

Courier Presents Sesquicentennial Edition

Twenty Square - Mile Area Was Organized In 1791 And Called Person County

Nine Townships Compose County

Roxboro Was Incorporated In 1854. William R. Reade Was First Mayor

1890 MARKED COMING OF FIRST RAILROAD

In January, 1791, Person County was erected, the act saying that after February 1st Caswell County should be "equally divided by a line already run, beginning on the Virginia line and running from thence south to the line of Orange, and that part lying westward of said line, including the four western districts, shall remain Caswell and the part to the eastward including the four eastern districts, is declared to be a distinct county and named Person.

Dies Saturday



Squire John L. Gentry, prominent citizen of the Allensville community, died at his home Saturday.

John L. Gentry Dies Saturday After Illness

Rites For Prominent Allensville Man Conducted Sunday Afternoon

ALMOST EIGHTY-NINE

Final rites for Squire John L. Gentry, one of Person county's most prominent citizens, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Land For County Seat Donated By Dempsey Moore

Deed Dated In 1792 Is On Record In Register of Deeds' Office

TRACT IS DESCRIBED

By A. M. Burns, Jr. Recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Person County is the deed by which the land was acquired on which is now located the Person County Courthouse and jail.

Person Claims Dolly Madison Was Born Here

Paine's Tavern Regarded As Birthplace of "Little Madison's" Wife

Native Of Person Has Served Many Years As Pastor

Dr. John E. Briggs Has Preached In Several Leading Churches of The World

Roxboro's Main Street As It Looks Today



This picture, which shows part of the business section of Roxboro, was snapped at the intersection of Main and Abbot avenue. In the left foreground can be seen a section of the courthouse square, with the gleaming marble monument in the immediate foreground, being one erected several years ago by the Person County UDC Chapter in honor of Confederate Army captains.

Many Pictures Of Native Sons

Throughout the Sesquicentennial Edition will be found photographs of native sons of Person county who have gone away and are making their homes in other cities or continents.

Among The Oldest Citizens



Shown here are W. H. Harris, Sr. and W. T. Daniel, two of the oldest residents of Roxboro. Both of these men have observed their 80th birthday, and there is only about six months difference in their ages.

General Thomas Person Was Foremost Patriot In 18th Century

SERVED AS TRUSTEE OF STATE UNIVERSITY

The Person family settled first in Halifax County, Virginia, but took up land in Granville County, North Carolina about 1740. William Person, the father of Thomas Person, became Granville County's first sheriff, which office he held for a number of years.

County Was Named For Noted General

General Thomas Person was the first public office was Justice of the Peace, to which he was appointed in 1756. His next office was that of sheriff, following in his father's footsteps by serving Granville County in this capacity.

PAPER CELEBRATING PERSON'S 150th BIRTHDAY PUBLISHED TODAY

Prize Winners

Prize winners in the contest announced in connection with gathering material for the Sesquicentennial Edition were announced by the judges today as follows: Best picture, for which \$5.00 was offered, Miss Bessie Bradsher; best old document, carrying a reward of \$2.50, Harvey Shipes; best old letter, for which \$2.50 was offered, Mrs. Sue C. Barrette.

TODAY'S PAPER IS SIXTY-PAGE EDITION

The Roxboro Courier Was Founded Here Sixty Years Ago

Beauty Of Mount Tirzah Charmed General Moore

New York Officer In Washington's Army Built His Home There

NOW READE HOMEPLACE

During the Revolutionary War an American army came down the turnpike into North Carolina from Virginia commanded by Gen. Stephen Moore of New York, who owned vast stretches of land that were later converted into West Point.

Methodist Church In Three Buildings

PICTURE TOO LATE

We regret that a photograph of Dr. A. J. Warren of New York City came in too late for us to run it in our special edition. Dr. Warren has distinguished himself in a number of ways, being at present a member of the National Board for the Investigation of Epidemic Diseases in the United States Army.

150 Years Of Progress In Person County