

# Our Yesterdays

History — Biography — Genealogy  
(By A. T. OUTLAW)

**KENAN:**  
General JAMES KENAN, son of Elizabeth (Johnston) and Thomas Kenan, was born in Duplin County, September 23, 1740. In early life he became prominent in public affairs. When only twenty-two years of age he was elected Sheriff and served from 1762 to 1766 and again in 1785 and 1786. He took a prominent and leading part in civil and military affairs and is generally regarded as the County's most outstanding military leader in his day. He led a company of volunteers to Wilmington in 1785 to oppose enforcement of the British Stamp Act even though a very outstanding citizen of Duplin County (Dr. William Houston) had been appointed by the Crown to be Stamp Master for North Carolina. He was a member of the Colonial Assembly and of the Provincial Congress at various times from 1773 to 1778 and served as a member of the Wilmington Safety Committee and as Chairman of the Duplin Committee. He participated actively in the Revolution as Colonel of the Duplin militia and did conspicuous service in the vicinity of Fayetteville, Fee Dee (S. C.), Wilmington, Rockfish, and elsewhere. He has often been described as a brave and energetic leader. Details of his operations are in the public records. About the close of the War he was chosen Brigadier-General of State militia, Wilmington District, and was highly honored by the people of his County. At various times he was a member of the State House of Commons and of the State Senate and was a member of the State Constitutional Conventions of 1789 and 1789. He was also a Councillor of State and a Trustee of the State University. General Kenan was also one of the original trustees of old Grove Academy, first established educational institution in Duplin County, and was also the first Master of St. John's Lodge No. 13, it being the original Masonic lodge in Duplin County.  
General Kenan's wife was Sarah Love, daughter of Daniel Love, and their descendants have been conspicuous in the councils of County, State and Nation. Five members of the family have served Duplin County as Sheriff. The County seat was named for the family. General Kenan died May 23, 1810, and his wife died March 22, 1819. Interment on the plantation near Turkey.  
More of this family will appear in later issues.

## NEWS

**NOTICE**  
On Friday of last week an unusually large egg was gathered with others at the farm of Mr. B. F. Powell near here. Later when the egg was broken for use, it was found to contain three perfectly formed yolks. It seems as if the hen is trying to revive the N. K. A. motto.  
Miss Naomi Carr spent last week and with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carr.  
Miss Eugenia Farlow of Enfield, spent last week end with her mother, Mrs. E. G. Farlow.  
Mrs. Charles Hearns, Walden, Madeline, Edna, Eloise, Neta, Miller, Grage, Ruth and Merian Hearns, Mary Mallard and Katherine Bland spent last week end in Greensboro visiting Mrs. J. C. McMillan and others.  
The P. Y. P. L. of Teachey met last Sunday, Rev. Lucian Wells gave a very interesting talk on the Call of the Crow.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Dunn and Mrs. S. R. Turner were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wells on Saturday evening.  
Friends of Mrs. E. D. Usher is glad to know she is better.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Holland, two children and Nell Farlow spent Sunday in Parksburg with Mr. Holland's father and mother.  
Friends of Mrs. Donnie Ward is glad to know she is home and improving after being in James Walker hospital in Wilmington.

### A Lonely Mother

Some where a voice was pleading  
In a humble cottage home.  
A lonely mother old and grey,  
Just asking God to send her way.  
That precious boy she loved so well,  
Has long since strayed from home.  
He once was gentle, good and kind  
But long ago did cease to mind.  
He kept bad company all the time,  
And never seemed to care.  
The outcome of his wicked ways,  
Was sent to jail for ninety days.  
One day a comrade said to him,  
Less drink and gamble some,  
The best and only way to know,  
To make a fellow loose his dough.

### When You Need a Laxative

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### Special Easter Program Sunday

There will be a special Easter program at Groves Church in Kenansville next Sunday at 11:15. The special musical program will be directed by Mrs. W. D. Reynolds, and music will be by the community choir. You are invited to attend this service.

### DREAMS

Keep your dreams as long as you can.  
A dream is an immortal thing;  
Time cannot kill it, or age wither it.  
You may tire of reality but never of dreams.  
The dreamer's joy is worth the dreamer's pain.  
ROSE MAREADITH

### Kenansville Grades Give Program

The Kenansville school, elementary grades presented an entertaining program in the school auditorium, March 12th. A packed house saw the following:  
Tom Thumb Wedding—Grade 1  
Playlet, Quack, Quack — Grade 6.  
Toy Orchestra — Grade 2.  
Concert — Grades 3 and 4.  
Highland Fling—Grade 8, (Repeated from last year by special request).  
The Rheumatix — Grades 4 and 5.  
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He said dear boy why are you here  
Have you no one whom you hold dear  
Yes, I had home and loved ones too  
But they dont need me I am sure.  
My mother begged me not to drink,  
But take the time to stop and think  
I can not face her now I'm sure,  
For she does live a life so pure.  
She often burned the light all night,  
Her face still beaming with delight.  
To think that some day he might come,  
And tell her he was through with rum.  
So time passed on, he did not come,  
One day the Postman blew,  
Out went the mother old and grey  
To learn her boy had passed a way.  
To-day he fills a drunkards grave,  
Alas he could have been,  
A child redeemed of God above,  
For-ever resting in his love.  
No hope, No home beyond the grave,  
Apart from those who cared,  
He listened to the voice of sin,  
And Jesus could not let him in.  
Take warning men, both young and old,  
For rum will surely damn your soul,  
So look not on the wine thats red  
Lest you are numbered with the dead.  
By-MRS CICERO F BLANCHARD

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