

THE FASION FAMILY

And the Kenan Family Honored by Duplin County.

HISTORY OF FAMILIES

DR. HUFHAM FALLS INTO THE SPIRIT OF "YE OLDEN TIME."

A GOLDEN WEDDING IN SAMPSON

Which Carried Dr. Hufham, e Colin Shaw and Other Venerables Back to the Spirit of the Old South.

To the Editor: On the 6th of this present month, near the dividing line of Duplin and Sampson counties, there was a gathering which is worthy of a place in the annals of time. It was to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the marriage of William A. Fasion and wife, Harriet Williams.

THE PLACE.

The place is historic. It is just a mile north of what, in my boyhood, was known as "Duplin old court house." This latter was the seat of justice for the whole region, now known as Duplin and Sampson counties until Sampson was set off as a separate county. In childhood some of the old buildings were still standing, four miles west of Warsaw, on the left-hand side of the road which leads from Wilmington to Raleigh. Not far away there used to stand a chapel, built by funds from the public treasury in the days of the State Church. The building of such a church among the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians of Duplin in the expectation that they would

ton, daughter of Governor Mosely, of Palatka, and Mrs. Shine, of Tallahassee, Fla.; and Mrs. A. C. Dixon, of New York. The beauty and the chivalry of the region round about were well represented. The tokens were many and beautiful, among them a considerable amount of gold coin. On the piano of fifty years ago, Miss Lee, of Goldsboro, played while she and others sang songs of the old Southern life. Before going into dinner, Rev. Colin Shaw, probably the oldest Presbyterian preacher in the State, now eighty-six years old, and the present writer, made brief addresses. The pastor, Rev. Mr. McIntyre, read an original poem, "After Fifty Years." The charm and the sweetness of "ye olden time" seemed to rest on the whole assembly. It was a beautiful tribute to one of the noblest of men and one of the best of women, types of the finest civilization that the world has ever seen.

J. D. HUFHAM.

AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL.

For the Instruction of Colored Youth—
A Word to White Friends.

To the Editor: The Slater Industrial Academy and State Normal School at Winston, N. C., is one of the youngest institutions for colored youth in the South. There were two ideas chiefly underlying its establishment—the industrial education of colored youth, and the thorough training of colored teachers. The development of such an institution in the vicinity of Winston-Salem was in view of two facts, namely—the very large colored population which reside in these twin cities, and the manifest readiness of the white people of this community to contribute to the education and improvement of the colored people therein. The development of the brief history of this institution has demonstrated the wisdom of its establishment as well as its location, for the colored and white people of the community in which it is situated have proved their interest in it not only by a remarkable moral support, but by large cash donations, and the interest on their part is still growing.

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among the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians of Duplin in the expectation that they would worship in it or submit patiently to be taxed for its support. is a striking illustration of the wisdom, or rather of the un-wisdom of the colonial authorities of the time. Of course, after a brief season of experiment it had to be sold by act of the Legislature, with the glebe which lay around it.

THE KENAN BROTHERS.

Mr. Faison's plantation was settled by two of the Kenan brothers, Daniel and General Thomas Kenan, about the year 1736. They were of the colony of splendid Scotch-Irish people who were brought in by McCulloch in the year already named. The farms of the two brothers were divided by Turkey creek. Daniel's land was on the south side of the creek and he set up one of the first manufacturing enterprises in that part of the State; a fulling mill, of which the foundations and the dam still remain. The home of Gen. Thomas Kenan, ancestor of Col. Thomas S. Kenan, the present courteous and efficient clerk of the Supreme court, was on the north side of the creek and there he was buried many years ago. The memorial stone having disappeared it was replaced by Col. Kenan last year. No other family has been so honored by the people of Duplin county as these Kenans have been. They were good soldiers in the Revolution and in the late war. Some of them have filled the office of sheriff, others have been members of the State Legislature, others have been members of the Federal House of Representatives and one of them, father of Col. Kenan, was a member of the Confederate Congress. Some of them have also added high stations in Alabama and Florida. The county seat is named for them, Kenansville. The family record is without a stain; made luminous also by eminent service to the county and the State.

On the lands of Gen. Kenan, near the present site of Mr. Faison's residence, the first Masonic lodge in the counties of Duplin and Sampson was built. It was still standing within the memory of persons now living. Near the same place the citizens who were patrolling the country during the excitement created by the insurrection of Nat. Turner, in Virginia, about 1832, had their rendezvous.

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There have been a great many notable phases of this development. A few of them are as follows: The large attendance of pupils from this county and surrounding counties; the annual appropriations made by Forsyth county for its support; the annual contributions by the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Fund, and especially, the appropriations by the State of North Carolina for the support of the State Normal School. In connection with this reference to the phases of the institution's development, we should not overlook the aid which has come from the North. Philanthropic contributions have continued to increase until now they amount to nearly three thousand dollars per annum, and the friends of the institution in that section of the country are multiplying in numbers and in interest.

But the thing in connection with the history and development of the Academy that I wish especially to lay before the readers of the News and Observer is this; namely—we believe that the education and development of the negro will be hastened and made more certain if the Southern white people of means could be induced to contribute to their means to this end. It is not our idea that less should be expected from our Northern friends, but that more ought to be contributed by the rich friends of the negro in the South. We have been led to this conclusion in studying carefully and earnestly as to what would tend most to develop cordially and destroy prejudice between the races in our southland. We feel that if our rich friends in the South can be induced to give money for the education and improvement of the negro at their doors it will have two striking effects—first it will emphasize to the negro the fact that the Southern white man is really his friend; and, secondly, it will give the white people at the South an additional reason, perhaps the most effective reason, for being interested in the negro's schools, the agency to which the negro must look as of the greatest potency in his redemption. We think that these two results will follow on the principle of the Bible, that where a man's treasure is, there will be his heart also. The negro already believing his schools to be of paramount importance, will be constrained to think more justly of his white neighbor, and the Southern white men having invested some of his money in the negro schools, will have a more cordial

VOUS.

Many years ago the lands of the Kenan brothers were purchased by the late William Faison, of Sampson county, and by him bequeathed to his son, the present owner.

THE FAISONS.

The Faisons were French Protestants who removed to Germany just before the massacre of St. Bartholomew. One of the family, Henry Faison, settled in York county, ... in 1666, dying in 1693 and leaving two sons. James, the younger of them, removed to Northampton county, where he died about 1750, leaving four sons. One of them, Dixon by name, remained at Northampton. James, Elias and Henry removed to Sampson county, where in 1773, the first-named bought land of Henry E. McCulloch. The youngest son, Henry bought land, 1,000 acres, near the present town of Faison. It is still in the possession of his descendants. From him the Duplin branch of the family have sprung. James and Elias were officers in the American army during the Revolution and from them the family in Sampson county have descended. For a hundred years and more it has been one of the most prominent and influential families in the county. They were often chosen members of the State Legislature. Thomas D. Faison was in the Constitutional convention of 1835, and was the youngest member of the body. For twenty-one years he was clerk of the county court and he died in 1866 while serving as Senator from his native county. The family was well represented in the armies of the Southern Confederacy. Franklin J. Faison, lieutenant colonel 26th N. C. Infantry, was killed at the head of his regiment in the battle of Cold Harbor; Wesley and James Crouartie Faison were also killed in battle. Others of the name performed meritorious service. But the family was chiefly distinguished for their success as planters. William Faison, who died about 1857 or '58, left an estate of several hundred thousand dollars. He married a daughter of Matthew Mosely, who came into the State from Virginia, just before the Revolution. She was a sister of Hon. William D. Mosely, several times member of the State Legislature, once Speaker of the Senate and afterwards Governor of Florida.

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having invested some of his money in the negro schools, will have a more cordial interest in that indispensable agency in the elevation of the negro.

Our desire is to call the attention of the readers of the News and Observer to this new form of philanthropy and to point them to the Slater Industrial Academy and State Normal School as a visible and hopeful product of the same. It is our hope that this new form of philanthropy, resting upon the pocket book of Southern white men of means this will be enlarged, and it is our purpose that the institution especially mentioned in this article will be an unquestionable justification of every contribution which may be made in pursuance of this new doctrine of philanthropy.

Respectfully,

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S. B. A. N.

It is Said That Senator Vance Originated This Abbreviation.

The Savannah Morning News of last Sunday contained the following item:

"Some one has aptly translated the R. S. V. P. placed on wedding invitations, as has been done occasionally "Real Silver Wedding Presents" and why not? An amusing anecdote is told in connection with this subject. A lady here, on receiving an invitation with R. S. V. P. inscribed, placed on her reply the unfamiliar combination S. B. A. N., which roused great curiosity, and feeling on the part of the recipient that she must be far behind the times. After searching through Ollendorf for any possible phrase that might bear the mystical initials S. B. A. N. she gave it up, and was amazed to find weeks afterward that the letters intended simply to convey the fact, in plain English, that the note was sent by a messenger of color!"

Mr. P. H. Hughes, of Savannah, writes us the above adds: "So far as my recollection goes Senator Vance was the author of "S. B. A. N." which I explained to the sender of an invitation to attend a banquet in Washington years ago as meaning "Sent by a negro." seems the Senator was not very well versed in French and did not understand what

WILLIAM A. FAISON was the son of this couple, William Faison and Susan Mosely. He was a graduate of the State University in the time of Pettigrew, Ransom, Dr. T. E. Skinner and others. Soon afterwards he married and settled on the plantation which is still his home. Six children have blessed the union and all were present with six grandchildren to share the festivities of this Golden Wedding.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

The wedding home was beautifully decorated throughout and everything had been prepared on the scale and in the spirit of the old South, to which the aged and beloved couple belonged. Members of the family were present from other States. Among them Mrs. Haugh-

seems the Senator was not very well on French and did not understand what "R. S. V. P." meant, but determined not to be outdone placed the letters, "B. A. N." on the envelope containing his reply to the invitation. This puzzled the brains of the senders more than did the letters "R. S. V. P." which appeared on the invitation received by our late lamented Senator."

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