

Founders of Greensboro

Jessie Harper Lindsay

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The United States of America will never fully realize and can never repay its obligation to Scotland. The descendants of the Scotch have played a great part in the conquest and settlement of every state west of the union. They put iron in the blood of America. They helped greatly to make this a God-fearing nation. In no state and in no county is this better illustrated than in North Carolina and Guilford county. They came by way of the north of Ireland, and thus became known as the Scotch-Irish. Among these people were the Lindseys, who went first to Pennsylvania and Maryland, and then came to North Carolina. Most of them settled in Mecklenburg, but Robert Lindsay, the grandfather of Jesse Harper Lindsay, settled in Guilford on the water of Deep river west of the present city of Greensboro. The county was at that time called Guilford Courthouse, though the name was after the Revolution, changed to Martinsville in honor of Governor Alexander Martin. A courthouse, a jail, a large cooper-smith shop, and a few other struggling buildings made up the village. Robert Lindsay represented North Carolina in the first house of commons and was a man of distinction. He had a family of six boys and two girls. His son, Robert, was also a man of prominence and acquired considerable wealth, although he died at the age of forty-two. He married Miss Letitia Harper, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Jeduthun Harper. This Robert moved to Greensboro shortly after it was founded in 1808. He had five children, three sons and two daughters. His sons were: Jeduthun Harper, Jesse Harper, Robert Goodloe, Anne Eliza, the wife of Governor Morehead, and Mary, the wife of James T. Morehead.



JESSE H. LINDSAY. From an Old Photograph.

ated at the University of North Carolina, where he was graduated with the class of 1837. He delivered one of the orations at commencement. Well equipped for life's work, he returned to the village of Greensboro at the age of nineteen, which village was also nineteen years old. The town had about three hundred inhabitants, there being one hundred and twenty-four taxable polls. The town gave little promise of the splendor into which it has developed. There were five stores and three saloons—one for every forty-five citizens of poll-tax age. Surely Mr. Volstead was little dreamed of in those good old days. The real estate of the town was valued at \$53,498.00 and the total income of the town, including license taxes, was \$140.00. Young Lindsay at first engaged in the mercantile business with his brother Jeduthun, but retired from this after a few years trial.

When twenty-four years of age he was elected a member of the board of commissioners of Greensboro with Henry Humphries, David Root, George Albright and James T. Morehead. In 1840, together with James Sloan and Dr. John A. Mabane, he was authorized to set out trees on Elm and Market streets, and this committee paid \$34.00 to a colored man named Gill for getting them out. These trees grew into the splendid elms which were for years the joy and pride of the town. Although these trees were cut down recently when the town took on city airs, yet seldom has so small an expenditure resulted in so much beauty and comfort. Should not we learn a lesson from this, and pay more attention to the beauty and adornment of our city? Some day we will buy lands for parks and squares at enormous

price which would now be secured at small cost. In 1835, 1836 and 1838 he represented Guilford county in the house of representatives and in the senate in 1844. Before the war Greensboro had three banks, all of which were prosperous, and Jesse H. Lindsay became cashier of one of these, the Bank of Cape Fear. All of these banks collapsed at the surrender except the one of which Lindsay was cashier. After the war the Bank of Cape Fear was succeeded by the Bank of Greensboro, and afterwards the name changed to the National Bank of Greensboro, and then to the Greensboro National bank, which is now the Greensboro National branch of the American Exchange National bank. For practically a life time Mr. Lindsay in the bank for seven years, and in referring to Mr. Lindsay writes: "To me he looms up bigger and bigger as I grow older and more firmly realize what a magnificent character he was. The thing about him which first made the greatest impression was the fact that from all over the state our best men and women seemed to have such implicit confidence in him. Politicians, statesmen, theologians, all seemed to want to know his opinions and he guided by them. Business men from Wilmington, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charlotte, etc., were daily calling to see him or writing for advice, and as my desk was next to his I saw and heard many things which I shall always remember and many which I think helped shape my life for good."

Zeb Vance was a great friend and admirer of Mr. Lindsay. On one occasion he called at the bank and said, "Jesse, I am to stump the night with Tom Settle. Now, Tommy is not only a big fine looking fellow but he wears good clothes. Look at this shabby suit, it is the best I have got, and I haven't got money to buy even a pair of pants." Mr. Lindsay loaned him the money with which to buy two suits.

On another occasion Vance came into the bank and said, "Jesse, the boys are beginning to ask me my views on certain financial questions. I want half an hour's talk with you so that I can find out what they are."

Mr. Wharton also says, "He was just as courteous and kindly with the lowliest as with the powerful and rich. Alston was an old club-footed African Methodist preacher out in Warnersville. He frequently called on Mr. Lindsay for financial assistance and advice, and was always treated with the same courtesy as Vance. Mr. Lindsay recognized the fine work done by Alston and regarded him as one of the really big men of his race."

Those who were closely associated with him say that they never heard him say an unkind or harsh word. He was a dignified, courteous, Christian gentleman. He was a devoted Christian and was throughout his life one of the chief supports of the First Presbyterian church. He gave the church its present site, and was always one of its staunchest supporters. He was elected a ruling elder in 1849. He was largely instrumental in the calling to the church in 1859 of Dr. Jacob Henry Smith, who continued as its pastor for thirty-two years. Only God can estimate the blessing to Greensboro and the state that grew out of this pastorate. Mr. Lindsay was always his loyal friend and counsellor.

Mr. Lindsay was for many years the treasurer of Orange presbytery and later, also treasurer of the synod of North Carolina, and finally the treasurer of the general assembly of the church. He married his cousin Amelia Gossell Ellison and had four children, only two of whom lived to maturity. Annette married Clement Gillespie Wright, a distinguished lawyer and a brave officer in the Confederate army. Of this union there were two sons, Jesse Lindsay Wright, who died unmarried, and Clement G. Wright, who has just been elected to a fourth term in the house of representatives of North Carolina. There was, also, one daughter, Annette Lindsay Wright, who died in early childhood. The other daughter, Belle, married John A. Gilmer, an able jurist and a colonel in the Confederate army, who was, also, for many years an elder in the First Presbyterian church. There was born to this union two sons and one daughter. Julia, the wife of Samuel W. Dick, who had two daughters, Sadie Lindsay the wife of Cummins A. Mabane, and Mary Eliza, deceased wife of James T. Morehead; Colonel Ellison L. Gilmer of the United States army, and John A. Gilmer in the

service of the United States with headquarters at Washington. Mr. Lindsay died in December 1888, at the age of seventy-eight, well beloved and full of honors.

VETERAN POLICEMAN 27 YEARS IN SERVICE

Fellow Officers Show Honors Upon Policeman J. R. Jeffreys At His Home

J. R. Jeffreys, veteran police officer, and in police circles affectionately called "Buddy Policeman" was surrounded, stormed and almost overpowered last night in his home at 715 West Lee street, by dozens of his fellow officers and their wives who came to surprise him with numerous gifts and to make merry in celebration of his completion of 27 years of "faithful service" on the Greensboro police force.

When the policemen and their wives began arriving at the Jeffreys home the veteran officers was completely surprised at the unusual number of guests and at the mysterious packages they were carrying. Into the dining room they went where the gifts were spread upon a table. Chief of Police George P. Crutchfield was master of ceremonies. In a few fitting words he told Patrolman Jeffreys that the crowd was there to felicitate him upon his many long years of faithful service, and to present to him a few tokens of esteem. His responsiveness as an officer coming to his rescue Policeman Jeffreys gallantly rallied to the occasion, and in well chosen words thanked his friends for the honors they had showered upon him.

While Policeman Jeffreys was ushering his guests into his home, two reporters for the Daily News were rushing to 715 West Lee street in a high-powered automobile. A brief telephone "tip" which had come to the city room gave a street number where it was said a "big story" was breaking. Shivering on the back seat of the car as it hurried through the night the news writers discussed the "story" of fire, murder, sudden death or intrigue, which they believed was at the end of the ride waiting to be moulded into type. They arrived at the Jeffreys home, and when ushered into the dining room found a most enjoyable social function in progress.

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Famous Mysteries

"Mrs. Eliza Gilbert"

In Greenwood cemetery in Brooklyn there is a plain headstone, battered by the elements to such an extent that the inscription is barely decipherable, and even when read, the three lines give little clue to the real identity of her whose mortal remains are interred beneath the simple stone. There is no epitaph and the carved letters merely form the words:

Mrs. Eliza Gilbert
Died June 14, 1861
Age 42

But behind this inscription there lies the romance of a personality which stirred more than one throne during the past century. The story of a beautiful woman who was the toast of two continents and the cause of innumerable duels—she who is better known by her stage name of "Lola Montez."

History is none too clear as to the origin of this woman who swayed Europe by the sheer power of her charm, but the name of Lord Byron is generally connected with her parentage and the first that is known of the child is when she blossomed forth as a juvenile dancer in India, whence her mother had gone with her step-father, a Canadian, Craigie, of the British Army. Here for the first and almost for the last time, the girl used her own name of Marie Dolores Eliza Rosanna, generally shortened to "Betty," and it was here also that she learned many of the stonous alluring steps which she was to bring to England under the assumed title of "Lola Montez, the Castilian dancer."

Lola's long-heralded appearance at His Majesty's theater in London, however, was utterly wrecked by the fact that she was recognized as the girl who had enticed many an army gathering in India with her dancing, and with the spotlight of publicity thrown upon claims to noble Spanish lineage, she fled to the continent, dancing with indifferent success in Germany, Brussels and Warsaw, and finally drifting to Paris, where she posed as an exiled Polish patriot and won success by the fire of her anger toward a hissing audience rather than because of the superiority of her dancing. Almost instantly she became the pet of the French capital, the talk of the boulevards, the object of adoration of such men as Dumas, Balzac and Dujarrier.

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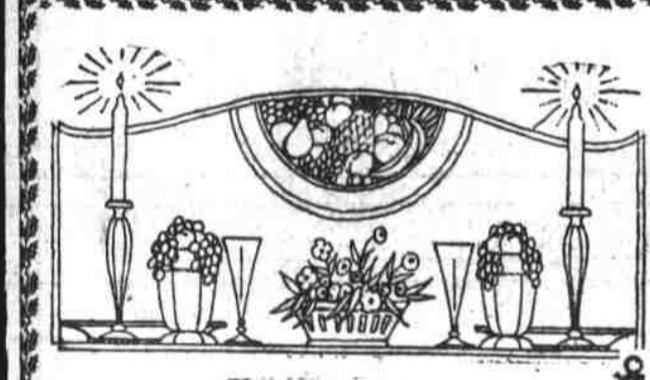
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