

Along the Way

Emily Killeen

To be at war is difficult enough for a nation, but to fight within your own country adds a greater sadness to war.

Duplin County experienced a great deal of destruction during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Along with the destruction of property many lives were lost. One of the early encounters with enemy troops in Duplin came during 1781 when Major James H. Craig and Captain Gordon met the volunteer colonial militia at Rockfish Bridge. The colonial militia was led by Colonel James Kenan. The colonialists were so tremendously outnumbered at Rockfish that Col. Kenan led the troop of about 400 men in a retreat, accounts from the September 1, 1950 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES indicate.

Major James H. Craig issued an order and declared all colonialists who failed to enlist under the British banner would be killed and their property taken. The order was issued in July of 1781 and colonialists had until August 1 to enlist with the crown's army. Craig issued the order from his headquarters in Wilmington and he set up a "bull-pen" for his captives near the town. An outpost was also established by Craig at Rutherford's Mill in Pender County.

When time expired on Craig's decree, he began a march to New Bern and arrived in Duplin at Rockfish Creek August 2. Colonel James Kenan and Major Griffen were waiting for Craig, but soon after the battle began a British cavalry attached the patriots from the rear. The cavalry was led by Captain Gordon and included about 60 horsemen and two companies of artillery. Reports varied on casualties for the patriots; Colonel William Dickson, then clerk of court, reported he narrowly escaped capture and Captain Thomas James received special mention from Colonel Kenan for

bravery at the Rockfish battle.

Reaching the settlement of Grove in Duplin County, Craig decided to camp. The home of Colonel Thomas Routledge was used by Craig as headquarters during the several days his army camped in Duplin. During Craig's stay, his troops burned the homes of patriot leaders, destroyed crops and stole livestock and provisions. Among the homes burned by the British troops were those of Captain Gillespie and Lieutenant Houston. And, the Tories were even reported to have stolen the rings from Mrs. William McGowen's hands and forced her to tell news of the patriot troops.

Craig was considered one of the best of the British officers. After the Revolutionary War ended, Craig was honored by his country with an appointment as Governor-General of the British Dominion of Canada.

Colonel James Kenan was one of several sons of Thomas and Elizabeth Kenan. He was born September 23, 1740 and educated by private tutors. At the age of 22 years, James was elected sheriff and served from 1762-1766 and then 1785 and 1786. Before serving as colonel in the colonial militia, James led a group of local patriots to Wilmington to oppose the British Stamp Act in 1765. He died in 1810. Thomas Kenan was the founder of the family in America and he came from County Antrim, Ireland. Thomas married Elizabeth Johnston, an English woman of noble ancestry and they were among the early settlers in Duplin. Taking an active role in public affairs, Thomas served as a member of Colonel Sampson's militia and was active during the Spanish Alarm in Wilmington during September of 1748. Thomas also served with Doctor William Houston, Col. Sampson and Captain Hicks on the County Court.

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FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at an iron stake, the Southwest corner of the Woodrow Graham and wife, Dorothy Graham, lot as described in Deed Book 649, page 191, of the Duplin County Registry, and running thence South 18 degrees 55 minutes East to a ditch in the Charlie McCoy line; thence as the McCoy line North 76 degrees 30 minutes East approximately 90 feet to an iron stake in the McCoy line; thence North 18 degrees 15 minutes West to the Southeast corner of said Woodrow Graham and wife, lot; thence South 76 degrees 30 minutes West about 90 feet to the beginning. And being the same land as described in a deed dated July 2, 1970, from Murray & Jerome, Inc., a corporation now inactive, to Woodrow Graham and Dorothy Graham, as recorded in Book 677, page 06, of the Duplin County Registry.

SECOND TRACT: Being that tract of land as shown upon a map made by Carl H. Walker, Registered Engineer, dated January 9, 1965, and entitled "Property of Woodrow Graham, Rose Hill, N.C.," which tract of land is located in or adjacent to the city limits of Rose Hill, Duplin County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron stake in the Southern margin of The School Road and directly across the road from the Rose Hill Elementary School, which stake is a common corner with Charlie McCoy, and runs thence South 18 degrees 55 minutes East 242 feet to an iron stake, a common corner with Charlie McCoy and E.G. Murray & The Estate of J.M. Jerome; thence North 76 degrees 30 minutes East with a line of E.G. Murray and the Estate of J.M. Jerome, 90 feet to an iron stake, another corner with E.G. Murray and the Estate of J.M. Jerome; thence with another line of E.G. Murray and the Estate of J.M. Jerome, North 18 degrees 55 minutes West 242 feet to an iron stake in the Southern margin of the School Road, also a common corner with E.G. Murray and the Estate of J.M. Jerome; thence along the Southern margin of the School Road, South 76 degrees 30 minutes West 90 feet to the beginning corner and being one lot of land 90 feet by 242 feet. Being the identical land conveyed by deed dated November 15, 1965, from Murray & Jerome, Inc. et als to C.J. Hanna & Son, Inc., recorded in Book 615, page 277, Duplin County Registry, and the identical land conveyed by deed dated August 6, 1968, from C.J. Hanna & son, Inc., to Hurlay C. Jones, recorded in Book 647, page 553, Duplin County Registry. And being the same land described in a deed, dated September 5, 1968, from Hurlay C. Jones and wife, Joyce J. Jones, to Woodrow Graham and wife, Dorothy Graham, recorded in Book 649, page 191, of the Duplin County Registry.

This sale will be made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes (Town and County), restrictions, easements of record, and assessments, if any.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 1-339.1 et seq (Article 29A-Judicial Sales), and the terms of the said Consent Order, any successful bidder will be required to make a deposit with the undersigned Commissioners immediately upon the conclusion of said sale, a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) as evidence of good faith. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Commissioners tenders to him a Deed for the property or attempts to tender such Deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes 1-339.69(c).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.
This the 30th day of June, 1983.
David T. Phillips, Commissioner.
H.E. Phillips, Commissioner.
Earl Whitted, Jr., Commissioner.
Bertha L. Fields, Commissioner.
8-4-41-P&P-158

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DUPLIN
FILE NO. 83 Sp 72
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF THE DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY J.D. TAYLOR TO DAVID T. PHILLIPS, TRUSTEE, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 894, PAGE 384, OF THE DUPLIN COUNTY REGISTRY
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by J.D. Taylor, dated February 12, 1982, filed for record on February 12, 1982, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Duplin County, North Carolina, in Book 894, page 384, and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements contained and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to an Order of the Clerk of Superior Court of Duplin County, North Carolina, entered on June 2, 1983, in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, David T. Phillips, Trustee will expose for sale at public auction on the 29th day of July, 1983, at 12 noon, at the Door of the Duplin County Courthouse, located in Kenansville, North Carolina, the following described real property:

BEGINNING at a stake, the Southwest corner of G.A. West on the edge of the State Hwy. #40 and runs thence about East with G.A. West's line 210 feet to a stake; thence about South 105 feet to a stake; thence about West to the edge of the dirt highway leading from State Hwy. #40 running by the Warsaw High School and beyond; thence with the edge of said dirt road to the beginning. This also being the same land conveyed in that Deed dated January 4, 1939, from W.W. Wilson and wife to R.J. Lewis, and duly recorded in Book 409, page 189, Duplin County Registry.

THERE IS EXCEPTED FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY 13 of an acre described in a Deed dated March 28, 1939, from R.J. Lewis and wife, Mary E. Lewis, to G.A. West; said Deed being recorded in Book 406, page 458, Duplin County Registry. And being the same lands conveyed by a Deed dated August 23, 1977, from R.J. Lewis, Sr., a Widower, to Barbara L. Drew, and recorded in Book 826, page 518, of the Duplin County Registry.

The sale will be made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes (Town and County), restrictions, easements of record, and assessments, if any.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the Duplin County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is J.D. Taylor.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder will be required to deposit with the Trustee, immediately upon conclusion of the sale, a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) as evidence of good faith. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders to him a Deed for the property or attempts to tender such Deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes 45-21.30 (d) (e).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.
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