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OF

ROBERT COUNCIL APPLEWHITE AND VIOLA FELT

A History of the Ancestors and Descendants of Robert Council Applewhite and Viola Felt

Mv reason for compiling this work is to provide a record of our ancestors, hoping it will be of interest and some inspiration to their descendants.

"A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants.

To the greater Honor and Glory of God, I dedicate this effort. To the present generation; to 3011 ‘7 throw the Torch, be yonrs to hold it high”

Mary Applewhite Norris

Del CO, N. C.

September 20th, 1956

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OUR KINFOLKS AN OLD WILL

Section 1

APPLEWHAITE-APPLEWHITE

The Applewhite family probably originated in Suffolk, England. They resided there for several centuries in the Parish of Stoke-Ashe, Suffolk.

The pedigree of Applewhite of Stoke-Ashe is contained in a manuscript in the British Museum (add. Mss. 19115). Their arms were “Gu, on a fesse ar, three pineapples". For pedigree of Applewhaite see also Schemmata Britannica, by Joseph Foster 1877. Page 33.

The Applewhaites lived in the Barbadoes, and migrated from there to Isle of Wight Countv Virginia bv 1668.

In 1679 Mrs. Applewhite, widow, was the owner of 169 acres in the Barbadoes, and on May 6th of that year, two servants of Mrs. Henry Applewhite, Luke Rainey and Dennis Burne embarked at the Barbadoes in the ketch Prosperous for Virginia. David Fogg Commander (see Hottens Immigrants, Page 350-400-463).

Henry Applewhite was the first of his family in this country, for he, Joseph Bridgers Sr. and Colonel Robert Pitt seem to ha\e been involved in a law suit with Major Daniel Park in 1668, which is the earliest appearance of Henry's name on record. (Council Journals).

As Henry Applewhite, merchant, he bought one hundred acres in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, that formerly belonged to Edward Palmer, from Roger Davis, March 20, 1674. He was a Justice in 1680, a Burgess in 1688 and also in 1702.

He was also a Captain of Militia.

His will was probated in 1704.

He gave to his son Henry, bis Great Bible, and his signet ring. To his son, William his silver hilted rapier, and his son John his silver headed cane. Died August 26, 1703.

Henry Applewhite, (the second ), was sheriff in 1709, and a Burgess in 1723-26. He was also a Justice in 1702. He married Ann,

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daughter of Humphrey MarshalL Thomas Applewhite, his brother died in 1732 and Thomas\* daughter married James Benn, son of James Benn—Burgess 1696.

Land granted to Henry Applewhite September 21, 1674, 300 acres being part of a 700 acres granted Edward Palmer.

Henry, Thomas, and John Applewhite were vestrymen in the Old Brick Church, 1698.

Benjamen Applewhite was a Captain in the Revolutionary War.

Arthur Applewhite, son of Henry, owned a plantation at Brick Church, Land in Southampton, Virginia. Died June 23, 1776.

APPLEWHITE

Pension claims indicate John Applewhite II was a Surgeon in the Navy, on the ship Liberty, 1776.

John Applewhite HI was a soldier in Infantry under Captain I. Taylor. Received 16 pounds, 15 pence, 4 shillings, November 3, 1783 for services in the Revolutionary War. (Prom Archives of Virginia.

Benjamin Applewhite was a Captain in the Revolution.

John Applewhite III, of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, migrated to North Carolina and was granted land October 13, 1783, 200 acres in Dobbs County (Wayne County was formed from Dobbs). This land is situated in Northeastern Wayne County, on the south side of "The Slough.” (See land grant office, Raleigh, N. C.)

Elisha Applewhite was son of John Applewhite; wife, Elizabeth. Their children were:

Smithy Deans Applewhite

Dorothy Daniel Applewhite

Elizabeth Applewhite

John Applewhite

Peter Applewhite

Lewis Applewhite

Jesse Applewhite

Robert Applewhite

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Robert Applewhite married Elizabeth Deans, daughter of Bartley Deans. Elizabeth Deans was sister of Wiley Deans, who lived at Rock Ridge in Wilson County (formed from part of Wayne).

Their heirs were:

1. Bartley Deans Applewhite

2. Elisha Applewhite.

Bartley and Elisha married sisters, daughters of Benners Whidbee Vail and Susan Alford. Bartley married Mary Ann, Elisha married Matilda.

The children of Bartley Deans Applewhite and Mary Ann Vail:

1. Benners Whidbee Applfavhite, born November 28, 1851, married Elvie Sellars, died September 16, 1918.

2 . Robert Council Applew^hite, born December 30, 1853, married Viola Felt September 16, 1877, died January 24, 1919.

3. Henrietta, born December 7, 1855, married Henry Woolard.

4. Josephine Matilda, born November 5, 1861, married Benjamin J. Price.

5. Elisha Lee Applewhite, born October 6, 1864, married Rosa Battle Rhodes, died November 9, 1897.

Susan, died in infancy. Jefferson Davis, twin of Matilda, died in infancy. Mary Ann, Abi Deans, and Bartley, died in infancy.

Bartley Deans Applewhite and^his wife, Mary Ann Vail, with their infant son, Benners, moved from Wayne County, N. C. to Bladen County in 1852. Located first near Rosindale, where thev were engaged in Naval Stores business. It is said the journey from Goldsboro to Bladen County required one week. They brought five slaves, horses,

(one name Greeley), mules, cattle, and household goods. The; traveled in a buggy said to be one of the first seen in that turpentine country.

Their second son, Robert Council, was born in Bladen County. About 1855, they bought a large tract of land in what was then upper Brunswick County, N. C., now'^ in Ransomc Township, Columbus

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County, where they continued in the turpentine industry, farming, and merchandising. Bartley Deans Applewhite was considered a successful business man, respected and admired by his associates. He was a Democrat and a convert to the Catholic Faith. He died at the age of fiftv-three.

The Deans family originated in England and settled in North Hampton County, N. C. Daniel Deans was a ship builder. He married Mary Bowers. Bartley Deans, son of Daniel Deans, married Ida Jernigan. He was a saddler by trade. He represented his county, Nash, about 1816. The records show that Daniel Deans moved or secured land in Wayne County, for in his will dated March 24, 1789, he leaves his son Bartley land in Wayne County. Bartley Deans’ daughter, Elizabeth married Robert Applewhite, the parents of Bartley Dean Applewhite, who married Marv Ann Vail.

ABSTRACT OE APPLEWHITE AND DEANS FAMILY FROM RECORDS IN COURT HOUSE OE WAYNE COUNTY

GOLDSBORO, N. C.

Recording Docket 5, page 455:

ELIZABETH APPLEWHITE, SR., of Wayne County, N. C.

VJiU dated ]iine 3, 1828; probated August Court, 1828.

Son Elisha Applewhite, one flowered chest and all the money due

me after my debts are paid.

Granddaughter Elizabeth Worrell, a painted chest, cow, and calf.

Grandson Stephen Applewhite, a painted chest.

Grandson Isaac Handley, a painted chest.

Balance of property to be equally divided as follows:

Elisha Applewhite, one fourth part.

John Applewhite, one fourth part.

Martha Handley’s children, one fourth part.

Isaac Applewhite’s children, one fourtli part.

Executor, Son Elisha Applewhite.

Witnesses: Betheals Cobb (made her mark), Tarlislie Worrell.

Recording Docket 7, page 68: (Abstract)

ELISHA APPLEWHITE of Wavne Countv, N. C.

Will dated February 21, 1835; probated May Court 1835.

Wife Elizabeth Applewhite, 10 acres of land, “house I live in/’ and

3 Negroes.

Daughter Sinithv Deans, 2 Negroes.

Son John Applewhite, 2 Negroes.

Son Peter Applewhite, 1 Negro.

Daughter Dorothea Daniel, 1 Negro.

Grandson Elisha Daniel.

Son Robert Applewhite, land and 2 Negroes.

Son Lewis Applewhite, 2 Negroes.

Son Jesse Applewhite, “all my land on west side of Ballard’s Mill

Swamp and 200 acres where I now live,” 4 Negroes.

Daughter Elizabeth.

Executors: Zadok Peacock and son Robert Applewhite.

Witnesses: Raiford Hooks and B. W. Vail.

From records in Court House of Wayne County, Goldsboro, N. C.

Recording docket 2, page 112: (Abstract)

JAMES DEANS of Wayne County, N. C.

Will dated jiine 22, 1811; probated February Court, 1812.

Wife Martha Deans, “during widowhood, land and plantation

where I live.”

Son Jethro Deans, 10 shillings.

Daughter Betsey Talton, 10 shillings.

Sons Lewis and Bartley Deans, “the land and plantation lent my

wife,” to be divided between them.

Daughters Nancy, Polly and Rachel Deans.

Executors: Brother Bartley Deans and son Jethro Deans.

Witnesses. None named but the will was proved by Jolui Davis

and Joab Newsom.

Recording Docket 5, page 123: (Abstract)

GEORGE DEANS of Wayne County, N. C.

Will dated May 26, 1824; probated November Court, 1824.

WIFE CHARLOTTE DEANS.

Three youngest sons: Anderson, Benjamin, and James Deans.

Other sons. Daniel and Jeremiah Deans.

Executor: Brother Bartley Deans.

Witnesses: William Thompson and John Deans.

CENSUS OF 1790:

 Males Males Females Other Slaves

 Over 16 Under 16 All Ages Whites

Halifax County—

 Arthur Applewhite \_ 2 5 5 0 3

 Henry Applewhite \_ 11 10 1

Wavne Countv—

 John Applewhite \_ 2 1 10 4

Hertford County—

 Daniel Deanes\_ 3 2 4 1-7

 James Deanes \_ 113 0 7

 Thomas Deanes \_ 10 10 4

Wavne Countv—

 Dempsey Deanes \_ 114 0 1

 James Deanes \_ 12 10 0

 Elizabeth Deanes\_\_\_ 1 2 6 0 0

From records at the North Carolina State

Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N. C. DEANS

Wayne County Wills: (Abstract)

DANIELL DEANS of Wayne County, N, C.

Will dated March 24, 1789; probated April Court, 1789.

Wife (not named), plantation and certain other property during

life or widowhood.

Son Dempsey, 275 acres of land in Nash County.

Sons James, Daniell, Bartley, George and John, “all my land that

I hold in Wayne County.”

Daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, Tarlisha and Lydia.

Executors: Dempsey and James Deans.

Not signed; “proved by James Davis and Charles Pope.” Also, an

affidavit is attached sworn to by James Davis and Archelaus Howell be¬

fore John Handley, J. P., proving the will.

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From records in Court House of W'avne Countv, Goldsboro, N. C.:

Deed Book 1, page 202:

March 22, 1 783 —Leven Vinson to Daniel Dean, planter, of W'ayne

County for £100, specie, deeds a tract of land on Stony Creek.

Deed Book 3, page 357:

October 13, 1783—Grant to John Applewhite for 200 acres of

land in Dobbs Count}’ on south side of “the slough.”

Deed Book 4, page 479:

January 18, 1790—Henry and Charity Pope deed to Thomas

Applewhite of Wayne County, 200 acres of land in Wayne County

on Cabin Branch.

Deed Book 4, page 375:

May 15, 1780—Wm. M. IMcKennie, Burwell et ah, trustees for

la}ing out town of Waynesboro, deed to Daniel Dean half an

acre in the town of Waynesboro.

Deed Book 7, page 353:

January 17, 1803—John Applewhite of Wayne County, planter,

for £295, deeds to William Dickinson 327^4 acres on the south

side of Aycock Swamp.

Deed Book 10, page 46:

May 18, 1813—John Deans, George Deans, Bartley Deans, and

Jethro Deans, for themselves and Bartley Deans and Jethro Deans,

e.xecutors of James Deans, deceased, all of Wayne County, deed to

Enos Xante of Edgecomb County, for S62.25, a lot in Waynesboro.

(Waynesboro was first court house site of Wayne County.)

Deed Book 15, page 191:

March 19, 1831—Elisha Applewhite and Elizabeth, his wife, of

Wayne County, deed to Robert Applewhite, for love and affection,

100 acres in Wayne County adjoining James Worrell.

From records at the North Carofina Land Grant office, Raleigh,

N. C.

Record Book 50, page 55:

Entered Feb. 11, 1779, granted October 13, 1783, to John Apple-

white 200 acres of land in Dobbs County on the south side of

“the Slough” and joining Daniel Howell. (The Slough or Slough

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Swamp is in northeastern Wayne County, which was formed from

Dobbs in 1779, the year the entry for this land was taken out.)

Record Book 129, page 478:

Entered November 21, 1814, granted December 4, 1815, to Elisha

Applewhite 5 acres of land in Wayne County on the north side of

Slough Swamp. (Showing that Elisha Applewhites family is lo¬

cated where John Applewhite took up land in 1779.)

Record Book 124, page 217:

Entered March 18, 1807, granted December 17, 1808, to Elisha

Applewhite 245 acres of land in Wayne County beginning at a

pine. (No other location given.)

Record Book 106, page 44:

Entered January 14, 1796, granted June 17, 1799, to James Dean

50 acres of land in Wayne County on the south side of Great

Swamp. (Great Swamp is located in northwestern Wayne County.)

Record Book 11, page 165:

Entry date not given, granted June 20, 1749, to William Deans

, . , 210 acres of land in Edgecombe County on the south side of Beaver-

dam Swamp.

Erom records at the North Carolina xArchives Dept., Raleigh, N. C.

W’ ayne County Settlements of Estates, Vol. 2, page 88:

April Court, 1789—Inventory of estate of Daniel Deans filed with

the County Court of W ayne County by Damsey (Demsey) an<l

James Deans, Executors (showing that Daniel Deans was dead).

No division or other information except list of personal property

is given.

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MARY AXi\ VAIL APPLEWHITE

Born September 9, 1829

Died July 14, 1914

VAIL RECORDS

Jeremiah Vail was born in Gloucestershire, England about 1618,

Married Mary Paine, was living at Salem, Mass., 1639 under Capt.

John Endicott. He also lived at Southhold, Long Island.

One of his descendants was Jeremiah Vail of North Carolina living

in Chowan County in 1717. (Colonial Records, Vol. 2, page 509-510).

Appointed Clerk to Commissioner of Claims in the House 1736. (Vol.

4, page 233.)

Land grants in New Hanover, 400 acres 1743 and 400 in 1745.

(Vol. 4, page 229) 768 and 1,000 acres in Anson County 1750

(Vol. 4). Appointed deputy Clerk of the Council and Deputy Clerk of

the Crown 1753. (Volume 5, page 42, 53, 60.) Makes a map of Wil¬

mington, N. C., 1752. (Vol. 25, page 258.)

EDWARD VAIL

Brigadier General in Revolutionary

Edward Vail was born in 1717 in Chowan Countvg N. C. In 1754

seven hundred and fifty men were sent to Virginia. These men were

the first troops raised by any British Colony in America to fight outside

its o\Mi border in common defense and in a general cause. James Innes

was Colonel, and among the other officers was Edward Vail. This was

called the French War—^(Colonial Records, Vol. 5, page 1088-1094).

He was Committee on public claims 1759. (Colonial Records, Vol.

6, page 644.) Appointed Brigidier General of the Militia of Edenton

District in 1776. (Vol. 10, page 530, 552, 563.) Had been appointed

Colonel for Edenton District in 1775, (Vol. 10, page 204.)

Committee of Safety sends letter to Brigidier General Edward

Vail. (Vol. 11, page 308, 309, Colonial Records.)

Edward \^ail was one of the Commissioners to build a Court House

at Edenton 1766, also one of the Commissioners to look after Port

Roanoke 1766, as it was considered very dangerous to Mariners. A

Justice of Peace for Chowan County, 1776. (Colonial Records, Vol. 23,

page 993.)

Member of General Assembly 1754. (Colonial Records, Vol. 5,

page 232, 251, 263, 264, 270, 276, 505, 511, 515, 516.) (Colonial

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Records, Vol. 6, page 91, 97, 120, etc) (Colonial Records, Vol. 7,

page 343, 3 59, 360, etc) (Colonial Records, Vol. 8, page 8 and 9 and

etc.)

In 1754 he with five others petitioned the Legislature to refund the

expense they had been to in recruiting troops for the expedition into

\’irginia, also their expense in coming and going while there in Vir¬

ginia. (Colonial Records Vol 5, 25 5 and 256.)

Governor Caswell announces the death of Brigadier General Ed¬

ward Vail — (Vol. 11, page 919) 1777.

Susannah Vail, second wife of Brig. Gen. Edward Vail. A mem-

her of Edenton Tea Party, October 25, 1774 — also her daughter-in-

law, Elizabeth Hoskins Vail a memher, and a neice Elizabeth Vail.

(Tablet at Edenton Court House.)

Susannah was probably a sister of John Baptist Beasley. Mrs.

Beasley speaks of her daughter, Mrs. Vail. (Hathwavs Vol. 1, page

384.)^

General Edward Vail married first Mary Benners, daughter of

John Benners.

THOMAS VAIL

Thomas Vail was appointed Treasurer of district of Edenton 1785

(Colonial Records Vol. 20, page 295, 296). 1805—Will of Thomas

Vail—(Hathway Vol. 2, page 272). Heirs:

1. Abner Nash

2. Lillington

3. John

4. Mary —Married 1807, January 10th-—James Carney. Wit¬

ness—Abner N. Vail (Hathway Vol. 1, page 396).

5. Thomas

6. Benners Whidbee —Married Susan Matilda Alford, Jan¬

uary 2, 1827.

7. Charles ./=

8. Edward

9. Frederick

Thomas \^ail, Sr., married Patsy Whedbee, daughter of Thomas

Wdiedbee of Perquinrians County, North Carolina.

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Marriage Records

Copies of Wills and Land Divisions

of

VAIL FAMILY

John Vail, Chowan County, married to Elizabeth Swann, daughter

of Samuel Swann, September 20, 1748. (Hathways Genealogical

Register.)

Heirs:

1. Moseley

2. Mary

3. Rebecca

4. Elizabeth

5. Martha

6. Edward

James and Edward Blount, Ex.

JEREMIAH VAIL .

Heirs:

1. Sarah— John Blount

2. Jeremiah —Betsy Blount

(Sarah Vail Blount died 1769)

John Blount (Hathways VoL, page 522).

James married Ann Hall, daughter of Rev. Clement Llall. .

3. Frederick

4. Wilson

5. Elizabeth —Married John Baptist Beasley (Hathways Vol.

1, page 132).

6. Mary —Married Rev. Charles Pettigrew (Hathways Vol. 1,

page 132).

Martha Vail married Miles Gale 1745 (Hathways Vol. 1,

page 236).

Thomas Vail married Fllizabeth Hoskins, September 16,

1818.

John Vail married Elizabeth Swann, September 20, 1748

(Hathways Vol. 1, 237).

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Edward Vail, will probated June 1777 — (Hathways Vol. 2, page

30).

1. Jeremiah

2. Edward

3. Thomas

4. Frederick

Executors: Charles Pettigrew and John Baptist Beasley.

Frederick Vail, September 2, 1778, Chowan County, (Hathways

Vol. 1, page 30).

Mother Susannah Vail

Brother Edward Vail

Brother Thomas Vail

Nephew Edward Vail

Benners Whidbee Vail, 1848 (Wayne County Records).

Heirs:

1. Thomas L. Vail —Married \_Person

2. Mary Ann Vail —Married Partly Deans Applewhite

3. Sarah Matilda Vail —Married Elisha Applewhite 1st;

2nd—Howell.

4. Henry J. Vail —Married Jackie Sherrod 1st; 2nd—Estella

Thomas Vail, will probated 1805.

Heirs:

1. Abner Nash Vail

2. Lillington Vail

3. John Vail

4. Mary Vail

5. Thomas Vail— Married Elizabeth Hoskins

6. Benners Whedbee— Married Susan M. Alford

7. Charles

8. Edward

9. Frederick

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BENNERS EAMILY

General Edward \"ail married first Mary Benncrs—a descendant

of Lucas Jocob Benners. The Benners were French Hugenots and fled

from France at the time of the Edict of Nantz—and settled on the Is¬

land of St. Eustatia, where they intermarried with the Dutch. They

later came to the Carolinas. Lucas Jacob Benners married Anna Linder-

say, a neice of Admiral Due Rygter, who beat the English off the Dog¬

ger Bank.

Mary Benners was probably the daughter of Mary Lovick and John

Benners, who lived at Club Foot’s Creek, in Craven County. There is

a tomb stone in an old cemetery near New Bern, with the name Lady

Mary Vail inscribed thereon.

ALFORD FAMILY

Susan Matilda Alford, wife of Benners Whedbee Vail, was a de-

scendent of William Alford born in London in 1608, and with two

brothers, Benedictus and Alexandria came to Boston, Mass, in 1635.

James Alford married Judy Harper of the famous Harper family,

of Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

'Tis said they had twelve sons and eight daughters. The fifth son

being Lodwick, who married Mary Hall, the parents of Susan Matilda

Alford.

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LUCY FELT GIIEENOUGH

Aunt of Viola Felt, born in Exeter, New Hampshire

October 23, 1828. Died in Dexter, Maine.

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FELT

George Felt (or Felch, as the name is sometimes spelt) is found in

Charlestown, Mass., in 1633, but he had been there earlier. In 1681

he calls himself eighty years old and testifies that land was giyen him

“about forty-eight years since.” George Felt bought three hundred acres

of land at Broad Coye on Casco Bay and by 1643 was one of the pioneer

settlers of North Yarmouth. Next he bought two thousand acres of

land at Casco Bay, of which he was later depriyed, and in relation to

wliich he made the following petition under date of June 22, 1688.

To His Excellency Sir Edmund Andros:

The Humble Petition of George Felt Senior of Maidden, Mass.

Sheiveth: That in my grief 1 am compelled to trouble your Excel¬

lency at this time, but having about eighteen years since purchased of

one Isrial Phillips of Boston Ge)it. late deceased, a plantation at a place

called Great Cove (in Cascoe Bay) containing about two thousand

acres of upland and marsh, as by a deed from the said Phillips hand

and seal, for which 1 then paid him Sixty pounds money, and im¬

proved the said Plantatioii several years before 1 bought it, so the whole

time 1 was occupying it was about one and twenty years.

But sometime after the late Indian War it was uithheld from me

by some of the iiihabitants of the town of the said Caskoe Bay, and be¬

ing by said War much impovished 1 could not recover it out of their

hands. I am also now forced to suffer for want of convenient care

taken of me in my present distress being about eighty seven years old

and very sick, feeble and weak.

Therefore you Petitioner recommendeth his case to your Excellen¬

cies prudent consideration, humbly beseeching and earnestly begging

that it seems meet and convenient your Excellency would be pleased to

favor your petitioner that he may have a confirmation of his land under

such moderate quit rent, as well as an order to ye Townsmen of Maulden

to relieve your Petitioner in his distress. This shall further oblige your

petitioner, as is his duty, to pray for your Excellency.

George Felt married Elizabeth Wilkinson who died in 1694, she

being a daughter of Wfidow Prudence Wfilkinson who was an inhabitant

of Charlestown, Mass, in 1630, and who died in Malden, Mass. 1655.

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George Felt died 1693—age 92 years. (See Wymans Charlestown,

page 342-1031)—Also Pope’s Pioneers of Mass.).

Moses Felt

Moses Felt was born 1651, married Hannah Maine. He was an

early resident of Casco Bay, until driyen out b\ the Indians in the

First Indian War. In 1714 he bought land in Lynn, Mass, and died

there. , t-

Joshua Felt

Joshua Felt was the son of Moses and Hannah (Maine) Felt. He

married Ann Walcott of Salem, January 15, 1712. He married a sec¬

ond time—Mrs. Dorcas (Gould) Buxton of Salem. Fie bought land in

Lynn. .

^ Aaeon Felt

Aaron Felt was the son of Joshua Felt and Ann (Walcott) Felt.

He was born January 21, 1715-16. He married first Mercy ^\'aite,

December 25, 1739. He married second Hannah Atwell, January 22,

1765. He was born at Rumney Marsh, and bought land in Lynn, Mass.

He died in 1769—-(Felt geneology, page 48).

Peter Felt

Peter Felt was the son of Aaron and Mercy (Waite) Felt born in

Lynn, Mass, on Noyember 3, 1745—died in Temple, New Hampshier

January 2, 1817. He married first November 8, 1769 Lucy Andrews,

who was the daughter of Jeremiah and Lucy (Rust) Andrews of Ip¬

swich, Mass. He married second, March 31, 1809 Mrs. Polly Gilmour.

Peter Felt owTied a large shoemaking shop, and was know n as a skill¬

ful shoemaker himself. He settled in Temple, N. H. about 1763. In

1779 he erected a large, square commodious house, which w'as still

standing in 1920.

Peter Felt enlisted in the Continental Army, and served in the W^ar

of the Revolution in Colonel Reed’s Regiment under Captain Ezra

Tow'n. In September 1777 he served in the Saratogo Campaign under

Capt G. Durry, in Colonel Moore’s regiment.

Thom AS Felt

Thomas Felt w'as the son of Peter Felt and Lucy Andrews. He was

born in Temple, New Hampshier, August 10, 1791. He died in New^-

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buryport, Mass. November 1842, He married December 7, 1812 Sybil

Jefts of Mason, N. H. She was the daughter of Thomas and Abigail

(Barrett) Jefts and was born June 13, 1787. They lived for many years

in Exeter, N. H. Mr. Felt was a very ingenious mechanic, and some¬

what eccentric.

PARNELL CROMBIE FELT

Parnell Crombie Felt was the son of Thomas Felt and Sybel Jefts.

A direct descendant of George Felt of Cascoe Bay, who was living

there as early as 1643. He was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, April

30, 1820; married Drusilla Howard Sykes of Wilmington, N. C., De¬

cember 23, 1854. Died in Wilmington, N. C. March, 1865.

Parnell Crombie Felt was a Carriage Maker by trade, and is credit¬

ed with building the first Hearse e\er used in the City of Wilmington.

His remains rest in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, N. C.

Viola Felt, who married Robert Council Applewhite, was their

daughter.

Copy of Family Records in Sybel FelTs Bible,

Exeter, New Hampshire

Thomas Felt, August 10th, 1791

Sybel Jeffs or Jeffts, June 13, 1787

CHILDREN

Leucius Galvin Felt, August 16, 1815

Alney Orville Felt, April 24, 1818

Parnel Crombie Felt, April 30, 1820

Alonzo Montc;omery Felt, June 10, 1823

Gilbert Hamilton Felt, October 30, 1825

Lucy Ann Felt, October 23, 1828

Viola Felt, February 24, 1831

Daniel Webster Felt, June 9, 1834

grandchildren

Lucy Ann Greenough, November 7, 1852

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Maude Minna Kimball, June 14, 1885

MARRIAGES

Thomas Felt to Sybel Jeffs, December 8, 1812

CHILDREN

L. G. Felt, May 13, 1835

A. O. Felt, 1841—Marian

P. C. Felt, December 25, 1854 to Drusilla Sykes

A. M. Felt, 1845—Dorcas ^Vhitham

L. A. Felt, October 1851, C. M. Greenough

Viola Felt, May 17, 1852, Jacob A. Woocinell

GRANDCHILDREN

Viola Felt— Piobert C. Applewhite, September 16, 1877

L. A. Greenough, August 29, 1882 to G. F. Kimball, Dexter, Maine

DEATHS

Thomas Felt, November 22, 1842

Sybel Felt, January 6, 1884

CHILDREN

A. M. Felt, September 29, 1854

G. H. Felt, July 29, 1849

Viola Felt Woodnell, September 14, 1852

P. C. Felt, March, 1865

Daniel W. Felt, date unknown

REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS

OF PETER FELT

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"We the subscribers, do hereby solemnly Profess our Intire Willing¬

ness, at the Piisqiie of our Lives and Portunes, with Anns, to oppose the

Hostile Attemps of the British Fleets, and Armies against the United

American Colonies, When Ever, and to such a Degree as Such Attemps

of Britain my Pxequire. (signed)

Peter Felt

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ROBEin COUNCIL APPLEWHITE

Born December 30, 18 53

Died January 24, 1919

ROBERT COUNCIL APPLEWHITE

Robert Council Applewhite, born in Bladen County December 30,

1853. Married Viola Felt September 16, 1877, died January 24, 1919.

He was the second son of Bartley Deans Applewhite and IMary Ann

Vail.

A direct descendant of Henry Applewhite of Suffolk, England, who

migrated to Isle of \\4'ght County, Virginia, about 1665, and of Edward

Vail, Brigadier General of Militia of North Carolina, who served in the

French and Indian War, and in the Revolutionary \\'ar. His parents

came from Wayne County, N. C. to Bladen County in the year 1852.

When he was quite young thev located in \ATiat was then the upper

part of Brunswick County, now Columbus Count}. He received his

education from private teachers. His education was interrupted by the

War between the States, but he received good business training from

his father, who was a successful merchant and planter, and this he

chose for his avocation.

His first business venture was at Neil’s Eddy on the Cape Fear, and

it was here he was located when he married Viola Felt. They were

married at the home of John Sykes, with whom Viola Felt made her

home. They first lived in the home of Ottway Burns, but soon bought a

home near Brinkley, now Delco on the W. C. Sc A. Railroad. This

home, built in 1868, is still standing and belongs to their youngest son,

Anthony L. Applewhite. xAlthough this was the trying period so soon af¬

ter the Confederate Government rose and fell, and it was a struggle with

adverse circumstances, it developed a strong generation. With a wonder¬

ful helpmate, he accumulated land, livestock, and engaged successfully

in merchandising and Naval stores. He was full of energy and possessed

keen business foresight. He was generous to a fault, quick tempered, but

kind hearted. He let manv a box of groceries go out of his store to ones

who were in need, knowing he would never collect for them.

The Applewhite home was a place of hospitality where neighbors,

friends, relatives, and often strangers found a warm welcome. He was

a staunch Democrat. Although he did not become a Catholic until late

in life, lie cooperated in every way with his children being educated in

the Catholic Faith. All eight of the children were sent awav to Catholic

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institutions of learning. In the sixty-sixth year of life, he was stricken

with a cerebral hemorrhage while on a business trip to his farm, and

died at his old home at Delco. According to his expressed desire, he is

buried beside his mother and father at the Applewhite graveyard at his

bo\ hood home near Freemans in Columbus Countv.

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Kind hearts are more than Coronets, and simple Faith than

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VIOLA FELT APPLEWHITE

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VIOLA FELT

Viola Felt was born in Wilmington, N. C., November 2, 185 5,

married Robert Council Applewhite September 16, 1877. Died March

5, 1924, her remains arc in Oakdale Cemetery, Section J, Lot Num¬

ber 39.

Viola Felt was the daughter of Parnell Crombie Felt of Exeter, New

Hampshire and Drusilla Howard S\kes of Wilmington, N. C. She was

a direct descendant of Peter Felt, who settled at Cascoe Bay in the

State of Maine about 1640, and of James Sykes of Bladen County, a

direct descendant of Earl Joseph Howard of the flouse of Howard, of

whom the Duke of Norfolk is the Head.

Viola Felt’s parents died when she was quite young. Her only

brother Thomas, was killed by a train when a young boy. She made her

home with her Aunt Fannie (Sykes) Swinson, and her Uncle John

Sykes. She attended the Sisters of Mercy School in Wilmington, N. C.

She was a devoted wife, mother, neighbor and friend:

“None knew her hut to love her,

nor named her hut to praise ”

SYKES — HOWARD

The Sykes came from England and settled in Carolina in the early

part of 1 7th Century. One of the early pioneers was John Sykes. He had

ten sons. Flis first son, James, was in Revolutionary War. James married

Drusilla Howard, grand-daughter of Earl Joseph Howard of England,

and daughter of William Howard of the House of Howard, The Duke of

Norfolk is head of the House of Howard.

Walter Gibbs Sykes, son of James and Drusilla Howard Sykes, mar¬

ried Rebecca Ellis Moses in Charleston, S. C. She was the daughter

of Joseph Ellis, a Captain in the English Army, and Fannie Miers. The

Ellis and Miers were Jewish. Rebecca married first Henry Moses, a

jeweller in Charleston, S. C. Her second marriage was to Walter Gibbs

Sykes, a lawyer in Charleston, S. C. Her family, being Jewish, opposed

the marriage. It is said that Rebecca was verv beautiful and very cul-

tured. They came to Wh'lmington, N. C. to live, and two children were

born there: Frances Emanuel, and Drusilla Howard.

Drusilla Howard S\ kes married Parnell Crombie Felt, the parents of

Viola Felt.

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MARY COWAN APPLEWHITE NORRIS

Daughter of Robert C. and Viola F. Applewhite

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Section 2

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT COUNCIL APPLEWTIITE AND

VIOLA FELT

1. jMary Cowax xApplewhite, born June 29, 1878, married Har¬

vey Vernon Norris of WAke County, N. C., October 6, 1918. Edu¬

cated in private schools in Cronly, N. C. and Sacred Heart

Academy, Belmont, N. C. Taught in public school of North Caro¬

lina and in Sisters of Mercy School in W ilmington, N. C. Mem¬

ber of the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Le-

gion Auxiliary, and Catholic Daughters of America. Her husband,

Harvey V. Norris, died January 26, 1938.

2. Bartley Felt Applewhite, second child of Robert and Viola

Applewhite, was born December 23, 1879, married Martha Moore

Reilly November 16, 1904, died October 15, 1948. He was edu¬

cated in private schools in Cronly (now Acme), N. C. and St. Jo¬

sephs Institute, Bristow, Virginia. He was a successful merchant

and farmer, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and W^oodman

of World. His first wife Martha (Madgie) Reilly, was the daughter

of Major James Reilly, hero of Fort Fisher. His .second wife was

Roberta Dickey of Birmingham, Ala. Mary Ann Applewhite, daugh¬

ter of Bartley and Martha Applewhite, married Alexander V. Scully

of Atlanta, Ga. They have two daughters, Martha Hemphill and

Marv^ Bartlev Scullv.

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3. Thomas Elisha Applewhite, third son of Robert and Viola

Applewhite, was born November 11, 1881 in Brinkley (now'

Delco), N. C. Married Eugenia Dickey Robinson of Birmingham,

Ala., April 3, 1907. Educated in private schools in Cronly, N. C.

and Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N. C. He is an accountant, a staunch

Democrat, member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd and 4th de¬

gree, and the Lions’ Club. They have a foster son, Charles Dickey

Pickerell, of W’hiteville, N. C.

4. Jessie Frances Greenough, fourth child of Robert and Viola

Applewhite, died in infancy.

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5. Robert Council Applewhite, fifth child of Robert Applewhite

and Viola Felt, was born December 20, 1885 in Brinkley, N. C.

Married Lillie Edna Knowles October 21, 1913 in St. Mary’s

Church, Wilmington, N. C., the first marriage performed in that

church. He attended private school and St. Joseph’s Institute, Bris¬

tow, Va. He is engaged in farming and is a Justice of Peace, Demo¬

crat, and a Knight of Columbus. Their children are:

1. Mary Felt, born January 4, 1915 at Delco, N. C., married

Clyde Leonard of Phillipi, West Virginia, July 1, 1950. x\t-

tended public schools in Columbus County, St. Mary’s in Wil¬

mington, and Hopewell, Va. They have two daughters: Mary

Jane Leonard, born October 6, 1951, and Frances Rose

Leonard. They live in Fairfax County, Virginia.

2. Frances Matilda, born October 26, 1916, married Francis Ben-

jamen Greer of Whiteville, N. C. Their children are Benjamen

Greer, born September 2 5, 1938, now in U. S. Army in Ja¬

pan. Frances Applewhite, Roberta, Gladys Felt, Thomas Cray-

nor, born June 11, 1952, and Robert Warren.

3. William Paul Applewhite, third child of Robert and Lillie

Applewhite, was born November 17, 1918. A salesman, a Dem¬

ocrat, and A Catholic.

4. Angela Vail, fourth child, born August 26, 1924. Married

William Edison Bordeaux. Their children are: William Edison,

born Jan. 13, 1947, Angela Applewhite, Teresa Vail, Mary

Lillie. They reside in Delco, N. C.

5. Thomas Elisha Applewhite, fifth child of Robert and Lillie

Applewhite, was born September 11, 1926. Veteran of World

War II, was in Navy P. T. O. Iwo Jima. Employed by Liggett-

Meyer, a Democrat and a Catholic.

6. Lillian Edna, sixth child of Robert and Lillie Applewhite, was

born October 20, 1929. Married Joseph Fcsler of New York

attended Sacred Heart College, Belmont, N. C. Now residing in

Los Angeles, California in this year 1956. Their children are:

Vail Patrice, born December 12, 1952, and Scan. (Sliann)

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6. William Parnell Applewhite, sixth child of Robert Council

Applewhite and Viola Felt, was born in Brinkley (now Dclco), Co¬

lumbus, Co., N. C., November 20, 1888. Married Mary Eugenia

Westerman of ^^dlmington, N. C., October, 1922. He-attended

school in Cronly (now Acme) and Belmont Abbey College, Bel¬

mont, N. C. He is a veteran of World War I. He is a merchant.

Their children are:

1. Mary Eugenia (Gene) married Anthony Mazur of Castle

Ha\ lies, N. C. They reside in Wilmington, have one daughter,

Margaret Mary.

2. William Parnell Applewhite, Jr., second child of William and

Mamie Westerman, attended school at St. Mary’s, New Hanover

High School in \\blmington, and received a degree in Engineer¬

ing from Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana. A veteran of

World War II. Married Jane Farmer of Spartanburg, S. C. Now

residing in Baden, N. C. Have one son, John Allen Applewhite.

3. James Frederick, third child of William and Mamie Applewhite,

was born in Wilmington, N. C., attended St. Mary’s School and

New Hanover High in Wilmington. A master mechanic with

A. C. L. Railway Co., Florence, S. C. A member of Knights of

Columbus.

7. George Badger Applewhite, seventh child of Robert Council

Applewhite and Viola Felt, was born January 19, 1890 in Cronly,

N. C. Married Eva Cannady December, 1923. Attended school in

Cronly and Belmont Abbey College. Served in World War I in

Rainbow Division under General Douglas McArthur. He is en¬

gaged in real estate business and resides at Carolina Beach, N. C.

A member of Knights of Columbus, Edks, American Legion, Vet¬

erans of Foreign W'ars, and Wilmington Real Estate Board. Their

children are:

1. George Badger Applewhite, Jr., attended Wilmington schools

and Universitv of North Carolina, Now sercing in U. S. Armv.

2. Joan Applewhite, attended Sacred Heart Academy and Junior

College, Member of Daughters of American Revolution. Mar¬

ried to Thomas Marion Danforth of Augusta, Georgia. They

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Iiave two children, Thomas Robin and Gregory Patrick, now

residing in Atlanta, Georgia, September 10, 1956.

8. Dorothy Matilda Drusilla Applewhite, eighth child of

Robert and \dola Applewhite, was born June 2 5, 1892 m Cronly,

N. C. Married Robert Dunlop Powell of Richmond, \^a., June 3,

1922. Attended school in Whlmington, N. C. and Sacred Heart

Academy, Belmont, N. C. Their children are:

1. Robert Dunlop Powell, Jr., born in Richmond, \'\*a., married

Nancy Dighton, of Sanford, Florida. Attended school in Rich¬

mond, Va. and University of Virginia. Served in Naval Air

Corps, World \\'ar II. Now in Naval Reserve with rank of

Lieutenant Commander. Is engaged in Engineering. Lives in

Yorktown, Virginia. They have three daughters, Nancy Pey ton

Powell, Mary Lindsey Powell, and Martha Reid Powell.

2. Dorothy Applewhite Powell, daughter of Robert and Dorothy

Powell, was born in Richmond, Virginia, married William Jo¬

seph Richards of Alexandria, Va. Attended school in Hopewell,

Va. and Madison College, Harrisonburg, \^a. Member of Na¬

tional Council of Catholic Women, and Daughters of xAmerican

Revolution. They have four children: Dorothy Michele Rich¬

ards, born in Alexandria, Va., Patricia Ann Richards, born in

Nashville, Tenn., William Joseph Richards, born June 29,

1952 in Cleveland, Ohio, and Robert Thomas Richards, born

in Nashville, Tenn. They reside in Nashville, Tenn.

3. Joseph Francis Powell, third child of Robert Dunlop Powell and

Dorothy Applewhite, was born in Hopewell, \drginia, married

Loretta Pielock of Utica, N. Y. Attended schools in klopewell,

Va. and Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. He is in

the engineering department of the Ohio State Flighway, and

lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Served in the U. S. Air Corps and was

an outstanding football player at V. M. 1.

9. Anthony Leo Applewhite, ninth child of Robert Council

Applewhite and Viola Felt, was born in Cronly, N. C. January 30,

1893. Attended school in Cronly and the Benedictine School, St.

Joseph Institute, Bristow, Virginia. Served in W orld W^ar 1 and is a

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10. Patrick Applewhite, tenth child of Robert Council Applewhite

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OUR KINFOLKS

In order that we may keep their “memory green,” I will try to record

something of our near relatives as I remember them. I regret that I am

unable to go more into detail, but it is my sincere hope that'someone

will finish the task that I have begun. I will begin with my uncles, aunts,

and cousins on my fathers side, as I remember them.

Uncle Benners Whidbee Applewhite married Mary Elvie

Sellars, and they lived first in Columbus County near Freemans, and

later lived in Wilmington. He was in the wood and coal business. Their

children are: (1) Katherine, married Fredrick Babson, living in Wil¬

mington, N. C. (2) Henry Jefferson, a resident of Savannah, Georgia,

a noted orchestra leader. (3) Margaret, was a lovely girl and died soon

after reaching young womanhood. (4) Belle, married William Potter,

lives in Miami, Florida. (5) Gertrude, married James \\'ilkins, lives in

Wilson, N. C. (6) Bertha, died young. (7) Gladys, married George

Rickert, lives in Washington, D. C. (8) Claude, lives in Augusta

Georgia. Has two sons in the Navy.

Aunt Henrietta Applewhite married Henry Woolard in 1876.

They went to Georgia to live where they were engaged in the Naval

Stores business and achieved marked success. They lived in Worth

County, Georgia. Their children are: (1) Etta Lee, born June 28,

1877, married Dr. Cleburne Edwards, died in Doerun, Georgia. (2)

Henry Davenport, married and lived in Moultrie, Georgia. (3) Mary

Winnifred, married James Otis Holamon, lives in Sylvester, Georgia.

(4) Katherine Emily, married Nickolas Ridley, lived in Sarasota,

Florida. (5) John Stetson, now living in Albany, Georgia. Engaged in

the lumber business. (6) Banks T., living in Sylvester, Georgia, a

merchant. (7) Gertrude, married Dr. J. R. Richardson, li\ed in Abbe¬

ville, Ala., died June, 1956. (8) Grover C., married Nettie Hall of

Worth County, Ga., lived in Sylvester, Ga., and owner of hotel there.

(9) Ida Belle, married Lester Reynolds, lives in Orlando, Fla.

Aunt Matilda Applewhite married Benjamen J. Price of \\ il-

mington, N. C., brother of Rev. Father Thomas Price. They lived in

Rocky Mount, N. C. Their children are: (1) Alfred Lanier Price of

Spartanburg, S. C. He married hrst, ^,iiss Lillian Williams, of Macon,

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Georgia; second, Mrs. Marian Roux. (2) Clara Mary, married Ehvood

Wheatley of Alexandria, \hrginia. (3) Sallie, married Eugene DeSilvia

and resides in Roanoke, Virginia. (4) Benjamen J., lives in Spartan¬

burg, S. C. (5) Bartley Deans, lives in Delco, N. C., a World War I

veteran. (6) Viola, married William E. Smith of Newburg, New York.

Viola died at the age of thirty-four. She \^'as a lovely person, and possess¬

ed great charm. They have two children; Viola Matilda, married Dr.

Robert P. Chappell of Joliet, Ill., now a Major in the U. S. Army,

present!} on duty in France, and William Francis Smith, married Adele

Stephens of Charleston, S. C. They have one son M'illiam Francis, Jr.

They live in Charleston, S. C.

LixcLE Elisha Lee Applewhite married Rosa Battle Rhodes of

Wilson, N. C. Their children are: (1) Blake Deans Applewhite, mar¬

ried first Elizabeth LeCwin of W ilmington, second Marjorie Menden¬

hall of Greensboro, N. C. Blake and Elizabeth had one daughter,

Elizabeth Battle, married to Oscar Pearsall, of Wilmington. (2) Eric

Leon Applewhite, married and lives in Miami Beach, Florida. (3)

Louise Battle, married V. J. McDaniel and lives in Asheville, N. C.

The Vails and Deans that live in W^ayne and Wilson Counties are

our relatives. Mrs. Ira Whitlev of Smithfield, N. C., is mv father’s

first cousin. Vail Avenue in Charlotte, N. C. was named for Uncle

Thomas Vail.

My mother did not have many relatives. The Felts were of New

England, a very old pioneer family, and according to the family records

my grandfather’s brothers were dead before 1870. They lived in Maine,

Boston, (Malden) and in New Hampshire. My mother kept in touch

with her Aunt Lucy Greenough of Augusta, Maine, and Cousin Lucy

Kimball of Dexter, Maine. Her great-uncle, John Sykes, lived in Bruns¬

wick County, N. C. After the early death of her parents, her Aunt

Fannie Orrell Swinson li\'ed with her in her home on Red Cross Street,

Wilmington, N. C. At that time, 1865, there were only two or three

dwellings in that part of Wilmington. Their home was near Eighth and

Red Cross Streets. The old kitchen to the main house is still in use.

Aunt Fannie had one daughter, Cousin Carrie (Mrs. Edward Orrell).

Perhaps some members of the family will finish the history. To you

of the younger generation we hand you the task of keeping the record of

our great familv. '“Carrv oii —

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AN OLD WILL

North Carolina ^

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province aforesaid calling to mind it is appointed for all men to die, do

make and ordain this mv last will and testament revoking and disannul-

ing all wills by me heretofore made. First, I give my wife Susannah \^ail

the use of my house, barn and kitchen at my back plantation and one

third part of the land belonging to that plantation during her natural

life or widowhood. I give mv wife the use of the following negroes: Kate

and Patience during her natural life or widowhood and after her mar¬

riage or decease to be equally divided between my two sons Thomas &

Frederick Vail.

I give my wife the use of my double chair, my horse. Hector, and

the White Horse, six cows and calves, two yoke of oxen and a cart, all

my sheep, two beds and furniture, one with curtains, one tea chest, two

side saddles, one pair looking glasses, one square mahogany table, one

black square table, one walnut desk called hers, one walnut tea tabic,

one pine Cupboard, one large walnut chest, one pine chest, all my

kitchen furniture, all my china and crockeryware, knives and forks, the

loom and tackle belonging thereto, the spinning wheels, two pair cast

andirons, tongs and shovel, one Bellows, two ploughs, four hoes, two

axes and all the meat and grain in the house, six sows and pigs and af¬

ter her marriage or decease then to be equally divided between m\’ two

youngest sons, Thomas Sc Frederick Vail. I give my wife the use of my

silver two handled Cup, silver table S{X)ons and tea spoons, and punch

ladle, one small case and Bottles and after her marriage or decease to be

equally divided between my two sons Thomas Sc Frd. \^ail.

I give and bequeath unto my sons Jeremiah Vail my dwelling house

and plantation on the Sound side, and all the land on that side the

swamp which divides my two plantations to him and the male heirs

lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs to my son Thomas Vail and

the male heirs of his bodv lawfullv begotten and for want of such heirs

to my son Frederick Vail and the male heirs of his body lawfully be¬

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I give to my son Jeremiah Vail one negro man called Arch, one

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I give to my son Edward Vail my back plantation and all the land

and swamp which divides that from my front plantation to him and the

male heirs of his bodv lawfullv begotten and for want of such to mv son

Thomas \'ail and the male heirs of his bodv lawfullv begotten and for

want of such heirs to my son Fred’k Vail and the heirs of his body law¬

fully begotten forever. I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Vail

one negro man named Brister one negro boy named Jack, one gun called

Eyre one bed and furniture. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas

Vail one negro bov Tobv one Bed and furniture, mv silver Watch and

Horse Cyrus. I give and bequeath unto my son Frederick \^ail one negro

boy Caesar one mare called Queen, one bed and furniture, my shoe,

knee and stock buckles. I give and bequeath unto my sons, Thomas &

Frederick Vail the negroes hereafter named towit Rachael, Nan, Rose,

Patience, Judy and Harry tliey and their Increases to be equally divided

between them when Thomas arrives of age. I give and bequeath to my

son Edw’d Vail my water mill. I give my wife one drying chest and all

the Chairs about the house also the table linen. It is my will that my son

Edw’d Vail have one half of mv horse called Young Partner and the

Other half to be sold and the money applied towards payment of my

debts.

And I do appoint the Rev’d Mr. Charles Pettigrew and John Baptist

Beaslev Executors of this mv last will and testament. In witness where-

of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th Nov. 1775.

Signed, sealed S:c Edward Vail (SEAL)

in presence of us

Thomas Benbury, Jurat.

Charles Benbury

Robt. Davison.

The above and foregoing will was exhibited and proven in open

Court at June Term 1777 bv the oath of Thomas Benburv & witness

thereto, at the same time John Baptist Beasley took the necessary oaths

for his qualification as Executor. Ordered that Letters issue et c.

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James Norfleet, Clerk

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NORTM CAROLINA

CHOWAN COUNTY.

This certifies that the foregoing 3 sheets are a true copy of tlie last

will and testament of Edward Vail as taken from \Vill Book “A” pages

320-321-322.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the

seal of this Court, this April 16th, 1923.

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(Signed) R. D. Dixon

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