

# KM Native Linda Adams Bell Helps Compile Gaston History

Linda Adams Bell, of Mount Holly, formerly of Kings Mountain, has been tracing her roots for the past several years.

Because of her interest in family trees and genealogical roots, Linda and her husband, Ted, and their children, Elaine Dellinger and Rodney and Jimmy Bell, have visited many cemeteries in Gaston-Cleveland Counties and Linda joined the Gaston County Historical Society three years ago, which she serves as secretary, and along with Gaston County residents Robert C. Carpenter and Libby Goodnight, helped compile the soon-to-be published "The Complete 1850 Census of Gaston County, North Carolina."

Linda is the daughter of Harold and Bessie Adams, also formerly of Kings Mountain, now of Mount Holly, and granddaughter of the late George Adams and Bessie Adams, now of Lowell. The late Hub Adams of Kings Mountain was her late great-uncle.

Linda says the book will provide valuable first hand information for people researching family origins and it is the most accurate record in existence of what Gaston County was like in the days before the Civil War. This was the first federal census in which all residents are listed by name with specific information about their



**TRACING ROOTS**—Linda Adams Bell, Elaine Dellinger, Ted Bell, front row, left to right, and Rodney Bell, back left, and Jimmy Bell are a former Kings Mountain family who are tracing their roots and Mrs. Bell has contributed toward the research leading to publishing of "The Complete 1850 Census of Gaston County" which is soon to be published.

farms, families and businesses.

Linda says that although the information has been on microfilm for several years at both the Gaston County Public Library and Gaston College, the original is hand written in elaborate script that is hard to decipher.

The book version is typed and all information on residents is indexed which makes it easy to read and easy to find information about certain families.

Carpenter is also the author of the 1,120 page "Carpenters A Plenty",

which gives the history of the Carpenter family and includes much information about the Carpenters from Cleveland County also.

Linda said the local committee has spent over a year abstracting the entire 1850 census which will be published in the 200 page book.

All schedules have been abstracted: population; slave; mortality; social statistics; agriculture; and industry. Very few census abstracts include all the schedules, but this publication includes all records properly abstracted and indexed. The 1850 census-taker

recorded the name, age, occupation, birthplace, and other data for every person residing in Gaston County at that time. Other special features include lists of slave owners; persons who died one year prior to June 30, 1850; school information; lists of farmers and what they produced; lists of mines, saw mills, and cotton mills with what they produced. The data is both genealogical and historical in nature.

A complete surname index (cross-referenced and prepared by computer) locates each person by their house number in the census. This feature allows for quick and accurate location of the family for which you are searching. Professionally prepared, this reference book would be an excellent addition to your library.

You may purchase The Complete 1850 Census of Gaston County, North Carolina at the pre-publication price of \$13.00. This limited offer expires on September 15, 1985. The cost after September 15 will be \$16.00. Expected delivery of the books will be September 30. Order from Treasurer William N. "Bill" Craige, Route 3, Box 369, Union-New Hope Rd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054.

## Amy In State Finals

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The competition is the official state preliminary for the "Modern Miss" National Finals where Modern Miss Finalists from all fifty states will compete for over \$25,000.00 in scholarship awards and many other special prizes. Throughout the year, the National Modern Miss Scholarship Program will award over \$600,000.00 in scholarships and tuition grants across the nation to many outstanding teenagers through competition.

Miss Stewart is a student at Kings Mountain Senior High. Her activities include being a member of the National Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Marching Band, Concert Band, and the Pep Band. She is a member of Grace United Methodist Church where she is secretary of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

## Fulkerson Gets Awards

Dr. W.J. Fulkerson, Jr. has received the Eugene Stead award for excellence in teaching for the academic year 1984-85 at Duke University in Durham.

The award was made by the Internal Medicine House staff of Duke University Medical Center which awards the honor every year to the faculty member deemed to have made the most outstanding contribution as a teacher and model in the training of Duke's internal medicine interns and residents. Dr. Fulkerson is Assistant Professor in Pulmonary Medicine at Duke University Medical Center and Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit.

He is the son of Mrs. Ruby Raby Fulkerson, now of Durham, and the late W.J. Fulkerson. The Fulkersons are formerly of Kings Mountain and moved from Kings Mountain in the late 1950's.

Dr. Fulkerson is married to the former Mary McClintock, daughter of Oliver and Sarah McClintock, and they have two children, Sarah Hope, age 5, and William, age four.

Mrs. Fulkerson is on the faculty of Duke Divinity School and is instructor of historical theology.

Dr. Fulkerson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Medical School at Chapel Hill and before going to Duke did his internship and residence at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

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