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## HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL.

Craven Precinct was the mother of Edgecombe County, which was formed in 1733. Edgecombe embraced what is now Nash, Warren, Halifax, Granville and Vance counties; so some of the oldest records can be found in all of these counties. Granville was formed from Edgecombe—her first off-spring—in 1746. In 1758 Halifax and Bute were formed from Granville—making them grand-daughters of Edgecombe, and in 1779 Bute was divided into Warren and Franklin, making them great grand-daughters of Edgecombe.

So the history of Warren is linked up in the earlier days of our country with a vast territory, and the records prior to 1758 may be found in Halifax, Edgecombe and Granville court houses, and probably in Nash county.

We will print in these columns items of county family history, so that our people may get their family history straight. We invite correspondence, which will all appear in due course of time in these columns.

**KEY**—Edward Jones, husband of Abigail Sagan, and who settled on South side of Shocco Creek, on what is now known as Jones' Spring plantation, in 1736; will be numbered (1); his children (2), his grandchildren (3), his great grandchildren (4), and so on. All 2s are brothers or sisters. Those numbered three are nephews or nieces to all the two's except their parents. They are first cousins to each other, except when brothers or sisters. All four are nephews or nieces of all three except their parents and they are second cousins to each other where they have not same parent or grandparent, etc., as we come down the line of descent.

Having completed the descendants of Edward Jones 2, son of Edward Jones 1, and Abigail Sagan, we now commence with Robert Jones 2, son of Edward Jones 1 and Abigail Sagan.

Robert Jones 2 was born in March, 1752, the youngest child of Edward Jones 1 and Abigail Sagan. His father died at Newbern a few months before his birth, Oct. 8th, 1751, having been in attendance as a member of the General Assembly from the County of Granville. As stated in a previous issue, the Colonial Records of Tuesday, March 31st, 1752, contains this announcement:

"Mr. Robert Harris is elected a member to serve in this Assembly for the county of Granville in room of Mr. Edward Jones, late member of this county, deceased Tuesday, October 8th, 1751. Mr. Starke announced in the House the death of Mr. Edward Jones, member from Granville."

Some time after the death of her Jones husband Abigail Sagan Jones married Thomas Cook, of Franklin county—he so designated his place of abode in his will dated Oct. 16, 1791. Mr. Cook seemed to be a man of property and good common sense. He was on the bond of Jethro Sumner and headed the list of subscribers to a repair fund for St. John's church (Church of England). He died between October, 1791, and Nov. 1794.

This old St. John's church stood at the entrance to the lawn of Jones' White Sulphur Springs and was located upon the property of Edward Jones 1. There was also a graveyard, with a rock wall surrounding it, in which Abigail Sagan was laid to rest. The spot has been pointed out by the writer's father, and was to the right of the front entrance to the lawn. Abigail Sagan seems to have been a remarkable woman. She evidently had an abundance of good common sense and had a will of her own. Her descendants have attained high honors throughout the State and the Nation.

It is possible, and the writer believes very probable, that the traits of character exhibited by the descendants of Edward Jones and Abigail Sagan may have been derived from Edward Jones and his ancestors. It being a tradition that Edward Jones' ancestor was an English judge and was one of the judges who decreed the death of Charles 1st, and afterwards had to flee for his life, coming to Virginia. If this tradition is correct, and the writer has seen the list of English judges forming the court before whom Charles 1st appeared and found Judge Jones a member thereof.

Not detracting in the least from Abigail Sagan or her ancestors, and knowing from documents in our possession that she was "seized and possessed" with landed property in her own name before coming from Virginia to the "South side of Great Shocco Creek, we yet believe that from her husband as well as herself, Nathaniel Macon, Matt W. Ransom, Robert Ransom, Robert Hill Jones, Daniel R. Goodloe, W. W. Kitchin, Claude Kitchin, Charles A. Cook, Wharton J. Green, James Jones, of Wake county, Daniel Jones, of Arkansas, "Congress" Willis Alston, M. T. Hawkins, the McLemores, of Tennessee, and a host of lesser lights, inherited their strong characteristics.

After her marriage to Thomas Cook, Abigail Sagan Jones was known to posterity as "Grandmother Cook," as she is designated at this day, although she had no children by Thos. Cook.

Thos. Cook's will, probated in November, 1794, gives property to "Daniel Jones, son of my wife, Abigail Cook." This Daniel Jones was ancestor of Daniel Goodloe and of Daniel Jones, of Arkansas. Thos. Cook also gives property to "Robert Jones, son of my wife Abigail Cook." Robert Jones received the larger share of his property, conditioned upon his paying "my just debts." This landed estate bequeathed to Robert Jones extended from what is known as Coley's Cross Roads, on the Vance County line, to the estate of Dr John Brodie below Jones' Springs, a distance of more than four miles, and embracing all of Jones' Spring property, made a most desirable tract of fertile soil upon the waters of Shocco Creek.

Thos. Cook "nominate(d), constitute, and ordain my worthy friends John Myrick and Gabriel Long executors of this, my last will and testament." The older children of Abigail Sagan Jones having received their portion of their father's estate, the will of Thos. Cook gives the entire balance to her two youngest children, Daniel and Robert Jones.

Robert Jones 2 at the age of 27 years married Nannie Duke, the widow of John Christmas Jr., the daughter of William Duke, of Purchase Patent. Nannie Duke Christmas was then the mother of three children, viz: Henry, Mary and Martha. Henry Christmas was a naval officer and died at sea. Mary married Phileman Hawkins and Martha married Allison Williams. The descendants of Mary Christmas and Martha Christmas will appear under both the Duke and Christmas families.

Robert Jones 2 and Nannie Duke had the following children: Nancy Jones 3, Sallie Jones 3, Elizabeth Swan Jones 3, (Dr.) Thomas Jones 3 and William Duke Jones 3.

## Cook's Eskimos Faithful.

The Atlanta Journal editorially says:

"It must be a terrible thing to have a reputation for being as irascible as Commander Peary, for that seems to be the answer to the confusion which now prevails as to what the Cook Eskimos, who accompanied the Brooklyn physician, have to say on the subject of that trip to the pole.

It will be recalled that Peary, a short time ago, gave us a very circumstantial account of what the Eskimos told him. He alleged that these natives of the frozen North bore testimony that Dr. Cook had not, in reality, been anywhere near the North pole, which was very important, if true.

And now Knud Rasmussen, the half-Eskimo governor of Greenland, sends word back to Denmark that the two Eskimos who are supposed to have accompanied Dr. Cooke to the ultimate North are faithful to him and bear willing testimony that Dr. Cook was really at the apex of the world.

Rasmussen himself, being, as we have said, half an Eskimo, speaks the lingo perfectly, and he had no difficulty in talking with the natives. It is true that he did not talk to the two who accompanied Dr. Cook, but he saw members who had talked to them, and the verdict is entirely in favor of Dr. Cook.

In explanation of why they did not tell Commander Peary the truth, they said they feared the Commander's temper.

The civilized world has more than half guessed already that Peary has a temper which one would rather not encounter, if possible, and the Eskimos have borne out the suspicion. The manner in which Peary came charging home, with blood and brimstone in his eye, vowing to expose the gold brick which Cook was handing the world, prejudiced his case so much in the eyes of the general public that he was making friends for Cook right along.

Wonder how Peary must feel when he learns that the Eskimos were really duping him, and pretending to discredit Cook, simply because they were afraid he would blow out a cylinder head if they told him the truth?

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