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body College for Teachers, with a BS in Elementary education, in 1962.

As John was transferred, Janet had the opportunity to teach in several states. She is currently employed with the Wake County School System.

On April 23, 1966, Janet Blaire Tidwell was born. She is a Senior at Cary High School. Anne Elizabeth Tidwell was born on September 17, 1968, and she is a sophomore at Cary High School.

The family is active in numerous community affairs and organization.

Sources: Family Bible and personal knowledge.

— Janet Malone Tidwell

BERRY TODD FAMILY

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Berry William Todd was the son of Curtis Zar Todd and Amanda Todd. He was born on October 16, 1877 and died on October 15, 1958. He married Mary Etta Nowell, daughter of R.P. and Mary Ann Nowell. Mary Etta Todd was born on October 16, 1876 and died on May 16, 1954.

Berry William Todd was the first Magistrate as well as the first Mayor of Wendell, North Carolina. He served as Mayor from 1903 to 1905. He was a member of the Wendell Baptist Church and was one of the first merchants of the town.



Berry William Todd.

in the State Legislature under Mr. Mallie Griffin. Paul Todd died on November 15, 1977.

The third child was Mary Rachel Todd, who was born on October 21, 1902. She was a school teacher in Southport, North Carolina, for many years. Mary Rachel Todd married Harry Churchill Corlette, Jr., son of Captain Harry Churchill Corlette and Louise White, of Southport.

The fourth child was Lucille Margaret Todd, born on December 13, 1905. She married Haywood Lee Swanson of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on September 25, 1926. Lucille Todd Swanson died on January 17, 1951.

The fifth child was Berry Leonard Todd, who was born on January 9, 1907. He was a tobacco buyer for Renfro Company. Leonard Todd married Blanche Robertson of Wendell. He died on August 15, 1977.

Grace Amanda Todd was the sixth child. She was born on May 18, 1912. For thirteen years, she worked as a saleslady for the Wake Monument Company. She married Jesse Vause Beaman of New Bern, North Carolina. They had one son, Jesse Vause Beaman, Jr. Jesse Beaman, Sr. was a bookkeeper for Central Chemical Corporation of Baltimore. In later years, he was manager for Seashore Transportation Company of Jacksonville, North Carolina. He died on May 16, 1950.

Silas Lee Todd was the seventh child. He was born on May 2, 1915 and died on May 15,



Mrs. Berry William Todd (Mary Etta Nowell).

Berry and Mary Etta Todd had seven children. The first was Madge Todd, born on August 18, 1896. She died on December 21, 1971. She married James Dean in 1919, who was a pilot in World War I. After his discharge from the military, James Dean worked with China American Tobacco Company as a buyer.

The second child was Paul Washington Todd, who was born on February 22, 1990. He married Katherine Whitlock of Zebulon, North Carolina. Paul Todd was the first page to serve

1970. He attended Louisburg College on a baseball scholarship, after which he served for three years in the military. Silas Todd married Ethel Morris of Wendell, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Bible, military records, family memories.

— Grace Todd Moore

CURTIS ZAR TODD

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Curtis Zar Todd (born September 6, 1852) was 9 years old when his father, William Oscar Todd, enlisted in the Confederate Army. From that time on he was the "man of the house" helping to look after his mother, Eliza Privette Todd (born 1827), and 7 brothers and sisters. William Oscar never returned from the war and Curtis Zar never returned to being a child.

The Todd family was living in the vicinity of what is now Wendell, N.C., and we know there was a school at that time near the present Lizard Lick community. Probably Curtis walked that distance of two miles to attend classes whenever school was in session, usually only a few weeks out of the year. His Uncle, Riley Privette, was a teacher before he left to fight in the Civil War.

C.Z. Todd was always a strong supporter of education and helped establish the first public or "free" school in the area probably situated near the present Wendell Elementary School. Mack Scarborough was the first teacher in 1874 and Riley Privette followed him in 1879. In 1892 C.Z. Todd was listed among a group of citizens who volunteered their time to help instruct at "The Wendell Preparatory School, Male and Female Academy."

The Wake County School Board was organized in 1885 and the first committee men appointed from Mark's Creek Township, District #1, were C.Z. Todd, Dr. James E. Todd, and Lawrence Anderson. These men served several terms on the District School Board.

Amanda Todd, daughter of Henry Rufus and Margaret Tucker Todd, became the wife of C.Z. Todd on March 5, 1876. They lived with his mother for a few years and then built a new home a short distance away on land inherited from his father. Reconstruction days were difficult but Amanda and Curt kept "cool heads", worked hard, and survived with dignity.

Besides planting and cultivating a large farm the couple operated a small general store. Lottie Todd Joyner (daughter) states that the first store building was located in the middle of what is now Academy Street almost directly in front of where Wayne and Edna Todd live. Later, a new building consisting of one large room was constructed across the road. Even later a two story addition was made to the front of the one large room.

My Aunt Lottie remembers that the upstairs was rented to a coffin firm. Out of curiosity the children would slip up the outside stairs to view the caskets. Imagine their surprise when one day they found a man who in an inebriated condition had climbed into one of the caskets and gone to sleep!

Some of the happiest memories of my childhood are centered around my grandfather's store. Never will I forget the mouthwatering glass candy case! One hen egg could be exchanged for a generous assortment of candy and if the child in his excited anticipation crushed the egg he was not denied his prize. "Black Cow" was a favorite choice.

Mention must be made of the "Pickled Pig Feet" barrel, the chewing gum jar, the assortment of thread, ribbons, dress material, etc.,