

Wake Forest Cemetery Historical Listings



Compiled by the Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board

All that we know about those we have loved and lost is that they would wish us to remember them with a more intensified realization of their reality. What is essential does not die but clarifies. The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude. —THORNTON WILDER

INTRODUCTION

Nothing provokes memories of times past and those who preceded us quite like a stroll through the town cemetery. As you walk around the grounds, you will learn about Wake Forest and her people. Veterans of our nation's wars from the War Between the States until today, professors and college presidents, the wealthy and the poor, teachers and preachers, doctors and lawyers, merchants and professional athletes, writers and poets, young and old, all from the families who established our town and determined its culture and destiny.

Wake Forest began as a college town. John Purefoy was among a group of North Carolina Baptists who selected Calvin Jones' six hundred acre plantation in 1832 as the site for Wake Forest College. With land set aside by the college, its streets were laid out and the town emerged.

In 1836, Daniel Lindsay Russell was the first death in this newly established community. His remains were carried to an area set aside by the college in 1835. This is the first known burial although no record of its site is known. One year later, Charles R. Merriam, the brother of Mrs. Samuel Wait, was the second to die within the community. His is the earliest marked gravesite. The next oldest sites are those of James Edward Laughinghouse (1842), Rev. John Purefoy (1855) and Rev. Benson Field Cole (1856).

Incorporated in 1880, the town's primary business was the College and most of its populace were associated with it. Two literary societies on campus, the Euzelian and Philomathesian Societies, developed formal plans for the cemetery. A stone representing each society stands in the northeast corner of the cemetery. Surrounding each stone are several smaller gravestones marking the burial sites of members of their respective societies.

Today, the town of Wake Forest owns the Wake Forest Cemetery. It continues as an example of a rural cemetery with winding drives, stately old trees, flowering plants and large

shrubs. Within the cemetery are buried four Wake Forest College presidents, thirty-five professors, numerous administrators and staff, their spouses and countless citizens who mutually interacted with the college and the town.

HISTORICAL LISTINGS

We have diligently searched available sources for information about the people buried in the cemetery. Still, there is much more to collect. We welcome historical data about those who rest here from family and friends so that we can continue to add to this listing.

Refer to the map on page 2 to locate the section of the cemetery where the gravesites of the following people can be found.

Section 1b

WILLIAM ALLEN - Enlisted in Company I, the Wake Light Infantry of the 1st Regiment on July 16, 1861. In 1862, he was promoted to Corporal and in July 15, 1863, to Sergeant Major. Sergeant Major Allen was captured at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House and survived prison camps in Point Lookout, Maryland and Elmira, New York.

JAMES NURNEY BOND - Taught in the Department of Mathematics from 1949-1953. Prior to coming to Wake Forest College, Professor Bond taught at Virginia Episcopal School from 1928-1942, St. Christopher's School in 1943 and North Carolina State College from 1946-1947.

ORA CLARE BRADBURY - Professor of Biology, 1925-1967. Dr. Bradbury taught at Baylor University from 1917-1918 and at the University of Denver from 1923-1925. He was also on the medical school faculty. His tenure at Wake Forest, which coincided with that of Elton C. Cooke, was noted for the growth of the department as well as the size of the faculty.

DANIEL BUNYAN BRYAN - Professor of Education 1922-1958, Dean of the College, 1923-1958, Director of Summer program, 1924-1949. Before joining the Wake Forest faculty, Dean Bryan taught at Richmond College from 1916-1921. Upon his recommendation, the Wake Forest Board of Trustees voted to admit women of junior and senior standing to the College in 1942. He was married to Euphemia Griffin.



The Wake Forest Cemetery is divided into Sections to ease identifying plot locations. Using the town's online burial search tool, interpret the burial location code as: Cemetery Name–Section–Plot.

JAMES GROVER CARROLL - In addition to serving as Professor of Mathematics from 1921-1956, “Pop” Carroll was in charge of finances for the athletic department beginning in 1921. Prior to joining the Wake Forest faculty, he was Professor of Physics at Guilford and Clemson College. His summer courses in Astronomy at Wake Forest were especially popular.

JOHN ALLEN EASLEY - Chaplain, 1928-1938, Professor of Bible 1938-1963, Dean of the School of Religion, 1950, Acting Chaplain 1958. Dr. Easley came to the College after serving as

Pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church from 1928-1938. In 1960, he chaired a committee formed to determine racial policy and was a prominent proponent of the College’s decision to integrate.

WALTER D. HOLLIDAY - Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, 1914-1953. Mr. Holiday, a native of Wake County, began working at the College in 1904. Dr. Tribble said, “Mr. Holliday rendered the type of valuable service that must grow out of a deep sense of loyalty to the ideals of the school and

the profound feeling of love and admiration for the students and faculty. Mr. Holliday was married to Salema B. Holliday (1895-1964).

HENRY L. MILLER - Owned the Ford dealership and was a benefactor to the town. There is a park named for him.

CHARLES CHILTON PEARSON - Professor of Social Sciences, 1916-1952, Debate coach. Before coming to Wake Forest, Professor Pearson taught at Washington & Lee College and Yale University. Nicknamed "Skinny," he took a leave from 1925-1926 to study at the University of Pennsylvania. He supported the notion that faculty should be provided with paid leaves of absence for additional studies. For 15 years, he taught summers at the University of Virginia and Duke. An avid sportsman, he helped build the first golf course in Wake Forest. He was married to Sarah Virginia Cullom Pearson Shepard (1910-1999).

JAMES SIMPSON PUREFOY - Agent, treasurer, trustee, benefactor, 1847-1884. In 1846, Rev. Purefoy, a local farmer, merchant and Baptist minister, built the "College Hotel" two hundred yards south of campus. He was asked to raise funds for the College during the Civil War. During Purefoy's service as agent and treasurer, James W. Denmark established at Wake Forest the first college student loan fund in the United States. Rev. Purefoy left \$1000 in his will for the College Hospital. He was married to Mary Ransom Fort. Two of their sons, Addison F. Purefoy and Frederick Marion Purefoy, were the fathers of Mrs. William Louis Poteat and Mrs. Benjamin F. Sledd, respectively.

JOHN PUREFOY - Elder Purefoy was among a group of North Carolina Baptists who selected Calvin Jones' six hundred acre plantation in 1832 as the site for Wake Forest College. His gravesite is the second oldest in the cemetery. He was the father of James S. Purefoy.

EDGAR JUSTIN PURIFOY - A former Wake Forest student, he served in Company C of the 13th Battalion North Carolina Light Artillery. His tombstone states that he was "killed in the Trenches at Petersburg, June 18, 1864."

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JOHN BETHUNE CARLYLE - Assistant Professor of Languages, 1888-1891, Professor of Latin 1891-1911, financial agent for the College, 1905-1907. Professor Carlyle was an arduous fund-raiser. He was instrumental in raising monies for a \$150,000 endowment campaign from 1907-1910. He was married to Dora Virginia Dunn of Leadsville, Tennessee. They had two sons, John Bethune Carlyle, Jr. and Irving Edward Carlyle.

WILLIS RICHARD CULLOM - Professor of Bible, 1896-1938, Acting Dean 1922-1923. Prior to coming to Wake Forest, Professor Cullom was a student and assistant professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He organized the School of Bible in 1896 and served as its head until his retirement in 1938. He gave the last baccalaureate sermon on the old campus.

DAVID FOSTER FORT - A Wake County native, David Fort was a farmer before the war. At age 22, he enlisted in the Jeff Davis Rifles, Company I of the 3rd Regiment North Carolina State Troops on July 15, 1862. Wounded five times and captured at

Gettysburg, he was exchanged four months later. After the war, he returned to farming, became a successful merchant, a Mason, and belonged to the Baptist Church.

JOSIAH FOWLER - A prominent physician of Wake Forest, born in Wake County on April 8, 1830. In the summer of 1862, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the 47th Regiment North Carolina Troops and served in that capacity until January 1865. During the war, he was under fire at Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Reams Station and the siege of Petersburg. After the war and the recovery of his health, he resumed his professional career in Franklin County for the next fifteen years. Later, he resided in Wake Forest, where he was esteemed as a professional man of unusual ability and reputation.

T. E. - THOMAS ELFORD - HOLDING, SR. - Owned one of the early pharmacies in town. His son, Tommy, was an inventor and held a number of patents.

WILLIAM WILLIS HOLDING, JR. - Basketball coach 1919-1920, 1921-1922, Baseball coach, 1920. Many considered Coach Holding to be one of the greatest athletes in College history. He lettered in four sports.

LUTHER RICE MILLS - After receiving a Masters degree from Wake Forest College in 1861, Mills entered the Confederate service as Fourth Sergeant with Company K of the 26th Virginia Infantry. In 1864, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant. His military service covered almost the entire period of war including Yorktown and Chapin's Bluff, Florida, during the Olustee campaign, Beauregard's defense of Petersburg and the siege of Petersburg. Severely wounded and captured on April 6, 1865, he was a prisoner of war until June 19, 1865. He served as Professor of Mathematics 1867-1914 and Bursar 1876-1906. Professor Mills was the brother of John Haymes Mills '54, MA '57, president of Oxford College and for whom the North Carolina Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville is named. He wrote a number of articles related to the history of Wake Forest College and completed the first survey of the Cemetery. He was married to Anna Lewis of Tarboro.

Section 1d

GEORGE BOLUS - As a Lebanese immigrant, Mr. Bolus started out in retail selling goods from a horse-pulled wagon. The business prospered and he and his family established Bolus Department Store.

JOHN FRANCIS LANNEAU - Prior to his coming to Wake Forest, Dr. Lanneau taught physics, chemistry, mathematics and astronomy at Furman University and William Jewell College from 1858-1872, interrupted only by his service in the Civil War. Lanneau was widely known in the South as a scientist and educator. In Spring 1861, he entered Confederate service as a Captain in Wade Hampton's Legion of Cavalry. In 1862, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant of Engineers serving under Generals Whiting, Longstreet, Pickett, Wise, Anderson, Maury and Robert E. Lee. He worked on the fortifications from Drewry's Bluff to Petersburg and at Richmond, Mobile and Columbia, South Carolina. He led a cavalry charge at

Williamsburg and fought in the Seven Days' Campaign at Ream's Station and Hatcher's Run. Following the war, he returned to Furman as professor of mathematics and astronomy. He served as a president of three female colleges from 1873-1890. At Wake Forest, he was Professor of Physics and Applied Mathematics, 1890-1899, Professor of Applied Mathematics and Astronomy, 1899-1921. A five-inch telescope was set up on campus under his direction in 1900. He was married to Louise Skinner Cox (1847-1930).

SOPHIE LANNEAU - A member of the first graduating class at Meredith College, she left the comforts of home to serve as a Baptist missionary in China for 40 years. Forced to come home during World War II, she returned following the war to establish and run a school for girls. A park in Glen Royall Mill Village and Sunday School Class at Wake Forest Baptist Church are named in her honor.

JAMES WILLIAM LYNCH - Chaplain, 1899-1909, Professor of Bible 1923-1938, Emeritus 1938-1940. Professor Lynch served as pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church from 1899-1909. As student editor of the *Wake Forest Student*, he argued against compulsory attendance at all campus religious services.

JOHN WILLIAM NOWELL - Professor of Chemistry 1914-1930. Dr. Nowell taught Chemistry at NC College of Agriculture & Mechanic Arts from 1912-1914. He was married to Margaret A. Edwards (1895-1945). One of their sons, John W. Nowell, Jr., '40, taught Chemistry at Wake Forest from 1945-1987.

JOHN WILLIAM NOWELL, JR. - Assistant Professor of Chemistry 1945-1948, Associate Professor 1948-1954, Professor of Chemistry 1954-1987, Assistant Dean of Upperclassmen, 1956-1959. Dr. Nowell obtained his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina in 1945.

HUBERT MCNEILL POTEAT - Instructor of Latin, 1906-1908, Professor of Latin, 1912-1956, Director of Glee Club, 1912-1923. In addition to academia, Professor Poteat was the organist for Wake Forest Baptist Church for many years and served the Shriners as Imperial Potentate of North America. He was an avid golfer and tennis player winning the singles tennis title in the Southern Intercollegiate Tennis Championship in 1907. Dr. Poteat taught Latin at Columbia University during the summer from 1924-1942. The son of William Louis Poteat, he was married to Essie Moore Morgan.

WILLIAM LOUIS POTEAT - Tutor of Languages, 1878-1880, Assistant Professor of Science, 1980-1983, Professor of Natural History (Biology), 1883-1938, President 1905-1927. Dr. Poteat was credited with being the first Biology professor to present the Darwinian theory of evolution to a college class and in doing so created much controversy among the Baptists. Affectionately known as "Dr Billy," he was the seventh president of Wake Forest and served longer than any other president to date. He was married to Emma James Purefoy (1859-1939) and they had three children.

WILLIAM C. POWELL - In conjunction with Wake Forest graduates Robert Royall and Thomas Holding, Powell brought industry to town. The Royall Cotton Mill, north of Faculty Avenue, manufactured a variety of cotton fabrics. The mill workers lived in a self-sustained mill village which was incorporated as the Town of Royall Mills in 1907.

WILLIAM ROYALL POWELL - Son of William Powell. As a town commissioner, he built a large, white, Classical Revival home on six acres near the north end of Faculty Avenue. His wife, Susie Powell, founded the Wake Forest Garden Club in 1924.

CHARLES TOLBERT WILKINSON - Professor, School of Medicine, 1938-1940. Dr. Wilkinson served in the United States Army. His father was a prominent Wake Forest merchant.

Section 1e

THOMAS MANN ARRINGTON, III - A direct descendent of Samuel Wait, the college's first president, and the son of former Wake Forest fire chief Tom Arrington, Jr., Tom graduated from Wake Forest College in 1939 and resided in his family home near campus. In honor of his vocation as an electrician, the lighting at the Wake Forest Birthplace was given in his name.

WALTER SHEPHERD BARGE - Following graduation from Wake Forest College, Dr. Barge was commissioned in the United States Army serving for two decades with tours in Korea and Vietnam. Lieutenant Colonel Barge received his MA from Columbia and his PhD from UNC-Chapel Hill. He taught history at the United States Academy in West Point and served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Campbell University. He was married to Sarah Barclay Patterson for 52 years. Both are descendants of the Lake family of Virginia.

JOHN BRUCE BREWER - At age 17, John joined the Junior Reserves as Sergeant in Company K, 2nd Regiment North Carolina. His grandfather, Samuel Wait, was the founder of Wake Forest College. After the war, Brewer graduated from Wake Forest College and later served as President of both Chowan College and Averett College of Danville, Virginia.

WILLIAM TELL BROOKS - Tutor, 1843-1844, Assistant Professor of Ancient Languages, 1844-1858. Dr. Brooks was in the first graduating class of Wake Forest College. He served as pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church in 1849 and from 1853-1854. Following his resignation from the faculty in 1858, he was pastor of Forestville Baptist Church from 1859-1874. He was married to Emily Fort and after her death to Susan Delaney Ray. The Brookses maintained a boarding house in their home opposite the northwest corner of the campus. Dr. Brooks kept a diary from which much of Dr. Paschal's first volume of the *History of Wake Forest College* was written.

THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNE & MARY SUSAN NICHOLS BYRNE - Mr. Byrne came to Wake Forest in 1937 and played baseball at Wake Forest College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as Gunnery Officer on the U.S.S. *Ordranax 617* in World War II. Tommy was a renowned left-handed pitcher who played from 1943 to 1957, primarily with the New York Yankees. After making his debut on April 27, 1943, he had four years with more than 130 innings pitched and more than six walks per nine innings, a record later tied by Nolan Ryan. In 1950, he was selected American League All Star Player and in 1955 he was Come Back Player of the Year, playing on seven world championship teams. After the conclusion of his baseball career, Byrne returned to Wake Forest where he and his wife

Sue were active in the community for the rest of their lives. They were married for 62 years. He served as a Mayor of Wake Forest and was instrumental in starting the Wake Forest Golf Club. Sue served on the Wake County School Board.

J. C. CADDELL, II - Baseball Coach 1929-1940, Assistant Professor of Physical Education 1938-1940. Professor Caddell's mother, Bettie S. Brooks, was the daughter of William Tell Brooks. His father was a member of the Wake Forest Class of 1878.

C. C. CRITTENDEN - As Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, his mission to bring history to the people resulted in the state's historical highway markers, state-owned historical sites and preservation programs. Born and raised in Wake Forest, he graduated from the college and received his doctorate from Yale University.

ETHEL TAYLOR CRITTENDEN - College librarian 1915-1946. The Ethel Taylor Crittenden Collection in Baptist History in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library on the Winston-Salem campus is named for her. Mrs. Crittenden was the daughter of President Charles E. Taylor. She was married to C. C. Crittenden, Professor of Education from 1900-1903.

GEORGE W. DAVIS - Corporal Davis lived in Wake County and enlisted in Company I, the Wake Light Infantry of the 1st Regiment at age 18 on July 18, 1861. He was wounded in action at Winchester, Virginia, on June 15, 1864, and was paroled at Appomattox Court House.

HARRY CLINTON & BETTIE MARABLE PATTERSON DOWDA - Before coming to Wake Forest College, Harry served as a paratrooper in World War II with the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, making two jumps during the Battle of the Bulge. The couple met as college students. Harry was a football player under Coach "Peahead" Walker; Bettie was a local girl and the Registrar's daughter. They married in 1948, relocating in 1949 when Harry became a professional football player with the Washington Redskins. Upon their retirement, they returned to their roots and her ancestral home in Wake Forest.

EDITH TAYLOR EARNSHAW - Mrs. Earnshaw was the youngest of the six daughters of President Taylor. She held various positions at the College retiring from the Bursar's Office in 1952 after 40 years. She and her husband, E. E. Earnshaw, gave their entire estate to the College. They did so "for the total amount of (their) salaries, thus making (their) work with the College over the years truly a labor of love."

ELLIOTT BRANTLEY EARNSHAW - Mr. Earnshaw began employment at Wake Forest in 1903, serving as Instructor of Mathematics and Acting Bursar from 1906-1907, Bursar 1907-1952 and Superintendent of the College Hospital from 1911-1952. As a student, he was an avid tennis player and lost only one match during his four years on the College's tennis team. Hubert Poteat was his partner in doubles competition. He was married to Edith Earnshaw, a daughter of President Charles Taylor.

LEE CURRIN GOOCH - Baseball coach, 1949-1950. In 1949, the Wake Forest baseball team had a 22-2 record, set the state collegiate record for the number of consecutive games won and played in the national championship. Coach Gooch played

professionally for the Cleveland Indians and the Philadelphia Athletics.

JOSEPH HENDREN GORRELL - Professor of Modern Languages, 1894-1939, Emeritus 1939-1942. Dr. Gorrell served as an assistant professor at Washington & Lee from 1890-1891. At Wake Forest, he taught French, German and Spanish. For many years, he served as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, taking special pride in the landscape and buildings on campus. He was married to Fanny Taylor (1876-1955), a daughter of President Charles E. Taylor.

W. W. HOLDING - Father of William Willis Holding, Jr.

ISAAC BEVERLY LAKE - Professor of Law 1932-1951, Acting Dean 1945-1946. Before joining the faculty at Wake Forest, Dr. Lake practiced law in Raleigh. During World War II, he was on the joint faculty at Duke University and served briefly in the United States Office of Price Administration. He was appointed Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1964. He was the son of James W. Lake, Professor of Physics at Wake Forest from 1899-1932.

VIRGINIA LAKE - Sister of I. Beverly Lake, Mrs. Lake had no need to change her name when she married a visiting missionary, Dr. John Lake. They served as missionaries to China. After his death, she served on the mission field in Hawaii. Eventually, she returned to Wake Forest and was an active member of Glen Royall Baptist Church. She is buried near her sister in the Patterson plot.

WILLIAM C. LANKFORD - Colonel Lankford, a North Carolinian, was a prominent physician before enlisting in the Spring of 1862 in Company F of the 47th Regiment North Carolina Troops. Assigned to the brigade of General Pettigrew, the gallantry of his service led to a promotion of Major in Spring 1864, to Lieutenant Colonel a few months later and eventually to Colonel. He was engaged in battles at Falling Water, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Kinston, Goldsboro and the siege of Petersburg. Following the war, he returned to Franklin County, resumed the practice of medicine and served as a Franklin County Commissioner. Upon moving to Wake Forest, he served as postmaster during the second administration of President Cleveland.

GRADY SILER PATTERSON - Registrar 1926-1972. Mr. Patterson worked in the Examiner's (Registrar's) Office as a student. He was the first full-time Registrar and served during the terms of four presidents. Paschal said, "In action and in speech he was a very proper man, and it was said that he never once received a visitor to this office without wearing a coat, not even on the hottest day of summer." Mr. Patterson was married to Elizabeth Lake, daughter of Professor J. L. Lake, Professor of Physics at Wake Forest for 33 years.

JOHN BREWER POWERS, JR. - Superintendent of the College Hospital, 1909-1911, Dean of the Medical School, 1910-1914, Professor of Bacteriology and Pathology, 1909-1914. Dr. Powers served in the U.S. Army from 1914-1937. He returned to the town of Wake Forest and worked as a physician until his death.

RICHARD S. PRICHARD - Professor of Chemistry, 1920-1925. Prior to joining the faculty at Wake Forest, Professor Prichard was Professor of Chemistry at Pennsylvania State College from

1908-1920.

ALBERT CLAYTON REID - Instructor of French, 1917-1918, Philosophy Professor, 1920-1965. Dr. Reid taught psychology for a number of years. Rather than move to Winston-Salem in 1956, he commuted with Dr. Folk until Reid's retirement in 1965. He was married to Eleanor Frances Jones Reid (1902-1980).

WILLIAM ROYALL - After graduating from the University of South Carolina, Dr. Royall was ordained as a Baptist minister. In 1860, he accepted the Chair of Latin at Wake Forest. Dr. Royall entered the Confederate service in 1862 as Chaplain of the 55th Regiment North Carolina Troops and served until resigning in July 1863 due to physical disability. Furman University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity and the University of North Carolina honored him with an LL.D. At Wake Forest College, he was Professor of Languages, 1860-1870, 1880-1893. During his ten-year absence from Wake Forest, Dr. Royall was president of Raleigh Female Seminary, Louisburg Female College, Baylor Female College and Jonesboro (Tennessee) College, and he opened a female seminary in San Antonio, Texas. At Wake Forest, he primarily taught Latin and English. He was married to Elizabeth Bailey Royall (1821-1892).

WILLIAM BAILEY ROYALL - Assistant Professor of Greek, 1866-1870, Greek Professor, 1870-1928. Son of William Royall, Professor Royall began college at Furman University when he was twelve years old. He transferred to Wake Forest when his father moved here in 1860. In Fall 1861, he enlisted in the Santee Light Artillery, Manigault's Battalion as a private. When his father became chaplain of the 55th Regiment, he was appointed Commissary Sergeant and served in that capacity for the remainder of the war. He was with the regiment from Gettysburg to Appomattox and served with the ambulance corps during the siege of Petersburg. Following the war, he began teaching at Wake Forest College. His tenure as professor of Greek was the longest of any Wake Forest professor in any subject to date covering nearly 60 years. He was married to Sarah Hall (1851-1919).

WILLIAM GASTON SIMMONS - Tutor, 1852-1855. Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology, 1855-1888. Treasurer, 1877-1888. Professor Simmons received his license to practice law in 1855, but left the profession to teach at his alma mater. In 1863, while the College was closed due to the Civil War, he opened a seminary for girls in the College Building. He was married to Mary E. Foote of Warren County.

EVERETTE CANOY SNYDER - Manager, College Book Store, 1930-1960. The Ruth Snyder Garden at the Wake Forest College Birthplace is named in his wife's honor. His daughter, Francis "Sunny" was a 1952 Wake Forest graduate.

CHARLES ELISHA TAYLOR - On the day Virginia seceded, April 17, 1861, Taylor enlisted and was assigned to Company F of Richmond, Virginia, which became the 21st Virginia Infantry. Wounded at Kernstown, he was transferred to the Tenth Virginia Cavalry. During the last year of the war, he was acting adjutant of the Confederate Secret Service Bureau. Serving in the Army of Northern Virginia under Lee, he took part in battles including Romney, Brandy Station, Gettysburg and Sharpsburg. After graduating from the University of Virginia in July 1870, he came to

Wake Forest and served in the following capacities - Professor of Languages, 1870-1880, Professor of Latin, 1881-1883, Professor of Latin and Moral Philosophy, 1883-1885, President, 1884-1905, Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1885-1915. President Taylor may be best known for his effort to increase the endowment of the College. J. A. Bostwick's donation of Standard Oil Company stock and a subsequent gift were the primary gifts toward a three-fold increase in the endowment during this period. A \$1.6 million gift from his estate would follow in 1923. During his administration, an emphasis was put on the improvement of landscaping the campus grounds. Many trees and shrubbery were planted and the stone wall was begun by "Dr. Tom" Jeffries. The School of Law (1894) and the School of Medicine (1902) were also established. Dr. Taylor was married to Mary Hinton Pritchard.

EDGAR W. TIMBERLAKE - Law Professor, 1906-1956, Dean of the College, 1919-1922. Professor Timberlake taught at Oak Ridge Institute from 1901-1903. According to a law faculty member, he taught law in North Carolina longer than anyone else to date. His mother was Ada Lee Simmons, daughter of Professor William Gaston Simmons.

PHILEMON M. UTLEY - Director of Athletics, 1922-1923, Director of Physical Education, 1923-1947, Basketball coach, 1922-1923, Baseball coach, 1923, Track coach, 1947-1950, Associate Professor of Physical Education, 1938-1941. Professor Utley was a member of the physical education staff for 38 years and Director of the gymnasium for 24 years. He also coached football at Carson-Newman College from 1913-1914 and was Director of Athletics at Lenoir College from 1921-1922. He was married to Ada Lee Timberlake (1883-1949), sister of Edgar W. Timberlake.

WILLIAM THOMAS WALTERS - Professor Walters graduated from Wake Forest College in 1848. He taught chemistry until 1855 and mathematics from 1852-1868 until the College closed due to the Civil War. On October 2, 1850, he married Bettie Davidson who died on January 13, 1856. He married Isabella Olivia Wingate (1833-1914), sister of President Wingate on December 17, 1856. He maintained a boarding house for students.

Section If

CHARLES EDWARD BREWER - Professor of Chemistry 1889-1915, Dean of the College 1912-1915. Dr. Brewer, son of John Marchant and Ann Eliza Wait Brewer and grandson of Samuel Wait, was noted for his "well-modulated" bass voice. He was part of a noted singing quartet of James L. Lake, W. L. Poteat and Kemp Harrington. He was appointed as the first Dean of the College but resigned in 1915 to become President of Meredith College.

REV. BENSON FIELD COLE - One of the earliest marked graves, 1856.

JAMES EDWARD LAUGHINGHOUSE - One of the earliest marked graves, 1842.

CHARLES R. MERRIAM - His is the first marked grave - 1837. He was the brother of Mrs. Samuel Wait and the second death in the emerging community.

HENRY RAYBURN - Henry lived in Wake County and enlisted in Company I, the Wake Light Infantry of the 1st Regiment on July 16, 1861. He was captured at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House and confined in Point Lookout, Maryland, and Elmira, New York, until after the war.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS SLEDD - Professor of Modern Languages, 1888-1894, Professor of English, 1984-1938. Affectionately nicknamed, "Old Slick," Dr. Sledd was an accomplished poet having written almost six hundred typed pages of verse. His poetry reflected a love of his native state of Virginia, aspects of his college life, his love of children and visits to foreign lands. A volume of his poems, *A Young Man's Visions, An Old Man's Dreams*, was published soon after his death. He was married to Neda Purefoy, granddaughter of James S. Purefoy.

SAMUEL WAIT - First President of Wake Forest College. Following his marriage to Sarah Merriam in 1818, he accepted a position as tutor at Columbian College in 1822. In 1826, he ventured to North Carolina to raise money for the institution. Called to the pastorate in 1827, he helped organize the North Carolina Baptist Convention. He was named Principal of Wake Forest Manual Institute in 1834-1838 and eventually President of Wake Forest College in 1838-1845. During this time, he was also Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy. He was the first pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church. From 1851-1857, he served as president at Oxford Female College.

Section 1g

WILLIAM WALLACE DICKSON - Married to Mary Sophia Jones on February 2, 1862, they had seven children. At age 36, he enlisted in Confederate service and was named First Lieutenant on August 8, 1861. Captured at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863, he was confined at Fort McHenry, Maryland and eventually transferred to Johnson's Island, Ohio. On February 24, 1865, he was transferred to City Point, Virginia, for exchange.

WILLIAM DICKSON - One of the proprietors of Dickson Brothers' Department store, the family business was successful for many years. As a sign of times gone by, the ladies of town frequently took a selection of dresses home to try on and decide which they would actually purchase.

Section 1h

DONALD GULLEY - Law librarian 1926-1942. Before coming to Wake Forest, Mr. Gulley practiced law from 1906-1926 in Sumter, South Carolina. He was the son of Dean Needham Y. Gulley.

NEEDHAM YANCEY GULLEY - Professor of Law 1894-1938, Dean of the School of Law, 1895-1935, Dean of the College 1916-1919. Dean Gulley founded the School of Law in 1894, having previously practiced law in nearby Franklinton since 1882. He was married to Alice Wingate (1853-1920), daughter of President Wingate.

WASHINGTON MANLY WINGATE - President Wingate was appointed by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention to

raise money for the endowment of Wake Forest College in 1852. During his tenure as President (1854-1879), the College became debt-free and became one of the best-endowed Baptist colleges in the South. Because of its sound financial condition, the College was able to open immediately after the Civil War unlike many of its sister institutions. President Wingate served as pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church and was considered one of the greatest preachers to have ever been at Wake Forest. He was married to Mary E. Webb of Bertie County.

Section 2

EDGAR ESTES FOLK - Professor of English 1936-1967. Prior to coming to Wake Forest, Dr. Folk taught journalism at Mercer College from 1924-1928 and English at Oklahoma Baptist University from 1930-1936. He was known for his enthusiasm for Chaucer. He was married to Minta Catherine Holding (1993-1996) who worked in the library.

HUBERT A. JONES - During Professor Jones' tenure at Wake Forest (1908-1959), the Department of Mathematics enjoyed a reputation of having a group of dedicated teachers who were among the most revered by both students and faculty. These included Professor Jones, J. G. Carroll, K. T. Raynor and Roland L. Gay. He was affectionately known as "Cocky" Jones, perhaps because of his erect posture and highly-held head.

MILLARD E. & MARIE JOYNER - "Shorty" Joyner opened Shorty's Restaurant in 1916. His wife Marie was active in all of the town's social clubs. Shorty's was a popular hangout and an integral part of the student life at the College. Students would gather to eat a hamburger or hotdog, shoot pool or just visit with fellow students and professors. The restaurant continues to operate today. In remembrance of this special place, the University opened a similar facility on the Winston-Salem campus in 1997.

HENRY JOYNER - Owned one of the two movie theaters in town and a mercantile store.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PASCHAL - Professor of Latin and Greek, 1896-1940, Curator of the Library, 1901-1919, Registrar, 1901-1926. Regarded as the premier historian of North Carolina Baptists, Dr. Paschal authored the first three volumes of *A History of Wake Forest College*. He wrote the words to several songs including *Dear Old Wake Forest*, the University's alma mater. Married to Laura Allen, they had ten children, all receiving at least one degree from Wake Forest.

WILLIAM CURTIS SOULE - Professor, School of Law, 1947-1953. Professor Soule was married to Alice Wall, whose family lived in Wake Forest. He died from pneumonia at age 33.

THOMAS RICHARD & THELMA WRIGHT - Thomas was an entrepreneur who started the Electric Motor Shop in 1951 with his wife. The business is thriving today and has stayed in the family. Both were very active in the community. Thelma was involved in so many groups that she was known as Mrs. Wake Forest.

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BERTHA HARRIS - Mrs. Harris gave the town a substantial gift to be used for the preservation and beautification of the Cemetery.

ROBERT NEVILL ISBELL - Chemistry faculty, 1926-1941, 1957-1963, Director of the College band, 1927-1937. Professor Isbell taught Chemistry at the Connecticut College of Pharmacy from 1925-1926. His employment at Wake Forest was interrupted while he served in the United States Air Force from 1940-1957. He fought in World Wars I and II, and the Korean War. He was married to Katherine B. Isbell who was born in 1906.

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