

Hertford County's List of Officers

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its members, to the first Monday after the first Monday in January next after the election of its members. The General Assembly of 1876-77, by an act ratified March 12, 1877, provided that the general election in the State should be held in the year 1880, on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and every two years thereafter. The members from the First Senatorial District continued:

- 1878-79—Geo. H. Mitchell, R., Hertford County; Rufus White, R., Perquimans County.
- 1880-81—W. H. Manning, D., Gates County; J. M. Woodhouse, D., Currituck County.
- 1882-83—W. W. Speight, R., Gates County; J. M. Woodhouse, D., Currituck County.
- 1884-85—Wm. M. Bond, D., Chowan County; James Parker, D., Gates County.
- 1886-87—W. P. Shaw, D., Hertford County; W. J. Griffin, D., Pasquotank County.
- 1888-89—J. K. Abbot, D., Camden County; W. P. Shaw, D., Hertford County.
- 1890-91—P. H. Morgan, D., Currituck County; James Parker, D., Gates County.
- 1892-93—J. K. Abbott, Camden County; J. J. Gatling, D., Gates County.
- 1894-95—E. T. Snipes, R., Hertford County; Theo. White, P., Perquimans County.
- 1896-97—J. L. Whedbee, R., Perquimans County; Jno. F. Newsome, P., Hertford County.
- 1898-99—T. G. Skinner, D., Perquimans County; George Cowper, D., Hertford County.
- 1900-01—C. S. Vann, D., Chowan County; W. H. Bray, D., Currituck County.
- 1902-03—C. S. Vann, D., Chowan County; P. H. McMullen, D., Perquimans County.
- 1904-05—C. S. Vann, D., Chowan County; S. M. Beasley, D., Currituck County.
- 1906-07—A. Pilston Godwin, D., Gates County; Roscoe W. Turner, D., Pasquotank County.
- 1908-09—E. R. Johnson, D., Currituck County; A. Pilston Godwin, D., Gates County.
- 1910-11—Jesse B. Williams, D., Camden County; D. C. Barnes, D., Hertford County.
- 1912-13—W. T. Woodley, D., Chowan County; D. C. Barnes, D., Hertford County.
- 1914-15—W. L. Cohoon, D., Pasquotank County; J. S. McNider, D., Perquimans County.
- 1916-17—E. R. Johnson, D., Currituck County; J. S. McNider, D., Perquimans County.
- 1918-19—W. T. Cross, D., Gates County; M. W. Ferebee, D., Pasquotank County.
- 1920-21—Stanley Winborne, D., Hertford County; Dr. E. J. Griffin, D., Chowan County.
- 1922-23—T. W. Costen, D., Gates County; P. H. Williams, D., Pasquotank County.
- 1924-25—J. H. MacMullan, D., Chowan County; P. H. Williams, D., Pasquotank County.
- 1926-27—L. J. Lawrence, D., Hertford County; P. H. Williams, D., Pasquotank County.
- 1928-29—L. J. Lawrence, D., Hertford County; Charles Whedbee, D., Perquimans County.
- 1930-31—L. J. Lawrence, D., Hertford County; Charles Whedbee, D., Perquimans County.
- 1932-33—D. W. Bagley, D., Currituck County; L. E. Griffin, D., Chowan County.
- 1934-35—D. W. Bagley, D., Currituck County; L. E. Griffin, D., Chowan County.
- 1936-37—W. I. Halstead, D., Camden County; J. J. Hughes, D., Pasquotank County.
- 1938-39—W. I. Halstead, D., Camden County; J. J. Hughes, D., Pasquotank County.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1868-69—T. E. Snipes, R.
- 1869-70—E. T. Snipes, R.
- 1870-71—W. D. Newsom, Col. R.
- 1871-72—W. D. Newsom, Col. R.
- 1872-73—James Sharp, R.
- 1873-74—James Sharp, R.
- 1874-75—Soloman Parker, R.
- 1876-77—J. J. Horton, R., was given certificate of election, but his seat was contested by H. C. Maddrey, D., and Maddrey was seated.
- 1879—J. J. Horton, R.
- 1881—E. T. Snipes, R.
- 1883—George H. Mitchell, R.
- 1885—Robert W. Winborne, D.
- 1887—E. T. Snipes, R.
- 1889—James L. Anderson, D.
- 1891—James L. Anderson, D.
- 1893—W. P. Taylor, D.
- 1895—Benj. B. Winborne, D.
- 1897—Starkey Hare, R.
- 1899—Isaac F. Snipes, R.
- 1901—Lloyd J. Lawrence, D.
- 1903—John E. Vann, D.
- 1905—Benj. B. Winborne, D.
- 1907—B. B. Winborne, D.
- 1909—David C. Barnes, D.
- 1911—Wm. P. Taylor, D.
- 1913—J. T. Williams, D.
- 1915—Stanley Winborne, D.
- 1917—Stanley Winborne, D.
- 1919—Stanley Winborne, D.
- 1921—D. C. Barnes, D.
- 1923—L. J. Lawrence, D.
- 1925—W. W. Rogers, D.
- 1927—W. W. Rogers, D.
- 1929—Thad A. Eure, D.
- 1931—Henry H. Jones, D.
- 1933—J. N. Vann, D.
- 1935—J. N. Vann, D.
- 1937—R. H. Underwood, D.
- 1939—R. H. Underwood, D.

THE INFERIOR COURT

At the election of 1876 the Democrats elected the Governor, all the State officers and a large majority of the General Assembly. The Constitution had been amended in 1875 in many respects and the amendments had been ratified by the people at the August election in 1876. The negro population had so crowded the criminal dockets of our courts in the East that there was a demand for additional court facilities to relieve the Superior Courts of the criminal work, that the civil cases might be tried. The Legislature of 1876-77 appointed the Justices of the Peace for several counties, and empowered them to establish Inferior Criminal Courts for their respective counties, which courts were given a limited criminal jurisdiction. They were to be presided over, where established, by three suitable persons to be selected by the Justices of the Peace from the body of the county. This court was established in Hertford County in August, 1877. The officers at different times were as follows:

- 1877-79—Maj. J. W. Moore, chairman; G. V. Cowper and W. P. Shaw. Cowper resigned in August, 1878, and H. C. Maddry was elected to fill the vacancy.
- 1879-81—W. P. Shaw, chairman; H. C. Maddry and J. B. Slaughter. Slaughter resigned in August, 1880, and S. M. Aumack elected to fill the vacancy.
- 1881-83—W. P. Shaw, H. C. Maddry and J. B. Slaughter. Slaughter resigned in February, 1884, and George W. Beverly elected to fill the vacancy. They continued in office until August, 1887.
- 1887-89—David A. Barnes, H. C. Maddry and George W. Beverly.
- 1889-91—George W. Beverly, H. C. Maddry and S. M. Aumack.

SOLICITORS

- 1877 to August, 1883—B. B. Winborne.
- 1883 to October, 1884—R. W. Winborne.
- 1884 to August, 1889—D. B. Winborne.
- 1889 to February, 1891—R. W. Winborne.

THE CRIMINAL COURT

Here the Inferior Court ended, and there was a popular demand throughout the county for the abolition of this court and for the establishment of a Criminal Court, with full criminal jurisdiction, to be presided over by a judge with all the qualifications of a Superior



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Court judge. This was done by the Legislature of 1891. By the almost unanimous demand of the county the author was elected judge of the new Criminal Court. He accepted the office at a great sacrifice to himself. He remained judge of the Court until 1897, except for the short period from October, 1894, to March, 1905, when he resigned to serve in the Legislature of the State. After the adjournment of the Legislature of 1905 he was re-appointed judge of said Court by Governor Carr. He served as judge until the Court was abolished in 1897 by the Fusion Legislature. About 600 cases were tried before him, covering all grades of criminal offenses, statutory and common-law crimes. And only one appeal to the Supreme Court was taken from his rulings, and he was affirmed in that—State v. Harrison, 115-708.

SOLICITORS AT DIFFERENT TIMES

- Peter B. Pico, Esq.
- John E. Vann, Esq.
- George Cowper, Esq.

CLERKS

The Clerks of the Superior Court were ex-officio Clerks of the Inferior and the Criminal Courts.

COUNTY OFFICERS

It may be of interest to some to know the names of the officers of the county from its formation to the present time:

SHERIFFS

- 1760-62—
- 1762-66—Matthias Brickie.
- 1766-71—William Murtree.
- 1771-74—Nathan Harrell.
- 1774-77—John Harrell.
- 1777-82—Starkey Sharp I.
- 1782-84—James Boon.
- 1784-86—Josiah Sumner.
- 1786-88—Moses Sumner.
- 1788-90—Starkey Sharp I.
- 1790-94—William Wynns.
- 1794-98—Matthias Brickie, Jr.
- 1798-1800—James Cherry.
- 1800-12—Thomas Deanes.
- 1812-17—Isaac Carter.
- 1817-24—William B. Wynns.
- 1824-25—Jesse Deanes.
- 1825-36—Richard Greene Cowper.
- 1836-38—Edw. K. Jeggitts.
- 1838 to May, 1844—R. G. Cowper.
- 1844 to August, 1844—Preston Perry.
- 1844 to November, 1848—Abner J. Perry.
- 1848 to August, 1856—John P. Bridger.
- 1856-60—John A. Vann.
- 1861-67—Jackson B. Hare.
- 1867-76—Isaac Pipkin, D.
- 1876-78—Jackson B. Hare, R.
- 1878-80—John Sharp.
- 1880—A. C. Vann, Tax Collector.
- 1880-84—Joseph J. Jordan.
- 1884 to December, 1894—James S. Mitchell.
- 1894-1900—James S. Mitchell.
- 1900-03—William H. Tayloe.
- 1903-18—A. E. Garrett.
- 1918-33—Bismark Scull. (Died while in office.)
- 1933—C. W. Parker.

CHAIRMEN OF THE OLD COUNTY COURT PRIOR TO WAR OF 1776

- Robert Sumner.
- Henry Winborne.

AFTER THE WAR

- Col. Matthias Brickie.
- Thomas Winborne.
- Thomas N. Brickie.
- Timothy Riddley.
- Thomas P. Little.
- 1829—Elisha Winborne.
- 1830-51—John Vann.
- 1851-57—John A. Anderson.
- 1857-61—Dr. Godwin C. Moore.
- 1861 to June 18, 1861—John A. Anderson.
- June, 1861-66—William W. Mitchell.
- 1866-68—Watson L. Daniel.

CLERKS OF THE COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS

- 1760-64—Benjamin Wynns.
- 1764-72—Benjamin Wynns, Jr.
- 1772-78—George Wynns.
- 1778-80—Benjamin Wynns.
- 1780-90—Samuel Harrell.
- 1790-94—Nathan Harrell.
- 1794-97—William Wynns.
- 1797-1802—Nathan Harrell.
- 1802-03—Benjamin Wynns, Jr.
- 1803-22—Joseph F. Dickinson.
- 1822-23—George Gordon.
- 1823-58—Lewis M. Cowper.
- 1858 to August, 1861—Starkey S. Harrell.
- 1861 to May, 1868—Lewis M. Cowper.

CLERK AND MASTER IN EQUITY

- 1806-33—Howell Jones.
- 1833-35—Bridger J. Montgomery.
- 1835-63—William M. Montgomery.
- 1863-68—John A. Vann.

COUNTY ATTORNEYS DURING THE DAYS OF THE OLD COUNTY COURTS

- 1777-90—Henry Hill.
- 1790-1800—Robert Montgomery.
- 1800-05—Sharp Blount.
- 1805-12—William H. Murtree.
- 1812-20—Thomas Mancy.
- 1820-35—James S. Jones.
- 1935 to November, 1843—Roscus C. Borland.
- 1843 to May, 1849—W. N. H. Smith.
- 1849 to August, 1851—A. Poma Yancey.
- 1851 to August, 1855—W. D. Valentine.
- 1855-60—John J. Yeates.
- 1860-62—John H. Jernigan.
- 1862-65—Joseph B. Slaughter.
- 1865-66—William Sharp.
- 1866-68—J. B. Slaughter.
- 1848-51—William D. Valentine; resigned August, 1851.
- 1851-54—John A. Vann.
- 1854-58—Starkey S. Harrell, Jr.
- 1858-60—George W. Beverly.
- 1860 to October 5, 1870—Starkey S. Harrell.
- 1870 to January 2, 1872—Joseph W. Perry.

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Ahoskie's First Department Store

• It hardly seems like twenty-one years since 1918 when the Ahoskie Department Store began business at Ahoskie. But neither does Ahoskie look like the same town. Yet the same sort of fair dealing and quality merchandise at low cost which attracted the people from miles around to shop at Ahoskie's new store back in 1918 when this store was first established, is a business principle that has been unchanged during the intervening years. That is why the Ahoskie Department Store, first in the town, has continued to be first in shopping preference with a growing number of customers throughout the Roanoke-Chowan area throughout all of the changes that have been wrought during the last twenty-one years in which this store has been an outstanding institution in retail service.

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• As the Ahoskie Department Store was the first modern department store in the era of Ahoskie's growth from cross roads village to busy town of today, so has it maintained its leadership in all the elements of retail merchandising which the shopper of today demands. In quality, in value, in price, shoppers from all sections of the Roanoke-Chowan territory find their wants anticipated and their needs met when they come to this store. A modern department store, modern twenty-one years ago and modern today, it is as well prepared to supply the needs of the modern shopper as it was when first established. A part of Ahoskie and of the Roanoke-Chowan section, the Ahoskie Department Store has truly marched along in the parade of progress in step with the growth of the community that is this year celebrating its Golden Anniversary.

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- MEN'S PACE SETTER SUITS
- INTERWOVEN SOCKS
- FRUIT OF THE LOOM CORSETS
- NO MEND STOCKINGS
- McGREGOR SPORTSWEAR

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Roanoke ~ Chowan"

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