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Bucklesberry, Back in the Day

Website Focuses on Suttons

Hundreds of old documents collectively tell a story about Bucklesberry and its principal family, the Suttons. Future articles in this series will share some of the more significant and fascinating discoveries from these documents. Interested persons may view the documents at a new Internet website, www.SuttonAncestry.com. Developed on a shoe-string budget, the website is in its infancy, with the hope of more bells and whistles to be added soon. This article introduces readers to the major features of the website. The navigation bar (or menu) at the top of the homepage displays the following tabs and dropdown options:

HISTORY—details a number of important documents and links: *Bucklesberry*, a seminal newspaper article written by attorney, Council S. Wooten in 1886; a brief biography of Samuel Ivey Sutton; the *Suttons of Frog Point* manuscript written in 1982 by Alma Lou Spivey Sutton (deceased), former Bucklesberry resident and beloved teacher who served at La Grange Junior High and La Grange High Schools; the Sutton Family/Old Dobbers website link; Scriptural references on ancestry; and the USGenWeb Archives for Lenoir County link.

RECORDS—outlines the Clellan Sutton Collection of Bucklesberry documents with both images and transcriptions grouped as follows: Bibles; Business (bank transactions, invoices, mortgages, notices, promissory notes, and receipts); Indentures; Inventories; Land (deeds, grants, and surveys); Legal/Court; Personal (letters and postcards); Prescriptions; Wills; and Related Documents.

NEWSPAPERS—provides an Internet link directory of more than 230 newspaper articles dated 1856 to 1924 from 26 North Carolina newspapers, all about Bucklesberry and the lives and times of the Suttons.

IMAGES—includes maps and old family photographs. A separate photographs page is organized by descendants of three of John Sutton's sons, Benjamin, John, Jr., and William. Photographs of Bucklesberry homeplaces and the community are also posted here.

BOOKS—gives links to three, downloadable digital books about the Bucklesberry Suttons: *John Sutton and Benjamin Sutton* (1973) by Estelle Sutton Creech, Grace Sutton (deceased), and Linda Ivey Cauley (deceased); *The Suttons of England and North Carolina, U.S.A.* (1974), by Marjorie Elizabeth Sutton Oliver; and *Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, Lenoir County, North Carolina, 1860-1991 History* (no date), by Francis Eakin, Estelle Creech, Karen Sue Sutton, Jane J. Sutton, and Stanley D. Sutton.

CEMETERIES—profiles photographs and epitaphs of gravestones from the following Bucklesberry Sutton and related family cemeteries: Joel Elmore, Benjamin Sutton, Benjamin F. Sutton, Hardy Sutton, Jeremiah Sutton, John Sutton, John A. Sutton, Josiah Sutton, William I. Sutton, Levy Hill/Richard Waters, and Dempsey Wood. Most of the cemetery information has been expertly chronicled by Glenn Fields and linked to the Lenoir County Lost Souls Genealogy Project.

TREES—features family trees of Bucklesberry Suttons who can be traced back to George and Sarah Tilden Sutton, the first to migrate to America from England in the mid-1600s. This link is under development.

DNA—presents genetic research information from the international Sutton Project operated by Family Tree DNA, and results from an ongoing DNA study of Bucklesberry Sutton descendants that establishes their origins.

SHARE—provides an email address (SuttonAncestry@gmail.com) for website visitors to convey comments and questions as well as copies of old Sutton family documents that they would like to offer for posting at the website.

