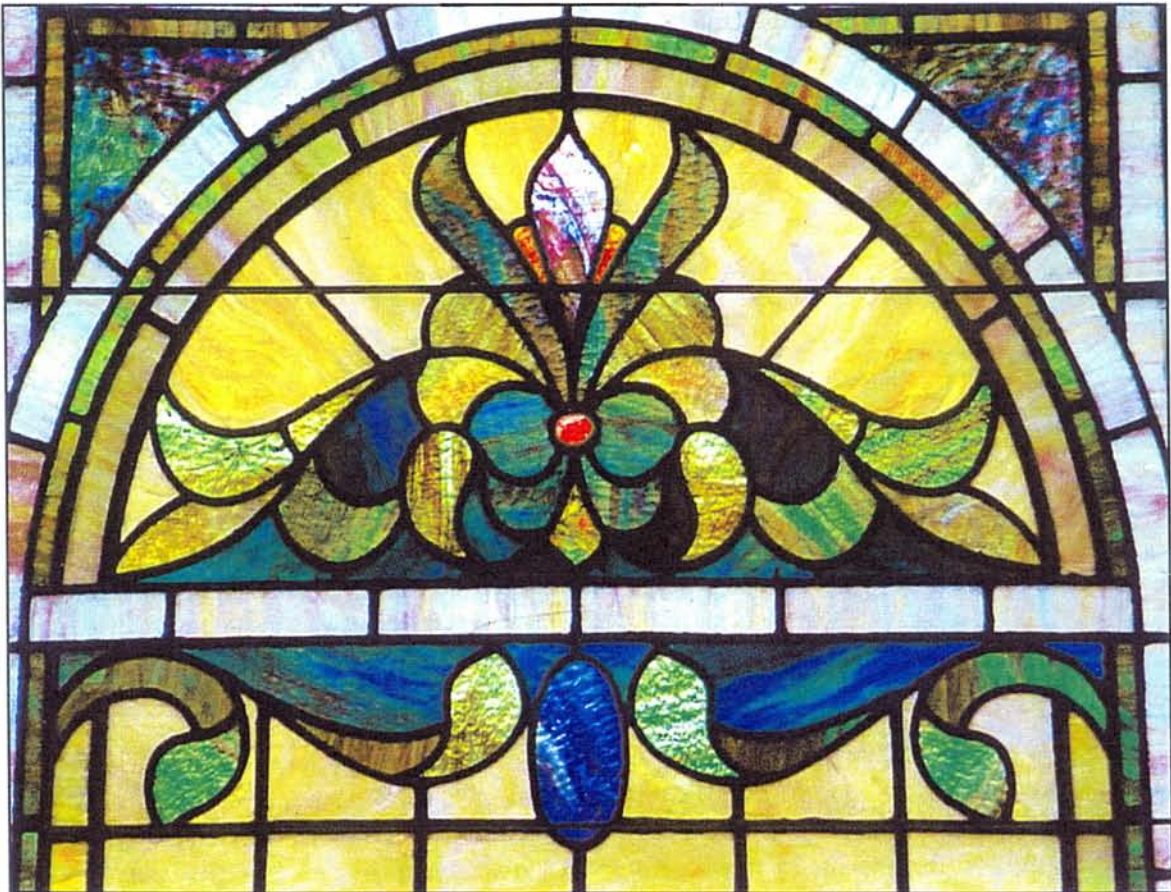


Bullock's Church

Founded 1832

*"Let us go unto the House of the Lord!
And the hour shall be filled with music,
With song and praise and prayer,
And the burdens of life be lifted
From all who enter there."*

From the bulletin celebrating Bullock's 125th Anniversary



By Anne Gay Long Crews, 2007

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Chapter One: A History

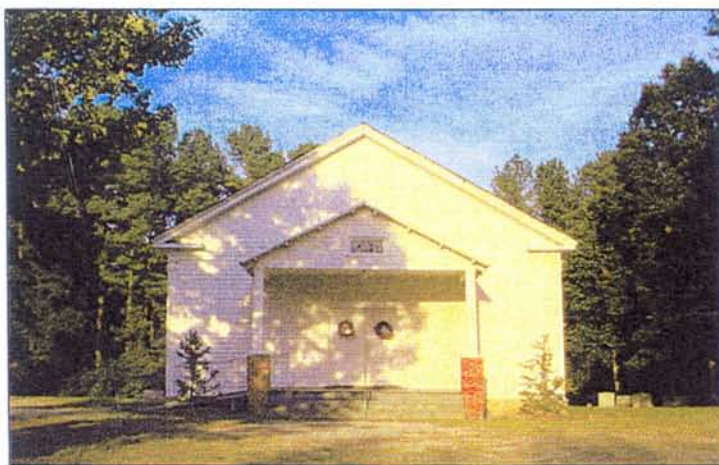
Then

Bullock's Church,
1927
(from The Oxford
Public Ledger [3]).



And Now

The Church in 2004.



Settled in the tall pines just north of Creedmoor is a small country church, looking a lot like a picture out of time. Her art glass windows glow in the sunshine and peace can be found in the sweet stillness of her sanctuary. Although the old church may be past her prime, she is still very much loved by her people. I am speaking of Bullock's Church.

The Church was founded by people who held their faith dear and

passed their beliefs on to their children, grandchildren and so on unto today as direct descendents of the original founding families still attend Bullock's. "Generations have proudly stood up and called Bullock's Methodist Church, *"Blessed."*[1].

At the time of this writing, Bullock's Church has been in existence for 175 years. Founded in 1832, it began a mere fifty-six years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Andrew Jackson was the 24th President United States of America when Bullock's Church started; thirty-four presidents have come, and gone, since. That year, the headlines included news from the Black Hawk Indian Wars as well as death tolls from a cholera outbreak in London, England reaching 3000 dead, and announcements of the newly sovereign country of Greece.

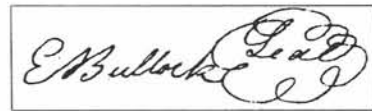
This Church sustained its people through a Civil War, two World Wars, the Great Depression, the Vietnam War, the Korean conflict, the September 11 tragedy and two wars in Iraq. It has seen its congregation go from arriving on foot, on horseback or by carriage, to riding trains, to arriving in motor vehicles. It has seen the end of slavery, the invention of electricity, Charles Lindbergh cross the Atlantic, women vote and man land on the moon. While Bullock's stood, the Titanic sank and the Hindenburg crashed and Challenger exploded. Prohibition came and went, as did Segregation and the Soviet Union. Hurricane Hazel severely damaged the building and yet the strength was found to rebuild. While so much in the world has changed, the spirit at Bullock's has remained, steadfast and faithful, through it all.

The first Bullock's Church building was a "small frame building , neither plastered nor ceiled" [3] constructed near the Hester Community in 1833 "on a knoll of sandy soil shaded by

hickories, pines and cedars, near a spring of clear water [1]". Prior to that building, Bullocks' congregation simply met under a brush arbor in the pines beginning in 1832. Described by David Grissom [1] as a "group of dedicated people who were sincere in their religious beliefs" and "were not afraid of work or hardships", the congregation constructed their Churches themselves. Benjamin Kidd was the first Pastor of Bullock's in 1833, preaching in that first building, constructed of hand-hewn timber by faith and determination. The Granville Circuit was then in the Danville District, Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Two acres of land for the church building were donated by Edward "Ned" Bullock, son of Micajah Bullock, who received the land in a grant of 4,400 acres from the Earl of Granville. Micajah was from Hanover County, Virginia, moving to Granville County around 1765. Although a surveyor, he served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War, fighting in battles at Moore's Creek and Guilford Court House, and later became Sheriff [4]. He is remembered on a marker in Bullock's cemetery. Sons Edward "Ned", Richard and Leonard Bullock, along with Clement Lyon and William Fleming, acted as the first five trustees of the church.

Edward "Ned" Bullock lived from 1773 til 1862 and he and his wife, Sally Dalby (1775-1856) are memorialized on one of the art glass windows in the sanctuary. "They sleep in a little cemetery just over on the hill a little south east of here" [3]. Although Edward Bullock presented the deed for transfer of ownership September 14, 1833, the deed was not officially recognized until a court ruling in November, 1843 (signature above).

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Bullock".

An article from the *Oxford Public Ledger* records the faithful members of Bullock's thusly, "the list is a long one and I cannot even mention by name those who have been members here. But from its beginning the Church roll has had on it, the Flemings, the Hesters, the Lyons, the Moss, the Braggs, the Greens, and others, who have been prominent in all the work of the Church." [3]. I would also like to add the family names of Allen, Bullock, Burris, Crews, Gooch, Jones, Parrott, and Stem to that list.

The North Carolina Conference was not formed until 1836 at which time Bullock's and the Granville Circuit was placed in the Raleigh District with Reverend Henry Speck officiating. During these early years, ministers usually served only one year, sometimes two (Pastoral listing follows). In 1845, at the convention held in Louisville, Kentucky, a Plan of Separation was formed which organized the Methodist Episcopal Church South (the affiliation noted in the art glass name plate on Bullock's entrance). The Reverend Ira T. Wyche was serving the Granville Circuit at that time.

During the Civil War, "Bullock's aligned with the Methodist Episcopal Church South when the issue of slavery split the nation" [10]. In 1862, the Granville Circuit was placed in the Washington District with Reverends W.C. Gannon and T.W. Moore. "Many of the young men of the [Church] joined the other plough boys [and went off to war] not knowing whether or not they would ever return" [1]. The history of the Church is basically unknown during the years of the Civil War. Written records of the Church are sparse at this time and there was no North Carolina convention in 1865. After the War, as men returned to their families and our Country needed healing, the faithful at Bullock's surged. Although in 1870 the Church was not supplied with a district pastor and no records of the minister are available for 1871, the Congregation was building a larger Church.

The Congregation once again proudly provided most of the material and labor for their Church in 1870-72. "It was a beautiful Church constructed of the very best heart pine, put together with wooden pegs and hand cut nails. The interior was plastered and the woodwork finished with hand dressed boards. The pews were also hand dressed and finished." [1]. This

structure stands today, with the original pews, plastered walls and hand finished altar. "Rev. Ben Hester, a local preacher, and William Bragg were two of the building committee" [3].

At that time, the Granville Circuit was placed once again in the Raleigh District with the Reverend J.R. Griffith as Pastor. "[The] Church was dedicated in 1872 and before the sound of the hammer and saw had hardly ceased the great revival began" [3]. An *Oxford Ledger* article [3] lists Reverend V.C. Gannon (Bullock's Pastor in 1864) as delivering that "great" message.

The Granville Circuit was placed in the Durham District from 1884-1889. By 1885, the Seaboard railroad, which ran right in front of the Church, had brought growth to Bullock's and to the growing Hester Community nearby. There was a Post Office and two stores serviced by a railway station (and telegraph office) which saw "four passenger trains and two freight trains whistle past" [1] daily. In 1888, "Reverend P.L. Groom [was] pastor and Dr. W.S. Black Presiding Elder." [3]. During this time, a "sweeping revival that continued for several weeks" [3] was given by Reverend V.A. Sharpe, pastor at Bullock's from 1889-1893.

Grissom [1] reports that at the turn of century 175 members were listed on the roles at Bullock's (listing in Chapter?). The church was prosperous and a center of spiritual growth in the area. "The membership body of the Church was a very close one and worked like as a family to maintain a spiritual atmosphere" and although they faced hardships, they "faced each occurrence, as it arose, together." [1]. During this time, services were held on first and third Sundays with Sunday School and prayer meetings each Sunday. There was also an extended service held the week following the third Sunday each July. This July "Homecoming" became a social event as well as a spiritual one. Families gathered to visit, pray and break bread together. "A young preacher who came here [around 1902] said that there were more fine horses, and more pretty and fine dressed women than he had ever seen before in all of his life" upon visiting for Homecoming [3].

The town of Creedmoor, located about two miles south of Hester, was established in 1885. In 1914 Bullock's Methodist Episcopal Church South became the Mother Church of the Creedmoor branch of the Church as many of the members moved to the town. The effect on Bullock's was "crippling" [3]. "Then there was some talk of abandoning the old mother church, but some objected and a faithful few held on and struggled on until now [1927] there seems to be abundant life and activity" [3].

By 1920 the Creedmoor Circuit was organized. The Reverend B.H. Black preached for the new circuit consisting of Bullock's, Creedmoor, Banks and Grove Hill Methodist Episcopal Churches [1]. A concrete paved road was constructed parallel to the Seaboard Railway in front of Bullock's during 1924-25. As the congregation was strong once again, the addition of Sunday School rooms, a small library and a porch were completed January-March of 1927. N.H. "Dutch" Fleming was foreman of the work [3]. The Reverend B.E. Stanfield was minister and saw the installation of the first electrical lighting fixtures in the Church. These were given in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bragg by Sallie Bragg. The glorious "Art glass" memorial windows were also added in 1927, each donated by the family and friends of those early members honored (see Appendix A).

At the time of the Centennial Service in 1933, Bullock's Church was part of the Creedmoor Circuit, Raleigh District, North Carolina Conference, and Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Centennial celebration consisted of an all day service of worship and fellowship (described in Chapter Four). "By 1939, the Methodists [separated by the Civil War] reunited into The Methodist Church" [10].

At a meeting of the Stewards to assess to each Church the amount each should pay for the support of the ministry. The amount to raise previously estimated \$1500.00 for Preacher in charge and Presiding Elder the following was the assessment to

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| Oxford | \$175.00 |
| Bullocks | 135.00 |
| Perry Chapel | 35.00 |
| Gray Rock | 50.00 |
| Ruthel | 175.00 |
| Jabor | 110.00 |
| Wt. Ruthel | 75.00 |
| Morris | 50.00 |
| Ebenezer | 50.00 |
| Essex | 140.00 |
| Durham | 250.00 |
| Shady Grove | 125.00 |
| St. Ann | 75.00 |

R. L. Hunt, H. F. Moore, Jos. Word,
 Jos. Word, Benj. F. Bullock,
 Willis Mitchels, Stewards.

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Records from a meeting of the Stewards, dated June 12th, 1949, show the assessments charged to each Church in the Circuit "for the support of the ministry". Of the thirteen churches listed, Salem was the largest at \$250 and Perry's Chapel the smallest at \$35. That year Bullock's was assed \$135, similar to Shady Grove and Calvary Churches [8, pictured left]. The Stewards at that time were listed as R. L. Hunt, H. F. Moore, Jos. Word, Wm. Lunsford, Benj. F. Bullock, and Willis Mitchels.

The Stem-Bullock's Charge was established in 1952, although records researched by Grissom [1] show that the two Churches were served by the same Ministers from 1887-1920. Stem Methodist Church grew out of Moore's Chapel Methodist Church when the railroad built a depot in the Village of Stem, leading to surge in the population and the need for a Church in 1886. The formation of the Stem Methodist Church started a tradition of music included in the

worship service, a modern idea at the time. The United Methodist Church was formed in 1968 when The Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren [10].

When Bullock's celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 1982, the Congregation was once again small but celebrated the occasion with spirit. The Church as cleaned and painted, landscaping was updated and a new sign, commemorating the achievement was placed along Highway 15. Then, as today, Bullock's Church is part of the Stem-Bullock's Charge, Durham District, North Carolina Conference, and United Methodist Church.

Most of the Pastors who have preached at Bullock's Church in recent decades have been student ministers from nearby Duke University Divinity School, Duke University, and Durham, North Carolina. The congregation takes pride in teaching these students the meaning behind traditions, the strength of family, and the reason that patience is considered a virtue. Few student ministers during the 1960s- 1990s left Bullock's without having learned a thing or two about Methodism and being a preacher from Trustees Mrs. Frances Crews, Mrs. Kathryn Royster, or Mr. Thomas Sanford. None of these being in the least bit insecure, it was rare that anyone left their presence not knowing exactly what they thought! They exemplified the spirit of faith and determination and perseverance that was, is and always shall be, Bullock's.

Today, this wonderful piece of our past, Bullock's Methodist Church, is endangered. Time and attrition is threatening its faithful congregation. In an effort to keep the doors open, Bullock's Church rented the sanctuary for the use of another congregation, the United Christian Missionary Baptist Church led by Pastor James E. Wade. However, after 2 years, the renting congregation moved. New members and a revival of spirit are desperately needed in order for Bullock's to continue onward to her 200th Anniversary in 2032.

THE PASTORATE OF BULLOCK'S:
1832-2007

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Benjamin Kidd | 1833 |
| Robert O. Burton | 1834 |
| H.T. Weatherly | 1835 |
| Henry Speck | 1836-1837 |
| Joseph Goodman | 1838-1839 |
| David B. Nicholson | 1840 |
| H.G. Leigh | 1841 |
| Thomas S. Campbell | 1842 |
| John Tillett | 1843-1844 |
| Ira T. Wyche | 1845 |
| James L. Nicholson | 1846-1847 |
| Nathan Anderson | 1848 |
| Linville L. Hendron | 1848 |
| W.M. Jordan | 1849 |
| Sidney R. Trawick | 1850 |
| Granville Circuit* | 1851 |
| Records unavailable | 1852-1854 |
| John D. Halstead | 1855 |
| Peter H. Joyner | 1856 |
| Moses J. Hunt | 1856 |
| John W. Floyd | 1857 |
| Junius P. Moore | 1858 |
| William Harris | 1859 |
| Theophilus W. Moore | 1860 |
| Washington S. Chaffin | 1861 |
| William C. Gannon | 1862 |
| Theophilus W. Moore | 1862 |
| Washington S. Chaffin | 1863 |
| W. C. Gannon | 1864 |
| Records unavailable | 1865 |
| John Tillett | 1866-1869 |
| Granville & Orange Circuit* | 1870 |
| Records unavailable | 1871 |
| J.R. Griffith | 1872-1874 |
| S.V. Hoyle | 1875 |
| J.E. Thompson | 1876-1879 |
| J.T. Gibbs | 1880-1882 |
| J.B. Martin | 1883-1885 |
| T.C. Moses | 1883-1885 |
| J.E. Underwood | 1885-1887 |
| P.L. Groom | 1887 |
| J.S. Nelson | 1888-1889 |

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| V.A. Sharpe | 1889-1893 |
| B.C. Allred | 1893-1896 |
| J.M. Rice | 1897 |
| T.J. Gattis | 1898 |
| W.H. Puckett | 1899-1903 |
| J.D. Pegram | 1903-1906 |
| C.W. Robinson | 1906-1910 |
| M.D. Giles | 1910-1912 |
| M.D. Hicks | 1912-1916 |
| B.H. Black | 1916-1920 |
| V.A. Royal | 1920-1924 |
| J.J. Boone | 1924-1925 |
| B.E. Stanfield | 1925-1929 |
| W.L. Loy | 1929-1933 |
| K.F. Duval | 1933-1934 |
| E.D. Dodd | 1934-1938 |
| E.C. Durham | 1937-1938 |
| E.B. Craven | 1938-1942 |
| D.D. Traynham | 1942-1946 |
| C.S. McCoy | 1946-1947 |
| D.M. Sharpe | 1947-1951 |
| W.G. Farrar | 1951-1952 |
| Homer Lemaster | 1952-1954 |
| Vernon C. Tyson | 1954-1956 |
| W.E. Knight | 1956-1959 |
| R.W. Leonard | 1959-1960 |
| T.E. Gensel | 1960-1963 |
| J.W. Hobbs | 1963 |
| ?? Myers | 1963 |
| W.M. Nobels | 1964-1967 |
| H.D. Watson | 1967-1969 |
| J.A. McClung | 1969-1972 |
| D.R. Grissom | 1972-1976 |
| B.M. Jones | 1976-1979 |
| Leon J. Pernell | 1979-1983 |
| James B. Ward | 1983-1986 |
| Mark D. Mashburn | 1986-1988 |
| James E. Bailey | 1988-1991 |
| James H. Pearson | 1991-1995 |
| Jeanne B. Allen | 1995-1999 |
| Grace M. Dill | 1999-2003 |
| Matthew T. Worley | 2003-2007 |
| Jason M. Thornton | 2007-present |

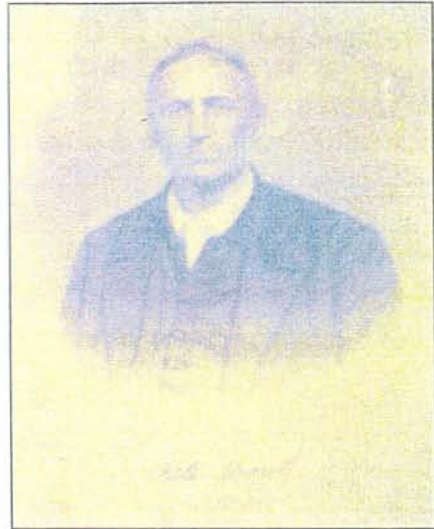
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Chapter Two: The Church Structure

The Sanctuary

There is a feeling of Peace and Spirit in the sanctuary at Bullock's. One has but to sit in the pews alone and feel the strength of those who have endured before us. This is a very special place.

Hanging in the sanctuary, a picture of the Reverend Peter Doub (left) watches sternly over Bullock's. He is best known as the founder of Greensboro College; lacking a formal education himself, he valued it highly. However, his portrait hangs in Bullock's in recognition of his twenty plus years as a circuit rider for the Methodist Episcopal Church in the early 1800s. Although no records have been found to date, it is likely that he preached at Bullock's in her earliest days. The portrait captures his character as his self discipline was second only to his intense faith. Stories recall his sermons as intense, often lasting hours. "Thus the faithful circuit rider and the people of this old church have built the bridge for you who are here to cross over at eventide" [3].



In 2000, Reverend Grace Dill arranged to have the original 1870 Altar and kneeling rail refinished. The gleam of the wood looks as it must have so many years ago when newly installed for the first time. It is indeed humbling to sit back and think, for just a moment, of all those who have knelt in this place before us; some praying for sons to return from war, some for good crops so that families could be fed, others for needed health, wisdom and guidance.

There are also memorial art glass windows inset over the doorways leading to the Sunday School rooms from inside the sanctuary. Both windows remember members of the Fleming family. The left reads S.A. Fleming 1854-1935 and Anna Bullock Fleming 1855-1924. The right reads Lawrence Fleming 1890-1953 and Lena Wilson Fleming 1874-1964. The Flemings rest in Bullock's cemetery.





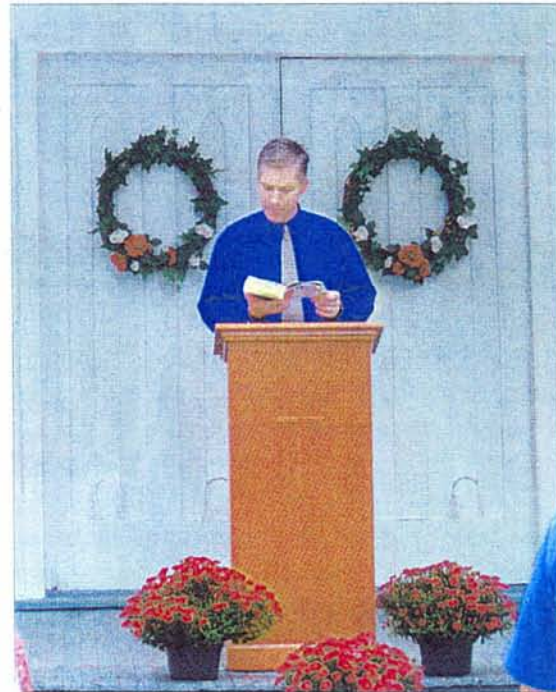
A memorial art glass hanging is present in the sanctuary commemorating the short life of Kattie Lee Caviness, 1916-1926. Also hanging in Bullock's is a special Recognition Certificate presented on the 150th Anniversary of the Church in 1982 by the Conference.

The Church Building

The Church building in use today was constructed in 1870-72 in a simple Greek Revival style [2]. It replaced the original log structure on this site (the brush arbor, place of worship for our first congregation, was located on the other side of what is now Hwy 15) [10]. However, this building faces west and the log structure "faced south, towards Creedmoor" [10].

The Church was originally a rectangular structure and in 1927-28, the porch, a small library and Sunday School rooms were added. The art glass was also added at this time as were the first lighting fixtures. The double paneled front doors feature pointed Gothic arches at the top of each panel with square insets at the bottom.

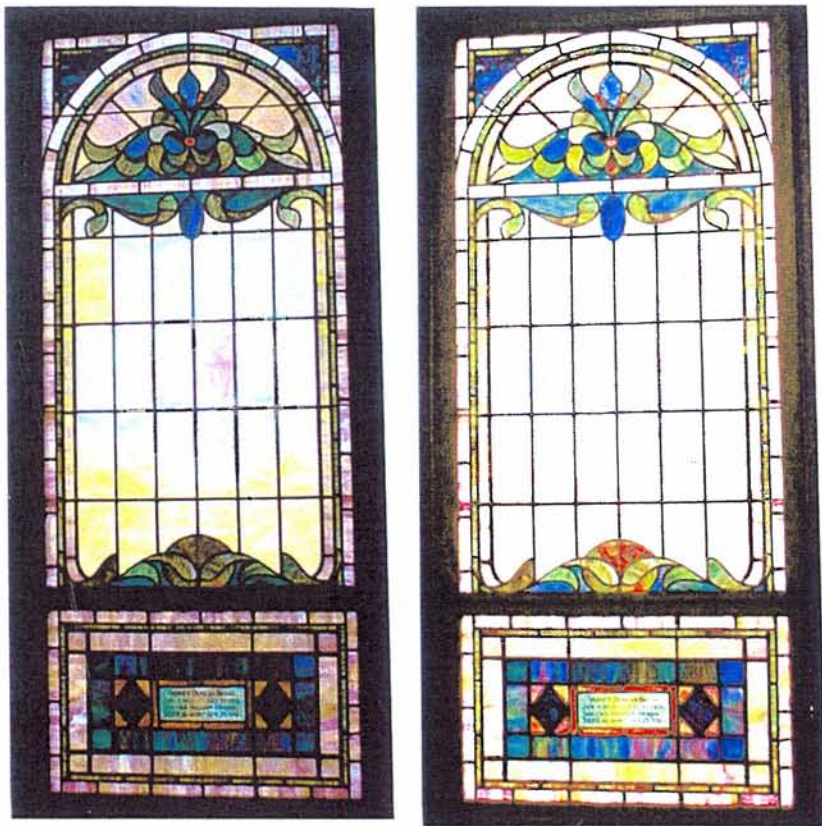
Seen right, Reverend Matt Worley officiates from the front porch over a Blessing of the Animals in October, 2005. Below, the porch showing the



handicap access ramp in the left corner which was added with love by the family and friends of Jamie Champion.



If the windows of a building are her eyes, the mirror to her soul, the windows of Bullock's say that the Church's soul is her people. There are eight magnificent art glass windows, each bearing the names of Bullock's founding families, that gleam with rich colors in intricate patterns (see listing end of chapter, individual pictures Appendix A). In addition to the large windows, there is a small art glass window on the front of the building bearing Bullock's name and founding date. Two small windows also grace the sanctuary above each of the door leading into the Sunday School rooms (pictured previously).



Seen in two different lightings, the memorial windows reveal different aspects of their beauty. In dimmer light, left panel, the paleness of the outline emphasizes the shadows and one can almost see an angel's wings in the upper panel. The yellows and pale pinks are also visible in the open, middle area. In the brighter light, right panel, the glorious blues and greens in the bloom and trim around the memorial is remarkable. The details of the pattern are also seen as ribbons threading from a flowing flower to the sun. Sharp geometric shapes combined with the flowing effect of the free-form panes creates interest, as well as beauty.

In 2005, Plexiglas covers were placed over the art glass windows in order to add some protection from the elements and the years. The family and friends of Mrs. Frances Crews funded the project as a memorial to a grand lady who cared very deeply for Bullocks' Church.

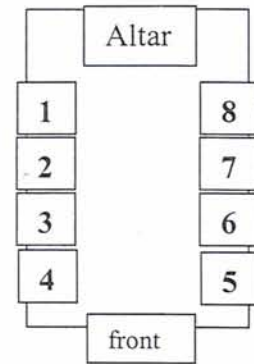


On the front of Bullock's, in a spot of honor over the porch, is an art glass window nameplate, pictured below. Over the years, there had been minor damage to the window (left). Deborah and Ronnie Fletcher had the window repaired to her former glory in 2004 (below). The graceful ribbon pattern is the same as in the memorial windows. Note the original name, Bullock's Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Bullock's Church put in central heating and air conditioning at the turn of the century. It seemed strange not to open the windows (and yes, we actually opened those memorial windows on summer Sundays and everyone had a hand-held fan til then!). In 2005, the Sunday School rooms were added to the system and the ceilings were renovated in those two rooms off the sanctuary.

The Art Glass Memorial Window Octet

The diagram at right provides a key to the location of each of the eight art glass windows. Below, the text of each memorial is listed alongside the section of each window depicting the name. Appendix A presents a full length view of each window.



Window 1

John C. Mitchell, 1822 - 1888
Sophia C. Mitchell, 1829 - 1907

Window 2

Benjamin W. Bullock, 1847 - 1914.
Mary Eliza Bullock, 1850 - 1918.

Window 3

Lucy Caroline Jones, 1858 - 1909.
By the Children.

Window 4

Kate Bragg Allen, 1859 - 1921.

Window 5

Ernest L. Crews 1873 - 1958
Sallie B. Crews 1874 - 1956
Mamie B. Hester 1877 - 1953
B. Frank Hester 1890 - 1958

Window 6

Edward (Ned) Bullock, 1773 - 1862.
Sally Dalby Bullock, 1775 - 1856.

Window 7

John H. Bragg, 1825 - 1906
Alice Mottley Bragg, 1850 - 1924

Window 8

Sidney Duncan Bragg, Jan, 4, 1855 - July, 20, 1920.
Galena Gilliam Bragg, Sept, 16, 1866 - Apr, 28, 1910.



Chapter Three: Bullock's People

The heart and Soul of any Church is her people, and Bullock's has been Blessed over the past hundred seventy-five years with some very special people. Pictured right are some of the ladies of Bullock's Church: left to right, Frances Crews, Josephine Bullock Perry, Vera Autry, Rosa Lee Gooch and Cleo Green, taken Homecoming 1995. The following are our fond memories, insights and genealogies for those who have come before us.



In order to understand the spirit of Bullock's Church, you have to know Mrs. Frances Crews. Her Trusteeship of the Church kept it going through the rough times. Born Virginia Frances Bullock on November 26, 1913 to parents Kate Fleming and Hal Bullock, Mrs. Frances represented the heart and soul of Bullock's for many years. She and husband David Reid raised five children (June Frances, Edgar Reid "Buddy", twins Carolyn Fleming and Hal Bullock, and David Richard) at a time when raising five kids on a farm was not easy. But Frances did it with determination and sheer will. She was preceded in death by sons Hal and Buddy and her husband Reid. Frances was the recipient of the first angel award from Angel Spirit (a nonprofit venture which supports the Ruth Home for women who are recovering from substance abuse) in Creedmoor and the most deserving Angel they will ever find. She was direct, would "shoot from the hip" with a kindness and understanding that live on. Sometimes you can still feel her sitting near her post in the church (her pillow, a defense against the ravages of time, still remains there), her presence bringing a wistful smile to us all.



Mrs. Cleo Green passed in 2006. She, like Mrs. Frances, reigned lovingly as her family's matriarch. She married Linwood "Bud" Thompson Green on July 15, 1944 at the parsonage in Stem. Together they farmed tobacco, and raised 5 children (Louise Jeanette, Iris Lane, Sandra Kaye, Betsy Joyce and Linwood "BB" Thompson Green Jr). At her funeral service, the face of her only son showed so much loss, yet also a deep love and devotion, felt for a good Mother. Women like her, strong, tough and yet gentle and nurturing, are hard to find these days it seems. Mrs. Cleo and Mrs. Frances, closest of friends throughout their long lives, are still sitting happily on a porch somewhere in Heaven, looking down as they rock and talk and share.



The Gooch family has long been a part of Bullock's. Walter Radford Gooch (born January 6, 1881 to parents Huel Ruffin Gooch (December 23, 1836- October 26, 1902) and Sally Walker; they married January 17, 1860) married Ava McKinley Pegram in April of 1907. Ava was the daughter of Reverend J.D. Pegram who served the Stem-Bullock's Charge from 1903-1906. Walter died September 3, 1950 and is buried with his wife at Bullock's (both pictured above). Their son, John Ruffin Gooch, born June 9, 1916, married Rosa Lee Overton on December 23, 1937 (pictured right) and both served Bullock's well.



Their son John Walter, born December 7, 1945, remembers his father serving on numerous committees and as Sunday School Superintendent. He fondly recalls going with his father early on Sunday mornings to start the fires in the heaters to warm the Church for services. They also up kept the Church yard [12]. John married Becky Currin on June 19, 1965. He attended Sunday School at Bullock's when Vera Autry was teaching. John's sister Anne Gooch Winn and her husband Edward J. Winn (married May 24, 1984) have supported Bullock's.

Ava and Walter Gooch's daughter was Josephine Gooch Bullock Perry who passed on May 12, 2004 at the age of 90. Born November 11, 1913, she married John Harold Bullock. Together they raised three sons, John Harold Bullock Jr., Walter Edward Bullock and Thomas Bragg Bullock. All were faithful members of Bullock's Church. Josephine also worked at John Umstead Hospital, retiring after 22 years of service. She lost her husband Harold in 1956 and her son Edward was killed Christmas of 1960. In 1976, she married Collie E. Perry who also preceded her in death. Josephine is remembered as a devoted Mother who loved her family and her Church. She rests, with her family, in Bullock's cemetery.

Mrs. Kathryn Bullock Royster was forever the authority on the history of this county as well as of this cherished old church. She was the beloved older sister of Mrs. Frances Crews and also served the Church. Born 1908, she married Charles Royster in 1944, but lost him 1948 and the couple had no children. Aunt Kathryn is well remembered by her nieces and nephews (as well as her great nieces and nephews) for taking them all over the county "visiting". It is how two generations learned to drive! Kathryn is also remembered for her sharp wit and willingness to express her opinion. This was reinforced by her habit of often being right, as she was an unusually well read and learned woman for her time. She graduated from Louisburg College and honored as Alumnus of the Year in 1985.

Mr. Thomas Sanford died September 12, 2001 at the age of 87 and was a master of the Methodist Discipline. I often sat with this gentleman on Sunday mornings, just quietly admiring the beauty of a county morning by the old gas heater. Thomas, a Navy veteran and a Mason, attended the Church for years. He told us of the way Church and the World "used to be" and how it "ought to be!". He spoke of pride in an honest day's work, principled living, and he spoke of a Church filled with all one's neighbors, every Sunday morning. He mourned the passing of these things from today's society. His wife, Blanche Greene Sanford, died this year.

Mrs. Vera Fleming Autry loved her dogs, always boxers, Duke University, and her Church. Born in 1925, she worked at Duke for over thirty years. Vera also played the piano here at Bullock's for many years, sharing her special music with the small congregation. She and husband Earl had no children but raised many happy dogs and Vera was on the Board of the Humane Society of Granville County. She rests in peace between her parents, Lena and Lawrence, in the cemetery beside the Church. Vera had two sisters.

Another pillar of Bullock's Church was Mrs. Majorie Green Lyon who was baptized at Bullock's. She also worked on the farm and made clothes for her family by hand. With her husband Otha DeVan Lyon, she raised three children, Marjorie Lou, Otha Van and Spencer Watts. She is the sister of "Bud" and Lou Ellen Green.

Mrs. Marguerite Fleming Clay faithfully attended Bullock's Church in her later years although she was a member of Creedmoor Methodist. She was also a devoted farm wife to Algen Clay and together they raised two children, Nancy and George. Marguerite was also the sister of Durward Fleming.

The Bullock family, whose name the Church bears, has long been a part of their namesake. Larry Bullock of Raleigh, a friend of Bullock's, has traced his Bullock ancestry from Micajah Bullock to the present [11]. Micajah's son Leonard (1779-1832), a founding Trustee, had a son, William Edward, who fathered Weldon Edward Bullock. He in turn fathered Garland

Thadius (a farmer who changed his name to Robert “Bob” Cahoot Bullock, 1872-1962). Bob married Annie Elizabeth Beasley (1881-1950) in December 1903 and together they raised three children, Robert “Harvey”, William Edward “Edwin” and “Mildred” Beasley Bullock, all members of Bullock’s Church. Harvey (1905-1997), a farmer and agriculture teacher, married Katie Lee Veasey in 1941 at Veasey Ridge (known today as Butner, NC) and they raised three children, Larry, Bonnie G. and Robert Steven. Larry, married Carolyn E. Hackney of Durham County in January of 1972. They have two daughters, Julie Michelle (born November 1972, married Brantley Wells and has two daughters, Baje born 2000 and Cassie born 2003) and Jana Nicole (born January 1976, married John Gaddy and has two children, Tucker born 2004 and Sullivan born 2006). Larry’s sister Bonnie G. Bullock married James Sugg in 1972 and they have two children, Ashley (born 1973) and Wesley (born 1978). His brother Robert Steven Bullock married Elizabeth Lucas in 1985 and have two daughters, Betsy, born 1989, and Katie, born 1991. Bullock’s Church has supplied this family with fond memories of Sunday School lessons and family reunions over the years, proving that shared faith binds families, one generation to another.

As with most attempts to trace the families of a Church, I am sorry to say that some people have been overlooked or had little information. Many recall the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Stem who stood faithful at Bullock’s for many years but little else is known of them.

The Membership 2007

Professing Members:

April Michelle Boyd
 Brandi Michelle Boyd
 Iris Green Bradberry
 Hazel Bragg Brown (see below)
 John Harold Bullock
 Louise Green Champion
 Anne Gay Long Crews
 David Richard Crews

Laura Emory Crews
 Deborah Bullock Fletcher
 Ronnie Fletcher
 Linwood Thompson “Buddy” Green, III
 Betsy Green Hayes
 Nancy Fleming Clay Marshburn
Baptized Members:
 Joseph Matthew Crews
 Brittany Marie Hayes

No history of Bullock’s could be complete without a special mention of our eldest and dearest active member, Hazel Bragg Brown. She has been a devoted member for over 60 years and rarely misses a Sunday to this day! Her faithfulness is amazing, as is she. A native of the Brassfield Community, Granville County, she was born March 19, 1916 to parents Battle and Etta Bragg. Hazel raised two children, a son, Robert Green “Bobby” Todd, Jr and a daughter, Deborah Ann Bullock Fletcher. Bobby passed in 2007. Deborah and her husband Ronnie are faithful members of Bullock’s.



The Membership 1907

There was a time when Bullock's Church was full of people. A copy of the first page of the membership list is shown on the following page. The names, which cover 7 pages, follow. In places where the script was unclear or the page damaged, a ? appears. There is also a notation (***) on page 6 of the listing where the handwriting changes and the numbering becomes sporadic, indicating subsequent additions to the 1907 listing. Entries detail married names, as well as when and how received into the Church family (baptism, vows, certificate, by order of Ch. Conf.). These columns are not filled in for the initial listing but are for later entries. The first names are almost in alphabetical order.

Bullock's Membership Roll (original entries dated 1907)

- 1 Martha Adcock
 - 2 D. Ida Daniel
 - 3 Mary E. Aikin
 - 4 Joseph Allen
 - 5 Emma C. Allen
 - 6 Annie Allen Bullock
 - 7 Viola Aiken
 - 8 Kylie Aiken
 - 9 John H. Bragg
 - 10 Alexander H. Bragg
 - 11 Caroline Bragg
 - 12 Margaret B. Bragg
 - 13 S. Duncan Bragg
 - 14 Galina C. Bragg
 - 15 B.W. Bullock
 - 16 Mary E. Bullock
 - 17 Charles H. Bumitt
 - 18 Menirva J. Bumitt
 - 19 Sallie T. Bullock
 - 20 Mamie T. Bullock
 - 21 Julia Bragg Homer
 - 22 Walter B. Bragg
 - 23 Earnest Bragg
 - 24 V. Alice Bragg
 - 25 Luther C. Bragg
 - 26 Bettie Bullock
 - 27 R.C. Bullock
 - 28 Isaac W. Bullock
 - 29 John L. Bullock
 - 30 Joseph H. Bullock
 - 31 Henry S. Bullock
 - 32 Bessie N. Bullock Lyon
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- 33 Melvin Bragg
 - 34 Minnie G. Crews Green
 - 35 Edgar R. Crews
 - 36 Carrie J. Crews
 - 37 Lettie Dalby
 - 38 Maranda Q. Fleming

- 39 Samuel A. Fleming
- 40 Lillie Fleming Whitfield
- 41 Henry W. Frazier
- 42 Louisa J. Frazier
- 43 Annie P. Fleming
- 44 W. H. Fleming
- 45 Hattie Fleming
- 46 Lin. B. Fleming
- 47 H. Ruffen Gooch
- 48 Sallie J. Gooch
- 49 Simon A. Green
- 50 S. Thollie Green
- 51 Thomas L. Green
- 52 Waltar R. Gooch
- 53 Robert Lee Green
- 54 Joel Green
- 55 Annie T. Hester
- 56

- Susan A. Hester
 - 57 Laura J. Hester
 - 58 Katie Lee Hester
 - 59 Bithial Harris
 - 60 Elizabeth C. Harris
 - 61 Martha A. Jenkins
 - 62 Susan A. Johnson
 - 63 Rufus J. Jeffreys
 - 64 L?
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- 65 Lucy C. Jones
 - 66 Tommie Jones
 - 67 Joseph Jones
 - 68 Martha H. Jeffreys
 - 69 E.E. Lyon
 - 70 Mary J. Lyon
 - 71 W.H. Lyon

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| No. | Name | To whom Married | Baptism | Vows | Certificate | By order of Ch. Conf. | |
| 1 | Martha Adcock | | | | | | |
| 2 | Ida Daniel | | | | | | |
| 3 | Mary E. Aikin | | | | | | |
| 4 | Joseph Allen | | | | | | |
| 5 | Emma C. Allen | | | | | | |
| 6 | Annie Allen | Bullock | | | | | |
| 7 | Viola Aikin | | | | | | |
| 8 | Kylie Aikin | | | | | | |
| 9 | John H. Bragg | | | | | | |
| 10 | Alexander H. Bragg | | | | | | |
| 11 | Caroline Bragg | | | | | | |
| 12 | Margaret B. Bragg | | | | | | |
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| 36 | Carrie J. Crews | | | | | | |
| 37 | Lettie Dalby | | | | | | |
| 38 | Maranda Q. Fleming | | | | | | |

72 E. R. Lyon
73 Zack E. Lyon
74 E. D. Lyon
75 Dona S. Lyon
76 Louella Lawrence
77 J.W. Lawrence
78 Emma W. Lyon
79 William E. Lyon
80 Wm. V. Lawrence
81 Clyde Lyon
82 Grover Cleveland Lloyd
83 P. Fannie Mitchell
84 Sam. L. Moss
85 B.E. Moss
86 Sophia H. Mitchell
87 A.C. Moss
88 A.B. Moss
89 Minnie Moss
90 Beattice A. Gilliam
91 Isaac R. Newton
92 Emma G. Newton
93 M.S. Overton
94 L. Jane Overton
95 Eliza J. Overton
96 Calvin W. Overton
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97 Sallie A. Pleasants
98 Mary Parrott
99 Mattie L. Parrott
100 Edward B. Parrott
101 James A. Pleasants
102 Lelia Pleasants
103 Lucy H. Parrott
104 Nannie H. Parrott
105 Annie T. Parrott
106 Lucy C. Ross
107 Ada H. Roberts
108 Alexander Smith
109 Martha A. Stroud
110 Nancy H. Smith
111 Ella Suit
112 Susan A. M. Sherman
113 Lena Stroud
114 M. Doven Thomason
115 Jas. M. Tingen
116 Bertha Tingen
117 M.S. Waggstaff
118 D.P. Waggstaff
119 Mattie L. Waggstaff
Thomason
120 R.L. Wallise
121 William Winters

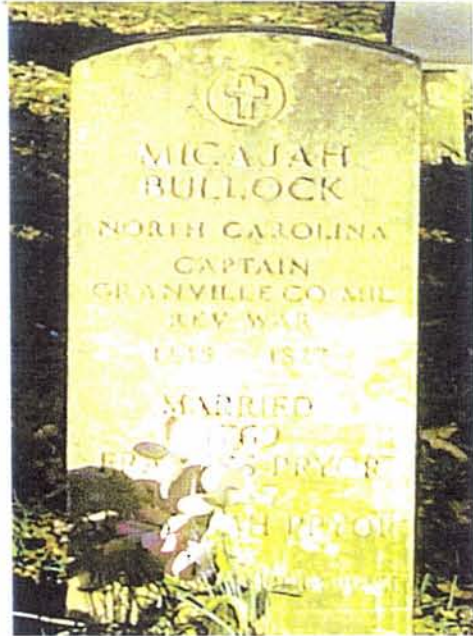
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125 Eva Tingen
126 Uva Lyon
127 Virginia C. Pell
128 Alice P. Puckett
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130 Mallie T. Winters
131 Parthinia W. Aiken
132 Lelia Edwards
133 Ams. H. Bullock
134 D. Ida Daniel
135 Otha D. Lyon
136 Walter L. Bullock
137 Samuel H. Bullock
138 Hal Hester Bullock
139 Ariamintra Rachel Hester
140 Hallie Maud Hester
141 Mamie Lyon
142 Clarence DeWit Lyon
143 Claudie A. Bummett
144 W. H. Daniel
145 Louiza M. Daniel
146 Zula A. Freeman
147 Marv? E. Green
148 R.O.W. Winston
149 Lizzie L. Winston
150 K. H. Fleming
151 L. Eunice Fleming
152 David Carter Fleming
153 Flelir? Lyon
154 Benjamin Garland Bullock
155 Alexander Fleming
156 Pearl Jones
157 James Vassar Winston
159 Frank B. Fleming
159 Annie McDonald
160 W? G?
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161 Elsie G. Hester
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Freddy W. Bragg
Vallie V. ? Bragg
Mary Pearl Moss
Milton Duhling?
Sallie Duhling?
Minta M. Neavhery?
Ava McK Pegram
W. H. Duhlin
Mrs. W. H. Duhlin

Lottie N. Bragg
Alis L. Thomason
Ruth Fleming
Julia M. Morse
Mamie M. Bragg
Melvin Hunt
Ora Duhlin
Hal H. Bullock
Isabell Fleming
Ruth Duhlin
W.R. Allen
Mrs. W.R. Allen
Dr. Joseph Thompson
Chas. F. Burnett
Minerva Burnett
Burma K. Hester
Thos. E. Moss
E. Baxter Moss
Kathaline Moss
Lizzie Hester
192 Mary Bennett
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Robert L. Davis
Lizzie B. Davis
J.A. Pitts
Mamie Lunsford Thompson
Iris Odell Chappell
Virginia S. Winston
Mamie L. Thompson
Lena C. Bullock
Etha Whitfield
Rel Caudell
Carlyle Crews
James Melvin
Hugh Whitfield
Sydney Bragg
Marehal Bennett
S. Watts Lyon
?mens G. Bragg
Atha Overton
?rbert Moss
Lula B. Overton
Alice L. Wagstaff
Kate F. Bullock
215 Henry E. Bullock
Chas. P. Vincent
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Mabell J. Vincent
Virginia Chappell
Louise Jeffries
Earnest Crews

Bullock's Cemetery

Cemeteries offer a snapshot of a community's past. The cemetery at Bullock's is the final resting place to brave members who fought for our Country, Masons, as well as infants lost too soon; long, long ago. (For pictures of all of the graves, see Appendix B).

Micajah Bullock was a Captain of the troops in the Dutch District of Granville County during the Revolutionary War. The flag he brought back from the Battle of Guilford Court House is on display at the North Carolina Museum of History. He is remembered with a marker (pictured right) although he rests 1 mile west according to the stone. James Wilson Jr.'s work [4] notes that re-interment was at the North Carolina Revolutionary Memorial Cemetery.



Benjamin Garland Bullock, served with the 322 Infantry during World War I before losing his three year old daughter Sally in 1934. Edward Lee Stem served with the 242 Infantry during World War II. Ernest L. and Sallie B. Crews suffered the loss of three infants. Leonard Bullock was a Mason. Along side these stories, are those of husband and wife, parent and child and how time remembers us all.

The following are Buried at Bullock's (left side):

GOOCH Ava Pegram (Sept. 6, 1884 – March 5, 1973) and
Walter Radford (Jan.6, 1881 – Sept. 3, 1950)

BULLOCK Josephine G. Bullock (Nov. 7, 1913 - May 12, 2004)
John Harold Bullock (Dec. 17, 1902 – March 2, 1956)
Walter Edward Bullock (Feb. 4, 1938 – Dec. 25, 1960)

The following are Buried at Bullock's (right side):

FLEMING Lena Wilson, wife of Lawrence Fleming, (Sept. 25, 1894 – March 17, 1964)
Lawrence (Sept.29, 1890 - Nov. 9, 1953)
Daughter, Vera Fleming Autry (Aug 25, 1925 – March 12, 1999)

† Micajah Bullock, North Carolina, Captain, Granville Co Mil, Rev War, 1745-1827,
Married, 1769, Frances Pryor, 1785, Susannah Pryor, grave within 1 mile west

BULLOCK

Henry E. Bullock (Nov. 1, 1883 – Oct. 2, 1933)

† Benjamin Garland Bullock , North Carolina, Regtl Sup Sgt 322 Infantry, World War I,
(Sept. 20, 1888 – Nov. 26, 1943)

Sally B, daughter of B.G. & N.M. Bullock (July 7, 1931 – May 11, 1934)



James P. Parrott (Feb. 7, 1867 – Sept. 4, 1937)

CREWS ⚰ Ernest L. (Aug. 26, 1873 – Aug. 24, 1958)

⚰ Sallie B. (Aug. 30, 1874 – Aug. 27, 1956)


Infant son of E.L. and Sallie Crews 1912
Ben Son of E.L. and Sallie Crews born 1914, died 1914
Infant of E.L. and Sallie Crews 1910

BURRIS Cora L. (Sept 28, 1880 - June 2, 1959)
Jonah A. (July 3, 1877 - June 18, 1947)

HESTER  B.E. Frank (Oct 1, 1890 - Nov. 25, 1958)
 Mamie Bullock (Feb. 23, 1877 - Nov. 22, 1953)
Minnie Lee Hester Brown (Jan. 14, 1888 - March 15, 1982)


STEM Sebia Crymes Stem, wife of Robert G. Stem (Sept. 2, 1874 - Feb. 7, 1946)
Robert G. Stem (Sept. 27, 1877 - March 23, 1956)
† Edward Lee Stem, North Carolina, Tec5 Svc Co 242 Infantry, World War II BSM,
(Nov. 26, 1917 - Oct 23, 1963)

The following are Buried at Bullock's (in the wooded area, rear):

BULLOCK  Leonard H Bullock, born July 2, 1818, died Jan. 16, 1891, *At Rest*
Caroline S. Bullock, wife of L.H. Bullock, born May 6, 1831, died Dec 22, 1896

 Mason

† *Served our Country in War*

 *Memorialized on a art glass window*



W.E. Bullock (1820-1883) and his wife Sarah A. (1842-1885) are buried just north of Bullock's Church property.

Chapter Four: Celebrations

Annual Events

Celebrations are always a part of the Church life and reunions, holiday gatherings and picnics are long remembered. John Gooch recalls cooking stews on the Church grounds. In the 1990's, the congregation cooked and sold stews as a means of raising funds. Bullock's Church has clung to her time-honored celebrations over the decades and opened her doors to modern services as well.

As Christians, Easter is a holy time at Bullock's. Families come together to worship as evidenced by the number of children dressed in their Easter finery pictured below left, Easter Sunday 1950 and right, April 1956. Special services held annually include a very traditional Ash Wednesday service marking the beginning of Lent, a more modern Blessing of the Animals, and a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Communion.



The Tradition of Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During this service, those seeking a closer relationship with God, confess their sins and are forgiven, and receive the imposition of ashes upon their foreheads. This service is solemn and calls upon the Christian to sacrifice that in their lives which comes between them and their God. It is a time of introspection and "soul searching" which lasts until Easter.

In the Fall of the year, Bullock's hosts a Blessing of the Animals celebrating the bond between ourselves and God's creatures whose care falls upon us. The roots of this service are found in the Catholic religion and Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), the Patron Saint of Animals. Stories tell of how he could communicate with animals and felt at one with all creation. St Francis composed a prayer (below) extolling peace and the virtues of a loving soul. The first Blessing service was held in 2001, mere weeks after the 9-11 tragedy, and offered a much needed feeling of healing. Shown is Reverend Matt Worley Blessing Wayne Gooch's beagle, Cheyenne, October, 2006.

*"Lord make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Oh divine master grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love,
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. "*



by Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)



The most special day of the year at Bullock's is Christmas Eve. The traditional candlelight service is movingly beautiful. Her sanctuary glows with candlelight, glorious hymns resonate in small building and one can feel the presence of Peace and Joy. Pictured below are the Christmas candles, the Altar set for Communion, and Bullock's special musicians, Dhedra, Allen and June Cross.

For many years, the Cross family has shared their many musical talents with the Church on Christmas Eve. June is the eldest daughter of Frances and Reid Crews and married Joel Cross (also quite a singer). Their children, Dhedra and Allen, inherited their parent's love of music and carry the family tradition well. June sang her first solo for the congregation of Bullock's as a child and continues to enrich our worship as a devoted grandma.



Bullock's Anniversaries

In addition to the annual celebrations, there have been celebrations of important milestones in the Church's life. On Sunday, September 3, 1933, Bullock's officially celebrated 100 years of worship and fellowship [5]. The altar and pulpit were adorned with "100 burning candles" [9] to mark the years. The Reverend B.C Allred, Bullock's Pastor from 1893-1896, and Reverend B.H. Black, Bullock's Pastor from 1916-1920, led special prayers for the Church during the Centennial service. There were two sermons that day; the first was presented by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Duke University and was entitled "The Catholicity of Methodism". His message as described as "great" by D.N. Hunt in the *Oxford Public Ledger*. Dr. M.T. Plyler followed with "Methodism's Position on Social Problems" in the afternoon. Imagine what those addresses might have been like; WWI was over and the Great Depression at hand. Fine music has always been a highlight of any special occasion and the Centennial Service featured a trio of ladies, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. Clarence Jones, and Mrs. Hubert Sanford, who sang Gus Kohn's "The Voice of the Old Village Choir". A male quartette is also listed in the bulletin from that day, however their names are not listed nor is the selection they chose to sing. After the first sermon and benediction, the congregation had lunch together on the Church grounds and then reconvened for a continuation of the service with the second sermon and speeches from the former Pastors and friends of the Church. Hunt [9] said that "The fine people of Bullock Church do not do things in halves. Such kind greetings, and such hospitality cannot be surpassed by any people or church".

On September 29, 1957, Bullock's Church officially celebrated her 125th Anniversary with Bishop Paul Neff Garber [6]. That day, the sermon "Ye are Bought with a Price", was delivered by a guest minister, Dr. C.D. Barclift, the District Superintendent at that time. Miss June Crews performed a solo "Bless this House". [Miss Crews went on to become Mrs. Joel Cross and still shares her gift of music with Bullock's congregations on special occasions to this day.] Hymns sung that day included "The Church's One Foundation" and "I Love thy Kingdom,

Lord". Mrs. Katherine Royster gave an oral History of the Church. Former ministers of the Church attended were invited to join other attendees to reminisce over a meal following the service. The bulletin that day thanks Mrs. W.P. Lawrence and the Betsy L. Lawrence Florist Shoppe of Creedmoor for the lovely floral arrangements in the sanctuary.

On Sunday, October 17, 1982, once again a special celebration was held to commemorate Bullock's 150th Anniversary [7]. The sermon "This Holy Ground" was presented by Reverend Bullock's and the Reverend Robert Bruce Pate presented "the Historical Profile of the reverend V.A. Sharpe 1889-1893". Mrs. June Crews Cross sang Brahme's "Bless this House" accompanied by Mrs. Sue Garner on the piano. Note that both Mrs. Royster and Mrs. Cross had these same duties at the 125th Anniversary service. The bulletin of that day [7] records that the flowers gracing the piano were placed memory of John R. Gooch, by his family. Other flowers in the sanctuary were presented in the memory of "all of those who have brought us to this day".

Weddings

Marriage is a sacred union in the eyes of the Church and many couples have begun their journey through life as man and wife in Bullock's sanctuary.

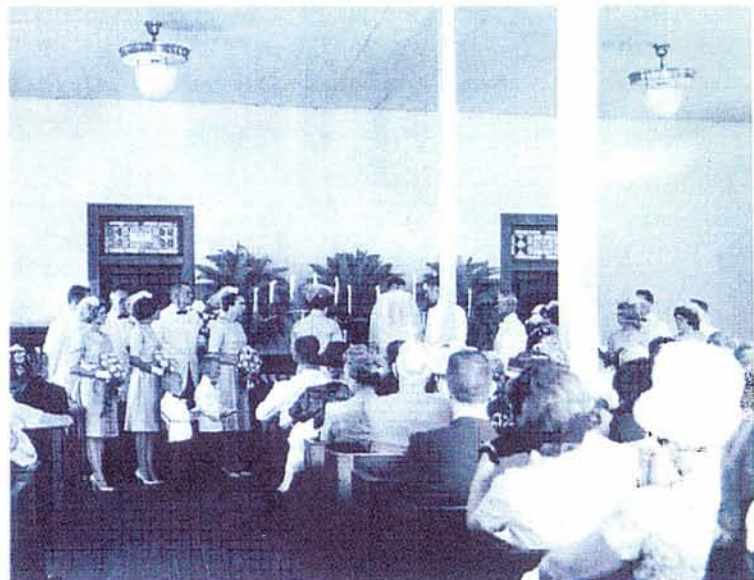
Members Deborah Bullock and Ron Fletcher were married August 2, 1998 (right with Mother of the Bride, Hazel).



Peggy Tunstall and Winston Parrott were married April, 1960 (left with the wedding party).



Carolyn Crews and David Stovall wed June 28, 1964 (right, the ceremony and below with the parents of bride, Reid and Frances Crews).



Other couples married at Bullock's include:

Cheryl Woodlief and Jamie Champion on February 14, 2004 by Reverend Jim Bailey. Jamie passed away in 2006 but their time together was far too short, they celebrated a loving relationship.

Lou Ellen Green and K.O. Veasey
Frances Bullock and James H. Harris
Jill and Jon Zbonack, 2006

Christenings



Bullock's Church has also seen the Christening of infants. During this service, families dedicate their newest members to being raised in the Church. On June 3, 1990, Joseph Matthew Crews (Frances Crews' great grandson) was christened at Bullock's. (left, the altar which was decorated with roses representing his grandparents and holding the Church chalice). Linwood Thompson "BB" and Tammy Green are his Godparents. Matthew is a tenth generation descendent of Micajah Bullock.

Fleming-Lyon Family Reunion

The Fleming and Lyon families gathered at Bullock's Methodist Church many times, dating back to the 1930's, to celebrate their family. A newspaper clipping (saved by descendents) recalls that in the 1870's, two brothers James and Alex Fleming, together with their first cousin, N. H. "Dutch" Fleming, married three sisters, Cora, Ada and Eunice Lyon. Their children decided to host the first Fleming-Lyon Family Reunion in 1936 as many of the family still lived in Granville County. Regretfully, these attendees are not listed by name.

However, the article lists those who traveled from other counties to be at Bullock's that day as: " Mr. & Mrs. Grady Lyon and family from Belmont; Mr.& Mrs. Johnny Lyon of Chapel Hill; Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Woodall, Jr. and son Wyatt, Miss. Annie F. Bissette, Miss Isabelle Fleming, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tilley and son Dickie, Mrs. Lucille F. Tilley, Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Roycroft; Mr. & Mrs. Dillard Teer and family; Mr. & Mrs. Preston Clements; Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Fleming and family, Mrs. Roxie C. Fleming, Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Fowler and family, Mrs. Sue A. Daniel and two daughters, all of Durham; Dr. & Mrs. Russ Perry and family of Winston-Salem; Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Lyon, Jr. of Forsythe, Georgia; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fleming and A.L. Tilley, Jr., of Fuquay Springs; Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Fleming and two daughter of Charlotte; Miss Virginia Dare Lyon of Morrisville; Miss Sarah H Fleming, Mrs. Lillian T. Partin, Mrs. Burma S. Skinner, and Mrs. Ruth S. Fortune, all of Raleigh. "



Picture (right) was taken June 26, 1949.

Chapter Five: The Stories

As histories are passed from one generation to the next, it is important to capture the memories of events in the Church's life. Much of the history of Church has been handed down through generations orally. The following are some memories from Bullock's.

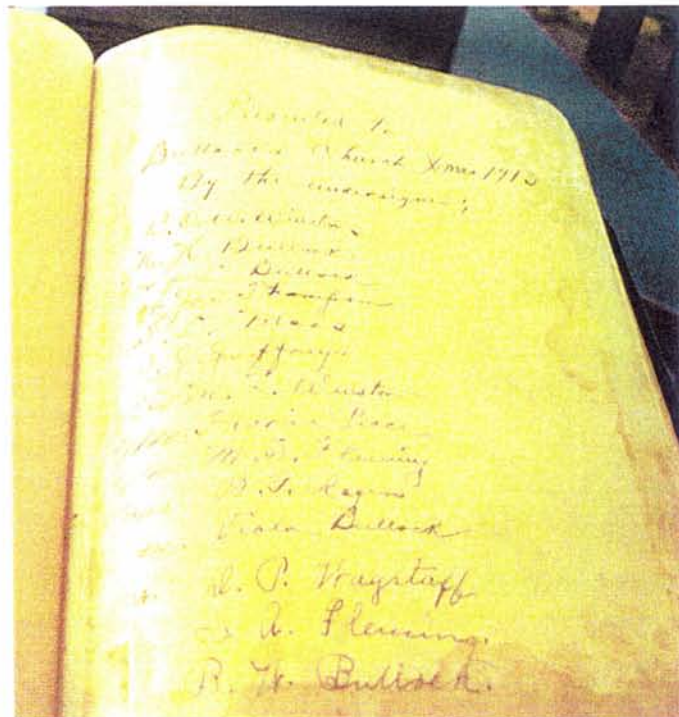
Deborah Bullock, current member, was but a child when hurricane Hazel ripped through the area in October of 1954. She tells of watching from her childhood home as the roof was swept from the Sunday School section and one of the art glass windows gave way to the horrific winds and torrential rains. The interior walls had to be re-plastered due to saturation. But Bullock's was repaired and her spirit went on undaunted. Reverend Vernon Tyson was credited with an inspiring message which, coupled with the spirit of Bullock's people, enabled the Church to continue. John Walter Gooch remembers seeing all of the trees blown over in the Church yard and the cleanup. Deborah recalls all of the people coming together to rebuild. Three years following Hazel, Bullock's celebrated her 125th year. "After all repairs were made "visitors to the Church said that it was one of the most beautiful old Churches." [1].

The church Bible, presented to the congregation in 1913 (below, faceplate right), had to be dried out page by page from the extensive water damage. Mrs. Frances Crews often recounted the drying of that Holy Book, page by page in front of the wood fire. But that very Bible adorns the altar at Bullock's to this day, lovingly dried and all the dearer for the wear (watermarks evident, below left). The art glass window was replaced and although the color is slightly bluer than that of the originals, it is still lovely (see window 5 described previously, Appendix A).

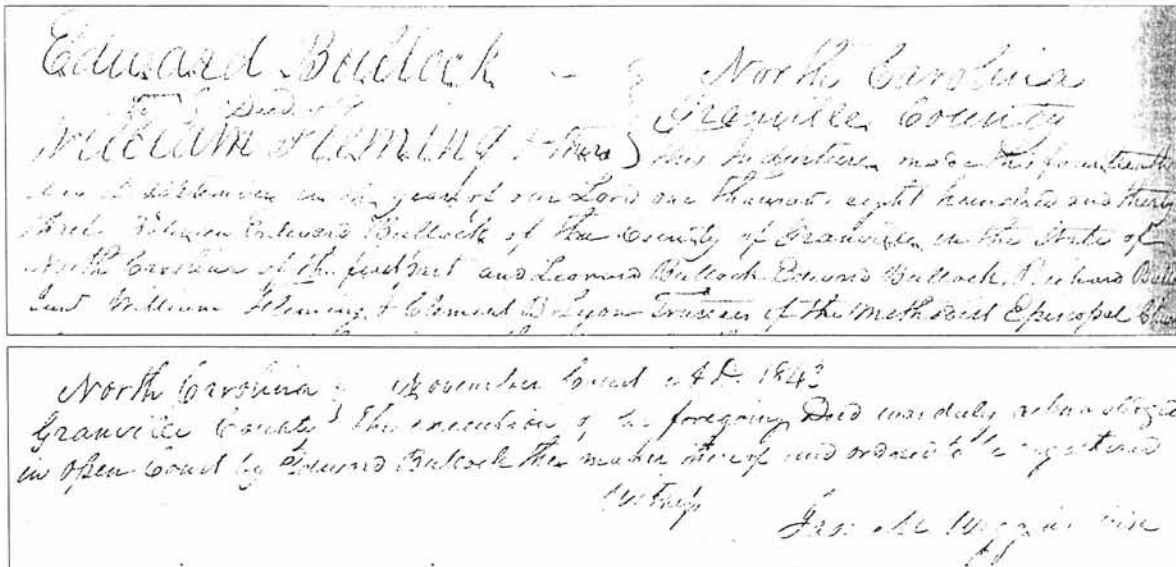


The inscription reads:

Presented to
Bullocks Church Xmas 1913
By the Undersigned;
P.O.W. Winston
H.H. Bullock
Dr. J.L Bullock
Dr. Jos. Thompson
S.L. Moss
R.J. Jeffreys
Rev. M.L. Winston
Mrs. Florine Peace
Mrs. M.J. Fleming
Mrs. B.G. Rogers
Mrs. Viola Bullock
Mrs. D.P. Wagstaff
Mrs. S.A. Fleming
Mrs. B.W. Bullock



A mystery exists to this day concerning the deed for Bullock's land. The original deed (excerpt pictured below, top) is dated "this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three". However, County Clerk J. Wiggins' registration on the outer cover is dated November AD. 1943" (excerpt pictured below, bottom). There are several theories as to the conflicting dates; a simple mistake in the transcription, some rumored disagreement over the property, or an oversight in the timely filing of the deed.



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**Appendix A:
The Memorial
Windows**

The original windows are 80 years old.

**Window 1:
Mitchell**

Note the replaced pane on the right of the memorial.
The damage on this and the next window are thought to be the result of small stones thrown during lawn care or small limbs from storms.



**Window 2:
Bullock**

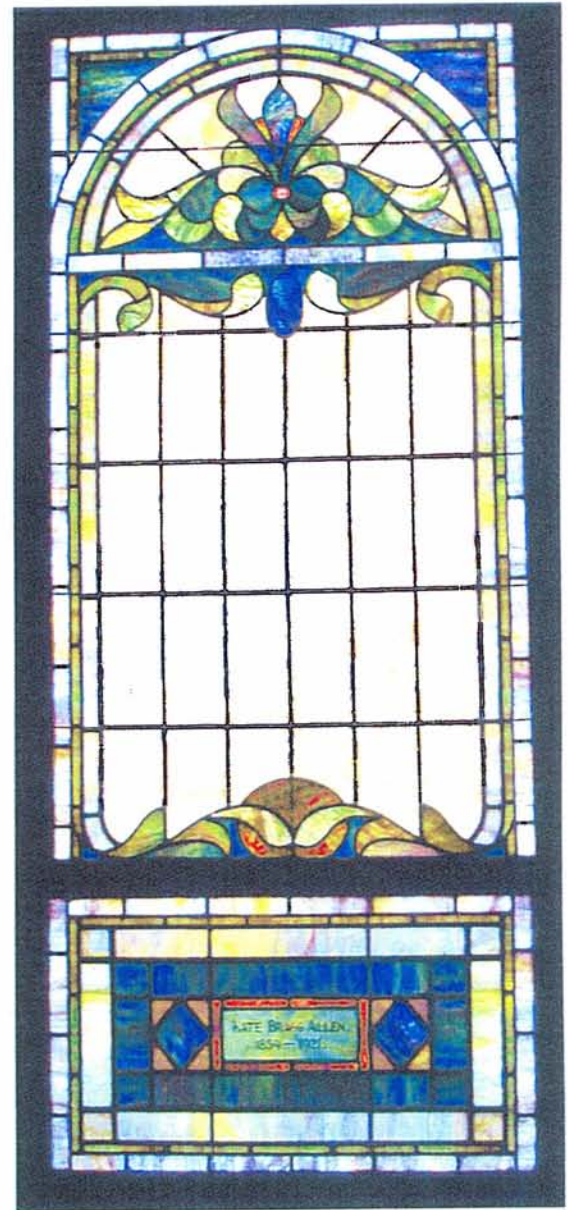
Note the replaced thin border pane just beneath the memorial.



**Window 3:
Jones**



**Window 4:
Allen**

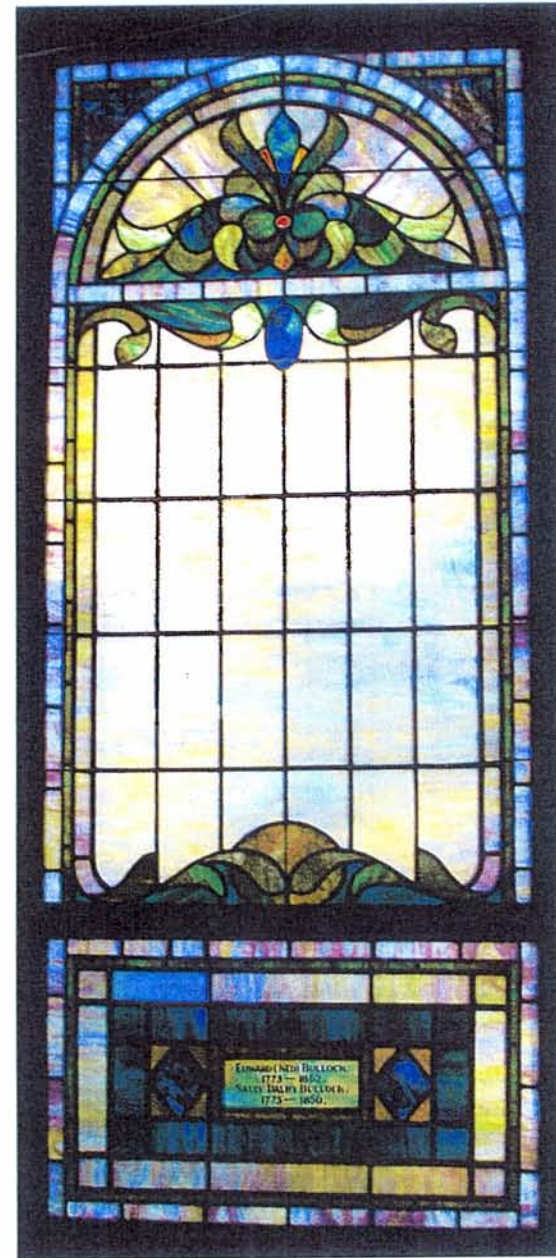


**Window 5:
Crews/Hester**

This window was damaged during Hurricane Hazel in October, 1954 and had to be replaced. Note that the replacement is bluer in the open panes of the pattern than the original glass.



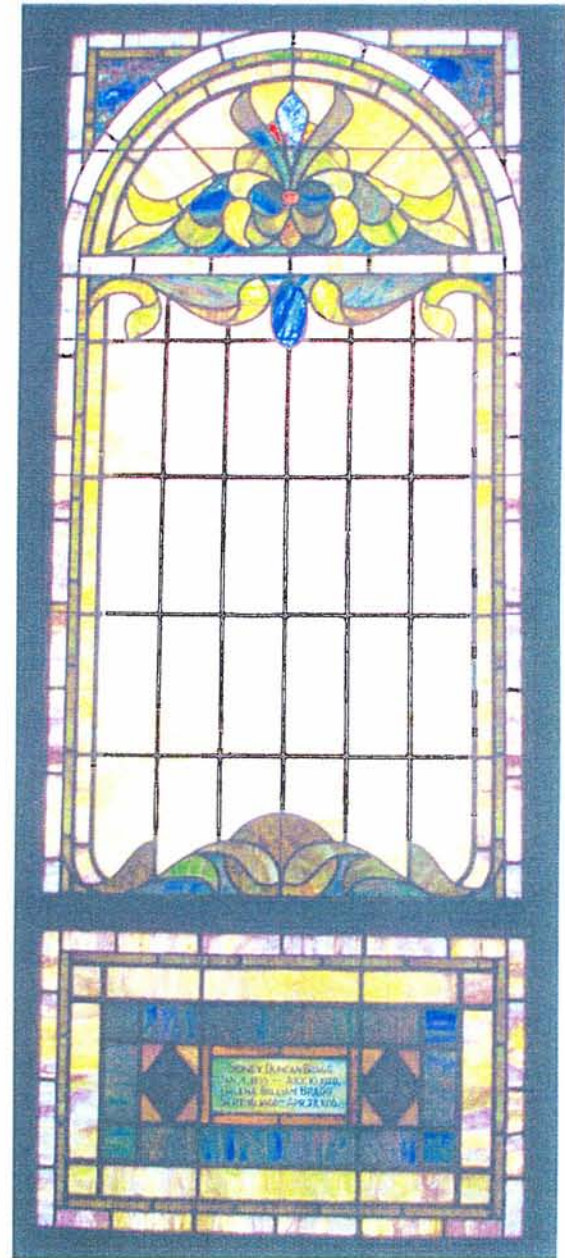
**Window 6:
Bullock**



**Window 7:
Bragg**



**Window 8:
Bragg**



Appendix B: The Graves
left side of Church:

GOOCH

Ava Pegram (Sept. 6, 1884 – March 5, 1973) and Walter Radford (Jan.6, 1881 – Sept. 3, 1950).



BULLOCK

Josephine G. Bullock
(Nov. 7, 1913 - May 12, 2004)
John Harold Bullock
(Dec. 17, 1902 – March 2, 1956)
Walter Edward Bullock
(Feb. 4, 1938 – Dec. 25, 1960)



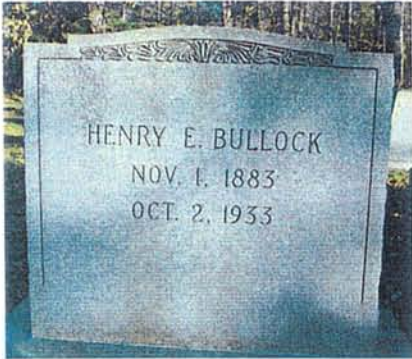
right side of
Church:



FLEMING Lena Wilson, wife of Lawrence Fleming,
(Sept. 25, 1894 – March 17, 1964)
Lawrence (Sept. 29, 1890 - Nov. 9, 1953)
Daughter, Vera Fleming Autry
(Aug 25, 1925 – March 12, 1999)



† **Micajah Bullock**, North Carolina, Captain, Granville Co Mil, Rev War, 1745-1827, Married, 1769, Frances Pryor, 1785, Susannah Pryor, grave within 1 mile west (stone also pictured Chapter Three and is foremost marker in top picture, this page).



BULLOCK

Henry E. Bullock (Nov. 1, 1883 – Oct. 2, 1933)

† Benjamin Garland Bullock , North Carolina, Regtl Sup Sgt 322 Infantry, World War I, (Sept. 20, 1888 – Nov. 26, 1943).

Sally B, daughter of B.G. & N.M. Bullock (July 7, 1931 – May 11, 1934)



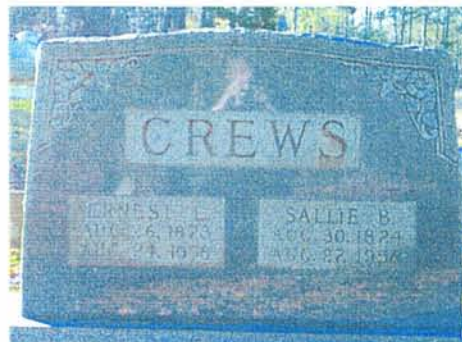
James P. Parrott (Feb. 7, 1867 – Sept. 4, 1937)

BURRIS Cora L. (Sept 28, 1880- June 2, 1959)
Jonah A. (July 3, 1877 - June 18, 1947)





CREWS ⚰ Ernest L. (Aug. 26, 1873 – Aug. 24, 1958)
 ⚰ Sallie B. (Aug. 30, 1874 – Aug. 27, 1956)



Infant son of E.L. and Sallie Crews 1912
 Ben Son of E.L. and Sallie Crews born 1914, died 1914
 Infant daughter of E.L. and Sallie Crews



HESTER ⚰ B.E. Frank (Oct 1, 1890 - Nov. 25, 1958)
 ⚰ Mamie Bullock (Feb. 23, 1877 - Nov. 22, 1953)



Minnie Lee Hester Brown (Jan. 14, 1888 – March 15, 1982)



STEM Sebia Crymes Stem, wife of Robert G. Stem (Sept. 2, 1874 – Feb. 7, 1946)
Robert G. Stem (Sept. 27, 1877 – March 23, 1956)



† Edward Lee Stem, North Carolina, Tec5 Svc Co
242 Infantry, World War II BSM,
(Nov. 26, 1917 – Oct 23, 1963)



Leonard H Bullock (born July 2, 1818, died Jan. 16, 1891, *At Rest*) and Caroline S. Bullock (wife of L.H. Bullock, born May 6, 1831, died Dec 22, 1896) are buried at behind the main graveyard on the right side of Bullock's Church, in the wooded area. Their stones are pictured in Chapter Three.