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## YOUNGER BUT WISER

You've got to hand it to residents of Old Salem, they sensed the cultural and economic value of history long before New Bernians awakened to the possibilities that stem from a golden past.

This despite the fact that New Bern was founded 66 years before that venerable Tar Heel community came into being. When it comes to age, Old Salem isn't in our class, yet accidentally or through clever promotion there has been impressed on the public mind a notion that the town is more ancient than it really happens to be.

Mind you, we have no desire to belittle Salem's appeal. Like their attractive tourist folder says, "Charm of the Old World and challenge of the New makes Old Salem a truly unique adventure into American frontier history."

It was the central town in the Moravian settlement of Wachovia. Despite a 200-mile distance from a navigable river or established road, the community became the main trading center for western North Carolina.

Salem settlers, reared in the artisan culture of their native Germanic states, were skilled craftsmen. They turned out a variety of wares such as pottery, leather goods, guns, silverware and clocks.

Unlike New Bern and most early American towns, Salem was a planned community. The town design is mid-European in style, with buildings constructed flush to the walks and clustered around a central square. The sturdy — though enchanting — architecture employs hand-made brick, tile roofs, hooded doorways and arched windows.

Culturally, the people of Salem were more advanced than many of their contemporaries. Their schools were noted for excellency and wide scope of education. Their religious and secular music is acclaimed today as a tremendous contribution to musical Americana.

Yes, the Moravian congregation town had a wonderful past, as did New Bern. Where its citizens outsmarted us was in getting a head start on this business of promoting history.

## Historical Gleanings

—By—  
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### WHITE FAMILY CONVEYANCES

North Carolina, Craven county. 1760, March 6. Robert White for love and affection to son, John White, furniture, stock, pewter, &c and land, part of 300 acres on the south side of Neuse Swamp, beginning at a red oak, Hardy Bryan's Branch, &c. Wit. Robert White, William White. Peter Conway, C. C. Bk. 2 Page 86.

1760. Robert White to Samuel White, furniture, pewter, &c land on the south side of Vine Swamp, beginning at a water oak, William White's corner, &c. Robert White is Samuel White's father. Wit. William White. William Tuten. Peter Conway, C. C.--1760 Book 2 P. 93.

1763, March 26, Thomas Davis for 20 lbs to John White, 100 acres of land on White Oak Pecoson. Wit. John Tuten, Robert White, Jr. William White. Proved July Inferior Craven County Court, 1763. Present his Majesty's Justices. Peter Conway, C. C. Bk. 11. P. 214.

1765. John White of Craven county, and Agnice, his wife, Planter, for divers considerations and good causes, and 75 pounds proclamation money, to Jeremiah Prichard, mariner. A parcel of land on the Vine Swamp, beginning at a red oak, part of land granted to Thomas Jones, the 17 day of April, 1729, and conveyed by said Jones to Walter Lane, 17 April 1730, part was conveyed to Walter Lane to Robert White on 14 Feb. 1755; and 150 acres to John White by Robert White in 1760 and now this conveys to Jeremiah Prichard by said John White and wife; with orchards, gardens, fences, woods, trees and water courses, &c. Wit. Robert White, John Tull, Samuel White. Proved Jan. 1765.

Deed dated 3 Dec. 1764. Proved January Inferior Court, 1765. Peter Conway, C. C. Recorded in Book 2, P. 456-7.

1768. August 1. Samuel White, shoemaker, for 25 pounds to William Hunderhill, 200 acres on the South side of Neuse River, beginning at a small oak, East side of a Branch called Jumping Run, Gov. Dobbs' line, to the beginning, Aug. 1, 1768. Wit. John Cully William Bradley. Signed Samuel Whight, proved June Court, 1769. Chris. Neale, C. C. 1769 March 29, James Heath to Benjamin White for 12 pounds a parcel of land on the East side of the South fork of Core Creek, 96 acres with houses, orchards, timber trees, all privileges, &c. Wit. Abraham Beasley, Joseph Hall, Proved March Term 1770. Chris. Neale, C. C. Bk. 17 P. 253.

1770. Jan. 10, Samuel White for 20 pounds 5 shillings to William Lavender, Taylor, 60 acres of land beginning at a post near Melchor Rhem's old corner, &c being a tract of land given to said Samuel by will of Melchor Rhem, dec'd, and granted by patent to Melchor Rhem. Wit. Fred Becton, Samuel Hill. Proved Sept. Term Craven Inferior Court, 1770. Chris. Neale, C. C. Bk. 18 P. 102.

1770, April 20, William Byran, Sheriff, under a Writ of F. Fa. to Samuel White, land of Joseph Rhem, both sides of Beaver Creek, upper half of land whereon Melchor Rhem, dec'd, dwelt 100 acres of land and left by Melchor Rhem. 36 pounds, 13 shillings, 4 pence. Wit. Chris. Neale, Mary Neale. Proved March Court, 1771. Bk. 18 P. 228.

1771--Abraham Beasley for

## Village Verses

### TAKE IT FROM GRAMP

A home is just a house at best  
When children aren't around,  
A haunted house, oh so incomplete;  
Drab are walls that echo not  
To shrill, sweet childish sound,  
Every floor needs its tiny feet.  
I'd never ask for gold to hoard,  
I would not be a king,  
If only I could have a home  
Where children laugh and sing.  
—JGMcD.

20 pounds to Samuel White 150 acres of land on North side of Core Creek, known as land his father, Solomon Beasley, gave him. Wit. Joseph Hall, Jonathan Allen. Proved Sept. Inf. Court. 1771. Bk. 19 P. 150.

1773, Nov. 2. Samuel White to William Lavender, for 80 pounds, proclamation money, land on both sides of Beaver Creek, near Trent River. 100 Acres, part of a tract granted to Melchor Rhem. Wit. Thomas Collier, William Liske. Proved June Court. 1774. Book 20 P. 437.

1776, Feb. 1, David and Mary Marshall for 25 pounds to Jacob White, lot No. 279 in New Bern. Wit. Thomas Sitgraves, William Wilson, James Fenholm. Proved June Court 1785. Wm. Bryan, C. C. Book 26, P. 56.

1776. April 30. Jacob White of Craven County for 30 pounds to Esau Tingle. Lot No. 289 in New Bern. Wit. John Kennedy

John Lindsey. Proved Dec. Court, 1777. Chris. Neale, C. C. Bk. 23, P. 76.

1777, Oct. 25, Jonathan Allen for love and affection to his brother, James Allen, 50 acres on the south side of Core Creek. Wit. Joseph Hall, Ebenr. Slade. Proved June Court 1778. Chris. Neale, C. C. Bk. 23 P. 97.

(Records of Deeds, Craven County, N. C.)

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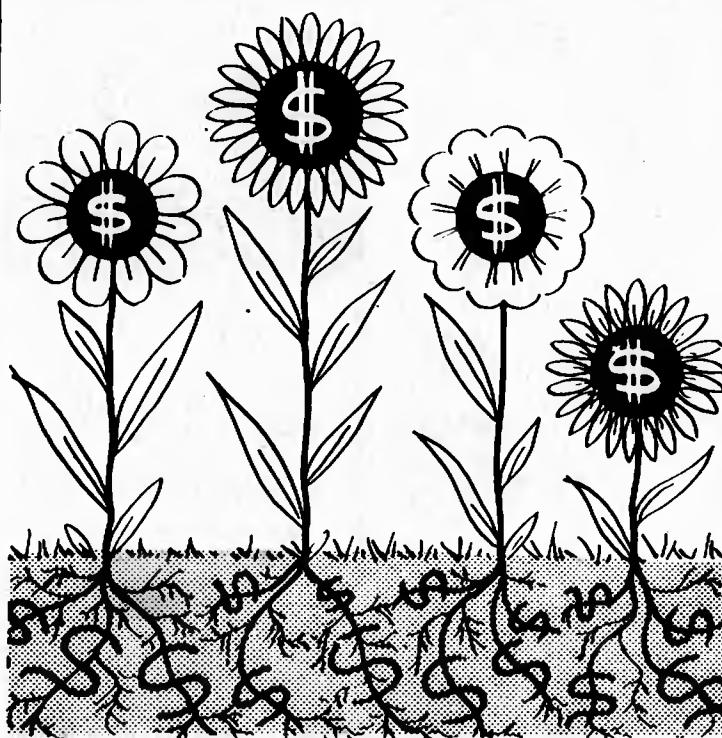
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