

come home and became a Lt. Col. in the second N.C. Calvary Reg. Two other sons, John and Windel, served in the army. William and Eliza Davis's four sons were too young to serve in the war.

William Robinson was elected Mayor of Goldsboro in 1870. He and his wife remained active members of the First Baptist Church for many years. William was a strong supporter and benefactor in every program of the church from its beginning. Mrs. Robinson was a leader of the women of the church. A memorial window to Mrs. Robinson in our present church sanctuary was given in 1912 by her son, Dr. M.E. Robinson.

William Robinson's last residence in Goldsboro was at 202 S. William St. After his death in 1877, his widow continued at the same address until her death in 1885. Their son, T.R. Robinson and his family continued to live at the same address until 1925.

Sources: *Goldsboro News-Argus*; minutes of First Baptist Church; J.M. Hollowell's History of Early Goldsboro and family records.

— Charles S. Norwood

CHARLES M. AND LINDA D. ROBY

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Charles Monroe Roby was born August 29, 1943, in Cox's Creek, Ky., the son of William Earl and Mary Elizabeth Roby. Charles has an older brother, James William Roby, who lives in Yuba City, California and an younger brother, John Winston Roby, who lives in Bardstown, Ky. Charles spent the first nineteen years of his life in Kentucky.

After finishing high school, Charles enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C. After spending four years here, he married Linda Daly, a local Wayne County girl. Linda was born June 23, 1947, the daughter of George Emory and Mattie Louise Daly. Charles and Linda lived near the Neuse River on Highway 111 until 1971. They became parents of a daughter, Charlene Lynn on July 28, 1969. They moved in 1971 near the city limits of Goldsboro. Another daughter, Christy Dawn, was born February 14, 1975. Both daughters now attend Goldsboro Christian School where Linda teaches kindergarten.

In 1980, the Roby family moved into a new home in the Oakland Community of Wayne County. Charles is an insurance agent for Wayne County Farm Bureau Insurance Company. The family is active in community affairs and are members of Grace Baptist Church in Goldsboro. Charles enjoys being active in the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department. All the family enjoy living in the country.

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— Linda Daly Roby

THE ROSE FAMILY

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The Rose, or de Ros, family is known to have come from Normandy, France at the time of the Norman conquest and emigrated to the

noir Scotland arriving in the Moray Firth area at the beginning of the thirteenth century. About 1280 Hugh Rose of Geddes married the daughter of Elizabeth Bisset and after their marriage the now old homeplace Kilravock lands were given to Hugh Rose by his mother-in-law. This transfer was later confirmed by a charter under John King of Scots. The present day Kilravock Castle was begun in 1460 and wings were added through the years until as late as 1926 when a scullery, pantry and bathroom successfully complimented the earliest Castle. In the 1500's Mary Queen of Scots and King James visited over nights in Kilravock at different times, we assume. Only one detail has been recorded of the visit of King James to Kilravock. The sovereign asked the aged Hugh Rose how he could live amongst such "ill, turbulent neighbors", to which the baron replied that "they were the best neighbors he could have for they made him thrice a day go to God upon his knees when perhaps otherwise he would not have gone once". The poet Robert Burns visited the Castle in 1787 and as late as 1922 Queen Mary visited Kilravock and took tea in the dining room.

The Roses were active participants in the Wars of the Roses during the last half of the fifteenth century which settled the dispute over whether England was to be ruled by Feudal Lords scattered throughout the country or by a King with central power and control of all the country. In the early part of the seventeenth century several of our ancestors left Scotland and settled in this country in the Smithfield, Virginia area. There they apparently became farmers, business men and preachers as has so often been the case throughout the history of the Rose Clan. It has often been said that where a Rose settles to farm most of the time you'll find a stream close by that he can dam up so he can build a mill for grinding corn and small grain.

It seems that the major migration from Virginia to Wayne and Johnston Counties came in the year 1784 when four brothers: Benjamin, William, James and John arrived together. Benjamin and William heirs have remained in the two counties continuously since that time and will celebrate their bi-centennial in 1984. John appears to have disappeared from the records early after 1784 and if there are ancestors in the area I am not aware of it. Additional research is needed in this case.

James was born in 1770 and died October 1, 1872. He was only fourteen years old when he came to Mill Creek section of Johnston County. He married Nancy McGlowhorn in 1798. He gradually acquired 713 acres of land and when he died in 1827 his entire clan of children migrated to Hardeman County in Tennessee. This is near the Mississippi state line about sixty miles east of Memphis near the small towns of Saulsbury and Middleton. Their ancestors remain in that area today. About 1830 the oldest son of James, William, armed with a power of attorney returned to Johnston County to sell off the land then belonging to the children of James by will. That closes the chapters for John and Jameses ancestors in this area so far as I know at the present time.

Brother William was born in Smithfield, Vir-

ginia and died in the Beaverdam Swamp area of the Falling Creek section of Wayne County, October 8, 1843. He owned 630 acres of land and was the founder of the original Ebenezer Church. He married Keziah Daughtry about 1805 who happened to be the sister of his brother Johns wife. Of this marriage there were nine children — five boys and four girls — but four of them never married and at least two, possibly three, did marry but had no children. The two who did marry and have children were Mary and Ransom. Mary married Albert Smith about 1825 and many of their descendents should be living in Wayne and Johnston Counties today. I have not had time yet to research this line out. Ransom was apparently one of the most loved men who ever lived in Wayne County. He was born August 19, 1806 and died December 3, 1880. In the fall of 1828 he married nineteen year old Nancy Sasser and between October 1829 and June 1847 they had six boys and four girls. Ransom was a Methodist preacher and farmer. He served as minister of Ebenezer Church near the Johnston County line on highway #70 west for all of his life. He never accepted pay for his services and took great pride in making all his clothes of wool from the sheep he raised on his farm. There have been three Ebenezer Churches and the first one built by father William was located about half a mile behind the present Church on Beaverdam Creek. For the most part the many descendents of Ransom still live in Wayne and Johnston Counties.

Benjamin, the last of the four brothers from Smithfield, Virginia married Lucy Harper of the Harper's Ferry family about 1786. Her father, John, had also moved from Virginia to this area. Of them were born six children from 1788 until 1800. Benjamin bought and sold large numbers of acres of land in both Wayne and Johnston Counties but never accumulated to hold permanently any sizable tracts. His best known child was Nicholas who was born in 1790. Nicholas married Sarah Rhodes in 1814 when she was only fifteen years old and they had nine children which included six boys and three girls. The girls were named Mary Ingram, Avara Harper and Lucy Elizabeth. The boys were: Thomas, Benjamin, William, George Pinkney, Joseph and Ira. Nicholas owned more than 700 acres of land in both Counties and lived just north of Mill Creek. According to family tradition he drank to excess but was prosperous, highly respected and served his County as Justice of the Peace for much of his life. At his death in 1836 he owned 13 slaves. His son, George Pinkney, is the best remembered here in Wayne County because he was the grandfather of a few ancestors who still live today in Wayne and adjoining Counties. George Pinkney married Nancy Brunt and they had ten children of which there were five girls and five boys. The girls: Ida married Joe Creel; Annie married Randall Turlington; Nan married Micajah Cox; Ophelia married Tom Barnes and Vira married William Waite Best. The boys: James married Margaret Ann Cox; Joel married Mollie Stafford; George married Anna Price; W.P. (William Preston) married Fannie Grantham and D.J. (David Jephtha) married Vara Ingram.

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The children of Joel Leander Rose (born July 17, 1859; died December 10, 1932) and Molly Stafford Rose (born April 30, 1869; died April 14, 1937) are as follows in order of birth: Emma married Grover Hood; Kirby married Ruth King; Myrtie married Howard Beasley; Nannie married Clarence Grantham; David married Janet Conway; Esther married Marvin Davis; James married Maude Dunn; Hortense married John Jinnette; Hubert married Alice Catledge; Joel married Fannie Ivey; Rachael married Herman Westbrook and then John Parks and Hugh married Minnie Radford.

The Roses and their inter-marriages have been and do continue to contribute to the well being and progress of this area. We proudly look forward to many generations of continued sound involvement in our community.

— Conway J. Rose

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Silas was a telegraph operator for Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company before opening a music store on Ash Street. He sold and tuned pianos, organs, and other musical instruments. He wanted everybody to love music as much as he did, so he carried a pump organ to his mother's house which was across the road from Union Grove F.W.B. Church. Grandma Delphia would not let the organ be put in her house.

On hot summer evenings, with windows raised, neighbors and friends would sit on window sills and the porch to watch and listen to the music, furnished by Hazel, Bertha Lee, Lucile at the pianos, Elbridge and daddy on the violins. The other family members including Christine, Talitha, Delphia, J.C., Mary and Naomi would join in singing.

Hazel was learning to drive, and she got the key to the Paige and backed it out of the garage without any trouble and took all the small children to ride — a long trip — around the block. She went to park the car in the garage, and not braking quick enough, knocked the whole back of the garage out. She got all the help she needed to put those planks back in place before daddy arrived. I don't know if daddy ever found about that trip or not because our next trip was a little longer — around two blocks.

Hazel, Elbridge, and Doris did most of milking the cows; others helped in the house. For a large family a lot of cooking was done. We had gas and wood cook stoves. The wood stove was used the most because it was cheaper. When the children were not in school, Lucile would make a hundred or more biscuits for a noonday meal. One day mama was teaching Talitha to make a hoe-cake (cornbread cooked on a griddle). Each time she would try to flip it over, it landed on the stove. After three times mama gave up on Talitha, and made it herself.

received his pre-med training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and medical training at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1925. He worked in a hospital before coming to Cleveland in 1927, where he remained for a year.

His wife remembers delivered ten babies, m hospital, although he d
On August 22, 19 Maude Dunn, a native o the daughter of the late and Maude Atkinson.



Born to their marriage
Dorothy Ann and a son

He was an annual at Christian College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and a member of the Christian Assembly, Blakely, Ala.

and married William Asbury Croom of Lenoir County. Dedicated to her church, home and community, Nettie is active throughout the county. She is employed by the Lenoir County Agricultural Department under the Expanded Food Nutrition-Education Program and is employed also by the Department of Human Resources Division of Services of the Blind. Nettie is the mother of two children.



William Loftin Hardy Homeplace.

Laut Hardy and his children all have been very interested in the state of affairs in their community and in Lenoir County. Agriculture and the preservation of the county's natural resources have always been important to the family.

There is no family in Lenoir County more closely-knit than the W.L. Hardy family and none more thankful for the opportunities offered them by the county and its people.

— Gail Hardy Cottle

THE HARDY FAMILY

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The roots of the North Carolina family of Hardys extend from Chowan and New Bern (about 1695) back through Virginia to the old country. The beginning of the family goes back to Anthony Hardy I of Pembroke, Wales, born 1605 and died 1665. He had a son, John Noble Hardy, who was born 1639, at Pembroke, Wales, and who moved to Dorchester, England. He was the father of John, Anthony, Thomas, and Joseph Hardy. John and Anthony were the two progenitors of the family who came to N.C. about 1695 and made a substantial contribution to the state and country by founding a tremendous family noted for energy, industry, patience, resourcefulness, initiative, courage and leadership.

John Hardy was born in England, October 7, 1665. His coming to N.C. is recorded in the Chowan court records as follows: "John Hardy, at court held October 7, 1695, proved rights of inportation of himself and wife, Charity O'Dyer and children. William I, Mary, John, Thomas, and Jacob." These rights meant a grant of fifty acres of land for each person proved, which gave him 350 acres as a beginning of his land holdings.

John Hardy and his family settled in the Chowan area in what is now the Colerain community of Bertie County, where he lived until

his death, which occurred sometime prior to 1719. He and his family were active and prominent in the affairs of the young colony. Growing to 640 acres in 1707, their Manor Plantation had Negro slaves.

John Hardy and wife, Charity, had a son named William I, a cooper. He married Edith Fewox (Fox), daughter of James and Ann Fewox. He was prominent in colonial affairs. William and Edith had children named William II, Edward, Jesse, Robert, and Lemuel I (Lamb) Hardy. Robert, Edward, Jesse, and William served in the Revolutionary war.

Lemuel Hardy I (Lamb) married Elizabeth Parrott, the daughter of Francis Parrott and Frances Johnson. Lemuel and Elizabeth had children named William, Lemuel II, Benjamin, Frances, Edward, John, Jesse, and Elizabeth.

Lemuel Hardy II and brother Benjamin came to Dobbs County, to the present Jason community of Green County about 1768. They sold their land holdings on Salmon Creek, Bertie County, about 1769. They lived on Bear Creek near Jason on large adjoining plantations. Before coming to Dobbs, Lemuel served as justice of the peace in Bertie County. Lemuel served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the Bertie County Militia. A planter and a good businessman, he owned and operated several watermills on Bear Creek, which ran across his land.

Benjamin Hardy held many offices on colonial and state levels. A member of the first Provincial Congress held in New Bern, North Carolina, he was verified November 14, 1766, as a duly elected member from Johnston County (later subdivided into Dobbs.) He served in subsequent sessions of the assembly in 1767, 1768 and 1771. He worked for and furnished supplies to the Revolutionary forces. Benjamin married Nancy Howell of Green County.

— Marjorie S. Oliver

BLACKLEDGE HARPER OF TRENT TOWNSHIP AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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Although some of the Harper Family have lived in Lenoir County since the time of the Revolutionary War, probably some of the family were living in the Lenoir (then Dobbs) County before the Revolution.

One of the first Harpers of Lenoir County was Blackledge Harper, who was born April 20, 1813. A farmer, he lived near Deep Run. Family tradition says that his farm of over a thousand acres, was worked by his family and by hired labor. He refused to own slaves. When he needed additional help on his farm, he hired slaves from neighbors whom he paid.

Blackledge Harper was a son of Jesse Harper, who also lived in Dobbs (now Lenoir) County. Blackledge Harper married twice. His first wife was Sally Tyndall, a daughter of John Tyndall of the Pink Hill area.

Blackledge Harper and Sally Tyndall had twelve children: Simpson Harper (born 1834) married Letitia Ann Hill; Jane Harper (born 1836) married Richard Stroud; Cornelius Har-

per (born 1838) married Lizzie Battle; Zacharius Harper (born 1839) moved to Georgia after the Civil War; Windel Harper (born 1841) married Emmeline Taylor; Jesse Harper (born 1843) married (1st) Frances Waller and (2nd) Susan Grady; Bright Harper (born 1846) married a Miss Poole; Winifred Harper (born 1847) never married; Robert Harper (born 1849) married Smithie Howard; Sarah Ann "Sallie" Harper (born 1852) married Thomas Ivey Stroud; Frank Harper (born 1853) married Sophronia Taylor; and Thomas Harper (born 1855) married Jane Howard.

Blackledge Harper's second wife was Pearl Grady, a daughter of John Kornegay Grady. No children were born to Blackledge Harper and Pearl Grady.

Blackledge Harper was about 50 years old when the Civil War began. He did not serve in the Civil War; however, it is interesting to note that of his nine sons, six did enlist and served in the Confederate States Army. Two were wounded, but all six survived the fighting and returned to their families after the War. His three youngest sons were each less than sixteen years old when the War ended.

Blackledge Harper died December 7, 1892 and is buried in his family cemetery located about a mile south of Deep Run.

— Council T. Jarman

THE BLACKLEDGE HARPER FAMILY

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The first ancestor of the Blackledge Harper family came to Lenoir County when Whitfield Grady moved to Woodington in 1815. He was born in Duplin County on September 1, 1798. He married Elizabeth Kornegay, daughter of Charlotte and William Kornegay, and they reared fourteen children. Of these, two daughters are especially important to the family history: Charlotte, born January 18, 1829, and Susan, born July 28, 1845.

Charlotte married Haywood Waller on September 14, 1848, and they had a daughter, Frances Ann, who married Jesse Harper. The children of Frances and Jesse were Sally, Fanny, Betty, Lucy, Mary and one, son, Blackledge. After the death of his first wife, Jesse Harper married Susan Grady, the daughter of Whitfield and Elizabeth Grady mentioned above. It was through Susan Grady Harper, his stepmother, that Blackledge came to own the homeplace.

Blackledge inherited a child's part of his stepmother's estate, which included the house and farm, and paid his stepmother a sum of \$3,000 for the remaining shares. When he married Lillian Jones, they moved into a new home located a short distance from the Grady house. After a few months, Lillian died with no children born to their marriage.

Blackledge then married Junie Stroud. They had seven children: Eva, Mary, Jesse Blackledge, who died in childhood, Henry, Thomas, Virgil, and Warren. Five of these children live at Woodington today. Henry died in 1979.

One of the daughters, Lillian Eva, who married Cedric Kennedy, inherited the original

the University and later became a lawyer.

After finishing college, he was married in 1872 to Claudia Winifred Moore (1853-1941), daughter of Jesse Moore (1825-1856), and Deborah Mewborne (1830-1857).

The children of James Warren Harper were: Jessie Harper (1873-1903), (married Herbert Everett Moseley); Blanche Harper (1875-1968), (married Wylie Thomas Moseley); Charlie Harper (1877-1884); Ruth Harper (1879-1926), (married Walter Bishop Brown [Virginia]); and Ralph Moore Harper (1882-1955), (married Elsie Wulbern of Charleston, South Carolina).

Lenoir County's second newspaper was begun in 1878. Editor and proprietor was J.W. Harper, a lawyer and later superintendent of Lenoir County Schools. The first issue of the newspaper was dated December 20, 1878. Editor Harper wrote, "We expect to make the *Journal*, a family newspaper, for our citizens of Eastern North Carolina." A complete file of the *Kinston Journal* from December 20, 1878 to the final number March 28, 1882, is in the North Carolina Collection at Chapel Hill. Microfilm copies are on file at Lenoir Community College in the Learning Resources Center.

Later, Editor Harper purchased the *Commercial News* and moved his office to New Bern. This paper became the *New Bern Journal* according to the *Annals of Progress* (1963), by William Powell, as recorded in the *Story of Lenoir County and Kinston, North Carolina*.

When James Warren Harper died of a heart attack in 1883, he was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston, North Carolina. His wife, Claudia Moore Harper, died in 1941 and was buried beside him. He had been in Raleigh attending the North Carolina State Legislature, collecting news for his newspaper.

Three grandchildren live in Kinston today: Helen Moseley Pope, Blanche Harper and Martha Eleanor Moseley. Other grandchildren are: Hortense Wooten Torian of Charlotte; Claudia Edwards of Tarboro; Claudia Brown Joyner of Jackson, Tennessee; Charlotte Brown Greever of Rural Retreat, Virginia; Rev. Ralph Harper of Monkton, Maryland; and Dr. John C. Harper, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Great grandchildren include: Brenda Edwards, Tarboro; Shade Isler Wooten, Charlotte; Jessie Wooten Crone, Gainesville, Florida; Deborah Moore, Jeffery Rhodes, and Elizabeth Warren Harper of Washington, D.C.; David and Andrew Harper.

Great-great grandchildren include: Ray Lee Wooten of Massachusetts; Margaret Yorke Sartorio of Winston-Salem; George, Elizabeth Ann, Ray, Richard, and James Crone of Gainesville, Florida; and the only great-great-grandchild, Steven Michael Sartorio of Winston-Salem, born January 29, 1981.

— Martha E. Moseley

THE JESSE HARPER FAMILY

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Jesse James Harper, son of Simpson and Lottie Ann Hill Harper of Woodington Township, was born on November 3, 1860.

On March 11, 1903, he married Onie May Rouse, daughter of neighbors James Edward and Carrie Fordham Rouse. Onie Rouse was born on December 9, 1882.

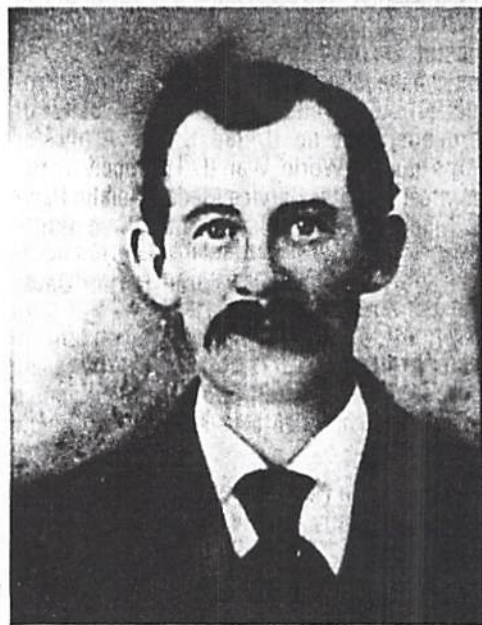
They settled on the Woodington Farm on which Jesse was born. A dedicated farmer, of independent spirit and strong character, he believed in living within ones means. She was highly intelligent, sensitive, and gentle — a good helpmate and mother. Industrious and thrifty, they extended their farm several times with purchases of adjoining land. They were active in community affairs, especially those of their schools and church. They were members of Woodington Universalist Church and are buried in the cemetery nearby. He died on October 22, 1935, she on May 23, 1971.



Onie Rouse Harper, wife of Jesse Harper.

sons Stuart and Bryan Irby. She later married Harold Knight of Denver, North Carolina; James Samuel Davis, Jr. was born June 3, 1945, in Shelby, North Carolina, and is a Boston attorney.

Ruby Harper, born November 10, 1909, married Willie West, Sand Hill Township farmer. Their children: Linda is a Raleigh scientist. She married Maylon Little and they have daughter Melissa (Mrs. Emmett Jones) and son Timothy; George, is a Kinston medical doctor. He married Annette Tixier and they have daughters Deborah and Emily and a son Jeffrey; Neil, a Sand Hill farmer and lumberman, married Carolyn Williams. Their children are daughter Lottie Ann and son James Keith; Jennifer, a home economist, married Edward



Jesse Harper of Woodington.

Jesse and Onie Harper had eleven children: Leo, Jesse James, Jr., Mildred, Ruby, Jackson (Jack), Phebe, Simpson, Rodolph (Dock), Roger, Guy, and Earl. Jesse, Jr., born February 22, 1906, died on March 1, 1907. Guy, born November 17, 1920, died on September 5, 1921. Both died of diphtheria.

Leo Harper, born August 31, 1904, died February 16, 1971. A Woodington farmer, he married Ruby Parker. Their children: Edna, a teacher in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado married Tutor Knudsen. They have sons, Neil, Eric, Edward, and a daughter Kristi; Ray, a Woodington farmer, married Josephine Turnage. They have a son Jesse; Peggy, a teacher in Peoria, Illinois, married Robert Maness. They have daughters Lisa (Mrs. Daniel Stump), Janie, Kay and a son Marlon (Marly); Lionel, is a Social Security Administration supervisor in Atlanta. He married Anne Stevens. They have a daughter Catherine and a son David.

Mildred Harper, born April 24, 1908, married James Samuel Davis. She taught for 33 years, now lives in Raleigh. Two children are: Margery, an educator, born in Wadesboro, North Carolina, March 3, 1939 who married Claude Irby of Greensboro. They have two

Stephenson, a Mississippi farmer; Sylvia, an Ayden, North Carolina tax specialist, married James Arrington and later Richard Walker. They have a daughter Sharon Arrington.

Jack Harper, born May 14, 1911, a Woodington farmer, married Edna Davis. Their children: Joan, is a nurse. She married Bill Garris of Wilson and they have two sons, Christopher and Stephen. Jacquelyn is a counselor with North Carolina Services for Blind. She married Thomas Grubbs, later Philip Bargoil of Winston-Salem.

Phebe Harper, born April 23, 1913, lives at the family homestead, and is head bookkeeper for Kings' Restaurant and other establishments and is active in church and community affairs.

Simpson Harper, was born February 5, 1915, and married Pinkey Joyner. They enjoy their Woodington farm and have travelled extensively. She is employed at Brody's Department Store.

Rodolph Harper, born October 19, 1916, is a rural mail carrier. He married Frances Pette-way. Their children: Donna, a teacher, married Wayne Malone of Kinston. They have a daughter, Candace; James Francis (Jan) is an administrator with Howell's Child Care Center,