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TENNESSEE NOTABLES - - - - - - - - SONS OF DUPLIN

By: A. T. OUTLAW

The late O. J. Peterson, editor of *The State's Voice* published at Dunn some years ago, once referred to this State as a national seed-bed, having in mind a number of North Carolinians who distinguished themselves in other States.

Among a large number of our citizens who emigrated to what is now the State of Tennessee, were Col. Alexander Outlaw and Dr. William Dickson, sons of Duplin, whose names are prominently identified with the early history of that State. It is an interesting historical fact that they were presiding officers of the two branches of the Tennessee General Assembly at the same time, years 1799-1800.

Col. Outlaw was a Revolutionary officer and served under Col. James Kenan in the Moore's Creek campaign, as a recruiting officer, and

as quartermaster of the Tenth North Carolina regiment. During the war he moved to Washington County in the western part of Virginia where he served as a militia officer and fought with Colonel Campbell's men in the battle of King's Mountain. He then moved to Greene County, North Carolina (now Tennessee), about the year 1783, and received several grants from the State of North Carolina for large tracts of land for military services. He was elected and served the next year as a member of the N. C. General Assembly at New Bern and introduced a bill asking for a new State in the western territory by the name of West Carolina. During the same year he was a member of the convention held at Jonesboro which led to the formation of the State of Franklin (later

Tennessee) and served that State as a Colonel of militia. Commissioner to negotiate with the Cherokee Indians, and as a County Court Justice. After the collapse of the State of Franklin he was again a member of the N. C. General Assembly at Fayetteville in the years 1788 and 1789. Also, he was a member of the Constitutional Convention held in Fayetteville, November 21, 1789. Upon the admission into the union of the new State of Tennessee he served as a member of the first Constitutional Convention and represented Jefferson County (formerly Greene) in the first General Assembly.

He was elected and served as Speaker of the State during the years 1799 and 1801. He then retired from active pursuits and later moved to Cahaba in the territory of Alabama where he died in October, 1826, in the 88th year of his age. Colonel Outlaw's wife was Penelope Smith of Duplin County. They had one son, Maj. Alexander Smith Outlaw, and four daughters who married well known men of Tennessee to wit: Judge David Campbell, U. S. Senator Joseph Anderson, Colonel Joseph Hamilton, and Paul McDermott.

Dr. William Dickson attended the old Grove Academy near Kenansville, studied medicine in New York, and began practice of his profession in his native County. He moved to Tennessee and continued the practice of medicine in Nashville until elected a member of the State House of Representatives in 1799-1800 and served as Speaker of that body when only 29 years of age. He was then elected and served as a member of the U. S. Congress from March 4, 1801 to March 3, 1807 when he returned to Nashville, practiced medicine and served as a trustee of the University. Dr. Dickson died February 18, 1816, in the 46th year of his age. His wife's maiden name (according to a newspaper clipping) was Polly Gray, daughter of Major Gray, of Franklin County, North Carolina. Their children were Cornelia Ann, Indiana and Florida Dickson.

From Dr. Dickson's family name has come a long line of distinguished soldiers, legislators, statesmen, clergymen, etc., comparable perhaps to that of any family in the South.

A new book, "What About Smoking?", declares that the average American spent \$62 for smoking in 1948. This compares with \$6.00 given by the average American to all religious causes in 1948.

Tip For Blondes
Enough borax to cover a 10-cent piece added to the rinse water is effective in washing blonde hair. It brings out the natural lighting of the hair.

DUPLIN STAMP MASTER HANGED IN EFFIGY

By: A. T. OUTLAW

At a point where the old Sarecta road enters the State highway about two miles north of Kenansville stands a highway historical marker to the memory of Dr. William Houston whose name is well known to students of Colonial history as the man who was appointed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury as the Stamp Master for North Carolina.

'Twas the year 1765 and a memorable period in our history. The British Parliament passed a law known as the Stamp Act, the purpose of which was to tax the American colonists to help pay England's heavy war debts. All legal instruments such as deeds, bonds, notes, and other things, required heavy tax and the people were unused to submitting to laws which would exploit them for raising revenue with no returns. Clearly an instance of taxation without representation the people were aroused, and they determined to resist the enforcement of the law in North Carolina. William Tryan, the "Great Wolf of North Carolina", was the Governor, with quarters in Wilmington, and he soon learned the temper of the people regarding the Stamp Act and found himself

powerless to do anything about it. Led by Colonel John Ashe of New Hanover, then Speaker of the House, and leader of the opposition forces, the Governor was visited at his quarters and advised that the Act would be resisted "by arms and to blood and death". Then followed the Stamp Master's declaration that "he should be very sorry to execute any office disagreeable to the people of the province" and he promptly resigned "without any equivocation or mental reservation whatsoever" and no attempt was made to execute the duties of his office. Thus an important step in the making of America was taken, and the British Stamp Act was soon repealed.

However, by reason of the extreme unpopularity of the Stamp Act, Doctor Houston was subjected to considerable embarrassment and in various places images of him were condemned, hanged and burned, and he complained of so much condemnation without a hearing. He claimed that he had not solicited the appointment and did not even know of it until the people were aroused. General opinion in his home County is that the indignation of the people was against the principle of the Stamp Act and not against Doctor Houston personally.

Dr. William Houston, the founder of this branch of the family in America, was among the early settlers in Duplin. His home place was a high bluff on Northeast river, sixty miles north of Wilmington and there he lived and practiced his profession as a physician and surgeon for more than fifty years. He called it Soracte (now Sarecta) and probably had in mind the name of the place where stood the temple of Apollo, an ancient Greek and Roman god of medicine and healing. It was Duplin's first settlement and first established town.

Dr. Houston was a man of unusual ability, considerable means and prominence, and took an active part in public affairs. He was one of the land agents for Henry McCulloch who had been granted a vast amount of land in the Carolinas. He was instrumental in the establishment of a new county out of

the northern end of New Hanover and in 1749 became Duplin's first representative in the Colonial Assembly and served in that capacity for a number of years. He was a vestryman of the parish, and as Chairman of the County Court his service covered a period of more than forty years.

Dr. Houston's wife was Ann Jones, daughter of Squire Griffith Jones of Bladen, and their descendants have exhibited the same elements of patriotism and brilliancy as seen in their forebears. Concerning the ancestry of the original members of this family in the Carolinas they have been described as "long distinguished in the annals of the Lowland of Scotland for learning, patriotism and valor."

Doctor Houston and his kinsman, Archibald Houston, were large property owners in Sumter District, South Carolina. They located at Soracte, Duplin County, during the early seventeen-forties. Archibald later moved to other parts of the State and it is said that he was the father of Honorable William Churchill Houston, a very brilliant and distinguished citizen of the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Houston died about the year 1795, a very old man, highly honored and respected by the people of Duplin County.

"The Young, the Old, the Mature" is the title of a new bulletin published recently by the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station. It deals with problems of population in terms of age, race, sex, and other factors.

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A Baptist minister, Dr. John H. Buchanan of Birmingham, has been named chairman of a committee of 50 to combat mob violence by masked bands in the Birmingham, Ala., area.

Frosted Tweed



This chic combination of soft tweed and crisp-stopping by Cosmopolitan's Male-Tested Fashion Jury. The dress in part of the \$150 wardrobe featured in the magazine's August issue. A Surrey Classic with leather belt and bone buttons all in a row, it sells separately for about \$17. You can vary its effect with a silk ascot at the neck while collar and cuffs are in the wash. Eric Pinna, Peter Lawford and Montgomery Clift wear the "all in favor" of this dress. Available in brown, green or black mixtures.

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The Spring In Kenansville

By: Mrs. Addie Carr Carlton of Wallace

(In loving memory of my grandmother, Eliza Catherine Carr, who lived in Kenansville while my grandfather, Jacob Obed Carr was Treasurer of Duplin County).

As I sit by this spring
I must reminisce well,
Of the stories and facts
Which my Granny did tell.

How we'd sit by the fire
On cold wintry nights
And live through her life
In the Civil War fights.

Sherman's men, how they ransacked
Every farm, every barn.
The South - only God's mercy
Kept the people from harm.

How my grandfather, then
A handsome young lad
Came home from the war
Lonely, rugged and sad.

How we laugh at her new muslin
And her funny "shuck" hat
And her honeymoon ride
Astride a horseback.

Of ancestors noble -
A tale she'd relate
And the family tree of which
A part was our fate.

Of each branch, you're a twig
She'd proudly say
Come summer, come winter
And sway as you may.

Of that tree -
Fruit you will bear -
Watch your step, take heed
And beware -

The world will be affected
How great or how small
The kind of fruit of that tree
You share with them all.

Of the Carr brothers,
Yes, there were three,
Sailed over from Scotland
Far across the sea.

Came to North Carolina
Durham, Robeson, Duplin;
To adventure and trade and -
To live their life's end.

As a child I remember
Hearing so well the
Stories of Kenansville
They did re-tell.

How great, great grandmother
Barbara Grabt Carr
Wife of "Captain Joe",
Came from that land afar.

While journeying around
Looking for a place to live
Dug with their hands the
Spring in Kenansville.

Though a legend it's true
As I sit here and pine
And think of the things
With the passing of time.

This spring - so clear
So crystal and pure
Can I with my life
Be so free and so sure?

To give to my heirs
Something from which, can gain
A confidence, a patience
A courage, a refrain.

How well she did teach
That the Giver of Life
Gave to each of us
The supreme sacrifice.

So now as I look into
This beautiful stream
Which has flowed thru the years
Oh - what a theme!

It has quenched the thirst
Of so many passing by
The young and the old,
It has stopped a baby's cry.

Yet - material things
Though it be
We have a promise
Everlasting and free.

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