

### NAMES OF TWO WOMEN LIVE IN HISTORY OF OUR COAST

Theodosia Burr and Betsey Dowdy Will Remain Among the Unforgettables of History

In 1869, when the old time summer resort of Nags Head was in the hey-day of its glory, and the soundside was filled with cottages and had its pretentious hotel that was the social summertime center of all eastern North Carolina, an old woman by the name of Mrs. Mann, was stricken ill in her cottage in the hills.

Neighbors went down to the resort on the soundside and sought a doctor. The famous old Doctor Pool of Elizabeth City went to the old woman's bedside. She had no money but willingly gave the Doctor the well executed painting of a beautiful woman that hung on the wall, and which the cultured eye of the Doctor had quickly espied.

Years later art experts discovered it was a painting of the beautiful Theodosia Burr Alston, daughter of Aaron Burr, wife of the Governor of South Carolina, who set sail from her home in the Palmetto State on December 30, 1812 for a visit to her father in New York. She was lost at sea, and the story is another of the unsolved mysteries of the Carolina Coast-land.

But old Mrs. Mann, who was the wife of one of the old time Tilletts of Nags Head, who had belonged to the early aristocracy of the coast told the story of how she came by the picture. She said during the war of 1812 and when she was a very young girl, and while Mr. Tillet was courting her a pilot boat came ashore at Kitty Hawk in a storm. As was customary in time of wreck, and seeking rich prizes, the men had gone out to her. They returned to report the vessel a nameless, empty one, with all sails set, the helm tied down and no creature on board save a little black and tan dog. The cabin was in great confusion, trunks broken open and ladies garments and other feminine effects strewn over the floor.

#### PIRATE HAD CONFESSED

In 1850, an old man named Frank Burdick, who claimed to have been one of a crew of pirates, insisted upon his death bed, that he had been one of a crew that captured the ship Patriot, on which Mrs. Alston sailed. He said he held the plank, while the beautiful lady was forced to walk over the side, very calm and dressed in white, although she had begged them to send word to her father and husband.

Calm, impressive, with eyes closed, she waved farewell, crossed her hands upon her breast and walked into eternity. Once they saw her face again, when she came to the surface and then sank with piteous outstretched hands.

Then the pirates plundered the good ship Patriot and left her going under full sail. Old Frank told there was a picture of a beautiful woman in the cabin, and a little black and tan dog. And this story seems to bear out the story told by old Mrs. Mann at Nags Head.

It was also told that the Patriot was captured by a celebrated West Indian pirate named Dominique You, alias "Babe." The entire crew had walked the plank. There were numerous confessions some 5 years afterward, and two sailors in Norfolk, who claimed to have been members of a gang of wreckers on Kitty Hawk, said they killed the crew and looted the ship, after she had landed on the beach.

Her mother died and left her when she was ten or eleven years old, and she and her father were drawn more closely together. They lived in the greatest style, and entertained the most wealthy and notable personages of the day.

At the age of 17, Theodosia had many suitors, but young Joseph Alston, a brilliant, soft-spoken Carolinian met her in New York, and she later married him, although she said she had nothing more than a sincere friendship. However, his earnest courtship induced her consent and while newly married in 1801, they saw Aaron Burr inaugurated as Vice President of the United States, he having missed the presidency won by Thomas Jefferson, by only a few votes.

#### Burr Tried For Treason

In May 1802 she named her little son Aaron Burr Alston, and subsequently was in poor health and spirit, and finally recovered after trips to the northern resorts. Aaron Burr during this time conceived a dream of forming a new country, and becoming king of Mexico. He was indicted for treason, and arraigned before Justice John Marshall of Richmond, Va. He was bitterly fought by Thomas Jefferson and imprisoned pending trial. His daughter came with her little son and spent the night with him in the penitentiary.

In spite of a tremendous array of witnesses, the government failed to prove its case, and he was freed, while the Republicans, his friends, held great celebrations in his honor. But enraged mobs were at the same time hounding him in effigy in Baltimore. He fled secretly to New York, concealed himself under the name of Edwards and sailed for Europe June 9, 1808, where he remained for about four years.

In 1811, Alston had been elected Governor of South Carolina. In 1812 Colonel Burr returned to America, wrote his daughter from New York, and received a letter in which they advised him her beloved son had died of fever at the age of 11 years. Governor Alston wrote Colonel Burr, that the boy was the one "who was to have redeemed all your glory and shed new lustre on our families—We saw him dead, yet we are alive—Theodosia has endured all that a human being could endure, but her admirable mind will triumph. She supports herself in a manner worthy of your daughter."

And the heartbroken Theodosia wrote her father: "There is no more joy for me. The world is blank. I have lost my boy—May heaven by other blessings make you amends for the grandson you have lost—Of what use can I be in this world—with a body reduced to premature

old age, and a mind enfeebled and bewildered, yet I will endeavor to fulfill my part—tho this life must henceforth be to me a bed of thorns."

Theodosia Burr, ill and needing comfort and anxious to see her father had to set sail without her husband, who was not permitted by law to leave the State during his term as governor. And from Georgetown she sailed on the ill-fated Patriot. She was a privateer, richly laden for New York. The Captain had hidden her guns, painted out her name, and discharged her crew of privateers. The Governor feared for her safety among the dreaded pirates and wreckers along the coast.

In a few days she fell ill with the British fleet off Hatteras, but was given free passage. Col. Burr waited and hoped in New York, but never again saw his daughter. Mr. Alston finally wrote him: "My boy, my wife both gone, the end of the hopes we had formed—what have we left?"

There have been other stories, that Theodosia Burr came ashore, a very ill woman, and died and was buried somewhere among the high green shaded hills of Nags Head.

It is just another tale of the grim tragedies, the gripping romance, the appealing and frightful adventures that have been told and retold by the dozens on the Dare County coast. Nowhere else is there such a land of interest to humankind.

At least, it is one of many stories that have not been solved and never has lost, nor ever will lose its interest to humankind.

#### FEWER CHILDREN IN HYDE DEPENDENT DURING MAY

Raleigh, June 8—During the month of May 48,571 needy aged and dependent children of North Carolina received \$387,864.73, Nathan H. Yelton, director of the Division of Public Assistance, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, reported today.

The report indicated that the number of recipients was 1,795 greater than in April, and the amount of grants increased by \$14,790.44. Yelton said that in May 28,973 needy aged were paid \$274,454.21, and that 19,598 dependent children received \$113,440.52. The average old age payment for the month was \$9.47, while that for children was \$5.79.

#### NED ROGERS THANKFUL FOR VOTES GIVEN HIM

"I wish to express my good wishes to the voters for their confidence in nominating me for a second term as County Commissioner. It is my desire to do the right thing always, by the people of this county. I hope you will call on me, and let me know if I can help you, and again I thank you." W. E. ROGERS, DUCK, N. C.

### MELVIN WHITE POLICEMAN AT MANNS HARBOR

Morrisette's Big Apple Refused Beer License At Camp Duck

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday the Dare County board of Commissioners appointed Melvin White as special police officer at Manns Harbor. White will receive a salary of \$15 dollars a month and the appointment will go into effect immediately.

At the request of Earl Mann, caretaker of the Bodie Island Club, the board voted to ask the State Highway Commission to lay out a new road between the Whale Bone filling station and Oregon Inlet. Mann said that during the hunting season, people using the inside road, which runs through the club property, frightened the fowl to the extent that it interfered with the hunting.

The board also heard the regular reports of C. W. Overman, County Farm agent, and Miss Sadie Hendley, County Home Demonstration agent.

In addition to deciding that A. H. Morrisette should not be granted a beer license in Dare County, the commissioners voted to ask the Sheriff to clean up Morrisette's business establishment. Complaint was lodged against it by A. C. Stratton, Camp Director, who said the place had made much trouble in his camps, resulting in one man getting a broken leg last week, during a melee the result of Morrisette selling whiskey.

WEARS GREEN GLASSES  
ROTTIDE  
Poet—I would like to leave this poem on spring for the editor to see. Willie—Well, mister, you can leave it but his sight ain't very good for dem things.

### PREPARE NOW TO HAVE A GOOD FALL GARDEN

By C. W. Overman, County Agent Increase in Home Gardens has been reported from many sections of Dare County. I have observed a number of these which contain a goodly variety of vegetables. But—Are you stopping at a good spring garden or are you making continuous plantings so that you will have a continuous supply of vegetables throughout the summer and fall? A good summer and fall garden is very important.

Plant the following seeds now: snap beans, bush lima beans, carrots, beets, corn, field peas, tomatoes, okra, New Zealand spinach, endive and Swiss chard. Swiss chard thrives during hot weather and will give continuous cuttings for salad for many weeks. Marglobe tomatoes planted now will give a good supply of tomatoes until frost. Sow some savory ab-bags seed now for fall settings; these will head all winter and are resistant to cold.

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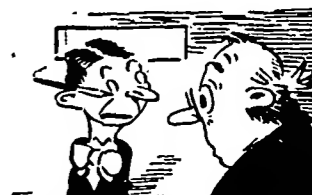
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