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their Minutes, as a token of their love; which was distributed accordingly.

16. Received a number of Minutes from our Sister Charleston Association, in token of their love; which was distributed also.

17. Resolved, That the next Association be holden at the Seven Miles Meeting-House in Sampson County, and that it begin on Saturday before the first Lord's Day in November 1807. Elder JOB THIGPEN is requested to preach the introductory Sermon.—In case of failure, Elder EZEKIEL BRYAN. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock A. M.

18. Elders ABRAM BAKER and FRANCIS OLIVER are requested to attend as Delegates to the Neuse Association, to be holden at Fort Barnwell Meeting-House in Craven County, beginning on Friday before the third Lord's Day in October 1807; and Elder THAMES to Raleigh Association.

19. Elder JOB GOODMAN is requested to write a circular letter for the next Association, upon any religious subject.

20. Elders WHITFIELD, WM. COOPER & THAMES, appointed to preach to-morrow. Worship to begin at 10 o'clock A. M.

21. The committee of Finance reported as followeth:

Received from Brother Needham }
Whitfield, the Treasurer of Neuse }
Association, as being our one half of } £ 9 12 6
the sum remaining after paying all }
expences last year, }

Received from 14 Churches this year 17 15 6

Now in the Treasury, £ 27 8 0

22. Brother Samuel Buxton is appointed Treasurer.

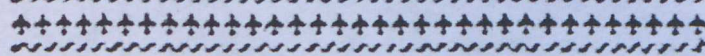


white sugar sand. It is most likely the pulpit that was used by Rev. William Thames as well as his son, Rev. David Thames. Under the glass, on top of the pulpit, there is a brief history of the Thames family as the family relates to Cape Fear Church.

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Friday, October 31, 1806, William Thames representing Beaver Dam Baptist Church at the Association Meeting:

These records were provided to me by the Historian of Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Willa Dean Bullard.



MINUTES
OF THE
NORTH-CAROLINA CAPE-FEAR
ASSOCIATION;
HOLDEN AT
BEAR MARSH MEETING-HOUSE, Duplin County.

Friday, October 31st, 1806.

1. **E**LDER Jon Goops delivered the introductory Sermon to a large audience, from MARK XVI, 15, *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*
2. After divine worship, proceeded to business.
3. The Association was opened by prayer, by Elder BAKER.
4. Elder BAKER chosen Moderator.
5. Brother Samuel Buxton, Clerk.
6. Elder LEWIS WHITFIELD a Delegate from Neuse Association, took a seat among us, and by him received a letter of correspondence.
7. Brethren Joseph Thames and James Matthias appointed as a committee of Finance, to receive the contributions, and make settlements.
8. Elder WELLS presented the circular letter: Was read and received.
9. Elders ABRAM BAKER, WILLIAM THAMES and LEWIS WHITFIELD, appointed a committee

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to examine and revise, if need be, the Constitution and Decorum presented by Brother Needham Whitfield.

10. Appointed to write correspondent letters to the following Associations: Elder OLIVER, to Neuse; Brother James Rarden, to Kehukee; Elder THAMES, to Raleigh; Elder WELLS, to Sandy Creek; Elder BAKER, to Charleston.

11. Adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M. by Elder LEWIS WHITFIELD.

Saturday, November 1.

Met from adjournment. Opened by prayer, by Elder THAMES.

12. Elder WHITFIELD from the committee appointed to examine the Constitution and Decorum, reported, that it is thought most advisable for the said Instruments to remain in their first state; and the same is therefore approved.

13. This Association taking under their consideration, an Impeachment of high crimes and misdemeanors on the Journals of the Senate of the last General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, against Elder BAKER; upon which Elder BAKER, who as Moderator was requested to vacate his seat during the time of investigation of the same; upon which Brother Joseph Thames filled his seat as Moderator pro tempore.

14. This Association believing said charges to be unjust and injurious to the Baptist Society, Resolved, That Elders FRANCIS OLIVER and JOB GOODMAN be a committee to draw up a petition directed to the Honorable General Assembly of said State, requesting them to relieve Elder BAKER from such Impeachments, as they in their wisdom shall think proper.

15. Received a letter of correspondence from our Sister Raleigh Association, with a number of

NAME

Eld. William Thames

b.
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1813

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Record

Cape Fear - Cumberland co. 1796 - 1806
Pastor River Dam - Bladen - before Wm. Cooper.
Frequently mentioned in Wells Chapel records.
Eld. Cape Fear Ch. 1813

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A Thames family History: from Derbyshire, England, 1584 to Cape Fear North Carolina to 2002 by Dorothy Thames Emert

and that previous to his death he called on Joseph Thames and Joseph Cain, Esq., and stated to them the manner that he would wish his Estate to be divided which is as follows to wit:

He said that he had given to each of his children except his sons William Thames and James Thames their part of his estate, real and personal, and that his will was that the land on which he lived should be equally divided between said sons, William Thames and James Thames, and that he gave to James Thames all his furniture and stock of every kind for the purpose of raising and educating him and further said not.

The above statements of the last noncupative will of **William Thames** of Cumberland County was sworn to before the Subscribers the 10th day of January 1813 by

James Lewiston, J.P. (signed)

Jos. Thames (signed)

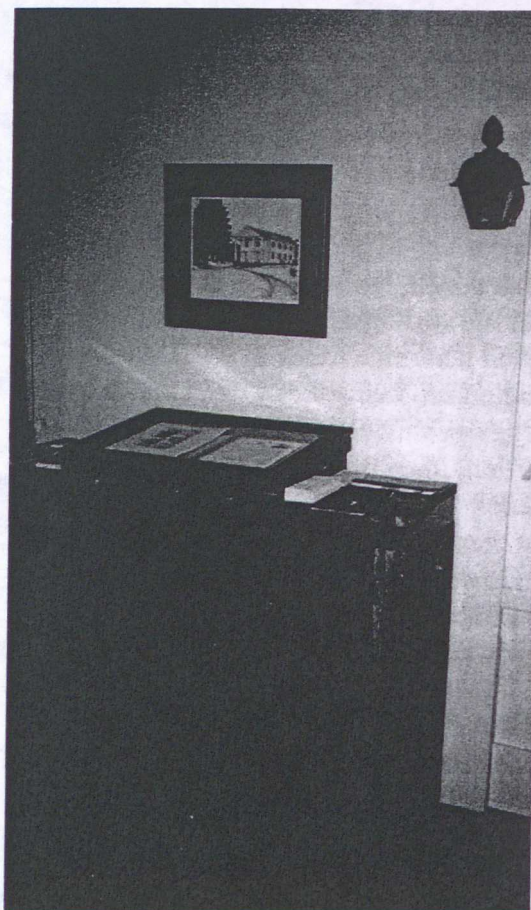
Joseph Cain (signed)

Copy included...



The picture below shows the old pulpit that was used before the current church was built in 1859. I don't know exactly how old it is, but you can see that the boards are hand planed. It is held together with wooden pegs at the joints. It is very short, too.

The picture that hangs above it is a lithograph that was done by Lee Melvin, a current (1992) member of the Church. It shows the 1859 Church building when it was new. The building is surrounded by tall deciduous trees-many varieties of oak. The soil is like



WILLIAM THAMES

RESOLVED, that ELDER THAMES and ELDER GOODMAN visit all the churches in the bounds of this Association and preach in all their Meeting Houses regularly once in the year, they, the said brethren, are, hereby, requested in their travels to enquire into the cause of there being no report from Saddle-Tree Church this year, and make report at our next Association,; in case of failure in either of the said brethren, ELDER JOB THIGPEN is requested to fill said vacancy.

CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES, 1809, page 4.

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Elder William Thames was pastor of the Cape Fear Baptist Church when the church petitioned the Neuse Baptist Association for admittance in 1796. His name was spelled THIMS OR THYMS in the Neuse minutes. In the Cape Fear minutes it was spelled THAMES.

(BHC STAFF)

On the death of our beloved Elder THAMES.

FROM THE ASSOCIATION.

Ere yet the morn its lovely blushes spread,
See, THAMES lies number'd with the happy dead;
He is gone to the bless'd mansions in eternay day---
Is THAMES dead, our trembling tongues reply,
O, what a blessing by Heav'n is deny'd;
How oft for us this Prophet pray'd,
How oft to us the word of Life conveyed;
Mourn for him you Indigent whom he has fed,
And Henceforth seek like him for living bread;
Mourn for him you young, to whom he oft has told
God's gracious wonders from times of old.
We hear no more the musick of his tongue,
His wonted auditors now cease to throng;
Unhappy we the setting sun deplore,
Who is gone to return to us no more,
Who oft among us fed the wretched poor.

CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES, 1813

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ELDER WILLIAM THAMES WAS A VERY ACTIVE WORKER IN THE CAPE
FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS PASTOR OF CAPE FEAR
BAPTIST CHURCH IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.