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Men of Mark in North Carolina

To aid in the preparation of a biographical sketch for "Men of Mark in North Carolina," please fill in replies to the following questions, writing very distinctly, and being especially careful as to dates and the spelling of names of persons and places. If space on this sheet is insufficient please give additional information on a separate sheet.

- Name in full, including full middle name Thomas Dixon Jr
- Place and date of your birth. City or Town _____
County Cleveland State North Carolina Year 1864
Month January Day 11th
- Name of your father Thomas Dixon
- Name of your mother Amanta McFee
- Profession or occupation of your father Populist Clergyman
- Public offices held by him None
- His marked characteristics Good Humor - Faith - Tireless Industry
- Names of your earliest known ancestors in America, from what country they emigrated, with time and place of their settlement in this country St. Col. Friedrich Hambricht from Prussia 1727 - Susannah Hambricht, Col Hambricht's 22 child on the banks of Riv. Thomas Dixon Sr. David Dixon his father of Scotch Covenanters descent - My Mother's people - Metfres & Ferguson came from Scotland via Wm and Arthur Compton North Carolina in the Carolinas
- Names of any of your ancestors who have been especially distinguished, and for what distinguished Col Hambricht Commander of King Mountain & Member of Continental Congress - Two Dixons of your line in Harriet's first regiment Mecklenburg & one a Captain in Washington's army - Col. Larry Metfres
- Your physical condition in childhood and youth Slender - wiry - good health
- Special tastes and interests in childhood and youth Love to play - didn't love to work.
- Was your early life passed in a city, in a village, or in the country? County village -
- In early life did you have regular tasks which involved manual labor? If so, for the sake of possible help to others, please state anything you are willing to say about the kind of labor and its effect upon your character and habits Worked in farm 5 yrs - hated it like fury but it was a fine school & life - one of the best courses of study I ever took
- Influence of your mother; was it particularly strong on your intellectual life, or your moral and spiritual life, or both? Strong on my moral & intellectual life peculiarly with her letters - perhaps more than
- Did you have difficulties to overcome in acquiring an education? My laziness.
- Please name the books, or the special lines of reading, which you found most helpful in fitting you for your work in life

The great novelists and other writers of inspirational literature - and many philosophic writers - Strauss - Renan - Geo Elliot & Nietzsche in modern lists

Madan

Migration to North Carolina before the American Revolution - 1740-1750

17. What preparatory school or schools did you attend? From what college, technical school or university were you graduated, with date and degree, if any? Rev. J. A. White
School of Shelby N.C. Fine Teacher too! Wake Forest College N.C. U.S.
1883

18. At what institution and in what years did you take a course of professional study and what degrees were earned? Greensboro N.C. Law School 1886
License before Supreme Court N.C. Year of graduation 1886

19. What post-graduate courses did you take, when, where, and what degrees did you earn
Johns Hopkins University - History & Politics 1883-1884

20. Honorary degrees you have received, with name of institution and date when conferred
None

21. Married Yes To Miss Harriet Bussey
Day 3rd Month March Year 1886 Number of
children born to you Three Number now living Three

22. When, where and in what capacity did you begin the active work of life? Lawyer
politician Shelby N.C. Fall 1884 elect Member
N.C. Legislature

23. Did the wishes of parents or relatives, your own personal preference, or "circumstances over which you had no control," determine the choice of your occupation or profession? My own feelings not felt until some time before
I found what I was really fitted for.

24. Please name the source of your first strong impulse to strive for such prizes in life as you have won. A failure to win a medal at College
for which I tried.

25. Please state the relative strength of influence (a) of home, (b) of school, (c) of early companionship (d) of private study, (e) of contact with men in active life, upon your own success in life. Home, School private Study about equal
I was more influenced by companions or other men

26. What has been your business, or your professional work? What positions have you held, and with what institutions or corporations? (Please give places and dates.)
Lawyer 1885-86 - Clergyman 1886 - 1899 - Lecturer
1899 - 1901 - Author since 1902. Member N.C. Legislature
1884-86 - Postmaster, Goldens N.C. Raleigh, Boston, New York

27. Give political, civil, or ecclesiastical offices, or positions held, with date of appointment or election, and the term of service in each.
Answer above

28. Principal public services which you have rendered. Given voice in many
books to the Silent South which for facts
you has been misrepresented & slandered by the
friends of the North and left voiceless by the
friends of your absent men in the South

29. Do you care to mention social positions of merely local importance, as well as any higher distinctions (not academic or political) which have been conferred upon you?.....

None

30. Have you seen military or naval service? If so in what capacity, and for what length of time?

None

31. Titles of books you have written, with date of publication. *The Sports Sports 1902*
The One Woman 1903 The Clawman 1904 The Life Worth Living 1905
and five other trashy volumes of German origin of no importance.

32. Works of art, inventions, scientific investigation or discovery. (Please give date of any important patent taken out by you.) *The Sports Sports has been translated into German*
French and the other named books are published in Europe as well as
in America.

33. Have you in contemplation any such work, or any plans with reference to public service, or the public welfare, with reference to which you are willing to give the public some information? *I am writing Plays which will*

contain my propaganda of the Southern view of the
Race Problem in America. The first will be produced Oct 1915.

34. Of what prominent fraternities, societies or clubs are you a member?

The Kappa Alpha Fraternity South -
The Players Club, New York

35. Do you care to name any official positions which you hold or have held in such societies? *The founder of the Kappa Alpha*

Jan Chapter at Wake Forest College - since

36. With what political party are you identified? *Democrat*

37. If you have ever changed your political or party allegiance, do you care to say upon what issue or issues? *Voted for McKinley twice of same issue.*

38. With what (a) religious denomination, or (b) ethical society, or (c) philosophical movement are you affiliated? *By birth a Training Preparation Baptist*
church I am not now a church member.

39. What has been, and what now is, the sport, amusement, form of exercise, or mode of relaxation which you enjoy and find helpful? *Hunting & Yachting*
& The Theatre in town

40. Have you given special attention to athletics, or to any modern system of physical culture? *No.*

41. If you have in any degree failed to accomplish what you had hoped to do in life, is there any lesson from partial failures of which you will speak, for the sake of helping young people who may study your life?

My failures have all contributed to a larger success - They have always stimulated me more than successes -

42. From your own experience and observation will you offer any suggestions to young Americans, as to the principles, methods and habits which you believe will contribute most to the strengthening of sound ideals in our American life, and will most help young people to attain true success in life?

Cultivate the freedom of the individual
from vice

43. When and by whom has your biography been published? *Whos Who in*

*America - Famous Authors Who Have Written Famous Books 2nd Series
L.C. Page & Co Boston Mass 1904 - Also "The Life with*

44. Please enclose newspaper clippings, or refer us to articles in magazines or reviews in which reference is made to your life, to your character, or your work?

Your post-office address is:

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Street and Number *New York - The Ashland House*
County _____
State _____

Date *seven 27* Month and day *1905*

Signed *[Signature]*

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