

**BUNCOMBE HALL.**

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This Assembly Hall Tyrrell's court house at Lee's Mills where it remained until the erection of Martin county in 1774, when it was removed to the house of Benjamin Spruill on Supperlong river.

At the first session of the court held at that place, which was on "third Tuesday in May 1774," Colonel Edward Buncombe presented his commission from the Honorable Samuel Sirudwick, Esq'r, dated December 18, 1773, appointing him Clerk of the court. He immediately qualified, giving bond in the sum of one thousand pounds, with Stevens Lee and Archibald Corrie as sureties. His successor qualified on the 10th day of February, 1777, hence Colonel Buncombe was the last clerk of the county court for Tyrrell under the colonial government. Mr. Corrie often performed the duties of the office as Colonel Buncombe's deputy. They were "Co-partners and merchants" at Lee's Mills.

It is said that Colonel Buncombe's five Tyrrell estate came to him by the terms of his uncle Joseph's will.

Some years before Colonel Edward Buncombe was born, Joseph Buncombe went from England to St. Kitts hoping to improve his fortune. While there his brother Thomas sent him money with which to buy land. Being a bachelor "heart whole and fancy free" and hearing of the fair women and fertile lands of Albemarle, he sold his holdings in the "right little island" to his brother, and came to North Carolina. On the 20th of March, 1732, he purchased from Edward Moseley one thousand and twenty-five acres of land in Tyrrell county, "bounded on the east by Kendrick's creek, and on the south by Kendrick's creek and Beaver Dam Branch." About this time he married Ann, the oldest daughter of Geo. Durant who had died in 1730. They made their home on the Tyrrell lands near what is now known as Buncombe Landing.

On the 17th day of August 1735, Joseph Buncombe qualified as the guardian of Geo. Durant's children, giving bond in the sum of 2,000 pounds, with Stevens Lee and William Downing as sureties. On the 10th of September following he executed to these bondsmen an indemnifying deed covering all his lands and including several slaves. This deed recorded in the Tyrrell office 16th April, 1736, was the first instrument registered in that county.

Later we find Mr. Buncombe renewing this deed, and adding a sum of money "to judge to be due him from the public" for slaves executed at Edenton. November 30th, 1739, he assigned negroes to his wife Ann and his daughter Mary. A few years later Thomas Corlew who had married Mr. Buncombe's widow, settled up the Durant guardianship. Mary Buncombe married a Mr. Sutton, and her mother who was born July 14th, 1714, died in 1741, leaving two sons by her Corlew marriage.

Colonel Edward Buncombe who was born 1742, was probably sent when quite a young man to look after his father's St. Kitts property. At any rate he married Elizabeth Dawson Taylor there April 10th, 1766. Their first child, Elizabeth Taylor, was born in St. Kitts, March 11th, 1767, and the second, Thomas, was born in North Carolina, February 3d, 1769, while

the last child Hester, was born April 25th, 1771.

Colonel Buncombe's first public act in his new home was to sit as a member of an "inferior court" held at the Tyrrell court house, "On the second Tuesday in May, 1769." His name appears last in the list of justices at this term, but he was one of the three who remained to sign the docket at the end of the session.

From these circumstances it would appear probable that Colonel Buncombe removed with his family to North Carolina as early as the spring of 1768. The story of his coming as popularly related, is as follows:

One Mr. Cox of Edenton learning that Colonel Buncombe had come into possession of the Tyrrell lands, went to St. Kitts and offered to buy the property. But young Mrs. Buncombe advised her husband that if it was worth all that trouble on the part of Mr. Cox, it surely was worth a visit from its owner before confirming a sale of it. Acting upon this suggestion Colonel Buncombe came to North Carolina, and was so much pleased with the place that he at once gave orders to Stevens Lee of Lee's Mills to build a house for him on the farm, while he returned for his family.

Considering the fact that lumber could only be sawed during the winter months, and that bricks were only made in the summer, and taking into account the fact that all processes of building at that time were very slow, it seems probable that this first visit of Colonel Buncombe was made during the summer of 1766.

It has been said that the bricks used in the building were brought from England. But Governor Tryon wrote that very year "We do not import lime, lumber or bricks, either from the northern colonies, or from England." There were brick yards at Lee's Mills.

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**TRAINS GOING SOUTH**

DATED	May 25th, 1903.	No. 103, Daily.	No. 102, Daily.	No. 101, Daily.	No. 100, Daily.	No. 99, Daily.	No. 98, Daily.
Ar Weldon	11:30	3:28					
Ar Rocky Mt	1:00	10:32					
Lv Farboro	7:22						
Lv Rocky Mt	1:05	10:03					
Lv Wilson	1:20	11:20	7:22	5:45	12:52		
Lv Selma	2:25	12:10		6:36	1:30		
Lv Fayetteville	4:41	1:35					
Ar Florence	7:20	3:35					
Ar Goldsboro			7:22				
Lv Goldsboro				7:31	9:15		
Lv Magnolia				9:37	4:25		
Ar Wilmington				10:10	6:00		

**TRAINS GOING NORTH.**

DATED	May 25th, 1903.	No. 104, Daily.	No. 105, Daily.	No. 106, Daily.	No. 107, Daily.	No. 108, Daily.	No. 109, Daily.
Lv Florence	10:05	8:50					
Lv Fayetteville	12:40	10:25					
Lv Selma	2:10	11:40					
Ar Wilson	2:27	12:20					
Lv Wilmington			7:35				
Lv Magnolia				8:30	11:00		
Lv Goldsboro				9:37	12:20		
Lv Wilson	2:35	8:20	12:20	10:35	1:18		
Ar Rocky Mt	3:50	9:40	12:10	11:25	1:45		
Ar Farboro							
Lv Farboro	9:31						
Lv Rocky Mt	3:50	12:43					
Ar Weldon	4:53	1:57					

TRAIN on the Scotland Neck Branch road leaves Weldon 3:15 p. m.; Halifax 3:35 p. m.; arrives Scotland Neck 4:10 p. m.; Greenville 5:47 p. m.; Kinross 6:45 p. m.; returning leaves Kinross 7:30 a. m.; Greenville 8:30 a. m.; arriving Halifax 11:55 a. m.; Weldon 1:30 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:00 a. m. and 1:45 p. m., arriving Farmville 8:55 a. m. and 3:10 p. m., returning leaves Farmville 6:15 a. m. and 5:22 p. m., arrive Washington 10:55 a. m. and 6:15 p. m., except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 4:35 p. m. Sunday 4:35 p. m. arrives Plymouth 6:35 p. m., 6:50 p. m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 9:55 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

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