

HISTORICAL SKETCHES  
OF  
NORTH CAROLINA,

From 1584 to 1851.

COMPILED FROM ORIGINAL RECORDS, OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS,  
AND TRADITIONAL STATEMENTS.

WITH

MANY BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF HER DISTINGUISHED  
STATESMEN, JURISTS, LAWYERS, SOLDIERS,  
DIVINES, ETC.

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WILLIAM L. POMEROY.

1851.

HON. WILLIAM H. BATTLE resides at same place, and is a native of Edgecombe, for whose biography see Edgecombe, Chapter XXVIII.

List of Members of the House of Commons, from the adoption of the Constitution in 1776 to 1835.

## HILLSBORO'.

| Years. | House of Commons.                                | Years. | House of Commons.  |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1777.  | William Courtney.                                | 1806.  | William Norwood.   |
| 1778.  | William Courtney.                                | 1807.  | William Norwood.   |
| 1779.  | Thomas Tullock.                                  | 1808.  | Catlett Campbell.  |
| 1780.  | Thomas Tullock.                                  | 1809.  | Catlett Campbell.  |
| 1781.  | Thomas Tullock.                                  | 1810.  | Henry Thompson.    |
| 1782.  | Thomas Farmer.                                   | 1811.  | Henry Thompson.    |
| 1783.  | Thomas Farmer.                                   | 1812.  | John Street.       |
| 1784.  | Archibald Lytle.                                 | 1813.  | Thomas Ruffin.     |
| 1785.  | John Taylor.                                     | 1814.  | James Child.       |
| 1786.  | John Taylor.                                     | 1815.  | Thomas Ruffin.     |
| 1787.  | John Taylor.                                     | 1816.  | Thomas Ruffin.     |
| 1788.  | Absalom Tatom.                                   | 1817.  | William Lockhart.  |
| 1789.  | Wm. Nash.                                        | 1818.  | John Scott.        |
| 1790.  | Wm. Nash.                                        | 1819.  | John Scott.        |
| 1791.  | David Ray.                                       | 1820.  | John Scott.        |
| 1792.  | Samuel Benton.                                   | 1821.  | James S. Smith.    |
| 1793.  | Alexander D. Moore.                              | 1822.  | Thomas Clancy.     |
| 1794.  | John Hogg.                                       | 1823.  | Thomas Clancy.     |
| 1795.  | Samuel Benton.                                   | 1824.  | John Scott.        |
| 1796.  | John Hogg.                                       | 1825.  | John Scott.        |
| 1797.  | Absalom Tatom.                                   | 1826.  | John Scott.        |
| 1798.  | Absalom Tatom.                                   | 1827.  | John Scott.        |
| 1799.  | Absalom Tatom.                                   | 1828.  | Frederick Nash.    |
| 1800.  | Absalom Tatom.                                   | 1829.  | Frederick Nash.    |
| 1801.  | Absalom Tatom.                                   | 1830.  | Wm. H. Phillips.   |
| 1802.  | Absalom Tatom.                                   | 1831.  | Thomas J. Faddis.  |
| 1803.  | Barnaby O'Farrel (Catlett<br>Campbell resigned). | 1832.  | Thomas J. Faddis.  |
| 1804.  | Catlett Campbell.                                | 1833.  | William A. Graham. |
| 1805.  | Catlett Campbell.                                | 1834.  | William A. Graham. |
|        |                                                  | 1835.  | William A. Graham. |

In 1835 the Convention abolished the Borough representation.

List of Members of the General Assembly from Orange County, from the adoption of the Constitution to the last session.

| Years. | Senate.           | House of Commons.                   |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1777.  |                   | Thomas Burke, John Butler.          |
| 1778.  |                   | John Butler, Wm. McCauley.          |
| 1779.  |                   | Wm. McCauley, Mark Patterson.       |
| 1780.  |                   | Wm. McCauley, Mark Patterson.       |
| 1781.  | John Butler,      | Jesse Beaton, Robert Campbell.      |
| 1782.  | William Mebane,   | Wm. McCauley, Mark Patterson.       |
| 1783.  | William McCauley, | Alexander Mebane, Thomas Burke.     |
| 1784.  | Wm. McCauley,     | Alexander Mebane, Thomas Burke.     |
| 1785.  | Wm. McCauley,     | William Courtney, William Cain.     |
| 1786.  | Wm. McCauley,     | Jonathan Lindlay, Wm. Hooper.       |
| 1787.  | Wm. McCauley,     | Alexander Mebane, Jonathan Lindlay. |
| 1788.  | Wm. McCauley,     | Alexander Mebane, Jonathan Lindlay. |
| 1789.  | Joseph Hodge,     | Alexander Mebane, Jonathan Lindlay. |
| 1790.  | William Courtney, | Alexander Mebane, John Carrington.  |
| 1791.  | Joseph Hodge,     | Alexander Mebane, Jonathan Lindlay. |
| 1792.  | Wm. F. Strudwick, | Alexander Mebane, William Nash.     |

| Years. | Senate.            | House of Commons.                                                         |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1793.  | William Sheppard,  | Walter Alves, Wm. Nash.                                                   |
| 1794.  | William Cain,      | William Lytle, Walter Alves.                                              |
| 1795.  | William Cain,      | Walter Alves, Wm. Lytle.                                                  |
| 1796.  | William Cain,      | Samuel Benton, John Cabe.                                                 |
| 1797.  | Wm. F. Strudwick,  | Samuel Benton, John Cabe.                                                 |
| 1798.  | David Ray,         | James Mebane, John Cabe.                                                  |
| 1799.  | David Ray,         | Samuel Benton, William F. Strudwick.                                      |
| 1800.  | David Ray,         | Samuel Benton, John Cabe.                                                 |
| 1801.  | William Sheppard,  | Wm. F. Strudwick, James Mebane.                                           |
| 1802.  | William Cain,      | Wm. F. Strudwick, Duncan Cameron.                                         |
| 1803.  | William Sheppard,  | James Mebane, Wm. F. Strudwick.                                           |
| 1804.  | David Ray,         | John Thompson, Michael Holt.                                              |
| 1805.  | Jonathan Lindlay,  | John Thompson, David Mebane.                                              |
| 1806.  | David Ray,         | Duncan Cameron, David Mebane.                                             |
| 1807.  | David Ray,         | Duncan Cameron, John Thompson.                                            |
| 1808.  | James Mebane,      | John Thompson, David Mebane.                                              |
| 1809.  | James Mebane,      | John Thompson, David Mebane.                                              |
| 1810.  | James Mebane,      | John Thompson, David Mebane.                                              |
| 1811.  | James Mebane,      | John Craig, John Thompson.                                                |
| 1812.  | Arch'd D. Murphey, | Duncan Cameron, John Craig.                                               |
| 1813.  | A. D. Murphey,     | Duncan Cameron, John Craig.                                               |
| 1814.  | A. D. Murphey,     | J. Craig, Frederick Nash.                                                 |
| 1815.  | A. D. Murphey,     | Frederick Nash, John Craig.                                               |
| 1816.  | A. D. Murphey,     | William Holt, Frederick Nash.                                             |
| 1817.  | A. D. Murphey,     | William Holt, Frederick Nash.                                             |
| 1818.  | A. D. Murphey,     | James Mebane, Willie P. Mangum.                                           |
| 1819.  | Duncan Cameron,    | W. Barbee, Willie P. Mangum.                                              |
| 1820.  | Michael Holt,      | Willie Shaw, James Mebane.                                                |
| 1821.  | Michael Holt,      | Willie Shaw, James Mebane.                                                |
| 1822.  | Duncan Cameron,    | James Mebane, John McCauley.                                              |
| 1823.  | Duncan Cameron,    | James Mebane, John McCauley.                                              |
| 1824.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | William McCauley, James Mebane.                                           |
| 1825.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | William McCauley, John Boon.                                              |
| 1826.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | John Boon, John Stockard.                                                 |
| 1827.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | John Boon, John Stockard.                                                 |
| 1828.  | James Mebane,      | Hugh Waddell, John Stockard.                                              |
| 1829.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | Thomas H. Taylor, John Stockard.                                          |
| 1830.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | John Stockard, Joseph Allison.                                            |
| 1831.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | Joseph Allison.                                                           |
| 1832.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | Joseph Allison, Priestley H. Mangum.                                      |
| 1833.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | Joseph Allison, John Stockard.                                            |
| 1834.  | Wm. Montgomery,    | Joseph Allison, John Stockard.                                            |
| 1835.  | James Allison,     | John Stockard, James Forest.                                              |
| 1836.  | Hugh Waddell,      | Wm. A. Graham, Nathaniel J. King, Jno. Boon, John Stockard.               |
| 1838.  | Joseph Allison,    | B. Trollinger, J. Stockard, H. Sims, Wm. A. Graham.                       |
| 1840.  | Willie P. Mangum,  | Wm. A. Graham, Nathan. J. King, M. W. Holt, Cadwallader Jones, Jr.        |
| 1842.  | Joseph Allison,    | Cadwallader Jones, Jr., J. S. Bracken, John Stockard, Henry K. Nash.      |
| 1844.  | Hugh Waddell,      | J. B. Leathers, Lofton K. Pratt, Giles Mebane, C. F. Faucett.             |
| 1846.  | Hugh Waddell,      | Giles Mebane, C. F. Faucett, J. B. Leathers, Sidney Smith.                |
| 1848.  | John Berry,        | Cadwallader Jones, Jr., G. H. McDade, J. Stockard, Giles Mebane.          |
| 1850.  | John Berry,        | Cadwallader Jones, Jr., D. A. Montgomery, B. L. Durhan, George Patterson. |