

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
★ SAYS ★**



WASHINGTON—With the rise of the Anti-Federalists in North Carolina there came new political faces on the scene in the Senate of the United States.

Former Governor Alexander Martin, a native of New Jersey who had come to Guilford County from Virginia, was representative of the type of change that was taking place in the political make-up of our State. Described as a moderate in politics, he began to lean toward the states' rights philosophy of the Anti-Federalists (they were called Republicans at that time), opposing the strong national government concept of the Federalists. He was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Samuel Johnston.

Martin took his seat in the Senate on March 4, 1793, serving to March 3, 1797. He had a prior record of great service. He was a Colonel of the Second North Carolina Regiment in the Continental Army and had rendered North Carolina service in other capacities before his election as Governor and Senator. Senator Martin was the third in succession of our Senators. He died on his plantation, "Danbury," in what is now Stokes County on November 10, 1807.

Timothy Bloodworth, the fourth in the line of succession as United States Senators from North Carolina, was a native of New Hanover County. He was thoroughly dedicated to the cause of the Anti-Federalists. Prior to being named to the Senate, he had served as a Delegate to the Continental Con-

gress and had been the first Representative from his District in the United States House of Representatives. Senator Bloodworth took his office as Senator on March 4, 1795. He served until March 3, 1801. He died in Wilmington on August 24, 1814.

The surge of Jeffersonian Democracy was reaching its zenith in North Carolina then as reflected in its Senators.

The next, or fifth Senator, Jesse Franklin, succeeded Benjamin Hawkins. Franklin was a native Virginian who had come to Surry County, North Carolina. He also had served as an officer in the Continental Army and was a member of the State House of Commons and the State Senate prior to being elected Representative in the Fourth Congress.

Senator Franklin was elected to the Senate of the United States and

took his seat on March 4, 1799 for the term expiring on March 3, 1805. On March 10, 1804, Franklin was named President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the first Senator from North Carolina to achieve that high position.

When Senator David Stone resigned in 1807, Hawkins returned to the Senate from North Carolina as the Jr. Senator to Sr. Senator James Turner and served from March 4, 1807 to March 3, 1813, not being a candidate for reelection. After his Senate service he became Governor of North Carolina. Franklin died in Surry County on August 31, 1823.

North Carolina's sixth United States Senator was David Stone, a Bertie County native, who was a distinguished lawyer and judge and member of the House of Representatives. Senator Stone was seated on March 4, 1801. He held office until just prior to the expiration of his term on March 4, 1807, when he resigned to become Governor of North Carolina. He returned to the United States Senate again, serving from March 4, 1813 until his resignation on December 24, 1814. He died on his Wake County plantation and is buried there.

DEATHS

Thomas J. Mitchell
Funeral services were held at 4 Sunday in Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church at Cove City for 46 year-old Thomas J. Mitchell, who died October 24th enroute to a doctor after having suffered a heart attack.

Harry C. Wooten
Funeral services were held at

11 Friday from Edwards Funeral Home for 82 year-old Harry C. Wooten, who died of a self inflicted gunshot wound at about 9:15 a. m. last Thursday. Wooten had been in very poor health for many months.

Mrs. Minnie Mercer Civils
Last rites were held at the graveside in Asbury Churchyard at 3 Sunday for Mrs. Minnie Mercer Civils, a Craven County native, who died Thursday in a Raleigh hospital.

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