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In Cleveland County's Early Days

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CLEVELAND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 1844 UNTIL 1901

House Members:

1844: J. Y. Hamrick of Boiling Springs. Married Catherine Hardin.

1846: Joshua Beam of near Buffalo Creek. Married twice. Second wife was Miss Heavner.

1848: J. Y. Hamrick, re-elected.

1850: G. G. Holland. Married Cynthia Moore. Was later Major in Confederate Army.

1852: A. W. Burton of Shelby. Married Julia Olmstead. Was later Major in Confederate Army.

From 1854 thru 1866 Cleveland had two representatives in the House.

1854: G. G. Holland, re-elected.

1854: W. W. Wright. Probably William Wright, later Captain in Confederate Army.

1856: F. Summey Ramsour of the lower part of the county. Married Harriet Ramsour.

1856: William M. Blanton.

1858: Abraham G. Waters. Was later Captain in Confederate Army.

1858: Gilreath Dixon of Shelby. Married Mrs. Moore.

1860: Abraham G. Waters, re-elected.

1860: John R. Logan of Shel-

by. First wife, Sarah Jackson; second wife, Emily Allison.

1862: David Beam of Buffalo Creek section. First wife was Sarah Hambright; second wife was Sarah Alexander.

1862: John R. Logan, re-elected.

1864: J. W. Gidney of Shelby. Married Mary McFarland.

1864: David Beam, re-elected.

1865: J. W. Gidney, re-elected.

1865: John R. Logan, re-elected.

1866: George W. Whitfield of Shelby. Married Louisa Wimberly.

1866: Capt. Plato Durham of Shelby. Married Nora Tracy.

1868: Capt. Plato Durham re-elected. (Note: It was at this term of the Legislature that the iniquitous State Constitution written by carpet-baggers and Republican Scalawags was adopted. On March 16th, 1868, during the signing of this Constitution, Capt. Durham arranged to have the bell in the Capitol at Raleigh tolled.)

1870: Lee M. McAfee of Shelby. Married Mrs. Eddins.

1872: J. W. Gidney, re-elected.

1874: Allan Bettis of Earl. Married Mary Catherine Witt.

1876: Reuben McBrayer of Shelby. Married Mary E. Fulenwider.

1879: L. E. Powers of Shelby. First wife was Miss Elliott; sec-

ond wife was Kate Biggerstaff.

1881: J. Y. Hamrick of Boiling Springs (grandson of Cleveland's first representative). He married Kansas Ellen Byars.

1883: L. E. Powers, re-elected.

1885: Thomas Dixon, Jr., of Shelby. First wife, Harriet Bussey; second wife had been his secretary for many years prior to their marriage. I do not recall her name.

1887: Maj. H. F. Schenck of Lawndale. Married Lucretia Latimore.

1889: Dr. Wiley C. Hamrick of Shelby. Married Peola Turner.

1891: Capt. E. D. Dixon of Fallston. Married Jane Wilson.

1893: Sylvanus Erwin of Waco. Married M. Putnam.

1895: Rev. L. L. Smith of Sharon. Married Nancy Dianna Hamrick.

1897: Rev. L. L. Smith, re-elected.

1899: Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby. Married Bessie Gardner. Mr. Hoey is now U. S. Senator.

1901: Clyde R. Hoey, re-elected.

Senate Members

Many of the Senators representing Cleveland were from adjoining counties. Those from this county were:

1844 to 1854: Dr. W. J. T. Miller

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of Sharon and Shelby. Married
Elizabeth Fulenwider.

1860: Augustus W. Burton of
Shelby. Married Julia Olmstead.

1874: Jesse Jenkins of Shelby.
Married Hattie Beam.

1879: Capt. Lemuel J. Hoyle of
Belwood. First wife was Emma
Higgins; second wife was Mary
Ella Round.

1883 and 1887: Judge James L.
Webb of Shelby. Married Kansas
Andrews.

1891: Dr. L. Newton Durham of
Shelby. Married Frances Cansler.

1895: J. Y. Hamrick of Boiling
Springs. Married Kansas Ellen
Byars.

1897: Jule B. Fortune of Shel-
by.

1899: J. A. Anthony of Shelby.
Married Ollie Gardner.

1901: Edwin Yates Webb of
Shelby. First wife, Willie Sim-
mons; second wife was Mrs.
Alice Taylor. Mr. Webb is now
a Federal Court judge.

Note: The names of the Sena-
tors and Representatives, and
dates of service, hereinabove set
forth are copied from a publish-
ed list prepared 12 years ago by
P. C. Gardner.

However, there appears to be
two or three errors. Capt. L. J.
Hoyle served a term in the Sen-
ate of which no mention is made;
and Dr. Ben F. Dixon (married
Mrs. Nora Tracey Durham) who
served a term in the Legisla-
ture, is stated to have served in
the 1899 Legislature; whereas
Clyde R. Hoey was the Represent-
ative that year.

I regret that I am unable to
locate any kin folks of Abraham
G. Waters, W. W. Wright, Wil-
liam M. Blanton, and Jule B. For-
tune. Hence, I cannot give the
names of the women these men
married.