

HISTORICAL FEATURE— THE NARROW ESCAPE

It was a cold Sunday morning in December 1881 when Mr. Everett of Burgaw set off for Wilmington with his horse and buggy. As he traveled south, he came to ferry crossing of the Northeast Cape Fear River on the boarder of New Hanover and Pender counties. He brought his horse and buggy to a stop and purchased passage to cross the river on the ferry flatboat from the ferry operators, Jackson Wood and nephew, John E Wood. The horse and buggy were loaded up on the flatboat and the ferry operators proceeded to cross the river with Mr. Everette still in the buggy at the reigns of his horse. As they crossed the river, the horse suddenly became spooked and lunged forward. Mr. Everette made every effort to settle the horse but seeing that his attempts were failing, he jumped from the buggy to the flatboat just as the horse and buggy plunged into the river. The buggy, being loaded down with materials bound for the journey, instantly sank to the bottom of the river unfortunately dragging the horse down with it. The buggy was never recovered.

