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Duplin county at the first, 1749, touched the borders of New Hanover, Bladen, Cumberland, Johnston, Craven and Onslow. The eastern part of Johnston became Dobbs county in 1758 and the westean part of Dobbs became Wayne, 1779. Jones county on the eastern border of Duplin was formed from Craven, 1779. Until 1784 Duplini ncluded what is now Sampson county and in this paper the old name will be used to cover the whole territory. It was one of the fairest portions of North Carolina. Large streams which flowed through every part of it indicated fertile lands and afforded cheap and easy tronsportation for the timber and naval stores which were then the chief articles of commerce. The Indians were excellent judges of a location which furnished materials for easy and luxurious living; and their chief settlement was near the present town of Kenansville. A large mound in which they buried their dead long stood about a mile from the court-house, indicating at once their ownership and their good sense. The public high-way ran from Wilmington to Smithville, dividing the county into nearly equal sections. The court-house stood on this road about the centre of the county. Four miles north of the court-house the road forked, the right leading to Dobbs court-house which stood two miles across and up the river from White-hall. The foundations of the old building may still be seen on the plantation of James Whitfield, Esq.

Into this beautiful region there came, singly or in groups, men who by taste and experience were prepared to make the most and best of it. They were from different quarters, but the largest and most influential body of them came from Maryland. The mention of a few families will make this appear: Clark, Wright, Beck, Houston, Hollingsworth, Hines, (in Maryland written also Hinds, Hynes, Hyndes), Darden (written Durding in Maryland to this day), King, Hobbs, Kinnear (written in Maryland Conier), Rutledge, Carr, Dixon, Kirby (Kerby), Sutherland, Glisson (Gleeson, Glesson), Bowden, Millard, Meredith, Howard, Blackman, Cooper, Hynson, Winders (Winters), Ballard, Cook, Fennell (Fennile, Finnell, Fennil), Murray, Chason (Cheston), Bell, Carroll, Hicks, Torrance, (Tarrance), Thompson, Dunn. I think, though I am not sure, that Bunting, Holmes and Sampson came from New England to Maryland and thence to North Carolina and Duplin county.

It will be of interest to glance at the history of some of these families. They came from good homes on the Eastern Shore of Maryland which has been settled since 1631, bringing with them some wealth, considerable intelligence and a certain degree of familiarity with the best social and domestic life of the time. The Dixons were men of force and speedily obtained recognition and place. One of them was the first clerk of the county Many years later one of the descendants, James Dixon, long held the same office. Robert and James were several times elected to the Legislature. Joseph Dixon was a member of Congress and left a sum of money, large for those times, to educate the poor children of the county. Of the Kings two were members of the Legislature and one, William R., was a member of Congress in this State, Senator from Alabama, and Vice-President. Daniel Glisson was for twenty years in one or other branch of the Legislature. Of the Wrights, Thomas was for a number of years sheriff, while David and William were several times members of the Legislature. Thomas Hicks was a member af the Convention of 1774 and 1775, also of the Legislature of 1778. He died soon afterwards. Andrew and Daniel Thompson came to Duplin before 1738 In that year the former married Ann Hicks and on her death, 1739, married her sister, Lucretia. Dalel Thompson married Miss Legate, of Brunswick. These brothers were from Berlin, Md. Of their descendants Thomas was murdered by tories near Clinton, Jacob was captured in the battle of Camden and carried to Charleston, never to be heard from afterwards; James did service in the Revolution and was often elected to the Legislature after the war. The Clarks were among the earlier settlers. They were people of wealth and also of refined taste and elegant culture. One of them built, about two miles north of Faison, what is a fine specimen of the best class of colonial homes. It is yet standing and after more than a hundred years is still, with a few exceptions, the best house in the county. The lawn, the garden, the flowers, the street on which stood the negro cabins were greatly superior to those which one usually finds in new settlements. Another of the Clarks built a similar house one mile west of Faison. It was burned by the Federal solders in the spring of 1865 Still another residence of similar styl. was owned by Samuel Dunn. His education had been completed in Dublin and literature was his recreation from the cares of business. His library would be considered a good one even in these times of abundant and cheap books. He came, 1796, from Kent county, where his family had been rather prominent one for more than a hundred years; married a sister of Hon Charles Hooks, died 1829.

The Hollingsworth family was the oldest and also one of the first to settle in the county. According to Burke, Landed Gentry, they were comfortably settled in England before the Conquest. Valentine Hollingsworth came to America with William Penn, 1682, and for almost twenty years was a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. Two of his descendants, Stephen and Henry, came to Dublin and settled on Stuart's Creek. Others of the family followed. John was a member of the Convention at Halifax, April, 1776. Charles was a lieutenant in the battalion which was formed for the defence of the coast about Wilmington. Samuel was a leader of the patriots in Cumberland. Henry and Zebulon, sons of the first Henry that came out, were pensioned by order of Congress in 1823, for military service during the Revolution. Stephen was a man of large landed estate, a Baptist minister, a stirring patriot in Bladen where such men were much needed. Some years after the establishment of the Hollingsworths on Stuart's creek the Aldermans came out from New Jersey and settled in the same region, drawn probably by some tie of acquaintance or religious belief. They came from England where they were out of harmony with the Established Church and therefore unpleasantly situated in their homes. Prof. Alderman, superintendent of graduated schools in Henderson, has among his heir-looms a writing desk which was brought over by the family on their first coming to America. Thomas Kennear (Conier) was sheriff of Dublin. The first of the name in Maryland, was Philip Conier who, 1647, was appointed by Governor Calvert a commissioner of Kent county, and, 1652, was appointed commander of the county. But there is not time or space for more of these details of persons and family history. The making of Dublin was the work of men such as those whose names have been mentioned. Of course there were many others. Some came from other colonies but no other province furnished so many settlers of such excellent quality as Maryland. It is proof of the character of the people that for twenty-seven years Duplin furnished the Congressman for the district in which it is situated. It also gave to the State an excellent governor.

Of course people like these would not be indifferent to the education of their children. Besides the neighborhood and family schools there were at a very early period two academies of high grade. One of them, now know as the James Sprunt Institute, was at first Grove Academy and stood a mile beyond the town limits. For many years it had a very extensive patronage, and it is still quite as flourishing as ever. The other was Green Academy, about three miles north of Faison and rivaling the Grove in reputation and patronage. It was conducted by such men as Husted, of Raleigh, and the Elliots, A. M. Green, of the family now in Goldsboro, and Wilson was the founder and first teacher.

The Established Church was not popular. The citizens would not have it. A parsonage and glebe, near the court-house' was purchased and Governor Tryon sent them Rev. Hobart Briggs, but he soon had to leave the community and the property was sold by act of the Legislature. Afterwards there was no other Episcopal church in the county until the close of the civil war, save perhaps a small body of churchmen in Clinton, North Carolina. Presbyterianism as an organized body had its beginning in Duplin county, 1758. There were other congregations before that but nothing more. Dr. McAden organized the Grove church, 1858. It is now the church at Kenansville. He continued in the pastorial office in Duplin till failing health compelled his return to the hill country. The Baptists were in the field a little earlier. Seven-mile, now Canaan, was the first and then Cohara, which is now Ebenezer. Rowan was formed in 1759 and Bear Marsh in 1763. From that time the growth of the denomination was continuous but not rapid. Charles Hines, Joshua Herring, Stephen Hollingsworth, the Coopers and Taylor were among the prominent preachers of that period.

Duplin had no small share in the war of the Revolution and the skirmishes which led up to it. Her sons were with the people of Wilmington in the troubles over the Stamp Act. Some of her men were at the battle of Moore's Creek and others, by order of Caswell, were guarding bridges in his rear; but most of them were with Col. James Moore near Fayetteville in his effort to defeat the Tories or prevent their march to join the British in Wilmington. Some of her men were with Caswell in the disastrous battle of Camden and others were with John Ashe in the defeat at Brier Creek, Ga. When Maj. Craig was making it uncomfortable for the patriots of Wilmington and threatening worse things, many of them fled for refuge into Duplin. It is sad to think of John Ashe, broken hearted over the disaster at Brier Creek, sick of smallpox and yet compelled to leave home with the others; of his reaching Sampson Hall, the home

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