

Interesting Trip Thru Brunswick By Englishman

Interesting Account Of Visit To Brunswick County Contained In Diary Of Young English Traveler Written In 1734

BRUNSWICK WAS PRINCIPAL TOWN

Many Places Visited Will Be Recognized By Readers From Descriptions In The Clipping

Following is an interesting story found in an old issue of "The Wilmington Messenger" dated Sunday, August 22, 1897. It is a description of a journey taken by a young English gentleman through this section and was written in August, 1734. It is a re-print of an extremely rare pamphlet, and is to be found under the above title in the collection of the Georgia Historical Society, Volume 2nd. It is quoted in part:

"I set out from Charleston on the 10th of June, 1734, on my travels to Cape Fear, in North Carolina, in company with thirteen more, and the first night reached Mr. More's, in Goose creek. The next night we reached Captain Screene's; at French Santee, and the third reached Winawer ferry, which is about one hundred miles from Charleston. There we lay that night and there being so many of us, it was twelve the next day before we all crossed the ferry. We landed there at one Mr. Masters', on the fens on the other side, and the same night reached one Maunly, who keeps another tavern on the road, about twenty-two miles from Masters'.

"The next morning about five we left his house, and about six came on the long bay, the tide just serving for us to get over the swashes. We had twenty- (Continued on Page 8)

Cornelius Thomas Was One Of Brunswick's Pioneers

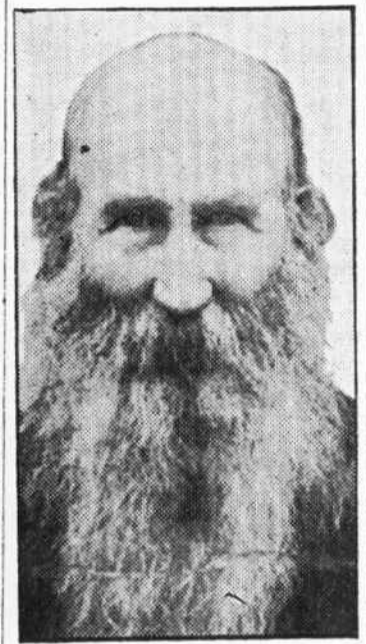
Moved From South Carolina Soon After Civil War And Began Farming In Lower End Of County

THOMASBORO IS NAMED FOR HIM

Large Holdings Owned By Him Have Remained In Hands Of Members Of Family For Years

Before the Civil War a young man moved from South Carolina into lower Brunswick. He was industrious and accumulated an estate of several thousand acres of good turpentine land. That young man was Cornelius Thomas. He operated a turpentine still and general store on a hill near Little Caw Caw Swamp and the Pealand Road. His store was the business center of the neighborhood for years. All Justice of Peace Courts, tax listings and collections were made there. Old Mr. Neil was honored, respected and loved by the people surrounding him. He had no ill feeling nor prejudice against any neighbor. He loved his turpentine trees and all timber and he had the foresight to know that these worthless spruce pines would some day be valuable. He rests beside his pious loving wife, Jane Hemingway, in the shade of his beloved pines.

His son A. P. (Put) bought the place from him when he became too feeble to operate it. The store and still were moved to the old residence two miles away and the "Old Store Hill" lost its popularity. The store and still were operated for years at the new site and became as much the center of the community business activity as the old location. Put Thomas, as he was known throughout the county, was respected by all who knew him. He was a great believer in education and gave his money and time for the betterment of the school system in the neighborhood. Back in the days when the public school were operated from two to four months, and sometimes not at all, he would employ private teachers and allow the neighborhood children to attend with his own at his home, as the school house was very crude and uncomfortable in bad weather. He sent every one of his ten children away to higher schools of education than were available at home. That proved fatal to the Old Family Estate as none of them came back to stay, and he was forced to move away to be with some of his children in his old age. He sold the place to his son, Cornelius (Neil) Thomas who was then living in Florida. The young Neil seemed to inherit from his father and grandfather a love for the old plantation. When Highway 17 was built it ran for two miles on the South edge of the old estate and across (Continued on page 8.)



CORNELIUS THOMAS

Longwood Now Is The Center Of Farm Community

Established Thirteen Years Ago As Lumber Camp, This Place Has Come To Be One Of Brunswick's Best Farm Sections

FORMER TIMBER LAND CULTIVATED

Prosperous Farms Dot The Countryside About Longwood And Citizens Are Happy Farmers

Thirteen years ago the Enterprise-Whiteville Lumber Company of Whiteville and Goldsboro built a railroad from Whiteville down into its extensive timber holdings in lower Brunswick. Near the junction of Waccamaw with Shalotte townships a logging station, saw mill, shops and commissary were set up and almost immediately a thriving town sprang up around them in what had been a virgin forest.

The station was very appropriately named Longwood, and for a time it bade fair to become a large town, many men being employed in getting the timber in from various outlying tracts and shipping it to Whiteville where the big mill was located. A small amount of the timber was sawed at Longwood. From Longwood spur tracks of the railroad were built out in all directions to load and bring in lumber. One of these spurs, of very substantial construction, came to the town limits of Shalotte and sidetracks were built there. It was reported that this road would inevitably come to Southport and become a regular freight carrier. But at the beginning of the depression the mill at Whiteville and, naturally, the station at Longwood and its activities, found the going hard. Everything closed down, and in the hopes (Continued from page one)

Mullet Fishing Is Now Entering Its Busy Season

Fishing Camps Along The Beaches Of Brunswick County Are Again Populated With Fishermen Waiting For Mullet

WILL SALT 'EM OR WILL SELL 'EM

Usually There Is A Good Demand For Fish As Soon As They Are Landed; If Not They Are Salted

Shore-fishermen all along the coast of Brunswick are beginning their harvest on what is known as the September run of mullets, so-called because the fish usually become the most numerous during the month of September. The operations usually extend for several weeks before and after September.

Camps are established at Calabash, Brook's Beach, Gause Landing, Shalotte Village, Holden's Beach, Howell's Point, Fort Caswell, Bald Head Island and all along between. A camp is usually nothing but a crude shelter for from 15 to 20 or more men. In addition to protection for the men this shelter also provides storage for a considerable amount of salt, and usually a week's supply of food.

The food, while abundant, is no means elaborate. The camp equipment does not include anything for fancy fixings. The most that is usually taken out for a week's supply of grub is a sack of corn meal, lard, perhaps some eggs, tomatoes and potatoes. One of the main items on the bill of fare is fish, and this they get in abundance at the camp itself. A sizable chunk of corn bread, a heaping plate of deliciously fried fish and the occupant of the average fishing camp cares little for anything else. The corn bread and fish are food for hungry men who work all day, drenching wet.

Fish Patrols Alert

Each camp has at least a couple of alert men who patrol the shore all day long above and below the camp. Observing these fellows as they walk along, it will be noticed that they are gazing steadily out to sea. The range of their observation usually being limited to half a mile or less.

They are on the lookout for schools of mullets. If they sight the fish and find them too far out from shore for the nets, they watch and see if they are moving shoreward, thus offering any prospect of a set. If they are not coming in, the patrols continue their tramp, looking for a school close inshore.

If fish are found close inshore or heading inshore to a point where a set may be made, the patrols signal to the boat crew up or down the beach. The crew of sixteen or more promptly launches its heavy whaleboat with its load of many fathoms of net and set out for the designated spot with all speed.

Row Around Fish

One end of the long net is held on shore by a portion of the crew, or is anchored, and the boat crew begins the toilsome task of rowing their heavy craft out and around the fish, the net unrolling and sinking in the water from the stern of the craft as they proceed. The rowing of the boat is no easy task. The net constitutes a drag on the boat that has much the same effect that a runner would encounter in a race with a weight on his leg. The men row a few yards and the surf and the dragging net may pull them back just as many feet. But they persist, bending their backs to the oar, and finally bring their craft to shore again, some distance from where they started.

Inside the great half moon arch of the net may be anywhere from a few hundred to thousands (Continued on Page 8)

This Man Thought County Was Large

Before the automobile days a man in the Thomasboro section was drawn to serve on the jury. This was a great event in his life. He had traveled to the extent of about ten miles distance from his home in his life time. The day before Court was called he packed his cart with a week's supply of groceries and set off for that far off city of Southport.

He arrived that night. Next morning he and some friends walked down on one of the docks. He looked out over the Cape Fear and pointed in the opposite come, and said, "Boys, if the world is as big that way as she is this way," pointing towards home. "She's a whopper."

Tobacco Harvest Time



IN BRUNSWICK—Such scenes as this, recently taken in Brunswick county, will so be over for another year. Tobacco harvesting will be completed within two or three weeks in this area. Shown here are a group of workers under a tobacco barn shelter.

Expect Good Year For Wake Forest

Enrollment Bids To Be Larger Than Ever; Freshmen Applicants Are 30 Per Cent Higher Than Last Year

Wake Forest, Aug. 15.—With its summer session concluded, Wake Forest College officials are setting their offices in order for the beginning on Sept. 13 of the 104th session of the institution.

Advance registration of students, Registrar Grady Patterson reported, indicates that there are definite prospects for an enrollment of about 1050 students which would surpass enrollment totals for any previous year.

Applications for admission to the freshman class are 30 percent higher than that of last year. Examination of high school credits of these men reveals that the bulk of them were in the highest one-fourth of their respective senior classes. This trend is in keeping with a policy of the administration of President Thurman D. Kitchin to insist on quality, regardless of what the quantity may be.

Among those who have registered are presidents of high school student-bodies in such cities as Wilmington, Lumberton, Fayetteville, and Henderson. Two are coming from the Shanghai American School in China.

Available to take care of the increased enrollment is the new Simmons dormitory, just completed and located across from the northeast corner of the campus. It has a housing capacity of 100 men.

Freshmen and transfers from other colleges will register on Monday, September 13. Upperclassmen will check in Tuesday, September 14. Classes will begin at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, September 15.

An extensive orientation program is being planned by President of the Student Body William C. Stainback of Henderson, the purpose being early to acquaint the new men with the traditions, operation, and offering of the college.

Older Faculty Members Will Retire After Next Year

The school year 1937-38 will be unique in that it will mark the last session in which six widely-known members of the faculty will teach. These men, who have taught over 20,000 alumni of Wake Forest and who have a cumulative total of 237 years' experience, will be given a rest from their labors after the next school year has ended and will be granted a \$1200-a-year retirement allowance for the rest of their lives.

In the group there are two octogenarians, President Emeritus William Louis Poteat and Dr. Needham Y. Gulley. Dr. Poteat, now in his eighty-second year, has had a continuous connection with Wake Forest for the past 64 years. He became professor of biology 55 years ago and served as president from 1905 to 1927.

Dr. Gulley, now approaching his eighty-third birthday, organized the Wake Forest School of Law forty-three years ago, since when he has taught probably more than one-half of the lawyers in the state.

Those who are past the "three and ten" mark are Drs. Benjamin Sledd, W. R. Cullom, J. H. Gorrell, and J. W. Lynch, whose teaching experience at Wake Forest amounts to 42, 41, 43, and 14 years, respectively.

The trustees of the college on May 31 adopted a resolution to retire with pay all of their faculty members who are 70 years of age or over, the regulation to become effective July 1, 1935.

Expert Answers Farm Questions

Advice Given On Bitter Rot Disease; On Moist Mash; On Value Of Tobacco Stalks For Fertilizer

Question: How can I control the Bitter Rot or Anthracnose disease in my apple orchard?

Answer: This disease can be controlled by spraying with Bordeaux mixture, but the spray should be applied as early as possible. Peel off all mummified fruit and destroy it to keep down infection next year. This spray should not be applied to early apples as it is apt to leave a residue that violates federal regulations in interstate shipments. This treatment will also control attacks of the codling moth, especially on the late apples.

Question: Should moist mash be fed to the poultry flock all the year?

Answer: There is little to be gained by (Continued on page 8)

Beetles Ravage Many Pine Trees In Brunswick

Valuable Pines Are Being Destroyed By Beetles Over North Carolina, State College Professor Finds

BEETLES ARE FOUND BREEDING IN DEBRIS

Advises Owners To Remove All Trees That Are Diseased; Delaying Pine Cutting Will Check Beetle Attacks

Southern pine beetles have been ravaging valuable pine trees over North Carolina this summer, according to Rufus H. Page, Jr., assistant extension forester at State College.

Beetles are most often found where pine debris has been left on the ground to give them a breeding place, he stated.

To breed in sufficient numbers to successfully attack and enter healthy trees, the beetles must first enter diseased or damaged trees or freshly cut pine stumps or pine debris.

Delaying pine cutting until the middle of September will check beetle attacks, Page continued. But if pines are being cut before that time, a number of precautions can be exercised to protect the living trees.

Remove all the trunk and limbs of felled pines that are more than two inches in diameter. Lop smaller limbs and brush and scatter well so they will be exposed to wind and sunshine.

Peel all high, freshly cut pine stumps to ground level and burn or otherwise remove bark from the stand.

Clear away pines that display a yellowish-green foliage and around whose base is found reddish sawdust-like material. "S-shaped" galleries in the inner bark are a sure sign of pine beetles.

Remove from the stand all trees that are badly diseased. (Continued on page 8.)

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