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This New Book Finished Friday
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With More Information On all
The Families. It Was a Pleasure To
Write more on our Kinfolks.

Signed,

Lillian Abernathy Simpson
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(Historian)

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Huntersville, N.C.
Feb 1964.

Helma Van Ness Green;

I have been wanting to write you and thank you so very much for being so kind to write me about the (Nance) Book.

I have been working on Nance and Nancy Family History for about 5 years.

My Grandmother on my mother's side was a (Nancy) came from Germany and she married my grandfather Albert Joseph (Nance) He was French Hugenot came from France.

My Grandmother was Elizabeth Eleanor Nancy

I have been working on Clement Nance but haven't gotten very far. Clement Nance

Was the (fourth son of) Richard Nance He settled in Lincoln County N.C. (near Old White

Haven Church in Lincoln County N.C.) He was an active member. It was composed

of Lutherans and ² Episcopalian under an Episcopal Minister. He was the father of (ten) children. we dont know who his wife was. Then later he moved away from his ~~far~~ Lincoln County ^{home} and was lost to his family and went west.

I would like to know if you could look in the book and see if his children are mentioned by name or if there is anything about him I would be glad to pay you for your trouble.

again thanking you again

Sincerely,

Mrs Lillian Simpson

P.S.

I wish there was ^a way to come to Ill.

Mr. Hayle - Pitthers grandfather of Earl Pitthers
Sept. 3, 1964, Dallas, Tex., Hwy. east to Stanley
 South Fork River to Calvin Nantz homeplace.

descendant of Peter Hayle (Heil or
 This land was given to him by the King & Queen of England. He was a
 Turn right off road, across creek, then turn left up the hill to the

house. Skinner M. Ginnis was the last man to live in the Calvin Nantz home. He was a bootlegger and ran a bawdy house in the early 1930s. This place was known as Hobblers Knob.

First 2 pictures of old chimney's left, still standing. House burned about 5 or 6 yrs. ago. 1st picture is of kitchen chimney, 2d of front part of house.

~~Stanley~~ Cemetery
 Church at Stanley, N.C. Left hand side of church
 3 + 4 pictures of ~~Calvin~~ Richard Calvin Nantz & Eliza H. Smith (wife). Richard Calvin Nantz born Dec 2, 1887 died Aug. 28, 1911. Wife, Eliza H. Smith was born Mar. 27, 1836 - died June 16, 1916

Richard Augustus Farley (Herman) met Calvin Nantz, William Reeves Nantz brother, and Albert Cephas Nantce (1st wife, Eleanor Elizabeth Nantz) during the civil war - brought West to Germany on honeymoon, brought back furniture by boat, and settled in Stanley, N.C.
 No 5 pictures of above information and tombstones in Christ Lutheran Cemetery in Stanley, N.C.

Macphelah church just off Hwy #273, west
of Lanesville, N.C.

Erinice Louisa Nantz Ballard wife of
James H. Ballard. Aunt Louisa was
my grandfather's Nantz's sister (8th child)
was born Dec. 29, 1852 died Apr. 7, 1926
Buried in the Macphelah ^{Methodist} Church -
Picture # 6 - Son Rufus Ballard June 15 - Jan 9, 1887

William O. son of L.C. Nantz born
Oct. 19, 1883, died June 1, 1884, age
7 ~~mos~~ and 18 days

Home of the above stands on #273 Hwy.
Reared all their children here and now
the daughter ^(born 1887) Erinice Emily Ballard Senter,
husband Tollie Lester Senter. From this
union there were 5 girls, all live within
5 miles. James H. Ballard built this house
and moved here 1898. Eva a sister (12, Sept.) 5 yrs.
younger than Erinice and 2 brothers named
~~James~~ Ernest Alonzo Ballard 713
South Popular St., Lincolnton, N.C.
Leroy Davidson Ballard, 2024
Shearon Lane, Charlotte, N.C.
Eva ^{Ballard} Keener ~~to~~ South Ransom St.
Gastonia, N.C.
Pictures 7 mother, Erinice, & Lillian
8 Erinice's home

This was written on the trip by Lois Humphries
Spartburg sc.

Aug 25 1964 #1

Richard Calvin Nantz Son of William James Nantz and
Willie Mahala Tamm Nantz born Dec. 2. 1838 - Died Aug
28, 1911. Gaston County, N.C. Hwy (16)
Buried Stanley Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Married date.

Married - Eliza A. Smith born March 27, 1838 - died
June 16, 1910. Buried Stanley, N.C. Presbyterian Cemetery
Buried on left of side of Road ^{way} next to Church. Kindly back of
Church, (Markers are tall blue granite) with (Iron Crosses.)

(War Record)

Sergeant Enlisted Co. A. Reg. N.C. Troops
Gaston County No. 3-23-1862. H. 32

(1861) C.S.A. Daughters of Confederacy - (1861 - 1865)

(No Children)

William Benjamin Smith was ^{not} adopted son of theirs but they
raised him and he had (five) children. Lawson Smith his Father
and Aunt Eliza brother deserted his family and went away. He had
another son Brown Lee Smith and Aunt Eliza ~~sister~~ and Uncle Calvin
took young Benjamin and raised him and a Sister of Aunt Eliza took
Brown Lee. He settled right down at the bottom of the Hill from
Uncle Calvin and Aunt Eliza and William Benjamin settled on
the Dallas Rd going to Dallas, N.C., near the old Hayle place and old cemetery
in the field the home is still standing. William Benjamin was
(7 years old) when ~~they~~ their mother had to go to work. They always
called Uncle Calvin and Aunt Eliza Grandfather & Grandmother.
They ^{lived} near the South Fork River. Uncle Calvin was a Farmer & ran the
This statement was given to me by Mary Muthers and her son Earl Muthers of Dallas, N.C. Ferry boat.

Lillian Abernathy Simpson
Aug 25, 1964,

The Old Home place of Uncle Calvin and his wife
Eliza H. Smith is on a small left hand road before
you cross the old South Fork River going to Dallas, N.C.
On Sept. 1, 1964, Ruby Nantz Cooley her brother John
Royce Nantz of Taffey, S.C. and his wife Pearl Nantz and
Ruby's brother Thomas William Nantz of Baltimore, Md. and
myself visited Earl Withers of Dallas, N.C. and he took us
to the Old Home place, we went through the iron gate
there at the entrance of the road that went up on top of
the hill where the old home was there is only the chimneys
still standing Lois Cooley Humphries was also with us
Ruby's daughter I didn't mention with the rest of names
she took pictures of the chimneys it is a picture to
see on top of the hill we enjoyed it so much
The last people to live in the house was Skinner
M. G. Genes (they called it Gobbler Hob.) that was in
1930. The name of the home place (Hardscrabble)
Mary Harris Withers Earl Withers mother told me Uncle
Calvin's home was a beautiful place with all kinds of
flowers and shrubs all kind odd fashioned flowers.
Mary Withers lives in Dallas, N.C. Also her son Earl,
They told me Uncle Calvin was a farmer and he
operated the Ferry Boat across the old South Fork River
before they had a bridge. Lillian Simpson Feb 15,
1965.

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Sept. 3, 1964

Eli Hoyle muthers Grandfather of Earl muthers

Dallis NC - Hwy East to Stanley, NC
Turn left to South Fork River to Calum
Nancy Homeplace.

(Descendents of Peter Hoyle
(Heilard Hoyle, German))

This land was given to him by the King
Queen of He Was a German
Of England

Turn left right up the

Turn right off the road across creek
then turn left up the hill, to the Skinner
Skinner Mt. Dennis was the last man
to live in the house (Calum House) home
He was bootlegger and ran a bawdy
House in the Early (1930's) This place was
Known known this place known as
(Robbers Knob) later years.

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standing House burned about 5 or 6 years
ago 1 picture of Kitchen Chimney (2) of
front part of House

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Senter born 1887 - now age 77 years
husband Telle Senter Lester Senter
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and a Sister (72 Sept) 5 years younger

then Ernie and 2 Brothers named
 Ernest Alonso Ballard and Lefoy
 Davidson Ballard Era Kewer of Gaston NC.
 S. Ransom St.

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 Pictures of Mother Ernie Lillian & of
 Ernie home

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 Nantz Brothers - And Albert Cephua.
 Nantz (his second wife Eleanor Elizabeth
 Nantz)

Following the (Civil War)
 Augustus Farley courted Jacobell Sophia
 Nantz and married her they went to
 Germany on Honeymoon brought back
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His pictures of workers in Christ
 Lutheran Cemetery Stanley, NC.
 Church

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Ermine Home

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1964 April 11th 1965
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White Haven then in Lincoln County near Lincol NC.

The Catholic at St. Joseph is near Old Mt. Island
Mill Rd. (Site) on 273-going North of Mt Holly, NC.
Intersection to (16 Hwy).

This was copied from Miss Rochelle Abernathy's of
Mt Holly, NC. Records Jan 27, 1964.

By Lillian Abernathy Simpson
Q. I. Huntersville, NC.

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Shipp - and others, Rev. Robert Johnston Miller was Scotch Episcopalian and a Soldier of the Revolution in (1785) He came with Bishop Cole, to the Methodist Conference in Franklin County N.C. held at the Home of Green Hill became a Methodist Preacher and served that year at (Tar River) Circuit He was not ordained and withdrew from that Church within a year and settled on the West side of the Catawba River where he organized (White Haven) congregation, composed of people attached to the form of Episcopal Worship, among them was the family of David Abernathy whose wife was Mary Turner from Aberdeen Scotland and a Scotch, Episcopalian. A Daughter of this couple married Peter Farney and a son married Susan a Sister of Peter Farney.

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By Lillian Aernathy Simpson (Feb 4, 1964).
This was copied out of the Annuals of Lincoln County N.C.
By Wm L. Sherill A Minister of The Methodist Episcopal

Church South. Feb 2, 1964

This book can be rented at The Charlotte Public Library

Company C, Tenth N.C. State Troops

was organized at Charlotte, N.C.
 (May 16, 1861)

These were the men of the Light Battery Co., C.

CAPTAIN:

Thomas H. Breun

FIRST LIEUT.

Joseph Graham

SECOND LIEUT.

A. B. Williams

Captain Breun was one of the most patriotic men of the State at the time of the organizing of the battery the Confederate gov. was short of funds and equipment troops, but this did not deter Captain Breun in the least. He advanced the money to fully equip the battery besides uniforming and feeding the men and purchasing eighty head of horses. This order was afterwards refunded to him but in a depreciated currency. The Battery at its organization number about one hundred and Ten Men rank and file.

The men were enlisted in the neighborhood of Charlotte, N.C. and the upper portion of South Carolina. The material was excellent and the devotion of the men to the cause was fully sustained by their four years of hard service. The battery was ordered to Raleigh, N.C. July (1861) remaining there a short time and then to New Bern, N.C. we only remained the short time then to Fort Lane.

MY GRANDFATHER JAMES TURNER ABERENTHY AND HIS BROTHER
CLINTON ABERENTHY WERE IN THIS COMPANY C. TENTH N.C.
STATE TROOP CHARLOTTE, N.C.

THEY fought alone side by side in the war for four years.

By Lillian Aberenthy Simpson

Withers Public Library

Thelma Van Ness Green, Librarian

Bloomington, Illinois

June 20, 1963

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

There is a copy of the book on the Nance Family in this library. We have only one copy. I do not know where you could buy a copy. We have had many inquiries for the book, and have tried to find other copies. I have asked people by the name of Nance living here about it, but no one knows about other copies. I am sorry we cannot be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Thelma Van Ness Green
Librarian

Wilkins Public Library
Thelma Van Ness Breen, Librarian

Bloomington, Illinois

February 29, 1964

Mrs. Lillian Simpson
Route 1, Huntersville, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

We have had a copy made of the pages 183-4
in the Nance Memorial to answer your question in your letter
of recent date.

The charge for the copy is \$1.00.

Very truly yours

Thelma Van Ness Breen
Librarian

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Clement Nance, Junior--Limb Seven

Clement Nance, junior, was born in Virginia, June 10, 1788.

Martha Chamberlain was born March 25, 1790. They were married June 7, 1810, by Patrick Shields, judge. He settled on a farm adjoining that of his father, and became a very prominent citizen of the county. He was a member of the first board of county commissioners, justice of the peace, and held other offices in the township and county. He built a fine brick residence, in 1820, which is still in as good condition as ever. It is a modern residence in appearance, to-day. He ran for associate judge, in 1826, at the close of his father's incumbancy of the office. There were six candidates, he coming out second best.

He erected a carding and fulling mill, on his farm, and for many years made the rolls from which the ~~years made the rolls from which the~~ pioneer mothers wove the cloth that was used by the settlers for clothing. He also erected a steam flouring mill on his place. After several years constant use, it was burned down, and was never rebuilt.

They removed to Columbus, Adams county, Illinois, in September, 1849, where he died the next year, August 13, 1850. His remains lie in the old cemetery at Columbus. In an old pocket account book of "Uncle Clem," the author was shown this item in his hand writing: "I thank God that I am a Mason." He was a member of the Christian church, and died in the triumph of faith.

"Aunt Patsey," whose likeness appears at the head of this sketch, out lived Uncle Clem twenty-two years, dying at Barry, at the home of her son, Dr. Clement H. Nance, December 21, 1872. She was beloved by all who knew her. She was buried at Barry. They were the parents of ten children, named below as branches: Susan Gresham, James Monroe, (died

at 15), Mary Richardson, William Anderson, Martha Harber, Margaret
Richardson, Robert C., Jane Snider, Benjamin F., Clement Henry, M.D.

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200th Anniversary

The Goshen Church, Belmont is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. A Special week of Services was held October 5-11 with the (7) Daughter Churches joining in celebration of the Anniversary.

Goshen Church, Organized in 1764, was built before George Washington's time and was originally an Old Log Church. A Modern Sanctuary and Educational building have since replaced the Old building. The Church has founded (7) Sister Churches, Valley, New Hope, Belmont, Mt Holly, Lucie Stanley, and Springwood.

The Daughter Churches each held a Service during the week preceding Oct. 11th On Sunday Oct. 11. Rev. Robert Brown, Pastor of Springwood Church (the youngest of the Daughter Churches) was the guest minister for the morning service. A picnic lunch and special afternoon activities followed.

Rev. J. Arthur Sanders is the present pastor of Goshen.

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This copied into the Annals of Lincoln Co N.C. by William D. Sherrill A Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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Lutheran Ministers Gave The Reason Why They Had

Aug. 25th 1964 - Sept 2- 1970

Richard Calvin Nantz Son of Wm James Nantz
and Willie Mahale Vann Nantz born Dec. 2, 1838,
Died Aug. 28, 1911. Gaston County, NC. Hwy 16.
Buried Stanley NC Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Married date? Married Elija H. Smith born March 27th 1838 - died
June 16, 1916. Buried Stanley, NC. Presbyterian Cemetery
Markers are tall blue granite with (Iron Cross)
(War Record)

Private Indlisted Co Regt. N.C. Troops
3-23, 1962 (H.) (32)
Gaston County, NC.

(1861) C.S.A. Daughters Of Confederates - 1861-1865

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They Had No Children.

Wm Benjamin Smith Was Not adopted Son of theirs but
Him and He had Five) Children.

Lawson Smith his Father and Eliza's Brother deserted his
Family and Went away. He had another Son Brown
Lee Smith Aunt Eliza and Uncle Calvin took Wm
Benjamin and reared him and a Sister of Aunt Eliza
took Brown Lee Brown He settled right down at the
bottom of the Hill from Uncle Calvin and Aunt Eliza

Wm Benjamin Settled on the Dallas Rd going to Dallas
His Home is still Standing. Wm Benjamin Was (7) yrs
old when their mother had to go to Work. They always
Called Uncle Calvin and Eliza Grandfather and Grand
Mother.

They Lived Near the Old South Fork River Uncle Calvin
Was a Farmer and Ran the Ferry Boat across the
River.

This Statement Was given to me By Mary Smith
Wittner and Her Son Earl Wittner of Dallas, N.C.

Lillian Abernathy Simpson

Aug 25, 1964

The Old Home place of Uncle Calvin and his wife Eliza H. Smith is on a small left hand road before you cross the Ol' South Fork River going to Dallas N.C. On Sept 1, 1964 Ruby Wanta Cooley her brother John Boyce Wanta of Gaffney S.C. and his wife Pearl Wanta and another brother Thomas Wm Wanta of Baltimore Md. and Ruby's daughter Lois Cooley Humphries of Spartanburg, S.C. Earl Winters of Dallas, N.C. and he took us to the old home place we went through the iron gate there at the entrance of the road that went up on the top of the hill where the old home was there is only the two chimneys still standing Lois Cooley Humphries she took pictures of the chimneys. It is a picture to see on top of the hill. We enjoyed it so much.

The last person that lived in the house was Skinner M.C. Gimese He was a Bootlegger and ran a bawdy house in the early 1930's the place was known at first as (Gobblers Knob)

The house burned about 5 or 6 yrs ago 1st picture was of the kitchen chimney ② of front of house. The home to was a beautiful place was said by Mary Winters of Dallas N.C. Uncle Calvin was a farmer and ran the ferry boat across the River Old South Fork River.

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Huntersville, N.C.

Aug 14, 1966.

These Words were copied from a little Bible that
My Great Uncle Who was Richard Calvin Nantz He
Carried this Bible with him through the Confederate
War and he wrote in this little Bible when he could
find time. Leathie Smith Harnsby Father was William
Benjamin Smith Uncle Calvin Raised him. He was
Aunt Eliza Brothers Son. Leathie Marie Smith (Ask)
me to try and copy the writing that was in the Bible.

(Words I Could make out in the Bible)

Page 1: The Bible is the Sweetest Of All Books It
Lends A Higher Conversation to the Laying Christian
Soldier on his Way through this Wicked World
to the Blessed Region of Pure Religion. 1-2-3-14-14²⁶-20

Mrs R.C. Nantz I hope you may be long preserved
for the Many Joys and Comforts of some Intelligent
young (Lovers Life =)

Page 2: R.C. Nantz Richmond, Va. Spotsylvania County
R.C. Nantz.

(War Record)

Private Enlisted Company - Reg Gaston Co., N.C.
(Mar. 23, 1862) (1) (52)
(On his Name 1861. C.S.A.) d.c. - 1861 - 1865
A Iron cross

page 3. The Battle Of Briston Station Oct. 14-16,
Gettysburg This Book Still not the Book.

Battle Of Gettysburg July. 1-2-3-4, (1863)
R.C. Nanty.

page (4) Samuel Sloan killed Briston Station

Marshall Grier killed and died Simeon. R.C. Nanty A
Member Of The Charlotte, N.C. Battery I.

page (5) Members Of Laston Presbyterian Church.
Services W. Nabbethy. I am not sure this is the
Name in the Book SoI dim I Cant make it all out
back of left of book. Bible

By Lillian Abernathy Simpson
R.L. Hunterville, N.C.,
Aug 22, 1966