

Edward Walter Hall

Edward Walter Hall, pioneer educator of Rock Hill, was born in Winnsboro, South Carolina, December 6, 1859, the son of Mansel P. Hall and Jane Barber Hall.

Moving to Rock Hill in early boyhood, he attended a school taught by Samuel McCormick, well-known teacher of the period. Among his schoolmates were W. C. Hutchison, T. L. Johnston, and W. J. Roddey, all of whom later became outstanding citizens of the town. From this school he entered Kings Mountain Military Academy, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and from there he went to Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., finishing his college course, however, at Central Normal College of Indiana.

After graduation from the Indiana College, he taught for a few years at the Kings Mountain Military Academy in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and then joined the faculty of Rutherfordton Military Institute, Rutherfordton, North Carolina, where he taught until 1893.

In that year he came to Rock Hill as a teacher in the Rock Hill Public Schools. He remained in the Rock Hill School system until 1931, serving as classroom teacher and principal. Resigning in 1931, he was named Principal Emeritus of the high school, which honorary position he held until his death, February 10, 1949.

Mr. Hall was married in 1881 to Ruth Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Garrett of Kings Mountain, N. C. The children of this marriage are Vernon Hall of Mont Clair, N. J. and New York City, Vice-President of one of the largest fire and casualty insurance syndicates in the United States; Mary Hall Peele of Columbia, S. C., who married the Reverend Clarence Edward Peele, prominent

member of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, and Josie Hall Sullivan of Rock Hill, S. C., whose husband, Walter C. Sullivan, was for a number of years connected with the Rock Hill High School as classroom teacher and principal. He is now superintendent of the Rock Hill Public Schools.

The grandchildren of Mr. Hall are Vernon Hall, Jr. of Hanover, N. H., and Susan Hall (Mrs. Clyde Creech of Los Angeles, California); Ruth Hall Sullivan (Mrs. Raymond P. Carson of Waverly Virginia); Frances Abigail Sullivan (Mrs. Rea K. Cauthen of Columbia, South Carolina); and Edward Vernon Peele of Norfolk, Virginia. Strange-- or perhaps it is not so strange--that practically all of the grandchildren are now following the calling of their venerated grandfather--that of teaching.

There are four great-grandchildren. These are the children of Vernon Hall, Jr., Vernon Peele, and Ruth Sullivan Carson.

Possessed of a strong intellect, a retentive memory, and a keen sense of humor, Edward Walter Hall was honored as a teacher, esteemed and trusted as a business man, and loved and revered as a friend.

Advancing age and dimming sight never marred his declining years. Until the end of the long journey, he carried on with the faith that had sustained him through the years.

No other man, perhaps, contributed as much to the development of character in the youth of Rock Hill. In the close relationship of teacher and pupil, he wielded an influence that has not waned with the years. Not merely of books and texts did he teach, but, through example, he taught life and living.

Like

"The hand that rounded Peter's dome--
He builded better than he knew."

Submitted by Mrs. Josie Hall Sullivan

CAPT. A. D. HOLLER

Early Architect, Contractor and Builder

The first two-story building erected in Rock Hill for Commercial purposes on Main and Caldwell Streets--the corner now occupied by the Rock Hill National Bank. The one on the corner was built about 1870 or 1871, and owned by Capt. A. D. Holler and J. J. Hoke. The corner building was about 75 feet long and the second about 60 feet. They had outside stairs between them leading to the second stories. The builders were both from North Carolina, Capt. A. D. Holler from Catawba County and Mr. Hoke from Lincoln County.

The partnership of Holler and Hoke lasted several years and when Mr. Hoke married he bought a farm on the bend of the Catawba River and engaged in farming. He sold his interest to Capt. Holler.

The corner store was a furniture store under the management of Holler and Gill, later Holler and Mills. The one adjoining was occupied for several years by Capt. A. E. Smith and later by Mr. and Mrs Markham who ran a bakery, which was the first in town. The second story of the second building was rented to the Rock Hill Herald for several months. Then for some years it was used by the Good Templars.

Shortly after Mr. J. G. Anderson married Capt. A. D. Holler's daughter, Miss Alice L., he was put in charge of the furniture store, undertaking business and repair shop. A little later, 1888, a son of Capt. Holler, the now Rev. A. E. Holler, was made the book-keeper of the business.

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These two buildings owned by Capt. Holler became the first home of the Holler and Anderson Buggy Co., organized by Mr. J. G. Anderson. It was later known as the Rock Hill Buggy Company.

This and the future generations will be interested in another side of Capt. Holler's life. All building and normal life was interrupted by the Confederate War. He was building a house for Rev. Robt. Brice nine miles below Chester. He enlisted in the Pickens Guard, Company F6, South Carolina Volunteers on April 11, 1861. His unit was sent to Fort Sumter and heard the sound of the first guns fired in the war. After the surrender of Fort Sumter they were sent to Summerville, S. C. and later to Germantown and Centerville, Va. He was stricken with typhoid fever. When he rejoined his command they were sent to Tennessee. In the Battle of Raccoon Mountain. On the way back at Johnson City, Tenn., he transferred to Company C, 28th N. Carolina Reg., to be with his brother Lemuel who later moved to Rock Hill. He was color guard and was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864. Wounded again in the Battle of Deep Bottom, he returned to his regiment December 1, near Petersburg. He and his three brothers, Gilbert, Elliott and Daniel, were present at Appomattox for the surrender, April 9, 1865. He returned to North Carolina, Catawba County, and farmed a few years. On August 20, 1865, he married Martha C. Miller, daughter of Ephriam Miller and Amy Eisenhower. He came to Rock Hill in 1869 to pursue his talent as a builder. His family and three oldest children moved later.

In 1880 he accompanied Capt. A. E. Hutchison to Greenville to examine and take measurements of the old Camperdown Mill. From these measurements and specifications he built the first Cotton Mill in Rock Hill.

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It was finished in 1881 and is now the Goldtex Mill.

In 1887 he built the Highland Park Mill. Several years later the Arcade, then the Victoria, followed by the Manchester, now the Industrial Mill.

Capt. Holler was the pioneer brick and tile manufacturer. The first brick were made by hand. Later he used machinery. He secured 18 German Immigrants to work in the brick yard. You may recall the Israelites made brick without straw, but after four weeks 16 of the Germans refused to make brick without German beer and left Rock Hill.

On contract he made more than a million brick for Winthrop's main building and the North and South Dormitories.

He built the Grammar School building on Black St., the McCrory Store building on Main Street for Mr. James S. White, also Mr. White's residence on Saluda, and the residence of Mrs. J. C. Hardin.

He built his own residence on West Main Street in 1878, now owned by Mr. F. D. Marshall. Other buildings which he constructed are: On Oaklant Ave., the residences of Mrs. J. G. Anderson, Mrs. Edward Fewell, Rev. John D. Holler, now owned by the McAlileys, the late A. E. Willis and Dr. J. R. Stokes. On Hampton Street he built the Crawford residence and on Johnston Street for Mr. Mobley, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Greene. Capt. Holler was civic minded. He was member of the Town Council for several terms.

Building strong and secure buildings, buildings that would stand the ravages of time was a part of his religion. He was strictly honest and expected the same from everyone, though disappointed many times, his sense of humor kept him from growing sour on the world. Farming was his hobby and that helped to keep him poor and close to nature.

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Capt. A. D. Holler was born May 20, 1840 and died April 7, 1919. Mrs.

Holler was born Sept. 18, 1842 and died Sept. 18, 1919

They had a family of seven children, five of whom are living. They are:

Mrs. J. G. Anderson, City; Rev. A. E. Holler, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. George

W. Killian, Hickory, N. C.; Rev. John D. Holler, City; and Eugene M.

Holler, Atlanta, Ga. James Pinckney, the second child, died July 11,

1873. He was the second of third person buried in Laurelwood Cemetery.

Emory Andrew was born July 15, 1874 and died Dec. 2, 1924.

Though staunch Lutherans before moving to Rock Hill, they and all

their children in due time joined St. John's Methodist Church.

They built on West Main and Capt. Holler gave the lot and built West

Main Methodist Church and the two of them joined West Main Church. Mrs

Holler was known as the inspiration and "Mother" of the church.

Martha C. Miller Holler was born in Catawba Co., N. C. but her parents,

Ephraim Miller and Amy Isenhower, moved to Tennessee. She attended the

country schools and finished at Caledonia College, June 20, 1860. Her

father died November 16, 1860 and the family refugeed to North Carolina.

She taught school and helped to rear the family. After the War she married

A. D. Holler. The ceremony took place at St. John's Lutheran Church.

The condensed Holler Genealogy and Holler-Miller-Anderson Genealogy

may be found in the back of John Gary Anderson's Autobiography pub-

lished in 1937, a copy of which may be found in the Public Library.

Submitted by: Re. John D. Holler

HOPE, DOCTOR ROBERT HERVEY

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