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## Harveys Neglected In Mapping History

### Took Prominent Part In Beginning Settlement In Albemarle

#### "BOLD JOHN"

### John Harvey Was Ninth Governor of North Carolina

Though for more than a century during the early history of North Carolina, dating from the very beginning of the settlement when the first clearing was made in Durants Neck in 1661, until the year 1776, the name Harvey was conspicuous in the history of the State, there is no marker of any kind in Perquimans to honor either the name of John Harvey, one of the earliest settlers and ninth governor of the Albemarle; Thomas Harvey, deputy governor under the proprietors for five years; or John Harvey, speaker of the Assembly in the stirring days preceding the Revolution, John Harvey, who was called "Bold John Harvey" because of his fearless stand.

It would be surprising to know how few of the inhabitants of Perquimans even know that in Harveys Neck, on the land owned by the first John Harvey before even the State was granted to the Lords Proprietors, was the home of Governor John Harvey, of Deputy Governor Thomas Harvey, and, later, of "Bold John Harvey," and that these men lie buried in the terraced grave yard near the waters of the "Carolina River," the "Roanoke River," or "The Albemarle River," as the Albemarle Sound was variously called in those early days.

Shortly after George Durant made the first purchase of land from an Indian of which there is any record in America, of the land lying between Albemarle Sound and Perquimans River, now called Durants Neck, there came into the colony John Harvey. The transfer referred to, the oldest deed of record in North Carolina, is recorded in Book A in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County, and was made by Kilcoonen, King of the Yeopim Indians, whose mark or signature is the drawing of a bow and arrow.

John Harvey purchased land immediately opposite that of George Durant, on the west side of Perquimans River. Like Durant, he was a man of substance; he was also a man of culture.

For more than fifteen years, during which there were trying times in the Albemarle, John Harvey played no small part in the life of the colony, as the records show.

After his appointment as governor John Harvey lived only a few months, dying before the arrival of Seth Sothel, who had acquired the interest of one of the Proprietors and was sent from England to govern the Albemarle. Sothel, it will be remembered, was captured by pirates and carried away to Algiers. Of his wanton reign upon his release several years afterwards little good can be said.

Meantime John Harvey, ninth governor of the Albemarle, had died.

It was "Bold John Harvey," who died at the outbreak of the Revolution, a hundred years later, who introduced the bill to erect a town on Phelps Point, at the narrows of Perquimans River, and it was this same John Harvey, who in that year, 1758, became one of the trustees and directors for carrying out the plan to build the Town of Hertford.

From the old records in the Perquimans County courthouse, there appears to have been no delay in building the town following the passage of the act, for in that same year, according to the provisions of the Act, the trustees or directors, who included John Harvey, John Clayton, Joseph Sutton and Joseph White, purchased one hundred acres of land from Jonathan Phelps, laid off the town in lots of one-half an acre each, with convenient streets and alleys, reserving two acres for the courthouse and other public buildings, took subscriptions for the lots and on the day appointed and advertised the subscribers, who paid forty-five shillings—proclamation money each for the lots, drew the lots, one hundred and five being so drawn.

Deeds were issued by the trustees for the lots, which are of record in the courthouse, each one providing that a house must be built on the lot within three years, "a substantial brick or frame house of not less than 18 feet square and 8 feet in

## Wedding Tuesday Attracts Many

Of interest to a wide circle of friends was the beautiful wedding which took place in the Hertford Methodist Church on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, when Miss Hattie Weaver Riddick became the bride of John Lewis Perry, of Windsor.

The church was tastefully decorated with ferns and white clematis and lighted with cathedral candles. Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, at the organ, played, while the guests were assembling, "Angels Serenade," by Braga; "Traumerie," by Schumann; "O Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star," by Wagner and "Saint d'Amour," by Elgar. The "Bridal Chorus," from Lohengrin, was used as a processional and Mendelssohn's Wedding March as a recessional, and during the ceremony Schubert's "Serenade" was softly played.

Mrs. Johnson wore a hand-knit dress of white silk, with accessories to match, with a shoulder corsage of white roses and blue feverfew.

The candles were lighted by Robert Riddick, brother of the bride, and one of the ushers.

Immediately before the entrance of the bridal party Miss Nell Riddick, of Gatesville, a cousin of the bride, sang "O Promise Me," followed by "O Perfect Love." Miss Riddick wore white, with matching accessories, her flowers being a shoulder corsage of roses and feverfew.

The ushers were Roger Edwards, of Franklin, Va.; Steve Cooper, of Windsor; and Marion Riddick and Robert Riddick, of Hertford, both brothers of the bride.

Miss Carolyn Riddick, only sister of the bride, as maid of honor, was the bride's only attendant. She was becomingly gowned in white Butter-sweet with dark blue lace trimming, with accessories to harmonize. Her flowers were a bouquet of blue and white feverfew.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. She wore a tailored suit of white silk, with a chiffon blouse, and an off-the-face hat and other accessories also of white. Her flowers were a shower bouquet of Bride's roses.

The bride was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, William Gregory, of Windsor, and the ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the church.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for a wedding trip North, and upon their return will make their home at Windsor.

Mrs. Perry is the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riddick, of Hertford, and a popular member of the younger social set. She received her education at Perquimans High School and at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip F. Perry, of Windsor, and is a prominent young business man of that place. Both young people are very popular with a wide circle of friends.

The bride has been honored at numerous social functions, the last of which was a miscellaneous shower (Continued from Page One)

the clear." The town was built about the courthouse, which stood in the approximate center of the one hundred acres, on the spot where for more than two hundred years now a courthouse has stood, and where stands today the old courthouse restored three years ago which is exactly nobody knows hold old, and which houses the oldest records in the State.

While the records of Perquimans Precinct Court date back to the year 1695, there was no courthouse in the Albemarle until after the year 1722, when an act was passed in the Assembly for settling the precinct courts and courthouses, and the courthouse in Perquimans was ordered to be built at Jonathan Phelps Point, at the mouth of the narrows.

Prior to this time the courts were held in the various homes in the precinct, notably at the home of Capt. John Hekelsheld, in Little River, this being the settlement in the lower section of the precinct, the scene of the earliest activities of the colonists, and only a short distance by water from the home of John Harvey.

For more than two hundred and fifty years Harveys have lived in Perquimans. One only of the direct line is left in Perquimans today, Miss Emily Skinner, whose mother was Miss Harvey.

## One Way To Solve The Automobile Traffic Problem



CUTTING the figures that during the year 1935 one passenger was killed in airplane accidents for each twenty-four million passenger miles flown while one person was killed in automobile accidents for each seven hundred and twelve motor vehicles registered, C. J. Strick-

land, President of The Automobile Safety League of America, Inc., says, "It is safer in the air."

After covering a million miles "on the ground" as a commercial traveler Mr. Strickland is shown above with his newly purchased Porterfield plane in which he ex-

pects to "solve the traffic problem, at least, so far as he is personally concerned."

The Automobile Safety League of America is designed to promote safer driving and has members from coast to coast, with General Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

## Local Men Invited To Officials' Meeting Monday At Tarboro

The local city and county attorneys and tax officials, the city and county law enforcing officers, and other city officials have been invited to attend the district conferences which the Institute of Government will hold for these groups of officials next week.

The Conferences for the three groups of officials of cities and counties in this District will be held at the Court House in Tarboro on Monday, August 31, beginning at 10:30 o'clock for the law enforcing officers, and at 2 o'clock for the two other groups.

## Newbold Family Reunion Held Sunday

While not every one of the eleven children of Mrs. K. R. Newbold was present at the family reunion held on Sunday, there were a number of the sons and daughters, with wives and husbands, and several of the grandchildren here.

Those who were not present, and who include Kenneth Newbold, of New York City; J. M. Newbold, of Fayetteville; Oscar Newbold, of Washington, D. C.; and Shelton Newbold, of Goldsboro, were recent visitors to their mother.

Those here on Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skinner and their son, Charles, of Hertford; Mrs. Claude Withrow and her daughter, Virginia, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jarvis and their two sons, Kenneth and Jack, of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winslow and her daughter, Frances, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Newbold and their two children, of Rutherford, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newbold and their daughter, Sally, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wright and their two children, Charles and Carolyn, of Jarvisburg.

## Revival Starts Sunday At Cedar Grove Church

Revival services will begin next Sunday night at Cedar Grove Methodist Church, with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Dimmette, conducting the services. There will be services every afternoon at 8 o'clock and every evening at 8. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. B. T. Hurley is conducting the revival being held at Oak Grove Church, at Chapanoke, this week.

## Gib Nixon Seriously Hurt In Log Woods

Word was received in Perquimans on Monday of the serious injury of Gib Nixon, a resident of the Beech Spring community. Mr. Nixon was working in a log woods near Windsor, and, according to information received here, he was caught beneath a large log which fell from a truck which was being loaded. Little hope was held for his recovery.

## Work Started On New Doctors' Office

With the old frame building formerly occupied by the late Dr. G. E. Newby as an office torn down, work has commenced on the new building to be occupied as offices by Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn.

Nichols Muth, of Edenton, is the contractor. The new building, which will contain a complete suite of offices for each of the two physicians, will be of brick construction and will be modern and up-to-date. Present plans are that the building will be completed by the middle of November, according to Dr. Davenport.

## EVANGELIST



MISS MARIE WILSON  
The Rev. Miss Marie Wilson, of Green Lane, Pa., who is conducting revival services at the Hertford Assembly.

The meeting has been in progress all this week and will continue for at least two weeks longer. Services are being held every night, except on Monday night. No services are held on Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Miss Alma Howell is pastor of this church.

## Mt. Sinai Society Meets At Church

The Woman's Missionary Society of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church met on Tuesday afternoon at the church. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. B. F. Jordan, vice president. A very interesting program was given by Mrs. Charlie Umphlett with the following members taking part: Mrs. E. U. Morgan, Mrs. Effie Miller, Mrs. J. W. Ward, Mrs. Clarence Dail, and Miss Mamie Stallings.

The members present were: Mrs. T. E. Madre, Mrs. Leonard Madre, Mrs. George Roach, Mrs. E. U. Morgan, Mrs. Effie Miller, Mrs. Clarence Dail, Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, Mrs. T. E. Morgan, Mrs. J. V. Stallings, Mrs. B. F. Jordan, Mrs. Ernest Stallings, Mrs. J. W. Ward, Mrs. Crowder Hollowell, Mrs. David Miller, Mrs. C. A. Bagley, Mrs. Clifton Morgan, Misses Mamie Stallings and Celeste Godwin. Mrs. Dorsey Forehand, of Norfolk, Va., was a visitor.

## Historic Marker Placed In Hertford

The Department of Conservation and Development has erected a marker at the intersection of the main Hertford-Elizabeth City Highway with the New Hope Road, which bears the following inscription:

"Geo. Durant, Pioneer Settler in Albemarle 1662, Speaker of Assembly, Site of Home 20 Miles East at Durants Neck."

## Simon Rutenberg Shows Improvement

The condition of Simon Rutenberg, who suffered a broken arm in a fall some weeks ago, is improving. Mr. Rutenberg was able to be at the store on Tuesday for a short time. He expects to have the cast removed shortly, probably next week, after which he will be able to get back to work.

Bob Morris is spending sometime at Washington, D. C.

## FARMERS FROM ALL SECTIONS AT COUNTY PICNIC

### Staged By Home Demonstration Clubs at Leigh Farm

#### CONTESTS

### Severe Thunder Storm Threatens to Break Up Affair

The picnic given by the women of the home demonstration clubs of Perquimans at the Leigh Farm in Durants Neck was attended by men and women from all over the county, with representatives from most of the clubs present, as well as their families and a number of visitors.

A most delicious lunch was served which everybody enjoyed, after which the crowd gathered on the broad front porch to witness the entertainment features which had been prepared by each club.

A sudden severe thunder storm brewing curtailed the very delightful program before all of the clubs had been heard from.

The Ballhack, the Helen Gaither Club, the Beech Spring and the Chapanoke Clubs had each contributed a song number and the visitors from Hertford had sung a song before the program was brought to a sudden termination by the weather.

Prior to the lunch hour the entire company had joined in the singing of songs, led by Gordon Blake, Farm Agent of Hertford County.

Numerous contests and games, including pitching horseshoes, were played. Out-of-the county visitors included Mrs. Marie Woodard, Home Agent of Gates County; Mrs. R. R. Rich, of Gatesville, and Gordon Blake, of Winton.

## W. K. Barclift Dies At New Hope Home

W. K. Barclift, 60, prominent New Hope resident, died on Wednesday morning after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at New Hope on Thursday afternoon and burial took place in the family burying ground.

Surviving Mr. Barclift are his widow and the following children: Robert Barclift and Kermit Barclift, both of Washington, D. C.; Carlton, Leon and Archie Barclift, of New Hope; Miss Daphne Barclift, of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Lathan Umphlett, of Elizabeth City.

## Funeral Wednesday For John Hollowell

John Martin Hollowell, 75, died at his home near Hertford at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning, after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at Cedar Grove Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. J. W. Dimmette, pastor, officiating, and burial took place in the family plot in the churchyard.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. J. E. Powell, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. J. D. Sumner, of South Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Robert Perry, of Windsor; Mrs. J. H. Mathews, of Elizabeth City; J. F. Hollowell, E. B. Hollowell and W. G. Hollowell, of Winfall; one step-son, J. H. Baker, of Winfall; one sister, Mrs. W. T. Miller, of Route Three, Hertford, and a half-brother, C. O. Fowler, of Hertford.

## Joint Hostesses For Newly-Made Bride

Misses Helene Nixon, Joyce Stokes and Sara Brinn were joint hostesses, at the home of Miss Brinn, on Saturday evening, when they entertained at a kitchen shower in honor of Miss Hattie Weaver Riddick, whose marriage to John Louis Perry took place in the Methodist Church on Tuesday morning.

The house was attractively decorated with ferns and lighted by candles. Games and contests were enjoyed, after which the bride was presented with many useful gifts for her new home. An ice course was served.

Those present, in addition to the honoree, were Mesdames R. M. Riddick and Robert Brinn, and Misses Mary Towe, Jocelyn Whedbee, Ruth Elliott, Polly Stephens, Evelyn Riddick, Dorcas Knowles, Jessie Tayloe Newby, Lillian Blanchard, Elizabeth Morris, Mary Onella Relfe, Carolyn Riddick, Mary Helene Newby, Anne Sullivan, of Baltimore, Edia Taylor, of Greenville, and Mrs. Arthur Woods, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa.

## William A. Hunter Buried On Sunday

William A. Hunter, 50, of Creswell, died at the Memorial Hospital in Norfolk, Va., on Friday afternoon at 3:50 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in the family burying ground at Hunters Fork in this County, on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with the Rev. A. A. Butler, officiating.

Music was furnished by the choir of the Hertford Baptist Church, and the pallbearers were J. A. Perry, Robert White, T. L. Babb, D. J. Pritchard, I. L. White and T. E. Raper.

Mr. Hunter was a native of Hertford but had lived for some time at Creswell. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. I. N. Thomas, of Asheville, Mrs. Thomas Farmer, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. M. J. Gregory, of Hertford, and one brother, R. R. Hunter, of New Orleans.