Our Yesterdays

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

KENAN: (2nd installment)

Colonel **FELIX KENAN**, of County Antrim, Ireland, was among the early settlers in Duplin County. Others of this family, William and Thomas, came at the same time and it is said that they were encouraged to come to America by Colonel John Sampson who also came about that time. After a few years in the Grove settlement (now Kenansville) all of the family located on Turkey branch, near the present Duplin-Sampson County line. Colonel Kenan quickly became a man of affairs and served in the Colonial militia as a private and as an officer. Also he was a vestryman of St. Gabriel parish, member of the County Court, and attorney for Henry McCulloch who owned large tracts of land in this section. He represented Duplin County in the Colonial Assembly during the years 1762, 1764, 1768 and 1769, and served the County as Sheriff in 1760-1761 and again from 1769 to 1776. In the beginning of the Revolutionary war he was charged with aiding the British cause and was suspended from the office of Sheriff by a resolution of the Provincial Congress at Halifax in May 1776. The resolution is in very strong language and likely leaves an impression that Colonel Kenan was a very staunch and zealous supporter of the British cause. However, later historical evidence shows that he served as a go-between at the battle of Moore's Creek and that he was an irresolute man, neutral, neither Whig nor Tory. Possibly his failure to take a definite stand on the question of American liberty has been unjustly criticized.

Colonel Kenan's wife was Catherine, widow of Daniel Love, and a daughter of George Norris of Nahunta. They were married about the year 1754. Her children by Daniel Love were: (1) Captain James Love who was a strong supporter of the American cause during the Revolution and commanded a company of Duplin soldiers in the battle of Moore's Creek. (2) Sarah Love who became the wife of General James Kenan, a gallant American patriot. Her children by Colonel Felix Kenan were as follows: (1) Captain William Kenan, an officer in the cavalry, Duplin militia. He died young and without issue. (2) Nancy Kenan, married Harroll Blackmore of the Welch settlement in what is now Pender County and they were the parents of Edward and Mary Blackmore. (3) Jane Kenan, married Captain John Hill of Duplin County and they were the parents of: Colonel James Kenan Hill, militia officer, sheriff and legislator; William Kenan Hill, Felix Kenan Hill, John Hill, Jr., Catherine Hill, and possibly others. (4) Rose Kenan (male) "now in England for his education," 1781. No further record.

The exact time and place of Colonel Kenan's death can not be given but it has been said that he died in Georgia. It is known that he died about the year 1784, just after the close of the War. His widow died at the home of General James Kenan on Jan. 9, 1818, in the 86th year of her age.

Outlaw's Bridge

Church services next Sunday Morning at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at ten.. A cordial invitation to all to attend these services.

Misse Mildred Shepard and Lillian Parks of B. F. Grady section were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Smith Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Ruth Hinson and brother from Monroe spent Saturday as guests of Miss Annie Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pearman and baby of Summerfield are spending a few days with Mrs. Pearman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Outlaw.

Messrs George Stith of Newport News Va., and R. P. Flowers of Philadelphia were visitors in the home of the J. H. Parkers Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Mason of New Bern is spending some time with her uncle, Mr. Horace Piner.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Spence of Goldsboro were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Outlaw Saturday night.

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Mrs. Rosalee Shannon and children of Washington D. C., and Mrs. Fletcher Mann of Pittsboro have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grady of Albertson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mr Faison Smith.

Mrs. F. B. Hammond of Fayetteville is here for a visit with relatives.

Quite a number from this section attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Simmons in Kinston Monday afternoon.

The Community Club enjoyed having Dr. Zeno Spence of Goldsboro as guest speaker Saturday night.

PINK HILL

Dr. A. H. Edwards and daughters and Willard Smith spent the week end at the Edwards summer camp near Vandermere.

Master Pigford Whaley of Kinston spent the past week here with relatives.

Members of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church spent an afternoon recently picnicing at the" Watering Pond".

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith and children saw "A Star is Born" at a Kinston Theatre Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lane announce the birth of a son, Braxter at Memorial General Hospital Kinston, Sunday night, July 18,. Mrs Lane was formerly Miss Mary Edna Smith of Pink Hill, RFD.

Mrs. G. M. Turner and Mrs. Bob Fuller spent Sunday with relatives at Marshallbury.

Mrs. Horace Tyndall was a charming hostess at her home when she entertained at Bridge Saturday evening. It was her birthday anniversary. Prizes for high score and second high scores went to Miss Celia Maxwell and Mrs. Ike Stroud respectively. After play a salad course was served.

Rev and Mrs. W. H. Eubanks have gone to Richmond Va. where Mrs. Eubanks will enter a hospital for treatment.

Players and others going to Atlantic Sunday to see the Atlantic Pink Hill Base Ball game included Jack Parker, Rudolph Davis, Reet Jones Clarence Jones, Elavous Williamson, Sammie Howard, Ike Stroud, Floyd Heath, George Turner, R. B. Jones, Earl Howard, Mesdames G. M. Turner and Bob Fuller.

Watches Once Small Clocks
Watches originally were small clocks and were worn hung from the girdle because they were too large for the pocket.

Mrs. [illegible] Judge from near Falls, returned from Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh after having undergone an operation on Monday July 12. She is now regaining her strength at home.

Boy Bitten By Copperhead

Charles Daniels of Hallsville was the victim of a Copperhead Snake bite last Thursday. He was in the field cropping tobacco when the snake struck him on the wrist. The arm was corded and he was rushed to the doctor where he was given the serum. His arm is still uncomfortable but he is recovering nicely.

Rev. Carr Passes Away

Teacheys-- The Rev. Calvin J. Carr, for many years a clergyman in the Free Will Baptist Church, died in a Wilmington Hospital Monday morning of Colitis after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Carr would have been 71 years of age next month.

Surviving are the following children: Solicitor Lee Carr of Burlington, Mrs. Furman Floyd of Fairmont, Miss Maude Carr of Wilmington, Carlysle Carr of Raleigh, Professor Paul Carr of Stokes, DeWitt J. Carr of Dunn, C. J. Carr Jr., of Maxton, Miss Ruth Carr of Vanceboro, Miss Naomi Carr of Lillington. Two brothers, Dr. R. L. Carr of Rose Hill and Jefferson Carr of Teacheys, one sister, Mrs. R. S. Williams of Wallace, also survive.

Bolt of Lightning Injures Man

Eckner Summerlin of Beautancus was painfully injured last Wednesday afternoon when a bolt of lightning struck a glass jar and threw the broken pieces against his face. Mr. Summerlin had stepped to the proch to get a drink of water when the lightning struck a tree in the yard near the porch, and jumped to the porch. It hit a glass jar sitting on a shelf near where Mr. Summerlin was standing, and tore the jar to pieces with some of the pieces striking Mr Summerlin on the side of the face. He was rushed to Mount Olive where he recieved medical attention and is getting along well at this writing There is no indication that the bolt itself hit the body of the man.

ROSE HILL

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Jerome and daughter, Alma Douglass, of Washington, D. C., visited relatives here Sunday

Mrs. Horace Fussell and children recently spent several days in Smithfield with Mrs. John Bandy.

Miss Eunice Teachey of Wilmington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Teachey during the week end.

Misses Gayle Wells and Martha Grey Murray spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Murray of Kenansville.

Theodore Booth of Richmond, Va., recently visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Booth.

Ben Kramer is spending a few days this week in New York City.

Miss Fatime Henry has returned from a visit with relatives near Kenansville and Delway.

Misses Annie Louise and Sue Herring spent the week end in Smithfield and Wake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fussell of Claxton Ga., spent some time with Mr. Fussell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fussell this week.

Mrs. Cora Harper of Southport was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs J. M. Jerome.

O D. Fussell has returned home after spending several months in New York City

E. L. Lanier, T. R. Rouse and Teachey Jr., spent Thursday afternoon at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. Harvey Davis of Winston Salem is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hatch Lanier.

Mrs W. B. Herring spent the week end in Smithfield with her daughter, Mrs. John Bandy.

Mr. Jesse Fussell has returned from James Walker Hospital where he has been for some time following an accident in which he recieved a broken hip.

A. R. Bland Jr., and Albert Hinnes spent last week at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. W. S. Wells and children are visiting Mrs. Wells' sister, Mrs. Dale Walker, in New York.

First Plows of Tree Branches
The first farm plows were made of crooked tree branches and worked by man power.

Tobacco Ripening Fast

From all parts of the county we are recieving reports that the tobacco crop is ripening faster than can be cured by the use of the one barn and the regular once a week harvest. Many farmers who have an extra barn that they had not planned to use, have found it necessary to repair old barns in order to save the crop. That accounts for so many hauling tobacco flues at this late date. Some farmers report fast growth with light quality while others report a normal crop. Duplin seems to have the best general crop of tobacco in this section of the state for this season.

New Tobacco Champion

The article last week describing tobacco leaves on C. H. Smith's farm, started other farmers to noticing their tobacco and Norwood Miller reports leaves which measure 31 inches wide and 39 1-2 inches long. All right farmers, let's see who can beat Norwood's plants. Send in your measurements to the TIMES.

Orphanage Boy at Millertown

Elwood Carter who is now making his home at the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs left

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Minister at Montreat

Rev J. L. Knight, pastor of the Calypso and Kenansville Presbyterian churches, left Monday for Montreat where he will attend the Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina. Mrs. Knight and children will be present at the opening service at Black Hill. The public is invited.

•THIS WEEK—150 YEARS AGO•

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

"In free governments the rulers are the servants and the people their superiors and sovereigns."

With these words Benjamin Franklin struck a keynote of the new american government not a century and a half ago this week during a brief address to members of the Federal Convention that drafted our Constitution at Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

The wise and venerable [illegible] Richard made his statement during a discussion on the proposed National Executive. Into the debate had entered various suggestions on the Executive form of office including one that it continue for life and another that the President be ineligible for re-election. Franklin disapproved such proposals.

In characteristic vein the ever-original dean of the Convention observed that some delegates seemed to imagine "that the returning to the mass of the people was degrading the Magistrate." But he pointed out, since the people were the masters and the Chief Magistrates their servants, such action to their ranks "was not to degrade them but to promote them."

"And [illegible] Franklin, "it would be [illegible] an unreasonable burden on [illegible] Chief Magistrates) to keep them always in a state of servitude and not allow them to become again one of the masters."

After further discussion the Convention adopted a resolution providing "that a National Executive be instituted to consist of a person to be chosen by the Legislature for the term of seven years."

It provided further that he should be ineligible for a second term, should have power to execute the national laws and should receive a fixed compensation out of the national treasury.

As with various other resolutions approved during the early weeks of the Convention certain of these provisions were later changed.

Many of the significant changes in resolutions were made by a committee of prominent delegates appointed as a "Committee of Detail" to prepare a draft for the Constitution.

Then with the [illegible] labors ended, members of the Convention on July 26 adjourned until August 6 to allow the committee time to prepare its report.

They had put their work into capable hands. As Chairman of the Committee George Washington appointed John Rutledge of South Carolina, noted lawyer and later a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Other members were Edmund Randolph of Virginia, who became our first Attorney General; Nathaniel Gorham of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut, later Chief Justice of the United States, and James Wilson of Pennsylvania, who also was to become a member of that high tribunal.

While the Committee laboured other delegates enjoyed the first long recess of the Convention. How the majority spent it history does not record. But of the activities of the Presiding Officer, George Washington, we know.

During that week he took the opportunity to visit again a section where, with thousands of other patriots he had made history—the Valley Forge encampment of 1777-78.

In his own journal recording his visit with Governor Morris he gives a notation under the date of July 31, 1787, telling how the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army had ridden over the encampment and visited the huts, the entrenchments, and the redoubts, a part of the historic field he returned to Philadelphia and the Convention to make permanent the freedom for which the sacrifices of the army and that encampment had so much to win.

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Undivided Profits	437,148.93
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