

THE FLEMING FARM

in the name of God, amen. I, James, of the county of Southampton, Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, do give and ordain this, my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say: I began the will of James Moore dated 15, 1775.

Among the heirs to receive land in Halifax was a son, James Moore, Jr., (1765-1841) who was married to Martha Williams, daughter of John Williams, and Mary Council, and who was a privateer in the Revolutionary War. He was one of the earlier Moores to be in the Moore family cemetery on the farm. The farm was divided most of his property among his children; however, his homeplace, known as "Alley," was left to two grandchildren, James Moore, III (1841-1905) who was married to Ann Little and Thomas Graham (1846-1885) who was married to Josephine Little.

James Moore, III was an uncle, Bartholomew "Bat" Figure (1801-1879) who was married to Lucy Boddie and Lucy Boddie, was the General of North Carolina, and for many years lived in Moore Square in downtown Raleigh. He purchased a large portion of the "Alley" land from other heirs. He also purchased this additional land to nephews, Thomas Moore and Dempsey Pittman (1857-1918) who was married to Mary Little.

Auburn Moore Bloomer (1874-1941) was married to Annie Maud Draper, his brother, Hugh Bloomer (1876-1941) was married to Sallie Angelina Dempsy, daughter of Thomas and Dempsy, who owned 736 acres of the Moore original "Alley" land from their uncles. Auburn divided the acreage among them and began farm operations. Auburn's health failed, Hugh took over the farm quite successfully bought more land and conducted a highly organized and profitable farm operation that was to continue for 50 years.

By the time the farm was complete were the farm at the only outside purchase for the many farm workers was and sugar. The rich, loamy soil and plentiful crops of tobacco, peas, corn, soybeans and small grains, vegetables, fruits and nuts year after year before electricity came to Carolina, this farm used its own

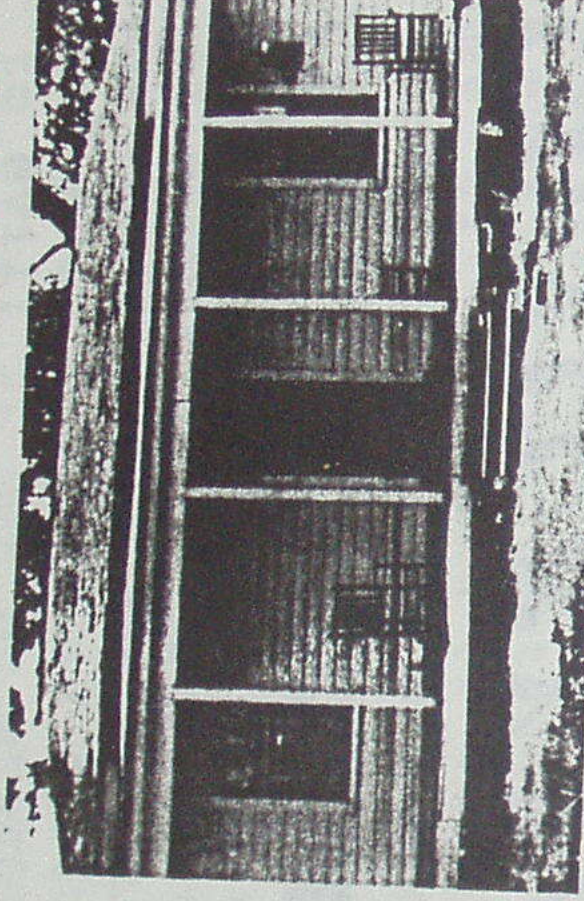
"Alley" was a progressive, venturesome, highly intelligent man who owned the estate that stands tall in the heart of the farm. The lovely house who knew him. The lovely house he built in 1914 sits among

Alley" property. They are the grandsons and great nephews of Auburn and Hugh, respectively.

Submitted by Robert B. Fleming

THE GARNER FARM

James H. Garner was born February 12, 1867. He was in the service with the 32 Infantry Division CSA. He was the father of five children by his first wife. She died in 1881.



The Garner home in 1951.

On February 13, 1883 he married Eliza W. Garner. There were two children born to them, his second marriage: Archer Lee Garner and Jessie R. Garner. James H. Garner bought the first land in 1868, all being in Halifax County.

In 1878 he purchased land in Halifax County. Besides farming this land, he owned and operated a cotton gin on this land. James H. Garner died in 1891, leaving two children for Eliza to raise and care for. Archer L. Garner and Jessie R. Garner were not old enough to remember their father. After his death, Eliza looked after the farm as long as she could, and then had to depend on sharecroppers until her death.

Claude W. Garner, the present owner, was a sharecropper until her death. Claude's father, Archer L. Garner purchased the farm shares from his brothers and sisters and sold the farm to me, Claude W. Garner, on January 16, 1962.

All of this family was born in a four room house. Claude was born here. Claude has one son, Fred W. Garner, living on this farm now who will be taking it over when Claude retires. Fred is very much interested in keeping the farm in the Garner family and maintaining interest in farming. He is married and has two boys.

Submitted by Claude Garner

Harnett County

THE DENNING FARM

Fred Junious and Sue Walker Denning, living on Rt. 2, Angier, maintain a farm passed through generations dating back to as early as 1796. Due to the loss of records 1796 is the earliest documented reference to the farm.



L to R: Ben Denning's wife, Annie, and son Floyd Lundy Denning; Zillie Ann, widow of Washington and William Arthur Denning.

The house that was built prior to the Civil War. The house is constructed of hewn white heart pine and the nails that were made in the 1800s.

Fred Junious and son, Danny Fred, use the farming tradition. The farm's tradition pond was originally smaller, fed by a stream and enclosed by a rail fence around by a mulberry grove for livestock use. One of the family cemeteries is located in this section of the farm. The earliest settlement was in the early 1800s.

It is believed that this farm was the first in the area to grow tobacco. Wood was used for many years for curing, later oil was used and now LP gas is used.

Many eastern North Carolina Denning family members can trace their history to this farm and its original land tracts.

Submitted by F. Junius D.

THE FUQUAY-PARRISH FARM

This century farm, "the Fuquay Place" located on Northington Road in Harnett County.

William (Billy) M. Fuquay is said to have been a large landowner in Harnett County. It is uncertain what year he came to this location from Fuquay Springs. The word has passed down that Fuquay Varina is named for his brother, David.

Earliest deed books were destroyed by fire in Harnett County. From the oldest records available, it is shown W.M. Fuquay deeded 130.5 acres to a son, George David Fuquay June 26, 1873 for \$50. G.D. and wife Catherine had eight children born on this farm: Sallie, Mattie, Allen, Sival, Chaffin, George and John. A devoted family, Sallie remained on the farm to work with their parents — some never marrying.

Wheat, corn, other grains and cotton were grown, and later tobacco. With exceptional coffee and sugar, little was purchased. Animals were raised for that purpose as well as assorted fruits. A tar kiln was located on the farm. Also, herb gardens and the woods were maintained.