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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 of neices 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 neices 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.

In our last issue we gave the names of the children of Joseph Speed Jones 4 and Mary Ann Fort.

Mary Speed Jones 5, daughter of Joseph Speed Jones and Mary Ann Fort, married Dr. William Parker Mercer, of Edgecombe county. A tribute to this worthy couple appeared in a recent issue of THE RECORD. They have an elegant home, which is the abode of hospitality and refinement. Dr. Mercer is a wide-awake up-to-date physician, a fine diagnostician. The writer built for him the first telephone line ever constructed in Edgecombe county and was associated with him for years in the ownership of the various rural lines and the Wilson telephone system. A large cotton planter, with a large professional practice, his is the home of peace and plenty.

In discussing with him the talents exhibited by his wife, he remarked: "Yes, she has what some one has called 'omnibus' talents—can do any and all things well." Mrs. Mercer deserves great commendation for the good work she is doing at Temperance Hall Sunday-school. She is musician and superintendent and goes faithfully Sabbath after Sabbath and is laying up for herself "Treasures in Heaven." The young people of the school are devoted to her and many in after years will rise up and call her blessed. Her good husband with his purse aids her in all her good deeds. We acknowledge our indebtedness to them for many pleasant hours spent under their roof. They are the parents of the following children: Margaret Estelle 6, Mary Fort 6, John Routh 6, Routh Speed 6 and Lenoir Cook 6.

Margaret Estelle Mercer 6 married T. Clyde Tilghman, of an old Maryland family of that name, and has the following children: T. Clyde 7, and Rose 7.

Mary Fort Mercer 6 married Ernest Tilghman, a cousin of her sister's husband, and has two children, William P. Mercer 7 and Ernest 7.

John Routh Mercer 6, named for his grandfather Doctor John Routh Mercer, is a student at Chapel Hill.

Routh Speed 6 and Lenoir Cook 6 are young girls residing with their parents.

Howard Field Jones 5, named for Doctors William Howard and Geo. Field is the editor of THE RECORD and author of these articles appearing under the head of "Historical and Genealogical. Born on our father's plantation at Shocco Hill at the close of the war and remaining there until early manhood we have imbibed a love for the country and country life that will last as long as the love of nature and nature's God shall remain in the human breast. For the talents that we may have (and "there is good in all—none all good") we acknowledge our indebtedness to a long line of educated, upright Christian men and women from whom we have descended. Our efforts shall be directed to lifting mankind—our brother—to a higher plane; to building up the waste places; to making the world better and brighter because we have "passed this way." In this laudable undertaking we bespeak the co-operation of our fellow-man; for "no man liveth to himself." Encouragement, cheer, a good word fitly spoken, will aid us to carry forward our ideals. We have as an incentive to good deeds and right living a help-meet who has been and is everything to us that a wife should be. We were married on Tuesday the 2nd of March, 1897, to Estelle, daughter of Dr. Walter Brodie of Wilson, N. C. The Brodies are an old family of the country, and their descendants are identified with its people. The family achieved high rank in England and Scotland and their descendants here in the early history of our country were sent back to Edinburgh to be educated, and of the seven sons sent back six were physicians. Dr. John Brodie of "Brodie Place" was adjoining land holder with grandfather William Duke Jones. Our father, the late Joseph Speed Jones, would tell of the time when he was a little boy going to school at Dr. John Brodie's in an office in the yard (now-standing), and his teacher threatened to whip him and he ran away from school, but couldn't get his hat out of the school room, and in this dilemma his sweetheart, little Rowena Brodie, slipped his hat out of the window to him; and that he knew if he went home his father would whip him and send him back. So he kept on over to his grandmother's (Nannie Duke's) home at the site of the cemetery, and that his father came over to find him and punish him and that "my grandmother wouldn't let him do it." That this occurrence was as clear in his mind as it was yesterday—and it must have been at least seventy-five years since this escapade occurred. He spoke of how much he loved his grandmother for saving him from that punishment.

Howard F. Jones 5 and Estelle Brodie have the following children: Walter Brodie 6, Bignall Speed 6, William Duke 6, Ella Brodie 6, and Howard Field 6.

Peter Doub Jones 5, son of Joseph Speed Jones and Mary Ann Fort, married Susan Daughtery, of Rocky Mount, a niece of Dr. Mercer. They reside in Rocky Mount and have the following children: Sallie Mercer 6, Mary Speed 6, died and Susan Daughtery 6. Nathan Milan Jones, named for a warm personal friend of his father, now resides at Shocco Hill and is unmarried. He is a man of good business judgment (but he has a poor way of showing it in

not getting some good woman as his wife, as our father would say) and is of much service to his neighbors and friends. He succeeded his brother John as Sheriff of the county and held the office for two or more terms.

Next week we take up the descendants of Ann Bignall Jones 4 who married John E. Boyd.

Entertainments at Wise.

On the evening of December 3rd, a large audience was delighted at the splendid presentation of the play "Just For Fun," given under the auspices of the Graded School Faculty. Many of those present joined in saying that it was one of the best amateur theatricals they ever attended. The two young ladies were attractively represented by Misses Hayle and Chinault, while Lord Chelsea and his friend were represented by Messrs. Henry White and Opie. But no less interesting and amusing than the principal characters were "the aunt," Miss Jessie Stockland and "Jane," Mrs. M. H. Hayes. These truly delighted the audience with their faultless presentation of the parts assigned them and the whole play was well rendered. Between the acts music was rendered by Miss Carrie Dunn and Mr. White.

On December 17th, the ladies of the place will give a bazaar and supper, on the second floor of the J. R. Paschall Company store. Everyone knows that a bazaar is an excellent place to buy hand-made Christmas gifts, and the ladies promises an elegant supper.

The third entertainment of this month will be a charming play by the little folks. All who have seen "Tom Thumb's Wedding" will be glad to see it again, and those who have not will be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to witness this delightful little satire.

The Women's Betterment Association will hold its second regular meeting on the afternoon of December 10th, at 3:30.

EDGEWAY ITEMS

Our German friends seems to be progressing very nicely with their large store house here, they are getting ready to commence their business with the new year 1910.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Laskin Overby and family of Warren Plains to our little town, they have moved in the Rectory and Mr. Overby has opened a store in Dr. T. B. Williams store house. We hope they will like their new location.

Mr. Jack Alston, of Afton, N. C., visited his people here last Sunday.

Mr. Spencer Scott, visited his parents here recently.

Miss Annie Bell Stainback, visited Mrs. Wm Shaw of Cokes, Saturday and Sunday, (last) she attended services at Cokesberry Sunday, A. M. and enjoyed an excellent sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Baxter and little daughter, of Fortress Monroe, Va., is visiting his people here.

Mr. W. B. Fleming went to Henderson last Thursday.

Mrs. J. R. Stainback and daughter, Mrs. Marvin Mitchell of Cokes, visited relatives here recently.

It must be some great attraction here for several of the Henderson young men for they are seen quite frequently on our streets.

Miss Lois Stainback, visited Miss Ola Hicks of Warrenton, last Saturday and Sunday.

Wishing the RECORD and its many readers a jolly Christmas, and a bright and prosperous new year.

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Our townsman, Mr. Tasker Polk, is in great demand as a public speaker wherever "wit and worth and words, wisdom and eloquence and the power of speech to stir men's blood" are appreciated. He has just returned from Goldsboro where he delivered an address on Elks Memorial Day to a large and cultured audience. We copy the following justly deserved tribute from the Goldsboro Argus: After these ritualistic ceremonies, in a most pleasing and attractive manner Mr. J. L. Barham, of this city, introduced the orator of the occasion, Hon. Tasker Polk.

In the history of Goldsboro there have been many great and beautiful speeches made by distinguished men, but we do not believe there has ever been made in this city a more beautiful, a more eloquent speech than was delivered Sunday afternoon at the Opera House by Hon. Tasker Polk, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Lodge of Sorority held by the Lodge of Elks of this city.

It was a splendid audience that looked into the face of the orator as he stood before them, and announced as his subject, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

From the first utterance to the last word Mr. Polk held the great audience spell-bound.

Logic, pathos, and eloquence were the qualities that went to make up this great oration, which showed to men and women their duty as they never before had seen it, edified them, and caused them to go away from the auditorium resolved that in their future lives they would never lose sight of the fact that "I am my brother's keeper."

This great oration is indeed a classic, which should be handed down to posterity. Mr. Polk, a prominent lawyer of Warrenton, North Carolina, comes of most distinguished ancestry, being a nephew of Ex-President of the United States James K. Polk; furthermore, two of his great uncles were singers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

The people of Goldsboro are indebted to the Lodge of Elks of this city for their success in securing Mr. Polk as the orator on the above occasion, and our entire people are deeply grateful to Mr. Polk for his magnificent oration.

After the oration a violin solo was rendered by Miss Privett; then a solo by Mrs. Rachel Borden Smith, followed by a song by the entire choir.

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