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OUR COLONIAL ANCESTORS

FAMILY CONNECTIONS OF THE LATE R. T. CREWS TRACED

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

(By Francis B. Hays.)

(Concluded)

Now, to go up the line of our ancestors is one thing and to trace all the descendants of these ancestors is quite another. Time and space do not permit me, and if they did I have not the requisite knowledge, to name the collateral kin of the man whose recent death set in motion this train of thought. But just to convey some idea of the extent to which they have aided in the populating and building up of the county I will mention a few here and there. The numerous and influential Crews family of Granville is well known. Most of its members are descendants of Gideon Crews, father of Gideon, Jr., and grandfather of three girls who married Manson Breedlove, John Sears, and Solomon Cottrell. The children of Gideon's son James, brother of Gideon, Jr., were: James A. (father of Robert T.), Rebecca (married J. Cheatham and was the mother of Theodore, Thomas, William and the first Mrs. A. C. Parham), Mary (married W. O. Wright and went West), Martha (married Joseph Penn Hunt and was the mother of Mrs. Sallie Crews, Mrs. John H. Breedlove, Mrs. B. I. Breedlove, Mrs. Elia Fuller, D. N. Hunt and others), Thomas (father of Norfleet G. Crews and others), Edward N., Isabella (married B. W. Hicks and was the mother of Archibald A. Hicks), Susan C., (the only one surviving, married George W. Hunt, and is the mother of Junius Penn Hunt, the late Mrs. Joseph Parham, Mrs. Charles F. Crews, and others), and Melissa, (married Rev. W. S. Hester and was the mother of Mrs. R. J. Aiken, Mrs. D. N. Hunt, Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, of Littleton, and others.)

Among the descendants of the Earl-Watts couple are most of the Harrises of Granville and Vance counties. One of the Harris girls, a granddaughter of this couple, married Abner Hicks and became the grandmother of Archibald A. Hicks. Another married Dr. Samuel Duty, at one time pastor of Grassy Creek Baptist church. He had no sons, but thirteen daughters, several of whom married and brought up large families in Granville and elsewhere. The only one of the daughters who has lived in Oxford during the memory of the present generation was the late Mrs. Sally Duty Hays.

Mourning Hunt who was, as we have just seen, the great-grand-mother of Robert T. Crews, married twice, her second marriage having been to William Hicks. It is in the Hunt rather than the Hicks line that we are interested just now John Hunt, as above mentioned, married Frances Penn, daughter of Mary Taylor Penn, daughter of John Taylor. This John Taylor had a large family. One of his children, Edward, was the father of Lewis, who was the great-grandfather of T. G. Taylor, Mrs. C. D. H. Fort, Mrs. R. B. Hines, J. Arch Taylor, Richard P. Taylor, and others, including Susan and Robert Pelham, who changed their name from Potter, their father having been the brilliant, fiery and notorious Robert Potter.

Another of John Taylor's daughters, Catherine, married Moses Penn. These were the parents of John Penn who became immortal by signing the Declaration of Independence. He was a Granville county man although born in Virginia. In a Fourth of July oration delivered in the Orphan Asylum chapel in 1876, the late Dr. Theodore B. Kingsbury made the error of stating that the Hunt family was descended from John Penn, the signer, and this error has been repeated many times and in various places. It appears in the obituary notices of some of the Hunts who died while Dr. Kingsbury was doing newspaper work here in Oxford. In an editorial in the Wilmington Messenger twenty years later Dr. Kingsbury admitted that he might have been wrong in saying that John Penn was the ancestor of the Hunts of Granville. Still another of the Taylor sisters married a Bullock and was the great-grandmother of the late James A. Bullock, Mrs. Lucy O. Gregory and J. M. B. Hunt, all people well known in this county not so many years ago. Through the Taylors Mr. Crews was related also to the Thorps, the Lewises, the Robards and other old Granville families.

But this is a digression from the Hunt line. John Hunt and his wife, Frances Penn, had eleven children—seven girls and four boys. One of the girls married Randal Minor, an early member of the well-known Granville

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ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

(By Francis B. Hays.)

Get On The Job

Are we on the job of making Oxford? What kind of touch has Oxford with the big forces which build cities?

Making Friends
Tart's Sanitary barbershop is making many friends. See adv. elsewhere in this paper. Ladie's hair combed and dressed.

The Oakland Model
It is understood that Mr. John Webb is in the market for another high grade car and that he has practically decided to purchase the 1915 Oakland Model.

Called Meeting
There will be a call meeting of Stem Local Union Friday, March 19 at 2 o'clock p. m. for the benefit of members that wish to buy guano at that time.

Has Returned Home
Mr. J. W. Brown, who has been in Chase City for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday, and we are glad to state that he is very much improved in health.

What The Doctor Says
"I don't understand why there should be so many cases of grip; with the weather so fine," said a man today. The good Doctor says that dust is worse than rain, snow or sleet.

Easter Flowers
Sweet peas, violets, lily of the valley and other beauties can be had by reading the adv. elsewhere in this paper of F. F. Lyon and placing your order with him.

Making Friends
The bread, biscuit and cake of the Purity Company handled exclusively in Oxford by Taylor Brothers Sanitary grocers, is meeting with popular favor. See adv. elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

Cottages For Sale
We call attention to the advertisement of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company elsewhere in this paper. Two four-room cottages within four blocks of the postoffice are offered on reasonable terms.

Making The Hen Work
Many of the people of Oxford not only raise their own vegetables, but chickens as well. They are now getting eggs for home consumption. This is perhaps one reason why the price of eggs is not now so high on the local market.

A Full Supply
The live firm of Lyon-Winston Company are handling Zells and Patapso Guano; all the needed implements on the farm, the famous Magnolia flour, etc. See the two quarter page adv. of this firm elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

Good Boy Wanted
The Public Ledger wants a good boy to help deliver the semi-weekly edition to Oxford subscribers on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. A good boy, with a wheel, knowing where everybody in town lives, preferred.

Mayor Stem's Candidacy
We call attention to the letter of Mayor Thad G. Stem elsewhere in his paper, announcing himself as a candidate for re-election, and thanking the good people for the kind things said of him.

The Gas Range
There are so many gas stoves used in Oxford we are reminded to tell the ladies that the best thing to remove the grease and dirt which collects on the stove, is to rub the stove over with a cloth dipped in turpentine.

Organ Recital
Dr. Minor C. Baldwin will give an organ recital at the Methodist church Thursday and Friday nights of this week. He plays under the auspices of the Baracas. Dr. Baldwin is one of the celebrated organists of the world. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

Foot Mashed
While unloading a freight car in Raleigh last Friday, Mr. W. J. Holman, a Granville county boy, sustained a badly mashed foot. His brother, Mr. Holman, hastened to his bedside, and from him we learn that the wounded man is getting along nicely.

Will Lecture
Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of the Tubercular Sanatorium at Montrose, will be in Oxford Wednesday night, March 31, and will deliver a lecture in the Court House at 8:45 p. m. His subject will be Public Health. Dr. McBrayer has given his life's work to this cause. He is a most gifted speaker, and we trust will be met by a large audience. He comes at the earnest request of the Civic League, which is anxious to see health conditions improved in our town.

SCHOOL EQUALIZATION FUND

MONEY IS TO PROJECT SCHOOL TERM TO 100.2 DAYS

Granville Gets \$5,099.12 Raised by a Five Cent Levy on Each \$100 Valuation.

The State Board of Education apportioning the school equalizing fund for the state Friday, distributed \$409,630.45 with which to project the term to an average of 100.2 days. The money allotted the several counties in the state comes from what is known as the state equalizing fund. It was provided for by the 1913 general assembly and raised by a five cent levy on each \$100 valuation and set aside from the state tax levy.

The term of 100.2 days lacks three and one-tenth days of equalizing the term of last year which went 103.3 days. On its face that would carry disappointment, but two contributing causes make it a source of strength. The salaries of the teachers have been raised, and the compulsory school law has placed so many additional children in the schools that a larger number of teachers had to be employed. And while the term has been shortened by a half week, the number of children put in the schools runs into many thousands.

The number of counties that receive nothing from this fund is strikingly small by comparison with the whole commonwealth divisions, but in the light of the modern disposition to get everything coming in a county's direction, it is large. Durham, Forsyth, Halifax, Haywood and New Hanover find it not necessary to call on the state at all. Granville gets \$5,099.12. Some of the big counties are: Guilford, \$11,683.07; Wake \$10,137.42; Wilkes, \$12,663.70.

FIRE RECORD

The Home of Mr. J. D. Brooks and Mr. J. C. Howard Threatened

The home of Mr. J. D. Brooks, in Ridley Park, was discovered on fire at 10:30 last Saturday morning. A spark had ignited in the roof of the building near the chimney. The firemen responded promptly and saved the dwelling. There was a hole about the size of a bed blanket burned in the roof.

Again in the afternoon, at 3:30, the alarm sounded, this time at the home of Mr. Jack Howard, on Cherry Hill. It appears that there was a leak at the joint of the gas pipe. On testing the leak with a match the gas ignited and melted the soldering, causing an explosion. The damage was light.

Fine weather for fires. Everything is dry and a stiff wind does the business. Be careful.

THE CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

Farmers Are Busy Laying the Foundations for Crops

Farmers generally say that the crop outlook in Granville county for the coming year is already bright. With favorable weather, of which there has been a reasonable amount so far, the yield this year, they say is going to be a big one. Most farmers are busy at the present time laying the foundation for good crops, and unless the weather during the next few weeks turns against them, the results of their efforts in this particular field of endeavor will be most gratifying, it is thought. The sunny weather has furnished ample opportunity to the farmers to get in some good work in their fields, and the indications now are that the financial depression of the past six months will almost entirely disappear during the coming summer and autumn.

FRIENDLY RIVALRY

The Creedmoor High School Out for the Championship

News reaches Oxford that the Creedmoor High School expects to make some team work to win the championship of Granville county at the County Commencement on March 26th. She does not expect it to be so easy either, for all the contestants are at work.

Local Union Meeting

There will be a joint meeting of the Tar River Academy, Currin and Providence local unions held at Tar River Academy Friday, March 19th at 2 o'clock p. m. All members of these unions that may be interested in buying fertilizer will please be on hand. There are other matters that claim the attention of these lodges, and I hope that we may have a full attendance from all three of them.

OTHO D. DANIEL.

LOST—BETWEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT and Mr. J. C. Howard's residence Saturday one pair pliers, wrench and round file. Finder will return to W. H. BRITT.

THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

THE TOWN BOARD DROPS CHIEF WILLIFORD

The Town Commissioners Fastens the Lid Down on Vibe by Electing Ex-Sheriff Wheeler Chief of Police.

At a call meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners Monday night Ex-Sheriff Sam Wheeler was elected Chief of Police to fill the position now held by Chief Williford. The change of officers will take place April 14th, the night following the next regular meeting of the Board.

Visits Editor Hart

The following prominent people from Creedmoor and Southern Granville visited Editor Hart of the Creedmoor Times-News, Sunday afternoon at the county jail: E. T. Cottrell, J. E. Parker, John H. Dixon, J. G. Wilkins, C. V. Garner, S. N. Rogers, R. L. Curl, J. W. Chappell and family, V. L. Wilkins, A. A. Chappell, Bynum Hart, J. T. Chappell, A. L. Wilkins, J. R. Parrott, E. K. Morris, K. Lyon, J. T. Curl, J. W. Neathery, C. P. Vincent and Miss Irene Vincent.

Spring Goods

Spring will soon be here with all its brightness and beauty—already the fields are putting on their coats of green and the birds are chirping their greeting. To be in keeping with the season, read the two advertisements of the Long Company in this paper. The adv. on the editorial page is for big and little men, and the announcement on the last page will enlighten the ladies as to the beauty and comfort that awaits them at the Long Company. It is a pleasure to note that the price of the season's best goods is indeed moderate, and it always pays to buy the best.

Pretty Millinery Parlor

The ladies of Oxford and Granville will be pleased to learn that Mrs. T. Lanier will have her millinery opening Tuesday, March 23d. Her cozy parlors are being beautified for the occasion and the very latest word in the season's styles will be on exhibition. The styles are very pretty this year and Mrs. Lanier has the cream of the market both in expensive and unexpensive patterns.

FIRE IN HENDERSON

Several Oxford People Go Over in Automobile.

On learning that a fire was raging in Henderson Friday night, several Oxford people went over in autos, some of them making the trip in 30 minutes. The fire was caused by the explosion of a large gasoline tank in the buggy factory, destroying the Smerden buggy factory and repair shop, a three-story building, Beacom's livery stable and four horses, the home of Mr. W. H. Hart, a colored hotel and two other small buildings near by, entailing a loss estimated at above twenty-five thousand dollars.

An onlooker was heard to say that the Henderson fire brigade don't fight quite so fast and systematic as the Oxford boys.

THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

There Will Be a Street Parade, Exhibition of School Work, Athletic Events, Etc.

Much interest is being manifested in the approaching commencement of the county schools, which will take place in Oxford March 26. Granville county has much to be thankful for in the way of educational achievements and the gratitude that is being felt should be given expression on the occasion of the commencement. Everybody interested in the educational welfare of the community should resolve to make it a day of rejoicing. There will be an exhibition of school work, a parade, athletic events and other interesting features.

The Schloss Bros. & Co's. Master Tailors will be at the Long Co. March 19 and 20.

To the Citizens of Oxford

I desire to give notice of the fact that I again offer myself as a candidate for nomination for the office of Mayor of Oxford. In doing so, I beg to make public acknowledgment of every kind thing that has been said in the columns of this paper, or elsewhere, relative to my candidacy, all of which I sincerely appreciate, and by which I have been largely influenced in making this decision.

Respectfully,
T. G. STEM.

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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. J. W. Brummitt, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. S. T. Burnett, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crews, of Tar River, were in town Monday.

Mrs. P. C. Parham, of Route 3, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mrs. S. Tom Hunt, of Route 3, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. J. R. Burnett, of Route 3, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Robert Clay, of Route 3, was in town Monday.

Messrs. Perry Rowland and Grover Grissom, of Henderson, spent Sunday in Oxford with friends.

Miss Nellie Daniel, of Henderson, spent the week end with her brother, Mr. Russ Daniel on High street.

Three fine young ladies, Misses Alma Ragland, Murtie and Mollie Dickerson, of Route 3, visited the Public Ledger Saturday.

Mrs. J. N. Pittman and daughter, Sallie Sue, have returned home from a visit to relatives and friends at Louisburg and Clayton.

Mrs. Ike Newton, of Lyon, stopped off in Oxford Monday on her way to visit her sick sister, Mrs. George Hedgepeth, of Route 2.

Mrs. Julia Minor, who has been in a Baltimore hospital for a few days for treatment, will return home today, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Hicks, much improved in health.

Young People Wed

A pretty marriage was solemnized Sunday last by Dr. R. H. Marsh at the home of Nat. D. Hoggood, when Miss Ruby Hart, became the bride of Mr. Graham Currin.

Sudden Death

Mr. P. B. Turner, a well-known farmer of Brassfield township, died suddenly at his home near Cananda's Mill last Saturday night. When Mrs. Turner awoke Sunday morning she discovered that her husband was cold in death. The deceased was accustomed, to come to Oxford several times a week with butter, chickens and eggs for sale, and he was just as honest as the days were long. He made many friends by his strict integrity and fair dealings. He was a follower of the Master and was patiently awaiting the summons. The funeral and burial took place from Banks Chapel Monday. Besides a widow, the deceased is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. L. Craven, Pittsboro; Mrs. O. B. Moss and N. R. Turner, of Richmond; T. R. and L. G. Turner, Chase City; J. C. Turner, Newport News; C. M. Turner, Oxford; J. N. and N. G. Turner, of Granville county.

DOUBLE MURDER

Wife and Child of Joe Perry Killed and Bodies Burned to Crisp

The wife and one child of Joe Perry, colored, were shot and killed and their bodies burned to a crisp when their home was destroyed by a fire started by unknown persons early Friday morning, in Vance county, just over the Granville line, in the fork of Ruin run and Tabbs creek.

The incident occurred about 3 o'clock Friday morning. The family was aroused by the attack, but had no time to resist the invaders.

A man shoved the door partly open, threw in a large quantity of kerosene oil, and then began firing, almost every shot hitting its mark. Joe Perry's wife and one child were killed outright, and their bodies burned in the building. Joe Perry threw his youngest child out the window, and then jumped himself. He was shot as he leaped out the opening. The baby was unhurt.

Survivors say the hand that was poked in at the door was that of either a mulatto or a white man.

The only possible clue to the identity of the perpetrators, according to information, is the rumor that the Perry negroes had a fight Thursday with other negroes at Dickerson's saw mill, near the Perry home, and it is believed that some light may be thrown on the incident by this occurrence. Officers are diligently searching for the murder or murderers.

An Ugly Gash

While he and a companion were chopping logs, Mr. Graham Becker, son of Mr. W. B. Becker, Route 3, was badly cut in the hand last Friday afternoon. The young men were severing a log when the axe in his companion's hand glanced off and struck Graham in the ball of the hand, inflicting an ugly and painful flesh wound.

THE NEW PROHIBITION BILL

THE WAY IS MADE EASY FOR ACTIVE OFFICIALS

The Title of the Act is "An Act to Restrict the Receipt and Use of Intoxicating Liquors."

This act makes it unlawful for any railroad or express company to bring into the State or deliver more than one quart of liquor in a single package and makes it unlawful for any person to bring in more than a quart for any other person or for any person to receive more than one quart of liquor in 15 days, whether in one or more ways. It is made unlawful for any person to use another's name in ordering or for any person to allow the use of his name in ordering liquor. It is also unlawful to serve any kind of liquors with meals where a charge is made for the meal or for the service. It is unlawful for any drug store to sell or dispose of, for gain, any liquors. Therefore, it will be seen that this act comes much nearer to absolute prohibition than any law ever passed and will go a long way toward stopping blind tigers from selling liquor and people living in North Carolina from using liquor.

In addition to the anti-shipment law, the passage of an act which makes it unlawful to manufacture or to sell malt and which requires railroads and express companies to keep, subject to inspection, a record of all receipts of malt. Since blockaders cannot make whiskey without malt, this act will help to break up the blockade business in the State. Where they get their malt over the railroads it will enable any officer to find out who is receiving malt in his section, and as malt is used only for the manufacture of liquor, the officer will know that the receiver of the malt is either blockading liquor or is assisting some other one to do so.

CLEAN-UP-DAYS

All Hands and Everybody Else Get Ready For the Great Event

I desire to call the attention to every citizen of Oxford to the fact that the eight days, March 22nd to 30th, inclusive, are hereby designated and set apart as Clean-Up-Days. This is only a few days off, and I urge you to begin to make preparation. We want to give the town a thorough cleaning, and for this work we need all the teams and wagons we can get.

It occurs to me that there must be several public spirited citizens, who will be glad to furnish teams and wagon, or either, kindly notify me. The town will be divided into districts, and the trash from each district will be hauled away on the day or days allotted to the respective districts as follows:

District No. 1. North Oxford, West of College Street on March 22nd and 23d.

District No. 2. North Oxford, East of College Street on March 24th and 25th.

District No. 3. South Oxford, West of Main and Hancock streets on March 26th and 27th.

District No. 4. South Oxford, East of Main and Hancock streets on March 29th and 30th.

Please keep these days in mind and have your trash raked up and ready to be moved on day set apart for your District.

When you begin the cleaning process you will find that a large portion of the trash and rubbish on your lot can easily be burned, and I suggest that you dispose of as much of it as possible in this way, provided the same is done in the daytime. Place the balance of your trash where it can be conveniently reached by a cart or wagon, and if in any instance it should be necessary for you to collect at a place where it cannot be seen from the street be sure to put up a card or notice, which can be seen, signifying that you have trash to be moved. In addition to that keep a look-out for the wagons.

I sincerely trust that every citizen of Oxford will take a deep interest in this work, and do all in his or her power to give our town a thorough cleaning.

Respectfully,
T. G. STEM, Mayor.

Praises the Old Home Town

With the closing of the Oxford tobacco market last week, Major Sidney B. Betts, who made many friends here during the past season, left for his home in Richmond. Mr. Betts is an old Oxford boy, and is numbered among those who have gone out into the world and made good. We consider him one of the best friends the Oxford market ever had, and wherever you find him he is praising the old home town and the good people of Granville. We trust that Major Betts will return to us next season.