

GRANVILLE COUNTY

GRANVILLE COUNTY. A visit to Granville last week and having given some account of the visit, it may not be amiss to give some account of Granville in its earlier days. This county was formed from Edgemont in 1746, and called in honor of Sir George Carteret whose title was Earl of Granville. In 1663 Charles 2nd granted to eight English gentlemen a charter for what is now known as Granville county, with all the land contiguous thereto extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In 1697 seven of the eight gentlemen gave up their charter and title to the King. John, the son of Sir George Carteret, refused to give up his title and retained his one-eighth of the soil. His line was run in 1743. The war of the Revolution lost to Sir John this more than precisely domain. Granville has always produced its full share of the great men of the State. Among them in early days were John Penn, General Thomas Person, John Williams, Robert Burtin, Leonard Henderson and many others. Penn Penn, we think, was great only because he signed the great Declaration of Independence. We know but little else of him. He challenged Henry Laurens the Speaker of the House of Congress as he was called. The fight was in come off near the Masonic Hall on Chestnut street. As the parties were crossing at Fifth Street, Penn gave his hands to Laurens to help him over the mud and at the same time whispered to him that it was business they were about to engage in. Upon this hint the parties made friends. Gen. Thomas Person still an important chapter in the early history of Granville county. Penn and Person were the first members of the House of Commons from Granville in 1777. Person remained a member for fifteen years, sometimes in the House and then in the Senate. He was a delegate at Newbern in 1774, at Hillsboro in 1775, and at Halifax in 1778 when our State Constitution was formed. Gen. Person was the most distinguished of the Regulators. The king's forces held him in jail for some time in Hillsboro. The Regulators failed and for that reason are to this day much abused people. Their leader was a Pennsylvania Quaker by the name of Herman Husband. Last Saturday was the anniversary of the uprising of the Regulators in Hillsboro 106 years ago, when they whipped the lawyers and drove the judges from the court house. On the 25th of April they destroyed Col. Fanning's house, and whipped and dined him in the river. Fanning was a lawyer, member of the Legislature and Clerk of the Court. Robert Lytle, a lawyer, testified that he heard the Regulators on this day drink damnation to King George, and success to the Pretender. This was five years before the Mecklenburg declaration. King George and Governor Tryon gave the Regulators what the Regulators drank to the King. Six of the Regulators were hanged on a tree now standing in the yard of Mr. P. C. Cameron, of Hillsboro. Many of the Regulators took the loyal side when the Revolution began a few years after their defeat in Alamance, and their hanging at Hillsboro. Gen. Person was the staunch friend of liberty, he fought against the King all the while, first as a Regulator and then as a Whig. His fortune was considerable. He owned all the lands about Goshen where the Tarps now live. He is said to have entertained a regiment of Virginia soldiers who camped at Goshen on their return home after aiding to drive Cornwallis from the State. He killed one hundred head cattle for his entertainment which lasted several days. He gave liberally to the University. The College called a chapel for him, and the State a Centy. His devotion to the University was near costing him his life. A highwayman knowing that the General had a large amount of money, intended which he collected at Hillsboro court, as his donation to the University, waylaid him on Strayhorn's to take his life for his money. The General went the new instead of the old road which he usually traveled, and by that means escaped the highwayman. These facts were confessed by the highwayman who years afterwards was hung in Tennessee for horse stealing. James Holman, of Person, told us that General Person rode from Hillsboro to Goshen and back one night while under arrest as a Regulator, and hid his papers and valuables in a brick kiln, Col. Geo. Little, of this city, whose grandmother was a sister of Gen. Person, says the late Judge Cameron used to say that the papers and valuables of Gen. Person were hid by his wife, who received a message from her husband to do so. Judge Cameron received his information from the man who bore the message, but the Judge would not disclose the name of the messenger because he had pledged him to keep it a secret. We shall be glad to receive and record other incidents relating to Gen. Person or the Regulators.

IN ERROR. Stockholder Blackler is mistaken in supposing that the editor of the Sentinel had anything to do with suggesting even the indictment of the Executive Committee of the Agricultural Fair. We never knew or heard of it until after the court adjourned. We did not to have some of the bribe-giving, bribe-taking, gentry indicted, and would have succeeded if the sheriff had been able to find the names of those who suggested sixteen millions stolen and so on, indicted, indicates corruption all over the land.

BYRON'S DAUGHTER. In June, 1810, writing to Murray, his publisher, from Bologna, Byron says, "My daughter, Allegra, was too well, and is growing pretty; her hair is growing darker, and her eyes are blue. Her temper and her ways, Mr. Hoppner says, are like mine, as well as her features: she will make, in that case, a magnificent young lady."

It is fact, when she was four years old, she had become mist one of the servants and wholly unmanageable, though her father described her as "a darling and a pious-gracious blossom." He sent her to the Convent of Bagna-Cavalli, a few miles from Ravenna, where he then resided, to receive an Italian rather than an English education, because with the disadvantages of her birth, her education would be doubly difficult. "Abroad," he wrote, "she has a fair foreign education, and a portion of five or six thousand pounds, she might and may marry very respectably. In England, such a dowry would be a pittance, while elsewhere it is a fortune." In point of fact, by a codicil to his will, dated November, 1818, when she was twenty months old, Byron bequeathed five thousand pounds to Allegra Byron (so it was written), to be paid to her on attaining the age of twenty-one years, or on the day of her marriage, "on condition that she does not marry with a native of Great Britain." It was his wish that she should be a Roman Catholic, "which," he added, "I look upon as the best religion, as it assuredly is the oldest of the various branches of Christianity."

The child seemed healthy and happy in her convent, and therefore, in April, 1823, Byron received a great shock from the announcement of her death, by fever. He was in Pisa at the time, and the mournful news, conveyed to him by the Countess Guiccioli, affected him so deeply that she feared for his reason. Without any delay, Byron wrote to Mr. Murray, in London, announcing the death of Allegra, and his intention of having her privately buried in England, "in Harrow Churchyard," he said, "where I had once hoped to have laid my own remains." He alleged, as a reason for this, that "Protestants are not allowed holy ground in Catholic countries." A month later, he advised Murray that the body, which was embalmed, and in lead, had been sent to England by sea, and that he desired it to be interred at the entrance of Harrow Church, near a particular monument, "on the left hand as you enter, and a marble tablet was to be placed on the wall with this inscription: "In memory of Allegra daughter of C. G. Lord Byron, who died, at Bagna-Cavalli, in Italy, April 30th, 1823, aged five years and three months." "I shall go to her, but she shall not return to me." - 2 Sam. xii. 23.

BOSS HAWKINS, BOSS SWEPSON AND BOSS TWEED. Two of these bosses have a deep interest in the Raleigh News, yet neither of them hold stock. Boss Tweed paid \$1,000 to join his big rig in New York. As leader of this ring he stole \$200,000,000 from the city. He is now in the penitentiary in New York. Bosses ring, so Jim Uzzell says, put \$10,000 in the Raleigh News, through the agency of two brilliant lawyers. Dr. Hawkins was soon to put in \$500, and the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad corporation can be proven to have put in several thousand, enough perhaps to make up the \$25,000 Stone & Uzzell say they lost or sunk. These facts can be shown without an equivocal Two journeyman printers cannot command \$25,000 to run a newspaper in North Carolina, except through bosses like Hawkins, Swebson and Tweed.

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