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HISTORY OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Historic Williamsboro, Old St. John's Epis-
copal Church, Some Notable Men Who
Lived in This Quiet Old Town.

[BY WILLIAM H. HARRISON.]

CHAPTER VIII.

There are few places in North Caro-
lina of so great historic interest as
the village of Williamsboro, which
is situated 12 miles North-east of Ox-
ford, just across the county line in
Vance county. Having recently had
the pleasure of a visit to this quiet
and interesting place, and of enjoying
the hospitality of some of its esti-
mable people, I give some facts re-
lative to its early history.

Just when the first settlement was
made here it is difficult to say with
any degree of certainty. It must
have been, however, some where in
the early part of the 18th century.
There are evidences around the vil-
lage which prove that the settlement
was made much earlier than any of
the obtainable records show. Some
of the earliest settlers came direct
from Scotland and settled there,
while others came from the province
of Virginia.

The village was built on the beau-
tiful ridge which extends from within
two miles of the town on the road
toward Oxford and beyond the town
several miles and into Warren coun-
ty. This ridge is a most beautiful
section of the country, being a gently
rolling country, and not nearly so
hilly and rugged as most of the coun-
try in this section of the State. It is
no wonder that the first settlers who
came to this section of the State, who
were wealthy and had every means
of selecting a desirable location
should have chosen this lovely section
and called it as they did, "The Land
of Eden."

Among the objects of special
interest at Williamsboro is the old
St. John's Episcopal church. There
are only two Episcopal churches in
North Carolina older than St. John's—
the church at Bath being the oldest
and the one at Newbern the second
oldest. St. John's church was first
erected about one mile North of the
place where it now stands. The
building was removed some years
afterwards to its present location.
Just when it was first erected I can-
not say, as I have been unable to
find the records that far back. The
house was removed to where it now
stands in 1763 or 1764 so that it must
have been not far from the middle of
the 18th century when it was erected
on the first site. The bricks used in
the underpinning were brought from
England. The framing is the same
which was removed from the old
site, though the church has been re-
paired twice since it was removed.
The present building is about 35x70
feet and notwithstanding its age, is
well preserved. This church was the
second church to enter the Diocese in
North Carolina which was in the
year 1819. Bishop Jno. S. Ravens-
croft, who was elected the first Bishop
of North Carolina in 1810, served this
church for a number of years. His
old chair is still in the vestry room
of the church. It is a large comfort-
able chair, with high back and has a
desk attachment, with a neat drawer
to hold writing materials. His large
nearly bound, prayer book printed
in 1805 is there also. Bishop Ravens-
croft died suddenly in the year 1842
while on his way to Fayetteville.

One of the most notable families
who ever lived at Williamsboro was
the Hamilton family. The older
Hamiltons who came from Scotland
there were Patrick, Alexander and
Robert. Robert went South in early
manhood. Patrick and Alexander
remained at Williamsboro. The 3
sons of Patrick Hamilton were
Charles, William and Robert. Each
of these possessed large land estates
and a magnificent home.

The old Patrick Hamilton place—
"Burnside"—was given to Robert.
"Nae Oaks" and "Bannerburn" were
both magnificent places, the former
was owned by Charles Hamilton and
the latter by William Hamilton. Old
"Burnside" in the days of Patrick
Hamilton was one of the most pa-
trial homes in the old South. Col.
Hamilton was possessed of immense
wealth, and several hundred negroes.
Once a year he entertained his friends
and on these annual occasions sev-
eral hundred of the most wealthy
and aristocratic people in the State
and in South were his guests, which
represented a bright array of beauty
and gallantry. These occasions last-
ed for several weeks and were seasons
of much gaiety, with music, dancing
and other forms of amusement.

The graves of two of the Hamil-
tons, William and Alexander, are
marked in the old church yard at St.
John's. William was born at Lan-
arkshire, Scotland, in 1779 and died
in 1840. Alexander was born at
Park Head in 1786 and died in 1833.
The noted Norfolk lawyer, Alexander
Hamilton, is descended from this
family.

Mr. Charles Hamilton, above men-
tioned, married Mrs. Watkins, the
mother of Mrs. Walter Bullock, who
now lives at Williamsboro.

Among the other persons whose
graves are marked in this old church

yard are: Mrs. Wm. Hill Jordan,
wife of Rev. William Hill Jordan, the
noted Baptist preacher, whom I have
mentioned before, Mrs. Frances
Poindexter, the mother of the great
Virginia preacher of that name and
also of Mr. Jordan, and of Mrs. Thos.
Gilliam.

One of Granville county's most dis-
tinguished men was Judge Leonard
Henderson, of Williamsboro, who
was born in 1772. He was descended
from a noted family. His father was
Judge Richard Henderson. His edu-
cation was the best the country af-
forded. He was one of the Judges
of the Superior and the Supreme
Court, and was one of the greatest
lawyers and jurists the State has
produced. He was first elected Judge
of the Superior Court in 1808, but
resigned in 1816. He was elected to
the Supreme Court bench with Judges
Taylor and Hall. Upon the death
of Judge Taylor in 1829, he was ap-
pointed Chief Justice.

He never sought public office pre-
ferring to devote himself to his chosen
profession. He refused many offices
which were tendered him and never ac-
cepted public office except upon the
urgent demand of his countrymen. He
always said that "the law was a
zealous mistress" and allowed nothing
to tempt him away from the prac-
tice.

Judge Henderson married Frances
Furrer, and left two sons and two
daughters, one of whom married Dr.
Richard K. Sneed; the other Dr. Wil-
liam C. Taylor.

Dr. Wm. F. Henderson, who was
an eminent physician in his day, was
a son of Judge Henderson. For
years he practiced his profession at
Williamsboro and then removed to
Yanceyville, where he died.

Hon. A. E. (Archibald) Henderson,
of Yanceyville, who is now one of the
leading lawyers of the State, is a son
of Dr. Henderson, and also Mr. Jno.
Henderson, a tobaccoist, of War-
renton, N. C.

He died at his home in Williams-
boro in August 1833, in 61st year
of his age, full of honors and much
beloved by the people of the State.
He was not only a great man intellec-
tually, but a kind hearted, generous
christian man, who had high ideas
of the profession he loved. He was
a regular communicant of the Epis-
copal church. His grave at the old
"Montpelier" graveyard at Williams-
boro is marked with a small head
stone, without inscription. This is
noticeable that the grave of such a
man as he was should be thus neg-
lected. Just here I would call the
attention of our people to the need
of a suitable monument to the mem-
ory of this great man, who was per-
haps the greatest jurist our State
has produced.

Judge Henderson's old residence,
though somewhat dilapidated, is
still standing at Williamsboro. For
years he conducted a noted law
school in Williamsboro where a
number of the State's leading men
read law, among them being Judge
Battle, father of Dr. Kemp P. Battle,
of the University of North Carolina.
This school was just one mile west
from the village and was known as
"Jonesboro Law School."

The town of Henderson was nam-
ed for Judge Henderson.
Judge Henderson's last words
were: "I have passed the portal,
and see nothing terrific." I learned
this from Mr. Richard A. Bullock,
who was born at Williamsboro and
still resides there, and who knows
much of its history. I am much in-
debted to him and to his brother,
Mr. Walter Bullock, for much inter-
esting data gathered there.

Another great man who lived at
Williamsboro was Judge John Wil-
liams, is whose honor the town was
named. He was a noted lawyer and
judge. He was the last of the Colo-
nial judges and one of the first judges
under the State constitution in 1778,
with Samuel Spencer and Samuel
Ashle. Judge Williams was a mem-
ber of the Continental Congress of
1778. His early education was de-
fective, as he was raised to the trade
of a house carpenter.

For years Judge Williams con-
ducted a famous law school at Williams-
boro. Chief Justice Pearson and
Judge Leonard Henderson both read
law under him.

"Montpelier," his old home, is now
the home of Mr. Richard A. Bullock
and is still a beautiful place.

He died in October 1799. He was
a man of high character and an ardent
patriot. His grave is near his old
home, "Montpelier," in the old grave
yard. Like Judge Henderson's it is
marked with only a small head stone.

Col. Robt. Burton, also a promi-
nent man in Granville's early his-
tory, lived at Williamsboro. He was
born in 1747, and was a native of
Mecklenburg county, Va. He re-
moved to Granville about 1775 and
was appointed an officer in the army.

In 1787 and 1788 he was a member
of the Continental Congress. He was
appointed in 1801 a Commissioner to
run the line between North Carolina,
South Carolina and Georgia. Hon.
Robert H. Burton, of Lincoln, was
his son.

He was a brother of Nathaniel Rob-
ards, who was sheriff of Granville
county for many years, and a very
popular and efficient officer. Col.
Robards was distinguished for his
honesty, business sagacity and tal-
ents. He was a representative from
Granville in 1806 and 1808. He was
State Treasurer in 1827 during the
time when the State was put to so
much trouble over the defalcation of
John Haywood. His able work in
adjusting the finances of the State at
that time shows that he was a ca-
pable financier.

Dr. H. J. Robards, a noted phys-
ician, lived at Williamsboro and
practiced his profession there until
his death. He was also an uncle of
Gen. Royster.

Col. S. S. Royster, father of Gen.
Royster, lived at Williamsboro. He
was a wealthy and influential plant-
er. He was a native of Goochland
county, Va.

At one time Williamsboro was a
great educational centre. Besides
the law schools of Judge Williams
and Judge Henderson, Dr. Alexander
Wilson, one of the most famous edu-
cators of his day, and contemporary
with Maj. Wm. J. Bingham, con-
ducted a male academy there. Students
from all over the State and outside
of the State attended this school.

Dr. James H. Horner founded the
Horner Military School at Oxford a
few years before Dr. Wilson's school
was discontinued. At that time the
school at Williamsboro, the Bingham
School and Horner School were con-
sidered the three leading preparatory
schools in the State, and among the
leading ones of the South.

I have been informed that there
was many years ago a splendid
Presbyterian female school at Wil-
liamsboro, though I have been un-
able to secure any dates or particu-
lars about it.

A Mrs. Smith, a highly cultured
Englishwoman who belonged to a
titled family, also taught school
there. Her school was a high class
private school which was attended
by a large number of Granville coun-
ty girls. Mr. Smith, the husband of
the above lady, was a ship carpenter
by trade and after they moved to
this country he worked as a house
carpenter. One of the houses he built
is still standing at Williamsboro.

Upon her marriage to Smith her fam-
ily were so incensed that they dis-
owned and disinherited her, and her
husband being poor they were forced
to work for a living. They disap-
peared from Williamsboro in a mys-
terious way, and it has never been
known what became of them. This
was one of the strange antics that
love, which knows no law, some-
times cuts.

Among the prominent planters and
business men who lived at Williams-
boro was Robt. A. Jenkins, Esq.,
who married Miss Elizabeth Tatem
Hicks, who was a daughter of Mr.
Jasper Hicks and an aunt of Hon.
Oliver H. Allen, now a Judge of the
Superior Court from the fifth district.
Mr. Jenkins was at one time a large
tobacco dealer and manufacturer
operating at Williamsboro and
Ridgeway. He was the father of
Mr. Will Jenkins, a tobaccoist of
Henderson.

James and William Anderson were
prominent merchants who came from
Scotland and settled at Williamsboro
during the early part of the last cen-
tury. They owned large stores both
at Williamsboro and Warrenton.

One of Granville county's best
known and most eminent physicians
was Dr. Jno. I. Hicks. He lived for
some years seven miles North-east of
Oxford at his beautiful country home
known as "Havenswood," and en-
joyed a large and lucrative practice.
Later he moved to Williamsboro,
where he practiced his profession
and died. Dr. Hicks was the father
of Mrs. M. V. Lanier, of Oxford. He
had four sons—Alexander, Samuel
D. and Drs. James W. and Robert I.
Hicks. Mr. Alexander Hicks was ed-
ucated for the law, but died before
entering the practice. Mr. Samuel
D. Hicks is still living and is engaged
in the tobacco business at Washing-
ton. Dr. James W. Hicks moved to
Florida and there practiced his pro-
fession, but died several years ago.
Dr. Robert I. Hicks is now practicing
his profession at Warrenton, Va.,
and is considered a very talented
physician.

There are many other noted fam-
ilies who have lived in and around
Williamsboro. Among these were
the Hardys, Turners, Watkins',
Gregorys, Bullocks and others.

[To be continued.]

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1899 a special act was passed by our
legislature against trusts doing busi-
ness in this State. It seems not only
to have escaped the eye of the people,
but also to be out of the line of vision
of the attorney-general and the gov-
ernor. It must have escaped these
scrutinizing eyes since it is hardly
possible that we could have a law so
openly and dally violated without
making some slight effort towards
enforcing it.

These facts are with us however
we may temporize with them. The
American Tobacco Company has
done business in our State for years
and years. It has fixed the price
of tobacco for years. By all the laws
of God and man it is a "trust." We
have a law against such. The law
has not been enforced against it.
Leaf tobacco is selling below the
cost of production. Business in this
part of the State is at a standstill,
holding its breath—paralyzed. What
are you going to do about it?

September Number New Idea Woman's
Magazine.

The women who clamor for advice
—how to turn their time and talents
to account—will receive many valu-
able hints from the series of articles
entitled "Profitable Industries for
Women," which is begun in the Sep-
tember number of the New Idea Woman's
Magazine under the heading of
"Poultry-raising," from the pen
of Sarah E. Slater. The new depart-
ment of "Correct Dress for Men,"
also begun in the September issue
and contributed by Hawthorne, a
well-known authority in haberdash-
ery, bids fair to be of paramount im-
portance in this periodical, because
many women do much of the shop-
ping for the men of their families and
are glad to have suggestions. Every
item in the September number, either
technical or fictional, is of more than
passing interest.

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consumption. I tried a great many remedies
and was under the care of physicians for
several months. I used one bottle of Foley's
Honey and Tar. It cured me and I have
not been troubled since."—R. L. Hamilton.

Uncle Heuben says: "If we could go
back an' lib our lives ober agin none
of us would make de mistakes we
hev. We'd simply make others just
as bad. Facts, Natur' calkered out
on a man pickin' up a bumblebee by
de wrong end now an' den."—De-
troit Free Press.

A large bear and one of her cubs
were killed in Beaufort county by a
farmer, and one cub captured. The
bears had been annoying farmers in
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on hogs.

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