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*HOMES OF THE SIGNERS OF THE
MECKLENBURG DECLARATION.*

(CONTINUED.)

Col Adam Alexander's home and lands lay in what is now known as Clear Creek Township. It is intersected by the stream Clear Creek and comprised 1,880 acres at the time it came into the possession of his son, Charles Taylor Alexander. It had been originally much larger, various tracts having been cut off and sold at different times. Rev Jno McKemie Wilson, D. D., father of J H Wilson, Esq., of Charlotte, purchased a portion of the place and it became the home in which he spent many years of his devoted life. The oldest deed in the possession of Col Adam Alexander's descendants, was made by Arthur Dobbs and his wife, Justina, to Moses Shelby, in 1755. This was the place upon which Moses Shelby built the brick mansion, afterwards sold by the Alexanders to the Rev Dr Wilson. Moses Shelby we suppose to have been the father-in-law of Adam Alexander, from the following facts: Adam Alexander owned the Shelby homestead; his eldest son bore the name of Evan Shelby, and his eldest grandson, that of Isaac Shelby.