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Early Days

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near Beaver Dam Church. He was elected to the Legislature from Rutherford County in 1804 and rode horseback to Raleigh, and there bought his first saddle. His military service was in Virginia.

MARTIN ROBERTS, my mother's great grandfather, served four years in the Army. For two years he was Forage Master under General Washington. He was with Washington at Valley Forge, and took part in the battles of Trenton and Germantown. After the war he came to this county. He is buried in the Hardin cemetery four miles South of Shelby.

DAVID DICKEY participated in the defense of Graham Fort. And had other military service. Later he practiced medicine and attained prominence as a physician in the treatment of children's diseases.

BURRELL BLANTON, son of George Blanton, enlisted in the army when he was 17, and served for three months until the close of the war. He is buried between Shelby and Boiling Springs.

CAPT. WILLIAM EARLE is buried near Earl.

WILLIS WEATHERS was the father of William Weathers at whose home the first Cleveland County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions was held in March, 1841.

JAMES IRVIN was with the South Carolina Militia.

JAMES COOK was one of the Captains of the Committee of Safety of Tryon County.

ISAAC ROBERTSON entered land on Grogg Creek. He married Rebecca House. She made a trip every year to see her people in Virginia, walking all the way there and back.

WILLIAM HOLLAND later removed to Rutherfordton.

WILLIAM WELLMON came here from Maryland at the close of the war and is buried between Fallston and Shelby.

WILLIAM McSWAIN is buried in the old McSwain cemetery.

MARTIN ELLIOTT lived in Virginia during the war. Came to this county in 1802, and resided on the west side of First Broad River.

THOMAS WILKINS, senior, came here from Virginia. He took part in the battle of Guilford Courthouse. He is buried near Fallston. His son, Thomas Wilkins, junior, served in the war of 1812.