

WACHOVIA SETTLEMENT
OF
NORTH CAROLINA

(From History of Wachovia)

8/17/1753 A survey was approved by Lord Granville.

In the Archives of the Bethlehem Congregation of Penn. is the story of the journey of the little Colony which left Bethlehem Penn. to settle Wachovia, a six weeks trip.

10/8/1753 Left Penn. the route being almost a direct line, and arrived at Frederick, Md. 10/18. From there entered the Shenandoah Valley, and passed Staunton, then called Augusta Courthouse. Crossed the Potomac, James and the Roanoke Rivers probably near the present towns of Lexington and Roanoke. Soon saw Pilot Mountain in N.C. The Mayo River was reached and followed to its junction with the Dan where present Mayodan is located. Soon they reached present Walnut Cove and soon thereafter they reached the Border of Wachovia. Reached the Roanoke River last of October. Approached the Dan 11/13, and crossed the Borderline of Wachovia 11/17/1753. (See plan of first improvement in Wachau 1753)

When the little Company of 15 persons crossed the Border of Wachovia at noon 11/17/1753 they were still six miles distant from the Cabin which was to shelter them. It was an humble abode without floor and with a roof that did not protect them from the weather. It was apparent to the Company the first night of their arrival that larger accommodations would have to be provided. The "Hans Wagoner Hut" which they found on their arrival, a picture of which is given in the Volume was not large enough to allow sleeping room and a second story was improvised by stretching hammocks from wall to wall.

The Moravian Brothers were travelers. They journeyed to Black Walnut Bottoms where later Bethania was located. They went down to Huddy Ck to Adam Spaels, later of the Friedberg Congregation.

HISTORY OF WACHOVIA, (By J.W. Glewell.

- The Original Hans Wagoner Hut was torn down in Nov 1768.

The advent of the first married couple was a marked event. Two years had passed since the twelve men had entered the little hut built by Hans Wagoner. The couple reached Bethabara 11/4/1755.

It is of interest to note the visit of the Bethabara physician to Hans Wagoner, the same farmer whose Hut had sheltered the first settlers when they arrived in 1753.

On one of their visits to Salisbury Leck was made Justice of the Peace and during the War he was appointed Official Commander of the men at Bethabara and Bethania in 1756.

Three Miles North of Bethabara is located the Black Walnut Bottom. On 6/12/1759, Spangenberg, Seidel and Jacob Wach decided on the exact location of Bethania. It is on a gently sloping hillside North of the Black Walnut Bottom. On the 30th of the Month the Streets were laid out.