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Descendants of Drury Hodges

Generation No. 1

1. DRURY HODGES (BARTHOLOMEW) was born August 22, 1794 in Surry Co., North Carolina, and died January 17, 1895 in Surry Co., North Carolina. He married (1) MAHALA GILLESPIE January 13, 1817 in Surry Co., North Carolina, daughter of ELIJAH GILLESPIE and MARY RABON. He married (2) NANCY GENTRY January 26, 1863 in Surry Co., North Carolina.

MT. AIRY, NC
AUGUST 30, 1894

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Surry County's oldest inhabitant is Mr. Drewry Hodges. Who was one hundred years old last Wednesday.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1894, Mr. Drewry Hodges, of this county, was one hundred years old. He is the oldest man in the county and probably in this part of the State.

Some time ago the people in his neighborhood determined to celebrate his birthday with a great picnic. People from all parts of the county were present and the crowd is estimated at twenty five hundred to three thousand people. The picnic was at Mr. Hodges's house and the occasion was a very pleasant one

Two sermons were preached by Rev. Mr. Vass, of Carroll County, Va. and Rev. Mr. Lawson of Surry County. Hon. A. H. Joyce of Danbury, delivered an able address in the afternoon.

Mr. Hodges was born in 1794 and now resides within four miles of his birthplace. He has been twice married, first in 1817 to Miss Sallie Gillespie (*should say Mahalia*), and upon her death, to Miss Nancy Gentry. There were 11 children by the first marriage and 7 by the second, making 18 in all. Every one lived to maturity. Eight are now dead.

Mr. Hodges has 108 grandchildren, 106 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. He has been a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist Church since he was 23 years old, 77 years. He has been blind for 13 years, but his health is very good and his mind is as "clear as the noon-day sun".

Mr. Hodges is a man of considerable means and owns an immense tract of bottom and upland on Fish River.

"May he be blessed with many more years of happy, healthful life" was the prayer of the immense concourse of friends in attendance upon the celebration.

Mr. Hodges's home is near Haystack, on Fish River.