### THE WALLACE ENTERPRISE, WALLACE, NORTH CAROLINA.

# **Genesis of Duplin County Is Given** By A. T. Outlaw, County Historian

Outline of History of Beginning may possibly be of some inter-of County Shows that Ori- est to the readers of the special ginal Settlers Have Many Strawberry Festival edition of the Enterprise, Duplin's oldest Descendants Living Here. newspaper.

A careful study reveals that

a large number of our citizens

of today are of the same blood

as our first settlers who work-

ed energetically and religiously

for educational, religious, agri-

cultural and industrial develop-

cendants.

short time.

FIRST ARRIVALS WERE OF **SCOTCH - IRISH DESCENT** 

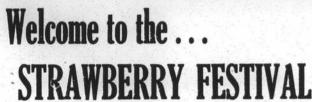
## Formed Schools, Churches, and Established Towns at **Three Main Points**

#### (By A. T. Outlaw)

ment of this section and who When asked to write a hiswere of a calibre that might torical outline of Duplin County have been a credit and a bene- over) were Irish, or Scotch-Ir. pen, and others. Their princino particular period or part of diction to any section of the ish, from northern Ireland. They pal places of worship were at the County's history was assign- country. From an occasional came to America under the pa. Bear Marsh, Nahunga, Concord, ed to me. The history of Dup- glance at the past we are some- tronage of one Henry McCul- Island Creek, Muddy Creek, lin County would fill a book and times reminded of our duty to loch about the year 1736. Mc. Limestone and Prespect. The therefore many interesting and posterity in the same faithful Culloch was a wealthy merchant first Methodist minister was the important points cannot at this manner as that performed for of London and received from Reverend Beverly Allen who time and place be mentioned. us by those sturdy pioneers of the King (George II) several came after the However, a brief outline of the the early days. Individual and grants for large tracts of land War. He was followed by other County's genesis or foundation selfish ancestor-worship should in the Carolinas. He persuad circuit ministers. They organ-

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be discouraged but a modest en by Captain Joseph Williams To Tell of Heart pride in the character and noble who succeeded William McRee, achievements of our County's Jr., as Sheriff.

founders and benefactors, as a Among the ministers of the whole, is indeed worth while. Presbyterian demonination in Their works are, to a large ex- the early days we find the Rev. the other three H's in 4-H Club tent, responsible for the fact erends Hugh McAden, John work is the heart H, declares that our County of today is one Robinson, Samuel Stanford, the Miss Frances MacGregor, assisthat is largely made up of as Tates, McIver, Connerly, and tant club leader with headquargood and noble men and women others. The first settlers were ters at State College. as the country affords. The his- of this denomination. Their tory of any section is little or principal places of worship were Farm Features program Satur-

nothing more than that of its at the Grove (now Kenansville), day, June 5, Miss MacGregor, unpeople. In the Rockfish (Wal- Rockfish near Wallace, and a til recently home agent in Clelace) community, where the place near Goshen in the Fai. veland County, will explain the Strawberry Festival is an an- son community. Among the importance of the heart H in lina. nual event, the public spirit of ministers of the Baptist denom. club work. the forefathers may be clearly ination in the early days we seen in the lives of their des- find the Reverends William she has enjoyed in working with val here all Next Week. Goodman, Charles Hines, Fran-

The first settlers in Duplin cis Oliver, Silas Carter, William County (then upper New Han- Wells, Jacob Williams, Job Thig-Revoluntary ed the King that he could place ized churches at Maxwell, Rockcolonists on the lands in large fish and Island Creek. For some numbers and the King was, of years they were under the care course, anxious to colonize the of the Reverend Peter Carlton. New World. The colonists came a native of the County, and othand occupied the land of Mc. er local ministers.

Culloch upon certain conditions Among the early educational as to title and McCulloch made institutions the old Grove Acacertain promises to the King as demy at Kenansville was the to the number to be imported first. It was established by an and the number of acres to be Act of the Assembly prior to the received. According to the evi- establishment of our State Unidence a number of the promises versity and of the numerous were never fulfilled and there men who attended it many of was considerable dispute about them became conspicious in the the McCulloch grants. The Mc- affairs of the County, State and Culloch settlers were in three Nation, and were men who groups as follows: Sarecta, on breathed a spirit of exalted piety North East river; Goshen, near and devotion to good causes. the mouth, and the Grove which Prior to this time, however, the is now Kenansville. McCulloch County had several schoolmashimself lived at Sarecta for a ters and among them was Hen-About the same ry Gillman who taught at vartime, or soon thereafter, many jous places in the neighborhoods other families came into the sec- of Rockfish and Maxwell for tion from Pennsylvania, New several years. Some of the oth-Jersey, Virginia, the Albemarle er established institutions were scetion of this State and from the following named academies: the nearby counties of Dobbs Williams, Friendship, Bethel, (now Lenior), Craven and Hannah Moore and Washington. Onslow. They were settled In the Revoluntary War a mainly along the North East large majority of the people of river and its principal tribu- this County were enthusiastic taries, to-wit: Rockfish, Island American patriots and played an Creek, Maxwell, Grove, Muddy important part from beginning Creek, Limestone, Goshen and to end. A full and just descrip-Burncoat. Colonel John Samp- tion of that period in our hisson was in charge of the mili- tory would require considerable tia in this part of New Hanover time and space. Then, too, this County and about one hundred brief and hurriedly written outof our colonial militiamen were line was intended to cover only with him "upon the alarm the genesis or foundation of Dup-(Spanish) at Wilmington" in lin County. September, 1748. The reading

## 4-H members, Miss MacGregor Strip-Cropping Helps In 4-HClub Work phases of club work. While in

Fundamental to the success of

In a radio talk on the Carolina

Because of the success which

is well qualified to discuss al In Soil Conservation Cleveland County she became well-known for her unusual abi lity in the organizing and deve loping of these clubs. Also to be heard during the

week will be C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman at State College, who will bring to the radio audience Friday, June 4 another in a series of talks de voted to the upbuilding of the

poultry industry in North Caro-Come to Wallace June 7-12\_ Attend the Strawberry Festi-

Farmers in the Hunterville area of the Soil Conservation. Service report that they are finding it much easier to establish rotations where strip-cropping is practiced, according to

(Continued on Page 7) Come to Wallace June 7-12\_\_\_ Pays \$900 For Jack

Gus Edwards of Cane River. Yancey County, paid \$900 for a seven-year-old Spanish Jack weighing 900 pounds. The animal was purchased in Kentucky.

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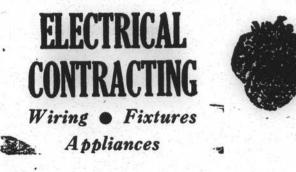


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er Cavin Hollingsworth Dickson, Kenan, Routledge, and many others. Wilmington was then the

of names reveals the fact that they are the ancestors of a large

part of our population today, including James, Fussell, Wil-

liams, Carr, Boney, Murphy, Wells, Hanchey, Murray, Brice,

Houston, Rhodes, Thomas, Mil-

County-seat and on account of the long distance and inconvenience the County of Duplin (and St. Gabriel parish) was established by an Act of the Colonial Assembly at New Bern in March, 1749. The Act provided for holding the first court at the house of William McRee, Sr., of Goshen settlement. He had served for several years as a member of the court in the mother County of New Hanover. The vestrymen of the new parish were as follows: John Sampson, Frances Brice, William Houston, William McRee, George Meares, Joseph Williams, John Herring, Anthony Cox, Mark Phillips, John Turner, Thomas Suggs and Charles Gavin. The Reverends William Miller and Hobart Briggs were the only parochial ministers. The officers of the the new county were as follows: Sheriff, William McRee, Jr.; Clerk of the Court, Robert Mc-Ree; Register, John Sampson; Members of the Assembly, Francis Brice and William Houston. The militia list of officers and men included Colonel John Sampson, Captains Joseph Williams and William McRee, Lieutenants John Dickson and Robert McRee, Ensign Richard Miller, Quartermasters Thomas Kenan and John Miller, and most of those who have been shown as members of Sampson's company in 1748. The Justices of the County Court included Francis Brice, Joseph Williams, John Turner, George Meares, Andrew Thomp-John Herring, Nathaniel son, Hill, Frederick Gregg, John Sampson, William McRee, William Houston, Roger Snell, and others. The court was held at the McRee place for a short time and was then moved to a place near Baltic which had been giv-

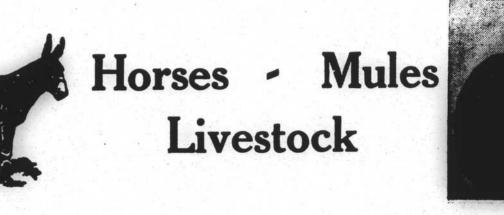
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