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OUR COLONIAL ANCESTORS

FAMILY CONNECTIONS OF THE LATE ROBERT T. CREWS

His Ancestry on Both Sides Have
Been Residents of Granville Since
Pre-Revolutionary Times.

(Traced by Francis B. Hays)

In a journalistic experience extending over more than a quarter of a century it has been my lot to prepare obituary notices of many men and women who had lived in many sections of the county. I have been impressed by the fact that in the cases of New Englanders and people of New England descent, the biographical data often contained mention by name of the ancestors of the deceased for many generations. In the cases of Southern people this has not been so noticeable.

One of the principal differences between the peoples of—let us say, for illustration, Massachusetts and North Carolina—is that the former have an inordinate desire to regulate other folks' conduct, while the latter are characterized by a hereditary inclination to be told by anybody what they shall or shall not do. Accordingly public or semi-public records of family history have been kept in Massachusetts from the earliest times, while in North Carolina, even in this twentieth century, births and deaths, for instances, are not recorded in anything approaching a systematic manner.

While I realize that it is considered in North Carolina to be lese-majesty (or treason to the sovereign people) to suggest that something outside the State is better than anything inside her borders, still I notice in the papers that Senator Hobgood, of Guilford, said that North Carolina had learned something of democracy from Nebraska and New Jersey, and that Judge Clark commends him, so I am going to be equally reckless and express the belief that the Old North State might get a few points on keeping vital statistics from Massachusetts. And when she makes use of these points, she will probably at the same time engender in her people, individually, a greater pride in their ancestry. For pioneer North Carolinians, while they may not have landed on Plymouth Rock to escape persecution in England, did settle in their Province or State to rid themselves of the undemocratic rule of the more thickly settled portions of the colonies near the large harbors, and we have every right to be proud of our sturdy and liberty-loving forebears.

Some of the foregoing thoughts were suggested to me by the death of Robert T. Crews. His ancestry on both sides have been residents of Granville County since pre-Revolutionary times, and his relatives include many of the oldest families and most influential people in this section of the country. His father was James A. Crews (who used to be familiarly referred to as "Tar River Jimmy," to distinguish him from his father, James Crews; from James B. Crews, of Oxford; from "Red Jim" Crews, who was Sheriff of the County about thirty years ago, and from perhaps others of the same name). James Crews, the father, lived to be some four score years and ten and was a famous man in his community and church. He was one of the founders of Salem church, donated the land on which it stands, and was the leading member of its congregation for many years. He was the son of Gideon Crews, who signed the oath of allegiance to North Carolina in 1778.

In 1806 James Crews married Sarah Earl, daughter of John Earl, whose father came from England and was followed by his sweetheart, Mollie Watts (who was a near relative, perhaps a sister, of Isaac Watts, the hymn writer). The blushing maiden was met on the boat by her old swain and a parson, and when she set foot on the soil of the New World she was a married woman. The name Earl seems to have died out in this county as a surname, but is preserved as a Christian name by some of the descendants of the English-American couple.

The late Robert T. Crews' mother was Martha Ann Hunt. She was the daughter of David Hunt, who was one of the eleven children of John Hunt and his wife Frances Penn. John Hunt's mother was Mournin Hunt. Frances Penn was a daughter of Mary Taylor Penn, who in turn was a daughter of John Taylor, who died in this county two years before Washington became President. This John Taylor, a great-great-grandfather of Robert T. Crews, is the most remote ancestor of his that I am able to trace, although the late Dr. Theodore B. Kingsbury refers to

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Happenings That are of Interest to
the Many Readers Of the Public
Ledger.

A Red Letter Day

A red letter day for Granville is to be March 26, the date of the County Commencement.

"Runaway June."

A society girl in love and romance See her in the movies at the Orpheum Theatre Saturday night.

Signs of the Times

The financial depression has certainly busted—Messrs. Joe Baird and Mike Chamblee each have bought an automobile.

"The Old Reliable"

The report of the condition of the Bank of Granville and the Oxford Saving Bank and Trust Company of Oxford, published on the back page of this paper, speaks for itself.

The Second Appearance

The ground hog, which made its appearance forty days ago and predicted so much bad weather, will make his second appearance at twelve o'clock sharp this Saturday. Well, if he does not see his shadow this time the way is clear.

Engineer Promoted

Mr. Eizenhart, for more than a year engineer on the Seaboard Oxford-Henderson line, has been promoted to the main line and will run a fast freight between Raleigh and Richmond. His family will reside in Raleigh.

Brotherly Love

The Oxford delegation who attended the convention of North Carolina Jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World in Durham Tuesday and Wednesday, speak in glowing terms of the hospitality showered upon them and the good feeling manifested at every turn.

Gold and Silver

The report of the condition of the Bank of Stem, as published elsewhere in this paper, shows a substantial gain despite the hard times, of which we hear so much. If it keeps on growing at the same rate, we will eventually refer to it as our "big neighbor."

The Doxology

The doxology of this season's tobacco market was sung on the warehouse floors at 12 o'clock this Friday. The sales have been light for the past few weeks, but the season as a whole was much better than the early predictions. They have not figured out with any degree of accuracy the number of pounds sold nor the money consideration of the crop. These figures will come later.

Eggs By Parcel Post

Considerable interest is being shown just now with the new method of shipping eggs. A family in Richmond, friends of the editor, writes that they certainly do enjoy a carton of fresh eggs received by parcel post every Friday morning from Mecklenburg County, Va. They pay the uniform price of 30 cents a dozen for the eggs all the year around, and have actually fallen in love with the farmer who has the ingenuity to furnish them fresh eggs every week.

DEATH OF ESTIMABLE LADY

Mrs. Louina Meadows Called to Her Reward

Mrs. Louina Meadows died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. W. Z. Mitchell, on Broad street Wednesday night, in the 72d year of her age.

Mrs. Meadows was a consistent member of the Baptist church. She was born and reared in the Wilton section. She had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell, for some time.

Mrs. Meadows was at one time matron at the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, Raleigh, and by her tender, sympathetic disposition endeared herself to the children and officials of the institution.

The funeral services were held this Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of Mr. W. Z. Mitchell on Broad street, conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh and assisted by Dr. G. T. Lumpkin. Interment at Elmwood cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Active—Messrs. Cam Easton, T. Lanier, C. D. Ray, B. S. Royster, A. A. Hicks, C. H. Landis, Josh King, Calvin Breedlove.

Honorary—Messrs. L. T. Pitchford, W. W. Lyon, F. P. Hobgood, W. C. Curwin, J. D. Brooks, D. C. Hunt, Cortez Wright, H. G. Cooper, B. K. Hays, Dr. I. H. Davis.

John Taylor's father, James Taylor, as being an Englishman living in Virginia.

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MUST HAVE A RACE TRACK

A MOVEMENT TO ENLARGE THE FAIR GROUNDS

Secretary Crews Will Make a Campaign for Funds to Purchase Additional Land for Race Course.

Secretary Eugene Crews will make a campaign to raise sufficient funds to purchase some land adjoining the Granville County Fair Grounds with a view of laying out a race course.

We trust that Mr. Crews will be successful in his efforts. The fact is, land in the vicinity of the Fair Grounds is increasing very rapidly in price, and the sooner the Fair Association purchases eight or ten acres more the better it will be for all concerned.

The question of a race course in connection with our county fair is one that appeals to a large majority. There is considerable interest manifested in Granville county today to raise more and better stock, and the race course would stimulate the industry as nothing else would.

There is just as much fun in a "plug race" as there is in a thoroughbred race, but the owner of the old "plug" will not stand for the ridicule more than once. Next to a man's family stands his blooded stock, and as soon as a man becomes the owner of a thoroughbred horse he wants all the world to know it, and the County Fair is the best place in the world for friendly rivalry.

We do not know of anything that would add quite so much pleasure and profit to the Fair as would a race course. When "Esquire Jones" puts his blooded filly on the track every man's family in the county will want to be there.

The amount of funds the Fair Association desires to raise for the purpose of annexing a race course is a mere song if the people will respond with the liberality that has characterized them in the past. We hope Mr. Crews will meet with success in raising the desired funds.

THE GRANVILLE COUNTY HAM

Here is a Profit of a Hundred and Fifty Per Cent

We are told that pork can be raised in Granville for 3 cents a pound dressed weight; cured, trimmed, and sacked, fly and skipper proof packer style, for four cents more.

Hams, bacon, and shoulders can be marketed anywhere in the second zone for 2 cents a pound by parcel post, at prices ranging all the way from 20 cents to 30 cents a pound.

Allowing a cent a pound for shrinkage, here is a profit ranging from a hundred to a hundred and fifty per cent.

AN OXFORD BOY

Lee Meadows on the Training Ground of the Big League

The write up of the St. Louis baseball team, as contained in the Globe-Democrat March 5th, is of interest to the people of Granville county. The article was written by a staff correspondent who accompanied the team to their training ground at Hot Wells, Texas. The slang name of the St. Louis team of which Lee Meadows, an Oxford boy is a member, is "Cardinal." The article goes on to state that Manager Huggins gave the team a thorough test and that Meadows' pitching grew upon him. "There is a lot of good stuff in the spectacular pitcher," says Manager Huggins.

MERCHANTS RETURN HOME

bought Liberally of the Best Good on the Market

All of our enterprising merchants have returned from the Northern markets and the spring goods are rolling in by the car load.

The merchants tell us that they bought liberally of the best goods and that there will be very little change in the prices, and if anything the most needed articles are a fraction lower.

Our merchants are hopeful that everybody will forget that a war is raging beyond the seas, and that they will come in and make purchases as in former days. We are sure that it is wholesome advice. And now that the spring is upon us let us feel that it is a day of resurrection of business activities. The merchants have suffered quite enough, do not send elsewhere for goods that can be had at home. Our merchants are going to advertise in the Public Ledger as soon as they get their goods straightened out.

Got Enough

If everybody has the same feelings that the Oxford people have there will never be another war

THE FUTURE GENERATION

OUR NEW CITIZENSHIP IN THE MAKING

The Most Inspiring Event of Past Years Was That of the County Commencement.

The County Commencement last year was a demonstration that was both inspiring and uplifting. In the assemblage of bright-faced, intelligent boys and girls the people of Granville sized up the hands into which the future of the country is to be entrusted and the general decision was that the future is in safe hands. The advanced citizenship of Granville has been delightfully in evidence ever since Miss Mary G. Shotwell planted the seed that blossomed out in the County Commencement. The gathering was a contrast to anything that could have been hoped for a dozen years ago. What a glorious day, for it was a gathering of the new generation. The whole assemblage represented an entirely new character of people living under new conditions. The county girls were as smartly attired as their town friends, and the country boys made as brave a display of silk socks as did their acquaintances in the capital of old Granville. Among the elderly people there was no effort to conceal the pride they felt in the high standards attained by their off-springs, admitting while inspecting the exhibits of handicraft that such would have been considered impossible for children in their school days.

Think of it, the County Commencement this year will surpass in interest that of last year. Miss Shotwell is as busy as a bee, and the only thing calculated to hinder in the least is inclement weather, and should the day be bad we shall certainly vote for another day.

SILVER LOVING CUP

Mr. Frank Hancock, of the student body of the University, tells us that the Granville County Club of the University of North Carolina, of which he is a leading spirit, has voted a silver loving cup to the winner of the Athletic and Literary Contest in the high schools of Granville. The cup will be presented by Mr. Hancock or some other member of the University Club at Horner Park on the afternoon of commencement day. All the high schools of the county are urged to get busy and try for the cup. There will be a try out for the cup each succeeding year, and bright must be the chaps who can hold it for more than a season.

"WOODLAWN HALL"

One of the Old Colonial Homes of Granville

We appreciate the following item bearing on the old colonial homes of Granville, which reaches us on an unsigned postal card:

"Woodlawn Hall" is one of the old Colonial homes of Granville county. It is a very quaint building, with dormer windows, and high, hand-carved mantles. Five generations sleep in the old family cemetery at the back of the house. It is now owned and occupied by a descendant of Col. Peyton Wood, of Prince Edward County, Va., who built it, lived and died there."

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS

Assistant Postmaster Critcher and Clerks Make Good

Assistant Postmaster Critcher and all the clerks in the Oxford post office were subjected to the annual examination this week by one of the most critical officials of the Federal Government. It was Mr. Critcher's first examination. He has a multiplicity of duties to perform and his examination was given as to the records and business of the office. He stood 99.51, only a fractional part of one point below perfect, and that on a minor detail. Nelson Ferebee scored an even 100 with ease, and Mr. Tommie Waller 99.36.

The requirements in the postal service is very severe, and well it should be. All letters are important to those who write them, and how often are trusting hearts made to bleed by the carelessness or inattention of a postal clerk. Not only should the examination be rigid, but a person handling the mail should be thoroughly imbued with the golden rule.

To Open New Street

At a meeting of the Town Commissioners Tuesday night a motion was entertained to investigate the matter of opening a new street from Hillsboro and McClannahan streets at a point between Broad street and the Southern Railroad. The committee will report their findings at the next meeting of the Board.

THOSE WHO GO AND COME

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There.

Mr. L. A. Burnett, of Route 6, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Robert Averett, near Creedmoor, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. J. Currin of Route 7, visited Oxford Thursday.

Mrs. J. M. Hight, of Fishing Creek, was a visitor to our town Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Morton, of Route 4, visited our town Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Tillotson and son, of Route 2, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Bradsher, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. W. A. Gooch, of Stem, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. Harris, of Route 6, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. N. Critcher, of Route 5, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Cannon Johnson, of Stem, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. C. G. Royster, of Bullock, was in town Thursday.

Mr. R. G. Cawthorn, of Route 3, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. R. S. Howard, of Route 7, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mrs. J. B. Shaw has returned from a visit to parents at Enfield.

Mrs. J. M. Bullock and daughter, of Stem, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. R. L. Hobgood and wife, of Route 1, were on our streets Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brummitt, of Route 2, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. E. C. Harris and daughter, Miss Hattie, were on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Parham and daughter, of Route 3, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. G. W. Stem and daughter, of Stem, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Messrs. John and Charlie Morris of Wilton section were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. M. J. McGhee, of Kittrell Route 2, was in town Thursday, and told us of killing a pig weighing 437 pounds.

MR. JOHN W. CRAIG DEAD

Remembered in Oxford as the Kitchen Cabinet Man

Many people of Granville will call to mind a large handsome gray-haired man, Mr. John W. Craig, who was associated with Mr. Albright in the sale of the Kitchen Cabinet, and canvassed the county last year. News reached Oxford Wednesday that Mr. Craig died in Atlanta last week. We knew the deceased intimately. He was a fine man and made many friends. He had tried many ventures and was very successful in business. He owned two very fine farms, one in Tennessee and one in Georgia. Mr. Craig possessed a fund of information, and withal a bit eccentric. It was his custom to live only a part of the year on each of his farms and the rest of the time he devoted to some legitimate money-making venture. It is estimated that he made something over \$4,000 during his stay of eight months in Granville last year.

THE MAP OF OXFORD

The Map About Ready For the Lithographer

Mr. J. E. Buck, representing the Sunborn Map Company of New York, has about completed the fire map of Oxford. During a stay of not more than two months Mr. Buck has succeeded in reducing to paper a complete map of Oxford, locating every house, lot and street. It is a fine piece of work, carrying the most minute information. At a glance, one can tell of what material the house is built, light, color and much of the interior arrangements.

NO PERSONAL WARFARE

Let the Sanitary Measures Be Strictly Enforced

We want it distinctly understood that the Public Ledger insistently demands that the laws now on the statute books be enforced without fear or favor, and that they be enforced until they are declared bad by a properly constituted agency of the people and then repealed. In this it must not be understood that we are waging any personal warfare. There is one thing that greatly concerns the people of this community at this time; namely, to get everybody to understand the importance of enforcing the sanitary measures.

A VASE OF SPRING VIOLETS

THE PRETTY FLOWERS ADORN A PRISON CELL

Sent in by the Hand of One Who is Near and Dear to The Imprisoned Editor.

In company with Sheriff Hobgood we called at the county jail Wednesday to pay our respects to Editor Hart who was confined Saturday last for a period of twenty days for failure to pay a judgment of \$1,000 imposed by the Superior Court of Granville County at the November term, 1914.

The morning was a bit cool, and we found the prisoner seated in an easy chair in the corridor near the heater. In one corner of the corridor, near a window, stood a colored man, these being the only two prisoners in the jail at this time.

On entering the prison, Editor Hart was assigned to the woman's cage, in the east end of the building. The cage contains an iron cot, a plain mattress, clean white bed sheets and a couple of cotton blankets; a stiff oak chair and a small table. On the table was an improvised vase filled with fragrant flowers, sent in by one who is near and dear to the prisoner; a pencil tablet lay open upon the table, revealing an unfinished manuscript of some length, and in the corner of the cage was a bag filled with well selected apples.

If the prisoner has any hard feelings against any one he did not reveal it in his conversation. He was cheerful enough, but was entirely reticent as to anything bearing upon his confinement. However, he stated that the time was passing rapidly and that he hoped to be out soon and about his business.

THE HONOR COMES TO OXFORD.

Mr. John W. Hester Will Deliver the Alumni Address at Oak Ridge Institute

Of the many bright young men of the State the Faculty of Oak Ridge Institute has selected Mr. John W. Hester, of Oxford, to deliver the Alumni address at the old historical institution of learning some time in the latter part of May.

Mr. Hester should indeed feel honored with the call. Commencement week at Oak Ridge this year will be of more than ordinary interest as it is to be "Home Coming Week" and many noble men of the State will return to the old institution for a day.

Mr. Hester has accepted the invitation to deliver the address, and we are here to say that he is equal to the occasion. If you should happen to see him stepping around in a Prince Albert coat a little later you need not be surprised, as "Home Coming Week" at Oak Ridge this year will be a swell affair.

SANITARY MEASURES

A Strong Committee is at Work in the Interest of Health.

There is an earnest desire on the part of all good people to assist Dr. Hays in protecting the health of the community. The committee appointed at the citizen's meeting last Monday night to call on the Town Commissioners was courteously received by the body. After a full discussion of the sanitary conditions, Mayor Stem appointed a strong committee to look into the matter and report to a call meeting of the Board.

THE PRIMARY LAW

Prevents any Candidate From Securing the Advantage of Position

Nominations in North Carolina hereafter will be made in a statewide primary. The Democratic Legislature has complied with the platform pledge of the party, and since the start has been made the present law can be perfected as occasion demands. One feature of the machinery that should appeal to candidates is that which orders the election officers to give all candidates good positions on the ticket, by alternating the names of candidates at the top, middle, and bottom positions. If three men should be running for governor, for example, the name of one man would be placed first on a third of the ballots, second on another, third, and last on another third. In this way the name of every candidate would be in first position on a third of the ballots. This would prevent any one candidate from securing the advantage of position.

CONCRETE BRICK WALKS BUILT.

One dollar per sq. yard. Curbing, 20 cents per foot. Sample may be seen at residence of Mr. H. M. Shaw. Oxford Brick & Tile Works.