

MORE ABOUT THE FAMOUS CARSON-DR. VANCE DUEL

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I have been greatly surprised by the number of requests I have received for more information on the Carson-Vance duel, the subject of the second historical article in the Democrat. Some have been from teachers, saying they had searched the histories in vain for some account of it.

Prior to the Revolution, the Vances settled in the upper Catawba valley, along with the McDowells, Bowmans, Ervins, Carsons, Greenlees and others.

A brother of Dr. Robert Vance was the father of the war governor, Zeb B. Vance. Soon after the Revolution Dr. Vance's father crossed the Blue Ridge and settled on Reems Creek in what is now Buncombe county.

As the result of a childhood injury, one leg did not develop normally, and was some three inches shorter than the other; therefore, Robert was educated a physician.

After practicing his profession a few years he threw it aside for the more exciting field of politics, and was elected to congress for several terms. He became vainly proud of his seat, so much so, that he told his friends it meant more to him than life itself.

Prior to the Revolution, Col. John Carson settled near Pleasant Gardens in the present county of McDowell. His first wife was the daughter of "Hunting John" McDowell, the founder of the Pleasant Gardens estate.

Joseph McDowell, brother of Carson's wife, had married the daughter of Col. George Moffitt. Col. Moffitt's wife was Sarah McDowell, who was killed by the Indians in the Valley of Virginia.

On the death of Joseph McDowell, Col. John Carson married his widow, Col. Carson's wife having died several years before.

Samuel P. Carson was the grandson of Col. John Carson and Mary Moffitt McDowell Carson. In the 1827 congressional campaign, Dr. Vance foresaw his defeat by Carson that year, but thinking from Carson's polished, genteel, jolly-good-fellow manner, that he was a coward and would not accept a challenge, and that by refusing to accept his challenge, he would destroy himself politically ever after.

The most fatal mistake the doctor ever made was when he doubted the courage of a Carson. Regardless of the pleadings of his friends, he issued the challenge, with the result as described in the previous article.

Dr. Vance died while being removed to the home of his father on Reems Creek, and is buried in the Vance cemetery there with only a crude marker over his grave.

Two more terms the voters sent Carson to the house, but he could not live down the stigma of having been a duelist, so he migrated to Texas in 1835 and a year later served as a member of the assembly that formed the constitution of Texas, and under Sam Houston became the first secretary of state for Texas, and led the fight to bring the Lone Star State into the federal fold.

The anti-dueling law was passed in 1803, the result of the Spaight-Stanley duel in 1802. Spaight was in the U. S. senate and through a political fight such ill feeling was engendered that Stanley challenged Spaight.

The duel was fought on the outskirts of New Bern September 5, 1802, and Spaight, fatally wounded, died next day.

This was the last "legal" duel to take place within the borders of North Carolina. The legislature was so shocked by the death of such a prominent man in such a manner, that it passed the act making "ineligible to any act of

trust, honor or profit, any one sending, bearing or accepting a challenge, and in case of a duel and either is killed, the survivor and all aiding or abetting shall suffer death."

The above reminds: when in New Bern, don't forget to visit the John Wright Stanley house. It is owned by the Library Association, houses a library and museum. It was built by the father of the duelist, who was an outstanding patriot. He lost 14 privateers (vessels fitted out to capture British commerce) during the Revolution. President Washington was entertained there, when on his trip through the south in 1791. General Nathaniel Greene obtained a loan from Stanley that assisted valuably in his campaign.

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EVERYBODY LUCKY

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DRUMS CAUSE CHILD'S DEATH

Philadelphia—Nancy Lee Pollock, 2, whose mother said the child was deathly afraid of "anything that sounded like thunder," collapsed and died in her crib as a drum and bugle corps practiced near her home. The child awoke screaming and then fell limp in her bed. Rushed to a doctor's office, she was declared dead on arrival.

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1. Jehoiachin, Jeremiah 52:34.
2. No Numbers 11:9; 4:6.
3. Israel, Genesis 43:11.
4. Abigail, 1 Samuel 25:18.
5. Two Numbers 11:5; Isaiah 1:8.
6. Amos 4:6.
7. Yes, Genesis 2:17; 3:4, 6.
8. The Israelites—Numbers 11:32-33.
9. Hosea 3:1.
10. Abraham, Genesis 18:6-8.
11. The Israelites, Hosea 3:1.
12. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, Daniel 11:11-16.



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