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At New Prospect Church

Beam Family Will Have Annual Meet August 15

The annual Beam Family reunion will be held at New Prospect Church on Thursday, August 15. The reunion of this established and prolific Cleveland family is traditionally held the Thursday before the third Sunday in August, and has been held for more than 40 years.

The program for the get-together of descendants of John Teeter Beam will get underway at 11 a.m. with an invocation by the Rev. W. W. Willingham, who will also be in charge of the memorial service. The address for the occasion will be given by J. T. Gillespie of Gardner-Webb College. Joe Mull will introduce Gillespie.

Horace Easom will lead the song session, and Oliver Anthony Jr. will present prizes to the oldest lady of Beam descent, the oldest man of Beam descent, the person of Beam descent traveling the greatest distance for the reunion, for the largest family group of Beam descent, and for the couple married the shortest time.

OFFICERS

Officers for the Beam clan are Dennis A. Beam, president; George D. Beam, vice-president;

and Mrs. Grace Crocker, secretary-treasurer.

John Teeter Beam, immigrant to America from Germany and patriarch of the Beam clan here, was born in 1732, the son of Michael and Sarah Rudolph Beam.

The younger Beam was married twice, first to Rebecca Ranyolds of Geneva, Switzerland in 1764, with whom he sailed to this country in 1767 with their two children. He worked six years for Christy Eaker of Lincoln County to pay his way. At the end of the time, Eaker gave him an outfit for housekeeping. The Beams had six children then. The first wife died in 1779.

PIOUS MAN

In 1781 Beam took his second wife, Elizabeth Rudolph, and they had nine children.

According to the family history, Beam, by his honest dealings and steady habits soon became a considerable land owner on Beaver Dam Creek where he operated a farm.

In the early years of the last century he built a small house of worship where the New Prospect Church now stands

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and opened it to all denominations, although he was a Lutheran.

Tradition speaks of John Teeter as being a pious, good man, who led a faithful Christian life and was an elder in the church at the time of his death in 1807 at the age of 75. His wife survived until 1841, dying at the age of 85.

Rock Collecting