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ing in 1951, and Raleigh in 1952).

As a member of Dover Methodist Church, Mama served in many capacities: Sunday School teacher, member of official church board, officer of United Methodist Women and as director of church benefit suppers for more than fifty years. She was an active PTA member for thirty-five years, and served as Chairman of the Dover School Board 1938-42. My parents were actively involved in the Democratic Party and always worked to improve the political system of Craven County. Mama became twenty-one in time to vote in the 1920 presidential election (see Amendment 19 to US CONSTITUTION).

My parents held "Open House" every day of their married life. Both loved using their hands in gardening, flower culture, woodworking, hooking rugs, sewing, food preservation, crafts, etc. Their Golden Wedding Anniversary was celebrated on December 29, 1969 and their sixty-second and last anniversary on January 14, 1981. Mama was saluted on her eighty-fourth birthday by the WESTERN CRAVEN HIGHLIGHTS, Aug. 19, 1983 issue.

By leading active lives my parents have influenced their family and community, and set an example that their descendants admire, appreciate and are striving to emulate. They have truly followed the 4-H Motto, "to make the best better".

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— Lottie Faye W. Warren

JOHN WEST AND LEVI WEST 514

Levi West was born about 1751. He was son of John West and Elizabeth Burtonshall, daughter of Richard and his wife Elizabeth Burtonshall. Levi lived near Fort Barnwell in the Sand Hill section. In the 1790 Craven County census, Levi was listed as head of family, with one white male over 16, one white female and one slave. According to the late Mrs. Fred (Louise) Whitty, she was told by Parnell West that Levi lived near "Harpell's Waterhole". She further indicated that the West family owned a great deal of land; they were not only involved in agriculture, but also engaged in turpentine and barrel manufacturing. Barrel manufacture was very important for exporting. John West was mentioned in several places as a cooper, and he also maintained grist mills.

In the December Court Term for Craven County; 1800, the will of John West, dated October 2, 1800, was told to his son Daniel in the presence of Robert Ivy "... being Sick and Weak in Body but of Sound mind and memory Blessed be ...". The seven heirs were daughters Elizabeth Ivy, Sallie Stan(d)ly and Nancy West to receive £150 each; and to son Levi West, "I give and bequath all the land I own on the East side of Mosleys Creek ...". Other sons were Daniel, John, James, Joseph, and sons-in-law Robert Ivy and Moseley Stan(d)ly.

On October 9, 1800, the seven heirs in court agreed to and were "... herewith Contented and Satisfied this 9th October 1800 with the will," witnessed by George Lane, Jr.

Levi West first married Wealthy Bruton prior to 1795. Their children were Kinian Terrence West, (born September 6, 1797, Craven County), Mary Bruton, Teresa, Elizabeth and William West. By his second wife, Sara(h) Jackson, there were Susan and Alexander and probably others. His third marriage was to Miss White; there were no children.

The 1830 Craven County census lists Levi West and Kenyon (Kinnian) West. It is believed that Levi died during 1830; the account of sales of his property was dated April 19, 1838.

I am very grateful for the assistance furnished by the late Mrs. Fred Whitty (Louise), relative to the West family. Her willingness to share her information, records, and personal knowledge enabled me to learn and "know" our mutual ancestors.

Sources: Craven Co. Court Records of wills, deeds, transfers, etc. Info. supplied by Mrs. Fred Whitty.

— Mattie E. Jolly

KINNIAN TERRENCE WEST 000

Kinnian Terrence West (born September 6, 1797, Craven County) the son of Levi and Wealthy Bruton West, lived in the Fort Barnwell section all of his life.

In 1827, Kinnian West married Catharine Jackson, (born 1810, died 1835). He then married Teresa L. Watson, date unknown, who survived him.

His will was dated September 9, 1865, and Kinnian T. West died on November 27, 1865. In the Craven County Court December Term A.D. 1865, Kinnian's will was probated, and sons William H. and Terrence L. West were executors.

In his will, Kinnian named "... my beloved wife Teresa L. West ..." and "... to my nine youngest children: to wit Terrence L. West, Wealthy C(atharine) Sutton, Elizabeth A. West, India P. West, James L. West, Franklin N. West, Sophia A. West, Edward R. and Robert L. West ...". He named children by his first wife Catharine "... to wit William H. West, Bryan C. West, Margaret A. Stevenson and Speight B. West ...".

The West family cemetery is on the property of Marion Parnell West, land which has been in the family since 1764. Some children of Kinnian West are buried at Bethany Cemetery on Rt. 3, namely, James L. West, Franklin N. West, Sophia Alice West, Edward R. and Robert Lee West.

Sources: Craven Co. Court Records and Info supplied by Mrs. Fred Whitty.

— Mattie E. Jolly

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Zeb Vance West, born in Craven County (Jan. 6, 1876 — July 5, 1939) was the oldest son of James Lewis West (March 8, 1850 — March 20, 1898) and Margaret A. West (October 19, 1856 — October 5, 1896). Both parents died by the time Zeb West was twenty-two years old, leaving him with two brothers and four sisters, some of them very young. He managed to keep them all together as a family



Margaret A. West and James Lewis West, Parents of Zeb Vance West.



Zeb Vance West and Bessie Kilpatrick West.



The West Homeplace.

until all were grown.

On October 22, 1902, he married Bessie Ann Kilpatrick (February 3, 1884 — November 22, 1957) of Lenoir County at the home of her parents, James Cecil Kilpatrick (May 1, 1844 — December 25, 1898) and Sarah Dillah Lindsey (November 3, 1861 — May 30, 1904). Zeb and Bessie were the parents of eleven children, and sixteen grandchildren. Their seven daughters are: Oretha West Hyman (November 9, 1903 — June 11, 1969); Ronell West Kennedy (November 24, 1909); Virginia Dare West (August 27, 1907 — August 31, 1907); Nina Lorraine West (October 9, 1914 — December 24, 1921); Beulah Dare West Kennedy (February 14, 1917); Louise K.