

Duplin's Courtroom Portrayal Of Distinguished Sons

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In the County courtroom are portraits of several of Duplin's distinguished sons. They have been placed in the room at various times, one and two at a time, during the past thirty-five years. Most of them were painted by Mrs. Marshall Williams (nee Mary Lyde Hicks), of Faison, who is a talented artist and one of North Carolina's most notable women. In most of the cases the placing of the portraits was by order or request from the County authorities. Numerous persons, in and out of the County, have asked the question: "Who are these men (portraits) and what about them?" The following biographical sketches, in the same order as the portraits on the wall, looking from left to right, will answer that question.

Colonel THOMAS STEPHEN KENAN, son of Sarah Rebecca (Graham) and Major Owen Rand Kenan, was born in Duplin, February 12, 1838. He was well educated, became a lawyer and started the practice of his profession in Kenansville about the year 1860. In the beginning of the Civil War he promptly volunteered his services to the Confederacy and bore an honorable part in many campaigns and hard fought battles. He was badly wounded and captured at Gettysburg and remained a prisoner until the close of the war. He was Colonel of the Forty-third North Carolina Regiment. After the war he resumed the practice of his profession and represented the County in the State House of Commons during the sessions of 1865 and 1866. During the year 1868 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress. About the year 1869 he located in Wilson and served as Mayor for sometime and was then elected Attorney-General of North Carolina in which capacity he served with ability and distinction from January, 1877, to January, 1885. On March 1, 1886, he became Clerk of the State Supreme Court and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death which occurred on December 21, 1911.

Reverend JAMES MENZIES SPRUNT, D. D., son of Christiana (McDonald) and Laurence Sprunt, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, January 14, 1818. He was liberally educated in Scotland, came to America and located in Duplin about the year 1840. He taught school at Hallsville and Richlands. He then assumed the Presidency of the Grove Academy at Kenansville where he served for a period of about fifteen years and as President of Kenansville Seminary until the beginning of the Civil War. About the year 1848 he was a candidate for the Presbyterian ministry and was licensed the next year. He was duly ordained and installed as pastor of Grove Church at Kenansville in May, 1851, and served until June, 1861, when he was elected Chaplain of the Twentieth North Carolina Regiment in the Confederate Army. After the war he resumed his work as a pastor and continued as such for the balance of his life. In addition to his pastoral work he served Duplin County as Register of Deeds from July, 1865, to about the year 1881. Five of the men whose portraits grace the walls of the courtroom were taught by him at the old Grove Academy. There is a marble plate to his memory in the old Grove church. Doctor Sprunt died at his home in Kenansville, December 6, 1884.

Professor BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GRADY, son of Anne (Sloan) and Captain Alexander Outlaw Grady, was born near Sarecta, in Duplin, October 10, 1831. He was highly educated. Soon after his graduation at the State University he located in Texas and became a professor of mathematics and natural science in Austin College, at Huntsville, where he served for some time. In the beginning of the Civil War he promptly volunteered his services to the Confederacy and enlisted in Company K, Twenty-fifth Regiment, Texas Cavalry, and served at times as a sergeant. It is said that he declined offers of promotion, preferring to be a plain soldier. While in service in this State he became ill with typhoid fever and remained in Peace Institute Hospital at Raleigh until the close of the war. After the war he returned to his home county, resumed his work as a teacher and was elected and served as Superintendent of Schools from the year 1881 until elected as a member of Congress. In that capacity he served from March 4, 1891, to March 3, 1895, when he again resumed his work as a teacher and continued in that work for the balance of his life. A handsome high school building near Kornegay's bridge bears his name. Professor Grady died at his home in Clinton, March 6, 1914.

Dr. JOHN MILLER FAISON, son of Martha W. (Hicks) and Doctor Henry W. Faison, was born near Faison, in Duplin, April 17, 1862. He attended Faison Male Academy and graduated at Davidson College. He studied medicine at the University of Virginia and completed a postgraduate medical course at New York Polyclinic in 1885 after which he promptly commenced the practice of his profession in his home community. For many years he visited the sick and afflicted and at the same time took an active part in all questions concerning public welfare. For several

years he was a member of the County and State Democratic Executive Committees and served as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from the year 1906 to 1910. During the year 1910 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the Third Congressional District and was elected by a large majority. In that capacity he served from March 4, 1911, to March 3, 1915, when he returned to the practice of his profession and died within a short time at his home in Faison, April 21, 1915.

General STEPHEN MILLER, son of Winifred (Whitfield) and Colonel Stephen Miller, was born near Miller's bridge, in Duplin, November 15, 1793. He was highly educated, studied law and quickly became a leader in that profession. He represented the County in the State House of Commons in the years 1823, 1824, 1825, and in the State Senate, years 1826, 1828, 1829, 1830 and 1831. He was the author of an Act to establish old Bethel Academy and served as one of the original trustees of that institution and also as a trustee of the Hannah Moore Academy. Both institutions were in his section of the County. For several years just prior to and after the year 1833 he served the State as Solicitor of the Second Judicial Circuit which at that time included several of the eastern counties. It is often said that his duties were discharged with firmness and ability and with great credit to himself and the State. He was also an officer in the State militia and his tomb in the Episcopal cemetery in Tallahassee, Florida, bears his military title. General Miller died while on a visit to his brother in Florida, March 15, 1841.

Colonel WILLIAM ANDERSON ALLEN, son of Elizabeth (Harrison) and Reynolds Allen, was born in Wake County, April 29, 1825. After completing his education he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He represented Wake County in the State House of Commons. About the year 1858 he located in Duplin for the practice of law and became a leader in his profession. He served as Solicitor in the County Court and was a Presidential elector in the year 1860. In the beginning of the Civil War he entered the service of the Confederacy and bore an honorable part in that struggle. He was Captain of Company C, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel in the Fifty-first North Carolina Regiment. After the war he resumed the practice of his profession at Kenansville. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1865 and represented Duplin as a member of the State Senate in the years 1868, 1870 and 1872. About the year 1880

he located in Goldsboro and continued the practice of his profession. He died at his home in that city during the year 1884.

Reverend JOHN DICKSON STANFORD, son of Martha Washington (Dickson) and Alexander Torrance Stanford, was born about two miles south of Kenansville, March 12, 1833. After completing his education he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He located in Kenansville for the practice of law about the year 1856. He represented the County as a member of the State House of Commons in the year 1858 and from that time, with a few intermissions, he was a member of either the State House of Commons or the State Senate for a period of twenty-eight years. It is said that he particularly interested in the State's institutions and the welfare of the Confederate soldier. About the year 1885 he gave up the practice of law, became a Presbyterian minister and continued in that work for the remainder of his life. His grandfather, Rev. Samuel Stanford, had been a leading minister and educator in Duplin County for more than thirty years. As a minister, John D. Stanford organized several churches in Duplin and other counties. He died at his home in Kenansville, January 24, 1901. His tomb bears the title of his favorite hymn: "We will meet in that sweet by and by."

Captain WILLIAM JAMES HOUTON, son of Elizabeth Anne (Wilkinson) and Samuel Houston, was born near Kenansville in the year 1823. After completing his education he studied law, was admitted to the bar and located in his home town for the practice of his profession about the year 1850. During the year 1853 he was elected Solicitor of the County Court and served in that capacity until July term, 1854, when he resigned to become a member of the State House of Commons. He served also as a member of the State Senate, sessions of 1856 and 1858. During the first year 1859 he became a State Solicitor of the Second Judicial District and served in that capacity until about the beginning of the Civil War. It is said that his eloquence usually attracted large crowds to the courtroom. In the beginning of the war he promptly volunteered his services to the Confederacy. He was Captain of Company I, Ninth North Carolina Cavalry Regiment, and has been described as a brave and fearless leader. He was killed in battle near Ashby's Gap or Upperville, in Virginia, June 21, 1863. The Duplin Superior Court minutes contains a lengthy resolution of regret concerning his death.

Reverend JOHN NICHOLAS STALLINGS, D. D., son of Mary (Sandlin) and Rev. Hiram Stallings, was born at Hallsville, February 10, 1832. After completing his education at the State University he studied law, was admitted to the bar and located at Kenansville for the practice of his profession about the year 1857. During his first year as a lawyer he was elected Solicitor of the County Court and at times served as Solicitor in the State Court in the absence of the regular Solicitor. During the year 1860 he was regularly ordained as a minister in the Baptist Church and for years he was both a lawyer and a minister. At the close of the Civil War he organized and directed the local Police and rendered valuable service to the people of Duplin County through that organization. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1875. About the year 1884 he gave up the practice of law and devoted his full time to educational and ministerial work. He moved from Duplin about the year 1886 and assumed the Presidency of Thomasville Female College. At the same time he served as pastor for a number of churches in the Piedmont section and as Moderator of the South Yakin Baptist Association for a period of about eighteen years. Doctor Stallings died in Salisbury, February 2, 1913. Stallings Memorial Baptist Church in Salisbury, honors his name.

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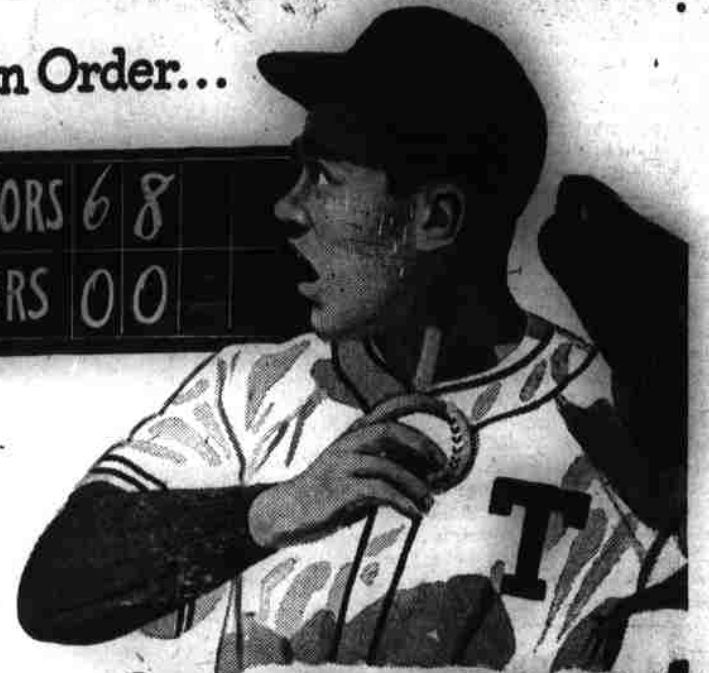
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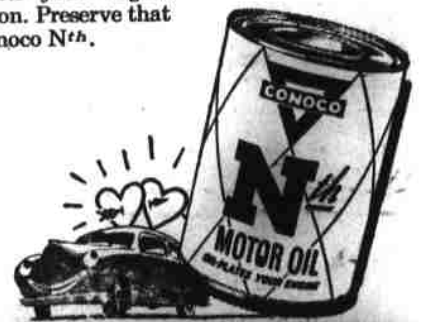


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