

Six Landholders Formerly Owned Bailey Section

One of the oldest living residents of Bailey today is Mr. John (Johnny) Eatmon, who is able to reel off by the hour history of Bailey and surrounding communities. Long ago, he relates, thousands of acres of land around here were owned by six prominent men.

JOHN EATMON

The wealthiest of these men was John Eatmon, great-great-great grandfather of Mr. "Johnny". Coming from Chesterfield, England, in the year 17-- Mr. Eatmon acquired in this section around three thousand acres of land. Six hundred of this number was located in the Bullhead community. It is said that all Eatmons in this section are his descendants.

SAUNDERS-HORNE

Sion Sanders, builder of the Underwood Mill, owned land from the old State highway to Mr. Millard Morgan's line. His home was located near that of Paul Peele's and is today still standing.

Another prominent landowner to be mentioned is David Horne, owner of land from the Beard homestead to

what is now Horne's church and community, he was, as stated in last month's Bugle, the one who developed the iron ore in the Horne's community. He moved to Arkansas before the Civil War.

Among the six was DAVID WINBORNE, Methodist preacher and son-in-law of David Horne. He was the founder of the Pleasant Grove church and owned land from the Bailey-Middlesex highway to the Wilson-Raleigh road.

DEANS-FINCH

JIM DEANS was the original owner of Bailey and its surrounding community. His homestead is now the home of Albert Farmer. All the Bailey Farmers are descendants of Mr. Deans.

The most recent of the six was Irvin Finch, who possessed a wide tract of land from the Bailey Cemetery to Mt. Pleasant. Part of the original tract is still held by a descendant of his, Millard Morgan, who lives at the old Finch homestead. O. Beard

NEW BUS ARRIVES

Long promised new bus for Mount Pleasant students was delivered on Thanksgiving day. This bus, No. 1, replaces No. 17 and is driven by John Glover. Somewhat different from the others, the new model has two extra windows located at the bottom of the door.

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