

Chapter 20 Articles from Area Papers

(All items in chronological order).

From the New Bernian, January 23, 1844:

*Died. In Onslow, on the 8th inst., of Consumption, Mr. **Edgar Humphrey**, in the 23rd year of his age.*

An advertisement from The Union, July 16, 1856:

Washington Hotel.

The subscriber respectfully informs the numerous patrons of the above Hotel that he has purchased the same and that he hopes a generous public will continue the support hitherto extended to the former Proprietor, Gen. Cutler. He hopes that a careful attention to the comfort of his

GUESTS

will give ample satisfaction to the most fastidious.

HIS TABLE

is now, and will be supplied with the choicest luxuries the market affords.

HIS STABLES

are under the management of a careful Hostler, and he feels safe in saying, that they are inferior to none in the State. The whole Establishment is under his personal supervision. Travelers are requested to give him a call and see for themselves.

Newbern, June 11th, 1856.

JOHNSON H. BRYAN

From The Daily Commercial (New Bern, NC) on December 13, 1866:

North State Brick Yard

The Place to look for the Anchor is where it was Lost!

The North State Brick Yard is in full operation again, and parties can be supplied with punctuality. Orders directed to or left with Havens & Latham or Walter Clark, Newbern, will receive prompt attention.

Henry J. B. Clark

From the Kinston Journal, December 18, 1879:

Fleet Pittman (Philetus), moved to Kinston.

From the Kinston Journal, January 10, 1879:

Died: **Dan Pittman** son of Philetus Pittman of Snow Hill on 6 Jan.

From the New Bern Weekly Journal, March 2, 1895:

Mr. **John Humphrey** of Clarks, is a lucky man on getting flour as special premiums. He was awarded two laurels at the fair, one was the special premium by Mr. J. K. Hackburn for the best home made molasses and the other by J. R. Parker, Jr., for the best display of corn. This is not the first exhibition either from which he has carried home a barrel of flour as a special premium. If we mistake not he made his beginning at the second Fair for the best hams.

From the September 26, 1897 New Bern Daily Journal:

Mr. John Humphrey, a very prosperous farmer of the Clark section, was in the city yesterday. (*John's oldest daughter, Laura died on September 25, 1897*).

From the October 1, 1897 New Bern Weekly Journal:

NOTICE! To the Members of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, Craven and Pamlico Branch.

You are hereby notified to meet at the court house in New Berne on Tuesday, the 5th of October, to transact business of importance pertaining to the association. The supervisors of the several townships are especially requested to attend.

John Humphrey
President

New Bern, Sept 21, '97.

From the October 1, 1897 New Bern Weekly Journal:

BELLAIR LETTER.

Good Hay Crop/ A New Hall Nearly Finished.

September 29th.

Sickness has somewhat abated about here, though some chills and severe colds prevail yet.

Farmers are quite busy mowing hay and picking cotton. There is fine hay in our section and very fine weather for saving it. So the mules and horses ought to look well next winter.

A few pieces of ground have been stripped of hay by the army worm, the extent of such damage however is not great.

A very comfortable commodious hall is hearing completion at Beech Grove. The same is to be used for a school room, lecture room, debating hall, &c. When complete it will be an ornament to the vicinity, and a great improvement for all intellectual purposes.

Our community, thin as it is, has never had a building, except the church, where all could meet on special occasions and have comfortable room.

From the New Bern Weekly Journal, Tuesday, August 29, 1905:

NEGRO MOORE ARRAIGNED

The Brutal Assailant of Mrs. George Eubanks Has Preliminary Hearing Before Justice Barrington

John Moore, the negro who assaulted Mrs. George T. Eubanks with a meat axe at Clarks on Friday, and inflicting injuries from which she will always suffer, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace W. R. Barrington yesterday. The hearing was in the court house as Mr. Barrington's office was too small to accommodate all who wanted to hear the trial and the witnesses. The negro sat handcuffed in the court room and seemed as much impressed as a person of such a low order of intelligence could be with the seriousness of his offense. He is 20 or 22 years old, very black, a man of ordinary development and appeared to be a man who knew nothing more than to do the routine work which he had day by day.

Mr. H. E. Wetherington, a magistrate before whom an affidavit was made was the first witness in the case. He stated that as he was going to dinner he saw Moore standing on the platform of Eubanks store, it was not long after that he heard Mrs. Eubanks scream and he saw the negro run out of the door and go down the road. Mrs. Eubanks was in the road and she pointed to the man and said yonder goes the man who did the work. Her head was bleeding and her injuries seemed very bad. Mr. Will Phillips testified that he was sick and not at work on Friday. His home is opposite to the Eubanks store. He saw Moore come on the platform at half past eleven and in a little while saw him go into the store and pretty soon he heard a woman scream and saw the negro ran out of the store. He ran to the door and she was in the yard shouting. He asked her what the matter was and she said that nigger running down the road in the man that did the work.

Dr. N. H. Street stated he was summoned to attend the injuries of the woman, found wound on left temple, three inches long and varying in depth from one to one and one-half inches fracturing the bones that the instrument came in contact with. While he did not think the wound serious enough to be fatal, she would probably always suffer and would cause a deformity. He stated further that Moor was in the Eubanks store last Monday and saw Mr. Eubanks give her some money and it was told him that they believed he was after that. Moore came back Friday and appeared at the store two or three times.

W. I. Green, a colored man, a teamster employed at the brick yard said he drove past the store several times and saw the prisoner at the store. He positively identified the negro for he knew he was a stranger and thought he was looking for a job.

There were two others gave evidence which corroborated the testimony already noted and it all seemed to have the necessary convicting evidence of the negro's guilt.

An affidavit made by Mrs. Eubanks stated how Moore had been in the store several times during the week and part of the time had acted in a suspicious manner. He had bought goods there in order to allay suspicion and was apparently watching for a good opportunity to make his demand and when he found her alone or he would kill her as she did not understand him she turned her head and he let fly with the axe. Moore made a statement in his own defense denying all that had been said and saying that he lived in Dover and that he was walking from the latter place to his work in a saw mill in the city. He did not stop in Clarks nor was he in the Eubanks store either on Friday or Monday.

He was cross questioned whether he knew a man named Hardy. He said he did not. The negro broke into Mr. Hardy's house Tuesday night and failing to find anything he wanted he broke the furniture, tableware, and strewed articles and caused a great litter in the house. He bunched his lies well but he could not make any impression in the face of the overwhelming evidence of his guilt.

Justice Barrington found probable cause to bind him over to court under \$300 bonds for appearance at next criminal court. He was subsequently put under \$200 bond for burglary.

Justice Barrington made some remarks commending the action of the men in preventing violence against Moore and thought it by far the better way to let the law take its course than to resort to mob violence and he deemed it wise to voice his appreciation of the neighbors regard for law, feeling, sure that the course of the law would be for the right.

The condition of Mrs. Eubanks was reported yesterday to be as comfortable as the circumstances, would allow. Dr. Street, the attending physician gives his opinion that unless some unforeseen development occurs she will get well but will always suffer from the wound.

Explanation, Clark Affair

In the account of the brutal assault at Clarks, Friday, published in yesterday's paper, there was a slight error in the time given 11 o'clock. The attack was made at about 12:15, while nearly every one in the village was at dinner. There are several industrial enterprises at Clarks, which work a good many hands during the noon hour, the stores get more or less trade from the laborers. It is the custom of Mrs. Eubanks to attend to the store and post office, while others of her family are at dinner, which she was doing at the time the attack was made, the negro taking advantage of the occasion to make the assault.

Another error was the statement that Mr. Eubank's neighbors prevented him wreaking vengeance upon the negro. The fact was, Mr. Eubanks being frightfully wrought up over the outrage, like any other man of spirit and courage, wished to slay the brute at once, but was prevailed upon by his neighbors to let the law take its course.

From the New Bern Daily Journal, Tuesday, August 29, 1905:

After the arraignment and incarceration, a mob accosted the sheriff and jailer, early Sunday morning, about 1:30 am. John Moore was dragged from the jail at gunpoint, carried off to the Neuse River Bridge and hung from the draw and shot 13 times. Several articles appear in the local papers, however the perpetrators were never identified or charged.

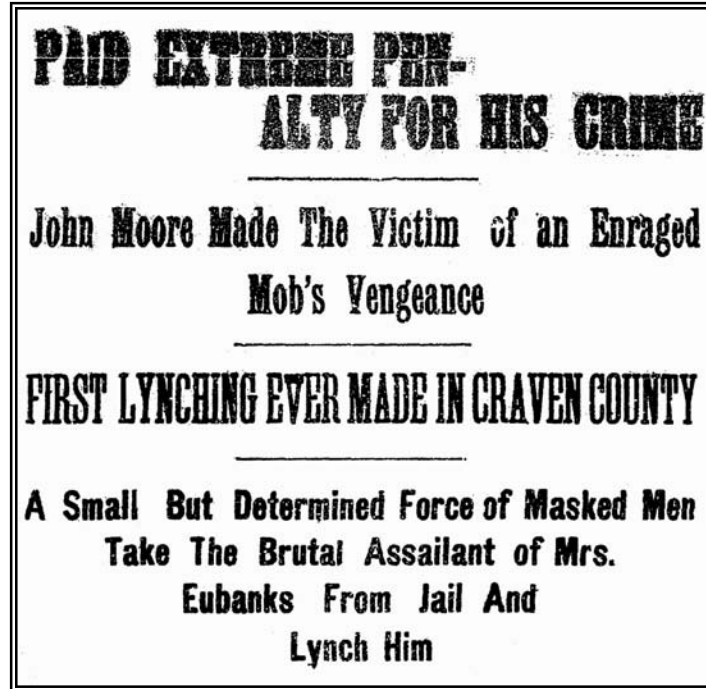


Figure 107 First Lynching in Craven County, 1905

At about 1:30 o'clock this morning a mob consisting of about one hundred masked men gathered at the jail, well armed, and at the point of revolvers and rifles the jailer turned over the keys.

The mob entered the jail and seized the negro, John Moore, who assaulted Mrs. George T. Eubanks, at Clarks, Friday, with a meat axe, inflicting injuries from which she will always suffer, dragging him roughly up Craven Street to the Neuse river bridge, where he was hanged to the bracings of the draw, and his body was riddled with bullets.

The sheriff appeared upon the scene and tried to persuade the mob to let the law take its course, but was held back by the point of revolvers, from approaching the jail. The thing was not expected, as the woman was not dead.

The fire alarm was sounded and the streets were soon filled with citizens, but too late to prevent the lynching. The coroner was called and viewed the body, giving permission to have the body removed.

After the lynching, a rumor was afloat that another prisoner in the jail would be taken and lynched, whereby the sheriff notified the commander of the Naval Reserves and asked for their assistance.

A Wedding Announcement from a New Bern Newspaper, 1906:

A Pretty Noon Wedding.

The M E. Church at Clarks was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday at 12 o'clock when Miss Clara Julia Humphrey and Mr. Haliburton Foscue plighted their troth, the ceremony having been performed by the pastor, Rev. George Webster.

Miss Hattie Carmen of Lima, attended by Mr. Macon Foscue, of Trenton, presided at the organ, and at the appointed hour the soft strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin filled the church, and the bridal party entered. First came Miss Bessie Carmen of Lima, first bridesmaid, attended by Mr. Bogey Richardson of Bellair, who was first groomsman, then Miss Lizette Hanff and Jay Humphrey, a brother of the bride, Miss Rosa Wooten and Mr. John Humphrey, also a brother of the bride; Miss Louise Dixon, who was maid of honor and Mr. Wilbur Foscue, best man preceded the bride and groom. While the ceremony was being performed, Hearts and Flowers was softly played. The words having been spoken making them man and wife, the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march filled the building and the bridal party retired in perfect order.

The bride wore a becoming gown of white lace over white taffeta, maid of honor looked very pretty in white aeolian silk. All the bridesmaids were beautifully attired in white organdies.

After the marriage the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents where a dinner was given, and to which a large number of friends were invited. The home was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, and potted plants for the occasion. The presents received were many, and very handsome.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. John Humphrey and Clark's most attractive young lady. She has a host of friends in this community, who wish her much happiness. On Wednesday afternoon a brilliant reception was given to the bridal party at the beautiful home of the groom. The present home of Mr. and Mrs. Foscue is at Pollocksville.

The groom is the oldest son of Mr. C Foscue, is a very accomplished young man. having graduated from A. & M. College with high honors. He is now a very prosperous liveryman at Pollocksville.

A. E. W.

An advertisement from the January 23, 1911 New Bern Weekly Journal:

FOR SALE ! Register's Manufacturing Plant at Clarks, NC.

I offer for sale a complete Manufacturing Plant for manufacturing Balusters, Columns, Stair Cases and Sash, Doors, etc., also my Dwelling which is situated on a three acre lot, with all necessary outbuildings, have a fine garden and a young Orchard of fruit trees in fine condition.

Clarks is situated on the Atlantic & North Carolina R. R., now Norfolk-Southern, at the junction of the John L. Roper, Onslow and Duplin road, seven miles west of New Bern. Ten daily trains. Clarks is a coming town.

Address

J. M. Register, Clarks, NC

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, February 2, 1912:

Died, Sunday morning at heir home in Clarks, **Mrs. J. H. Humphrey**. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist Church Monday morning by Rev. J. M. Wright, and the interment made in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Humphrey had a large number of friends in this city who will learn with regret of her death.

Obituary from the New Bern Weekly Journal, dated January 13, 1917:

Mr. J. Humphrey Dead at Clarks

Esteemed Citizen Passed Away At Early Hour This Morning

Mr. John Humphrey, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county, this morning succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at his home near Clarks. The deceased, who had been ill for several days, was seventy-two years of age and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. The funeral service will be conducted from the Methodist church at that place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Obituary from the Sun Journal, dated January 14, 1917:

Funeral of Late **Mr. John Humphrey**. Service to be Conducted from Methodist Church at Clarks This Afternoon. The funeral services over the remains of the mate Mr. John Humphrey, who died at his home in Clarks yesterday morning, will be conducted from the Methodist Church at that place at two o'clock and the interment will be made in the family burying ground. The deceased, who was seventy-two years of age, was stricken a few days ago with an attack of pneumonia and being advanced in years, he gradually grew worse until the end came. The deceased was one of Craven County's most esteemed citizens and his passing will be mourned by friends of the family throughout this section of the State.

Obituary from the Sun Journal, dated January 25, 1939:

FOSCUE RITES HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Final rites for **H. J. Foscue**, rural mail carrier and prominent, resident of this city, who died Monday afternoon at his home on East Front Street, after a long illness, were held Tuesday afternoon from the home. Rev. C. B. Culbreth, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, conducted the funeral service and interment was in Cedar Grove cemetery. Pallbearers were Carl Bunting, Kenneth Jones, Elisha Bunting, William C. Moore, M. A. Morgan of, Raleigh, James S. Bryan, George H. Gurganus and John Haywood Jones. A native of Jones county, Mr. Foscue was the son of the late J. N. Foscue and Sara Elizabeth Smith Foscue. He was first appointed carrier November 1, 1915, and served in the Clarks Community until January 1919, when he was transferred to New Bern. He was well known throughout this section and was well liked and popular among his associates and friends. Becoming ill, he was given a leave of absence last September but never was able to return to work. He died at the age of 56. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Clara Humphrey Foscue; two daughters Mrs. John L. Lancaster and Mrs. Elliott Bennett; two brothers, W. B. Foscue of Baltimore and J. Manley Foscue of Maysville, and a sister, Miss Lillian Foscue of Maysville.

Obituary from the Beaufort News, dated April 22, 1942:

J. W. HUMPHREY PASSES HERE

Funeral Rites Held Tuesday From Late Home

John William Humphrey, 56, passed away around 7:30 Monday morning at his home on Front Street, following an illness of over six months. Funeral rites were conducted by Rev. W. S. Potter, Tuesday from the home at 3 p. m. and interment was in Ocean View cemetery. The deceased, who for 16 years operated a dairy farm just outside town moved to this city last May and has been located with his family at the Front street home since that time. Since moving to this section from Clarks where he formerly lived, he had made many friends who will mourn his death. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eva Pittman Humphrey and four children, Mrs. Llewellyn Phillips of Morehead City, Robert, Margie and Jack Humphrey, Beaufort, one grandchild, a sister, Mrs. Clara Foscue of New Bern and a brother, J. L. Humphrey of Clarks.

Obituary from the Sun Journal, dated July 24, 1942:

Mrs. Rose Humphrey Passes at Hospital

Mrs. Rose Pittman Humphrey, age, 50, wife of Jay Lee Humphrey, Sr. of Clarks, died at 2:20 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Luke's hospital after an illness of two weeks. Funeral service will be held at Clarks Methodist Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Tew of Bridgeton. Interment will be in the Maplewood cemetery in Kinston. Mrs. Humphrey is survived by her husband, two daughters; Mrs. E. C. McCombs of New Bern and Miss Helen Humphrey of Clarks, six sons; J. L. Humphrey, Jr. of New Bern, Sgt. H. B. Humphrey of the United States Army, Donald H. Humphrey of Clarks, Cpl. William Humphrey of the United States army air corps, James C. Humphrey of New Bern and Hal Humphrey of Clarks; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Humphrey of Beaufort, and Mrs. Ralph Dail of Snow Hill; four brothers, H. C. Pittman and R. B. Pittman of Clarks, H. B. Pittman of Snow Hill, and J. K. Pittman of Washington, D.C.; and by two grandchildren.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, February 17, 1970:

Mrs. Rosa W. Humphrey. Farmville. Mrs. Rosa Westbrook Humphrey, 49, died Tuesday in Medical College, Richmond, Va. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church At Farmville by Rev. Marion Lark, pastor, Assisted by Rev. Bruce Barrow. Interment will follow in the Forrest Hills Cemetery here. A member of the First Baptist Church, she was a life long resident of Farmville. Survivors are her husband, Postmaster H. B. Humphrey; her mother, Mrs., Lillie B. Westbrook of the home; one daughter, Beverly Humphrey of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Harry May and Mrs. John Andrews, both of Farmville; one brother, C. T. Westbrook of Kinston.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, April 11, 1970:

Norman Cecil Humphrey, 51, of the Tuscarora Community, died today as the result of injuries resulting from a train accident. He is survived by two brothers, Paxton Humphrey of New Bern and Wallace Humphrey of Toxaway; one sister; Mrs. William Weatherington of Chesapeake, Va.; a half sister; Mrs. Donald Booth of Cove City, and a half brother, Franklin E. Weatherington of Ayden. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, at Pate Cemetery, near Jasper. Rev. Milan Boyd will conduct the services.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, June 8, 1970:

Samuel L. Pittman, Jr. Funeral Services for Samuel L. Pittman, Jr., 45, of 3011 Neuse River Drive, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church of which he was a member, by his pastor, Rev. Robert L. Hare, Jr. Interment followed in Greenleaf Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Joe Lewis, Fuller Saulter, Lester Coburn, Eliza Smith, Alvia Herren and Henry Davis. Pittman was employed as a

civil service worker in the management and Assistance's Office at Cherry Point. He was an Elder in the Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church, teacher of the Young Adult Sunday School class, member of Doric Lodge 588, New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, Sudan Temple and served in the Navy in World War II. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mildred Scurlock Pittman; a daughter, Mrs. Ronald Gore of Fort Royal, Virginia; two sons, Samuel L. III and Larry G. Pittman of the home, his mother, Mrs. Isa Wetherington Pittman of Route 4, New Bern; a sister, Mrs. Ross Simpson of Morehead City; and a brother, Charles M. Pittman of Route 4, New Bern.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal October 27, 1970:

GRIFTON--Funeral services for **Walter D. Pittman**, 59, who died Sunday, brother of Charles Pittman of New Bern, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Farmer Home in Chapel by Rev. William P. Barrett with interment in St. John's Church Cemetery.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 19, 1972:

Mrs. Julia F. Jacobs Funeral services of Mrs. Julia Foscue Jacobs of 606 East Front Street were held Sunday afternoon in Cotton Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Miller, Jr., pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was held in Cedar Grove Cemetery. She was the daughter of Mrs. Hal J. Foscue of 608 East Front Street and the late Mr. Foscue. Survivors are her mother; a sister, Mrs. Elliott A. Bennett of New Bern; three stepsons, Capt. Tom Jacobs of Coral Gables, Fla., David Jacobs of Raleigh, and Ralph Jacob of Lynchburg, Va.; and six grand children. Mrs. Jacobs was a member of Centenary Church and Wesleyan Service Guild of the church; a charter member of the Pilot Club of New Bern and its first treasurer and a retired employee of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. She attended Peace College, Raleigh. Pallbearers were Hal F. Humphrey, Edward C. McCombs, Dr. W. L. Hammond, Ralph Morgan of Smithfield, Tom Foscue of Maysville and J. M. Foscue of Pollocksville.

Obituary from The Carteret County News Times, June 18, 1973:

Mrs. Eva Pittman Humphrey, 87, Beaufort, died Friday in Harbor View Nursing home, Morehead City. The funeral service was Saturday at 3 p.m. in Ann Street United Methodist Church, with the Rev. R. L. Nicks, Pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ocean View Cemetery.

Mrs. Humphrey is survived by two sons, Jack P. Humphrey, Elm City, and Robert P. Humphrey, Beaufort; two daughters, Mrs. Llewellyn Phillips, Morehead City, and Mrs. George Linnemeier, Culver, Ind.; a brother, Robert B. Pittman, Clarks; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Dail, Snow Hill; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 3, 1978:

GREENVILLE --- **Mrs. Lucy W. Humphrey**, 96, died Saturday. Funeral was 2 p.m. today at Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel with interment in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. Survivors are: three daughters, Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. Robert Blandford of New Bern and Mrs. Kenneth Mercer of Greenville; a son, Clen .W. Humphrey of Grifton; a stepdaughter; Mrs. W.C. Sutton of New Bern; nine grandchildren ; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 18, 1980:

Isa W. Pittman, 86, of 404 Hoke Street. New Bern, died Thursday at Craven County Hospital. Funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Gary Howell officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston. She is survived by her son, Charles M. Pittman of New Bern; her daughter Ethel Joyce Simpson of Morehead City; her brother, Clarence Wetherington of Kinston; two sisters, Ethel Pinnix of New Bern and Lisette Kennedy of Kinston; five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the home, 404 Hoke St. She was a member of D.A.R., Craven County Home Extension club, Neuse Forest Garden Club and had a life membership in Women of the Church. Arrangements were made by Cotton Funeral Home.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal July 25, 1980:

Clara Humphrey Foscue, 94, Widow of Hal J. Foscue of 606 East Front St., New Bern, died Thursday at Craven County Hospital Funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Cotten Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Norwood Jones officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Grove cemetery. She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Elliott (Clara F.) Bennett of New Bern. Mrs. Foscue was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 5, 1981:

Samuel Elliott Pittman, 89, of Highland Ave, New Bern, died Sunday at Craven County Hospital. Funeral win be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Highland Park Church with the Rev. Preston Parsons and Rev. Harry R. Kahn officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Grove 'cemetery with Masonic Rites by Doric Lodge 568.He. is survived by. His daughter, Evelyn P. Watson of New Bern; his sister, Mrs. James B. Cole, Sr. of Durham; three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the home of his daughter, 1206 Highland Ave.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal July 29, 1981:

KINSTON- **Nettie White Humphrey**, 62, died this morning at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Parrott Funeral home Chapel with the Rev. John Long officiating. Burial will be at the West view Cemetery. Surviving are her widower, Wilson Humphrey; three daughters, Carolyn Sutton Of Kinston, Linda Washburn of Durham and Debora Humphrey

of Chapel Hill; four brothers, Lawrence White of New Bern, Lester White of Dover, and Felton and Clayton White, both of Kinston, and, two grandchildren. The family requests that memorials be made to the Lenoir-County Heart Fund or other charities. The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 9 Thursday night at the funeral home.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal October 27, 1981:

James Carroll Humphrey, 56, of New Bern, died Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church with Rev. Norwood Jones and Rev. Ernest Porter officiating. Burial will be in New Bern Memorial Cemetery with Masonic Rites by St. Johns Lodge. He was a charter member of the New Bern Babe Ruth League, former president, and former director of District 5 North Carolina Babe Ruth League.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal June 2, 1983:

JACKSONVILLE -- **Edward Charles McCombs**, 68, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday at New Bern National Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Doris Humphrey, McCombs; three daughters, Doris Lamb of Jacksonville, Linda Boese of Santa Anna, CA, and Kathy Grady of McPherson, Kansas; two brothers, George McCombs of North, Ridge, CA and Charles McCombs of Detroit, IL, his sister, Delores Shultz of Westland, MI; his mother, Mrs. Charles McCombs of Mt. Clemens, Mich. The family will receive friends at Jones Funeral Home, Jacksonville from 7 to 9 tonight. In lieu of flowers, donations maybe made 'to Chapter 16 DAV of Jacksonville. He was a master sergeant, United States Marine Corp, retired.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal October 28, 1983:

Robert Belo Pittman, 84, Route 3 Box 131, New Bern, died Thursday night. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Clarks Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Stanley and the Rev. Gene Connors officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston. He is survived by his widow, Vera Hill Pittman and several nephews and nieces. The family will receive friends at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday and other times at the home in the Clarks community.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal August 4, 1984:

Elliott Ardrey Bennett, 77, of 608 East Front Street, died Friday at Craven County Hospital. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. at Cedar Grove Extension Cemetery with the Rev. Roger Elliott officiating. He is survived by his widow, Clara Foscue Bennett; his brother, Dr. John B. Bennett of Black Mountain; and his sister, Mrs. J. P. Timmerman of Edgefield, S. C. Arrangements by Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home. Mr. Bennett was a retired Alcohol, Tobacco Tax unit officer With the U.S. Treasury Department. He was a member of the Catawba Masonic Lodge, Fort Mills, SC, New Bern Scottish Rite, Sudan Temple,

New Bern Elks Lodge, Craven County Humane Society and Centenary United Methodist church.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal May 30, 1985:

Addie Henderson Humphrey, 98, of 606 West Wilson Creek Drive died Wednesday at Craven County Hospital. Funeral will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Cotten Chapel with the Rev. J. Murphy Smith officiating. Burial will be in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. She is survived by two sons; Allen Humphrey of New Bern and Wade H. Humphrey of Orlando, Fla.; her daughter, Annie Bell Reed of Winchester, Ohio; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Cotten Funeral Home. Mrs. Humphrey was a member of Missionary Baptist Church in Maysville. She was the flower lady in Rhems.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal February 3, 1987:

JACKSONVILLE -- **Meriwether Lewis Ferguson Jr.**, 61, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. today at Onslow Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Helen Humphrey Ferguson; three daughters, Jan Ferguson of Charlotte, Eve Reddic of Jacksonville, Lisa Ferguson of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Joe Ferguson of Arvada, Colo.; two grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Anne's Altar Guild, St. Anne's Church, Henderson Drive, Jacksonville.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal January 29, 1988:

RIVER BEND -- **Alvin Earl Pittman**, 57, of 219 Shoreline Died Tuesday. Graveside service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at Maplewood Cemetery, Kinston, with the Rev. Richard Stanley officiating. He is survived by his widow, Diane T. Pittman; one son, Jerry H. C. Pittman of New Bern; one brother, Henry B. Pittman of Marion. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Cotton Funeral Home, New Bern, and beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sunday before going to the cemetery. Pittman retired from the Air Force after 20 years. He had been employed with the Federal Aviation Administration for the past 13 years; and has been a city councilman for River Bend for the past six years.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 18, 1988:

Charles M. Pittman, 72, of New Bern, died Saturday at Duke Medical Center, Durham. Funeral is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cotton Chapel with the Rev. Merritt Watson, and the Rev. David Goodroe officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Bessie Pittman; one son, Charles M. Pittman of Wilmington, one daughter, Patricia Pittman Watson of New Bern; one sister, Ethel Simpson of Morehead City; and four grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Cotton Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations go to the Bethany Christian Church Memorial Fund.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 21, 1988:

Donald Holmes Humphrey, Sr., 67, of 1506 Neuse Blvd., died Tuesday at Craven County Hospital, New Bern. Funeral is set for 2 p.m. Friday at Cotten Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Fallon Melvin officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Helen P. Humphrey; three sons, Allen Ray Humphrey of Indianapolis, Ind., Donald Humphrey Jr. of New Bern, Charles Pittman Humphrey of Cove City; one daughter, Rose Purifoy Wiggins of New Bern; four brothers, J. L. Humphrey of Raleigh, H.B. Humphrey, Hal Humphrey, both of New Bern, W.G. Humphrey of Spartanburg, S.C.; two sisters, Doris H. McCombs, Helen Ferguson, both of Jacksonville, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Cotton Funeral Home and other times at the home. Humphrey was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 1252 and also the V.F.W. Post 2514 as an honorary member. Memorials to Moose Lodge No. 1252, P.O. Box 3334, New Bern, N.C.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal July, 1990:

Jay Lee Humphrey, Jr., 73, of Raleigh, formerly of New Bern, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh. He was retired from Seashore Transportation Company. Funeral is set from 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lonnie Mann officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow, Nannie Wetherington Humphrey, three sons, Jay Lee Humphrey III of New Bern, William C. Humphrey of Raleigh, R. Allen Humphrey of Edenton; on daughter, Rose H. Dunn of Bloomfield, Conn.; three brothers; Harold B. Humphrey, Hal Humphrey, both of New Bern; William G. Humphrey of Spartanburg, S.C., two sisters; Doris McCombs, Helen Ferguson, both of Jacksonville, six grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Arrangements by Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal April 6, 1994:

Clara Foscue Bennett, 80, of 608 East Front Street, died Monday at Britthaven of New Bern. She was a graduate of Peace College, a charter member of the Pilot Club and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. She was a retired associate of Armstrong Grocery Company. She was the widow of the late Elliott Bennett. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Cedar Grove Cemetery with the Rev. William Sherman officiating. She is survived by a number of cousins and many close friends. The family will receive friends at 3011 Neuse River Drive. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal August 18, 1994:

Spartanburg, SC – **William Grey Humphrey**, 72, of 1305 Pinecrest Road, formerly of New Bern, died Aug. 11 at his residence. He was a retired executive and consultant with Milliken and Company and was a member of Fernwood Baptist Church. He was a graduate of North Carolina State University. Memorial service was 11 am Saturday at Fernwood Baptist Church with the Revs. P. Randall Wright and Randy C. Gardner officiating. He is survived by his widow, Maclynn Mackie Humphrey; one son, William Grey Humphrey, Jr. of Columbia, SC; two daughters, Maclynn A. Humphrey and Monta Betts of Raleigh, two brothers, H. B. Humphrey and Hal Humphrey of New Bern.; two sisters, Doris McCombs and Helen Ferguson of Jacksonville; and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Floyd's N. Church Street Funeral Home.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal December 18, 1996:

Vera Hill Pittman, 87, of New Bern died Tuesday. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Clarks United Methodist Church with the Rev. Martin Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Kinston. She is survived by one brother, Bet T. Hill of Lowell, Mass. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal May 16, 1999:

Jay Lee Humphrey III, 60, of 5714 Old U.S. 70 West, died Friday at Craven Regional Medical Center. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Greenleaf Memorial Park Committal Chapel with the Revs. Michael Creekmore and Mike Scott officiating. He is survived by his widow, Jo Ann Humphrey; his mother, Nannie Wetherington Humphrey of New Bern; one son, Jay Lee Humphrey IV of Raleigh; one daughter Leigh H. Mueller of New Bern; two brothers, William C. Humphrey of Raleigh, and Rex Allen Humphrey of Nashville, Tenn., one sister, Rose H. Dunn of Bloomfield, Conn., and two grandchildren. The family will receive friends 7-8 p.m. today at Pollock-Wells and Best Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 12805, New Bern, NC 28561.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal June 15, 1999:

James 'Allen' Humphrey, 83, of New Bern, N.C., died Monday at Craven Regional Medical Center. He attended Broad Street Christian Church as was a member of the Doric Lodge. Funeral services will be 3:30 pm Wednesday at Cotton Funeral Home with the Reverend Joe Faulconer officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. He is survived by his widow; Sallie Humphrey of the home, on son, James Albert Humphrey and his wife, Sue, of New Bern. One grandson, James Alexander Humphrey of Richmond, VA; one daughter, Patricia Humphrey Kloes and here husband, Riley, of Raleigh, NC; and one sister, Annie Belle Reed of Burgaw. The family will receive friends at Cotton Funeral Home, Tuesday, 7-9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Broad Street

Christian Church Crippled Children's Fund, 802 Broad Street, New Bern, NC 28560.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal February 12, 2000:

Paxton Neal Humphrey, 75, of New Bern died Friday at his home. He was a member of the New Bern Church of God. He served in the United States Army in Germany during World War II. Funeral will be 2 pm Sunday at Cotton Funeral Home with the Rev. David Salmons officiating. Burial will be in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Marjorie J. Humphrey; five daughters; Annie H. Ormand and Audrey H. Wrenn, both of New Bern, Linda H. Howell of Wilmington, Patricia H. Glisson of Bridgeport, W. Va., and Cathy H. Jones of Washington; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends 7-8:30 pm today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the New Bern Church of God, 1230 Colony Drive, New Bern, NC.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal November 8, 2000:

Bessie Ensley Pittman, 78, of New Bern died Nov. 7, 2000, in her residence. She was a Gray Lady at Craven Regional Medical Center, a member of Carolina Pines Country Club and retired from the lunchroom at Brinson Memorial School. Funeral will be Thursday, Nov. 9, 2000 at 1 p.m. in Cotten Funeral Home with the Rev. Merritt Watson officiating. Burial will be in Greenleaf Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m, today at Cotten Funeral Home. She is survived by one son, Rev. Charles M. Pittman and his wife, Marcia W. of Johnsonville, S.C.; one daughter, Patricia P. Watson and her husband, Robert of New Bern; one brother, Guion Ensley of Oriental; one sister-in-law, Ethel Joyce Simpson of Morehead City; four sisters: Evelyn "Sister" Breeman of Arapahoe, Annalene "Binki" Lilly of Washington, Martha Terranova of Port Ritchey, Fla., and Clara "Jeannie" Ensley of Arapahoe; four grandchildren, Al Watson, Mike Watson;, Matthew Pittman and Andrew Pittman; and two great grand- children, Anthony Watson and Sarah Watson. Memorials may be made to Bethany Christian Church, Arapahoe or Johnsonville First Baptist Church, P.O. Box314, Johnsonville, SC.

Obituary from the New Bern Sun Journal, January 24, 2003:

Duke Humphrey, 60, died Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 to 3 p.m. today. A funeral service will be held immediately following with the Rev. Robert Bongiorno officiating. Burial will be at Greenleaf Memorial Park. He was the son of Helen Humphrey and the late Donald Humphrey, Sr. of New Bern. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Sheila Humphrey; his daughter, Julie Humphrey of Wilmington; his son, David Humphrey of Wilmington; one brother, Charles Humphrey of Cove City; and one siter, Rose Humphrey of Bridgeton. The family will receive friends after the services at Brunswick House 2, 1208 Colony Drive, New Bern. Arrangements by Pollock-Best Funeral & Cremations, New Bern.
