

1. Outlaw Delivers Address At The James Outlaw Unveiling

Thursday Outlaw, Register of Deeds for Duplin County, N. C., at the unveiling of the James Outlaw monument at Outlaw's Bridge on Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The program was in charge of Henry A. Grady who presented and introduced the speaker, James Outlaw of Elizabeth City, brother of the speaker.

Grady explained that the unveiling of the monument was a fitting tribute to the revolutionary days of the American Revolution. The flag was loaned to the group for this occasion. About 500 people attended the unveiling.

Mr. Outlaw's speech follows:

Address by A. T. Outlaw, Register of Deeds for Duplin County, Kenansville, N. C., at unveiling of monument to the memory of Captain James Outlaw, founder of our family in Duplin County. This is entirely fitting and proper, and in doing so, we shall look briefly into his genealogy, and give some facts concerning his life.

Outlaw is an old English name and dates back to about the time when surnames first came into use. It is found in a work called the Hundred Rolls of King Edward I, in the year 1273. It is variously pronounced - Outlaw, Outla, Outler, Outler - and that matters not; but the correct spelling O-u-t-l-a-w should not change. For the present it will be spoken distinctly. As to the exact origin of the name, no one knows; but there seems to be the foundation whatever for the idea that it originated from some terrible crime. Nor is there any famous McGregor clan. The Outlaw family name proceeds the McGregor troubles. There once appeared a news paragraph in a London newspaper saying the family is descended from King Edgar Atheling, son of Edward the Outlaw, London genealogists attach no importance to that statement and find no reason to assume that such is true.

Edward Outlaw III, received several grants for land in Duplin County (then New Hanover), between the years 1745 and 1750. The first grant was for land in the fork of North East and Goose where William Kornegay, a son in law, later lived. In the year 1753 he purchased from Constantine Whitfield, a brother in law, a tract of land on the North East, described by metes and bounds, where the said Whitfield then lived. It had been granted to Luke Whitfield, another brother in law, on June 26, 1746. These men were brothers of Patience, the wife of Edward Outlaw. Many of the descendants of Constantine Whitfield have been prominent and outstanding citizens. Portraits of two of them, General Stephen Miller and Dr. John Miller Faison, now hang on the wall in the Duplin Court room. Edward Outlaw and his wife, Patience, lived on the tract of land mentioned until his death in 1759. It was willed to his son Alexander, with a life estate reserved for Patience. It then passed from Alexander to his brother James and from James to his son William. Mrs. Chelly Outlaw Maxwell, granddaughter of Captain William Outlaw, is the present owner. Her life is an honor to her people and a benediction to this community. This tract of land is now known as the George Outlaw old place, and there, resting near the green award, are the ashes of the founders of the family in Duplin County.

Colonel Alexander Outlaw, first son of Edward and Patience (Whitfield) Outlaw, was born about 1738 probably in Bertie County, but spent at least forty years of his life in this community. He married Fedelophe Smith about 1768. She was a sister of Peter and James Smith who lived on Buck Marsh in this neighborhood. Unfortunately the public records do not tell us the names of their parents or where the family came from to this County. When the Revolutionary War came on, Alexander Outlaw was a Captain in the Duplin Militia and served under Colonel James Kenan in expeditions against the Tories. Later he was recruiting officer and Quartermaster of the Tenth Regiment. During the War he moved to Washington County, in the western part of Virginia, where he served as a militia officer and fought with Colonel Campbell's men in the battle of King's Mountain. He then moved to Greens County, Tennessee, then a part of North Carolina, where he was closely and prominently identified with public affairs for many years. He moved, during old age, to Cahaba, in the territory of Alabama, where he died in 1836. His four daughters married Judge Da-

vid Campbell, Judge Joseph Anderson, Colonel Joseph Hamilton and Paul McDermott. His only son, Major Alexander Smith Outlaw, married Jane Tucker Woodson. A complete outline of Colonel Outlaw's family and descendants appears in "Outlaw Genealogy" published in 1930.

Edward Outlaw IV, another son of Edward and Patience (Whitfield) Outlaw, lived in this community until about forty years of age. He was a soldier in the Revolution and served as Clerk in Alexander Outlaw's company in a campaign against the Tories in February, 1776, and as an Ensign for the Wilmington division. Later he was in militia service in South Carolina and there, according to an old family record, he married Annie Eunice. He died about 1820.

They were the parents of Morgan and Edward Outlaw V who moved to Georgia, prior to 1820. Edward Outlaw V married Kesiah Sharpe in South Carolina. She was a daughter of Wiley Sharpe, a noted duelist and Indian fighter and a soldier in the Revolution under General Marion. They were the parents of Edward Outlaw VI, Dr. Meshek N. B. Outlaw and nine others. Edward VI married Mattie Creech and they were the parents of Kesiah, James, William and Mary. Thus ended the line of six in succession of the name Edward. Doctor Outlaw married Mary E. Smith in Lee County. Later they moved to Tennessee and thence to Rector, Arkansas, where he died in 1895 and she died in 1916. They were the parents of Dr. Edward B. Outlaw who died in 1897, Dr. Morgan Outlaw, now City Health Officer at Rector, and several others.

Anne (Nancy) Outlaw, daughter of Edward and Patience (Whitfield) Outlaw, married Peter Smith of this community. He was a soldier in the Revolution and served as a Sergeant in Alexander Outlaw's company in a campaign against the Tories in February, 1776 and later in Carter's company of the Tenth Regiment. They moved to New Hanover County and later to the Pedee section in Marlboro district, South Carolina. They were the parents of eight children, including Colonel Alexander Smith who was a soldier in the Revolution when only sixteen years of age, and was a Major in the Creek Indian War of 1812-13. He was a very energetic and public spirited man and possessed considerable wealth. He married Mary DeWitt in Marlboro district and they moved to a large plantation on Big Pigeon River in Cooke County, Tennessee, where he died in 1824 at the age of fifty-eight. She died many years later, 1862, at the age of seventy-nine. Their only son, General Alexander Evans Smith, heired the large estate. He was a member of the Assembly, an Elector and a member of the Tennessee Constitutional Convention of 1834. He died in 1871.

Elizabeth (Betty) Outlaw, daughter of Edward and Patience (Whitfield) Outlaw, lived all of her life in this County. She married William Kornegay who was a son of George Kornegay of Craven County. The Kornegays were German Palatines and came to America with Baron de Graffenried in the settlement at New Bern in 1710. William and Elizabeth (Outlaw) Kornegay lived near Alum

spring and Kornegay's bridge. They were the parents of ten or more children including William, David, Isaac, George Fisher, Zilpha, Betty and Nancy. He died June 22, 1812 and she died April 30, 1821. Among scores of worthy descendants a few will be mentioned: Henry Robert Kornegay was Clerk of Superior Court of Law and a prominent Lawyer of Kenansville for many years. Peter Hargett Kornegay was Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners back in the nineties. Mosley Westbrock served the County faithfully and well, as Chairman of the Board of County Board of Education. William Gaston Kornegay, who died recently, was descended from both Elizabeth (Outlaw) Kornegay and Captain James Outlaw. He served this County as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for a period of eight years. Only two others, D. T. McMillan and George W. Ward, have served the County in that capacity for that long a time. Another descendant, Judge Wade Hamilton Kornegay, of Vanita, Oklahoma, was born near here. He was educated at old Grove Academy, Millard Seminary, Wake Forest College, University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University. He moved to Oklahoma in the nineties and has served that State as a member of the Constitutional Convention and as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Captain James Outlaw, whom we now honor, was a son of Edward and Patience (Whitfield) Outlaw. He lived all of his life in this section. He served in the Revolution as private, sergeant and lieutenant in regular service, and was a leader among the Whig forces. Often, it is said, certain Tories of this section sought to capture or kill him but he was always watchful and made his escape. Several Tory families lived within a few miles of him. Upon the removal from Duplin County of his brother Alexander, he assumed control of the County militia in this district and was a captain in that service for many years. During that time the County was divided into militia or military districts and for forty or more years this section was known as Captain Outlaw's district. The districts later became townships. In his day he was the largest land and slave owner in this part of the County and was recognized as one of the County's leading citizens. He was a Justice of the old County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for a period of twenty-six years, an unusual record, and served that Court for some time as Chairman and Presiding Justice. During that time, this Court had control over practically all County matters such as sentences for crime; proof and acknowledgment of deeds, wills and administrations, divisions of estates, orphan's accounts, conduct of officers, county property, care of the poor, etc. Again, as recognition of his ability, he was one of seven leading citizens of the County who were appointed by an Act of the Assembly to serve as Commissioners of the town of Sarecta, the County's first established town. The others were: Colonel Charles Ward, Captain George Miller, Samuel Houston, John Hill, John Matabett and David Murdock. Sarecta was the first settlement and the principal trading place at that time. Dr. Wil-

lam Houston, who lived there, died the land to the Commissioners for a town and lots were laid out and sold by them. However, other settlements grew rapidly and Sarecta has never amounted to more than a thickly settled community. Doctor Houston was a practicing physician and surgeon for more than forty years. He was the County's first representative in the Colonial Assembly. Chairman of the County Court, and was appointed by the Crown to be Stamp Distributer for North Carolina under the British Stamp Act of the seventeen-sixties. Hugh Maxwell, a great grandson of Doctor Houston, married Repsey Grady, a granddaughter of Captain Outlaw. Therefore the Maxwell branch of Captain Outlaw's descendants are also the descendants of Doctor Houston. Robert G. Maxwell, of this community is among the many worthy and honorable descendants of Doctor Houston, John Grady and James Outlaw. He has served his County as a member of the State Senate and for many years he has taken an active and leading part in every movement for the public good. James Outlaw died April 22, 1826, at the age of eighty-two. His wife was Elizabeth Grady, daughter of John and Mary (Whitfield) Grady. She died September 3, 1830, at the age of eighty. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: (1) Mary, married Jacob Williams and they had ten children. (2) Patience, married Timothy Grady and they had six children. (3) Edward, married Zilphia Kornegay and Elizabeth Grady, eight children. (4) Elizabeth, first wife of Henry Grady, twelve children (5) John married Charity Grady, ten children. (6) James, died young. (7) Alexander, married Sarah Grady, three children. (8) Charity, married Alexander Grady, eleven children. (9) William, married Charity, four children. (10) Nancy, first wife of William Whitfield, seven children.

The descendants of James and Elizabeth (Grady) Outlaw are all about us, and some of them may be found in every southern State. A large majority of them are plain, honest, hard working people. We shall mention, briefly and modestly only a few of the most outstanding among them.

Edward Outlaw, a son, was for some years a Justice of the old County Court.

William Outlaw, a son, succeeded his father as captain in the County militia service and served the County as a Superintendent of Common Schools from 1856 to 1864. He was instrumental in establishing Washington Female Academy in this neighborhood, 1848, and deeded an acre of land for it. It was indeed an Outlaw institution. The trustees were Bryan K. Joseph W. James, George and Grady Outlaw.

William Outlaw, Jr., a grandson, was a Justice of the County Court at the beginning of the Civil War. He gave his life to the Confederacy.

Grady Outlaw, a grandson, was a Justice of the County Court at the beginning of and during the Civil War. At the close of the War he was appointed by Governor Holden to be a member of the County Court and served it at times as the Presiding Justice.

Lewis Outlaw, a grandson, was a

soldier in the Mexican War. He was the first man in Duplin County to volunteer for that service. During the Civil War he was a Captain of Junior Reserves or Home Guards, or both, and at the close of the War served as Captain in an organization called Local Police. His parents, with several of the family, moved to Kentucky in the eighteen-forties. Of those, William Henry Outlaw was the grandfather of Judge Nigle C. Outlaw of Garza County, Texas. Now only thirty eight years of age, he has served as County Attorney, Concession Commissioner, Presidential Elector and a substitute District Superior Court Judge.

James Whitfield, a grandson, volunteered for service in the Mexican War and died in that service. Ex-Sheriff Bland Wallace of Kenansville, who died in 1928 at the age of ninety-two, is my authority for the statement that Lewis Outlaw and James Whitfield were the only volunteers from this County. He was a witness, when a boy of about twelve years, on "general muster" day in Kenansville when volunteers were called for.

Jackson Kent Outlaw, a great grandson, was a member of the State House of Representatives from this County in 1872-3 when a young man of only twenty-five years. His nephew of the same name is now a prominent physician of Albemarle.

Benjamin Franklin Grady, Sr., a grandson, was Clerk of the County Court and Chairman of said Court for several years. During his service as Clerk he was employed to transcribe several volumes of the County Registry that were in bad condition. His work is a model of excellence and has received hundreds of compliments.

Alexander Outlaw Grady, a grandson, was a member of the State House of Representatives and a political leader for many years. His son, Benjamin Franklin Grady, Jr., was an educator, statesman and philosopher. He has often been described as one among the most learned men this State has produced. The brilliance of his intellect, and profound knowledge, may be seen perpetuated in his distinguished son, Judge Henry A. Grady, who is, indeed an honor to the family and to the State of North Carolina.

Paul Davis Grady, a great-great grandson, is now President pro-tempore of the State Senate and at the same time Robert Grady Johnson, another great-great grandson, is speaker of the State House of Representatives. Eugene J. Johnson, another great-great grandson, is now Solicitor of Duplin General County Court. There are hundreds of worthy descendants of James and Elizabeth (Grady) Outlaw among the Outlaws, Grady's, Whitfields, Kornegays, Maxwells, Simmon's and others. They are too numerous to mention.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, it is an honor and pleasure to me to introduce to you little Elizabeth Jordan Outlaw. She is a daughter of Daniel H. and Lydia Elizabeth (Jordan) Outlaw and a lineal descendant of James and Elizabeth (Grady) Outlaw. She will now unveil the monument.

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James Outlaw, his wife and children. Of all that you have already heard. On the first Sunday in April a similar monument was to have been unveiled to John Grady at E. F. Grady at Grady High School, but on account of inclement weather, the actual unveiling was not held, and the monument was appropriately dedicated. His daughter, Elizabeth, married James Outlaw and the two families have intermarried for generations. They are practically one and the same. This occasion marks the accomplishment of our purpose, and the end of a long struggle, to erect monuments to the memory of John Grady and James Outlaw who were pioneers in this part of Duplin County. And now, in behalf of the Grady-Outlaw Literary and Historical Association, we respectfully deliver this handsome monument, or boulder, into the care of the trustees of this School. Here it is to remain as a memorial to our forefathers, and as an inspiration to present and future generations.

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