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N. C. Counties And For Whom Named

One of the many most interesting features of the many of the North Carolina Hall of History is the collection of portraits of persons for whom the counties of North Carolina were named. There are 100 counties and eleven of these have Indian names; two are names of countries, Scotland for that part of Great Britain and of Union for the United States; one county, Transylvania is a latin name, meaning across or beyond the woods.

For some months the collector of the Hall of History has been endeavoring to make as complete a collection of pictures as possible and those already secured have been placed in cases numbers 37, 38 and 40 in the eastern Hall of History. These get a great deal of attention from visitors. Below is a list which he has prepared of the counties and the source from which the names are derived.

The list is not complete, but every day new pictures are coming in. During the past few days those of Queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg, William Pitt, Earl of Chatham; Arthur Onslow; Marquis of Halifax; Duke of Richmond; Earl of Surry; Lord Edgemoor; King William III of the House of Orange; King George I, head of the Houses of Brunswick and Hanover; Duke of Cumberland; Peyton Randolph of Virginia.

The star to the left of the country indicates that the picture of the person for whom the county was named is on view in the collection.

It seems that it will be impossible to get the pictures of sixteen as no portraits appear to have been made. These are Col. Waightstill Avery; Brothers Bertie of England, who were among the Lords proprietors; Gov. Burke; Gov. Richard Caswell; Eleanor Dare; Gov. Edward Hyde; Cornelius Harnett; Edward Buncombe; Col. Benjamin Cleveland; Col. Benjamin Forsyth; Gen. Thomas Person; Col. Thomas Robeson; Matthew Rowan; Col. John Sampson and Nathaniel Macon.

Information regarding missing pictures desired will be of special value just now to the Hall of History.

Other missing pictures desired are those of Stephen Cabarrus, Dr. Joseph Caldwell, Gen. William Lee Davidson, Earl of Duplin, Gen. William Lenoir, the Earl of Northampton Gen. William D. Pender, Gen. Griffith Rutherford, Col. John Stanly, Sir John Tyrrell, John Wilkes, Louis D. Wilson and Bartlett Yancey.

Alamance, Indian; old from Anomasi; meaning unknown.

Alexander, William Julius Alexander.

Alleghany, Indian; Delaware word Allegiwi; name of an ancient Delaware tribe.

Anson, Admiral Lord Anson.

Ashe, Col. John Baptist Ashe.

Avery, Col. Waightstill Avery.

Beaufort, Duke of Beaufort.

Bertie, The Brothers Bertie, Lords, Proprietors.

Bladen, Martin Bladen of the Board of Colonial Affairs.

Brunswick, The House of Brunswick; King George I.

Buncombe, Col. Edward Buncombe.

Burke, Gov. Burke.

Cabarrus, Stephen Cabarrus.

Caldwell, Joseph Caldwell, first president University of North Carolina.

Camden, Earl of Camden.

Carteret, Sir John Carteret afterwards Earl Granville.

Caswell, Gov. Richard Caswell.

Catawba, Indian; meaning separated or set apart; once a part of the Cherokees.

noke Island; The first white child in America.

Davidson, Gov. Wm. Lee Davidson.

Davie, Gen. William R. Davie.

Duplin, Earl of Duplin.

Durham, For a family named Durham; local.

Edgemoor, Lord Edgemoor.

Forsyth, Col. Benjamin Forsyth.

Franklin, Benjamin Franklin.

Gaston, William Gaston.

Gates, Gen. Horatia Gates.

Graham, Gov. Wm. A. Graham.

Granville, Earl Granville.

Green, Gen. Nathaniel Green.

Guilford, Earl of Guilford.

Halifax, Marquis of Halifax.

Harnett, Cornelius Harnett.

Haywood, John Haywood, State Treasurer.

Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Chief Justice.

Hertford, Earl of Hertford.

Hoke, Gen. Robert F. Hoke.

Hyde, Gov. Edward Hyde.

Iredell, James Iredell.

Jackson, President Andrew Jackson.

Johnston, Gov. Gabriel Johnston.

Jones, Willie Jones.

Lee, Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Lenoir, Gen. William Lenoir.

Lincoln, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln.

Macon, Nathaniel Macon.

Madison, President James Madison.

Martin, Gov. Josiah Martin.

McDowell, Col. Joseph McDowell.

Mecklenburg, Queen Charlotte; Princess of Mecklenburg.

Mitchell, Prof. Elisha Mitchell of the University of North Carolina.

Montgomery, Gen. Richard Montgomery.

Moore, Alfred Moore.

Nash, Gen. Abner Nash.

New Hanover, The House of Hanover; King George I.

Northampton, Earl of Northampton.

Onslow, Arthur Onslow, Speaker British House of Commons.

Orange, The House of Orange; King William of Orange.

Pamlico, Indian.

Pasquotank, Indian.

Pender, Gen. William D. Pender.

Perquimans, Indian; meaning unknown; from some Algonquian language.

Person, Gen. Thomas Person.

Pitt, Wm. Pitt, Earl of Chatham.

Polk, Col. William Polk.

Randolph, Peyton Randolph of Virginia.

Richmond, Duke of Richmond.

Robeson, Col. Thomas Robeson.

Rockingham--Marquis of Rockingham.

Rowan, Matthew Rowan.

Rutherford, Gen. Griffith Rutherford.

Sampson, Col. John Sampson.

Scotland, For Scotland in Great Britain.

Stanley, John Stanley.

Stokes, Col. John Stokes.

Surry, Earl of Surry.

Swain, Gov. David L. Swain.

Transylvania, Across the Woods.

Tyrrell, Sir John Tyrrell.

Union For the Union of the States.

Vance, Zebulon B. Vance.

Wake, Margaret Wake, wife of Gov. Tryon.

Warren, Gen. Joseph Warren.

Washington, George Washington.

Watauga, Indian; properly spelled Watagi; meaning unknown.

Wayne, Gov. Anthony Wayne.

Wilkes, John Wilkes.

Wilson, Louis D. Wilson, of Edgemoor.

Yadkin, Indian; old form Reatkin, from the Catawba; meaning unknown.

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