

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Birth date	Place		GTS.C. TROOP		SOURCES OF INFORMATION	
Death date JANUARY 19,1836 Burial date		Piece BENEVOLENCE, RANDOLPH GEORGIA				
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A disposition to do good; an act of kondness, the first settler in the Community was Thomas Coram, of Scotch-Ir1sh descent, who moved with his family from Warrenton, Warren County, Georgia in 1831, 91 YEARS ago and settled near the spot where Mr. P.E. Keese's residence now stands.

The First Church House was erected about two miles west of the Village and was of the Hardshell or Primitive persuasion. In 1840there was a Division between the Hardshells anti-missionaries and the missionaries.

Some of the early settlers were Corams, Mitchners, Fillingames, Keese's, Holmans, Thorntons, Knightons, COLLINS; Wards, Hartfields, SMITHS, Perrymans, Kings, Fentresses, Scotts, JACKSONS, Baldwins, Cooks, Dales, Mainors, Rumphs, Crapps, Rawls, Doziers, Browns, Wambles, Phipps, Pratts, Harts, Martins, Griers, Williams, Parhams, Buchannans and others.

When the Community began to settle up the people needed a School House and a log house was built and used for school and religious purposes. When plans were formulating to buy a lot on which to erect a Baptist Church, Thomas Coram was the first to speak up and said he would donate five acres of land and deed it. Up to this time the place was called Butler's School House.

When Thomas Coram deeded the five acre lot for Church & Graveyard purposes, his friends gathered about him and remarked what an unselfish act and further said "we wish you well".

In May 1840 a missionary Baptist Church was established, and in looking around and discussing a name for the baby Church the name of Benevolence was selected. The first service in the Church was held in June 1840, when Rev. James Matthews was elected pastor and Ansel Albritton Clerk. From that day to this the Church and Place have been called Benevolence.

The first person buried in Benevolence was JOHN JACKSON, a half brother to Thomas Coram.

During the Cival War there was no Post Office in the village, and in those perilous times Thomas Coram carried the mail from Benevolence to Cuthbert, Once a week, nine miles, without charge. He would collect the letters, carry them to Cuthbert, get the mail there, bring it back and deliver it to the addressee.

A few years after the Baptist church was organized, a Masonic Lodge was organized and built a temple with a school room underneath. Then a Store house was built, and a little later Emmanus Methodist Church was established.

In 1883 Knighton and Keese established a mercantile business, the firm being composed of H.H. Knighton, A.E. and P.E. Keese, A Post Office was established with P.E. Keese as postmaster, a position he held for many years. A star mail Routebetween Lumpkin and Cuthbert Via Benevolence was established, and the carrier being Starling Jenkins of Lumpkin.

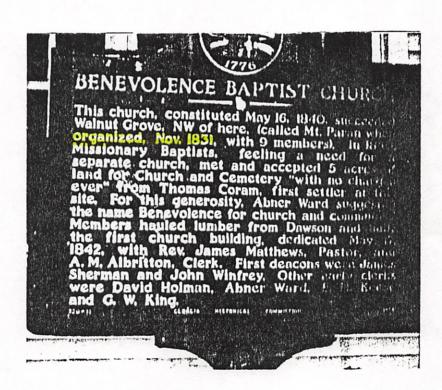
Settlers came in and the town and Community because more thickley populated and the need of a larger and more commodious school house was evident, so in 1910 a large three room edifice was erected, which is still in use.

In 1910 the bank of benevolence was chartered with a capital stock of \$ 25,000 with E.R. Ward president; W.W. Binion, Vice president; B.F.Turner, Cashier.In the same year the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad was extended from Cuthbert to Richland Via Benevolence, and J.W. KEEN was appointed agent and telegraph operator at this point. We now have train service from Carabelle, Florida to New York, Via Columbus and Atlanta.

In 1909 a rural mail route was established, running out from Benevolence with George J. Coram a grandson of Thomas Coram, as a carrier, a position he still holds.

The people as a whole, are benevolent, hospitable, sober, law-abiding, moral citizens. The town now has a population of about 350, five mercantile establishments, a grist mill, one blacksmith, one repair shop, one food and meat market, one hotel, four churches, a masonic lodge, a W.O.W.Lodge and an Odd Fellows Lodge, two Schools and one Doctor.

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AND, THE CORAMS BENEVOLENCE

> Lineage of Thomas Coram By L. W. Riggoy Cairo, Ga.

At the time I compiled the Historical Sketch of the Corams of Benevolence, I learned of the tradition that a child by the name of Taylor had been adopted into the Coram family and roceived the name of Coram. Some thought this child to have been Thomas Coram of Benevolence. This was no consistent with other traditions of the family, and believing that my deductions vere worth following up, I had an investigation made. As a result of this investigation I found the following which will, I believe, be sufficient proof of lineage and service be qualify for mambership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The litchiner family Bible gives the following information: William Geram born Oct. 2nd, 1756, died June 1st, 1821. Ann Coram bor: June 12, 1755, died July 16, 1329. William Coram and Ann Comam married 1783.

There was recorded in Warren County, Georgia, March 9th, 1830, the following will:

Georgia, Varren County.

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Am Coram, being low of body, but of sound and disposin; memory do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and tes: ament.

I will that all my just debts beonid. lst.

I will and bequeath unto Thomas Coram all that tract or parcel of land situate in the 10th Dist. in the first section, in the County of Lee, containing 2022 acres which is known and distinguished in the plan of said district by the number 206, being a tract of land which I drew.

In witness whereof I do here set my hand this 11th of

April, 1839.

Ann Coram (I.S)

Witness, Jason Hays, William M. Coram and Thomas Young. Jasca Hays was the father of Deborah (Hays) Coram, the wife of Thomas Coram of Benevolence. William M. Coram was William Ladison Coram, the son of Thomas Coram of Benevolence and his vife Deborah.

Records in the office of Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., alows: "William Corem served in the Revolutionary Wir as a private in the Commander-ir-chief's Guard (N. B. Gen. George W. shington was the commander-in-chief.) Continental Troop commanded by Captain Caleb Gibbs. He enlisted in March, 1777, to serve during the war, was promoted to sergent between May in and Jane 4, 1.383.

Wa liam Coram drew land in Virginia for service in Revo-(See page 204 Ky. Sons of the Revolution.)