

Rep. Conv. in the 5th Dist.

At a Convention of the Reps of the 5th Dist. held in Greenboro on the 18th of Sept. Dr. W. P. Pugh of Guilford was called to the Chair & Saml. Stoltz of Forsyth appointed Secretary.

On motion a Committee of three, consisting of Henderson Adams of Davidson, & Bro. Vest of Forsyth and David Hodgins of Guilford, was appointed by the Chair to examine the Credentials of Delegates. After the report of the Com. on Credentials

~~the Conv. proceeded to ballot~~
 Upon examination the first ballot was found to be incorrect, and was set aside. Upon the second ballot, W. F. Henderson received 17 votes Hon. D. G. Lash 7 votes, Hon. A. C. Frazier 6 votes, and Geo. W. Belker 1 vote, Thirty-three votes being the whole number cast. W. F. Henderson was declared the no. one.

H. A. Barton, Esq. of Alamance, was nominated as elector for the District.

After a recess of one hour the Convention re-assembled, whereupon the President spoke as follows:—

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A large portion of the delegates then withdrew and met in Garretts Hall and elected for President, Peter A. Wilson of Forsyth, with the following Vice Presidents:—

Resolved - That Gen W. S. Scott
Gen. W. Walker, Geo P. Bush -
S. C. Barnett, R. H. Hill W. B. Stipe
be appointed to draft an address
to the voters of this district setting
forth the reasons of our action and
its result. That said Committee
be directed to publish such address
and a report of our proceedings, in
the N. C. Standard, and to publish in
pamphlet form five thousand
copies of the same for circula-
tion in our District

W. S. Scott

Minutes of the Executive Committee
of the Conference

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Whereas - A Convention of the Fifth Con-
gressional District of North Carolina, by
a majority of one, have nominated
as a candidate for Congress W. F.
Henderson, a man of such blighted
reputation and such questionable
character, that as honest men, and
true Republicans, we cannot consci-
entiously give him our support
as such candidate -

Therefore ^{Resolved That we} ~~the~~ Republicans of this
District, ^{and delegates to the district Convention} ~~having used our best exertions~~
to prevent the unfortunate circum-
stances which we so much regret,
and having withdrawn from the conven-
tion making this nomination, have
~~been organized into a Repub-~~
~~lican Committee,~~ ^{do} respectfully
request ~~that we be~~ ^{to be} ~~as~~
candidates for a seat in
Congress, and to bear our banner
~~in this country for the right~~
that we hereby pledge to him our hearty
undivided and ^{exerting} support.

(Signed)

W. P. Rych of Guilford
J. C. Barnett of Person
A. A. Hill of Randolph
Chas. Albright of Guilford and
David De Schweinitz of Forsythe
Junal, Stoltz of Forsythe

and David Hodgins were appointed
as secretaries. — ^{Hon. R. P. Dick having sur-}
^{passed the Hall was called upon}
^{for a speech. He suggested}

a Com. of Conf. — The following resolution was
offered by G. W. Walker of Guilford.
and was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution offered
by Mr. Hodgins of Guilford was
unanimously adopted. —

Republican Convention in 1854.

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Alameda Will Snapper
H. J. ...

Carroll ~~...~~ { ~~...~~ }
Davidson - ~~...~~ (Chas. H. Walker Esq.)

Strong W. H. ...
Anderson ...

J. P. ...
W. P. ...

Curry
M. D. ...

W. H. ...
P. ...
D. ...
J. ...
W. ...

Smith J. ...
Davidson ...

Guilford

Republican Convention in
the Fifth District.

At a Convention of the Repub-
lican delegates of the Fifth Dis-
trict, held in the Court House at
Greensboro, on the 18th of Septem-
ber, Dr. Wm. P. Pugh of Guilford
was called to the Chair as Pres-
ident, and Samuel Holtz of For-
sythe, appointed secretary.

On motion, a Committee of
three, consisting of Henderson
Coleman of Davidson, John F. Vest of
Horry, and David Hodgkin of
Guilford, was appointed by the
President to examine the credentials
of delegates. After the report of
the Committee on Credentials, which
report was adopted, the Convention
proceeded to ballot for a candidate
for Congress. The first ballot, being
irregular, was set aside. Upon the
second ballot, W. F. Henderson, Esq.
received 17 votes, Hon. J. G. Lash
7 votes, Hon. A. M. Foy 6 votes,
and ^{withdrawing} Geo. W. Walker one vote. The
whole number of votes being thirty-two,
and W. F. Henderson having

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received, seventeen, was therefore declared the nominee.

Mr. Budham, of Alamance, then moved that the nomination be made unanimous by acclamation, which motion was lost.

Mr. Adams, of Davidson, then moved that H. S. Budham, of Alamance be nominated as elector for the 5th district which motion was adopted.

After a recess of about one hour, the Convention re-assembled, whereupon the President arose, and spoke as follows:

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 members of this body, 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 harness, earnestly, and faithfully, with such men as leaders, honest men and fair-minded citizens can work

for our cause with the most cheerful good
 will, without for such men I can
 and will wait for success, and for
 none other. It is the matter of
 our political success, and the
 issue of a single struggle, I value
 the honor and purity of our party.
 At our convention, the members of
 our party, our public representatives,
 were not the most active and han-
 dful of the engaged population and of
 a large number of those who regard
 citizens regard them with respect,
 then a party, we lost its strength and
 seemed to withdraw from their party
 allegiance, leaving a fact, the
 general character and nature of the
 business has been put forward
 to the effect of the convention. How-
 ever the relation of the character to a
 the success of the Republican par-
 ty, and being unable, from my own
 knowledge of him, to give him my
 support, I think it desirable that
 he 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

early, and myself, conscientiously continued
 to reside. I therefore resign the presiden-
 cy of this Convention. ^{The Secretary, Mr. Stoltz,} also withdrew from the Con-
 vention. ^{ventions} Maj. W. B. Stike of Forsyth
 then arose and asked all who approv-
 ed the sentiments of the President to
 meet immediately at Garrett's Hall
 for consultation. Thereupon a large
 portion of the delegates withdrew
 from the Convention and a meeting was
 convened at the place designated. The
 following are the names of the delegates,
 with their leading Republicans, who join-
 ed in the organization of an
Independent Republican Organization.

Gen. W. B. Barber, John P. Post, Esq.
 Anderson, Nicholson, Esq. Maj. W. B.
 Stike, J. Hill, Esq. H. V. Lemley,
 Esq. W. B. Wilson, Esq. B. League,
 Esq. Joseph Phillips, Samuel Stoltz,
 David Stoltz, and David Stoltz
 individually.

— Board of Officers —
 William H. Hill, Samuel W. Blair, Esq.
 Clement G. Napier, Esq. and
 J. P. Johnson, Esq.
 — Executive Council —
 Charles H. ...

number of other Republicans, by
 the election of Major W. B. Stokes of Tor-
 on, and of George Fairman, Am.
 Peter H. Wilson of Forsythe was then
 elected permanent President, and
 Wm. H. Duggan of Guilford, Saml. G.
 Russell, Jr. of Casco, Nathaniel Hill
 of Randolph, Cha. Co., Albright of
 Guilford, and David de Schweinitz
 of Forsythe were elected, Saml.
 H. H. of Forsythe, and David Hodge
 of Guilford were elected secretaries.

Gen. Wm. Holt of Guilford, being
 called upon by the President, briefly
 explained that the object of this organ-
 ization was to express the disastere-
 ting opinion of a large number of the
 community in the District held,
 in regard to the nomination which has
 been made by our party. The character
 of that nominee is too well known to
 a large portion of the people of the Dis-
 trict, and is doubtably known, to ev-
 ery man, woman and child, with respect to
 his own individual ability, to sustain
 and support him, but unfortunately, to
 this is added, his incapacity, and ig-
 norance which would bring disgrace
 upon any party, who have nominated

he might be, unless another candidate were put in the field, the conservative candidate would certainly, be elected.

Addressing speeches were then made, heard by Judge Dick, Hon. Geo. W. Walker and others, heartily approving the course of the members of the meeting. The following preamble and resolution was then offered by Hon. Geo. W. Walker.

Whereas the Convention of the Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina by a majority of one, nominated as a Candidate for Congress, Mr. Henderson, a man of such questionable character, that we cannot see and have to publish in our journal, conscientiously, give our support to a such Candidate in preference to the other, and the publication of this District, and delegates to the District Convention, having used our best exertions to prevent the unfortunate circumstance which we do much regret, and having withdrawn from the Convention making this nomination, do respectfully request —

To be a Candidate for a seat in Congress, and that we cordially pledge to him our best, undivided and unflinching support.

which preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

The motion of Mr. West of Forsythe
 Apr. 11, 1842, was chosen as the
 name of this meeting for George B.
 Judge Tourge, being called, accepted the nomination in
 an appropriate speech, which will appear hereafter.

Mr. A. B. B. of Plainfield
 was selected as one of the nominees
 for the office of moderator.

The motion of Mr. H. H. of Guilford,
 the report of the following resolution
 was adopted without a
 dissenting voice.

Resolved, that Geo. W. Walker,
 John D. West, J. G.
 H. H. of Guilford, Moses H. Fleming,
 and Mr. B.
 be appointed a committee to
 draft an address to the people of
 this State, and to collect the reasons
 for our meeting and its result, ~~that~~
 and to have 5,000 copies of the preamble
 of this meeting, their own address and
 the speech of Judge Tourge accept-
 ing the nomination, published
 in pamphlet form.

Upon the suggestion of Hon. R. P. Dick, the following that a committee of Conference be raised, the President appointed the following named gentlemen as members of said Committee, viz. J. H. Farnell, Wm. Theban, V. H. Hill, Wm. H. Hope, Mordecai Fleming and David Thompson. This Committee was authorized by the meeting to make any arrangement with those who remained in the Court house which would be satisfactory to both parties; and if advisable, to withdraw our nominee and then ours and select another candidate.

The said Committee of conference at once waited upon the ~~candidate~~ and prominent members of the other meeting before their adjournment, requested a conference with the view of reconciling difficulties and of selecting another candidate. Time was asked by the parties with whom they conferred. Afterward, the Committee were informed that they had no compromise to make.

On motion, it was unanimously
resolved, that the "Daily Standard"
and "People's Press" be requested
to publish the proceedings of
this meeting.

On motion, the meeting
then adjourned.

Wm. H. ...
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