

petitions of remonstrance to Gov. Tryon against the extortion of his subordinates and other grievances. Dorset's name appears on other papers in the same connection. William Austin was an old man when he arrived from the scenes of trouble, and his five sons Benjamin, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha and Nathan were grown men and made homes of their own when they arrived. There is no account as to where James Douglas came from or where he went to. He was probably an extra early pioneer. Nicholas Medlock came from Anson County or below the Granville line. There is documentary evidence that the Bradburns came from Richmond, Virginia. Also there is documentary evidence that Alexander West assisted in building houses in Hillsboro after it was laid off on the lands of the great surveyor, William Churton.

The descendants of James Watts, lately held a family reunion showing over two hundred now living.

An anecdote is preserved of Frances Dorset, that at a corn shucking supper he got choked on a piece of beef. They held him up by the heels and thumped him on the back till they got the beef back, but a dog got it and it choked the dog.

#### FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZATION IN ELLENDALE

(From Records of Alexander Baptist Association.)

June 7th, 1797

At a meeting held at the new Meeting house in Burke county middle little river a Presbittara being called for to constitute a church and ordain officers and found prepared the members names as follows:

Edward Teague

Henry Holtselaw

Benjm Auston

Wm. Sherrill

Nathun Auston

Elders

Deacons

George Pain, George Thompson, Excl'd. Jehue Barns, James Oxford, Sarah Teague, Mary Austin, dismiss; Rebecca Austin, Elizabeth Thompson, Excl'd. Nancy Pain, Rebecca Foster, Ruth Pressly, Elender Dockery, Tabitha Spradlin, Elijah Austin, dismiss by letter; Harry a Negro, deceased. Lurana Barnes, Mary Auston Sen.

Feb. 28, 1798.

On the reverse side of the document in a different handwriting, was written:

Richard Brown

Elijah Austin

Rachel Brown

Mary Austin

Dismiss by letter

about October

the first

(In printing the above, the old manuscript has been followed as regards spelling, punctuation, the use of capital letters, etc.)

The church established as shown by the above document was in the meeting-house at the place now known as "Munday's graveyard", and was the growth of seed scattered from Alamance by Tryon's muskets, Edward Teague, the founder, all the Austins, George Payne, Jehu Barnes and probably Henry