

Along The Way
By Emily Kilette

Along the Way began recounting the history of the medical profession in Faison last week. The column continues this week with the article, "The Doctors Who Have Served Faison and Surrounding Areas," published first in the February 24, 1955 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES. The article was written by Mrs. Junius B. Stroud and Mrs. A.H. Witherington.

The Doctors Who Have Served Faison and Surrounding Areas
Probably the next man to practice healing in our midst was Dr. John Henry Hicks, a nephew of the aforementioned Dr. James Hicks. He was born near Faison in 1839. He began the practice of medicine immediately after graduating from medical college. On April 16, 1861 he enlisted as a private in Co. E. 20th North Carolina Regiment. In June 1863 he was promoted to Regimental Surgeon. His family has kept the notice of his appointment. It reads as follows: Confederate States of America, War Department, Richmond, VA, June 11, 1863. Sir: You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you Assistant Surgeon in the Provincial Army in the service of the Confederate States, to rank as such from the 28th day of February, 1863. Immediately on receipt hereof, please communicate to this Department through the Adjutant and Inspector General's office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment, and with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General, the oath herewith enclosed, properly filled out, subscribed and attested, reporting at the same time your age, residence, when appointed and the state in which you were born. Should you accept, you will report for duty to General R.E. Lee, James A. Seddon, Secretary of War.

Dr. John H. Hicks, Asst. Surgeon, PACS. You will report for duty to the Medical Division under whom you are serving, S.F. Moore, Surgeon General.

After leaving the Army he married Miss Eliza Miller and went to the homeplace of the Millers. He practiced in that section of the county for many years. While there he was associated with a very dear friend, Dr. Thomas Hill, who lived in Kenansville. From there Dr. John Hicks moved to Faison where he practiced until his death. He was a devout man, and a pillar in St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church. A most unusual incident occurred the night he died. His brother, the late Capt. Louis T. Hicks, of the Confederate States of America, lived about three blocks distance. Capt. Hicks was awakened by the sound of a horse whinnying outside his bedroom win-

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dow; he recognized the horse as his brother's. He tried without success to make the horse go home. Finally he dressed, determined to lead the horse home and lock it in the stable. When he reached his brother's house he found that Dr. Hicks was dead.

In many cases it is interesting to note that sons of the doctors included in this sketch followed in their father's footsteps. This is particularly true of Dr. Henry W. Faison. Two of his sons studied medicine. The elder of these was Dr. James Hicks of Faison. Born in 1857 he was

educated at the University of North Carolina, going from there to New York City where he studied medicine and won his M.D. He interned at Bellevue Hospital in New York, and was licensed to practice in North Carolina in 1881. He has been described as a "natural doctor." His promising career was cut short by an accident in which he was thrown from a horse and killed. The accident occurred January 26, 1887.

The second son of Dr. Henry W. Faison to take up the study of medicine was Dr. John Miller Faison. Born in 1862, he attended

school in Faison and worked on his father's farm. He graduated at Davidson College in 1883 and received his medical education at the University of Virginia, taking a post-graduate course at the New York Polyclinic. Dr. Faison was a man of great ability, versatility and character. His contribution to this section is truly incalculable.

His home, located in the town of Faison, was noted for its true southern hospitality. In both Church and Sunday School he was very active and very generous. He stood foremost in the cause of education,

being instrumental in establishing a good school in his home town, the Faison Male Academy. In this school, the boys and girls of the area were really prepared for college. Their records are proof of that. Dr. Faison was especially interested in farmers and their problems.

He built a recreation center near the town of Faison for their use. His rating in the medical profession was very high. His untiring energy, his skill, and his progressive spirit assured success in this field. He was a surgeon as well as a physician, for with the nearest hospital miles away

it was often necessary for him to operate, often under conditions which were far from ideal. He was a real example of politeness, and was never known to enter the home a patient with a hat on. In his effort to uplift the people of this section, he published a weekly paper and took a vigorous part in the political life of the county. He served as County Commissioner for a number of years, and as Congressman from this district. His record was one of distinction. Dr. Faison's son and namesake, John M. Faison, Jr. served as mayor of Faison.

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