

ROBERT C. DE LARGE

(1842-1874)

Born in Aiken, S. C., March 15, 1842; attended the common schools and Wood



High School in Aiken, from which he was graduated. Engaged in agricultural pursuits; elected delegate to the State Constitutional Convention in 1868; member of the State House of Representatives, 1868-1870; was one of the State commissioners of the sinking fund.

Elected State land commissioner in 1870 and served until elected to Congress; presented his credentials as a Republican member-elect to the Forty-second Congress and served from March 4, 1871, until January 24, 1873, when the seat was declared vacant, election having been contested by Christopher C. Bowen, white.

After his retirement from Congress, he was local magistrate in Charleston, S. C., until his death there February 14, 1874.

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HENRY P. CHEATHAM

(1857-1935)

Born near Henderson, Granville (now Vance) County, N. C., December 27, 1857.



Attended the public schools and was graduated from Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., in 1833; principal of State Normal School at Plymouth, N. C., 1883-1884; register of deeds of Vance County, 1884-1888; studied law, but did not practice.

Elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second Congress and served from March 4, 1889, to March 3, 1893; unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1892 to the Fifty-third Congress. In 1897, President McKinley appointed him recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia; served from 1897-1901, when he resigned.

Moved to Oxford, N. C., in 1907; became superintendent of the North Carolina Orphanage at Oxford, which he helped to found in 1887; elected president of the Negro Association of North Carolina.

Died October 29, 1935.

JOHN ADAMS HYMAN

(1840-1891)

Born near Warrenton, Warren County, N. C., July 23, 1840. When a youth



he was sent to Alabama against his will; returned to his native State after the Civil War; pursued elementary studies; entered politics in his State and was elected delegate to the State Equal Rights Convention in 1865 and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1868.

Served in the State Senate, 1868-74; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1875, to March 1877; unsuccessful candidate for re-nomination to the Forty-fifth Congress in 1876; retired and engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Appointed U. S. special deputy collector of customs for the Fourth district of North Carolina July 1, 1877, served until June 30, 1878; resided in Washington until his death September 14, 1891; interment in Harmony cemetery.

He was the first of his race to be elected to the House of Representatives from North Carolina.

While serving his term in Congress, he was present to vote on the admission of Colorado into Statehood.

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GEORGE W. MURRAY

(1853-1926)

Born near Rembert, S. C., September 22, 1853; educated in the public schools of the State and the University of South Carolina; taught school for fifteen



years; U. S. inspector of customers at the port of Charleston 1890-92. Elected as a Republican to Fifty-third Congress, served from March 3, 1893, to March 3, 1895; successfully contested the election of William Elliott, white, to the Fifty-fourth Congress, served from June 4, 1896, to March 3, 1897, after which he retired and

engaged in real estate business. Moved to Chicago in 1905 and engaged in literary pursuits and lecturing.

Died in Chicago April 21, 1926.