

### S.C.S. Activities

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Since North Carolina has a rich historical heritage, you probably should think twice about "improving on history" - and certainly you don't turn your back on great events of years ago. But a concerted effort is now underway to provide a complete modern and useful version of the historic soil survey of North Carolina, a version that will be useful to citizens in the 1970's and 80's. The job is moving ahead steadily even though considerable work remains to be done.

Soil survey work in North Carolina goes way back, to the initial effort begun in 1899 under the leadership of Milton Whitney. In that effort, soils between New Bern and Raleigh were mapped, and a publication issued 75 years ago - in 1900.

In those days, the chief goal of a survey was to test suitability of the soil for growing crops. Infrequently, the surveys also showed suitability for the growing of forest trees, and perhaps for some other purposes.

Most of the maps were rather large scales, with one inch on the map representing one mile on the land. Today they are more detailed, with four inches representing a mile.

In many cases, the early soil map was the first map ever made of all lands in a county with communities, churches and other features illustrated.

Historians treasure such maps today as a valuable reference, showing "the lay of the land" at the turn of the century. And most such maps today are collector's items, found in private collections or public libraries. Many of those in libraries are reproductions of the originals.

As useful as they were in the early 20th Century, the historic maps have almost no utility today. Not only have soil conditions changed, due to increased population and human activity, but the data in those appealing historic documents is inadequate by today's standards.

Detailed soils maps today can be used for land use decisions not only by farmers - who do rely on them - but by urban planners, developers, highway engineers, and many other officials.

Is an area suitable for septic tanks, where housing is planned? Which is the best site for a sanitary landfill?

Where should the new park be built? Or the new reservoir?

Should rural land be planted to row crops or in trees?

Where does the flood plain of a stream lie?

All those questions, and many more, can be answered from a modern detailed soil map, such as those provided by every progressive soil survey.

Printed on a photographic background, these maps provide scientific information on the exact nature of the land.

Such surveys have been published for 12 of the North Carolina's hundred counties: Alleghany, Alamance, Duplin, Iredell, Pitt, Pasquotank, Scotland, Transylvania, Wake, Wayne, Watauga, and Yadkin.

Completed, and awaiting publication, are surveys for Catawba, Forsyth, Durham, Lenoir, Robeson, New Hanover and Henderson counties - seven more.

Work is now underway on modern surveys in 15 additional counties - Buncombe, Carteret, Craven, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Franklin, Hoke, Madison, Mecklenburg, Orange, Sampson, Vance and Wilson - including Fort Bragg as part of the Hoke and Cumberland survey. Final mapping on the Guilford County soil survey is expected this spring.

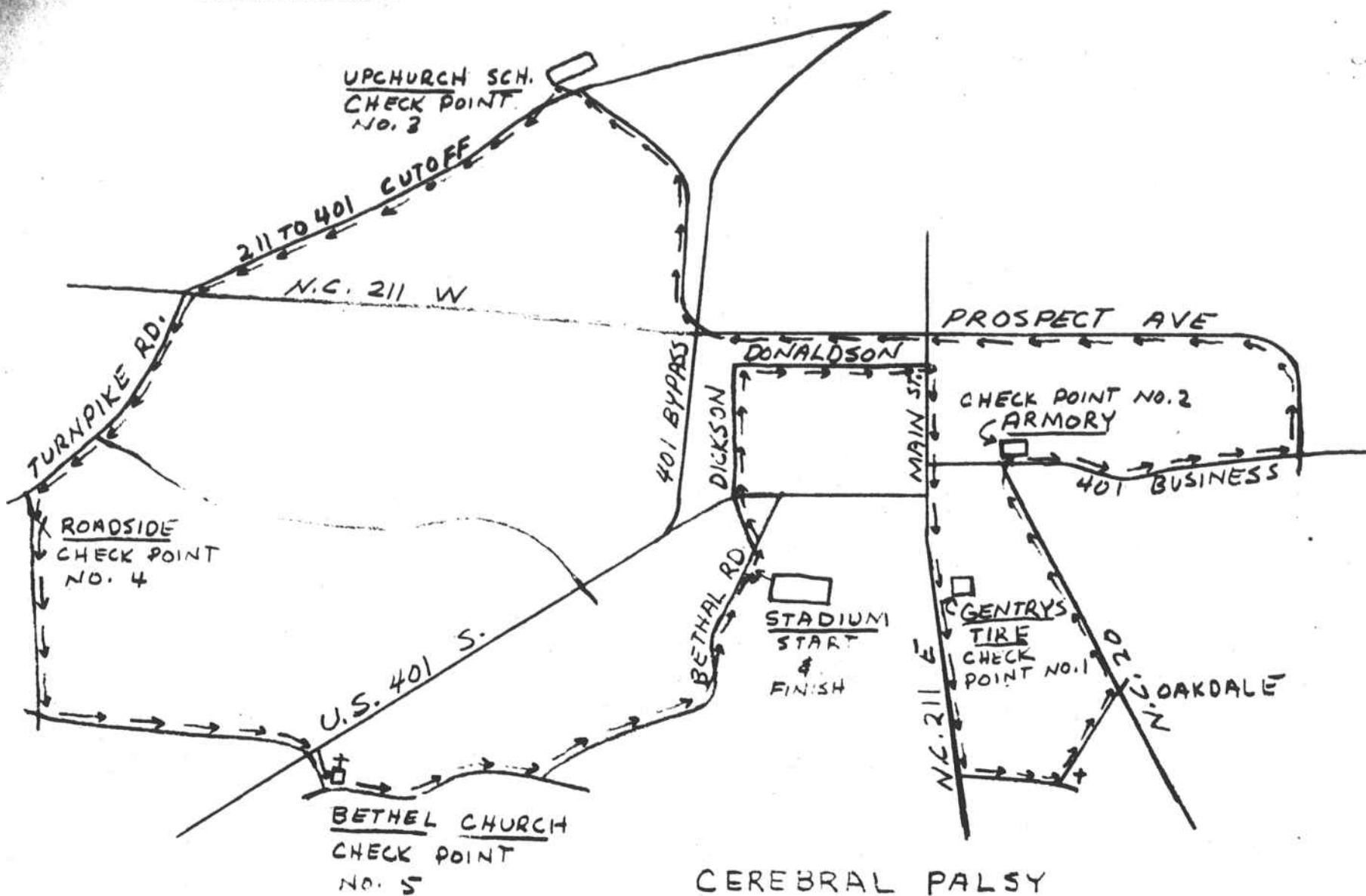
Virtually all surveys now underway are receiving acceleration funds from county officials - showing the high value placed on this soils data.

You can "improve on history" by providing information needed for the Seventies.

### Bar-B-Que Set For Auction

A barbeque plate sale will be held at noon April 12 at DeVane's Auction Barn in conjunction with the Raeford Womens Club public auction to benefit the Bicentennial Library Fund.

Carry out plates will also be available. All proceeds from the meal will go to the library fund, Clara Pope said.



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HAPPINESS WALK - A 20-mile loop around the county is mapped out for an expected 1,000 walkers in the Jaycee-sponsored Walkathon for cerebral palsy Saturday. Signup is at 8 a.m. at the stadium.

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### This Is The Law

By Robert E. Lee

#### CONTRACTS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE

This is the first of a spring series of articles which will appear each week throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of The Lawyers of North Carolina.

May a wife enter into a valid contract with her husband?

In North Carolina the answer depends upon the facts and circumstances of the particular case. Some contracts are valid only when certain statutory formalities are complied with, others are valid without complying with these statutory formalities, and there are still others that are contrary to public policy and are not valid under any conditions.

No important contract should be entered into between a husband and a wife without a prior consultation with an attorney. If such is not done, there may result bitterness and disappointment later. Such may not occur until after the death of one or both of the parties.

May a wife convey the real property she owns to her husband?

This may be done only when the requirements and formalities of Section 52-6 of the General Statutes are complied with.

This statute requires a certifying officer of a court to privately examine the wife for the purpose of determining whether the conveyance is unreasonable or injurious to the wife.

The certifying officer must be a justice of the Supreme Court; judge; clerk, assistant clerk, or deputy clerk of the superior court; or magistrate justice of the peace.

This statute was passed to protect the wife from the influence and control which the husband is presumed to have over her by reason of the marital relation. It was designed to give validity to transactions invalid at common law and to prevent fraud.

May a wife convey her real property to herself and her husband as "tenants by the entirety"?

Only when the requirements of the above statute are satisfied. This is because the wife is in effect transferring to her husband an interest in her real property.

The statute must be complied with even when the wife conveys her real property to some one other than her husband in trust for her husband.

May a wife give or sell property other than real estate to her husband without complying with the requirements of this statute?

Yes. The particular statute is limited in its application to real property of the wife and separation agreements.



### Do You Desire A Home Of Your Own?

It is very possible that you may qualify for this very dream that every family has. I find that at the present, with interest rates dropping and Spring here, that now is a very good time to look into this area.

Financing is available for families with an adjusted income of \$11,500 and less. For families with low income assistance is available in order that you too may own a home of your own. FmHA is eager to help those who are interested in helping themselves and money is available to finance homes. You may finance a home for 33-years at 8 1/8% interest at this time. Since the interest rate is down, at the present, why not check into building a home of your own for you and your family. A new home is a ONCE IN A LIFETIME for most families and now is the time to look at the future.

If you will contact me at 843-5538, Red Springs, I shall be glad to work with you on your application and submit all the necessary materials to the FmHA Office for review. Just give me a call at the above number and I shall be glad to show you my work and to let you decide what you would like in your home.

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