

Chad Everette b. April 15, 1974. He hopes to instill in his sons an attachment to the land that has been an Uzzell heritage for three centuries.

Sources: Family records, wills, census and personal memories.

— Mary Emerson Uzzell

ELISHA UZZELL, SR.

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Elisha Uzzell, son of "Nature's Beauty" Thomas Uzzell and first wife, Catherine, was an active and patriotic man. In his forties he enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War. This is confirmed by a letter from Governor Richard Caswell to Gen. Ashe (NC State Records, vol. XI Page 611, Kinston, NC, Sept. 8, 1779). Elisha and his father were close friends of Richard Caswell. Elisha joined Col. Richard Caswell's Regiments, participating in the Wilmington Expedition and winning the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Feb. 28, 1776.

Richard Caswell was listed as the surveyor and Elisha Uzzell as chain bearer on several of the land grants of Thomas Uzzell (Nature's Beauty). Like his father, Elisha acquired great land holdings. He not only was a large land owner and patriotic, he had a good record of public service. From Dobbs County records we find, "On March 11, 1778, an election was held at the Dobbs County Court House for the County's representative to the following state offices; a. Senator and b. Member of the House of Commons. Elisha Uzzell was elected to the House of Commons."

The Provincial (State) was at Halifax and at its election Col. Richard Caswell of Dobbs County was elected First (Provincial) Gov. of the State.

Elisha Uzzell was married to Dorcas Stanley, whose father was Major Stanley. Several Uzzells were named "Major" in later years. It is not known if Major was an English name (family) or a military title. Elisha and Dorcas had several children whose descendants still live in Wayne County.

Polly, their daughter married her cousin, Thomas Uzzell, who was a descendant of James Uzzell ("French Thomas" Uzzell's son who stayed on the Virginia plantation); Lucretia married Henry Smith; Major Uzzell (b. 1781) married Rebecca Dunn (b. about 1782); Nancy; Fereby married Henry Wilson and moved to Alabama; Sally married twice, first to John Wasden and next to an Exum; James Uzzell married Polly Tull and moved to Texas; Elisha Uzzell married Tabitha Boone and moved to Franklin County.

Lucretia Uzzell, daughter of Elisha and Dorcas, who married a Smith had lots of descendants in the area. She had a daughter who was the ancestor of the Sampson County, N.C. Bizzells and some of the Parrotts of Lenoir County, N.C.

Elisha, Jr. who was born about 1800 was an active man. His son, Elisha III represented Wayne County in the North Carolina Legislature.

ley Uzzell still populate Wayne County today.

Sources: Saunder's reprint of the Colonial Records of N.C.; state records, State Archives Revolutionary Army Printouts; wills, family records and family Bibles.

— Lib Uzzell Griffin

THE JOHN M. UZZELL FAMILY

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John M. b. Dec. 14, 1812 d. Aug. 9, 1893 son of Major Uzzell and Rebecca Dunn married Anna Smith b. Mar. 30, 1814 d. Jan. 21, 1883. They had eight children, four of whom died of Typhoid, within a years time. They were Thomas b. April 8, 1852 d. Sept. 6, 1862, Richard b. March 28, 1839 d. Aug. 6, 1862, John C. b. Sept. 3, 1843 d. July 16, 1862, and Sallie b. Aug. 1846 d. May 22, 1863. The remaining children were Julie b. Feb. 27, 1849 d. Aug. 20, 1921 who never married, Martha b. Oct. 22, 1856 d. March 14, 1934 married Joe Latham and Bright Thompson. She had no children of her own, but help rear two sets of stepchildren. The only two of John M.'s children to have issue were Zilphia b. Jan. 28, 1936 d. Mary 18, 1888 who married Matthew Smith (see Matthew Smith article) and Major b. May 18, 1841 d. Jan 10, 1903.

John M. and Anna lived on land that he

pleading or threats would change his mind. Major turned the buggy around, knowing in his mind that the old slave would never find the way home. Several days later "Uncle Dave" and the horse came home. When asked how he found the way, he said: "Ise jest give de hoss his lead and he des brunged me home." "Uncle Dave" stayed with John M. and Major after the war. He died about 1923, and is buried in a cemetery behind W.F. Uzzell's home. He was the last of John M.'s slaves.

After the war, Major married Zilphia Frances Smith b. May 23, 1849 d. July 30, 1917 who was the daughter of Mark N. Smith and Jinnette Parks. They built their home back of Casey's Chapel Church and had twelve children, nine of whom lived to adulthood. Their children were: Annie b. Oct. 10, 1869 d. July 29, 1942, Amy b. Dec. 26, 1875 d. Dec. 14, 1955, Johnny b. May 3, 1877 d. March 30, 1950 all of whom never married. Mollie b. May 3, 1873 d. April 25, 1944 married Edward Long (see Long article), Richard b. Jan. 21, 1884 d. Jan. 5, 1972 married Beulah Newsome and Alice Hines. Grover b. Feb. 14, 1886 d. April 15, 1950 married Estelle Herring. William b. March 4, 1879 d. Sept. 29, 1933 married Lissie Grant. Clyde b. July 16, 1891 d. Nov. 21, 1975 married Sudie Herring. Lissie was half sister of Estelle and Sudie, making William's, Grover's,



Major Uzzell and Zilphia Frances Smith family.

inherited from his father. Both he and Anna are buried in the Uzzell Cemetery on highway 70 on the farm where he lived.

Major, the only living son of John M., enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in Capt. Edward Mallett's Company C, 61st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. He was 20 years old when he enlisted at Mosely Hall, now La Grange. Major went through the war without getting a scratch. On his way home he got a part of his foot cut off in a railroad accident at Best Station.

There is a story told in the family about Major being home on sick leave. When it was time for him to rejoin the troops it was decided

and Clyde's children double first cousins. These three families always lived close together. Major and Frances are buried on their homeplace back of Casey's Chapel Church.

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KIRBY UZZELL

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Kirby Uzzell's first experience in riding bikes date back before my remembrance. Until April 1982, Kirby thought in terms of the bike as his

Eliza Kzell (son of Thomas Jr) ^{abt} 1736 D1825
md Darcas Stanley dau Major Stanley

Children

James

Polly

Lucy

Major

Sally

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