

Dixon Dwelling Is Relocated

Tom Dixon's birthplace, subject of a Times feature June 28, has been moved, according to Willie Costner at Costner's Furniture City, off Highway 18 north.

The building, one of Cleveland County's oldest landmarks, was originally situated on Highway 18, about three miles below Fallston in sight of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The moving occurred about a week and a half ago.

Costner says the house is standing behind Furniture City at the present time and will remain there as a rented residence after repairs have been completed in about a month's time.

The building has had an interesting history, although not nearly as interesting as the story of the man that made it noted.

Tom Dixon, who was born there January 11, 1864 was a
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brilliant and versatile man. He died in 1946.

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He was perhaps Cleveland County's most famous son — novelist, lawyer, playwright, actor, preacher, legislator, and general jack-of-all-trades who made a million dollars twice but reportedly died a pauper.

When Dixon was born in the house, it was, according to a reliable source, a two-room dwelling, not the sprawling structure that exists today. It was lived in by many families through the years, some seeing the need for additional rooms. Today it has four additional rooms and two porches, and has limited space upstairs. It has been referred to, erroneously, as a log house.

The fifty-four acre original site of the dwelling will be turned into a housing development.