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## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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ALEXANDER McALLISTER came from Loup, Islay, off Argyleshire, Scotland, to Wilmington, N. C., U. S. A., in the year 1736, and stopped at Wilmington for some years, keeping a tavern there, as boarding houses were then called. This appears from a letter addressed to him from a McAllister and a McRae from the old country, inquiring as to Hector, son of Margaret Johnston McNeill and Laughlin McNeill, who had come to America with him the year before. This letter was not dated by the writers, but was dated on the back by Alexander McAllister, as was his custom with all his letters on receipt of them, and the date is 1737.

He returned to Scotland in 1739 or 1740, and there married Mary McNeill, who died, and was buried at sea, on the return voyage to America. His third wife (to be), Jane or Jean Colvin, was born on the same voyage over, as her parents were coming, too, to this country. The date of her birth is September 20, 1740.

It is one of the stories of the time that Mr. McAllister, annoyed by the crying of the baby, said to the mother, "Spank the little b——," and received the sharp reply, "Never mind, sir, she'll be the wife of ye yet," and so she was; they were

married July 14, 1763. She was then aged twenty-three years.

On his return to North Carolina he settled in Cumberland county—till 1754, Upper Bladen—on the east side of the Cape Fear River, about twelve miles from Fayetteville, and about two miles from the Bluff Church. He married for his second wife Flora McNeill, whose mother was Grissella Campbell, aunt of Farquhar Campbell, and whose father was the far-famed Scotch pioneer, Neill McNeill, called "Black Neill," on account of his dark, swarthy complexion, and as a distinction from the *bahn*, or fair-skinned, McNeills.

He reared two families of children in the home there erected. His eldest son, Alexander McAllister, reared his children there. His eldest grandson, Alexander McAllister, reared his children there, the eldest being in his eighteenth year, and the youngest in his thirteenth year, when the death of the father, 13th July, 1857, broke up the home. The old home, in good condition, passed into the hands of strangers, but was burned about 1863, during the war between the States. The origin of the fire was never known, as the house was unoccupied at the time.

The Bluff Church was organized in 1758, and he was one of the original elders; his eldest son, Alexander, succeeded him, and was, in turn, succeeded by his eldest son, Alexander. Now, 1900, his great-grandson, Alexander McAllister, is a ruling elder in the same church, while many of his descendants fill the same office elsewhere.