

ESTATOOEE

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ESTATOOEE (ěs-tä-tō-ē): Also spelled Estootowie in early records. A cherokee Indian place name, shortened to Estatoo/Estatoah, from which the Toe/Towe River designation is derived.

Officers of the Association (1986):

President: Kenneth Nelson
Vice President: Lloyd Bailey
Treasurer: Paul Kardulis
Secretary: Theresa Blankenship
Directors: Robert Oldham (ex officio), Bill Young (Parliamentarian), and John Young

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Fall meeting of the Association was held at the library in Burnsville on September 14, 1986. The program topic was "Native Americans in the Toe River Valley." The resource persons were Mr. David Moore, staff archaeologist at the Western Office, N.C. Division of Archives and History, Asheville, N.C., and Mr. John Young, Director of the Yancey History Association.

Previous Issues of the Newsletter:

Copies of the four issues of Estatooee, Volume I, are available, in limited numbers, from the Secretary.

Issue No. 1 focuses upon Yancey's troops in the War With Mexico (1846-1848); No. 2 upon the so-called Kirk- Holden War (1870), and includes an extensive bibliography of articles concerning Yancey County; No. 3 focuses upon political campaigns in Yancey, 1836-1900, including the words of a number of campaign songs (the program was video-taped as well); No. 4 concerns Native Americans. Issues 2 and 3 contain maps of old cemeteries. Each issue contains a bibliography of the program topic.

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The Next Meeting of the Society:

Sunday, June 21, 1987, 1:30 p.m. at the library in Burnsville.

MISCELLANY

In Southern Living, Sept., 1974, there was an article entitled "On the High Side of The Mountain," by Caleb Pirtle, III (pp. 66-70, 74). It concerns Prof. Harley Jolley's studies on regional history (Mars Hill College), and is primarily about Yancey County. There are photographs of Floyd Wilson, Bea Hensley, et al.

The publication of The Heritage of Old Buncombe County, Vol. II, has been delayed in order to include additional articles. (For the original notice, see Estatooe, I no. 2, p. 6.) The pre-publication price is \$35.00 (plus \$2.90 for postage), but it will advance to \$45.00 (plus postage) at publication. Order from Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society, Box 2122, Asheville, N.C., 28802. There will be a number of articles on Yancey County families, by Lloyd Bailey, Mary Lou Byrd Cowan, Paul Garland, et al.

A vast collection of photographs (more than 800 negatives) was prepared for Gov. Sanford years ago by Miss Lucy Morgan of the Penland School. They have recently been donated to the Photographic Services Section of the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill. I am currently in the process of helping to identify some of them, and others may wish to view them as the opportunity presents itself. The Curator is Jerry Cotten.

A lavishly illustrated Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives (1983) is available in a paperback edition for \$25.00 (plus \$3.00 postage) from Genealogical Guide, Trust Fund Board, P.O. 100793, Atlanta, Ga., 30384. Attached here, from the advertisement, is a list of its contents:

"Never lose a holy curiosity." *Albert Einstein*

Here's what you'll find described in the *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*:

- Census Records from 1790 to 1910
- Passenger Arrival Lists between 1820 and 1945
- Naturalization Records
- Regular Army Records—Officers and Enlisted Men
- Military Service Records from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Indian Wars, Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection; also Draft
- Records from World War I
- Records of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Coast Guard
- Pension Application Files from every war beginning with The Revolutionary War through post-Civil War
- Bounty Land Warrants from the Revolutionary War to 1855
- Civilians During Wartime—from the Revolutionary War to World War II Evacuees
- American Indian Records and The Bureau of Indian Affairs Records
- Records of interest to Black Americans
- Merchant Seamen Records
- Public Land States and their Records
- Court Records, including U.S. Secret Service Records
- District of Columbia Records
- Cartographic Records and much more.

YANCEY COUNTY OFFICIALS (incomplete)

Based upon the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, unless otherwise noted.

*: taken from area newspaper

#: attested by J.W. Garland Papers (courtesy Paul Kardul)

Abbreviations: C-Coroner
 CCℓ-County Clerk/Clerk of Court
 CME-Clerk and Master, Court
 of Equity
 Co-Constable
 CSC-Clerk of Superior Court
 CSt-Committee on Streams
 DeS-Deputy Sheriff
 JP: Justice of the Peace
 L-Lawyer
 M-Magistrate, County Court

Pt-Patroller (slaves)
 Ra-Ranger (livestock)
 Re-Register of Deeds
 SCS-Superintendent of Common Schools
 Sh-Sheriff
 So-Solicitor
 Su-Surveyor
 Te-County Trustee
 Tr-County Treasurer
 TL-Tax Lister
 W-Warden of the Poor

Court Session	law enforcement	judicial	county administration
Jan., 1834	Daniel Angel (Sh, protem) Samuel Byrd (Sh)	Charles [Avery] Byrd (M) Nathan Honeycutt (M) Malcomb McCurry (M)	
1835	Samuel Byrd (Sh)	Joseph B. Ray (M) Malcomb McCurry (M) Wiley C. Bailey (M)	James Ray (Te)
1836	Thomas Wilson (Sh) Thomas Ray (DeS) Ezekiel Honeycutt (Co, Jacks Creek)	Charles Byrd (M) Berry Hensley (M) Malcomb McCurry (M) Moses Peterson (M) Wm. Deyton (M) Joseph B. Ray (M) J.W. Wright (M) John Edwards (M) Berry Hensley (CCℓ) J.W. Garland (CCℓ)#	Malcomb McCurry (TL, Jacks Creek) Joseph B. Ray (TL, Crabtree) Joseph L. Ray (TL, Bull Creek) Thomas Howell (TL, Snow Creek) Moses Peterson (TL, Rock Creek) James Ray (Te)#
1837	Joseph Thomas (Co, Snow Creek) E.H. [Ezekiel] Honeycutt (Co, Jacks Creek)	Charles Byrd (M) James Howell (JP) J.W. Garland (CCℓ)#	

Court Session	law enforcement	judicial	county administration
1838	Moses Peterson (Co, Rock Creek) Thomas Wilson (Sh)	# Wm. J. Lewis (Deputy CCL) Charles Byrd (M) Malcomb McCurry (M) James Howell (M) Wm. Deyton (M) J.W. Garland (CCL)	James Ray (Te) Moses Evans (CSt) J.B. Ray (Re) # John Hensley (Entry Taker) #
1839	A.E. Chandler (Co, Burnsville) Thomas Wilson (Sh) Calvin Edney (Co, Cane River) S.H. Wright (Co, Rock Creek) E.H. Honeycutt (Co, Jacks Creek) Wiley C. Bailey (Co, Bull Creek?) J.W. Peek (DeS)	B.S. Gaither (So, resigned, 1840) Wm. Dugger (JP) John Anderson (JP) Wm. A. Avery (L, of Burke County) Charles Byrd (M) Nathan Honeycutt (M) Malcomb McCurry (M) James Howell (M) J.W. Garland (CCL) #	James Ray (Te)
1840	Thomas Wilson (Sh) E.H. Honeycutt (Co, Jacks Creek?)	Wm. W. Avery (So) Malcomb McCurry (JP) Charles Byrd (M) Nathan Honeycutt (M) J.W. Garland (CCL) #	William Deyton (TL, Jacks Creek) James Ray (Te) #
1841	E.H. Honeycutt (Co, Jacks Creek) Thomas Wilson (Sh)	Moses J. Honeycutt (JP) Charles Byrd (M) J.W. Garland (CCL) #	James Ray (Te) Moses J. Honeycutt (TL, Jacks Creek)
1842	Thomas Wilson (Sh)	Charles Byrd (M) James Howell (M) J.W. Garland (CCL) *	Dobson Deyton (TL, Jacks Creek) Thomas B. Dula (Ra) * James Ray (Te) #
1843		J.W. Garland (CCL) # Charles Byrd (M) James Howell (M) J.W. McElroy (CSC) *	Zephaniah Horton (Te) Charles Byrd (TL, Jacks Creek)
1844	Thomas Wilson (Sh) James Carter (Sh) Joseph L. Ray (Des)	Charles Byrd (M) J.W. Garland (CCL)	J.B. Ray (Re) #

Court Session	law enforcement	judicial	county administration
1845	James Carter (Sh)	John J. Evans (JP) Cornelius R. Byrd (JP) David Byrd (JP) Wade Hampton (JP) E.H. Honeycutt (JP) J.W. McElroy (CSC)* Isaac C. Wilson (CCL)	Cornelius R. Byrd (TL, Jacks Creek) C.R. Byrd (SCS) James W. Patterson (C) John McElroy (Ra)* Zeph. Horton (Te)# J.B. Ray (Re)#
1846		Thomas Wilson (L) M.J. Honeycutt (M)	E.H. Honeycutt (Su) Joseph B. Ray (Re) Jehu Patterson (W)
1847		G. Garland (CSC)# Charles Byrd (M) "Neely" (C.R.) Byrd (M) M.J. Honeycutt (M) Hiram Ray (JP) D.N. Loury (CCL)#	James Ray (Te) Joseph Tucker (TL, Jacks Creek)
1848	T.M. Ray (Co, Cane River) James Carter (Sh, dies in office; James W. Patterson apptd. pro-tem; Charles Baker elected)	E.H. Honeycutt (M) Charles Byrd (M) Moses J. Honeycutt (M) Wade Hampton (M) David Byrd (M) J.J. Evans (M) C.R. Byrd (M)	J.W. Patterson (C)
1849	Charles Baker (Sh) D.S. Hampton (Co)	E.H. Honeycutt (CCL)	William Ray (Pt) J.W. Peek (Su) C.R. Byrd (TL, Jacks Creek) Moses J. Honeycutt (Precessioner)
1850	Ansel Bailey (Co, J. Creek) Charles Byrd (Sh) Solomon M. Ray (Co, Cane River) Charles Baker (Sh) Jackson Steward (DeS) Pinkney Anderson (DeS) John A. Griffith (DeS) Wm. Goldsmith (DeS) David S. Hampton (DeS)	Charles Byrd (M) Moses J. Honeycutt (M) Todd Caldwell (So, replacing N. Coleman) Nathan Young (CSC)	James Ray (Te) John Ray (Pt, M. Ivy) Samuel Honeycutt (Ra) J.D. Woodard (SCS, replacing J.W. Anderson) John Woodard (C) (W): J.W. McElroy, Jehu R. Patterson Levi Chandler, Rezi Jervis, David Proffitt, John Chendley, Charles Baker

Court Session	law enforcement	judicial	county government
1850 (contd.)			Charles Byrd (TL, Jacks Creek) David Byrd (TL, Grassy Creek) J.B. Ray is "no longer County Regist William Ray (Pt, Cane River)
1851	A.L. Ray (Co, Crabtree) Uriah Bennett (Co, Jacks Creek) J.B. Gardner (Sh)	E.H. Honeycutt (CCL)# C.R. Byrd (M) Wade Hampton (JP) Samuel D. Byrd (JP) Samson Honeycutt (JP)	Charles Byrd (Te) Thomas W. Ray (C) C.R. Byrd (SCS)
1852		John W. Garland (CCL, repl. E.H. Honeycutt, decd.) John J. Evans (JP) J.B. Ray (JP) Samuel D. Byrd (M) Hiram Ray (JP) Wade Hampton (JP)	Charles Byrd (Te) Joseph B. Ray (Re)
1853		J.W. Garland (CCL)# William K. Byrd (JP) J.C. Bailey (JP) C.R. Byrd (M) Nathan Young (CSC)#	Charles Byrd (Te) Jesse Bailey, Sr. (SCS) Samuel D. Byrd (TL, Jacks Creek) J.W. Peek (Su) William Ray (Pt, Cane River)
1854	Joseph Steward (Sh)	C.R. Byrd (M) Wade Hampton (M) M.P. Penland (CME)*	Charles Byrd (Te)
1855		David McCanless (CCL)# James C. Howell (JP) C.R. Byrd (M) Wade Hampton (M) J.C. Howell (M) Samson Honeycutt (M) M.P. Penland (CME)*	Samson Honeycutt (TL, Jacks Creek) Charles Byrd (TL, Jacks Creek) Charles Byrd (Te)

BROKE IN AT LAST!—Bacchus Pate who figured about here some weeks since as a very accommodating dealer in borrowed horse flesh, broke into the Burnsville Jail one day last week—the legitimate fruits of his fondness for riding other men's horses. Bacchus is bent on making a clatter in the world—even if it has to be done in Jail.

Asheville News, 11/8/1855

A boy about eight years of age was thrown from a horse upon the frozen ground, and killed in Yancy County a few weeks since.

Asheville News, 3/8/1855

David Coleman,

Attorney at Law.

BURNSVILLE, N. C.

March 3, 1853.—if.

Asheville News, 8/10/1854

Son of William and Cynthia Swain Coleman of Buncombe, he was the brother of Mrs. M. P. Penland (Althea) of Burnsville. Later a member of the State Senate (1854, 1856) and Solicitor of the Western Judicial District of N. C.

MORE NUBBINS.—Mr. William Ray, living on Caney River, thinks the "nubbin" of which we boasted some weeks since, measuring fourteen inches, was not much after all. He says he made the past season thirty five hundred bushels of corn, and among it may be found plenty of "nubbins" measuring fifteen inches. We knock under this time, friend Ray, but give you notice that we intend to beat you next year. We are preserving Capt Foster's fourteen inch corn for seed. Look sharp, or we shall distance you.

Asheville News, 11/29/1855

This is "Billy" Ray, who lived at the mouth of Prices Creek and owned about 20 slaves.

Married,

In Burnsville, on Sunday the 6th, instant, by Rev. R. N. Price, Dr. John D. Reynolds, formerly of this town, to Miss Theresa E., daughter of Joseph Shepard, Esq.

Asheville News, 5/18/1854

Richard Nye Price, Methodist, had been on the Burnsville Circuit and had been President of Burnsville Academy.

DR. J. D. REYNOLDS,

HAVING permanently located in Asheville, offers his Professional services to the citizens of town and Country.

Office and residence, Asheville Hotel.
March 8, 1855

Asheville News, 3/8/1855

John Daniel Reynolds, having married Theresa Shepherd of Burnsville in 1854, returns with her to Asheville the following year.