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100 YEARS AGO

THE SINGLE AND DECIDING VOTE OF STEPHEN CABARRUS GAVE NORTH CAROLINA A NEW COUNTY.

Its Formation—Origin of Name—Situation—Population in 1850—Boundary Lines—Its Postoffices—Some Other Facts.

On April the 12th this county, our beloved county, was 100 years of age.

Cabarrus county was formed in 1792, from Mecklenburg county, and its name involves a bit of interesting history. When the bill looking to the erection of this county was being hotly discussed in the House of Commons, it was observed that the division was closely drawn. On the 12th of April when the vote was taken, it was a tie. Hon. Stephen Cabarrus, member from Chowan county, and speaker of the House of Commons, cast the deciding vote in favor of the bill. In recognition of his act, the new county was named for him. "Mr. Cabarrus," says Wheeler's history, lived in Edenton, or near, at a place called Pembroke. He was a native of France, a man of great vivacity and talent, a useful and honorable man." We made an effort some time ago to ascertain where he was buried, and to know what epitaph appeared on his gravestone, but with no avail.

WHO SURVEYED THE LINE.

The line that cut Cabarrus county from Mecklenburg is doubtless an inaccurate job. Several years ago we had occasion to hunt for the record of this in some old books, in the office of Clerk Morrow, of Mecklenburg county. The report of that commission is as follows:

APRIL SESSION 1793—COURT RECORD

Agreeable to an act of the General Assembly passed at the sessions of 1792 appointing commissioners to run the dividing line between the counties of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.

Mr. Joseph Moore, William Orr and James Harris from Mecklenburg, and Zachius Wilson and Geo. Alexander of the county of Cabarrus. Commissioners appointed by the aforesaid act of Assembly for to superintend the running of said line, met on the 1st day of April as provided to run the line aforesaid, beginning at the fork of Rocky River, thence S 23° east 3 miles, to Pickens' ford, on Clark's Creek; thence S 37° E 4 1/2 miles and 30 poles to Meeks' barn; thence S 66° east 1 mile to the Rocks south of Col. Smith thence S 18° east, 5 miles and 50 poles to Stafford's, thence S 61° E 9 1/2 miles to the mouth of Clear Creek. Ordered that the said Joseph Moore and Wm. Orr and Samuel Black, then surveyor, be allowed each the sum of \$5 per day for 4 days for their surveyor to be paid out of the county tax.

J M MORROW, C. S. C.
Mecklenburg Co., N. C.

SETTLING DISPUTED LINES.

That no one knew where the western boundary line of Cabarrus county was, is good reason for believing the survey poorly made. So many disputes arising, a resurvey of a certain portion of the line was ordered. This survey was made, and in no case could old lines be run by the 1st survey. It is believed by many that the line was really surveyed by axes following the lead of a brown jug filled with the Elixir of Life or Apricot Sherbet. In this survey

J R Wallace's plantation, store and still house were acquired, together with several plantations heretofore claimed and taxed by Mecklenburg. The report of the commission that made the survey with an actual compass and chain, in August 1888, is as follows:

Agreeable to an act of the General Assembly providing for the survey and establishing of disputed county lines we, N Gibbon and J B Thomasson of the county of Mecklenburg, and M Melchor and Jas. P Cook of the county of Cabarrus, commissioners appointed by the Boards of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties to superintend the surveying and establishing of a disputed line between Mallard creek township of Mecklenburg county and the county of Cabarrus, met on the 15th day of August, 1888 after being duly sworn, and proceeded to survey and establish the line as aforesaid: Beginning at a stone in Pickens Ford on Clark's creek where it crosses the Salisbury road; thence S 75 1/2 W 51 1/2 chains to centre of Ray's spring on J C Bradford's plantation; thence S 9 1/2 W 60 chains and 10 links to a stone on the west side of Salisbury road and opposite J R Wallace's store and gin house; thence S 55 1/2 E 60 chains to a stone on west side of still house road; thence S 33 E 92 1/2 chains to water oak in the yard of Henry Johnston, col., said tree has a bearing of S 66 E 55 links from well on said yard; thence S 48 E 64 chains to a stone on the east side of the Charlotte road and on the lands of J Dove, being a part of the Harris place; thence S 53 1/2 E 149 1/2 chains to a large stone being the northeast corner of the Meek's housesite and at the edge of cellar; thence S 62 1/2 E 87 chains to a cluster of large rocks on the east side of Charlotte road at M S M Sloop's residence. The line is well defined by monuments and trees.

N GIBBON.
J B THOMASSON.
M MELCHOR.
JAS. P COOK.

THE FIRST RECORD IN CABARRUS.

The first record in this county is found in an old book in Clerk Gibbon's office. The very first page contains this:

State of North Carolina.—The minutes and proceedings of a County court began and held in the county of Cabarrus agreeable to an Act of Assembly of the State of North Carolina made for the purpose of dividing the county of Mecklenburg and erecting a separate and distinct county by the name of Cabarrus at the house of Robert Russell the third Monday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three and in the seventeenth of our Independence.

Justices present: Robert Harris, Sr., Robert Harris, Jr., William Scott, John Allison, Edward Giles, Daniel Jarret, Joseph Shinn, Esquires.

The said Justices having taken the oath of office and being duly qualified according to law provided and those William Alexander clerk pro tem until they should choose their officers.

SOME LOCATIONS AND PERSONALS.

From our good friend Mr. R W Allison, we learned that the Robt. Russell house, spoken of above, was located above Odell's factory on lands now owned by Mrs. Catherine McDonald. The house stood oppo-

site and little to the north of the present McDonald residence. It stood high off the ground, but Mr. Allison does not remember whether it was built of frame or logs.

Robt. Harris, Sr., lived at Cox's mill and was the grandfather of Chas. W and Edwin R Harris.

Robt. Harris, Jr., is supposed to have lived in Rocky River section.

William Scott lived near the Davie Parish place and was the grandfather of Col. A C Scott, of this town.

Jno Allison lived on Coddle creek on the place now owned by Mr. W C Boyd. He was a great uncle of Esq. R W Allison of this town.

Edward Giles lived near Mallard creek, in the now Harrisburg section.

Of Daniel Jarret the Standard could learn nothing.

Joseph Shinn lived near Irish Buffalo, on land now owned by Capt. J M Odell. He was the ancestor of Mrs. J S Fisher, Mrs. A C Scott and Mrs. W J Hill.

FIRST COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

The first court house of the county was a log affair and stood in the centre of the square at Allison's corner. It was built long before 1800.

The first jail stood where Elam King's home now stands. It was a log affair and two stories.

On one occasion a prisoner crawled out between two logs near the roof and went down on a challenge from a fellow in the street, whipped him and then climbed back into prison (?) walls. This old jail building afterwards served as a kitchen for Esq. Geo. Klutz, the grandfather of Esq. Jas. N Brown, now of this place. The kitchen stood where the court house now stands.

THE BURNT COURT HOUSE.

The next courthouse was built opposite the present St. James' Lutheran church on the lot that is now vacant. It was a brick structure. The first court held in it was during May, 1826. At this court there was a sad death. Sheriff Jas. A Means, became suddenly ill with bilious colic and died before his friends got him home, beyond Irish Buffalo creek. He was an uncle of Mayor Means, of Concord.

POPULATION 1850-'92.

Population, in 1850, was 6,943 whites; 119 free negroes, 2,685 slaves. Total, 9,747.

Population, in 1890, was	
Township No. 1	1,604
" " 2	1,736
" " 3	1,401
" " 4	1,470
" " 5	991
" " 6	748
" " 7	658
" " 8 (Mt. Pleasant)	1,332
" " 9	1,130
" " 10	1,506
" " 11	1,227
" " 12	4,339
Total	18,142
" in 1880	14,962

THE POST OFFICES.

No. 1, Harrisburg and Pioneer Mills; No. 2, Springsville and Eastfield; No. 3, Tulin, Saunders and Coddle Creek; No. 4, Mill Hill; No. 5, none; No. 6, Rymer's and Klutz; No. 7, Dry's Mill and Nussman; No. 8, Mt. Pleasant; No. 9, Bost's Mills, Smith's Ford and Georgeville; No. 10, Furr's, Clear Creek and Flowe's store; No. 11, none; No. 12, Concord.

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Having been appointed registrars for No. 12 township, Cabarrus county, for the purpose of registering all voters who desire to vote on the 19th of April 1892 upon the question of No. 12 township subscribing seventy-five thousand to the capital stock of the Concord Southern railroad, notice is hereby given that the registration books for said township are now open for

Ward No. 1 at J F Misenheimer's store.

Ward No. 2 at Brown's stable.
Ward No. 3 at Cannons, Fetzer & Bell's Furniture store.

Ward No. 4 at town hall.
E H Hall, Registrar ward 1.

J N Brown, Registrar ward 2.
W A Patterson, Registrar ward 3.
M M Gillon, Registrar ward 4.

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Accept the offer.
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Accepted, if low enough
And
Accompanied by the
CASH.