

Roberts. James married Louise Carnahan. In the year Cannon County was organized, Cyrus Roberts purchased a farm a few miles lower down the creek, from Joseph Knox, one of the old settlers, who had purchased it from Col. James Robertson, to whom it was granted by the State of North Carolina. Here he erected a large colonial mansion house, which is standing today—and is the property of the county, known as the County Farm. John Roberts, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere, was one of the sons of James, but at present none of the descendants of Cyrus are living in the County.

THE CURLEE CHURCH

There was Calvin Curlee, who founded the first Christian church in that part of the County, called the Curlee Church, and it is still used today as a place of worship. Near it is a graveyard which was also given by Curlee, in which is buried several Revolutionary soldiers, and many notable people of the County. Calvin Curlee was the father of Thos. G. Curlee, a Captain in the Confederate army (from Rutherford County) who is buried in that graveyard, and is the grandfather of Eph., Dave, and Minnie Curlee, now living in and near Woodbury.

There were the Lassiters—Luke, Leander, Herod and Hardy, the latter a soldier of the Revolution. Pumphreys Bynum, William Holt, James McGill, Joseph Knox, Archibald Lewis, Jesse Todd, Absalom Bowen, Robert and John Fagan (a Revolutionary soldier), Allan Jernigan, Winfrey Witherspoon, Martha Gooding, Hugh Reed, James Alexander, Joshua Adams, Charles Thomas, Nathan Edwards, Daniel Pearson, Dickey Arnold, Young Whitfield, Pinckney Todd, Matthew Whitfield.

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