

JOHN SCOTT OF GRAHAM,

NORTH CAROLINA

(1798-1856)

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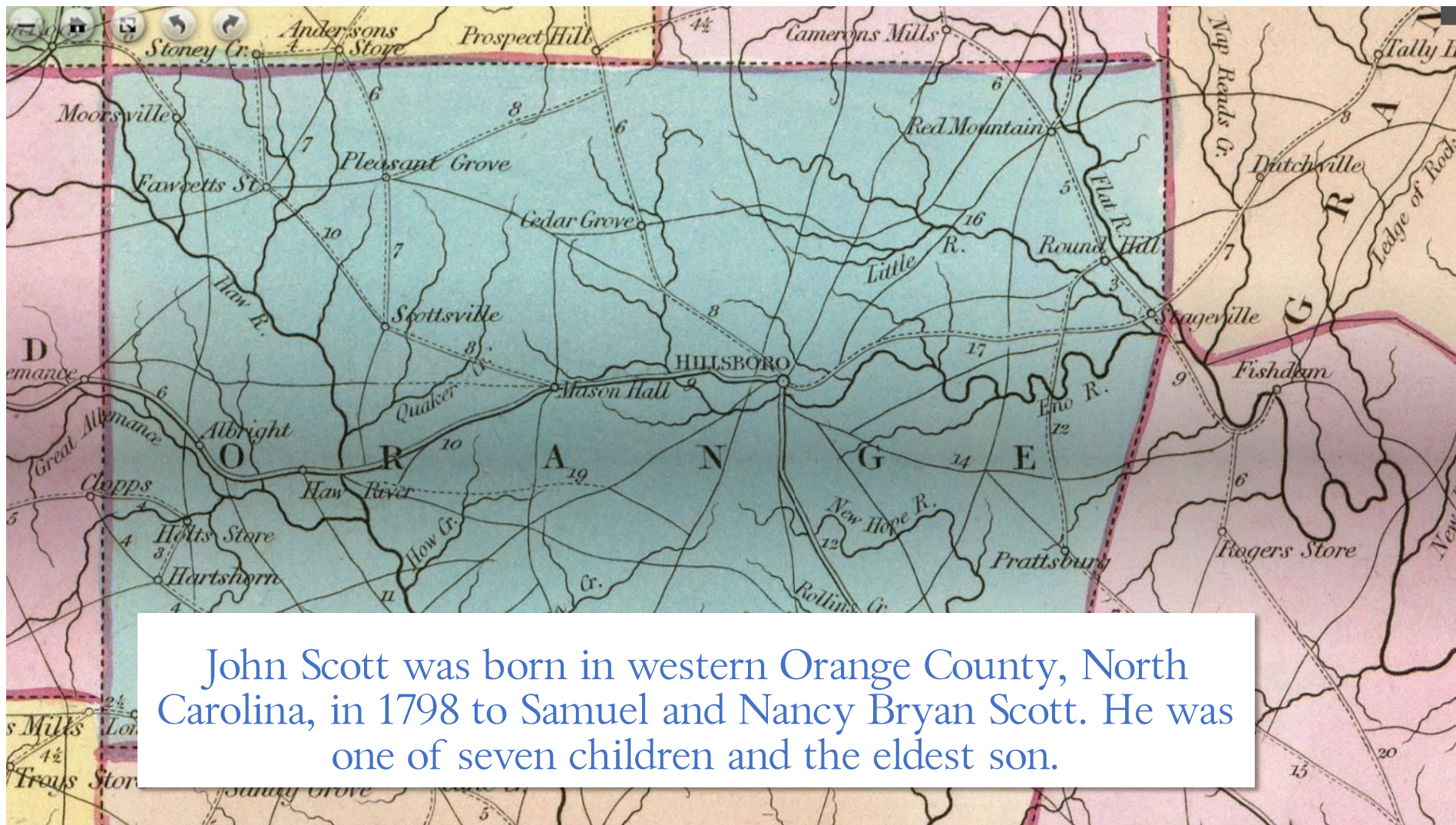
GRAHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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John Scott was born in western Orange County, North Carolina, in 1798 to Samuel and Nancy Bryan Scott. He was one of seven children and the eldest son.

Samuel and Nancy Bryan Scott had seven children:

Jane Scott (Allen) 1795-1840

Fanny Scott 1796-1872

John Scott 1798-1856

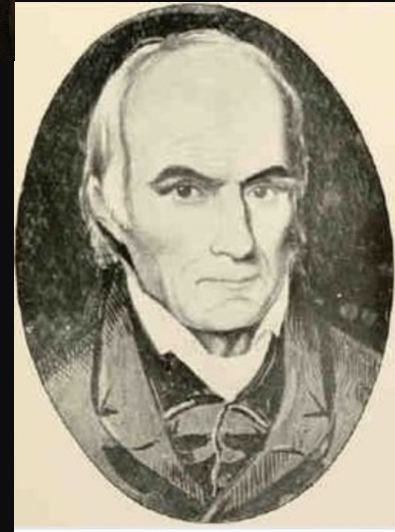
Hannah Scott (Morphey) 1806-1851

Calvin Scott 1811 died as a child

Henderson Scott 1814-1870

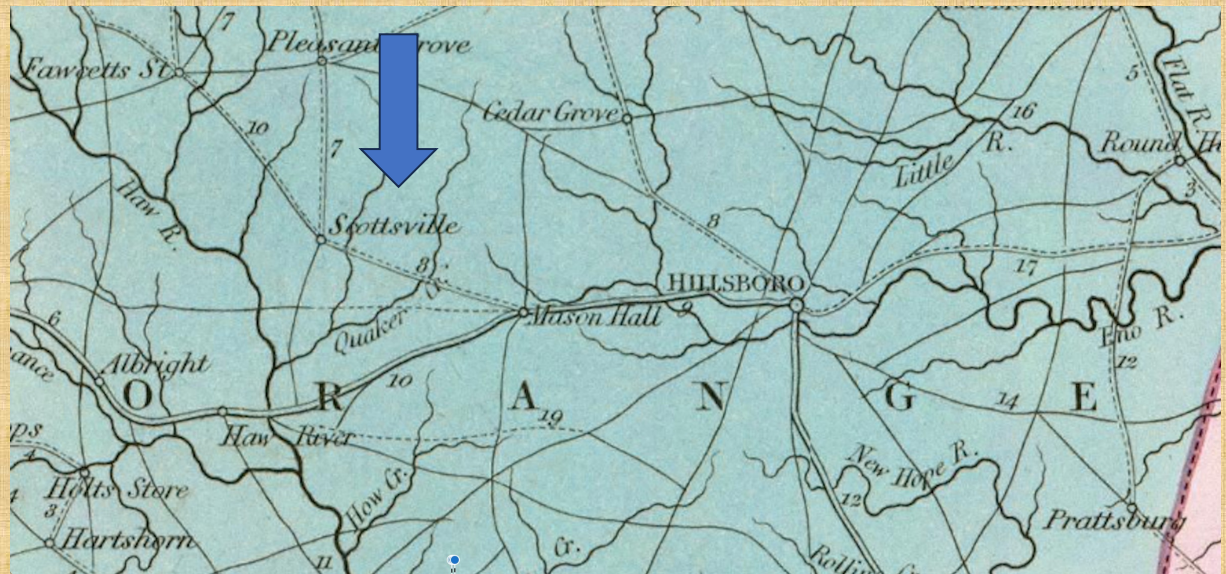
James Mebane Scott died as a child

When John Scott was born on November 2, 1798, John Adams was the President of the United States and Samuel Ashe was the Governor of North Carolina.



John Scott married Margaret Anderson on February 24, 1820. They moved a few times early in their marriage, and some of their children were born in Scottsville. John was the Postmaster of Scottsville until 1845 when the post office was moved to another area. There were eight children.

Martha Frances Scott
Nancy Jane Scott
Cornelia Adelaide Scott
Martesis Ellen Scott
Jeanette Scott
James Sidney Scott
Calvin Scott
John Leonidas Scott



James Sidney Scott, was born ^{14th}
of December 1827 - Scottsville,
Margaret Scott was born 3^d
of July 1830 - Scottsville,
Calvin Scott was born
14th of March 1832 - Scottsville,

According to records from a family Bible, three children were born in Scottsville: James Sidney Scott in 1827, Margaret Scott in 1830, and Calvin Scott in 1832.

Children of John and Margaret Anderson Scott

Martha Frances (Patsy) Scott (Dixon)

Nancy Jane Scott (Albright)

Cornelia Adelaide Scott Hunter (1826-1886)

Martitia Esteline Scott (Turrentine)

Jeannette Scott (Hunter)

James Sidney Scott (1827-1897)

Calvin Scott (1832-1897)

John Leonidas (Lug) Scott (1834-1911)

By 1850, John was 51 years old. John and his younger brother Henderson were both merchants and were in business together making leather goods and tobacco products.

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in The North District in the County of Alamance State of N. Carolina enumerated by me, on the 5th day of August 1850. G. Hurdle Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color. (White, black, or mulatto.)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Amos	8	M						
110	110	John Scott	51	M		Merchant	2700			
		Margaret	50	F						
		John	16	M						
		Martelia	11	F						
		Mary	9	F						
		William Husband	25	M		Labourer				
		Nathan Allen	22	M		Dr				
		Fanny Scott	53	F			700			

one Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty seven. make
and publish this my last will and Testament In the more
and form following. To wit.

In the first place It is my will and desire that all my
Just debt be paid.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah
Scott during her natural life all my Household and
Kitchen Furniture her maintenance on the plantation where
I now live and also I give her during her life and
man by the name of Comer One negro woman by the name
of Sealy. One Spinning Machine one Clock one horse
of the value of forty Dollars. It is further my
will and desire that the Household and Kitchen Furniture after
the death of my wife shall be Equally divided between my
three daughters Jane Allen Fanny Scott and Henderson
Murphy with the Exception of One Piece to my youngest
daughter Nancy Scott Daughter of my son John Scott
and Fanny Allen Daughter of Alexander Allen so
to be by them Equally divided after the death of my
wife The portion herein bequeathed to my daughter
Murphy shall be placed in the hands of my two sons
John Scott and Henderson Scott in Trust for the separate
and separate use of the said Hannah and her children
and it is my sincere request and desire that my

and my son John Scott the
I now hold in him of the
Dollars and also at the death
and his Increase and Comer

to my son John as Trustee
Murphy the Plantation
now lives in the County
Hundred and forty two acres
by his deed her children as
principal & Interest of a note
Dollars which I lent from
negro Girl Tamer and her husband
it is to be paid to my son
and the annual Interest
id by him to my daughter
of arding her in raising her
and the principal of said
to be paid to my son

rising after defraying my
sums herein before stated
with all and every other
in contained be Equally
re Allen Fanny Scott
r Scott. Share and she
have her years allowance
appoint my Trusty and
and Henderson Scott
with and Testament
have hereunto set my
day and state given
sealed & published

his
Samuel E. Scott
mark.

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of

Samuel Scott died in 1841. His sons John and Henderson were the executors of his considerable estate.

3rd I give and bequeath to My eldest daughter Jane
Allen One negro Boy by the name of Jim and

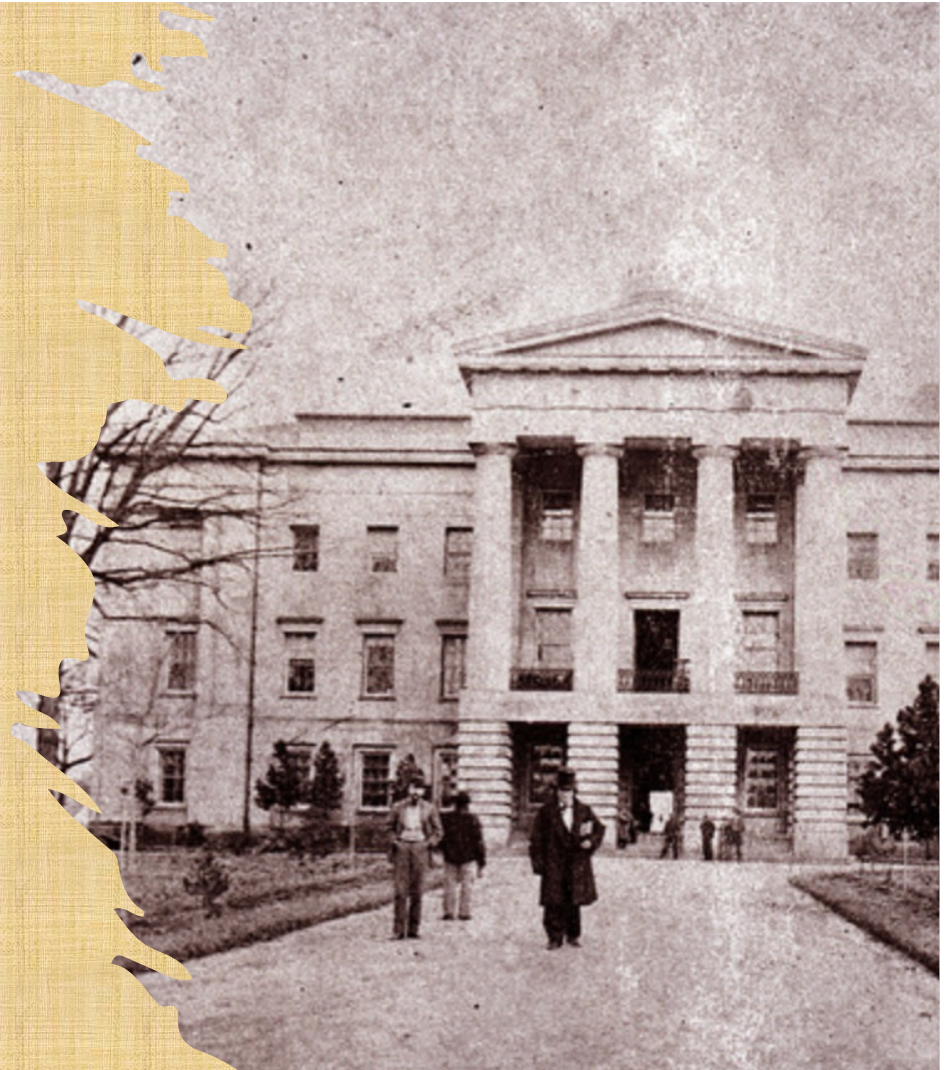
one Hundred and sixty six
woman Ann Negro Boy
and also one negro Girl

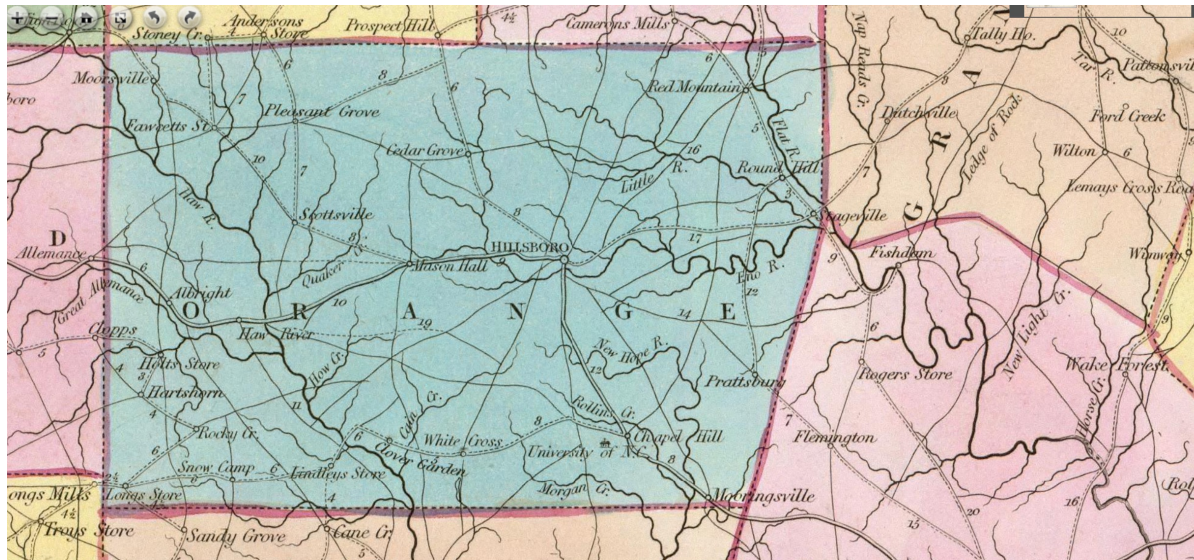
A New County

In 1849, the North Carolina Assembly voted to create a new county, Alamance, from land located on the western side of Orange County.

This decision had many consequences the most urgent of which was the need for a new county seat and a courthouse.

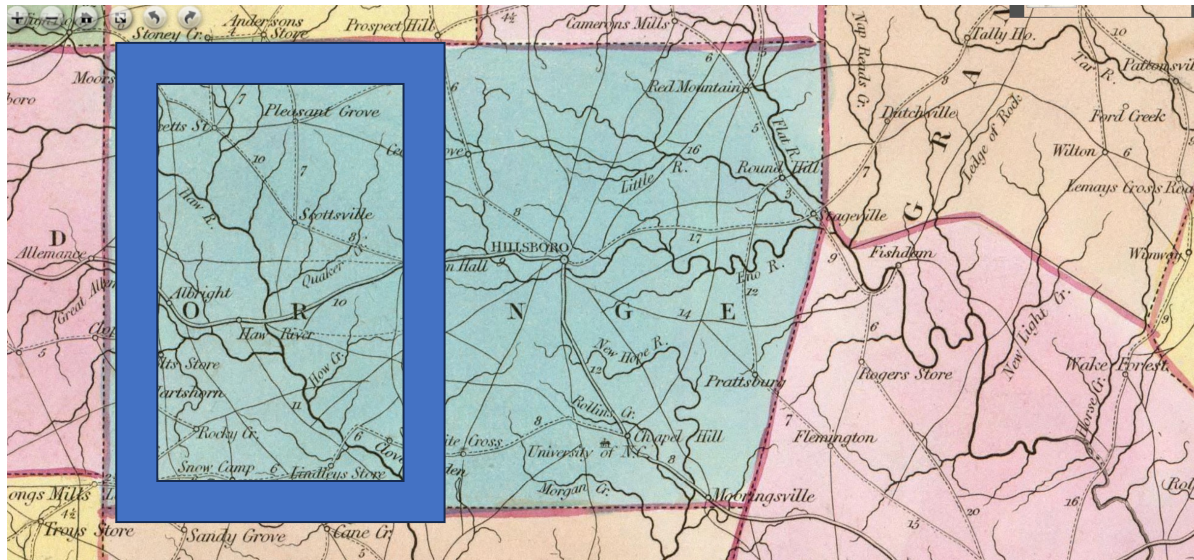
The historic North Carolina General Assembly Building





Orange
County in
1839.

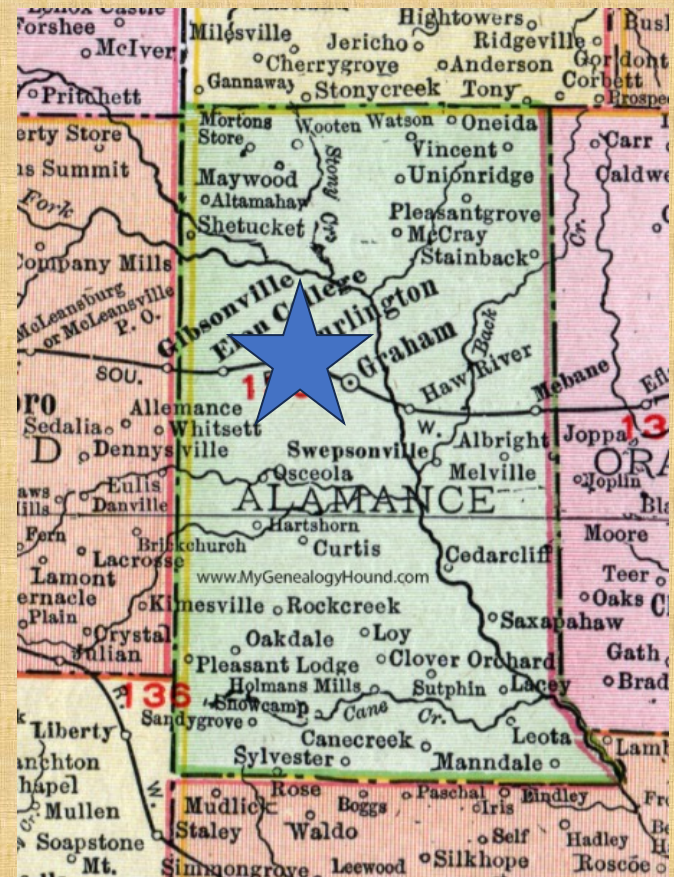
Map shows
the location of
U S Post
Offices.



The new county of Alamance. The eastern border was set 9 miles west of Hillsborough.

The Commissioners attempted to locate the new County Seat as near as possible to the geographical center.

(see Star)



Governor Graham appointed nine commissioners to establish the new county seat. John Scott was one of the nine. The new town was named Graham in honor of the Governor.

One of the first tasks of the new commission was to purchase 75 acres in (or as close as possible) to the geographical center of the new county. This parcel of land was acquired at a cost of \$603 dollars.

A portion of the land was surveyed, and the center of the new town was laid out around the courthouse square.

An auction was held to sell 68 lots on 7 streets.

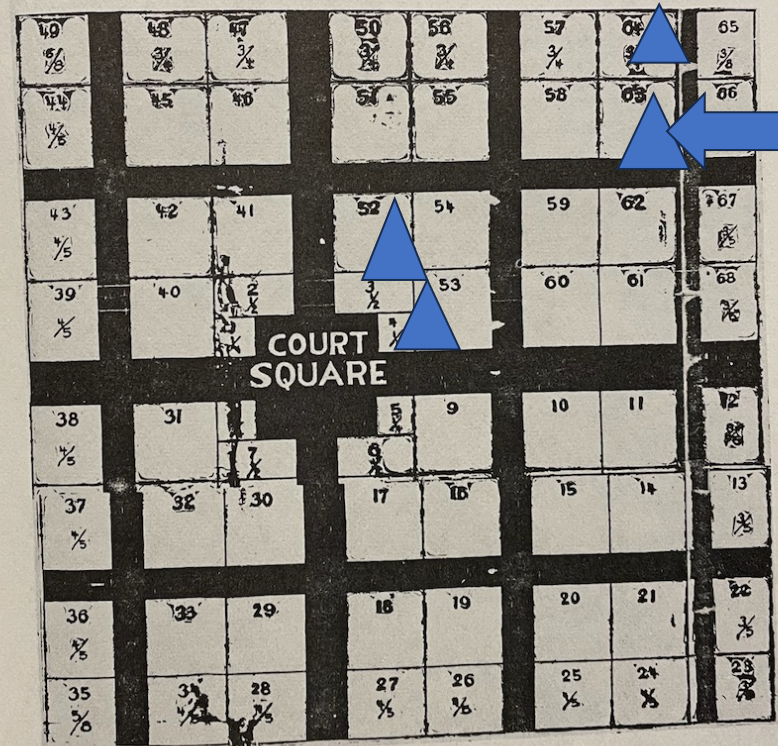
(Stokes, Auction & Action, 1985)

At the auction held on September 15, 1851, John Scott purchased lots 52, 63, 63 1/2, and 64 (blue triangles). He built a log cabin on lot 63 (arrow).

The original of this map was lost until 1939 when it was printed in the Alamance Gleaner.

PLAT OF TOWN OF GRAHAM MADE IN 1851

NORTH



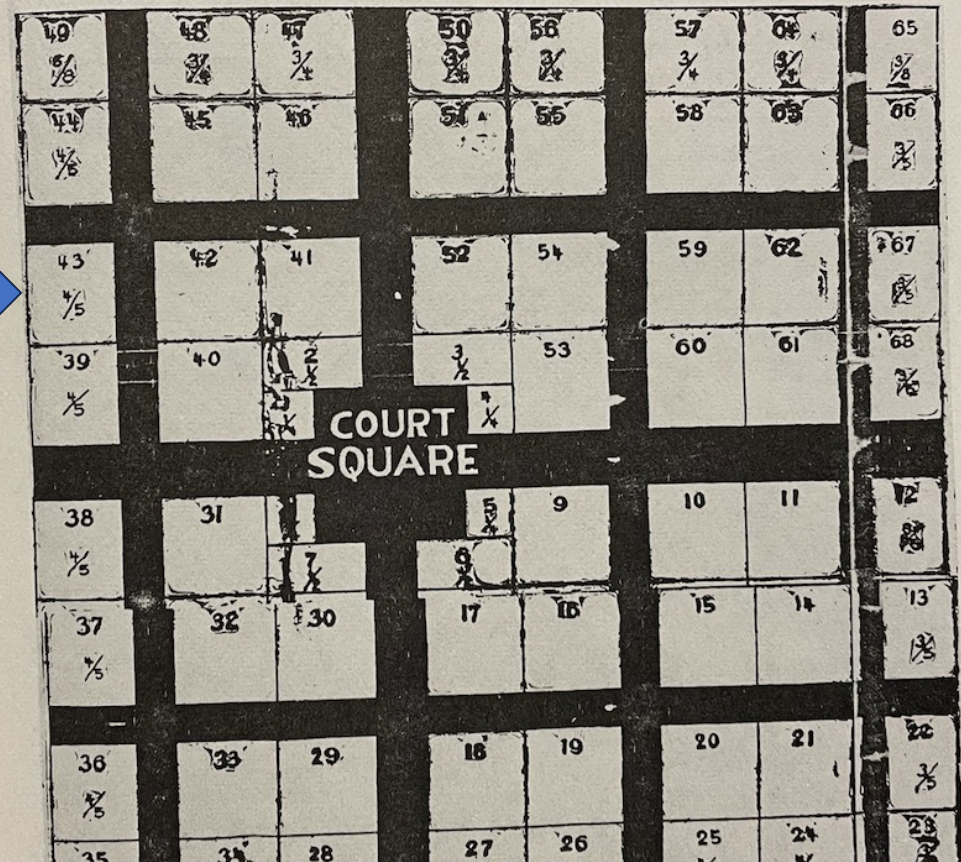
John Scott built the first general store in Graham at this location (38 SW Court Square & 105 South Main Street).

The building is across the street from the W. J. Nicks Building.



PLAT OF TOWN OF GRAHAM MADE IN 1851
NORTH

John Scott and
several others
purchased land
right next to
lot #43 for a
new church.
(See arrow)



1 + John Scott
 2 Mrs Margaret Scott
 3 Mrs + Francis Scott
 4 Mrs Martha A. Dismar
 5 - James S. Scott
 6 - George J. Greeland
 7 Mrs + Isabella Greeland
 8 Mrs Deborah Greeland
 9 Mrs + Elizabeth Paisley
 10 Mrs Mary A. Paisley
 11 Mrs + Martha Rich
 12 Mrs + Hinton D. Hartsfield
 13 Mrs Martha Morrow
 14 + Samuel M. White
 15 + Calvin Scott
 16 Mrs Martha Greeland
 17 Mrs Nancy A. Mcbane
 18 + John S. Ray
 19 + David S. Ray
 20 Mrs + Margaret Ray
 21 Mrs Mary S. Ray
 22 Mrs Robert D. Ray
 23 Mrs Sarah D. Ray
 24 Mrs + John D. Ray
 25 + John D. Ray

Dec 8th 1850

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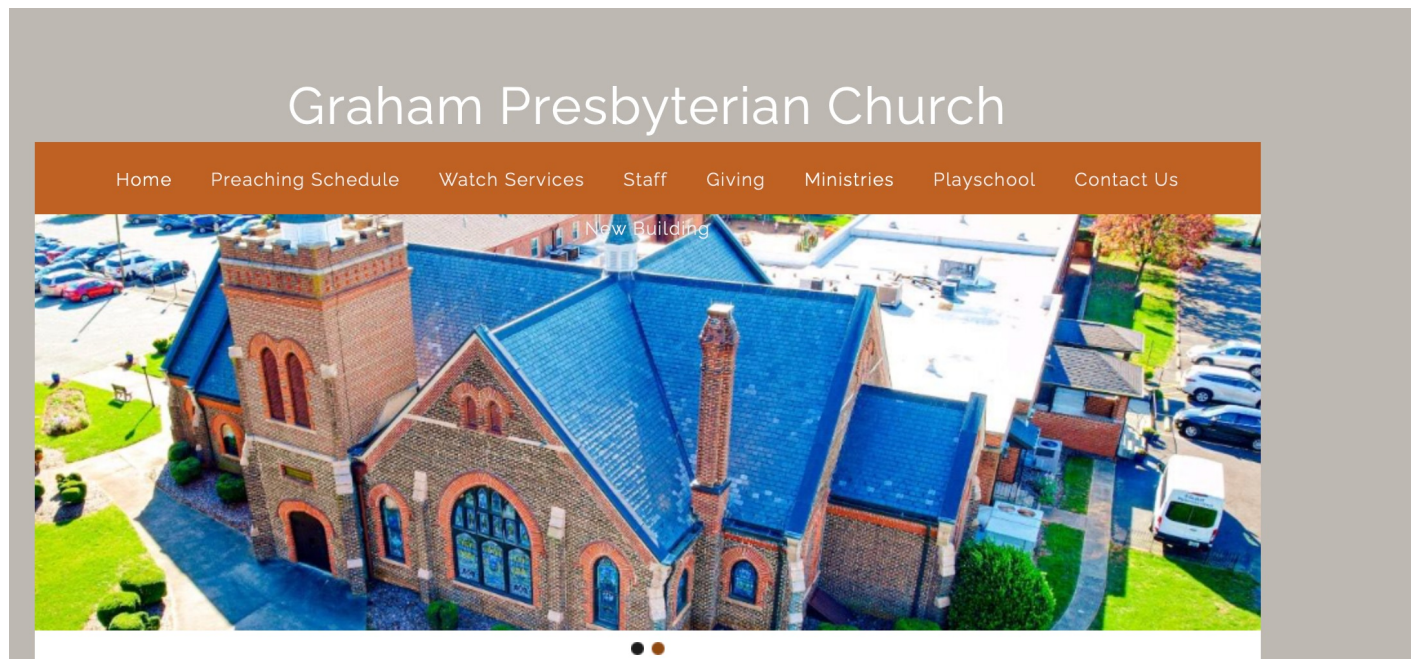
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John Scott hosted a meeting of the session on
 December 8, 1850
 in his home to plan the new church.

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 Graham N.C. Dec 8th 1850
 Session met at John Scott's
 Present
 John Scott
 D. S. Ray
 Robert Danner
 T. G. McLean
 Opened with Prayer
 The Rev. A. G. Hughes being present
 moderated the ~~session~~
 Thomas G. McLean was chosen clerk of
 the session. Thomas G. McLean was
 appointed a delegate to attend the Presbytery
 and D. S. Ray ~~alternately~~ closed by Prayer
 T. G. McLean clerk
 Graham N.C. June 1st 1851
 Session met at the church
 Present
 John Scott
 T. G. McLean
 Robert Danner
 Absent
 D. S. Ray
 Closed with Prayer
 The Rev. A. G. Hughes being present moder-
 Ray was appointed
 to be held
 Robert Danner
 closed with Prayer T. G. McLean clerk

Graham Presbyterian Church as it appears today.



<https://www.grahampresbyterian.com>

- John Scott and his wife Margaret were both laid to rest in the Cemetery of Hawfields Presbyterian Church.

- John in 1856
- and
- Margaret in 1886

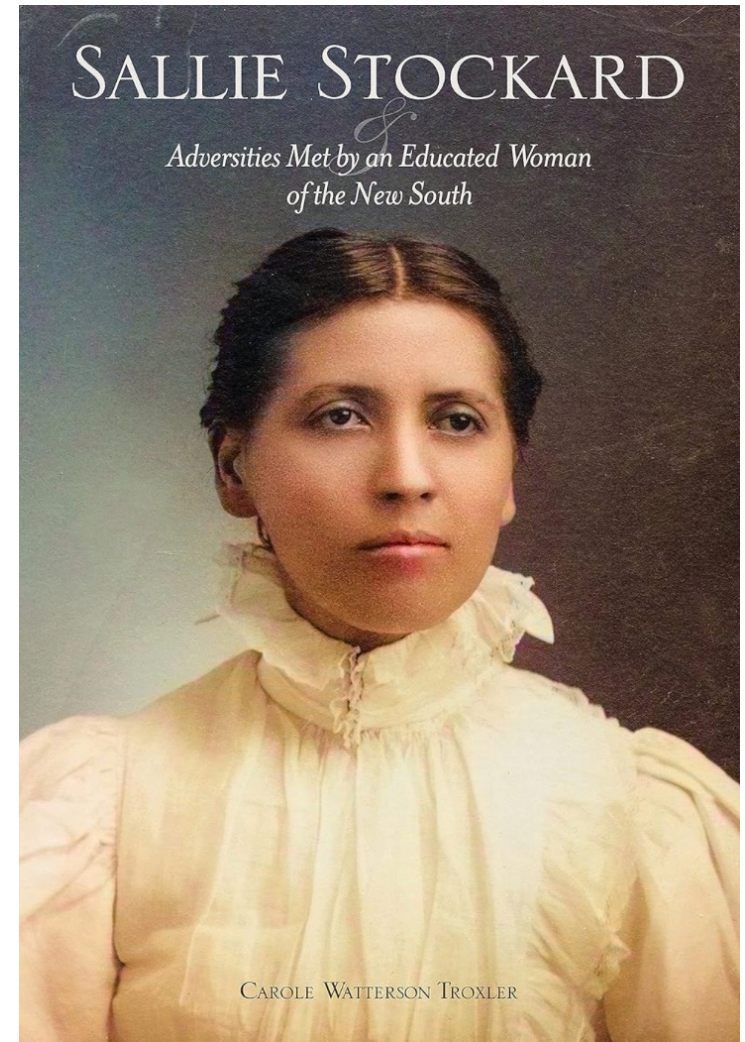


Sallie Walker Stockard (1869-1963)

Sallie was the great granddaughter of John and Margaret Scott. She was born on her parents' farm near Saxapahaw in 1869.

Sallie moved to Graham in the 1880s to attend high school. She stayed with her grandparents, Nancy Jane Scott Albright and John Gibbs Albright. Later in life, she wrote about her great grandmother, Margaret Scott and her extended family.

Sallie was the first female student to graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her master's thesis, entitled "The History of Alamance," was published in 1900.



Sallie visited an earlier version of the Alamance County Courthouse while writing *The History of Alamance*.

The Courthouse was remodeled and the changes were completed in 1923.



John and Margaret's legacy has had a lasting influence on the history of Graham, North Carolina. His efforts to get the town sited, named, and started will not be forgotten.

Special thanks to the descendants of John and Margaret Scott and to the staff and volunteers of Graham Presbyterian Church.

IMAGE CREDITS

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6-John Adams https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Adams

Samuel Ashe

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8-Scott family records, provided by Donnell Everett Scott III.

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10-1850 U.S. Federal Census 1850 Census, <https://www.ancestry.com>

11-Facsimile of last will and testament of Samuel Scott, recorded in 1837.

12-“Old NC General Assembly”, (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Carolina_General_Assembly_of_1860-1861)

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Map was modified to show the land taken for Alamance County.

15-Alamance County, North Carolina, 1911.

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18-Location of John Scott's mercantile, 38 SW Court Square and 105 S Main Street, Graham, NC.

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20-Minutes from a session meeting, dated December 8, 1850, courtesy of Graham Presbyterian Church, Graham, NC. Includes list of first parishioners.

21-Graham Presbyterian Church, <https://www.grahampresbyterian.com>

22-Headstone, John Scott, Hawfields Presbyterian Church Cemetery. <https://www.findagrave.com>

23-Front cover of Troxler, Carole W. 2021, Sallie Stockard, Adversities. Met by an Educated Woman of the New South, UNC Press.

24-Graham Courthouse as it appeared before being remodeled in 1923, top photo, <http://www.cityofgraham.gov>, and the Courthouse as it appears today, <https://www.alamance-nc.com/clerkofcourt/home/locations/>

25-Card with closing comments, Special Thanks.