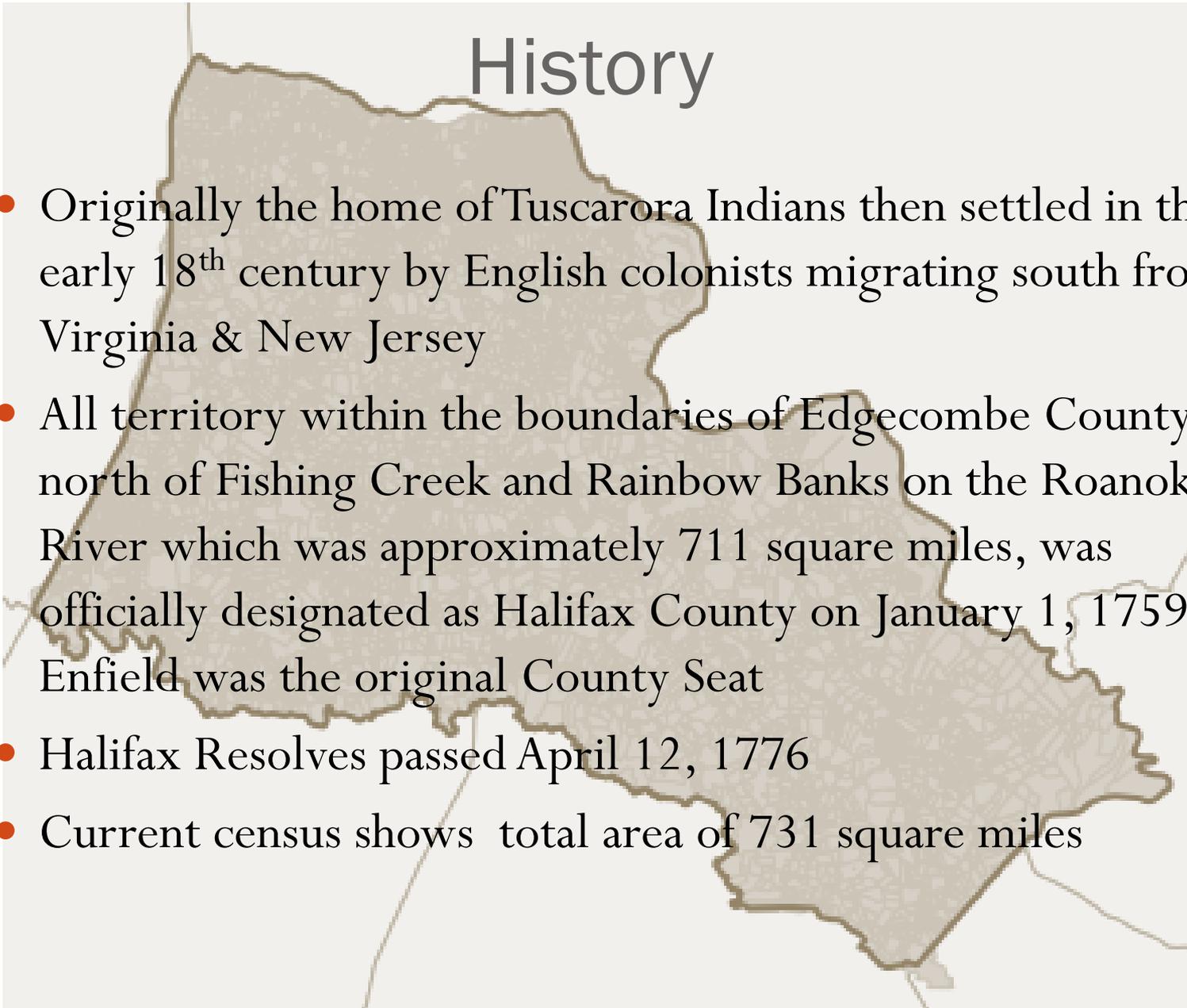


Sheriffs of Halifax County

Presented by Chief Deputy Scott Hall



History

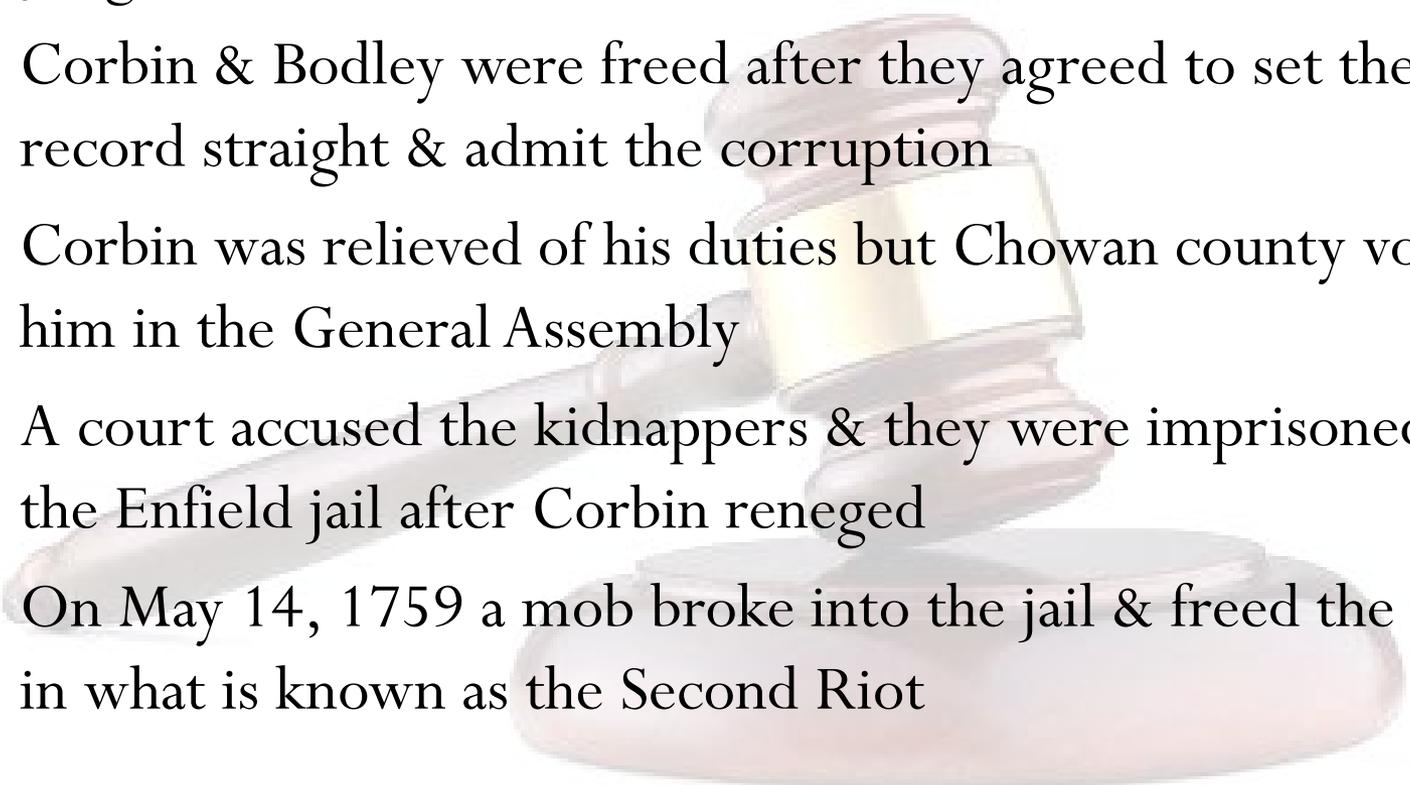
- Originally the home of Tuscarora Indians then settled in the early 18th century by English colonists migrating south from Virginia & New Jersey
- All territory within the boundaries of Edgecombe County north of Fishing Creek and Rainbow Banks on the Roanoke River which was approximately 711 square miles, was officially designated as Halifax County on January 1, 1759 & Enfield was the original County Seat
- Halifax Resolves passed April 12, 1776
- Current census shows total area of 731 square miles

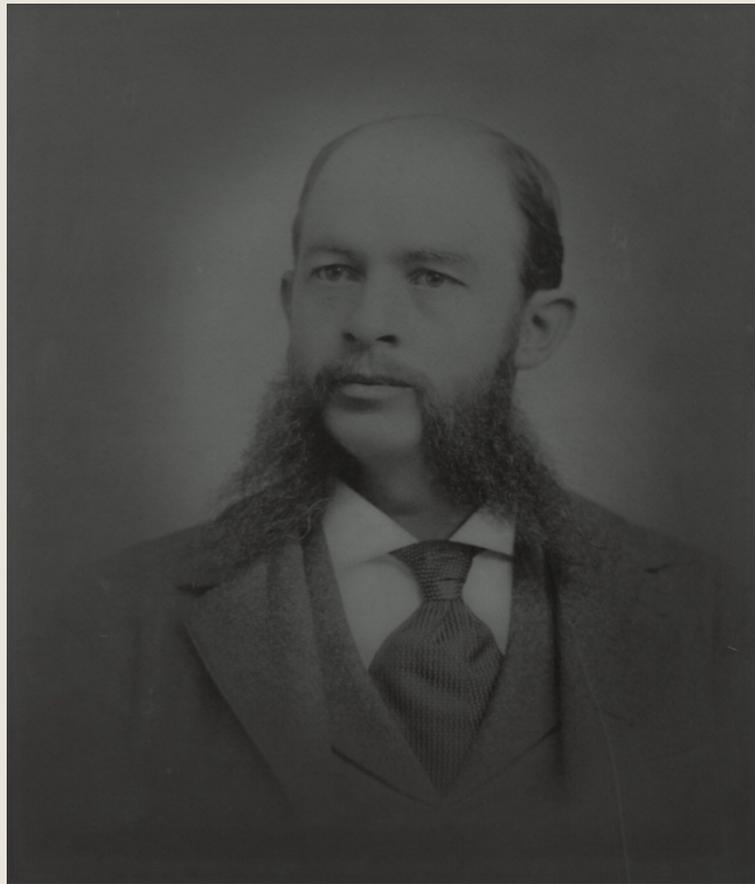
Enfield Riots

- In January 1759 about 24 men travelled to Edenton, kidnapped the Earl of Granville's land agent & "Assistant Judge" Francis Corbin & brought him back to Enfield
- Allegations of malfeasance, charged excessive rent fees, purposeful granting of the same tract of land to multiple grantees, extortion & corruption
- The kidnapers, known as the Rioters, established an extralegal jurisdiction to enforce the law- took matters into their own hands
- Held Corbin & co-conspirator Thomas Bodley in the Enfield jail for 4 days

Enfield Riots (cont.)

- Judge William Hurst was one of the “rioters”
- Corbin & Bodley were freed after they agreed to set the record straight & admit the corruption
- Corbin was relieved of his duties but Chowan county voted him in the General Assembly
- A court accused the kidnappers & they were imprisoned in the Enfield jail after Corbin reneged
- On May 14, 1759 a mob broke into the jail & freed the men in what is known as the Second Riot





Joseph Anderson House

1899- 1902 and 1907-1925

STATEMENT D—Continued.

INDIGENT PUPILS—continued.			
September, 1906.	Received from F. D. Markham, Sheriff Durham county	95.00	28.70
	Ambrose Clark, Sheriff Ashe county	20.00	
	George D. McLeod, Sheriff Robeson county	120.00	
	T. J. Finch, Sheriff Randolph county	75.30	
	N. S. Thompson, Sheriff Person county	20.00	
June, 1906.	Received from L. W. Tucker, Sheriff Pitt county		39.70
	F. P. Shields, Treasurer Halifax county, 1905 account		120.00
	M. S. Hinson, Sheriff Richmond county		75.30
	D. T. Vance, Sheriff Anson county		20.00
October, 1906.	Received from J. F. Harris, Sheriff Cabarrus county	20.00	
	N. W. Wallace, Sheriff Mecklenburg county	20.00	
	F. P. Allspaugh, Sheriff Forsyth county	36.90	
	J. F. Jordan, Sheriff Guilford county		
	K. Chambers, Tax Collector Buncombe county		
	C. M. McDowell, Sheriff Burke county	74.40	
	E. K. Howard, Sheriff Granville county	120.00	
November, 1906.	Received from J. R. Patterson, Sheriff Halifax county		
	M. Davis, Sheriff Surry county		

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STATEMENT E—Continued.

CONVICTS—continued.			
June, 1907.	Paid J. M. Smith, Sheriff Caldwell county	61.40	
	J. W. Bryant, Sheriff Mitchell county	74.00	
	W. D. McLaurin, Deputy Sheriff Scotland county	18.10	
	C. K. Kernodle, Sheriff Alamance county	8.60	
	N. W. Wallace, Sheriff Mecklenburg county	27.90	
	J. E. Ziglar, Sheriff Forsyth county	16.90	
	C. P. Davidson, Deputy Sheriff Buncombe county	18.00	
	J. R. Patterson, Sheriff Halifax county	18.70	
	D. P. Ligon, Sheriff Guilford county	10.90	
July, 1907.	Paid P. H. Marshburn, Sheriff McDowell county	120.55	
	D. P. Ligon, Sheriff Guilford county	23.10	

F.P. Shields
1904 & March 1906

G.H. Johnson

STATEMENT I—Continued.

HALIFAX COUNTY.	Value.	Total Value.	Tax.	Total Tax.
J. R. PATTERSON, Sheriff.				
STATE TAXES.				
Acres of land, 408,277	\$ 2,553,112		\$ 5,861.53	
Acres mineral, quarry, 495	29,969		62.93	
Town lots, 1,814	1,323,127		2,778.56	
Total value real estate		\$ 2,906,208		\$ 8,263.02
Horses, 9,297	222,118		466.45	
Mules, 2,214	192,954		406.20	
Jacks and jennies, 2	110		.23	
Goats, 63	65		.14	
Cattle, 7,635	85,739		180.05	
Hogs, 17,368	34,846		73.18	
Sheep, 1,483	1,760		3.70	
Dogs, 633	2,483		5.21	
Bicycles, 129	1,146		2.41	
Value farming utensils	38,895		81.68	
Value tools of mechanics	4,636		9.74	
Value household and kitchen furniture	121,882		255.95	
Value of provisions	25,819		60.52	
Value of fire-arms	13,500		28.35	
Value scientific instruments	1,524		3.20	
Money on hand or on deposit	123,111		258.53	
Solvent credits	503,369		1,057.07	
Money investments, shares, etc.	42,042		88.29	
Value cotton, in seed or lint	53,368		112.07	
Value tobacco, leaf or manufactured	1,140		2.39	
Value brandy and whiskey	2,240		4.70	
Value musical instruments	23,585		49.55	
Value plated and silverware	4,889		10.27	
Value watches and jewelry	18,080		37.97	
Goods, wares, merchandise	365,963		768.82	
Private banks—money, etc.	24,385		51.21	
All other personal property whatsoever	315,183		661.88	
Total value personal property		2,227,842		4,678.46
Total value real and personal property		6,134,050		12,881.48
Income tax as certified by Corporation Commission				186.50
<i>Schedule B.</i>		<i>Tax.</i>		
Theatres			12.50	
Circus or menagerie			40.00	
All other shows			112.50	
Lawyers, physicians, etc.			145.00	
Coal dealers			20.00	
Undertakers			25.00	
Bicycle dealers			7.50	
Livery-stables			11.00	
Peddlers			10.00	
Hotels			8.50	

J.R. Patterson
Dec 1905, Nov 1906, June 1907

Joe L. Riddick

Sheriff's Oaths

I, Joe L. Riddick....., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

I, Joe L. Riddick..... do further solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Joe L. Riddick....., do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of Sheriff of Halifax.....County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false returns on any process to me directed; so help me, God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....20.....

day of.....December.....1938.....


.....
Clerk Superior Court.

..... (Seal)

Joe L. Riddick

Took oath of office on December 20, 1938



I, Harry Allen House, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

I, Harry Allen House, do further solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Harry Allen House, do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of Sheriff of Halifax County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false returns on any process to me directed; so help me, God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Sept, 1940

H. A. House
Clerk Superior Court.

H. A. House (Seal)

Harry Allen House
September 1940- December 1966



Sheriff's Oaths

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I, J. Reuben Daniel, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

I, J. Reuben Daniel, do further solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, J. Reuben Daniel, do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of Sheriff of Halifax County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false returns on any process to me directed; so help me, God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th

day of December, 19 66

J. C. Taylor
Clerk Superior Court.

J. Reuben Daniel [SEAL]

John Rueben Daniel
December 1966- November 1970



I, William C. Bailey, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

I, William C. Bailey, do further solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, William C. Bailey, do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of Sheriff of Halifax County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false returns on any process to me directed; so help me, God.

William C. Bailey (SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1970.

J. C. Taylor
J. C. TAYLOR
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
HALIFAX COUNTY
HALIFAX, NORTH CAROLINA

William Clarence "Bill" Bailey Jr.

November 1970- December 1986



North Carolina
Halifax County

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HALIFAX COUNTY, N.C.
BY _____ E _____

In the matter of
M. L. STALLINGS, SHERIFF
Halifax County, North Carolina

O A T H

I, M. L. Stallings, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

I, M. L. Stallings, do solemnly swear that I will execute the Office of Sheriff of Halifax County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeable to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a Juror or for making any false return on any process to me directed; so help me, God.

M. L. Stallings

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st., day of
December, 1986.

Kenneth A. Auerbach

Resident Superior Court Judge

M. L. Stallings

December 1, 1986- December 31, 1996



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Halifax County

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By W. B. [Signature]
Clerk of Superior Court

*In the Matter of
Jeff Paul Frazier, Sheriff
Halifax County, North Carolina*

I, Jeff Paul Frazier, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

I, Jeff Paul Frazier, do solemnly swear that I will execute the Office of Sheriff of HALIFAX COUNTY to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false return on any process to me directed; so help me, God.

Jeff Paul Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1st day of January, 1997

W. B. [Signature]
Resident Superior Court Judge

Jeff P. Frazier

January 1, 1997- June 30, 2013



North Carolina
Halifax County
In the Matter of the Appointment of
Samuel Wesley Tripp, Jr.

OATH

Sheriff
Halifax County, North Carolina

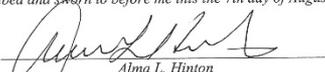
I, Samuel Wesley Tripp, Jr., do solemnly and sincerely swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers an authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Samuel Wesley Tripp, Jr., do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will be alert and vigilant to enforce the criminal laws of the State; that I will not be influenced in any matter on account of personal bias or prejudice; that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and the laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and execute the duties of my office as a law enforcement officer according to the best of my skill, abilities, and judgement; so help me, God.

I, Samuel Wesley Tripp, Jr., do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will execute the Office of Sheriff of Halifax County to the best of my knowledge and ability agreeable to the law; and that I will not take, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity, or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false return on any process to me directed; so help me, God.


Samuel Wesley Tripp, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 7th day of August, 2013.


Alma L. Hinton
Resident Superior Court Judge

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Wes Tripp

August 7, 2013 to current day



Remembering Our Fallen





Deputy Sheriff Charlie Marion Hawkins

EOW Sunday, February 27, 1916

Deputy Hawkins was shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant on a man for attempting to leave the state without paying for boarding. The suspect was armed with a shotgun and shot Deputy Hawkins in the chest.

The suspect was apprehended the next day near Littleton. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. His sentence was later commuted to life.

Deputy Hawkins was survived by his wife and seven children. He was 45 years old.



Deputy Sheriff James Edward Perry, Sr.

EOW Sunday, January 25, 1931

Deputy Sheriff James Perry was shot and killed while he and another deputy attempted to serve a search warrant on a man suspected of making illegal whiskey.

Deputy Perry was struck by a shotgun blast as he displayed the search warrant to the suspect. The suspect then shot at the second deputy, who returned fire and killed the suspect.

Deputy Perry was survived by his wife and eight children. He was 43 years old and had served with the Sheriff's Office for two years.



Deputy Sheriff William Albert Pope

EOW Wednesday, April 3, 1940

Deputy Sheriff William Pope was shot and killed while serving a bench warrant on a suspect who fled from the Halifax County Recorder's Court before paying a \$25 fine.

He was shot when he went to serve the warrant at the lumber mill where the man worked as a night watchman. The man was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Deputy Pope was survived by his wife, mother, two brothers and three sisters. He was 24 years old.



Deputy Sheriff Lofton Iry Floyd

EOW Tuesday, July 24, 1956

Deputy Sheriff Lofton Iry Floyd was shot and killed while serving a warrant on a formal mental patient. Deputy Floyd along with the sheriff and another deputy were trying to arrest a 26 year old male for using his father's automobile without permission.

Deputy Floyd was fatally shot by a blast from a shotgun fired from the suspect's home. The suspect was tried for first degree murder, convicted and was committed to the state institution for the criminally insane.

He was 46 years old.



Deputy Sheriff William McKinley Goodwin

EOW Sunday, March 2, 1969

US Navy Veteran Deputy Sheriff William Goodwin was killed when his patrol car was struck by a train at a railroad crossing on rural paved road 1423, near Halifax.

Deputy Goodwin had served for only 5 months and was the Halifax County Sheriff's Office's first African American deputy. He had also served with the Roanoke Rapids Police Department for one year.

He was survived by his wife and was only 23 years old.

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