

The Law Profession in the Albemarle circuit seems not to have been long-lived. Few members of the bar have reached much beyond sixty years.

Charles R. Kiny, of Elizabeth City, died at 52. Augustus Moore, of Edenton, died at 48. Malachi Haughton, of Edenton, died at 47. R. R. Heath suicided at about 62. Gilbert Elliott of Elizabeth City, died at 42. Gen. J. C. B. Ehringhouse, of Elizabeth City, died at 37. Joseph B. Skinner, of Edenton, who had retired from the bar for twenty years, died at 72. James Iredell, Jr., of Edenton, died at 65. Thomas F. Jones, of Hertford, died at 40. Jesse Wilson, of Hertford, died at 38. Henry Gilliam, of Edenton, died at 73. In Tarboro. C. W. Grandy, of Elizabeth City, died at 63. Isaac Lamb, of Elizabeth City, who was leading counsel for the defense in the celebrated Cheatham murder case in Currituck Co., died at about 60. William B. Shepard, of Elizabeth City, died a little beyond 50, on Main St. Col. W. F. Martin, of Elizabeth City, died about 63. George W. Brooks, of Elizabeth City, died about 65.

Judge Augustus Moore died very suddenly of apoplexy in Edenton. Charles R. Kiny died suddenly from hemorrhage in Hertford, brought on from the excitement of the trial of the Norcom and Mesmer case in Chowan court, in 1844. Malachi Haughton died from bilious fever in Edenton about 1848. Judge R. R. Heath committed suicide in Western North Carolina about 1866. Gilbert Elliott died in Elizabeth City of lingering disease about 1850. General Ehringhouse died in Elizabeth City of lingering disease about 1852. Joseph B. Skinner died near Edenton of a complication of chronic disease about 1850. James Iredell, Jr., died in Edenton after a short sickness, about 1850. Thomas F. Jones died in Hertford of pneumonia about 1852. Jesse Wilson died at Winton Court about 1838. Judge Henry A. Gilliam died in Tarboro, of gradual softening of the brain, about 1887. C. W. Grandy died in Elizabeth City of paralysis in 1891. W. B. Shepard died in Elizabeth City in 1852. W. F. Martin died in Elizabeth City in 1887. George W. Brooks died in Elizabeth City about 1890, of indigestion. Judge Lancaster Bailey practiced law on this circuit many years and died at an advanced age in Western North Carolina.

It would seem from this record that the danger line of the law profession in the Albemarle section is about sixty years. This would not seem to be a liberal limit. In the cities law practice seems favorable to longevity. Reverdy Johnson, of Baltimore, practiced law in the courts into the 80's, and Ben. Sillman, the oldest living graduate of Yale College, now practices law actively in the courts of Brooklyn, where he lives, at 92 years, having been born in 1805.

But our active practitioners, now in the hey-day of life, need not be discouraged. Existing conditions are more favorable to longevity than in the time of our old bar when Kiny, Moore, Heath and Tom Jones led the practice in the Albemarle district. We have better hotels now than then, the facilities of travel are greater, and the work is not so laborious now as then, because it is a longer division, and the law is a less complicated science now than then, thanks to medical skill and knowledge.

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AWAY BACK YONDER

1829-1847 and in 1872.

The following search "under the daisies," in the role of Old Mortality, by a native of the Albemarle, is so pleasing and mournful that we give place to it with pleasure.

COL. CREECH:—I resume my reminiscences. We left E. City in August, 1839, and went by the way of Petersburg; thence, by rail, to Gaston on the Roanoke; and thence, by the R. & G. R. R., to Raleigh, and thence by stage to Hillsboro. The iron was composed of flat bars laid lengthwise on sills. These bars were broken in two in many places, and sometimes a piece would push through the floor of the car. They were termed "snake heads."

My first return visit to E. City was made in the early forties. No incident occurred worthy of recall, as matters were about the same in E. City. My second visit was made in December, 1845. I met my old schoolmate, Bill Hth Davis, and one night we went to Mrs. McMorine's to call on the loveliest trio of women that I have ever seen in life or on canvas; they were Miss Pattie Thompson, Miss Mary Mildred Maury and Miss Ettie McMorine. I never spent a more enjoyable evening. These girls made a bouquet of loveliness never to be eclipsed or equalled. Miss Pattie Thompson afterward married Gen. Pemberton, who commanded our troops at the fall of Vicksburg. If Miss Maury ever married I have not been apprised of it. Mrs. McMorine had other daughters of whom I have no account. The mother died many years ago as did Mrs. Martin. I believe that almost all the old citizens have passed away except Bartlett Fearing [at rest.—Ed.]. All that I have mentioned of E. City of to-day, so far as its inhabitancy is concerned, is "Ilium fuit." I would know every inch of its locality but only one of its inhabitants—Mrs. Bettie Martin, unless Geo. W. Charles is alive, but I hear that he is dead. I did not in my former article mention Judge Brooks (immortalized for granting writs of habeas corpus in the Ku Klux era), because I never knew him until after the war. In 1872 he took me in his buggy to Nixonton, where I had a lot of distant kin, and then to my birth-place—called Mt. Pleasant—about a mile below. I dined with Mrs. Martin, and found her as beautiful and charming as it is possible for women to be.

I recur to my trip in December, 1845. After making several pleasant visits to my kinfolk I concluded to spend Christmas at Wingfield, on the Chowah, just above Bandon, where I supposed I would find my cousin, Mrs. Mary Dillard, nee Cross. On reaching a cross-roads a few miles from Wingfield, whom should I meet but a party of fox hunters, among whom I saw Lucius Johnson, his brother Jim, afterwards Dr. who moved to Baltimore and died, Miss Mary Granberry, who married Lucius, and Miss Nannie Johnson, who married Dr. Richard Baker and resides now at Hickory. Exclamations of pleasure and inquiries as to my destination were volubly poured forth. I replied: To Wingfield to see Cousin Mary. They informed me that she had left to spend her Christmas at Farmers' Delight, her father's residence, and insisted that I should accompany them to Bandon. This I did, expecting to return the next day. At Bandon I was received with that cordially dignified welcome which has become a thing of the past. Both Mr. Charles Johnson and his wife were then alive, and besides those I have named there were Miss Cornelia and three grand daughters, children of Dr. Alex Henderson, their mother being dead. They were, Elizabeth, (Teetie) who married Gen. Lawrence (Tony) Baker, of Suffolk, Va.; Virginia, who married but I do not recall the name of her husband, and Carolina, who was a great belle, both as a young lady and a widow. She married several times, but I do not recall the names of her husbands. These three were then little girls. Instead of leaving the next morning, on ur-

gent pleading, I remained a week—the happiest of my life. I enjoyed unalloyed happiness, and everything went merrily as a marriage bell. I need not recapitulate the sources of pleasure, but may say that we had every enjoyment obtainable by a wealthy host in a place twelve miles from the nearest town. Not a cloud, even once, ever passed over the horizon of our happiness. But, alas! in less than twelve months my grand host and hostess were in their graves and their charming family scattered. Bandon became, so I've heard, in a few years, the abode of owls, and bats—the cause we all recall but let it be unwritten. Think what a harvest death has had in the family. Father, mother and all the sons dead. I have not reliable information as to the others.

So at Wingfield Cousin Mary and her husband, leaving a bright son, Dr. R. Dillard, at Edenton; her sister, Cousin Sallie and her husband, leaving a talented son in New Orleans.

As Edenton and E. City are homogeneous, may I not be pardoned for speaking of the cyclone of death which has swept as a besom of destruction where my ancestors lived, where my sainted mother was married and where I was baptised? Where are the Benburys (John A., Capt. C. S. A. was my schoolmate)? Where is Lemuel Creech, James E.? Answer—dead. Where are the Warrens, the Norcoms, the Collinses, the Lowthers, the Creechs, the Johnsons, the Skippers, the Haughtons, the Mannings, the Brownriggs, the Hoskings, the Moores, the Blairs, the Paines, the Bonds and others? Swept away by the inevitable scythe! We find one grand tree left. Born about 1815, a gentleman, an erudite scholar, a gallant officer, a first-class editor and a historian whom children for generations to come will reverence and admire. This tree still stands an honor to his distinguished family and to his country. No need to give his name.

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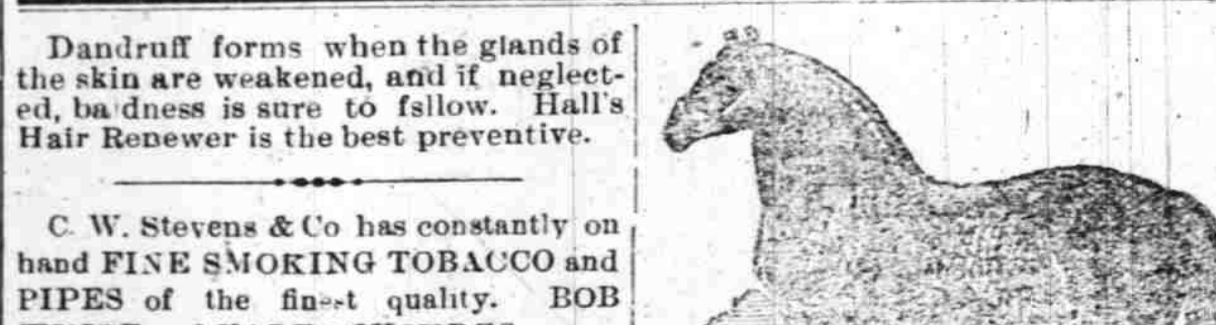
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