

On the 18th day of September 1863, the Republican Convention of the Fifth Congressional District met at ~~Greensboro~~ <sup>(Organization)</sup> the first being irregular, and upon the second ballot, by a bare majority of one, W. F. Henderson of Davidson was nominated ~~for~~ as Candidate for Congress. Upon a motion to make the nomination unanimous the ~~great~~ <sup>a</sup> majority of the delegates voted in the negative. Thereupon the President of the Convention, Dr. W. P. Pugh of High Point, arose and said: Gentlemen of the Convention

In accepting at your hands the place of President of this Convention, I felt myself highly honored by the confidence reposed in me, by the ~~honorable~~ <sup>Members of this body.</sup> members of that party. Gentlemen I am a Republican, an earnest self-sacrificing Republican. With upright honorable men, men of intelligence and probity in any event, I am willing to work in political business, earnestly and faithfully, with such men as leaders honest men and fair minded citizens can work for our cause with cheerful good-will. With and for such men I can and will work for success and for none others. Above the matter of mere political success, above the ~~matter~~ <sup>issue</sup> of a single single struggle, I value the honor and purity of our party. If our candidates, the nominees of our party, our Public Representatives, are men of corrupt and odious character of damaged reputation and of a fame so menorable that good citizens regard them with ~~disgust~~ <sup>outrage</sup>.

and with disgust, then our party has lost its strength and released its members from their party ~~from~~ allegiance. Knowing as I <sup>do</sup> the general character and repute of the nominee who has been put forward by this Convention, knowing how odious is his character, to ~~the~~ <sup>a large portion</sup> ~~very~~ ~~necessity~~ of the honorable ~~part~~ <sup>portion</sup> of the Republican party, ~~and~~ ~~being~~ ~~unable~~ to from my own knowledge to give him my support, I think it unfitting that I should longer hold the position of President of this Convention. I regret that I am compelled to adopt this course, yet I cannot conscientiously, in consideration of my duty to our party and myself, I therefore resign the ~~chair~~ <sup>chair</sup> ~~presiding~~ of this Convention."

Maj. W. B. Stipe of Troy then arose and asked all who approved the sentiments of the President to meet immediately at Garrett's Hall for consultation.

Thereupon the following delegates left the Convention and a meeting was organized at the place designated.

- Dr. W. H. Wheeler
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| Anderson Nicholson Esq - | <u>Frosty</u>        |                    |
| Hon. Jno. P. Vesk        | Hon. Peter A. Wilson | Smith Forester     |
| Maj. W. B. Stipe         | Elisha B. League Esq | David Dr Schminitz |
| J. Leitch Esq            | Joseph Phipps Esq    |                    |
| Hon. J. Semley.          | Samuel Stolly n      |                    |

- Randolph
- Nathan H. Hill Esq.
  - Samuel W. Blain "
  - Elemer G. Hayward "
  - Alfred Julian Esq.

The entire delegation

- Caswell
- Charles H. Walker Esq -
  - Swary

- Alumance
- Mordecai Flemming -
  - Hon. J. M. Shoffner -
  - Robert S. Mebane Esq.

- Person
- Hon. Samuel C. Barnett.

- Guilford
- Rev. Geo. W. Walker
  - Jno J. Poe Esq
  - Hon. Stephen G. Hurney.
  - Isaac H. Stanley Esq
  - Thomas Marsh Esq.

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Geo. W. Bowman Esq  
 A. H. Lindsay "  
 P. H. B. Bro "  
 Joseph Newman "  
 Frederick Smith "  
 Gen. William S. Scott. "  
 Dr. William P. Pugh. "  
 Charles Albright "  
 Madison Gilmer "  
 Eli. Lindsay "  
 Hon. David Herdgin "  
 Daniel Walker Esq. "  
 Stephen Hunt "  
 Frank Jordan "  
 Phillip Jones "  
 Jacob Leunig "  
 R. M. Stafford Esq.

The above delegates comprised the entire delegation from the counties of Forsyth, Person and Randolph and Guilford.

A meeting was organized by the above delegates, and a large number of others, <sup>Republicans</sup> by the organizing election of Maj. W. B. Stipe <sup>of Forsyth</sup> as temporary chairman. Hon. Peter H. Wilson of Forsyth was then elected permanent President, and Messrs. Dr. W. P. Pugh of Guilford, Hon. Samuel C. Barnett of Person, Nathan H. Hill of Randolph, Charles Albright of Guilford, David de Schweinitz of Forsyth, vice Presidents. Samuel Stotts of Forsyth and David Herdgin of Guilford were elected

