

INDEX. HERTFORD COUNTY. AREA 840 SQUARE MILES. POPULATION 11,843. WHITE 5,121; COLORED 6,722.

HERTFORD COUNTY was formed in 1759, from Chowan, Bertie and Northampton counties. It was named in compliment to the Marquis of Hertford, an English nobleman, a friend of liberty, an elder brother of Lord Conway, who, in 1763, moved in the House of Lords the repeal of the Stamp Act.

WINTON, the county-seat, was named after the Wynns family; it is situated 153 miles north-east from Raleigh, on the Chowan river, and has a population of about 500. Surface—Level and sandy, soil good; watered by the Meherrin and Chowan rivers.

Staples—Cotton, corn, maize and stores and fish. Being near the Norfolk market, trading is also profitable. Products—Apples, peaches, pears, melons, watermelons, grapes, and the small fruits. Timbers—Juniper, cypress, pine, oak, ash, the gums and the usual eastern growth.

POST OFFICES—Annetta, Bethlehem, Como, Harrellsville, Lotta, Marlinton, Menob, Murfreesboro, Hillsdale, Winton, Union, Winton, and Aleshioke. COUNTY OFFICERS—Superior Court, Clerk, T. D. B. one; Sheriff and Treasurer, J. S. Mitchell; Register of Deeds, G. A. Brown; Surveyor, J. D. Parker; Coroner, J. H. Mitchell, Standard Keeper W. A. Perry.

COMMISSIONERS—W. T. Brown, chairman, B. Ferguson, C. W. Mitchell, J. P. Newsome and W. E. Colburn. Attorney for County, J. J. Yates. BOARD OF EDUCATION—S. M. Aumack, W. P. Shaw and C. W. Scarborough, Supt. Public Schools, George Cowper. TOWNSHIPS AND MAGISTRATES. MANEY'S NECK—S. P. Winborne, G. C. Picot, E. G. Sears, L. F. Lee, J. B. Vaughn.

MURFREESBORO—L. W. Rolfe, H. C. Maddox, J. C. Vinson, U. Vaughan, J. E. Jones, W. S. Nelson, and Geo. T. Darden. ST. JOHN'S—G. W. Beverly, J. H. Mitchell, Lee Taylor, H. D. Godwin, C. W. Parker, L. R. Taylor, and E. H. Joyner. WINTON—J. L. Anderson, Robert Holoman, W. H. Jeruigan, A. I. Parker, J. H. Matthews.

A MYSTERY.

Our baby boy one day Folded his violet eyes, And from his waxen clay His white soul flew away To far off Paradise.

Cleaning Out Pirates.

During the year 1868 no less than three trading vessels fitted out at Singapore for traffic in the Java Sea mysteriously disappeared, and no trace of them could be discovered.

It seemed that the story of the pirate was accepted as a fact, for we overhauled our armament, took in a lot of ammunition and strengthened our crew by fourteen men before sailing.

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A TERRIFIC STORM.

Houses Wrecked and the Occupants Killed in Germany. A terrible storm of thunder, hail and rain passed over a large part of Germany, causing immense damage to property and loss of life in the villages of Suchtelon, near Dusseldorf, Raed and Sittard.

In the Crefeld district, also near Dusseldorf, the storm was especially severe and the thunder and lightning terrific. Many houses were completely wrecked and the inmates buried in the ruins.

Thirteen bodies have already been recovered. Army pioneers have been sent to the scene of disaster to aid in the work of rescue. It is yet too soon to form any estimate of the total number of lives lost.

The storm caused terrible destruction throughout the Rhine district, where it appeared as a tornado. The Rifenens Hall, at Crefeld, was lifted from its foundations and carried clear away. The circus was blown over, and pavilions were damaged and their contents were scattered. Several attaches suffered from the hurricane.

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SOUTHERN ITEMS.

ROME INTERESTING NEWS COMPILED FROM MANY SOURCES. A fine lith print has been discovered near Witley in Va.

The newly-elected city officers of Alexandria, Va., were installed. L. Clarke, of Alexandria, Va., was killed on the Washington and Ohio Road, near Leesburg.

A movement is on foot in Norfolk, Va., for the establishment of a naval militia corps in Norfolk. Kanawha county, W. Va., will erect a granite court house in Charleston, to cost \$100,000.

The wheat crop in Roanoke county, Va., this year is pronounced to be the largest harvested since 1874. Ozark, Ala., is getting richer. She owes no money and has over \$1,500 of hard cash in her pocket.

Gen. Jubal A. Early will be the orator at the unveiling of the Jackson monument at Lexington, July 21. The Roanoke (Va.) Machine Works has just booked one order for ten engines and three hundred freight cars.

Hudson Young, aged 21 years, of Botetourt county, Va., was killed by a wagon in Buchanan and instantly killed. In Putnam county, W. Va., James Hawkins was shot and killed by two masked men. Luther Glenn and Joseph Lockett have been arrested.