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GENEALOGIST'S PRAYER
BY SID RUSSELL

CONTRIBUTED BY ROSELAND QUINN MITCHEM

DEAR LORD, THANK YOU FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS BESTOWED UPON ME, INCLUDING THOSE PRECEDENT ANCESTORS WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO FOLLOW AFTER -- TO LIVE, TO LOVE AND ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL WORLD. AND THANK YOU FOR THE CURIOSITY THAT PROMPTS THIS PROBING PINNOCHIO NOSE TO POKE INTO STATISTICS AND RECORDS, WITCH IF THE PEOPLE WERE LIVING, WOULD BE NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

DEAR LORD. I ASK THAT YOU WILL GUIDE MY QUESTING PROBOSCIS INTO APPROBATE CHANNELS, THAT I MAY AMASS THE FACTS AND FIGURES TO FOLIATE MY FAMILY TREE. TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE OUR LINEAL HERITAGE AND HISTORY. BAR ME FROM BEING A BORE WHEN THE UNWITTING ASK ABOUT MY INTRIGUING HOBBY.

GIVE ME THE PATIENCE OF JOB, LORD, TO WITHSTAND THE FRUSTRATION OF BARREN RESEARCH AND TO CONTINUE MY SLEUTHING THROUGH DETOUR AND EMPTY CUL-DE-SAC. LET ME BE PROPERLY INDIGNANT AT THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED TOO FAR AND INCLUDED NAMES FOR THE PRESTIGE FACTOR ON INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE. <TIS SAID THAT ROYAL BLOOD IS OFTEN ANEMIC>

IN MY SEARCH, LEAD ME NOT INTO PATHWAYS OF UNPRODUCTIVE PEEKING AND POKING AS I CONTINUE <PARDON THE EXPRESSION> "TO DIG UP" ANCESTORS FOR MY OPUS OF ORIGIN -- HONER MY DESIRE TO KNOW. AS DIVINELY AND RETROACTIVELY AS POSSIBLE, MAKE MY AHNENTAFEL TREE FREE FROM HORES THIEVES, CON MEN, AND OTHER ASSORTED SCOUNDRELS, SO THAT I AM NOT SKULDUGGERY'S OFFSPRING.

IN MY SEEKING AS I WANDER AMONG STONEHENGE CEMETERY ROWS, TOWARD THE GRANITE MARKER WHICH WILL BEAR MY NAME AND YEAR OF DEMISE, GRANT ME TIME TO FINISH MY SEARCH, ONE HUNDRED YEARS SUCH AS OLD LAWRENCE COPELAND ENJOYED WILL SUFFICE IF YOU CAN MANAGE. IS THAT TO MUCH TO REQUEST FOR ONE WIDE-EYED AND CURIOUS ABOUT HERETOFORE?

FOR MYSELF AND EVERY FELLOW GENEALOGIST, LORD, I ASK IT ALL.

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WILLEY - SMITH - ROWE - OLIVER - BROWN
FAMILY TREE

#1 ARCHIBALD WILLEY

BORN - SEPT. 12, 1816 IN DORCHESTER CO. MARYLAND
DIED - FEB. 22, 1872 IN GLOUCESTER CO. VIRGINIA
HE WAS 56 YEARS OLD. ONLY ONE YEAR AFTER GEORGINA DIED.
BURIED - WILLEY CEMETERY

MARRIED - ANN MARIA -----

BORN - 1818
DIED - AUG. 18, 1863 IN GLOUCESTER CO. VA.
SHE WAS 45 YEARS OLD.
BURIED - WILLEY CEMETERY

MARRIED 3RD. - GEORGINA SMITH

BORN - SEPT. 6, 1849 IN GLOUCESTER CO. VA.
DIED - DEC. 20, 1871 IN GLOUCESTER CO. VA.
OF CONSUMPTION, SHE WAS 32 YEARS OLD.
BURIED - WILLEY CEMETERY
DAUGHTER OF -* ARMSTEAD SMITH AND PATSY ROWE

CHILDREN OF ARCHIBOLD AND GEORGINA WILLEY

1. OSKAR LEE	1865 - 1891	NEVER MARRIED
2. OCTAVIA E.	1867 - 1899	HUNTER DAVIDSON SMITH
3. THOMAS FRANKLYN	1868 - 1959	ANNIE DREWRY WILKINS
4. ARCHIE H.	1869 - 1927	SARAH M. THORNTON
5. MARY JANE	1871 -	JAMES MONROE ROWE

<2> OCTAVIA MARRIED HUNTER D. SMITH BORN 186-
HE WAS THE SON OF *PETER WILLIAM SMITH - 1825 AND FRANCES JANE ROWE -
1829. IN 1850 CENSES FRANCES WAS LIVING WITH

CHILDREN OF OCTAVIA AND HUNTER D. SMITH

#1 OLLIE DUPONT

BORN - NOV. 17, 1891
DIED - SEPT. 3, 1968
MARRIED - WILLIAM EARL OLIVER
BORN - APRIL 25, 1835 IN COKE, GLOUCESTER CO. VA.
DIED - JAN. 22, 1955 COKE, GLOUCESTER, CO. VA.
OLLIE AND WILLIAM E. ARE BURIED AT PROVIDENCE CHURCH.

CHILDREN

1. LUCY	FEB. 20, 1924	MARRIED JESSIE GWYN
2. WILLIAM EARL JR.	MARCH 22, 1927	BLANCH DEAL THELMA SMITH
	DAUGHTER OF FRANK SMITH AND	JENKINS

#2 HARRY LEE

MARY ELIZABETH CLEMENTS

#3 SARAH FANNIE

WATT WASHINGTON SEAWELL

<3> THOMAS FRANKLYN
BORN - 1868
DIED - 1959

MARRIED - ANNIE DEWRY WILKINS
BORN -
DIED -
DAUGHTER OF - EDWARD AND ABBIGAIL WILKINS
OF "PLEASANT GROVE" NORFOLK CO. VA.

<5> MARY JANE WILLEY
BORN - 1871
DIED -
MARRIED - JAMES MONROE ROWE
SON OF WILLIAM ROWE AND
BORN - MARYLAND

CHILDREN

1. WILLIAM THOMAS
2. MARY ELLEN
3. AMANDA JANE
4. ARCHIBALD D. 1871 - 1945
5. ETTA MARIE 1875 - 1957
6. STONEWALL J. 1878 -
7. JAMES TYLER 1883 - 1922

MARRIED

GEORGE RAINER
ADA WEST
ALEXANDER M. HAYWOOD
BEULAH BUCK
OLLIE DUPONT SMITH

* PETER WILLIAM SMITH - FARMER

BORN - APRIL 5, 1828

DIED - JAN. 21, 1909

WAS THE SON OF ANTHONY 17-- DIED BEFORE 1850. AND SARAH SMITH -
1765 MARRIED - FRANCES JANE ROWE

BORN - SEPT. 10, 1830

DIED - JAN. 1, 1907 - PETER AND FRANCES ARE BURIED AT BAILEY'S
LANDING.

DAUGHTER OF *EDWARD HANSFORD ROWE SR. AND GRACE DOBSON

CHILDREN OF PETER AND FRANCES

1. AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON 1852
2. SARAH E. 1853
3. GRACE ELIZABETH 1854
4. PETER WILLIAM JR. 1857
5. ROSEWELL COLUMBUS 1858
6. HUNTER DAVIDSON 18--
7. FEMALE 1866

MARRIED

LAURA L. HUGHES
JOHN E. SMITH
NEVER MARRIED
MARY FRANCES THOMAS
OCTAVIA E. WILLEY
DIED AS INFANT

*EDWARD HANSFORD ROWE SR.

BORN

DIED

MARRIED - GRACE DOBSON

BORN - 1805?

DIED -

CHILDREN OF EDWARD AND GRACE

#1. EDWARD HANSFORD JR.

BORN - MARCH 2, 1828

DIED -

MARRIED MARY SUSAN WILLIAMS

BORN - MARCH 30, 1848

DIED -

DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM WILLIAMS AND MARTHA -----

CHILDREN

- 1. NORA B. 1869
- 2. WINCHESTER A. 1871
- 3. SAMUEL E. 1880
- 4. MARTHA L. 1886
- 5. MARY E. 1890

MARRIED

MILISSA WIATE MINOR
 MILDRED T. RILEY
 NEVER MARRIED
 SAMUEL M. ROWE 2ND.

#2. SAMUEL MARION

BORN - FEB. 24, 1833

DIED - JAN. 17, 1916

MARRIED ANN ELIZABETH DIGGS

BORN - APRIL 18, 1855

DIED - MAY 23, 1923

DAUGHTER OF JOHN DIGGS AND ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

CHILDREN

- 1. JOHN H. 1876
- 2. GRACE 1879
- 3. SAMUEL M. 2ND. 1881
- 4. FANNIE MAY 1884
- 5. HENERY 1886
- 6. WILLIAM H. 1889
- 7. MARYUS JONES 1892
- 8. LINDA W. 1895

MARRIED

<1ST. COUSINS>
 DAUGHTER OF

WARD
 MARY ELIZABETH ROWE
 OF EDWARD H. AND MARY
 HERMAN F. ROWE

REBECCA SHACKELFORD

*ARMSTEAD SMITH

BORN - 1798

DIED - 1876

SON OF *ANTHONEY SMITH AND JOHANNA

MARRIED PATSY ROWE

BORN - 1800

DIED -

DAUGHTER OF EDMOND ROWE AND RACHEL

EDMOND SON OF BANSTER AND AN

CHILDREN OF ARMSTEAD AND PATSY SMITH

- 1. JOSEPH H. 1826
- 2. THOMAS E. 1828
- 3. SARAH AN 1830
- 4. RACHEL F. 1833
- 5. CAROLINE E. 1834
- 6. MARTHA A. 1836
- 7. ELIZABETH 1840
- 8. GEORGIANA 1849

MARRIED

LUCY AN THOMAS
 NEVER MARRIED
 ROBERT HARRIS
 JOHN FRANKLYN ROWE
 NEVER MARRIED
 JOHN FRANKLYN ROWE

ARCHIBALD WILLEY

* ANTHONY SMITH

BORN -

DIED - 1834

MARRIED JOHANNA-----

*WILLIAM EARL OLIVER

BORN - 25, APRIL 1883

DIED - 22, JAN. 1955

SON OF * WILLIAM JOSEPH OLIVER AND LUCY A. BROWN

*WILLIAM JOSEPH OLIVER

BORN - 16, MARCH 1856

DIED - 1933

SON OF * G. WASHINGTON J. H. OLIVER AND SARAH C. DUNSTON

MARRIED LUCY A. BROWN

BORN - 1855

DIED - 1926

DAUGHTER OF

*JAMES HENERY BROWN AND ANN E. KINNINGHAM

* JAMES HENERY BROWN

WAS THE SON OF JOHN S. AND MARY A. BROWN

BORN - 1830

DIED -

JAMES WAS A FARM MANAGER FOR JOHN W. BLOCKHOUSE OF PLEASANT POINT
LATER KNOWN AS LISBURNE.

MARRIED - ANN ELIZABETH KINNINGHAM

DAUGHTER OF * JOHN AND NANCIE KINNINGHAM

BORN - 1835

DIED -

* JOHN KINNINGHAM

BORN -

DIED -

MARRIED - NANCIE -----

BORN - 1800

DIED - 18

CHILDREN

1. ISABELLA 1827

2. ANN E. 1835

MARRIED

JAMES S. BROWN

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM J. AND LUCY OLIVER

MARRIED

1. PEARLE EMANS 1881

2. WILLIAM EARL 1883

ANDREW J. JENKINS

OLLIE DUPONT SMITH

3. HENRY JAMES 1885
4. PENDELTON M. 1887
5. MARCULIAS 1888
6. B. WASHINGTON 1894

MARY H. OLIVER 2-
FLETA MYRTIL LEWIS
SUSAN EVLIN CLEMENTS

* MORGAN D. OLIVER
THE SON OF * WILLIAM OLIVER AND SUSAN A. WALKER
BORN - 1803
DIED 1842 ?
MARRIED - MILDRED CATHRINE BROWN
BORN 1805 MIDDLESEX CO. VA.
DIED -
DAUGHTER OF SAMUAL BROWN AND MILDRED CARR

CHILDREN OF MORGAN AND MILDRED

MARRIED

1. *GEORGE WASHINGTON JEFFERSON H. 1829
2. THOMAS ANDREW JACKSON 1834
3. MORGAN 1836
4. ROBERT 1840
5. WILLIAM HARRISON 1842
6. THOMAS C. 1849

SARAH C. DUNSTON
ELIZABETH L. RILEY
MISSOURIE WHITE

CHILDREN OF *WILLIAM AND SUSAN A.

MARRIED

1. *WILLIAM P. 1800?
2. MARIAH
3. MORGAN 1803
4. JOHN
5. JAMES
6. THOMAS S.

CATHRINE BREW MINOR
MILDRED BROWN
LUCY ANN 2-SARAH BROWN

*WILLIAM P. AND CATHRINE OLIVER
CHILDREN

1. THOMAS JEFFERSON
BORN - 1837 GLOUCESTER CO. VA.
DIED - 1880

MARRIED - SARAH E. WRIGHT
BORN - 1839 YORK CO. VA.
DIED -
DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM AND CATHRINE WRIGHT

CHILDREN OF THOMAS J. AND SARAH

MARRIED

1. JOHN THOMAS 1871
2. WILLIAM DANIEL
3. GARY FRANKLYN 1876
4. JAMES DETATOR 1886

DAUGHTER OF POLK AND SARAH MOREY SMITH
MARRIED 2 - EUNICE WEST
LERENA SMITH
LUCY MARIE JORDON
LUCY CATHRINE SHEPARD
EMMA LEE HARRIS

* GEORGE WASHINGTON JEFFERSON H. OLIVER

BORN - DEC. 13, 1829

DIED - JUNE 5, 1895

BURIED IN A PRIVATE PLOTE IN COKE, GLOUCESTER CO.

MARRIED 1ST. SARAH CATHRINE DUNSTON

BORN - 1835

DIED - 1867

CHILDREN OF SARAH AND WASHINGTON

1. EMMA JANE 1852
2. CARY T. 1855
3. WILLIAM JOSEPH 1857
4. LINDA B. 1857
5. ANDREW JACKSON 1858
6. LEVI POWEL 1859
7. SUSANNA 1862
8. SARAH ELIZABETH 1863
9. GEORGE WASH. 1864
10. SYLVESTER S. 1867

MARRIED

ANDREW B. FOXWELL

MARY J. CRUSER 2-CALLY HORSLEY

LUCY A. BROWN

LOUISA WASHINGTON SHELL

ANN CATHRINE BROWN

GEORGE A. ROACH 2-WM. WALLACE

THOMAS EDWARD BROWN

CORA SHELTON

SARAH DIED 1867 AND WASHINGTON MARRIED IN 1873 MATHEWS CO. VA.

2ND. MARTHA ANN PALMER

BORN - 1833 YORK CO. VA.

DIED - 1883 OF BRONCHITIS

CHILDREN OF MARTHA AND WASHINGTON

1. MORGAN PHILLIP 1875
2. ANNA BELL 1876
3. ADLINE 1878
4. FEMALE 1879 - 1879
5. FEMALE 1883 - 1883

SUSANNAH WILLIAMS

MARTHA DIED IN 1883 AND WASHINGTON REMARRIED IN 1892

3RD. ANNA J. RILEY

BORN - 1859

DIED -

NO CHILDREN

*MORGAN PHILLIP OLIVER

BORN - JAN. 3, 1876

DIED - JAN. 8, 1940

BURIED - BEECH GROVE

MARRIED SUSAN ELIZABETH ANN WILLIAMS

BORN - APRIL 14, 1880

DIED - MARCH 16, 1951

DAUGHTER OF *THOMAS WILLIAMS AND CAROLINE JENKINS

BURIED - BEECH GROVE

CHILDREN OF MORGAN AND SUSAN

MARRIED

1. MARTHA ELIZABETH 1899
2. THOMAS WASHINGTON 1903
3. MAMIE L. 1904
4. HOWARD PHILIP 1905

JAMES ODIS BROWN

ADA MEIZER

EVEROTT PIERCE

ANNIE MAY RILIE

5. CHARLS CARY 1907
 6. MARY HELLEN 1909
 7. ANDREW JACKSON 1912
 8. EMMA V. 1915
 9. ANNIE BELL 1916
 10. FRED WILSON 1918
 11. MORGAN SYLVESTER 1920
 12. SUSIE MAY 1923

REDA BROOKS RUST
 HAROLD NORSTINE
 MARY ELIZABETH TREVILLIAN
 JACK DARNELL
 JACK DUEL
 MARY ANN OLIVER
 NEVER MARRIED
 ? GARTHER 2-ARTHER JORDON

***THOMAS WILLIAMS**

BORN - 1857 ENGLAND EMIGRATED TO BALTIMORE.
 DIED - 1879 GLOUCESTER CO. VA.
 SON OF THOMAS WILLIAMS AND ELIZABETH DUNN

MARRIED CAROLINE JENKINS

BORN - 1862
 DIED -
 DAUGHTER OF
 GEORGE W. JENKINS
 BORN -
 DIED -
 MARRIED SUSAN HOWARD

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND CAROLINE

1. SUSAN ELIZABETH
 2. JOSEPHINE
 3. THOMAS A.

MARRIED

MORGAN P. OLIVER
 PETER HOGG
 HENERITTA KINNINGHAM

OTHER SMITH LINES

REV. ARMSTEAD SMITH SON'S WILLIAM PATTERSON OF GLEN ROY AND COLONEL THOMAS OF AIRVILLE.

ALEXANDER SMITH EMIGRATED TO ILSE DE WIGHT CO. VIRGINIA IN 1622.
 SONS THOMAS AND ALEXANDER SEDDELED IN MIDDLESEX CO. VIRGINIA.

JOHN SMITH WAS GRANTED 300 AC. ON HORN HARBER CREEK IN AUG. OF 1650.
 AJOINING LAND OF WILLIAM HOLDER.
 ANOTHER 150 AC. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ABOVE.

CAPT. JOHN SMITH WAS GRANTED 400 AC. ON BRANCHES OF MILFORD HAVEN IN 1656.
 ALSO 500 AC. ON POROPTANK CREEK IN 1657.

MAJ. JOHN SMITH" OF PURTON" AND MRS ANN BERNARD WERE MARRIED IN 1662. THEIR SON JOHN SMITH MARRIED MARY WARNER <DAUGHTER OF AUGUSTINE WARNER> AND PURCHASED 51 AC. IN 1711 AND WAS WILLED IN 1711 ALONG WITH JOHN LEWIS AND JOHN WASHINGTON 46 AND ONE HALF AC. FROM THE WARNER ESTATE.

THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND MARY MARRIED ROBERT PORTEUS AND MOVED TO ENGLAND.

THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND ANN, MILDRED MARRIED LAWRENCE WASHINGTON.

NOTES OF INTEREST

PLANTATIONS AND OWNERS AS LISTED IN A LETTER FROM ADAM FOSTER DATED 1847. <MR.FOSTER WAS THE FATHER OF ELLEN,WIFE OF DR.TABB>

AUBURN	DR.H.W.TABB
OAKLANDS	DR.H.W.TABB
NORTH END	MRS.VAN BIBBER <mother in law of Dr.Tabb>
WAVERLY	CAPT.PHILIP TABB<brother of Dr.Tabb>
TODDSBERRY	MRS.E.C.TABB
MORVEN	GEORGE E.TABB ESQ.
ELMINGTON	JOHN H. TABB<nephew of Dr.Tabb>
WHITE MARSH	JOHN TABB<brother of Dr.Tabb>
POPLAR GROVE	MRS.TOMPKINS
MT.PLEASANT	WILLIAM HUBARD ESQ.<brother in law of Dr.Tabb>
ISLEHAM	WADE MOSBY ESQ.<built by John Payton,whose son
Thomas married	Elizabeth Tabb>
GREEN PLAINS	WILLIAM H.ROY
MIDDLEWAY	J.DEANS ESQ.
EXCHANGE	JAMES DABNEY ESQ.
GLENROY	WILLIAM P. SMITH ESQ.
COWSLIP GREEN	ALEXANDER TALIAFERRO ESQ.
BELLEVILL	W.TALIAFERRO ESQ.
CHURCH HILL	DR.WILLIAM TALIAFERRO
RECTORY	REV.WILLIAM MANN
WHITE HALL	DR.POWELL BYRD
WAENER HALL	COLIN CLARK ESQ.
SUMMERSVILLE	DR.PROSSER TABB
SHELLY	MRS. PAGE
ROSEVILLE	MRS.BOOTH
BELLEFARM	PHILIP TAYLOR ESQ.
WAREHAM	CHARLS CURTIS ESQ.

THE SOON TO BE PUBLISHED "DEATH RECORDS OF GLOUCESTER CO." IS PROGRESSING QUIET WELL. WE HAVE SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE GIVING GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME TO RECORD THE RECORDS. MARY BARNETT IS DOING THE TYPING AND RUTHANN EMPERT WILL DO THE COPY WORK. AFTER HAVING THEM BOUND, WE SHOULD HAVE THE FINISHED PRODUCT ON THE MARKET BY JULY.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT THE SOCIETY MAY FAX US AT THE GLOUCESTER LIBRARY. THE NUMBER IS 6931477 PLEASE INCLUDE THE SENDER AND RECEIVERS NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

ALSO FOR THOSE OUT OF TOWN PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT RECEIVE THE GLOUCESTER PAPER. CYRUS FLEMING RILEE JR. HAS COMPILED AND IS OFFERING FOR SALE, THE 1850 AND 1860 GLOUCESTER CO.CENSUS.

GLOUCESTER MINUTE BOOK #6 - 1883 -5

MAY 7, 1883

THE GLOUCESTER CHARITY SCHOOL TO MARYUS JONES DEED OF RELEASE 15TH DAY OF FEB. 1883 AND ADMITTED TO RECORD APRIL 20TH. 1883. RELEASE TRACK OF LAND CALLED "MAREFIELD" WICH WAS CONVAYED BY SAID MARYUS JONES AND WIFE TO E.B.L. CARY TRUSTEE TO SECUREE A DEPT OF \$300.00 TO GLOUCESTER CHARITY SCHOOL.

JOSEPH F. HALL AND WIFE TO JOHN H. ROWE DEED RECORDED 27, OCT. 1883 AND ADMITTED ON APRIL 2ND. 1883. TRACK LYING IN GLOUCESTER CO. CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY TWO AND ONE FOURTH AC. MORE OR LESS. BOUNDED BY LAND OF R.C. HAYWOOD AND OTHERS. IN TRUST TO SECUREE TO SAMUEL M. OR W. ROWE \$400.00 EACH.

WILLIAM B. TALA FERROW AND WIFE TO "WARE SCHOOL DISTRICT" 20TH. MAY ONE AC. OF LAND BY SERVEY, LYING IN WARE NECK NEER THE CHURCH LOT.

ON MOTION OF G.W. SMITH WHO IS INFIRM IN HIS WORDS AND THAT HE BE EXEMP FROME ALL PUNITIVE CAPATION TAXES.

B.H. HAYWOOD TRUSTEE TO SAMUEL M. ROWE TO RICHARD E. WHITE DEED OF RELEASE DATED JUNE 4, 1883. TRACK OF LAND CONTAINING 32 AC. TO SECUREE SAMUEL M. ROWE #250.00

THE WARS OF GLOUCESTER AND MATHEWS COUNTIES

#1 STARTED WITH THE POWHATAN INDIANS.

#2 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

#3 THE CIVIL WAR. 1862

ONE OF MATHEWS CONTRIBUTIONS WAS SALT MADE FROM SEA WATER. AS WELL AS THE RUNNING OF FOOD BY THE CONFEDERATE VOLUNTEER COAST GARD. BECAUSE OF THIS ALL HOMES IN MATHEWS WERE LOOTED BY THE FEDERAL TROOPS. AS A CONSEQUENCE ALL BOATS <FOUND> WERE DESTROYED OR TAKEN TO BE USED AGAINST THE CONFEDERATE CAUSE. THERE WAS A BATTLE AT GWYNN'S ISLAND

GLOUCESTER WAS LOOTED AND BURNED, HAD HOSTAGES TAKEN AND SOLDIERS ON SICK LEAVE CAPTURED.

BATTLES WERE FOUGHT AT GLOUCESTER POINT. DUE TO THE BURNING OF THE GLOUCESTER COURT HOUSE WE ARE MISSING MANY RECORDS.

THIS IS THE STORY OF TALTON HALL WHO IS SAID TO BE RELATED TO A LOCAL BRANCH OF THE HALL'S BUT IS SO FAR UNPROVEN.

Talt Hall was the first man to be hanged at Wise County Courthouse on September 2, 1892. He was a notorious clansman, feudist and killer. He was credited with 99 murders but he only admitted to 5.

Talt was born in Letcher County, Kentucky in 1846. He came from desperate stock, whereas his father known as old Dave Hall, killed several men in private brawls. Talt Hall was said to be a well educated and prominent man. He was sheriff of Floyd County for two years and a U.S. Marshall. He resigned because he was tired of the area.

Talt was said to have committed his first murder at the age of 14 while running with his gang who were once members of General Morgan's band during the Civil War. It was said that the gang pulled Henry Maggard, an old man at the time, from his home and made him kneel on a log while Hall shot him in the back. According to Henry P. Scalf, "after shooting one of his victims Hall climbed upon a fence, flapped his arms, crowed like a rooster and made the statement; "After this I'm going to be called Bad Talt Hall." Upon which he turned and calmly walked away with a smoking gun in his hand."

Talt Hall was only found guilty of one murder and that was the murder of Enos B. Hylton on July 25, 1891. At the time Hylton was appointed a special policeman of the town of Norton, Wise County, Virginia. Hylton had taken Myles Bates into custody for the theft of a watch and pistol. While taking his prisoner in he was overtaken by Talt Hall who demanded the prisoner released. When Hylton refused, Hall pulled out a 38 calibre pistol and shot him. He was killed instantly. Hall claimed self defense. For this crime he was hung.

While in jail in Wise County Hall was interviewed by several reporters. During one such interview the reporter asked:

"Mr. Hall, the papers credit you with killing ninety-nine men, of course it is not true. Will you state just how many you have killed?"

MOH

After some hesitation he replied:

"Not counting those I killed in the war, the number will probably reach five. First I killed Henry Maggard, and was acquitted on ground of self defense, I killed Triplett, Houk and Mark Hall in Floyd County, Kentucky between 1875 and 1885, and was tried and acquitted in all three cases. These men were killed in political quarrels. The last one was Hylton. I killed him because I thought he was drawing his pistol, and I didn't want him to get the drop on me."

It was well known that anyone who fought to convict Hall or any of his gang would be a marked man by his friends and as a

consequence they always were acquitted. Hall was acquitted for the murder of Henry Mudguard in 1866. He killed Don Pridemore in 1875, Mat Baker in 1881, Henry Houk in 1883, and Mark Hall, his cousin, in 1885 but was acquitted each time. He also was credited to killing a man named Saylor because he was in love with his wife. Hall took the woman and her children and left the country passing the woman off as his wife. This woman was Enos Hylton's sister-in-law and this bad blood between them was thought to be a contributing factor in Hall's killing of Hylton in 1891.

After his hanging Talt Hall's body was claimed by his comrade Wright and returned to Kentucky for burial. That was the end of Talt Hall's notorious criminal career in the Cumberlands of southwest Virginia. It makes one wonder how a once respected and prominent man could change so extremely. Could it have been the horrendous conditions of the Civil War and the hard times afterwards that erected this radical change?

* This information was found in the book, "Crimes, Criminals and Characters of the Cumberlands and Southwest Virginia." written by Roy L. Sturgill in 1970.

TO CELEBRATE OUR FIRST YEAR AN EVENING MEETING CONSISTING OF A DINNER - THEATER PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING. THE PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE COURTHOUSE PLAYERS FEATHERING A PLAY IN WITCH SOME OF OUR MEMBERS WROTE A SHORT NARRATIVE OF ONE OF THEIR ANCESTORS. THIS PLAY WAS PRESENTED TO GLOUCESTER STUDENTS AND VERY WELL RECEIVED.

THE DINNER WILL BE CATERED. WITH MR DONALD DAWLING DOING A SPLENDID JOB WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS.