HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD

Cornwallis left this camp on the 7th or 8th of January and was at Turkey Creek, 25 miles distant, when the battle of Cowpens (January 17, 1781) took place. Tarleton says: "Ferguson's fall at King's Mountain put a period to the first expedition into North Carolina and the affair at Cowpens overshadowed the commencement of the second."

No one has fully done for Fairfield what Judge O'Neale did for Newberry, or Daniel Stinson for Chester. There are at least two instances to show the dangers of postponing the work of collecting and printing these chronicles. We allude to the history of Fairfield, especially the western part of it, by Phillip Edmund Pearson, and the history of Mount Zion by Col. W. McCreight. It would be a work worthy of the best committee the citizens could appoint to see if these manuscripts are still in existence and to place them beyond the casualties to which single copies of manuscript are exposed. There are facts in each which can scarcely be replaced by any living man or existing books. Col. Pearson left Winnsboro in 1838, before many present were born, and after spending the closing years of his life in the wilds of Texas, recalling the scenes of his youth and his recollections of the facts and incidents he had heard from older men. Some present can recall him as he used to daily walk from his office, on the spot where one of the stores in George McMaster's large brick building stands, to his dwelling, now owned by Maj. J. R. Aiken. Perhaps more than one present may have recalled his first idea of a large library "from the well-filled shelves of his law office," as we passed it daily to school. Col. Pearson was fond of historical and antiquarian researches. He wrote the article on Fairfield district in Mills' Statistics, a book perhaps little known, as copies are scarce. It was published in 1826. Perhaps the list of its Fairfield subscribers even may be of interest. The names are: James Barclay, Thomas Means, David Aiken, Caleb Clarke, Jo ph Campbell, James Campbell, I. Means, J. B. McCall, P. E. Pearson, Jacob Feaster, Samuel M. Stafford. Perhaps every one of these have been striken from the "roll of living men!"

The venerable Col. William McCreight is remembered by many, as his long and exemplary life was prolonged to within a few years of the late war. When the feebleness of age prevented him from the activities of outward life, he lived his younger days over again and employed his quiet hours in writing down

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1782. John Adair, Henry Hunter, Joseph Kirkland, Edward Lacey, William Kirkland, Robert Lyell, Charles Miles, John Pearson, William Reeves, Richard Winn.

1785. Col. Edward Lacey, John Adair, Col. Joseph Kirkland, Col. Richard Winn, William Strother, James Knox, Thomas Taylor.

1788. James Craig, Thomas Baker, James Knox, John Turner, Aromanus Lyles, John Cooke, James Pedian.

Later in the year are to be found the names of Minor Winn, and John Gray.

1789. Edward Lacey, John Tarner, William Meyer, John Gray, James Pedian, James Knox, George Gill, Jacob Brown, John Cooke, Aromanus Lyles.

In January, 1790 for the district between the Broad and Catawba Rivers the names of John Turner, William Meyer, John Gray, James Pedian, George Gill, John Cooke, Aromanus Lyles and Arthur Brown Ross appear as the representatives.

The constitution of June, 1790 gave Fairfield two representatives. They follow:

- 1792 For Fairfield alone, Major Aromanus Lyles, and Capt. John Turner.
- 1794 John Turner and James Kincaid.
- 1796 and 1797 the same, but Kincaid not recorded as attending in 1797.

1798 John Boykin and Thomas Means.

1799 James Kincaid and Thomas Means.

1800 same as 1799.

1802 John McCreary and Thomas B. Franklin.

1804 David R. Evans only one recorded as attending.

1806 Major William Strother, and Samuel Alston.

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There were four representatives after 1810 for a time.

- 1810 Caleb Clarke, Samuel Johnson, Samuel Alston, John Woodward, Jr.
- 1812 Caleb Clarke, John Woodward, Wm. F. Pearson, Austin F. Peay.
- 1814 Wm. F. Pearson, Samuel Alston, Abner Ross, John Woodward.
- 1816 Wm. F. Pearson, Abner Ross, Austin F. Peay, Joshua Player.

1818 Philip Edw an, Wm. W

1820 Philip E. P B. McCall.

1822 James Bark

Brown.

1824 Jesse Havi Barkley.

1826 David Mon Bonner.

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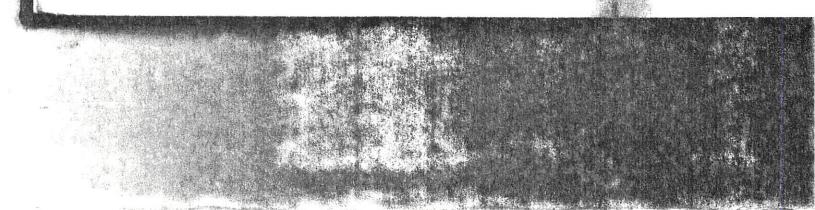
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