regan, a 1929 graduate of Elon College, joined the orphanage staff that year as the athletic director for boys and served as the first football coach at the orphanage. The team chose the name "Red Devils." Regan served for 42 years at the Orphanage: 14 years as football coach, 14 as principal of John Nichols School, and 14 as assistant superintendent under Mr. Gray.

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, well known throughout the state, discontinued their travels in 1942 due to World War II gasoline and tire rations. The singing class had not only provided great financial support for the Home, but also was an excellent public relations vehicle. The mid-forties also marked the last St. John's Day celebration for some time, due to the war and the polio epidemic.

After the war the Singing Class returned in the form of the John Nichols School Choruses – a boys' chorus, girls' chorus, mixed chorus, boys' quartets, girls' quartets, and so on. Glancing through issues of The Log, the Orphanage's year book, from these years yields records of these groups attending competitions around the state and returning with superiors and other awards.

A favorite trip of the Singing Class, Chorus, and later the church choir was the annual Mocksville Picnic, held on the second Thursday of each August. The Eastern Star Ladies and Masonic wives of the Mocksville, Advance and Farmington Lodges collaborate to hold an extremely popular outdoor pot luck dinner, charging admission to raise funds for the orphanage. The children performed a small concert beforehand and afterward enjoyed an afternoon of carnival rides there on the grounds. The Mocksville Picnic was begun in the 19th century and continues to this day.

The year 1951 saw the cornerstones laid for Masters Cottage (Jan. 23) and the York Rite Memorial Chapel (Apr. 30), which are still in use. The basement of the chapel was used for theatrical productions and assemblies for years, and now holds the education facilities of the Home. Masters Cottage was named because of earlier social conventions dictating that young men be called "Master John" etc, the tradition

continued on the campus. The Cottage young boys aged between Baby Cottage and 1-B; it now houses "Independent Living" students who attend college elsewhere but still call the Orphanage home.

Construction began on the Creasy K. Proctor Recreation Center on Apr. 6, 1955, the cornerstone laid by Maurice Parham and A. D. Leon Gray. The building houses a full-sized gymnasium, two large classrooms, large training rooms in the basement and full locker room facilities. The orphanage laid the second cornerstone for the new St. John's Administration Building on June 24 of the same year. The building was occupied in March 1959, eight months before the laying of the cornerstone for the new dining hall and kitchen building, which was connected to the rear of the administration building. Beginning in 1964 the older boys' and girls' cottages were torn down and new cottages constructed. Nine new buildings were completed and named in honor of past employees or benefactors. The cottages were constructed of cinderblock and brick for about \$255,000 each. The first floor of each cottage offers spacious living and study areas, as well as a small kitchen, washer/dryer rooms and apartments for the cottage parents. The second floors contain 14 rooms for students and a large central bath and shower room.

In 1965 the Royster Building burned. General Royster was a lawyer in Oxford, a friend of the Home from its inception, and the only Grand Master from Oxford. His namesake building housed little girls aged between Baby Cottage and 1-G and was located about where Brown Cottage is today. The girls lived in the Hicks hospital until Brown Cottage was completed. In its later years, Hicks was used to house each cottage as one of the older buildings was torn down and replaced with the newer structure.

The Blue Lodge Vocational Building was completed in late 1965, providing a new home for the electrical, woodworking and printing departments. In 1996 several rooms in the Blue Lodge building were converted to house the Sally Mae Ligon Archives, begun at the hands of Mrs. Pat Colenda. In 1968 the old School of Printing building, the School of Electricity and the Shoe Shop along College street was demolished and a modern home constructed in its place. The home first housed the Dean of Students and today houses the Treasurer. In the same year another house was built along College Street next to the Superintendent's house; it has traditionally housed the Chaplain.

In 1973 the Oxford Orphanage Red Devils switched from football to soccer due to equipment costs. The football field saw its last use in the fall of 1972, and Brent Stewart was hired as the orphanage's first soccer coach. The large corn field behind the Proctor Gymnasium was levelled and converted into a soccer and baseball field. The original baseball field was located where the Olympic pool is now, with home plate by the farm office and center field to the rear of Master's Cottage.

Superintendent Gray retired in 1973. Henry F. Flowers succeeded him, but resigned shortly afterwards. Johnny Ferguson had been chosen to succeed Flowers, but was terminated in five months. The Board selected Robert Winston as superintendent in 1975. Under his administration the old Hicks hospital building was destroyed and an infirmary was installed in the second floor of the St. John's administration building.

In 1976 Winston and Grand Master Les Garner reinstated St. John's Day celebration, which hadn't been held since World War II. Initially, the celebration was rather small and held on Sunday – attendance hovered around three or four hundred. The parade lined up behind the Treasurer's Residence, went nearly around "The Circle," and returned to the field behind Flowers and Regan cottages. The first units included the Sudan Band and the color guard.

In following years the parade outgrew the campus, but local churches protested a

parade past their sanctuaries during worship hour. The celebration was moved to Saturday, and attendance exploded to its present size. The first entertaining act was to be Frances Bavier, known as Aunt Bea from Andy Griffith, but she took ill and couldn't attend. They then tried to schedule Don Knotts but he had other obligations. They finally settled on Chub Sewell, a lawyer and public speaker from Carthage. In 1974, the next year, a country music act was scheduled.

Winston resigned in 1981 and "Gabe" Austell was hired on May 25 of the same year. He left the Home on Feb. 3, 1984, and Don Moul succeeded him on Aug. 1, 1984. Moul left the home on Mar. 29, 1989.

In the 1980s the campus of the Orphanage saw several of its older buildings destroyed. 4-G, the last of the original cottages, was demolished in June of 1984. The vacant Duke "Industrial" Building was razed in 1985; later St. John's Day visitors parked their recreational vehicles over its foundation. In 1987 the Oasis Shrine swimming pool was filled in and a new Olympic size pool constructed in the field behind Masters Cottage. On Sept. 11, 1986, John Nichols School was demolished and orphanage students began attending Granville County public schools. Nine years later, basketball courts were constructed over the school's foundation; the library shelves and some of its books remain buried beneath the concrete. Across campus, the children's plans to scale the old water tower behind the administration building were dashed when it was disassembled in 1993.

The Masonic Home for Children

The Rev. David R. Grissom was selected superintendent and began on January 3, 1990. Well loved and trusted by the children, Rev. Grissom worked tirelessly to improve their education and quality of life. To avoid stigmatizing the children as "orphans" and to better reflect the Home's current population, the administration officially changed the institution's name to [The Masonic Home for Children](#) in 1994.

During 1997 and 1998 several generous donors gave money to help renovate the aging York Rite Chapel. Spearheaded by chaplain Sherri Moore, the improvements included replacing the carpet in the sanctuary, installing nine beautiful [stained glass windows](#), and a Yamaha baby grand piano and an Allen digital pipe organ which enjoy the Chapel's wonderful acoustics. In 1998 the empty chapel basement, formerly rented out to the public school system, was converted into a library and educational center for the children with the help of generous donations. The children have access to a computer lab for research and classwork, and now each cottage has several computer workstations with Internet access thanks to a campus-wide fiber-optic network installed in 1999.

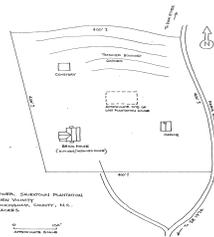
In 2000 the Home launched an ambitious campaign to attain state licensing, in addition to improving and expanding services to the children. Construction has begun on a set of new, handicap-accessible one-story cottages situated in a semi-circle beginning just behind Dunn Cottage and wrapping around into the middle of the field behind the swimming pool and tennis courts.

In June of 2003 Reverend Grissom left the home to return to the pulpit full-time, and Mr. Allen Hughes, a former student of the Home, was appointed acting Superintendent.

Gallery

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Lower Sauratown Plantation Rockingham County, N.C.



Historic Lower Sauratown Plantation

The surviving buildings of Lower Sauratown **plantation** occupy the crest of an isolated ridge in northeastern Rockingham County, 100 feet above the Dan River and the Lower Sauratown Indian village site from which the plantation takes its name. Though only two buildings remain of what was once an extensive complex, they are substantial structures, of significance architecturally and for their associations with the Brodnax and Glenn families who owned the plantation. The frame office structure may contain fabric dating from the earliest of white settlement in the region. The two-story, mid-nineteenth century brick building, said to have been a combination kitchen and weaving house originally, is large enough to have served as a dwelling after the plantation house burned during the Reconstruction period. Both buildings were

restored in 1983.

Preliminary investigations to locate the site of the earlier main house indicate that it stood between and somewhat to the north of the two extant structures, which face each other east and west across the crest of the ridge. The land falls sharply to the east, west, and north. On the north slope of the ridge, which offers long views across the flood plain of the Dan and beyond, are the remnants of a terraced boxwood garden with stone retaining walls and steps. The family cemetery is located on the west side of the terrace, north of the kitchen/weaving building.

The small frame office is the older of the two structures. During a recent restoration, workmen uncovered a weathered window frame underneath the existing Federal period weatherboard, suggesting that the core of the building predates its present ca. 1825 appearance.

Also, the interior end chimney is an unusual feature for any building in this region, and might also indicate a colonial period date for the framing and chimney. In its present form, the one room structure rests on a brick foundation and is sheltered by a gable roof of standing seam metal. Molded weatherboard covers all elevations. The brick stack of the interior chimney rises off-center at the peak of the windowless north gable end. A six-panel door is centered on the front (west) elevation, which is also windowless. Six-over-six sash windows are centered on the east and south elevations to light the interior, and a similar window in the south gable serves the loft.

The Federal finish of the one-room interior is of unusually high quality for a secondary plantation building. The mantel features a mitred frame around the fire opening; this supports short fluted pilasters at either end, which in turn carry the molded shelf. The mantel retains its blue coloring with gold trim, which is believed to be original. A stair rises in the right corner beside the chimney, with the first four open steps ending at a six-panel door, and the remainder winding enclosed up to the loft. A short four-panel door dating from the mid-twentieth century is set between the mantel and stair door; this provides access down a steep stair to the cellar. A small closet, outfitted as a half bath in the mid-twentieth century, is located to the left of the chimney. Simple molded baseboard and Chair rail carry around the plastered walls of the room.

The brick kitchen/weaving house has a complex building history, indicated by the varying character of the brickwork and the apparent use of brick from another structure in parts of the building. The building may have achieved its present form in the antebellum period, or it may have been a smaller structure expanded in the early Reconstruction period to provide dwelling space for the family after fire destroyed the main house. The building is a two story, T-plan structure laid up in one-to-five American bond, with intersecting gable roofs of standing seam metal. A full-width, two-story shed porch shelters the front (east) elevation. This porch is a 1983 reconstruction based on ghost features, a surviving pilaster, and a 1938 photograph. The posts are octagonal in section and connected on the second floor with a lattice type balustrade, a feature shown clearly on the 1938 photograph and found on a number of mid-nineteenth century buildings of the upper Dan River area of Rockingham and Stokes counties. A mid-twentieth century concrete slab had replaced the original wooden porch floor, and the slab was left in place in the reconstruction.

The symmetrical front elevation has two first-floor entrances, located side by side at the center of the facade; both have four-panel doors. These are flanked by six-over-six sash

windows located near the outside corners of the wall. Above these windows on the second floor are French windows that provide access to the upper level of the porch.

The north and south gable ends of the front block are blind, except for the square attic ventilators that flank the stacks of the exterior end chimneys. A simple shed porch protects a batten-door rear entry in the south elbow of the T. Six-over-six sash windows are located on both stories of both walls of the north elbow of the T, for a total of four.

The interior of the front block contains two separate rooms of equal size, connected by a transverse stair hall in the rear T. The south room features a large, open cooking fireplace with a brick hearth and a massive oak lintel. Covered pantries with paneled doors flank the fireplace. The north room has a standard size fire opening with a post and lintel type mid-nineteenth century mantel of Greek Revival derivation, with a recessed panel in the frieze. Both rooms are finished with simple molded baseboards.

A transverse hall and an open string stair occupy the rear T. Balusters and newels are square-in-section. The second floor also contains two rooms of equal size, though the north room was partitioned in the recent restoration to provide space for a small bath. The south room has a fireplace with a simple post and lintel mantel; the flanking closets have Greek Revival type doors of two vertical panels. There is no fire opening in the north room. Both rooms have French doors of eight lights each that open to the porch. A small family cemetery is located north of the kitchen/weaving house. A wrought iron fence encloses the plot. Among the graves is a large monument to Edward Travis Brodnax, 1796-1874.

As the site is known to have been occupied from the colonial period and a variety of other early structures were in the immediate vicinity, Lower Sauratown has high potential for historical archaeology.

Lower Sauratown Plantation and its immediate environs comprise the most important early historic place in Rockingham County. It is the site of a large seventeenth century Indian village of the Saura tribe (see separate National Register nomination for Lower Sauratown site, Rockingham County, N.C.). The area was visited and described by the region's first explorer, William Byrd II of Virginia, in 1733. It became the location of the earliest known white settlement in the county. In the nineteenth century it was the plantation of Dr. Edward T. Brodnax, the county's largest slaveholder and planter.

Finally, the plantation was the boyhood home of Governor Robert Brodnax Glenn, the adopted son of Dr. Brodnax. In the area today are found ample archaeological evidence of the Lower Sauratown Indian village, a colonial road bed and ford which are documented by the John Collet map of 1770, and the remnants of the Brodnax plantation itself. These include a 1825 plantation office building, a mid-nineteenth century brick dwelling house (both restored in 1983), the Brodnax family cemetery, the remains of an extensive boxwood garden, and numerous below-grade foundations, all of which are within the boundaries of the present nomination.

Criteria Assessment:

A. Associated with the early exploration and settlement of the Dan River valley and the subsequent development of the plantation economy in the region.

B. Associated with the lives of Dr. Edward Travis Brodnax (1796-1874), a prominent local physician, planter, and legislator, and Robert Brodnax Glenn (1854-1920), governor of North

Carolina 1905-1909.

C. Embodies the characteristics of construction of substantial plantation outbuildings of the region from the early to mid-nineteenth century.

D. Likely to yield information important to the history of the region through archaeological investigations of the plantation site.

The Dan **River valley has** been inhabited for at least 10,000 years, and there are many archaeological **sites** which produce the stone, pottery, and bone artifacts of prehistoric people. By the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the Carolina Piedmont was occupied by dozens of small tribes speaking Siouan dialects. In the two centuries after contact with the **European** explorers, traders, and settlers, these tribes had disappeared as a result of disease and warfare.

The Saura tribe (also called Sara and later Cheraw) were visited in June 1670 by John Lederer, the German explorer, on the Yadkin River near the well-known Trading Ford. Though the dates and circumstances are not altogether known, sometime thereafter the Saura moved north to the Dan River and established themselves at two village sites known as Upper and Lower Sauratown. Upper Sauratown was located in present southern Stokes County, and Lower Sauratown was below the present city of Eden near the mouth of Town Creek.

In 1728 when the survey party for the North Carolina/Virginia border entered the area William Byrd II, a Virginia commissioner, recorded that the Saura Indians had left the region. Five years later when Byrd returned to survey his immense 20,000-acre Land of Eden purchase, he visited the site of Lower Sauratown and **found** only a grassy plain, indicating that the village had been abandoned for some time. According to tradition, in the Dan valley the Sauras were exposed to attack by the northern Seneca tribe and so moved south into upper South Carolina near the present town of Cheraw. The Cheraw Indians were located in South Carolina by 1715 in a census. Later they may have joined the Catawba to the west, or they may have moved east back into North Carolina to join other tribal groups who became ancestors of the modern Lumbee tribe.

William Byrd was so taken with the beauty and rich soil of the Lower Sauratown area that in March, 1742 he purchased 6,000 acres which he added to his Land of Eden tract. Byrd hoped to attract settlers to his vast tract, but his various promotional schemes failed.

His son William Byrd III inherited the 26,000 acres and in order to satisfy debts, sold the land. in October, 1755, to Francis and Simon Farley, merchants of Antigua. 6 James Parke Farley, son of Francis, was sent to the Dan valley by 1769 to manage the plantation. Farley removed squatters and imported a hundred slaves from Antigua.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Byrd III, in 17718 and by 1775 he had erected a manor house named Belview on the Sauratown tract. The letters of Elizabeth Byrd Farley to her father describe the plantation activities and the first mention of the cultivation of tobacco in present Rockingham County.

The exact location of the Farley house is not known but the presence of the colonial road bed and the Sauratown ford near the present plantation site indicates that it was not far away. On the next knoll downstream from the present house is a large field rock cemetery which may be the Farley slave cemetery.

Another contemporary account of life at Lower Sauratown is found in the journal of John F. D. Smyth, a young English gentleman who toured through the colonies just before the outbreak of the American Revolution. Smyth journeyed from Hillsborough to the Dan River en route to Kentucky. At Lower Sauratown he stayed in the one-room cabin of a Bailey family for ten days, tarrying because of his romantic interest in the lovely fifteen-year-old Betsy Bailey. From the social status of Smyth it must be assumed that the Farleys were not at home and unfortunately for the historian Smyth said far more about the charms of young Betsy than he did about the plantation. Although Bailey could have been working for Farley, Smyth refers to him as a "common plain backed woods planter" and indicates that he owned several 'slaves. It would appear then that a small settlement was beginning to develop at the river ford

After the death **of** James Parke Farley the estate was not settled for many years due to the claims of the various heirs. James Parke Farley's will was first presented in 1786 and the court appointed a guardian for the four Farley daughters Elizabeth, Maria, Rebecca, and Eleanor. By 1799 just before he died, Patrick Henry had purchased an interest in the Sauratown tracts. His heirs Alexander S. Henry and Nathaniel W. Henry then sued the **Farley** heirs for a division of the 26,000 acres. The total grant was surveyed in 1803 into 17 tracts for a court ordered division, and the subsequent decisions were based on this survey. Suits continued over the complicated settlement as late as 1822.

The Brodnax family began its long association with the Sauratown plantation in May, 1807 when William Edward Brodnax, a planter of Brunswick County, Virginia, purchased 2,887 acres from Elizabeth Farley Morson. This tract was the Lower Sauratown plantation which had been designated tract #9 in the 1803 survey and lay south of the Dan River. The next year Brodnax received the power-of-attorney for John Simon Farley and Elizabeth Morson, both of whom resided in England. Brodnax accumulated additional parcels of land amounting to hundreds of acres in the Dan valley, and in 1811 purchased another section of the former Farley lands--tract #8 of 2,664 acres on the north side of the river.

Two sons of William Edward Brodnax--Robert and Edward Travis--would live in Rockingham County and become prominent in the history of the region. Robert received the Cascade plantation north of the river in 1820 and constructed on the property a fine two-story frame manor house which still stands. Edward Travis inherited the Lower Sauratown plantation south of the river and moved to the county by 1820.

Edward Travis Brodnax (1796-1874) was born in Brunswick County. After brief service in the militia in the War of 1812 he attended the University of Pennsylvania in the medical school and graduated with an M.D. Degree in 1818. In Rockingham County he practiced medicine and managed his vast plantation. He accumulated more property, including lots and a store in Leaksville, and owned a gristmill on Town Creek. By 1860 he had a total of 174 slaves and was the largest slaveholder in the county.

E. T. Brodnax was public minded and as a Whig was active in politics. He served terms in the House of Commons 1822-1823 and the state Senate 1827-1828. A supporter of internal improvements, he was active in the Raleigh conventions on the subject in 1833 and 1836. When the Roanoke Navigation Company improved the Dan River for navigation in the 1820s, E. T. Brodnax supervised the construction of the sluices and wing dams on the section of the river

from Virginia to Leaksville, and he owned a bateau. He served in the 1835 and 1861 state constitutional conventions. A moderate opponent of secession, he agreed to vote for it, acquiescing to the majority sentiment in the county. He was a trustee of Greensboro Female College 1838-1851 and an organizer and vestryman of the Church of the Epiphany in Leaksville in 1844.

The **surviving** brick plantation house at Sauratown does not reflect the wealth and position of Dr. Brodnax. Family tradition is that the original house burned in 1867 and that the present dwelling was constructed from a plantation outbuilding which is often described as the weave house and kitchen. The early frame plantation office building has fine Federal trim and is the earliest surviving structure. The remnants of the terraced boxwood gardens reflect a stately landscaped building site. An archaeological examination should establish the building site and size of the original mansion.

Dr. Brodnax married Janet Hamilton Chalmers (1809-1846), but they had no surviving children. The Brodnaxes adopted Chalmers Lanter Glenn, Mrs. **Brodnax's** orphaned nephew. Glenn, an attorney, married Annie Dodge, the daughter of James R. Dodge of Yadkin County, and the Glens lived at Sauratown Plantation with their three sons, James Dodge, Robert Brodnax, and Edward Travis Brodnax. Glenn served as a captain in the Confederate Army in the Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment and was killed at the Battle of South Mountain, Virginia on September 14, 1862. After his death the Glenn children were adopted by Dr. Brodnax and were reared on the plantation.

Upon the death of Dr. Brodnax in 1874 the plantation was left to Annie Dodge Glenn and eventually in 1882 was divided among his three sons. Annie Dodge's father James R. Dodge was originally from New York and was the son of General Richard Dodge and Ann S. Irving, a sister of Washington Irving. The brother of Annie Glenn was Richard Irving Dodge (1827-1895), a colonel in the United States Army and author of several books about his western frontier experiences in the Indian wars.

Annie Glenn's eldest son James Dodge graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1871 and was a civil engineer until the death of Dr. Brodnax brought him home to manage the plantation for his mother. He married his cousin Mary Brodnax of Cascade Plantation in 1877. James Glenn served in the state legislature three terms from 1881 to 1885. He had a notable career in the state militia, becoming a captain in 1881 and rising to be colonel of the Third Regiment in 1884. In 1889 he was appointed adjutant-general of the state by Governor Daniel G. Fowle. After 1885 he moved to Greensboro.

Robert Brodnax Glenn (1854-1920) was educated at Davidson College, the University of Virginia, and at Richmond Hill, Judge Richmond Pearson's law school in Yadkin County. He began the practice of law in Danbury, Stokes County, and was elected to the legislature in 1881. From Danbury he moved to Winston and served in the state Senate from Forsyth County in 1899. In 1904 he was elected governor of North Carolina, serving 1905-1909.

Leading moves of Governor Glenn's administration were the regulation of railroad rates, improvement of public education, expansion of public health programs, prohibition, and an economic and geologic survey. The Sauratown plantation was divided by the Glenn sons in September 1882 with each one receiving a little less than a thousand acres. James Glenn's

portion was the Sauratown homeplace.

Although James Glenn moved to Greensboro in 1887, he retained the bulk of the Dan River land. The 967.8 acres in the original apportionment was reduced by the sale of 55.5 acres in 1894, and in 1899 a 100-acre tract was sold.

When James Glenn died in 1905 he willed the Sauratown Plantation' of 812 acres to his son John Brodnax Glenn.

John Glenn was born at Sauratown in 1885 but had grown up in Greensboro He was a very successful businessman with careers in railroading and banking.

He began in a position with the Southern Railway. Upon becoming assistant superintendent of the Mexican Central Railway he made contacts that led to positions in banking in both Mexico and New York. He lived in Mexico many years and then moved to Scarsdale, New York.

Already living in Mexico when he inherited the plantation, John Glenn held it for only a few months before selling it in March, 1906 for \$5,000 to his stepmother Sarah Hairston Glenn, formerly from Henry County, Virginia.

Sarah Hairston Glenn retained ownership of the Sauratown Plantation for forty years, and a succession of tenants lived in the homeplace and farmed the still fertile bottom land. In April 1946 she gave it to her granddaughter Sarah Whittle Kluttz (Mrs. Clarence) as a wedding gift.

Shortly after Sarah Kluttz received the plantation, Duke Power Company began construction on the Dan River Steam Station in sight of the plantation house. This station, now a 375,000 kilowatt operation, began production of power in 1949. The plantation is still owned by Mrs. Kluttz, and she and her husband are restoring the home place.

The Dan River valley is the most important natural feature of Rockingham County and is central to the region's history. From the time of the Saura Indians, over three centuries ago, Sauratown Plantation has been a silent witness to much of the county's past and has a strong claim to being the most important historic site in the area. On or near the plantation have been located the most important Indian town in the county, the first exploration of the valley, the first settlement in the county, the earliest known tobacco plantation in the upper valley, the home of two of the county's most prominent families, the development of river navigation, the largest antebellum plantation in the county, and finally the production of electric power. At Sauratown Plantation the whole history of the river valley can be interpreted, and the river valley is the key to understanding the heritage of this region.



[James Adkins](#) "On our city's eastern border, Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater, Dear old Leaksville High. Onward,

forward, is our password, Honor ne'er to fail, Hail to thee our Alma Mater, Dear old Leaksville High." At least, that's the way I remember the song.

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Henry Paul Adams

Birth: March 15, 1922 Pittsylvania County
Virginia, USA

Death: March 20, 1986
Eden

Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

His parents were Thomas Paul Adams and Georgia Lewis Fralin

Family links:

Spouse:

[Virginia Hudgins Adams](#)

Inscription:

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Burial:

[Lawson Cemetery](#)

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Adams, James Lewis
James Lewis Adams, Obituary
Birth April 14, 1910 Virginia, USA
Death March 25, 1992 Reidsville
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

His parents were Thomas Paul Adams and Fannie P. Pigg

Burial:
Lawson Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Anderson, Hugh Nathan
Hugh Nathan Anderson

Birth July 10, 1899
Death August 20, 1973
Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Arehart, Jr. Preston Montgomery



Preston Montgomery Arehart, Jr

Birth December 26, 1931 Augusta, Virginia
Death July 9, 1980 Place of death: Stoneville, Rockingham, North Carolina

Place of burial: Fishersville, Virginia Cemetery:
Augusta Memorial Park Funeral Home
Residence: Edens, Rockingham, N.C.
Street Address: Route 1, Box 197 T
Occupation: Owner Operator Grocery

Parents: Preston M. Arehart, Sr., Edna Swisher
Spouse: Frieda Carbett Arehart

Burial:
Augusta Memorial Park
Waynesboro
Augusta County
Virginia, USA



Arnaud, Jr., Edwin Henry
Edwin Henry Arnaud, Jr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday April 16, 1969
Birth November 26, 1928
Death April 3, 2011

Midlothian, Va, ARNAUDIN, Edwin H. Jr., 82, went peacefully to be with the Lord on April 3, 2011, after being under hospice care at his home.

Ed graduated from
Columbia University, married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy, and served in the Korean War as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 60 years; two sons, Richard of Virginia Beach and Steven of Brevard, N.C., and their wives, Betsy and Mary.

His five grandchildren include Ryan of Charlottesville, Edwin of Asheville, N.C., David of Virginia Beach, Douglas of White Plains, N.Y., and Elin of Blacksburg. He is also survived by his brother, Robert of North Berwick, Maine.

Ed's family is forever grateful to the loving care of his hospice team, especially to his nurse, Norma. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Brandermill Church, 4500 Millridge Pkwy., Midlothian, Va. 23112, and Bon Secours Hospice Foundation, 5875 Bremo Rd., Suite 710, Richmond, Va. 23226.

A celebration of his life will be held at The Brandermill Church on Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m.

Axsom Sr., Carl Houston

KEEP AXSOM SHERIFF



CARL H. AXSOM, Sheriff

Carl Houston Axsom Sr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday November 23, 1963
Birth April 22, 1915
Death September 17, 1992

EDEN, N.C. Carl Houston Axsom Sr, 77, of 129 N. Rickman Street, died Sept 17 1992, at Brian Nursing Center. Funeral will be at 2 p.m Saturday at First Methodist Church of Draper, of which he was a member. Burial will be in Dan View Cemetery.

A native of Rockingham County, he was a former sheriff of Rockingham County, former president of N.C. Sheriff's Association, a member of National Sheriff's Association, a member of the Rockingham County Shrine Club, and a member of the Rotary club.

He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and the first chief of police for the city of Draper.

He was a member of the Governor's Law And Order Committee, a member of the Criminal Code Commission, and an honorary guard for the inauguration of President Lyndon Johnson.

Surviving are wife Fannie P. Axsom; son Carl H. Axsom Jr. of Eden; daughter Judy Smith of Eden; stepdaughter Pamela Berkley of Reidsville; sister Mrs Cassie Dickerson of Eden; brother Eugene Axsom of Axton, VA, Jimmy Axsom of Eden, Alton Axsom of Greensboro; four grandchildren, one great grandchild.

Burial Danview Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, NC

Bailey, Jr., Rholie Banks
Rholie Banks Bailey, Jr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday July 8, 1974
Birth January 13, 1920
Death January 25, 1994

EDEN, N.C. Rholie Banks Bailey Jr., 74, of 509 Highland Drive died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994, at Morehead Memorial Hospital. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Overlook Cemetery .

Born in Greenville, N.C., he was a member of Osborne Baptist Church, and a retired government employee.

Surviving are wife, Lorene Matthews Bailey of Eden; daughter, Phyllis Brand of Eden; granddaughter, Rebecca Brand of Eden.

Burial: Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Baker, Dr Herbert Marvin



Dr Herbert Marvin Baker, Obituary
Masonic Birthday July 11, 1975
Birth: September 15, 1928
Death: July 4, 2003

EDEN, N.C. Dr. Herbert Marvin Baker, 74, of 14104 NC 87, died Friday, July 4, 2003, at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at Fair Funeral Home Chapel, with burial to follow in Ridgeview Cemetery in Eden.

Dr. Baker was born Sept. 15, 1928, in Napa County, Calif.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war with a M.A.S.H. unit and was awarded the purple heart.

He was also a member of the Masons, the VFW, and attended Osborne Baptist Church in Eden.

Dr. Baker is survived by his wife, Shiann Baker of the home; one son, Marvin Baker and wife, Darlene of Garner; one stepson, Donale Shane Willey of Eden; one stepdaughter, Peggy Brutcher and husband, Kenny of Greensboro; two grandchildren, Candice Baker and Nichole Baker, both of Garner; one step-grandchild, Christopher Brutcher of Greensboro.

Burial: Ridgeview Memorial Gardens, Eden, Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Baker, Leonard Jackson



Leonard Jackson Baker

Birth June 20, 1887
Death June 11 1971
Husband of Ophelia Janney.

Family links:

Spouse:
Ophelia Janney Baker (1891 - 1983)

Children:

Mildred Odessa Baker (1916 - 1931)
Melvin Jackson Baker (1921 - 1939)
Mary Ruth Baker Fore (1925 - 2007)

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Barnes, Jarrel Walton



Jarrel Walton Barnes, Obituary
Masonic Birthday November 11, 1985
Birth August 25, 1947
Death January 25, 2011

Reidsville, N.C. Jarrel Walton Barnes, 63, of 136 W. Lake Road, passed away Tuesday

afternoon, January 25, 2011 at Hospice Home of High Point.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, at Fair Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Barnes was born August 25, 1947 in Hampton, VA. He was a retiree of Miller Brewing Company after 30 years of service and was a Mason

Surviving is his son, Steven Barnes of High Point; fiancée, Abby Bowman of High Point; step-children, Brian Bowman and wife, Debbie, and Michael Bowman and wife, Ginger; four grandchildren, Griffin, Leah, Kayla, and Sabrina; two sisters-in-law, Donna Monroe and husband, Michael of Newport News, VA and Deborah Corriher of Hampton, VA; special friend, Maye Reinert; and his two beloved Labrador Retrievers, Harley and Mousse and Jack Russell Terrier, Peanut.

He was preceded in death by his late wife, Brenda C. Barnes.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday (1 - 2 PM) at Fair Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wake Forest University, 1834 Wake Forest Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 or to Hospice of High Point, 1803 Westchester Drive, High Point, NC 27262.

Baughn, William J.



William J. Baughn
Birth: Dec. 7, 1883
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA
Death: Nov. 17, 1963
Leaksville
Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA
His parents were Jerry Baughn and Betty Coleman

He was a Foreman at the textile Mill

Family links:

Spouses:

[Alice McCollum Baughn \(1884 - 1938\)](#)

[Bessie Strong Baughn \(1896 - 1966\)](#)

Children:

[John Banner Baughn \(1904 - 1966\)](#)

Burial:

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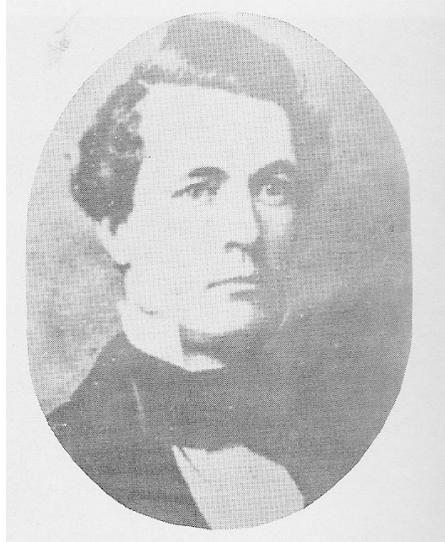
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Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136
and
First Master of the Lodge

Binford, Dr. Walter Lee



Dr. Walter Lee Binford
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth January 16, 1819 near Rocky Mont, Va
Death January 18, 1885

Additional information

From North Carolina History
Hugh Nelson Binford Father
Of
Dr. Walter Lee Binford

Through his business and other activities Hugh Nelson Binford has been one of the prominent factors in the citizenship of Madison for a number of years. He has spent most of his life in North Carolina, but is a native of Virginia and is related by family ties with some of the oldest and most prominent names of that historic commonwealth.

Mr. Binford was born at Cascade in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. His father, Dr. Walter Lee Binford, a native of Goochland County, Virginia, after graduating from the medical department of The University of Virginia moved to North Carolina and began practice at Leakesville. From there he returned to Virginia and settled in Cascade, and still later moved to Henry County, where he enjoyed an honored and useful position in his profession until his death.

Dr. Walter Lee Binford married Nancy Page Nelson. Through his mother Hugh Nelson Binford is related to the Nelson and Page families of Old Virginia, one of his distant kinsmen being Hon. Thomas Nelson Page, ambassador to the Court of St. James, England.

It will be of interest to recite some of the facts connected with the history of the Nelson family. Its progenitor in Virginia was Thomas Nelson of Yorktown, York County, Virginia. His parents were Hugh and Sarah Nelson of Penrith, County of Cumberland, England. Thomas Nelson, known as "Scotch Tom," was born February 20, 1677, and

was given his name because of his birth at Penrith, England, on the border of Scotland. He immigrated to the colony of Virginia about 1700, and thus became the progenitor of the Nelson family. About 1705 he founded Yorktown and built the first brick house in America, also the first custom house, the bricks for which were brought from England. The present Nelson house at Yorktown was built by William Nelson, a son of Scotch Tom.

William Nelson was president of the Colonial Council. He married Elizabeth, called Betty, only daughter of Nathaniel Burwell of Gloucester, Virginia. Their oldest child was Thomas Nelson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Nelson was sent to England to be educated in charge of Mr. Hunt, Fellow of Cambridge University. After seven years he came home and was elected to the House of Burgesses, though only twenty-one. He was a member of the convention of Williamsburg, to consider the taxation of the colonies by the home government in England ; also served in the provincial convention, and was elected to offer the resolution instructing the Virginia delegates in Congress at Philadelphia to propose a declaration of independence. In 1776 he signed the Declaration of Independence. In August following, during the alarm when the British fleet entered the Virginia capes, he was appointed commander in chief of the Virginia state forces. In June, 1781, he was chosen governor of Virginia. He participated in the siege of Yorktown with the rank of major general. His forces, 3,000 strong, were raised and equipped at his own expense. His statue was one of the six selected to be placed around the Washington monument at Richmond, Virginia. The other five thus commemorated were Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Andrew Lewis, John Marshall and George Mason.

Elizabeth Nelson, eldest daughter of Governor Nelson, married Mann Page, eldest son of Governor Page of Rosewell, Gloucester County, Virginia.

The third son of William and Betty (Burwell) Nelson was Col. Hugh Nelson, who married Judith, daughter of Hon. John Page of North End, Gloucester, now Mathews County, Virginia. The wife of John Page was Jane Byrd.

Dr. Nathaniel Nelson, fourth son of Col. Hugh and Judith Nelson, was a resident of The Lodge, Hanover County, Virginia. He married Lucy Mann, eldest daughter of Elizabeth Nelson (above mentioned) and Mann Page of Shelley. The fourth daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Nelson was Nancy Page Kinloch, who became the wife of Dr. Walter Lee Binford, as above noted.

Doctor Binford and wife had four children: Bettie Nelson, Nannie Page, Hugh Nelson and Helen Maria. Of these only Hugh Nelson and Mrs. Helen Binford Hood of Salem, Virginia, survive.

Hugh Nelson had the rare privilege of having his cultured mother as a tutor during his youth, but he also attended school in Cascade and in Henry County, Virginia. While still young he gained experience as clerk in a general store and later for a time was a farmer. In Stokes County, North Carolina, he bought a tract of standing timber and with a portable steam mill converted most of it into lumber. During that time he made his home at Walnut Cove. In 1903 Mr. Binford came to Madison, Rockingham County, and here became associated with B. F. McGhee in the mercantile business. Later he bought out his partner and has since been sole proprietor of one of the Chief institutions of its kind in the county.

At the age of twenty-nine Mr. Binford married Miss Dora Cahill, a native of Henry County,

Virginia, and daughter of Marshall and Tarmesia (Young) Cahill. Their only living child, Gertrude Nelson Binford, is the wife of Walter S. Byerley, of Winston-Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Byerley have one son, Hugh Nelson Byerley. Mr. Binford and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and he is a deacon in the organization.

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Blackburn, Lindsay

Lindsay Blackburn
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth 1822 Rockingham County, N.C.
Death ?

Blankenbaker, Bill James
Bill James Blankenbaker, Obituary
Masonic Birthday October 16, 1967
Birth April 23, 1928
Death February 19, 1994

Burial:
Roselawn Memorial Gardens
Reidsville
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Brown, Bobby Clyde , Obituary
Masonic Birthday March 6, 1967
Born February 24, 1932
Death December 28, 2008

EDEN, N.C. Bobby Clyde Brown, 76, of Eden, passed away early Sunday morning, December 28, 2008, at Annie Penn Hospital. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, at Boone Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will follow at Ridge View Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Brown was born in Rockingham County on February 24, 1932, a son of William Clyde and Frances Cox Brown, both deceased.

He was a member of Providence Baptist Church and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a retired shop foreman for the Karastan Rug Mill with 40 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Smith Brown of the home; his daughters, Bambi B. Joyce and husband, Barry of Stoneville, and Brenda G. Brown of Hendersonville, N.C.; his son, Bobby

C. Brown, Jr. and wife, Lucy of Cordova, Alaska; his sister, Shirley Hankins of Stoneville; his grandchildren, Brittany, Steven, William, Christopher, Manda, Ronnie and Melissa; and his great grandchildren, Josh, Steven and Paige.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening at Boone- Reynolds Funeral Home and other times will be at the residence.

The family requests memorial contributions be directed to Providence Baptist Church, 750 Eden Road, Stoneville, NC 27048.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.boone-reynolds.com

Brown, Roy Eldridge
Roy Eldridge Brown, Obituary
Masonic Birthday September 27, 1980
Birth: December 3, 1920, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.
Death: June 12, 2006 Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Born in Leaksville, NC, and 85 years of age at the time of his death. Son of the late John W. and Gertie E. Brown. Husband of Margaret Rhodes Brown. Father of three. Mr. Brown was a veteran of World War II, and retired from E.I. Dupont after 38 years of service.
Burial: Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Bullard, John Hall





(hand with finger pointing up at top of stone). There are words above the hand, but I failed to make note of what they are. The rest says: John Hall Bullard. Born Feb. 24, 1808. Died Aug. 13, 1870.

(sorry about the hands; I was posing with the stone in this photo)



The house built by John Hall Bullard in the 1840s at Leaksville (now Eden). The house, at 650 Washington Street, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.



Storefront of 'Bullard and Sons' mercantile on Washington Street in Leaksville (now Eden). The store was owned and operated by John Hall Bullard.



Spray Cotton Mill, 1875. The mill was built and equipped by John Hall Bullard in the early 1830s. House in the background was built c. 1832-1836 by John Hall Bullard. All of the buildings, except the house, have been demolished.

John Hall Bullard

Birth: Feb. 24, 1808

Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, USA

Death: Aug. 13, 1870

Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

John Hall Bullard was an early merchant in Leaksville (now Eden), North Carolina. He owned and operated Bullard and Sons Mercantile on Washington Street. Before he had the store, though, he helped to build and equip the Spray Cotton Mill at Spray (now Eden) for John Motley Morehead (later governor of North Carolina) in the early 1830s. Bullard's house, which still stands at 650 Washington Street (Eden), was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

John Hall Bullard was the son of Silas Bullard and Betsey (Allen) Bullard.

Family links:

Spouses:

[Sarah Aletha *Dudley* Bullard \(1808 - 1848\)](#)

[Edith Ann *Wray* Bullard \(1831 - 1853\)](#)

[Eliza Ann *Eager* Bullard \(1836 - 1877\)](#)

Children:

[Sarah Caroline *Bullard* Kluge \(1835 - 1915\)](#)

[Anna "Annie" Elizabeth Morehead *Bullard* Ray \(1842 - 1925\)](#)

[Mary E. *Bullard* Leeman \(1847 - _____\)](#)

[Emily Frances "Fanny" *Bullard* Gage \(1849 - 1896\)](#)

[John Edwin Bullard \(1855 - 1855\)](#)

[William A. Bullard \(1856 - _____\)](#)

[Charles T. Bullard \(1857 - 1930\)](#)

[Flora Gertrude "Nellie" *Bullard* Patch \(1860 - 1911\)](#)

[Lula "Lou" Adeline *Bullard* MacRae \(1862 - 1915\)](#)

[Forrest Oscar Bullard \(1864 - 1929\)](#)

Burial:
Church of the Epiphany Cemetery and Columbarium
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136
Burton, Jones Williams



Jones Williams Burton
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth: November 14, 1812 Virginia, USA
Death: June 17, 1888

Rockingham County, N.C. Guardian Accounts, 1856, page 44:
Sarah L. Lindsay. "We the undersigned being appointed a committee to settle with John Strong, guardian for Sarah L. Lindsay have this day proceeded to do so.
We find John Strong is due her the amount of #1091.36."
Signed Thomas Reynolds and Jones W. Burton. 25 August 1856.

1850 Census, Rockingham County, N.C.,#153:
J.W. Burton 37 Merchant
M.A.E. Burton 20
J.C. Martin 22 Clerk b.VA.
(They lived next door to Dr. Thomas Reynolds and his family in 1850)

1880 Census, Leaksville, N.C.,page 7,#606:
(all last name Burton, misspelled Barton)
Jones W. 68 Merchant b.VA
Mary A.E. 50 wife b.NC
Mary J. 24 dau-in-law Widow b.NC
Mary Fanny 3 granddaughter b.Tennessee
Family links:
Spouse:
Mary A. E. Burton (1830 - ____)

Children:
Samuel Smith Burton (1853 - 1877)

Burial:
Lawson Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Calhoun , Obadiah C.

Obadiah C. Calhoun, Obituary
Masonic Birthday December 3, 1850
Birth: About 1823 Prince Edward County, Virginia, USA
Death: unknown, Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

He was born about 1823 in Prince Edward Co, VA,
son of Adam Calhoun.

He was a stone mason and charter member of the Masonic Order in Leaksville, Rockingham Co,
NC.

1st married in 1850 to Eliza Ann Kemp (died Feb 23, 1852). 2nd married in 1862 to Ann Elizabeth Carter and they moved to Ridgeway, Henry Co, VA, although he continued his membership in the Leaksville Lodge. He was a Private in Co. H, 13th Regt. NC Infantry Confederate States Army. Resided in Rockingham Co, NC when he enlisted May 10, 1861 at age 39. Mustered in as a Private and promoted to Sergeant about April 30, 1861. Reduced to ranks on June 26, 1861. Discharged Aug. 1, 1862 by reason of being over age.

He was shown on the 1880 census in Leaksville.
He and his 2nd wife lived just off Hwy 87, 1/2 mile south of Ridgeway, VA.

This cemetery is on what was his property at the time. Per The Journal of Rockingham County History and Genealogy, Vol. V, No. 1, June 1980:

"His first wife Eliza Ann Kemp died in 1852 and hers is the only remaining tombstone in a large cemetery in Spray that was destroyed when the YMCA was built on the site c.1909. Calhoun and his 2nd wife were also buried in the old cemetery."

Per book: "Secrets of the Leaksville Lodge #136 A.F.A.M. 1850-1892" by H.C. Pace, Jr.

It states that he and his 2nd wife are buried at his family farm in Ridgeway, now known as the Ramsey Cemetery, although he did not have a tombstone.
This book also contains a PHOTOGRAPH of Obadiah.

Burial:
Ramsey Family Cemetery
Ridgeway
Henry County
Virginia, USA



Campbell Sr., Carlisle Caston
Carlisle Caston Campbell Sr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday April 24, 1920
Birth May 15, 1895 South Carolina, USA
Death September 28, 1993 Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina

EDEN, N.C. Carlisle Caston Campbell Sr., 98, formerly of Hamilton St., died at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1993, at Brian Center of Eden.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Leaksville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Michael Leatherwood officiating. Entombment will be in Overlook Mausoleum.

He was one of eight children of the late Rev. and Mrs. James Alexander Campbell of South Carolina. He attended Clemson University, served in the Navy in World War I in Scotland and Northern England as a medical technician. He came to Leaksville in 1922 as a bank examiner for the former Leaksville Bank and Trust Company, after which he took a position with the central office at Marshall Field & Company as personnel manager and paymaster.

He served on the Selective Service Board during World War II, and was a member of the former Leaksville School Board for 33 years.

He was a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge 136, former member of the Eden Rotary Club, and was an active member of the Leaksville United Methodist Church, the Men's Bible Club, and the Methodist Men's Fellowship.

Upon retirement from Fieldcrest, he returned to Nations Bank and worked until 80 years of age and was a shareholder and part owner of Lake Everette Fishing Club in Rockingham.

He married the late Amy Eaddy in 1921 and at her death in 1987, they had been married 66 years.

Surviving are children, Mrs. Iva C. Endicott of Stoneville, Mrs. Amy C. Cook of Fayetteville, Mr. Carlisle C. Campbell Jr. of Houston; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters,

Mrs. Betty C. Agan of Abbeville, S.C., Mrs. Anna Dora C. Gallaway of Greenwood, S.C.

The family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Fair Funeral Home, other times at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Endicott, 170 Corntassel Trail, Stoneville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leaksville United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 603 Henry St., Eden, N.C. 27288.

Family links:

Parents: James Alexander Campbell (1865 - 1939) Anna Dora Byrd Campbell (1874 - 1962)

Spouse: Amy Elizabeth Eaddy Campbell (1894 - 1987)

Children: Carlisle Caston Campbell (1930 - 2012)

Burial: Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina

Campbell, Thomas Swanson
Thomas Swanson Campbell, Obituary
Masonic Birthday June 20, 1966
Birth September 1, 1917
Death February 23, 1993

Eden, N.C. Thomas Swanson Campbell, 75, of 1104 Center Church Road died Feb. 23, 1993, at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Fayetteville.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Fair Funeral Home. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery. A native of Leaksville, he had been employed by R.P. Thomas Trucking, Martinsville, Va.

He was a member of Masonic 136, 32 Degree, Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, and the American Legion.

Surviving are wife, Gladys Caldwell Campbell; daughter, Linda Allen of Wrightsville Beach, Tammy Campbell of Ridgeway, Va.; sons, Joe Campbell of Stoneville, Dana Campbell of Cleveland, Ohio, Devon Campbell of Stedman; and seven grandchildren.

The family will be at the funeral home from 7-9 tonight.

Carroll, James Elwood
James Elwood Carroll, Obituary
Masonic Birthday December 16, 1946
Birth June 29, 1904 Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA
Death December 22, 1994 Burlington, Alamance County, North Carolina, USA

He was a Methodist Minister.

This was in The Leaksville News the week of April 5th 1923.....
An even break was the result of a dual debate in Reidsville and Leaksville between the high schools of those towns. Leaksville's won over Reidsville's negative in Leaksville, while the Reidsville won over the Leaksville in Reidsville. Members of the debate teams were Susie Sharp and Dillard Green and Leo Pritchett and Elwood Carroll for Reidsville; Sidney Hall and Herman Forbes and Joseph Bondurant and Barney Walker for Leaksville.

Family links: Parents:
William Abner Daniel Carroll (1860 - 1924)
Margaret Elizabeth Jones Carroll (1865 - 1916)

Spouse:
Elizabeth C. Shoenfelt Carroll (1906 - 1998)

Burial:
Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery
Reidsville
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Carter, John Dillard



John Dillard Carter

Birth May 18, 1876 Henry County, Virginia, USA

Death January 21, 1950 Spray, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

From Death Certificate:

Father's Name: Elijah Carter

Mother's Name: Matilda Ray

Family links:

Parents:

Mahala F. Ray Carter (1858 - 1898)

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Chaney, Lacy Brooks



Lacy Brooks Chaney, Obituary
Masonic Birthday August 15, 1966
Birth February 17, 1928
Death December 15, 2010

Eden, N.C. Mr. Lacy Brooks Chaney, 82, of 213 Laurell Drive, passed away Wednesday night, December 15, 2010 at Morehead Nursing Center.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 18, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Burial will follow in Ridgeview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Chaney was born February 17, 1928 in Reidsville, son of the late R. L. and Nora Lane Moorefield Chaney.

He was a US Navy veteran and a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mr. Chaney was a retired US Postal worker. Surviving is his wife, Roberta Coon Chaney of the home; daughter, Cathy Bokoski of Eden; granddaughter, Stephanie Bokoski Pike of Eden; two great-grandchildren, Thomas and Kadalyn Pike; and sister, Mildred Soyars of Reidsville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Constance Chaney Simmons.

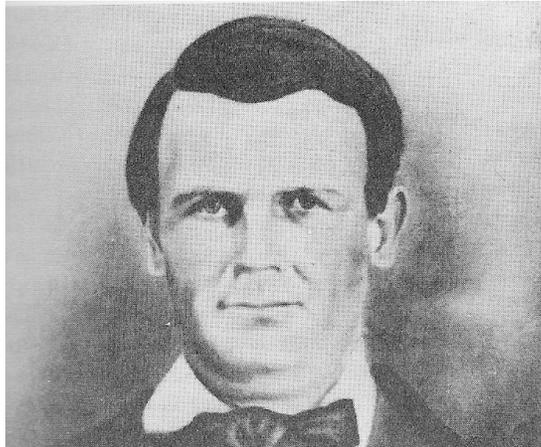
The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday (10 - 11 a.m.) at First Christian Church and other times at the residence.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 211 N. Oakland Avenue, Eden, NC 27288.

Online condolences may be offered to the Chaney family at www.fairfuneralhome.com

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Chaplin, George H.



George H. Chaplin
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth August 23, 1826 Lynchburg, Va
Death January 9, 1897

Clark, Marshall Owen



Marshall Owen Clark, Obituary
Masonic Birthday September 23, 1967
Birth October 20, 1926
Death March 16, 2010

EDEN, N.C. Marshall Owen Clark, 83, of 1041 Klyce Street, passed away early Tuesday morning, March 16, 2010 at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, at Spray United Methodist Church.

Burial will follow in Overlook Cemetery Mr. Clark was born October 20, 1926 in Spray, NC (now Eden), son of the late Reid and Ruth Roupe Clark.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of Spray United Methodist Church. Mr. Clark was the former Leaksville Chief of Police from 1963 - 1980 and first Chief for the new city of Eden. He was a Master Mason of Leaksville Lodge #136 AF and AM.

Surviving is his wife, Anna Mae Tucker Clark of the home; daughter, Lisa Ann Clark, also of the home; son, Michael L. Clark of Eden; one grandson, Chad Clark of Wilmington; and sister-in-law, Helen Clark of Eden. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Travis Clark.

The family would like to offer a special thanks to Helen Clark and Melissa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service (1 until 2 p.m.) at the Spray United Methodist Church and other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Spray United Methodist Church, 803 Morgan Road, Eden, NC 27288.

Online condolences may be offered to the Clark family at www.fairfuneralhome.com

Coleman, Charles Elmer
Charles Elmer Coleman, Obituary
Masonic Birthday November 9, 1970
Birth: April 11, 1921 Franklin County, Virginia, USA
Death: September 6, 2005

Charles Elmer Coleman, 84, of 162 Benjamin Rd., Eden, died Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at Morehead Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 9, 2 p.m. at Fair Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Coleman was born in Franklin County, Va. to the late Emmett and Lydia Patterson Coleman.

He was a World War II Army veteran with the 71st Division and was a 32nd Degree Mason. Mr. Coleman prepared income taxes for many years and served his community in this capacity for over 60 years. He was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are daughter, Janice Beardsley and husband, Andy of Daytona Beach, FL, Betty Hill and husband, Charlie of Eden, Dorothy Bates and husband, Dennis of Deleon Springs, FL; brother, Paul Coleman and wife, Ava of Eden and William Coleman and wife, Amy of Eden; sisters, Jan Allen and husband, William of Stoneville and Alice Nichols and husband, Russell of Durham, NC; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; special caregiver: Jerlene Galloway.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gaynelle H. Coleman; sister, Lucy Ward; brother, Emmett Coleman, Jr.; and grandson, Charles Beardsley.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening, 7-8:30 p.m. at Fair Funeral Home and other times at the home of Charlie and Betty Hill, 151 Circle Loop Rd. in Eden. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fairfuneralhome.com

Published in The Reidsville Review, Eden Daily News, or Madison Messenger from 9/7/2005 - 9/10/2005.

Family links:

Parents:

Emmett Amos Coleman (1898 - 1968)

Lydia Patterson Coleman (1900 - 1988)

Spouse:

Gaynelle Helen Coleman (1924 - 1998)

Burial: Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Reidsville, Rockingham County, N.C.

Cox, Charles "Pete" Herman



Charles "Pete" Herman Cox, Obituary

Birth date: October 18, 1922

Death date: November 28, 2009

Ruffin, N.C. Charles "Pete" Herman Cox, 87, of 344 Goose Pond Road passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at Morehead Hospital.

Funeral services will be held 11:00AM Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Hickory Grove United Methodist Church with Rev. Lee Eggers officiating.

Interment will follow in the church cemetery with military graveside rites performed by the Rockingham County Honor Guard. Mr. Cox was born in Rockingham County to the late James L. and Blanch Scott Cox.

He served in the US Marines during WWII and was involved in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal.

He was a retiree of P. Lorillard Tobacco Company and an active member of Hickory Grove United Methodist Church serving as an usher for 23 years.

Pete was also a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Leaksville Lodge # 136 AF & AM. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Frank and Elwood Cox and sister, Louise Suttle.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Katie Walker Cox; daughter, Kathy Hawks and husband, Robert; son, Charles L. Cox; grandson, Jonathan Hawks and sister-in-law, Barbara Fowble.

The family will receive friends at Wilkerson Funeral Home on Monday, November 30, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and other times the home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hickory Grove United Methodist Church Regular Fund, c/o Barbara Fowble, 394 Goose Pond Road, Ruffin, North Carolina 27326

Cox Jr., Lawrence Weldon
Lawrence Weldon Cox Jr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday June 29, 1973
Birth May 29, 1944
Death February 14, 1997

Eden, N. C. Lawrence Weldon Cox Jr., 52, of 631 Highland Dr., Eden, died Friday afternoon at Moses Cone Hospital.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church, with burial in Overlook Cemetery .

A native of Leaksville, he was a life member of First Baptist Church of Eden. He was a former mayor of Eden from 1981-93, was a past master of Leaksville Masonic Lodge, was a retired volunteer fireman of Station 1 and was a rural fireman. He was also Fireman of the Year in 1978, was a retired Eden City and Rockingham County school teacher. He taught at Draper Elementary, was Outstanding Young Educator of 1973, and was a Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Hogan Cox of Eden; daughter, Kelly Jean Cox of UNCG in Greensboro; and mother, Beryl Hill Cox of Eden.

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Craddock, Melvin Preston
Melvin Preston Craddock, Obituary
Masonic Birthday February 1, 1960
Birth: April 30, 1924
Death: January 12, 2000

Burial:
Woodlawn Cemetery
Spray
Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Crews, Raymond Carlton



Raymond Carlton Crews

Masonic Birthday June 25, 1956

Birth: October 26, 1906

Death: 2004

Family links:

Spouse:

[Elsie Ann Matthews Crews \(1903 - 1994\)](#)

Note: Birth year plate is missing Burial:

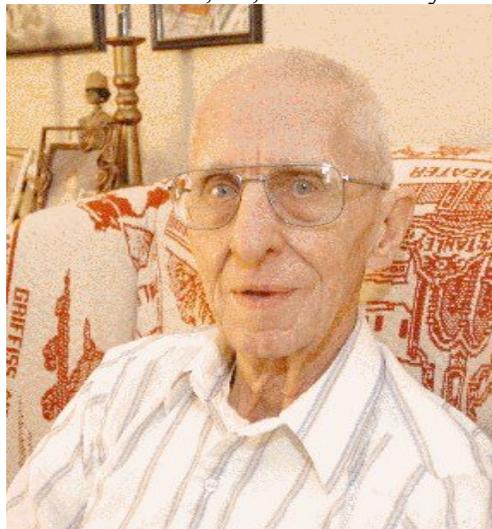
[Ridgeview Memorial Gardens](#)

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Czelusniak, Jr., Paul Anthony



Paul Anthony Czelusniak, Jr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday June 1, 1959
Birth August 30, 1925
Death June 28, 2007

EDEN, N.C. Paul Anthony Czelusniak, Jr., 81, of 522 Longhook Road, passed away Thursday afternoon, June 28, 2007, at Morehead Nursing Center.

A service of remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, at the Leaksville Masonic Lodge #136 AF&AM at 419 Thompson Street in Eden.

Mr. Czelusniak was born on August 30, 1925, in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, a son of Paul A. and Martha Sokoloski Czelusniak, Sr. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was retired from the research and development department at Fieldcrest Mills.

He was a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge #136, AF&AM and was of the Lutheran faith. He loved his hobby of radio-controlled model airplanes and was very active in Masonic activities.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Ingalls Czelusniak of the home; sons, Vernon Czelusniak of Florida and Paul Czelusniak III of Eden; daughters, Nancy Czelusniak of Florida, Becky Stewart Fete of Gibsonville, and Terri Czelusniak of Greensboro; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Leaksville Masonic Lodge #136 AF&AM prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Masonic Home for Children, 600 College St., Oxford, NC 27565.

Boone-Reynolds Funeral Service is serving the family of Mr. Czelusniak.

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Veterans of America The Stories of The Greatest Generation ... and More!

Reminiscences of World War II a continuing monthly series profiling veterans of WW II by Ken Samuelson Paul A. Czelusniak – Eighth war patrol of submarine USS Billfish SS 286522 Longhook Rd. Eden, NC 27288 Born in Nanticoke, PA Branch of Service: US Navy Unit served in: USS Billfish Submarine SS 286 Highest rank attained: Seaman 1st Class - Torpedoeman Where served: Submarine Squadron 45, Pacific Theater Dates of Service: 11/8/1943 to 12/24/1945 Paul Czelusniak's submarine USS Billfish was trapped on the bottom of the Yellow Sea.

An aggressive Japanese destroyer was firing depth charges, which exploded all around Billfish. The crew was quiet and tense. Softly, over the loudspeaker Captain Farley, the commanding officer, read a passage from Holy Scripture as the submarine settled to the bottom - then silence. Most crewmembers were on their knees praying, fully expecting the next explosion to put them

in a watery grave. Miraculously, the destroyer lost contact, saving the lives of the Billfish crew. "It was way too close for comfort", says Paul Czelusniak.

Czelusniak was born in Nanticoke PA, one of eight children. In Nanticoke, his father relied heavily on coalminer business in his automobile garage but the unions had virtually shut down the mines in the late 30's. Czelusniak's father was unable to survive financially, so moved his family to Amsterdam NY, getting work at the Mohawk Rug Mill in Auburn NY.

Paul quit school after the 11th grade to help support the family and worked in a cotton mill for a time, then Mohawk Rug Co. and finally at the Army Supply Depot near Amsterdam. Czelusniak remembers well when Pearl Harbor was attacked, having heard the news over the radio while sitting in his living room.

He immediately went down to enlist but his parents did not grant permission. When he approached 18 years of age, he told his parents he did not want to be drafted into the Army so asked, and received, his parent's approval to join the Navy. A heart murmur found during his physical prevented his entry into the Navy. When he registered for the draft, Czelusniak fully expected to be rejected because of the heart murmur. During the examination for induction, no murmur was found. Czelusniak was bound for the Army until he happened to see a Navy recruiter who allowed him to join before his official induction into the Army. A heart murmur was not detected in the Navy physical.

Boot camp followed at Sampson NY in December 1943. Because of his carpentry experience in High School, he was assigned work to build a large wooden cabinet, among other items, for use by one of the senior petty officers. Consequently, he missed four out of eight weeks of boot camp while working on carpentry projects. His aptitude tests indicated he would make a good Torpedoman so he was sent to Newport RI to an eight week Torpedo man school. He learned all aspects of the Mark 14 and Mark 15 torpedoes, which were the mainstays of the submarine fleet.

The Mark 14 and 15 Torpedoes are 21 inches in diameter; about 20-1/2 feet long and weigh well over 3,000 pounds. They carried about 600 pounds of a special high explosive called Torpex. The torpedoes ran on steam generated in a combustion chamber within the torpedo.

A trip lever in the torpedo tube as it is launched starts the whole process working to activate the combustion and steam. The torpedoes were beautifully made of polished stainless steel built to withstand 3,000 lbs per square inch pressure. Sometimes they would not explode!

A Torpedo man, when firing a torpedo, opens the inner doors of the torpedo tube and using winches, inserts the torpedo in the tube. Information on the target ship's speed, range, and bearing from conning tower observations is put into the Torpedo Data Computer built into the torpedo. The outer doors are opened and upon receiving orders from the conning tower, the torpedo is fired, using compressed air to blow it out of the tube.

The work of a Torpedo man was one of many jobs critical to the survival of a submarine during combat. Czelusniak then volunteered for submarine school in New London CT where he was immersed in all aspects of submarine operations. Aboard a submarine, a crewmember could be caught in any area of a submarine during battle as watertight doors are closed during combat. If you were in a particular space, you had to know what to do in that space – your life depended on it.

When a submarine crewmember was thoroughly trained, he would receive his “dolphin” insignia indicating he was part of the elite undersea force – a SUBMARINER.

Czelusniak was also trained in the use of the “Momsen lung” a breathing device which allowed submariners to escape from a sunken submarine. During the training on the Momsen lung, the psychological fear of water at great depth was enough to “wash out” many of the aspirants for submarine service. Czelusniak’s fear was not of the water but only of failing to attain his goal of being a submariner.

During a pressure test, he was put in a small airtight chamber and the air pressure was increased every few seconds until he thought his eardrums would burst. He had to swallow often to equalize the pressure. It grew very hot in the chamber and he perspired profusely so that his Navy jeans stuck to his skin. His skin was blue from the dye in his pants. He passed the pressure test! His only dive in a submarine at New

London was in an old WW I submarine that leaked. As the boat went down a heavy stream of water came from a fitting and the students were frightened. The grizzled chief petty officer told the students that the leak would “seal” as they went deeper. No one believed him at the time, but it did. Another psychological test!

Czelusniak was then assigned to San Diego to be trained in electric torpedoes. The steam torpedo looked like an elegant piece of machinery with all the polished stainless steel while, Czelusniak said, the electric torpedo “looked like a large old weathered tin can”. Seventy-two battery cells drove it. The electric torpedoes were simpler and were coated with Cosmoline, similar to heavy Vaseline, to avoid rust. Their cost was small compared to the stainless steel torpedoes, but they were effective. After the voyage to Pearl Harbor, he was assigned to USS Billfish. He was a second-class seaman at the time. The captain had to approve all new crewmembers and said “we only have first class seaman or above on this vessel so I am promoting you immediately to 1st class seaman.”

Due to the heat aboard the submarine Czelusniak typically only wore cut off Navy jeans, a tee shirt, and special noiseless sandals. The decks of Billfish were also padded to eliminate noise. Typically, Czelusniak had four hours on duty and eight off, around the clock. When off duty he was either sleeping or working on something related to his job. He had limited time for personal things.

Czelusniak’s bunk was in the “bridal suite” as it was called, located in the forward torpedo room; the best bunk on the submarine for an enlisted man. He did not have to alternate use of his bunk with anyone else while all the other sailors had to alternate use of a bunk. There were no sheets and he slept with his clothes on. When fresh water was available, he could shower and wash his clothes. His gear locker was the size of a normal suitcase.

He only had his work uniform aboard the submarine with a couple changes of underwear as well as the standard foul weather gear. His dress blues and any dress outerwear were stored at Pearl Harbor. On the eighth war patrol, USS Billfish sunk one Japanese cargo vessel and experienced the depth charge attack mentioned earlier. While on the surface on August 6 1945, a lookout saw the flash of the atomic bomb explosion.

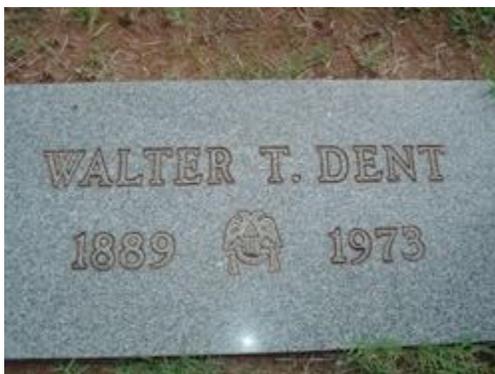
The Billfish crew did not learn the war was over because they could not break radio silence. After the Billfish crew learned the war was over, the worst part of the return to Pearl Harbor was going through a minefield aware that a mine could sink the vessel “after the war was over”. Czelusniak heard some mine cables scraping the side of Billfish, which was very unnerving. After short stays at Eniwetok and Pearl Harbor, the Billfish was going home via the Panama Canal to Houston TX for the first Navy Day celebration and on to Staten Island NY. Czelusniak was released from active duty at Long Island NY.

It was Christmas Eve 1945 and Czelusniak took the train to Amsterdam and surprised his parents who came home from catholic mass to find him sleeping on the couch. Czelusniak returned to the Army Depot for a while and then worked for Mohawk Rug Co. He was offered a job with Karastan Rug Mill in Auburn NY and then transferred to Eden NC.

He retired as a Creative Product Specialist with twelve patents regarding rug and carpet manufacturing to his name. He is married to the former Betty Ingalls and has five children scattered across the country. He is very proud that his two sons and a grandson have served in the military. Paul Jr. served on nuclear submarines during the cold war. His son Vernon served 21 years in the Coast Guard, earning a PHD degree after his time in service. His grandson is a pilot with the US Coast Guard.

Czelusniak is proud to have served his country on USS Billfish with such a great group of fighting men.

Dent, Walter T.



Walter T. Dent
Birth: 1889
Death: 1973

Family links:

Spouse:

[Cora Redd Dent \(1890 - 1984\)](#)

Children:

[Gitz Carnelle Dent \(1924 - 2003\)](#)

Burial:

[Ridgeview Memorial Gardens](#)

Eden

Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

DePriest, Jerry Todd
Jerry Todd DePriest, Obituary
Masonic Birthday September 28, 1953
Birth July 23, 1915 in Carroll County, TN
Death February 22, 1993 in Eden, Rockingham County, NC

Burial: Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Reidsville, Rockingham County, NC

EDEN, N.C. Jerry Todd DePriest, 68, of 227 Ray St. died Feb. 22, 1993, at his home.

Funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Fair Funeral Home. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

A native of Carroll County, he was a retired Dan River Steam Station employee, past scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 94 and a member of First Baptist Church. He was a Shriner, a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge 136, 32nd Degree, past patron of the Tri-City Eastern Star, past Royal Patron of the Order of the Amaranth and past District Deputy of the Grand Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are wife, Helen Tapp DePriest; daughter, Sandra Jean DePriest Myrick of Bland, Va.; sons, George Todd DePriest of Bel Air, Md., Jerry Michael DePriest, James Brian DePriest, both of Reidsville, William Thomas DePriest of Greensboro; brothers, Freeman DePriest of Atwood, Tenn., J.B. DePriest, Jonny DePriest, both of Trezevant, Tenn.

The family will be at the funeral home 7-9 tonight.

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Dillard, James P.



James P. Dillard
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth: April 7, 1824
Death: February 25, 1899

Family links:
Parents:
James Dillard (1779 - 1859)



Spouse:

Mary Letitia Lash Dillard (1836 - 1883)

Burial:

Reynolds-Dillard Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Birth: Sep. 16, 1779

Virginia, USA

Death: Jan. 2, 1859

North Carolina, USA

He was a Captain in the Army in the NC Militia.

He was the father of James P. Dillard, b. 7 Apr. 1824 and died 25 Feb 1899, also buried here who was a tobacco manufacturer. On the 1880 Census he is living in Leaksville, N.C., age 55. He says both his parents were born in VA. Also on that census are his wife, M. Letitia, age 43 and daughter Jane, age 37.

1850 Census, Rockingham County, N.C. #410:

James Dillard 71

Lucy 61

Ruth 19

Agness 17

Mary Cheatham 11

Family links:

Spouse:

Lucy Moorman Dillard (1789 - ____)

Children:

Peter H. Dillard (____ - 1844)

James P. Dillard (1824 - 1899)

Martha Ruth Dillard Martin (1830 - 1864)

Burial:
Reynolds-Dillard Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County

Dyer, Winfred 'Ike' Randall



Winfred 'Ike' Randall Dyer, Obituary
Masonic Birthday November 9, 1970
Birth October 10, 1929
Death July 16, 2000
Winfred 'Ike' Randall Dyer

EDEN, N.C. Winfred "Ike" Randall Dyer, 70, 410 Roberts Road, father of Debbie Overby, Salisbury, died Sunday (July 16, 2000) at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem.

Services: 11 a.m. Tuesday, El Bethel Presbyterian Church. Burial, Ridgeview Cemetery.
Visitation: 7-9 tonight, Fair Funeral Home. At other times the family will be at the home on Roberts Road.

Memorials: Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Leukemia Research, Medical

Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27157

Husband of Margaret J. Dyer
Inscription: US Marine Corps Vietnam
Burial: Ridgeview Memorial Gardens, Eden, Rockingham County, NC

Edwards, Melvin Ray
Melvin Ray Edwards, Obituary
Masonic Birthday December 18, 1962
Birth: December 21, 1926 Johnston County, N.C.
Death: August 28, 2007 Raleigh, Wake County, N.C.

Raleigh, N.C. Melvin Ray Edwards, 80, died Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at Duke Health
Raleigh Hospital in Raleigh.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, August 30, at Floyd Baptist Church with burial
to follow in the church cemetery.

Ray was born December 21, 1926, in Johnston County, North Carolina, to the late Waverley
Herold and Mary Revell Edwards. He was a member of Floyd Baptist Church and served in the
U.S. Navy during World War II, and was a graduate of University of North Carolina Chapel
Hill.

Surviving are daughters, Debbie Watkins and husband, Marshall of Raleigh, Cindy Adcock and
husband, Steve of Gulf Port, Miss.; son, Sandy Edwards and wife, Leanne of Raleigh; step-son,
Randy Jeffries and wife, Linda of Eden; grandchildren, Mark Watkins of Lillington, Denise
Funderburk and husband, Ritch of Raleigh, Ansley Edwards of Raleigh, Jonathon Jeffries of
Atlanta, Ga., Rebecca Jeffries of Greenville; great-grandchildren, Noah and Cayden Funderburk
of Raleigh.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Iris Ramsey Edwards in June of
this year.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Thursday at Floyd Baptist
Church.

Memorial donations may be made to House of Hope of NC, 408 Covered Bridge Road, Clayton,
NC 27520 or Floyd Baptist Church, 3652 Price Road., Eden, NC 27288.

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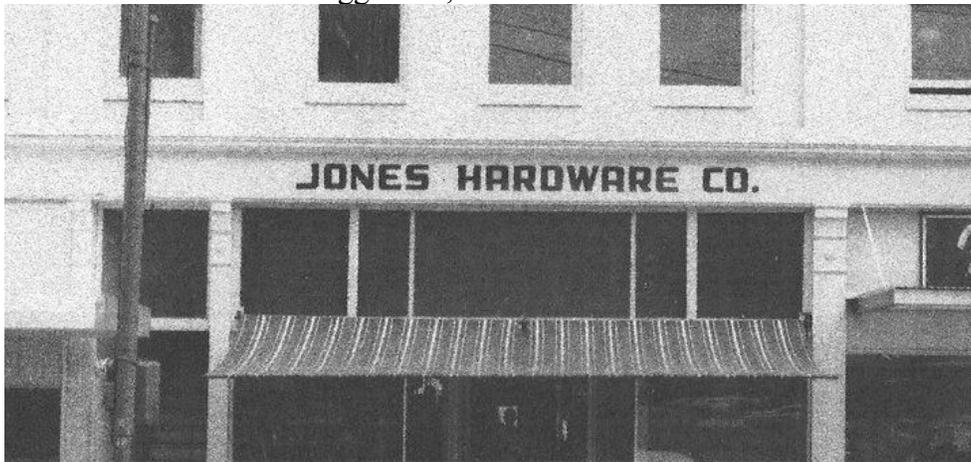
Family links:

Spouse:

Iris Ramsey Edwards (1930 - 2007)

Burial: Floyd Baptist Church Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Eggleston, Claiborne Jones



Claiborne Jones Eggleston, Obituary

Birth September 6, 1916

Death August 2, 1991

Burial: Ridgeview Memorial Gardens

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Ellington, Jr. John "Mutt" Talley
John "Mutt" Talley Ellington, Jr., Obituary

Masonic Birthday November 18, 1968

Birth April 17, 1924 Rockingham County, North Carolina

Death October, 15, 1999 Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, North Carolina

Service Info.: PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR II

Cemetery: MT Herman Baptist Church Cemetery

Address: Wentworth, NC 27375

Fagg, Harry Lee
Harry Lee Fagg, Obituary
Birth:\ June 11, 1900 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA
Death July 23, 1991 Eden , Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Eden, N.C. Harry Lee Fagg, of Eden, died Tuesday at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Leaksville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in
Lawson Cemetery.

A native of Leaksville, he was a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law and a retired attorney with Fagg, Fagg and Nooe. He was a member of the North Carolina State Bar, the North Carolina Bar Association, member and former president of the Rockingham County Bar Association, and a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

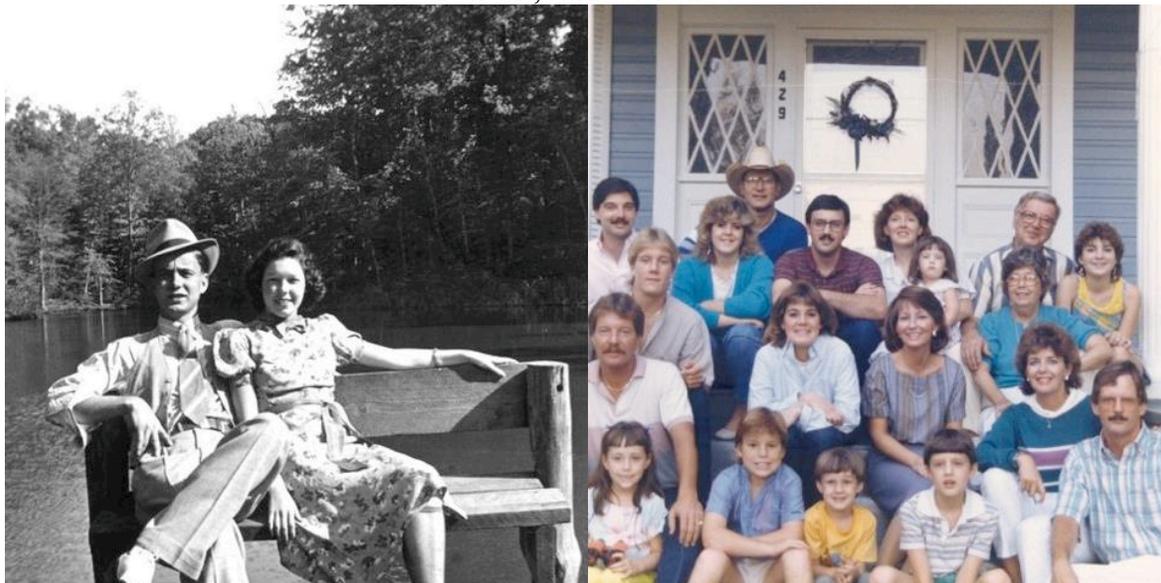
He was a former president of First National Bank of Leaksville, served as chairman of the Eden Board of Directors of Southern National Bank and as a director of the corporation of Southern National Bank of North Carolina.

He was a member and past president of the Leaksville-Spray Rotary Club, a member of Leaksville Lodge 136 AF&AM, chairman and treasurer of the Rockingham County Public Library Board of Trustees, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the former Tri-City Hospital.

Surviving is his wife, Lucille Reid Fagg.

Burial: Lawson Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County

Fair Sr., James Mathew



James Mathew Fair Sr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday January 17, 1944
Birth: August 15, 1919
Death: September 14, 2000

Eden, N.C. James Mathew Fair Sr., 81, of 429 Boone Road, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000, at Leaksville United Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery.

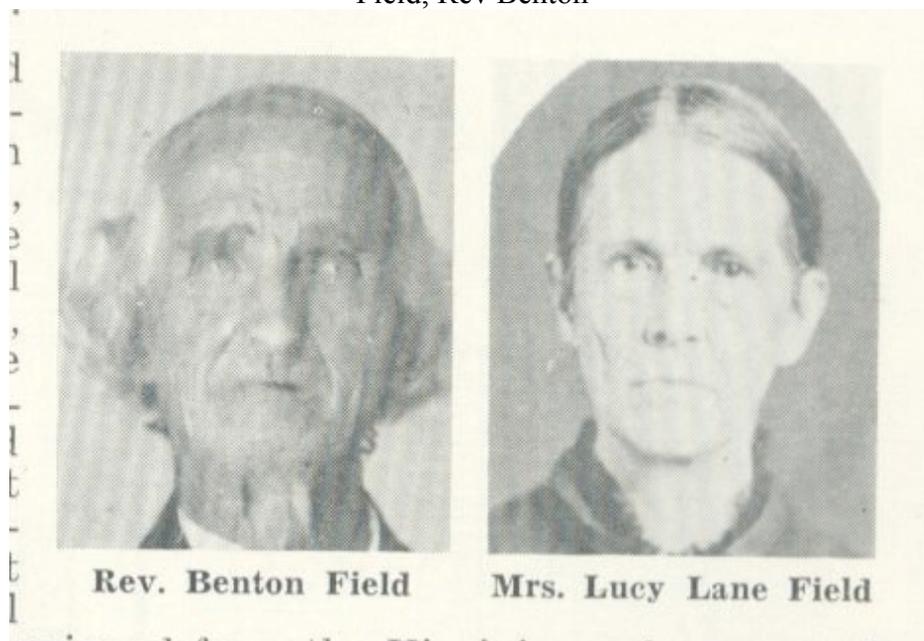
A native of Spray, he was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was president of Fair Funeral Home and president of Overlook Cemetery Board of Directors. He was past president of N.C. Funeral Directors Association, also past president of Tri-City Jaycees, Red Cross, Community Fund and Central YMCA. He was one of the founders of the Tri-City Rescue Squad and was presently a member of the board. He was a member of the Leaksville Masonic Lodge 186, the Rockingham County Shrine Club and the Eden Preservation Society. He was a former board member of Morehead Memorial Hospital.

Survivors are his wife, Frances Worsham Fair of Eden and Ruffin; daughters and sons-in-law, Daphne and Joe D'Agostino of Durango, Colo., Joyce and Ed Johnson of Greensboro and Peggy and Bill Puckett of Brentwood, Tenn.; sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Mary Fair, and Neil and Ann Fair, all of Eden; brother and sister-in-law, Charles E. and Alma Fair of Eden; step-son and wife, James and Judy Worsham of Ruffin; grandchildren, Kelly, Kim, Glenn, Kendall, Eric, Annie, Alice, Olin, Aaron and Ashley; two step-grandchildren, Amber and Amanda; and six

great-grandchildren.

Burial: Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Field, Rev Benton



Rev Benton Field

Birth: 1797 Randolph County, North Carolina, USA
Death: September 15, 1871, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

The Reverend Benton Field was the second of eleven children, and first son, born to Jeremiah

Field (c.1764-1830) and Eleanor Sherwood (1776-1859) of Randolph County, NC. He became a Methodist minister in 1829, and moved to Leaksville, Rockingham County, NC in 1841. A history of the Leaksville Methodist Church states:

"Although he was not the Methodist preacher in charge, he became a leader of the Methodist forces here and preached often in the Old Brick Academy. The church took on new life under his leadership. He kept a famous tavern, was a builder and operator of mills, a land surveyor, and a useful magistrate. He had five sons and a daughter." (There were actually six sons and a daughter.) Benton was also one of the first trustees of the Greensborough Female College (now Greensboro College) when it was founded in 1837.

Benton married three times: First, in 1819, to Jane Gamble, second, in 1824, to Martha F. Guerrant (1803-1856), daughter of Thomas Porter Guerrant and Elizabeth Spain Ellington, and third, in 1857, to Lucy Christmas Hopper (1821-1893), daughter of Jesse Hopper and Martha Grogan, and the widow of Joseph Lane.

His children, all but the last born of Martha Guerrant, were: Thomas William Field (1828-1886, m. Margaret Moir), Rev. Daniel Early Field (1832-1916, m. Jane Hopper Lane, 2. m. Martha Ann "Pattie" Lane), Dr. Benton Jeremy Field (1835-1904, m. E. Magdalene Guerrant, 2. m. Lucy Elizabeth "Bettie" Lane), Peter Watson Field (1836-1855), John Emory Field (1838-1866, m. Mary Susan Lane, 2. m. Josephine Jones) Eleanor Elizabeth "Lizzie" Field (c.1839-1880, m. William A. Carter) and Charles Fletcher Field (1861-1942, m. Lizzie Stout).

Family links:

Parents:

Jeremiah Field (1764 - 1830)
Eleanor Sherwood Field (1776 - 1859)

Spouses:

Martha F. Guerrant Field (1803 - 1856)
Lucy Christmas Hopper Lane Field (1821 - 1893)

Children:

Thomas William Field (1828 - 1886)*
Daniel Early Field (1831 - 1916)*
Benton Jeremy Field (1835 - 1904)*
Peter Watson Field (1836 - 1855)*
John Emory Field (1838 - 1866)*
Eleanor Elizabeth Field Carter (1840 - 1880)*
Charles Fletcher Field (1861 - 1942)*

Burial:

Lawson Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Field, Thomas William



Thomas William Field

Masonic Birthday December 3 1850

Birth: June 24, 1828, North Carolina, USA

Death: March 11, 1886 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Thomas William Field was the first born son of Rev. Benton Field (1797-1871) and his second wife Martha F. Guerrant (1803-1856). His paternal grandparents were Jeremiah Field and his wife Eleanor Sherwood, of Randolph County, NC; and, his maternal grandparents were Dr. Thomas Porter Guerrant and his wife Elizabeth Spain Ellington, of Rockingham Co.

Thomas married Margaret M. Moir (10 Feb. 1831-26 May 1894) on 2 March 1852 (bond date 27 Feb.) She was the daughter of John Moir and his wife Mary Lyle, and was born in Forres, Elginshire, Scotland. Her family came to NC in the 1830s.

Thomas and Margaret had four children: Mary Lyle Field (1853-1945, Mrs. James Madison Price), William Field (infant son, d. 1855), Martha E. "Mattie" Field (1856-1882, Mrs. J. Hughes Hamblin), and John Benton Field (1868-1935, m. Kate Hill Collins).

Family links: Parents:

Benton Field (1797 - 1871)

Martha F. Guerrant Field (1803 - 1856)

Spouse: Margaret M. Moir Field (1831 - 1894)

Children:

Mary Lyle Field Price (1853 - 1944)*

William Field (1854 - 1855)*

Martha E. Field Hamlin (1856 - 1882)*

John Benton Field (1868 - 1935)*

Burial: Lawson Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Frazier, Jr., Joseph Robert
Joseph Robert Frazier, Jr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday April 22, 1948
Birth: October 27, 1922
Death: March 23, 2006

PLEASANT GARDEN, N.C. Joseph Robert Frazier, Jr., 83, died Thursday, March 23, 2006 at the W.G. Hefner V.A. Medical Center in Salisbury.

The memorial service will be held Saturday, March 25, 11am at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, 1415 Neelley Road in Pleasant Garden. Graveside services will be held at 3 pm at Overlook Cemetery on Bryant Street in Eden.

Mr. Frazier was born October 27, 1922 in Leaksville to the late Joseph Robert Frazier, Sr. and Viola Hodges Frazier. He was a member of Pleasant Garden Baptist Church and a 32nd Degree Mason of Leaksville Lodge #136. Mr. Frazier was a World War II Navy veteran and was retired from Miewsmar and Becker as a resident engineer.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Welborn Frazier of the home; three sons, William G. Frazier and wife of Collinsville, VA, Robert L. Frazier and wife of Greensboro, and Bradford H. Frazier and wife of Powhatan, VA; a sister, Dr. Lois Frazier of Raleigh; six grand children; seven nieces and nephews, and a great-granddaughter and a great grandson.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters, Lottie Frazier McNeer and Virginia Frazier Cox.

Burial: Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Fulton, John Leonard
John Leonard Fulton, Obituary
Masonic Birthday February 20, 1950
Born January 15, 1921

Death June 10, 2001

EDEN - Mr. John Leonard Fulton, 81, of 1022 W. Washington St. died June 10, 2001, at Morehead Memorial Hospital. A graveside service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2001, at Ridge-View Memorial Gardens.

A native of Mayodan, Mr. Fulton was manager of Edwards Super Mart on the Boulevard, a member of Leaksville Christian Church and Leaksville Masonic Lodge No. 136 AF&AM. Surviving are brothers Robert Fulton of Oldsmar, Fla., Philip Fulton and Thomas Fulton of Eden and James Fulton of Winston-Salem; and a special friend, Ruby Hill.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Service and other times at the residence.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

Hall, C. C. "Doc"



C. C. "Doc" Hall, Obituary

Masonic Birthday December 17, 1966

Birth September 27, 1926

Death October 31, 2010

EDEN, N. C. C. C. "Doc" Hall, 84, formerly of Johnston Street, and more recently of 244 Weaver Street, passed away Sunday, October 31, 2010 at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, at Fair Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Ridgeview Memorial Gardens. A native of Rockingham County,

Mr. Hall was born September 27, 1926. He was a US Navy veteran having served in World War II, the Korean Conflict where he received a Purple Heart, and the Vietnam War, retiring as Master Chief Corpman. Mr. Hall was also a retired Health Inspector for Rockingham County Health Department.

He was a member of Leaksville Christian Church, Past Master of Masonic Lodge #136 AF & AM, and also a member and Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star, Rose Chapter in Greensboro.

Surviving is his wife, Jackie Hall; son, Lee Hall and wife, Ellen of Honea Path, SC; grandsons, Elliott Hall and wife, Christine of Greenville, SC, Everett Hall of Honea Path, SC; granddaughter, Lillie Hall of Honea Path; and grandson, Jamie Swift and wife, Donna of Eden; SC; great-grandson, Brent Swift of Greensboro; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Harry and Norma Jean McKinney.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening, 6 until 8 p.m. at Fair Funeral Home and other times at 244 Weaver Street in Eden. Memorial contributions may be made to Leaksville Christian Church, 1010 Washington Street, Eden, NC 27288.

Online condolences may be offered to the Hall family at www.fairfuneralhome.com

Hancock, Jr., Allen W.

Allen W. Hancock, Jr

Birth: January 17, 1923 Draper, Rockingham County, N.C.

Death: March 25, 2009 Stokesdale, Guilford County, N.C.

EDEN, N.C. Mr. Allen W. Hancock, Jr., 86, of 302 S. Kennedy Avenue (Arbor Ridge), passed away Wednesday evening, March 25, 2009, at Countryside Manor in Stokesdale.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at Fair Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Overlook Cemetery.

Mr. Hancock was born January 17, 1923, in Draper, N.C. (now Eden), son of the late Allen and Nell Hopper Hancock. He was a member of North Spray Christian Church where he served as a Deacon, board member and choir member, as well as on various committees. He was also church treasurer for many years. Mr. Hancock was very active with Rockingham Habitat for Humanity; especially building cabinets. He retired from Fieldcrest Mills where he worked in the shop and later was supply department manager. Serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he served aboard the destroyer escort Halloran. He also served aboard the battleship USS New Jersey during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Hancock also served in the Naval Reserves and was a retired volunteer fireman.

Surviving are his two sons, Allen Hancock, III and wife, Jo of Timberlake, and Harold "Lee" Hancock and wife, Janet of Reidsville; one grandson, Allen Hancock, IV; two granddaughters, Michelle Hancock Champlin and Morgan Morris Hancock; four great-grandsons; one brother, John Hancock and wife, Dee of Gary, Ind.; sister, Mary Hancock Rudd of Columbus, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Reba Warren Hancock; and grandson, Bobby Hancock.

Family links:

Spouse: Reba Warren Hancock (1923 - 2008)

Burial: Overlook Cemetery

Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Hairfield, Billy Dillard
Billy Dillard Hairfield, Obituary
Masonic Birthday March 22, 1954

Born: July 23, 1927 Rockingham Co., NC
Death May 13, 1998 Rockingham Co., NC

EDEN - Billie Dillard Hairfield, 70, of 1287 Delaware St., died Wednesday, May 13, 1998, at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 1998, at First Baptist Church of Draper. Burial will be in Danview Cemetery, Eden.

He was born in Rockingham County, was a U.S. Navy veteran, a member of Masonic Lodge 136, member and past president of Y's Men Club, charter member and also retired chief of

Draper Vol. Fire Dept. and member of Eden's First Human Relation's Committee, supervisor for Fieldcrest Mills/Karastan Rug Division.

Survivors are his wife, Ruby Hairfield of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Tim Shelton of Eden; brother and sister-in-law, John and Patsy Hairfield of Martinsville, Va.; two grandchildren, Austin and Haley Shelton; and several nieces and nephews.

Buried: - Danview Cem., Eden, Rockingham Co., NC

Parents were

Father: John Willie Hairfield (1900-1967)

Mother: Fannie Mae Burnette (1897-1990)

Harrison, Henry Theo"Staw"
Henry Theo"Staw" Harrison, Obituary

Birth: Feb. 28, 1908

Death: Mar. 18, 1992

Father of Henry Theo "Ted" Harrison Jr.

Family links:

Parents:

William Baxter Harrison (1882 - 1941)

Rosa Nettie Brown Harrison (1885 - 1971)

Burial: Ridgeview Memorial Gardens

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Hawkins Sr., Belvie Carlton
Belvie Carlton Hawkins Sr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday May 2, 1960
Birth: December 5, 1922
Death: May 12, 2000

EDEN, N.C. Belvie Carlton Hawkins Sr., 77, of 514 Monroe Street, died Friday, May 12, 2000, at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14, 2000, at Spray Baptist Church. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery.

A native of Spray (now Eden), he was a member and former deacon of Spray Baptist Church. He was a World War II U.S. Army Paratrooper, 11th Airborne Division, in the Pacific Theater. He was the retired co-owner of Smith and Hawkins Texaco and Furniture and Appliances.

Survivors are his wife, Bessie Tiller Hawkins of the home; daughter, Aubiere Hawkins Cohen of Alpharetta, Ga.; brothers, Frank Hawkins and Ronnie Hawkins, both of Eden, Bobby Hawkins of Stoneville; sisters, Judy H. Doss of Pelham, Pauline H. Hopkins and Hilda H. Martin, both of Eden, Doris H. Brymer of Hixson, Tenn.; and one granddaughter, Megan Cohen of Alpharetta, Ga. He was preceded in death by his son, B. Carlton Hawkins Jr.

Burial: Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Hodges, Irving



Irving Hodges

Birth December 6, 1903

Death January 2, 1982

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Hubbard, Charles E
Charles E Hubbard

Birth April 22, 1869 Pittsylvania County, Virginia, USA
Death March 17, 1947 Spray, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA
Spouse: Carrie Via Hubbard

Father: Olis Hubbard

Mother: Ellen Lane

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Hutchins, Max Colon



Max Colon Hutchins, Obituary
Masonic Birthday October 15, 1962
Death February 25, 2010

Concord, N.C. Max Colon Hutchins went to be with his Lord on Thursday, February 25, 2010. He was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on August 15, 1923 , the son of Jonah Alexander Hutchins and Lillie Jane Smith Hutchins.

Max served his country in the US Navy in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He worked for 40 years in the trucking industry before retiring to Concord in 1991. He was an active member of Central United Methodist Church, serving as President of the Jesse Boger Class, and teaching Disciple Bible Study. Max loved his family, his church and his golf game.

Max is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris Massey Hutchins, and daughter, Linda H. Robertson of Charlotte; five grandchildren, Max Robertson and Alex Robertson of Charlotte; Ashley Hutchins Gower and husband, Bobby, of Raleigh; Tiffany Hutchins Fremder and husband, Michael, of Holly Springs; and Brittany Hutchins Kicklighter and husband, Adam, of Cornelius; four great grandchildren, Taylor, Logan, Austin, and Abby Gower. He is also survived by his brother, Bill Hutchins, of Winston-Salem.

Max is predeceased by his son, Mickey Lee Hutchins; his parents and six brothers, Paul Hutchins, Clarence Hutchins, Alton Hutchins, Willie Hutchins, Gilbert Hutchins and Ronald Hutchins, and only sister, Katherine Shugart.

The funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Central United Methodist Church, 30 Union Street North, Concord, with burial following at Carolina Memorial Park, Kannapolis.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, February 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Wilkinson Funeral Home at 100 Branchview Dr., Concord. The family wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Hospice staff for their faithful and professional service.

Memorial gifts can be made to Central United Methodist Church, 30 Union St N, Concord, NC 28025 or to Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County, 5003 Hospice Ln, Kannapolis, NC 28081.

On-Line Condolences may be left at www.wilkinsonfuneralhome.com. Wilkinson Funeral Home is handling arrangements for the Hutchins family.

Isley, Alton McCloud
Alton McCloud Isley, Obituary
Masonic Birthday June 28, 1982
Birth April 1, 1931
Death January 31, 1996

Burial:
Ridgeview Memorial Gardens
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Johns, Jr., Dr Anthony Benning



Dr Anthony Benning Johns, Jr.

Birth: October 13, 1835 North Carolina, USA

Death: August 7, 1915 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

His parents were Anthony Benning Johns and Eliza Mason Rives

Family links:

Spouse:

Louisa Lucinda Gallaway Johns (1845 - 1894)

Children:

Laura Gallaway Johns Abbott (1871 - 1944)

Lucinda Chalmers Johns (1877 - 1892)
Infant Johns (1881 - 1881)

Burial:
Church of the Epiphany Cemetery and Columbarium
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Jones, Sr., Calvin Gaines



Calvin Gaines Jones, Sr.

Birth: October 4, 1825
Death: February 15, 1901, USA
1880 census lists his occupation as Miller & Farmer.

Marriage bond of Calvin G Jones and Eliza Ray dated 15 Apr 1850, Rockingham Co, NC.

Family links:

Spouse:

[Eliza A. Ray Jones \(1830 - 1902\)](#)

Children:

[Luther A. Jones \(1856 - 1926\)](#)

[William Charles Jones \(1858 - 1934\)](#)

Burial:

[First Baptist Church Cemetery](#)

Eden

Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Kallam, Carl
Carl Kallam, Obituary
Birth November 1, 1915
Death August 14, 1991

PFC US ARMY

Eden, N.C. Carl Kallam, 75, of 922 S. Elm St. died Wednesday at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at King's Highway Christian Church, of which he was a member.

A native of Spray, he was a retired distributor for Kallam's Food Market and Tom's Food, an Army and Navy veteran of World War II and a former elder and deacon at his church. He was former police commissioner for the City of Leaksville, a former justice of the peace and a Mason.

Surviving are wife, Evangeline Hall Kallam; daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Shaffer of Lincolnton, Mrs. Jeanne Manuel of Mount Airy; sons, Jim Kallam, Jeffrey Kallam, both of Eden; brothers, Alvis Kallam, Edward Kallam, both of Eden, Stanford Kallam of Reidsville; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Meeks Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Kemp, Peter Anderson



Peter Anderson Kemp

Birth: July 8, 1836
Death: November 7, 1911
A Confederate Soldier

PVT
CO B
18th REG
VA TROOPS
C.S.A.

Family links:

Spouse:

Nancy Meador Kemp (1841 - 1916)

Children:

Peter Guerrant Kemp (1879 - 1917)*

Loula Kemp Norman (1881 - 1970)*

Burial:
Lawson Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Knight, Sam Taylor
Sam Taylor Knight, Obituary

Masonic Birthday June 25, 1960

Birth 1915, USA

Death 1994, USA

Burial:
Ridgeview Memorial Gardens
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Lane, Henry Pritchett



Henry Pritchett Lane

Birth: 1878

Death: 1945

Son of Joseph H. and Sallie Hill Guerrant Lane.
Once a Superior Court Judge of North Carolina.

Burial:

Lawson Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Lane, Rockford Hiley

Rockford Hiley Lane, Obituary
Masonic Birthday May 6, 1963
Birth: December 18, 1915 Floyd County, Virginia, USA
Death: March 1, 2005 Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Lawson Sr., Ben Thomas
Ben Thomas Lawson Sr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday October 21, 1968
Birth: January 4, 1927

Death: October 1, 2001

KING, N.C. Ben Thomas Lawson Sr., 74, of 145 Cobblestone Lane, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at Fair Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Ridgeview Memorial Gardens.

A native of Spray, he was a Shriner, a Mason of Leaksville Lodge 136, a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, and a salesman of manufactured homes for 35 years.

Survivors are his son, Ben T. Lawson Jr. of Atlanta, Ga.; aunts, Pauline Price Lawson of Martinsville, Va., Kate Jefferson Lawson of Rising Sun, Md.; special friends, Frank Williams of East Bend, Johnny Dodson of King, Terry Landingham and Chester Landingham, both of Winston-Salem; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sam Lawson; mother, Pearl Lawson; stepmother, Hortense Lawson; brother, Nathan Lawson; and two sisters, Louise Lawson Bennett and Alma Lawson East.

Burial:

Ridgeview Memorial Gardens, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Lawson, Samuel Lemuel
Samuel Lemuel Lawson

Birth July 18, 1902 Stokes County, North Carolina, USA
Death July 8, 1977 Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Family links:

Spouse:
Hortense Eanes Lawson (1906 - 1995)
Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Lawson, Wayne Herbert
Wayne Herbert Lawson, Obituary
Masonic Birthday October 14, 1985
Birth: Mar. 21, 1926
Death: May 23, 2001

Serviced in Us Army, Air Force, Marine Corps
World War II Korea
Burial:
Ridgeview Memorial Gardens

Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Leffew, Homer Milton
Homer Milton Leffew, Obituary
Masonic Birthday June 25, 1960
Birth August 1, 1916
Death April 15, 1998

EDEN, N.C. Homer Milton Leffew, 81, died Wednesday, April 15, 1998, at Danville Regional Hospital.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, 1998, at Fair Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

He was a native of Rockingham County, a member of Spray Baptist Church, a self-employed

plumbing & heating contractor and a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Sawyers Leffew of Eden; daughters, Barbara Crowder of Madison, Patricia Riggs of The Colony, Texas; sisters, Lucinda Sumner of Eden, Earline Law of Cascade, Va.; brother, W.J. "Bill" Leffew of Eden; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial:
Woodlawn Cemetery
Spray
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Lemons, Curtis Dickerson



Curtis Dickerson Lemons, Obituary
Masonic Birthday June 9 1990
Birth August 30, 1941
Death May 30, 2010

EDEN, N.C. Mr. Curtis Dickerson Lemons, 68, of 926 McConnell Ave. passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2010.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at Boone-Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will follow in Overlook Cemetery with Masonic Rites.

Mr. Lemons was born in Reidsville on August 30, 1941, a son of Willard and Dorothy Lemons Richardson, both deceased. He was retired from Miller Brewing Co. and a member of the National Guard.

He was a member of Leaksville Lodge #136 AF&AM. He was a good husband and father and was loved by all of his family.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Hutchins Lemons of the home; his son, Steven Lemons of Eden; his brother, Leon Richardson and wife Carla of Florida; his sister, Levesia Richardson Gargaro and husband Joe of Chesapeake, Va.; his granddaughter, Stephanie Lynn Lemons; his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Betty Towler; his special friends, Carolyn and James Taylor and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Curtis Richie Lemons.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at Boone-Reynolds Funeral Home and other times at the residence.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.boone-reynolds.com

Lovick, William Robert
William Robert Lovick, Obituary
Birth August 27, 1915 Wade, Cumberland County, North Carolina, USA
Death February 17, 1992 Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

His parents were William C. Lovick and Susan Cook

Family links:

Spouse:

Ocie Glee Young Lovick (1912 - 1994)

Inscription:

PFC US ARMY WWII

Burial:

Lawson Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

Luther, Lloyd Taylor
Lloyd Taylor Luther, Obituary
Masonic Birthday March 22, 1948
Birth August 14, 1914
Death July 28, 1995

BURLINGTON, N.C. Mr. Lloyd T. Luther, 80, died Friday, July 28, 1995, at Alamance County Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born in Rockingham County to the late Brack Luther and Annie Louise Clark Luther, he was a retired electrician. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Eden Masonic Lodge as a 32nd degree Mason, and Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mozelle S. Luther of the home; daughter, Mrs. Nancy Sadler of Wilmington, DE.; daughter and son-in-law, Louise and John Haynes of Mt. Airy; half-sister, Miss Mamie Luther of Danville; half-brother, Mr. Charlie Luther of Eden; grandsons, Mr. David Haynes of Mt. Airy and Mr. Chris Haynes of High Point.

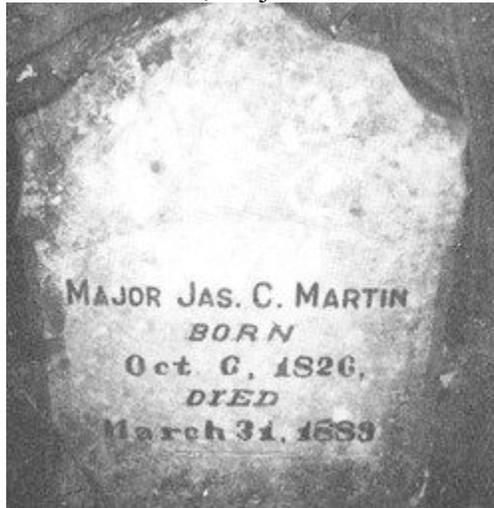
Funeral will be 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Skip Williams, pastor, officiating. Burial will be 12 noon in Dan View Cemetery in Eden.

Burial:

Danview Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Martin, Maj James C.



Maj James C. Martin
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth: October 6, 1826
Death: March 31, 1889

He was a son of William Francis Martin (1802-1863) and Elizabeth Wade and the brother of Dr. William Sydnor Martin who practiced in Leaksville, N.C. who is buried at Lawson Cemetery.

James was a Major in the Confederate States Army.

Family links:

Spouse:

Martha Ruth Dillard Martin (1830 - 1864)

Children:

John D. Martin (1857 - 1934)

Burial:

Reynolds-Dillard Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Martin, Dr William Sydnor



Dr William Sydnor Martin

Birth: November 28, 1833 Mercer County, West Virginia, USA

Death: November 3, 1906 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Son of William Francis Martin and Elizabeth Wade of Mercer Co, VA (WV). Married Elizabeth 'Betty' Rives Johns on Dec 10, 1857 in Leaksville, Rockingham Co, NC.

Family links:

Spouse:

Elizabeth Rives Johns Martin (1832 - 1913)

Church of the Epiphany Cemetery and Columbarium
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

McBride, James "Tommy" Monroe



James "Tommy" Monroe McBride, Obituary
Masonic Birthday March 29, 1971
Birth: April 17, 1919
Death: June 28, 1999

EDEN, N.C. James "Tommy" M. McBride, 80, of 805 Orrell Street, died Monday, June 28, 1999, at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 1, 1999, at Spray Baptist Church. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery.

He was a native of Spray, NC (now Eden), was a member of Spray Baptist Church, a WWII Army veteran, and a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge and a member of Scottish Rite. He retired from Fieldcrest Mills.

Survivors are his wife, Lorene Washburn McBride of the home; son, James "Jimmy" G. McBride, Sr. of Eden; daughter, Harriett McBride Golden of Cherryville; five grandchildren; and 11 great- grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Reynolds and Lizzie McBride.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 1999, at Fair Funeral Home, Eden and at other times, at the family home, 805 Orrell St., Eden.

Memorials may be directed to Spray Baptist Church, Youth Fund or Kitchen Fund, 745 Church Street, Eden, NC 27288.

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

McBride, Willie Bringle
Willie Bringle McBride
Masonic Birthday May 15, 1950
Birth December 23, 1909
Death June. 6, 1997

EDEN - Willie 'Bringle' McBride, 87, of 808 Stuart St., Eden, died Friday morning at his home.

The graveside service will be 4 p.m. Sunday at Overlook Cemetery.

A native of Spray, he was a past master of the Masons Leaksville Lodge 136 A.F. & A.M./Shriner Scottish Rite Body, Greensboro; and was a past master of the Exchange Club and Redman Club. He was employed with Bringle McBride Carnival Concessions.

He is survived by his wife, Dahlia E. McBride of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Carol Wade of Eden; brother, Tommy McBride of Eden; grandchildren, Andrea Wade, Christopher Wade and Jason Wade, all of Eden; and great-grandchild, Elizabeth Wade of Eden.

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

McCray, Kenneth G.
Kenneth Gauldin McCray
Masonic Birthday April 16, 1960
Birth January 14, 1936
Death July 23, 2003

GREENSBORO, N.C. Kenneth Gauldin McCray, 67, of Greensboro, and formerly of Martinsville, Va., died Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Duke University Medical Center.

He was a son of the late Roy Preston McCray and Bessie Gauldin McCray. He was a member of Muir's Chapel United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir and was in the Fellowship Sunday school class.

McCray was a Demolay as well as a member of the Leaksville Masonic Lodge No. 136; a 32nd degree Scottish Rite, Greensboro Valley; a member of Oasis and Kazim Shrine Temples; and a member of the Lynchburg Shrine Club and both the Lynchburg and Greensboro Shrine clown units.

Surviving are his wife, Anna McCray of the home; four daughters, Bess McCray Brinkley of Walnut Cove, Donna Hooper John of Forest, Va., Linda Hooper Jimenez of Richmond and Michele Hooper Pancza of Beacon Falls, Conn.; one son, Mitchell Hooper of Browns Summit; one sister, Sue McCray Harrison of Chesterton, Ind.; six grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Muir's Chapel United Methodist Church in Greensboro. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in Dan View Cemetery in Eden. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Forbis & Dick Guilford chapel, 5926 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro.

Meeks, Charles Jack
Charles Jack Meeks, Obituary
Birth: September 24, 1927
Death: July 18, 1992

Eden, N.C. Charles Jack Meeks, 64, of 629 S. Fieldcrest Road died July 18, 1992, at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fair Funeral Home. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery .

A native of Rockingham County, he was a retired millwright and barber, member of Pleasant View Baptist Church, member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge 136 AF&AM and World War II Army veteran.

Surviving is sister, Mrs. Geraldine M. Kilby of Collinsville, Va.

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Mitchell, John Thomas
John Thomas Mitchell, Obituary
Birth August 24, 1896 Granville County, North Carolina, USA
Death July 2, 1991 Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, North Carolina, USA

His parents were Alfonso Mitchell and Lila G. Goode

John was a widow and lived in Winston-Salem, N.C. when he died.

Family links:

Parents:

John Thomas Mitchell (1864 - 1944)
Minnie Mahood Mitchell (1869 - 1919)

Spouse:

Robbie Moore Mitchell (1896 - 1986)

Burial:

Lawson Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Mitchell, Landis Patterson



Mitchell Funeral To Be In Leaksville

LEAKSVILLE, N. C., July 5.—Funeral services for Landis Patterson Mitchell, 76, were to be conducted at 3 p. m. today from Leaksville Methodist Church. Interment was to be in Overlook cemetery. Spray, where Masonic rites were to be held.

Mr. Mitchell died at his home Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. after being in declining health for several years.

Landis Patterson Mitchell

Birth February 9, 1875 Henry County, Virginia, USA

Death July 3, 1951 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Family links:

Spouse:

Mary D. Garrett Mitchell (1885 - 1982)

Burial:

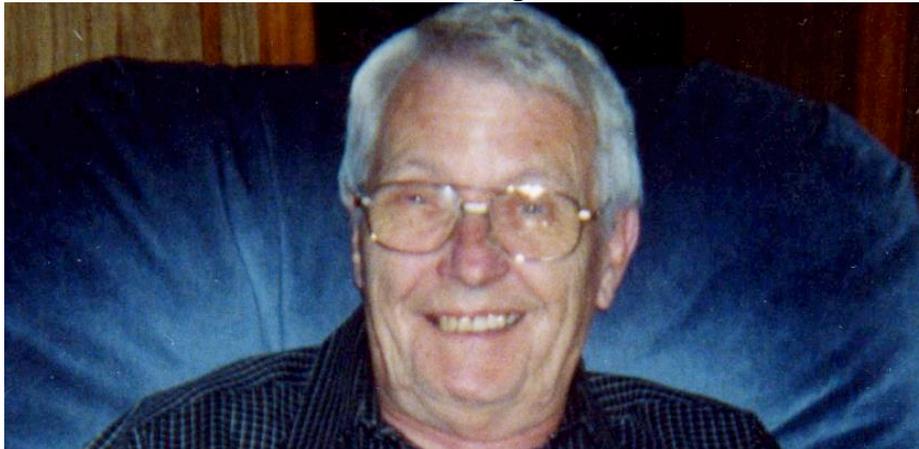
Overlook Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Newell, John Douglas "Jack"



John Douglas "Jack" Newell, Obituary
Masonic Birthday November 23, 1963
Birth November 26, 1930
Death March 20, 2011

Reidsville, N.C. John Douglas "Jack" Newell, 80, of 1894 Ashley Loop Rd. Reidsville went to be with the Lord Sunday March 20, 2011 at Carteret County General Hospital Morehead City.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11a.m. Saturday (April 2, 2011) at the Columbarium Chapel in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

A native of Guilford County, he was a son of the late Reuben W. "Jack" and Hazel Clinedinst Newell and had lived in Rockingham County most of his life. He was a graduate of Leaksville High School, and he attended college in Virginia for typesetting.

Jack was the owner of Superior Advertising and was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church where he had served on the church council. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Surviving: wife: Donna Wilson Newell of the home; daughters: Renee' Tinsley of Chesapeake, VA, Shae Lewis (John) of Morehead City, Tori Newell of Sanford, Becky Anne Heuser (Ronald) of the home; son: Jack Sides (Kim) of Powder Springs, GA; eight Grandchildren; seven Great Grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to: The American Heart Association 4217 Park Place Court Glen Allen, VA 23060 or The American Diabetes Association 222 South Church St., Suite 336M Charlotte, NC 28202 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Nooe, Bennett
Bennett Nooe

Birth June 16, 1887
Death December 11, 1963

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Orrell, Melvin Jackson
Melvin Jackson Orrell, Obituary
Birth January 19, 1922
Death September 6, 1991

Family links:

Spouse:

Sarah H. Smith Orrell (1926 - 2001)

Burial:

Ridgeview Memorial Gardens

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Osborne, R. V.



R. V. Osborne

Birth: February 16, 1842

Death: May 28, 1917

Family links:

Spouse:

Maggie S. Osborne (1848 - 1912)

Inscription:

OUR BELOVED FATHER

Burial:

Lawson Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Pace Jr., Henry Clay



Henry Clay Pace Jr., Obituary

Masonic Birthday February 5, 1945

Birth: October 17, 1914 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Death: August 11, 2000, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Eden, N.C. Henry Clay Pace Jr., 85, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, at Morehead Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, at First Baptist Church of Eden.

Burial will be in Lawson Cemetery. A native of Leaksville, he was a member of First Baptist Church, graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and Roanoke Business College.

He was a former member of the Leaksville Township Board and former director of Leaksville Bank and Trust. He was a former member of Rotarian.

Mr. Pace was a member of Leaksville Lodge 136 and a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a retired volunteer fireman and was the retired president of Pace-Stone, Inc.

Family links: Parents:

Henry Clay Pace (1880 - 1961)

Julia Alice Hatcher Pace (1882 - 1956)

Burial: Lawson Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Pankey, John T.

John T. Pankey
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth 1827 Pittsylvania County, Va.
Death ?

Perry, William Nooe



William Nooe Perry
Masonic Birthday June 20, 1955
Birth: March 14, 1916
Death: August 2, 1998
S1 US NAVY
WORLD WAR II

Family links:

Spouse:

[Marie Lee Perry \(1913 - 1995\)](#)

Burial:

[Overlook Cemetery](#)

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Price, James Madison



James Madison Price

Birth: June. 24, 1851 Henry County, Virginia, USA

Death: December 6, 1921 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

James Madison Price was a son of John Pryor Price and Mary Ann Eliza Hampton. He was born near Ridgeway, Henry County, Virginia. On 13 Sept. 1871, he married Mary Lyle Field (1853-1944), a daughter of Thomas William Field (1828-1886) and Margaret M. Moir (1831-1894). James and Mary Lyle had the following children: Edgar Field Price (30 June 1872); Mary Eleanor Price (27 Dec 1874-21 April 1962, m. James P. Givens); Margaret Moir Price (16 March 1877); Martha Price (22 Mar 1879); William Pryor Price (5 Aug 1881-Jan. 1966, went to Colorado); John Moir Price (31 Dec 1886, living in St. Louis, Mo. in 1917, in NY in 1942); James Bruce Price (22 Jul 1888, living in Bethlehem, Pa. in 1917).

Family links:

Parents:

John Pryor Price (1806 - 1881)

Mary Ann Eliza Hampton Price (1810 - 1886)

Spouse:

Mary Lyle Field Price (1853 - 1944)

Children:

Edgar Field Price (1872 - 1935)

William Pryor Price (1881 - 1954)

Burial: Lawson Cemetery, Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Pratt, Donald Saunders



Donald Saunders Pratt
Masonic Birthday December 22, 1954
Birth December 1, 1924
Death November 20, 1995

EDEN, N.C. Donald Pratt, 70, of 369 Ginny Road died Monday, November 20, 1995, at his home.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at El Bethel Presbyterian Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Born in Eden, he was a member of El Bethel Presbyterian Church, was a Major in the Civil Air Patrol, was a former Elder and Sunday school teacher. He was also a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge No. 136, member and Worthy Patron of Tri-City Chapter 195 Order of the Eastern Star and was a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Pratt was a retired Master Chief with 27 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Butler Pratt of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Brian Nixon of Mt. Holly, Dee Dee and Wayne Gillie of Eden, Josie and Charles Cooley of Rougemont; son and daughter-in-law, David and Sue Pratt of Laurel, Md.; sisters, Olivia Pratt of Eden, Doris Pratt of Charlotte and Elizabeth McLeod of Australia; brother, John W. Pratt Jr. of Eden; and five grandchildren.

Burial:
El Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Eden Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Price, Ernest Elowd
Ernest Elowd Price, Obituary
Masonic Birthday May 6, 1963
Birth: April 28, 1921
Death: July 3, 1999

Family links:

Spouse:

Ruby W. Price (1927 - 1992)

Burial:

Ridgeview Memorial Gardens

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Priddy, L.J.



Mr. L.J. Priddy, Obituary
Masonic Birthday May 3, 1965
Birth February 14, 1931
Death June 29, 2010

Eden, N.C. Mr. L.J. Priddy, 79, of 920 Overlook Avenue in Eden, passed away on Tuesday morning, June 29, 2010 at Morehead Memorial Hospital . He was 79 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at Boone-Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will follow in Ridge-View Memorial Gardens. Mr. Priddy was the son of the late Silas and Gladys Priddy.

He was a loving husband and father. L.J. was a retired police supervisor with the Eden Police Dept.

He began his 30-year career in law enforcement with the Stoneville Police Dept. and came to the Leaksville Police Dept. in 1962 and continued through consolidation into Eden where he retired in 1988. He was an Eden volunteer fireman for 20 years and was an Army veteran.

He was a member of V.F.W. Post 7058 in Stoneville, a member of Eden Masonic Lodge 136, Eastern Star 195.

He was a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite in Greensboro. He was a member of the Eden Lodge of The Fraternal Order of Police.

He also had worked part time for Reynolds Funeral Service. He was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Evelyn Joyce Priddy; his daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Darrell Minniear of Smith Mountain Lake, Va. and daughter, Julie Priddy of Eden; his brothers, George Priddy of Eden, Larry Priddy and wife Juanita of Summerfield, Ronald Priddy and wife Linda of Stoneville and Bobby Priddy of Stoneville; his grandchildren, Heath and Heather Minniear; and special friends of the family, Eva and Landon Chambers, Barbara Priddy and Larry Hairston.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday immediately preceding the service at Boone-Reynolds Funeral Home and other times at the residence.

Priddy, Spencer
Spencer Priddy, Obituary
Masonic Birthday March 4, 1968
Birth: May 20, 1926
Death: November 20, 2004

Burial:

Ridgeview Memorial Gardens
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Pulliam, Thomas Randolph 'Blue'
Thomas Randolph 'Blue' Pulliam, Obituary
Masonic Birthday August 22, 1986
Birth February 19, 1918 Henry County, Virginia, USA
Death June 11, 1996 Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

EDEN, N.C. Thomas R. 'Blue' Pulliam , 78, of 1154 W. Washington St., Eden, died Tuesday at home. Son of Robert Hence Pulliam & Kate Alva Wilson. Husband of Melicia Gertrude Foley (ma. 28 June 1947).

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday at Leaksville Moravian Church, with burial in Roselawn

Memorial Gardens, Reidsville.

He was a native of Henry Co., Va., was a member of Leaksville Moravian Church, Eden, was an Army veteran of the 82nd Airborn Division, was retired from American Tobacco Co., and was a member of the Masonic Lodge 136 AF&AM, was past master, district certified lecturer, and a shiner.

He is survived by his wife, Gertie F. Pulliam of the home; sisters, Jessie Keaton of Eden, and Corinna Tolbott of Greensboro; half-sisters, Clarice Moore, Peggy Sharp, Betty Carter, Mona Ferguson, Hilda Gauldin, Ida Wilson, and Shirley Cox, all of Eden; half-brothers, Billy Pulliam and Wayne Pulliam , both of Eden.

Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. tonight at Fair Funeral Home, and other times at 1154 W. Washington St., Eden.

Family links:

Spouse:

Melicia Gertrude Foley Pulliam (1926 - 2012)

Burial:

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

Reidsville

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Ramsey, Howard Powell
Howard Powell Ramsey, Obituary
Masonic Birthday August 11, 1979
Birth: Sepember 21, 1926
Death: December 14, 2005

PFC US ARMY

WORLD WAR II

Burial:

Floyd Baptist Church Cemetery

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Ray, Dr John Bullard



Dr. John B. Ray





Dr John Bullard Ray

Birth November 28, 1875 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA
 Death August 13, 1958 Leaksville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Son of James Bonaparte Ray and Annie Elizabeth Morehead (Bullard) Ray. Husband of Mary Eliza "Miss Chat" (Ivie) Ray. No issue.

Family links:

Parents:

James Bonaparte Ray (1832 - 1897)

Anna "Annie" Elizabeth Morehead Bullard Ray (1842 - 1925)

Spouse:

Mary Eliza "Miss Chat" Ivie Ray (1884 - 1974)

Burial: Lawson Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Reid, Henry James "Jim"



Henry James "Jim" Reid

Birth: May 28, 1922

Death: April 15, 2008

Henry James "Jim" Reid, 85, of 340 Laurell Drive, passed away Tuesday evening, April 15, 2008, at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

A service of remembrance will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 18, at the columbarium at Church of the Epiphany, 538 Henry Street, where he was a member.

A Rockingham County native, Mr. Reid was born May 28, 1922, to the late Lydia Sutliff Reid. He was an Army Air Corp veteran. He was also a member of the local Moose Lodge and was a 32nd Degree Mason. Mr. Reid was a retiree of Lockheed- Martin in Orlando, Fla., with 32 years of service.

Surviving is his wife of 25 years, Shirley Daugherty Reid of the home; two sisters, Frances Reid and Ruth Sherwood, both of Eden; and three very special friends and step-children who lovingly looked upon him as a father, Melanie Sweezy of Cobb Island, Md., Michael Goldman of Winter Park, Fla., and Melinda Pittman of Atlanta, Ga.

Burial: Church of the Epiphany Cemetery and Columbarium
Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Reynolds, Dr Thomas Edwin



Dr Thomas Edwin Reynolds

Birth: April 17, 1819 Lawrence County, Alabama, USA

Death: August 28, 1872

He married Sarah Jane Fewell on 22 June 1847 in Rockingham County, N.C.

He was a doctor.

Their daughter Lizzie Reynolds, started the George Reynolds Chapter of the Leaksville DAR in her living room in 1928.

He was living next door to James A. Reynolds who is buried in Greenview Cemetery in

Reidsville, N.C. on the 1850 N.C. Census.

1850 Census, Rockingham County, N.C., # 154:

Thomas Reynolds, 30, physician

S. J. 19

C. A. 1

Rockingham County, N.C. Guardian Accounts, 1856, page 44:

Sarah L. Lindsay. "We the undersigned being appointed a committee to settle with John Strong, guardian for Sarah L. Lindsay have this day proceeded to do so.

We find John Strong is due her the amount of \$1091.36."

Signed Thomas Reynolds and Jones W. Burton. 25 August 1856.

Family links:

Parents:

Pryor Reynolds (1783 - 1858)

Prudence Morehead Reynolds (1792 - 1860)

Spouse:

Sarah Jane Fewell Reynolds (1831 - 1870)

Children:

Charles Albert Reynolds (1848 - 1936)*

Elizabeth Dearing "Lizzie" Reynolds Taylor (1853 - 1937)*

Thomas Edwin Reynolds (1856 - 1933)

John Fewell Reynolds (1858 - 1936)

Church of the Epiphany Cemetery and Columbarium

Eden

Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Roberson, Jr., Tommie Obituary



Tommie Roberson, Jr.,
Masonic Birthday January 4, 1982
Birth: August 30, 1932
Death: May 18, 2012

Eden, N.C. Tommie Roberson, Jr., 79, of 314 Pervie Bolick Street in Eden, went home to be with the Lord on Friday May 18, 2012 at Morehead Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service will be held Monday May 21, 2012, 12 noon at First Wesleyan Church with visitation to be held one hour prior to the service from 11 am til 12 at the church and other times

at the home.

Fair Funeral Home is assisting the family. Tommie was born August 30, 1932 in Spray, NC to the late Tommie Roberson, Sr. and Myrtle Burchell Roberson. He was a four year veteran of the U.S. Navy serving from 1951 til 1955. He was a member of First Wesleyan Church and served in various capacities.

Tommie was employed many years with Fieldcrest Mills and retired from Miller Brewing Company. He was a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge #136 and the... Rockingham County Beekeepers Association.

Preceding him in death along with his parents was brother, Wilford J. Roberson. Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Carolyn Rutledge Roberson; daughters, Cathy Chaney and husband Rick, and Teresa Younts and husband Wyatt, all of Eden; sister, Geneva Allen of Eden and brother, Larry Roberson and wife Lib of Winter Haven, FL, grandchildren, Carrie Woods, Jessie and Adam Edwards, Heather and Burton Younts and Hannah Taylor and husband Ryan, great grandchildren, Brianna Hayes, Lilly, Seth and Samara Edwards.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made to www.fairfuneralhome.com

Robertson Sr., Thomas Frederick "Fred"
Thomas Frederick "Fred" Robertson Sr., Obituary [January 23, 2002](#)
Masonic Birthday October 19, 1959
Birth June 30, 1927
Death January 23, 2002

REIDSVILLE, N.C. Thomas Frederick "Fred" Robertson Sr., 74, of 1554 Ashley Loop, died Jan. 23, 2002.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church where he was a member. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Born in Rockingham County, he was a U.S. Army WWII veteran, and a member of the Eden Masonic Lodge. He was a retired salesman with Big Bill Bottling Company.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Rice Robertson; one son, Thomas "Tom" Frederick Robertson Jr. of Denver; one daughter, Corinda R. Thompson of Reidsville; three brothers, Bernard Robertson and Hunter Robertson, both of Eden, and Hollis Robertson of Reidsville; and three grandchildren, Kristi Thompson, Katelyn Robertson and Dalton Robertson.

City Funeral Home in Reidsville is in charge of arrangements

Robertson, Dewey Hunter
Dewey Hunter Robertson, Obituary
Masonic Birthday August 11, 1979
Birth May 13, 1925 Rockingham County, N.C.
Died March 21, 2008 Rockingham County, N.C.

Parents: George DEWEY Robertson (1899 - 1979) Lula Jane Allen Robertson (1901 - 1987)

Siblings Haywood Robertson of Ridgeway, VA .Hunter Robertson of Eden, NC Fred Robertson of Reidsville, NC Bernard Robertson of Eden, NC Hollis Robertson of Reidsville, NC
Burial: Ridgeview Memorial Gardens, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Eden, N.C. - Mr. Dewey Hunter Robertson passed away Friday, March 21, 2008.

A funeral service with military and Masonic rites will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at Boone-Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel on N.C. 770 in Eden. Interment will follow in Ridge-View Memorial Gardens in Eden.

Hunter was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran and served aboard the USS Slater-DE 766 in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. The ship is now on display as a historical museum in Albany, N.Y.
He is a plank owner of the ship and helped begin annual reunions of the crew.

The U.S. flag was flown over his ship in his honor. .Hunter was well-known as a tobacco and estate auctioneer for more than 50 years.

He was given a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to Robertson County, Tenn., tobacco farmers and warehousemen in 2004.

He enjoyed gardening and sharing his fruits and vegetables with his neighbors, friends and family.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, 600

College St., Oxford, N.C. 27565, or to a favorite charity.

Rudd Jr., Luther Yancey
Luther Yancey Rudd Jr., Obituary
Masonic Birthday May 15, 1950
Birth August 19, 1922
Death July 9, 2008

Luther Yancey Rudd Jr., age 85, passed away July 9, 2008.

He was born August 19, 1922, in Reidsville, NC, to the late Luther and Cora Rudd. He was a 55 year member of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Union #189 and a member of Eden Masonic Lodge F&AM.

He served in the US Army during WW II and was a member of the Walnut Hill United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary; sons, Stephen (Patricia) Rudd of Decatur, Alabama and Charles (Carolyn) Rudd of Avon Lake, OH; grandchildren, Mark and Eric Rudd, Kelly (Kevin) Veenstra, Andrew Rudd and Stephanie (Anthony) Rudd-Weigleb; great-grandchildren, Cameron and Chloe Veenstra; 4 nephews and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister Evelyn Trent and brother William Rudd. Friends may call at the O. R. WOODYARD CO. CHAPEL, 1346 S. High St., Friday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held Saturday 10:30 a.m. at Walnut Hill United Methodist Church. Pastor Jeff Smalley officiating.

Interment Walnut Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in memory of Luther be made to Walnut Hill United Methodist Church.

Sams, Ernest William
Ernest William Sams, Obituary
Masonic Birthday August 18, 1945
Birth: May 2, 1923
Death: July 12, 2008

Eden, N.C. Ernest William Sams, 85, of 411 Dogwood Drive in Eden, passed away early Saturday morning, July 12, 2008, at the Morehead Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 14, at First Baptist Church in Eden with entombment to follow at The Roselawn Cemetery Mausoleum.

Mr. Sams was born May 2, 1923, in Unicoi County, Tennessee, to the late James Carl and Elizabeth Daves Sams. He was a World War II veteran in the U.S. Navy, serving as a corpsman in the South Pacific.

He was a 1952 graduate of the University of Tennessee. He worked for the Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference in Atlanta, Ga., upon graduation from UT and at Akers Motor Lines in Gastonia, N.C., as a rate clerk. His journey then took him to American Efrid Mills in Mt. Holly, N.C., as an assistant traffic manager.

In 1956, Mr. Sams brought his family to Eden to establish the first Traffic Department and private fleet operation for Fieldcrest Mills. He later joined Tultex Corporation as Vice President of the transportation division which he also established. He retired from Tultex in 1986.

Mr. Sams was an avid golfer and loved the Tennessee Volunteers. He was a member of The Meadow Greens Country Club, past president of the Eden Lions Club, and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Eden. He was the past president of The Private Carriers Conference of the American Trucking Association, Burlington Traffic Club, and served on the National Safety Transportation Committee in Washington, D.C., for several years.

Mr. Sams was preceded in death by his wife, Colleen Moore Sams, who was the love of his life for 64 years. Surviving are his daughter, Joy Sams Hall, of the home, and his son, Jim and wife, Susan, of Knoxville, Tenn.; granddaughter, Jen Hall May and husband, Chuck, of Burlington, N.C.; grandsons, Jay and fiance, Amber, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Eric and wife, Carrie, of Moody, Ala.; great-grandson, Jax May of Burlington, N.C.; brother, George and wife, Jacky, of Fredricksburg, Va., and sister, Anne S. Jenkins of Oak Ridge, Tenn., along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to express their thanks for the care of Ernie to the Morehead Nursing

Center (North Hall) and to Dr. Shah. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7:30 on Sunday evening at Fair Funeral Home and at other times at his home.

Memorials may be made in his name to First Baptist Church, 533 Greenwood Street, Eden, NC 27288.

Burial: Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Reidsville Rockingham County North Carolina, USA

Sigmon, Edgar 'Ed'
Edgar 'Ed' Sigmon, Obituary
Masonic Birthday August 20, 1951
Birth February 7, 1920
Death August 29, 1996

EDEN, N.C. Edgar 'Ed' Sigmon, 76, of 153 Green Knolls Dr., Eden, died Thursday at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Fair Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

A native of Woodbay, W.Va., he was a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge 136 AF & AM, and the Lynrock Golf Club. He was retired from American Tobacco Co.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Doyle Sigmon of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Billie Sigmon of Eden; granddaughter, Lora Leigh Sigmon of Eden; and brother, Lewis Sigmon of Ocean Springs, Miss.

Burial:
Roselawn Memorial Gardens
Reidsville
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Smith, Thomas "Joe"
Thomas "Joe" Smith, Obituary
Masonic Birthday March 3, 1952
Birth April 25, 1929
Death September 14, 1992

Eden, N.C. Thomas "Joe" Smith, 63, of 1133 Harris St. died Sept. 14, 1992, at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston -Salem.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Reidsville.

A native of Eden, he was an employee of Davie Parts Warehouse in Mocksville, co-owner of Best Auto Parts in Eden, a member of First Baptist Church and a Mason.

Surviving are wife, Elizabeth Duke Smith of Eden; daughter, Betty Smith of Eden; son, Tommy Smith of Eden; mother, Gillie Redman Smith of Eden; half sister, Rhumelle Boyles of Florida; one grandchild.

Burial:
Roselawn Memorial Gardens
Reidsville
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Stevens, Absalom

Absalom Stevens
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth 1811
Death 1852

CHARTER MEMBER OF LEAKSVILLE LODGE # 136

Strong, John

John, Strong
Masonic Birthday December 3 1850
Birth June 9, 1811
Death February 17, 1873

Sugg, Charles Henry
Charles Henry Sugg, Obituary
Masonic Birthday February 6, 1961
Birth: October 17, 1919
Death: February 18, 2000

Inscription: WWII

Burial:
Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
Fuquay-Varina
Wake County
North Carolina, USA

Turner, James Robert
James Robert Turner Obituary
Masonic Birthday February 5, 1972
Birth November 5, 1918
Death March 18, 1996

Family links:

Spouse:
Sarah Wilma Pruitt Turner (1918 - 1996)
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Turner, Lloyd Hunter
Lloyd Hunter Turner
Masonic Birthday February 21, 1949
Birth: May 3, 1908
Death: July 9, 1994

EDEN - Lloyd Hunter Turner, 86, of 226 N. Oakland Ave. died Saturday, July 9, 1994 at
Morehead Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 12 at Overlook Cemetery . Burial will be in
Overlook Cemetery .

A native of Rockingham County, Mr. Turner was a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge 136.

Survivors include wife, Thenia K. Turner of Reidsville; daughter, Pauline Turner Kalton of Cincinnati, Oh.; step-daughter, Juanita Brande of Greensboro; step-son, Lawrence Warf of Hickory, N.C.; sister, Nell Kirby of Eden; brothers, the Rev. Robert Turner and W.M. Turner, both of Eden; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial:
[Overlook Cemetery](#)
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Turner, Dr. Roy Cannon



Dr. Roy Cannon Turner, Obituary
Masonic Birthday December 10, 1951
Birth September 8, 1927
Death January 22, 2010

Eden, N.C. Dr. Roy Cannon Turner, 82, of 1126 Trogon Drive, Eden, passed away at his

home on Friday January 22, 2010.

Funeral services will be held on 3 p.m. Sunday, January 24 at Fair Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Overlook Cemetery. Roy was born September 8, 1927 in Macon, Georgia to the late John Turner and Lucile Cannon Turner. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the US Navy Seabees.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eden, past president of the Kiwanias and past master of the Leaksville Masonic Lodge # 136 AF & AM .

Roy served on the Board of Directors for Morehead Memorial Hospital , and the Board of Directors of Home Savings and Loan, he was a past board member of the Eden Chamber of Commerce and past President of the YMCA Board of Directors. He was a 50 year member of the America Optometric Association and the North Carolina Optometric Association.

He is survived by his wife; Elaine Eiselstein Turner of the home, son; Lee Turner and wife Donna of Eden, granddaughter; Leslie Christian and husband Thadd of Martinsville, grandson; Brad Turner of Eden, nephew; John Sherrod and wife Diane of North Georgia.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at Fair Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 582 Southwood Drive , Eden, NC 27288.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fairfuneralhome.com

Turner, Russell R.
Russell R. Turner, Obituary
Birth June 2, 1912
Death April 19, 1992

Eden, N.C. Russell R. Turner, 79, of Route 2 (Bryant Street) died April 19, 1992, at his home.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Fair Funeral Home. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery .

A native of Leaksville, he was a member of Kings Highway Christian Church, a Navy veteran of World War II, a member of Masonic Lodge 136 AF & AM, and a retired employee of Fieldcrest Mills.

Surviving are wife, Thalia Edwards Turner; daughter, Jeanne Horton of Raleigh; brothers, Alvis Turner, Oliver Turner, both of Eden; sisters, Lucille Cherry, Ruby Johnson, both of Eden; one grandson.

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Vernon. Joe Benton
Joe Benton Vernon Obituary
Masonic Birthday November 5, 1977
Birth: November 18, 1923 Henry County, Va
Death: August 30, 2008 Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Eden, N.C. Joe Benton Vernon, 84, of 720 Caleb Street, passed away at his home with his loving family by his bedside.

Graveside services with full Fireman Rites will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, at Overlook Cemetery.

Joe was born in Henry County, Va., to the late Henry and Lucy Joyce Vernon. He retired from the City of Eden Fire Department with over 20 years of service. He was a member of the Leaksville Masonic Lodge #136 and was a member of the Unity Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by a nephew, Mike Overby, and a sister, Louise Bullins.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Overby Vernon, of the home; son, Mike Vernon and wife,

Teeny, of Madison; grandson, Michael Vernon and wife, Stephanie, of Greensboro; granddaughter, Ashley Vernon of Madison; sisters, Hazel King and Christine Webster of Madison.

Joe helped to raise five "children", Susan McCollum and husband, Wayne , Lisa Overby, Steve Overby and wife, Patti, and Tony Overby, all of Eden.

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Family links:

Spouse:

Martha Overby Vernon (1933 - ____)

Burial: Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Via Sr., Jack Douglas "Doug"

Jack Douglas "Doug" Via Sr., Obituary

Masonic Birthday April 3, 1967

Birth: March 3, 1930

Death: December 19, 2004

Eden, N.C. Jack Douglas "Doug" Via Sr. , 74, of 209 Farrell St., loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004 at his home.

A funeral service will be held at Fair Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Tuesday with burial to follow in Ridgeview Cemetery.

Doug was born in Spray and was a Korean war veteran in the U.S. Navy, and he was retired from Met-Life Insurance Co. He was a member of the First Church of the Brethren. He was a past president of the Rockingham County Shriners and the Exchange Club. He was also a member of the Leaksville Masonic Lodge. Doug will be remembered as a loyal friend and neighbor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Inez Bondurant Via, brothers, Swanson "Butch" Via and Jesse Via.

Surviving are his wife, Patsy Via of the home; son, Jack Via Jr. and wife, Melissa of Stoneville; daughter, Julia Via Tuttle and husband, Kenny of Stoneville; sister Margaret Murphy and husband, Paul of Eden; and grandchildren, Heather Via, Jared Via, Brittany, Jillian and Kendall

Tuttle.

Burial: Ridgeview Memorial Gardens , Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Via, Swanson Ray "Butch"
Swanson Ray "Butch" Via, Obituary
Masonic Birthday February 23, 1970
Birth: October 7, 1933
Death: January 11, 2001

EDEN, N.C. Swanson "Butch" Via, 67, of 713 Land St., died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at First Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery.

A native of Spray, now Eden, he was the son of the late Jesse and Inez Via. He was a production specialist for Duke Power Co., at Belews Creek Steam Station. He was a member of First Church of the Brethren, member of the choir and a Sunday school teacher and a charter member of Tri-City Rescue Squad. He taught advanced first aid for the Red Cross for 40 years. Mr. Via was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Leaksville Lodge No. 136 and a member of Eastern Star and a Shriner.

Survivors are his wife, Amy Swink Via of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Richard Connelly of Mooreville; two step-granddaughters and husbands, Rhonda and Tommy Bowles, Vicki and John Gunther, all of Mooresville; brother, Jack Douglas Via Sr. of Eden; sister, Margaret Murphy of Eden; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jesse Via Jr.

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Walker, Barney William



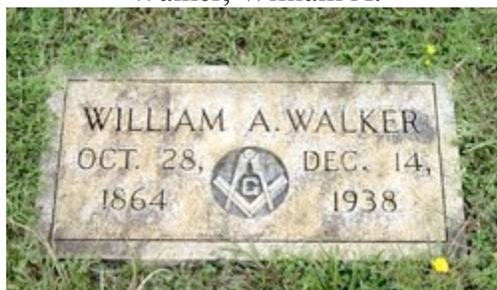
Barney William Walker

Birth October 4, 1900
Death January 29, 1971

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Walker, William A.



William A. Walker

Birth: 1864

Death: December 16, 1938

THE DAILY BULLETIN, Martinsville, Va., Fri., Dec. 16, 1938, Leaksville, N.C.

William A. Walker, 74, died of a heart attack Wednesday at his home in Leaksville, N.C. Funeral services were held at the Spray Presbyterian Church Friday with burial in the Overlook cemetery. Surviving are the wife and six children: Eugene and Lawrence Walker, Washington, D.C., Morris and Theodore Walker, Mrs. Claude Weddell and Miss Elsie Walker of Leaksville, N.C.

Family links:

Spouse:

Susie Via Walker (1878 - 1934)*

Children:

James Morris Walker (1912 - 1976)

Burial:

Overlook Cemetery

Eden, Rockingham County

North Carolina, USA

Washburn Sr., Homer Curtis
Homer Curtis Washburn Sr., Obituary

Birth: June 17, 1912
Death: January 16, 2005

Homer Curtis Washburn Sr. died Sunday, January 16, 2005 at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Fair Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment to follow at Overlook Mausoleum.

Mr. Washburn was born in Spray to the late Edgar and Clara Dehart Washburn. Curtis was a charter member of Spray Baptist Church, and he retired from Fieldcrest Mills after 50 years of service.

Mr. Washburn is survived by daughters, Gloria Barker and husband Jack of Eden, Gayle Trollinger and husband Curtis Sr. of Cascade, Va. and Cindy Harman and husband Jack of Eden; sons, Homer Curtis Washburn Jr. and wife Doris of Eden and Mac Washburn and wife Brenda of Smyrna; brother James Washburn of Eden; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina, USA

Watkins, Frank Ray



Frank Ray Watkins, Obituary
Masonic Birthday October 25, 1975
Birth January 6, 1934
Death April 12, 2010

EDEN, N.C. Frank Ray Watkins, 76, of 821 Hampton Street, passed away early Monday morning, April 12, 2010 at the Brian Center in Eden.
A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 at Ridgeview Memorial Gardens.

A Rockingham County native, Mr. Watkins was born January 6, 1934, son of the late Drew Galloway and Mary Lea Dodson Watkins.

He was a US Navy veteran having served his country for four years from 1955 to 1959. Frank was a member of Leaksville Moravian Church and a retired police officer with the Eden Police Department.

He was a member of Leaksville Masonic Lodge #136 AF & AM and also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.
He greatly enjoyed volunteer work with his church and also helping his fellow man in times of emergency.

Surviving is his wife, Maxine Landreth Watkins of the home; daughter, Lisa Rogers and husband, Chuck of Chesterfield, VA; grandson, Charles Rogers of Eden; two great-grandchildren, Landon and Natalie Rogers; four sisters, Beatrice Kallam and husband, Calvin of Eden, Ruth Wilson of Eden, Janie Ellington of Eden, and Estelle Wooten of Fieldale,

VA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of Brian Center for the love and care given to Frank while in their facility; and also to Dr. David Tapper and his staff. Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening 6 until 8 p.m. at Fair Funeral Home and other times at the residence on Hampton Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leaksville Moravian Church, 712 McConnell Ave., Eden, NC 27288, however, flowers are welcome.

Online condolences may be offered to the Watkins family at www.fairfuneralhome.com

Webb, Frank Taylor
Frank Taylor Webb, Obituary
Mason Birthday July 7, 1981
Birth April 3, 1932
Death August 12, 1992

Eden, N.C. Frank Taylor Webb, 60, of Route 1 died Aug. 12, 1992, at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fair Funeral Home. Burial will be in Overlook Cemetery .

A native of Spray, he was retired from Miller Brewing Co., was a Korean War Army veteran, a Merchant Marine and a member of Leaksville Lodge 136, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Surviving are daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Webb Scott; brothers, Danny Webb of Stoneville, the Rev. Jerry Webb of Mount Airy, William Webb of Denver, Jimmy Webb of Danville, Va.; sisters, Mrs. Joan Evans of Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Patricia Walker of Stoneville, Mrs. Revonda Jenkins of Ridgeway, Va., Mrs. Mary Fox of Danville, Va., Mrs. Janie Rieson of Eden.

Burial:
Overlook Cemetery
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Williams, Clyde Dallas
Clyde Dallas Williams, Obituary
Masonic Birthday September 16, 1968
Birth March 23, 1923
Death March 8, 1979
Burial:
Ridgeview Memorial Gardens
Eden
Rockingham County
North Carolina, USA

Wilson, John Torrence

John Torrence Wilson, Obituary
Masonic Birthday October 16, 1941
Birth November 9, 1919
Death June 9, 2008

Mooreville, N.C. John Torrence Wilson, 88, formally of Eden, N.C., passed away on Monday, June 9, 2008 in Mooreville, N.C. He was born Nov. 9, 1919 in Gaston County, N.C. to James and Ruth Wilson. He married his high school sweetheart, Frances B. Wilson. They were married for 64 years. She preceded him in death May 26, 2008.

Mr. Wilson worked for Duke Power Company 47 years, four of those years were spent in the US Army Air Corp during WWII. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge of Eden and Shriner's Organization. He was a recognized tree farmer for 40 years in Virginia. He was a member of the Eden School Board and the ABC Board. He was also a long-standing member of the First United Methodist Church of Eden, NC.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his three children, Stanley D. Wilson, Russell E. Wilson and wife Sheryl, Ginger W. Toler and husband Bill; two grandchildren Adrienne, M. Wilson and John A. Wilson; three brothers, Coyte Wilson, Todd Wilson and wife Margaret, Carson Wilson and wife Nelda; and one sister, Sarah Wilson. One brother, James Wilson, preceded him in death.

Family will receive friends and relatives on Thursday, June 12, at Neill Funeral Home and Chapel, in Mooreville, N.C., from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. On Friday, June 13, the family will receive guests at Fair Funeral Home in Eden, N.C. from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. at Fair Funeral Home Chapel. Masons Rite of Passage will be performed at the Overlook Cemetery Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Blue Ridge Wildland Fire Strike Team.
(B.S.W.F.S.T.) PO Box 812, Galax, VA 24333.

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Burial:
Overlook Cemetery, Eden, N.C.

Wood, James Eural



James Eural Wood, Obituary
Masonic Birthday September 14, 1970
Birth September 23, 1923 Leaksville. Rockingham County, N.C.
Death April 20, 2009 Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Eden, N.C. James Eural Wood, 85, of 556 Bryant Street, passed away Monday night, April 20, 2009 at Brian Center in Eden.

A funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Thursday at Fair Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Ridgeview Memorial Gardens. Mr. Wood was born September 23, 1923 in Leaksville (now Eden), to the late George and Minnie Vernon Wood.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a longtime member of Osborne Baptist Church and Lighthouse Baptist Church. Mr. Wood was the owner of Dick's Drive-In.

Surviving are his sons, James E. Wood, Jr. and wife, Gerry of Meadows of Dan, VA, Terry L. Wood and wife, Shelia of Stoneville, David W. Wood and wife, Kimberly of Eden; grandchildren, Michael and wife, Amy, Jonathan, Cayce, Logan, George, Trae, and Ethan; three great-grandchildren, Nathan, Ryan, and Eli Wood; sister, Ruth Wood Meeks of Eden In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Martin Wood; brothers, Bill, Everette, Charlie Ernest, and Ralph Wood; and sisters, Nellie Wood Shelton and Maggie Wood Hall.

Family links:

Spouse: Mildred Martin Wood (1926 - 2006)
Burial: Ridgeview Memorial Gardens , Eden
Rockingham County, N.C.

Ziglar, Melvin Winslow



Melvin Winslow Ziglar, Obituary
Masonic Birthday February 28, 1977
Birth June 9, 1925 Leaksville, Rockingham County, N.C.
Death March 13, 2009 Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.

Eden, N.C. Melvin Winslow Ziglar, 83, of 320 Dallas Road in Eden passed away late Friday evening, March 13, 2009, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 16, at the Spray Baptist Church with burial to follow in Lawson Cemetery.

Mr. Ziglar was born on June 9, 1925, in Leaksville (now Eden) to the late Posie Winslow and Kate Carter Ziglar. Melvin was a United States Army World War II veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre and stationed in Japan after their surrender.

He was the co-owner of the Central Redi Mix Concrete Plant and superintendent of the C.R. Duncan Construction Company. He was also a member of Spray Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sunshine, and brother, Robert.

He is survived by his son, Michael Winslow Ziglar and wife, Elizabeth, of Winston- Salem; grandson, Derek Ziglar of Winston-Salem; niece, Katie and nephews, Robbie and Steve.

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Family links:

Parents:

Posie Winslow Ziglar (1893 - 1975)
Minnie Kate Carter Ziglar (1902 - 1945)

Spouse:

Gloria Sunshine Isley Ziglar (1926 - 2008)

Burial:

Lawson Cemetery, Eden, Rockingham County, N.C.