

# Clarendon Courier

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*Dueling* used strict rules controlling the use of weapons (first the rapier, then the epee, and later the pistol). These rules provided both parties with an equal chance of triumph. To secure proper protocol, seconds, themselves typically gentlemen of some standing, were appointed.

In 1846, attorney Thomas Jones accused his family physician Daniel Johnson of examining too thoroughly Jones' wife! The latter challenged the doctor to a duel and killed him. The *Wilmington Journal weekly* [Friday 6 February 1846 page 3] published the story.

*Fatal Duel.* – We are informed of the melancholy result of a duel fought this morning at Bladensburg. The principals engaged were **Thomas F. Jones** and Dr. **Daniel Johnson**, both of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Dr. Johnson fell dead at the first fire, having been shot through the head! Johnson withheld his fire, and dying, asserted his innocence of the charge upon which he had been challenged. – We understand that the seconds of the parties, one or both, have been arrested. *Washington Union*, Feb. 2.

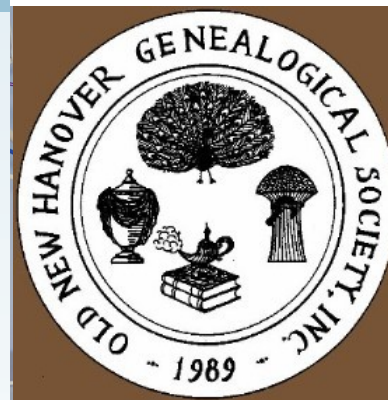
Mark Cooney wrote in *Criminology* magazine (1997), “one of the last outposts of dueling culture was the 19th century antebellum American South.” Here, normally only the social elite participated in dueling. Andrew Jackson fought numerous times in the course of life in which he held the office of judge, general, and President of the United States. But he had company: Dozens of congressmen, several state governors, numerous newspaper editors and publishers, and a host of others in conspicuous positions dueled.

SEE

The decline of elite homicide by Mark Cooney, *Criminology*; Columbus Vol. 35, Iss. 3, (Aug 1997): 381-407.

Gentlemen's blood : a history of dueling from swords at dawn to pistols at dusk (2003) by Barbara Holland.

Duel : Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and the future of America (1999) by Thomas Fleming.



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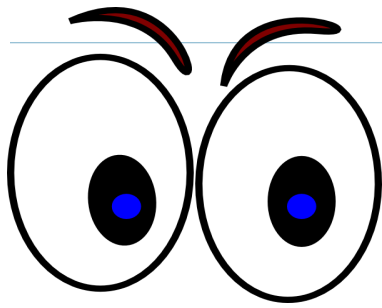
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## Overlooked marriages & deaths notices

Abstracts from the Wilmington Journal weekly 1844-1847, a continuing series from the previous Clarendon Courier. These notices identified as OVERLOOKED after discovering them left out from other publications featuring mid-19th century Wilmington newspapers.

### *Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 30 January 1846 page 3*

DIED—In Bladen county, on the 5th inst., **Alexander Evans**, son of **Daniel G. Patterson**, aged 2 years and 3 months.

### *Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 6 February 1846 page 3*

DIED—In this town, on the 2d inst., of Biliious Pneumonia, Mrs. **Elcy Ann Wheeden**, aged 73 years, She was a member of the Baptist Church, to which she had been attached for several years.

DIED—In Robeson county, on the 5th ult., in the 31st year of his age, of pulmonary consumption, Mr. **John C. Johnson**, formerly of Wilmington, son of **John B. Johnson**, dec'd.

DIED—In Laurens county, Geo., on the 20th Aug., last, Mr. **George W. Daniel**, aged 62, a native of Brunswick county, N. C., grandson of **Robert Daniel**, Colonial Governor of South Carolina before the Revolution. His mother was a daughter of Gen. **Howe**, of the Revolution Army.

### *Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 13 February 1846 page 3*

DIED—In this town, on the 5th instant, **Georgiana French**, daughter of Mr. **John Christian**, aged 2 years and 3 months.

DIED—At his residence in the upper part of this county, on the 4th inst., Col. **Bourdeaux**, aged about 69 years. Col. Bourdeaux was one of the most respectable citizens in the county, and his death will be heard of with feelings of deep regret by all who knew him.

DIED—At Piney Bluff, Brunswick county, on the 3d inst., of Apoplexy, Mrs. **Catherine Phoebus**, consort of Mr. **George Phoebus**, aged 45 years, formerly of this town.

DIED—In Bladen county, on the 2d instant, Mrs. **Daniel**, wife of Mr. **Josiah Daniel**, leaving a large number of young children.

### *Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 20 February 1846 page 3*

MARRIED—At Topsail Sound, in this county, on the 12th inst., by **Nicholas N. Nixon**, Esq., Mr. **Solomon W. Morse**, of this town, to Miss **Ruth Jarratt**.

MARRIED—At Fort George Island, Florida, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. **J. F. Young**, Gen. **Duncan L. Cinch**, to Mrs. **Sophia H. Couper**, daughter of **George Gibbs**, Esq., formerly of Wilmington.

DIED—In this county, on the 13th inst., Mrs. **Elizabeth Lane**, relict of the late Mr. **Ezekial Lane**.

### *Wilmington Journal weekly Friday 6 March 1846 page 3*

MARRIED—In Columbus county, on the 15th ult., by **Isham Williamson**, Esq., Dr. **Vault**, of Columbus, to Miss **Frances Wells**, of the same county.

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