

## SOUTH CAROLINA SENATORS.

Pierce Butler and Ralph Izard Were the First.

Since the formation of this government, South Carolina has had 31 representatives in the United States Senate. Some of these names are illustrious in national history as well as beloved and revered in home.

There were seven of this number who died in office: John Ewing Colhoun, John Gaillard, John C. Calhoun, Franklin H. Elmore, Andrew P. Butler, Josiah J. Evans and Joseph H. Earle.

John Gaillard served longer than any other senator from this State nearly 22 years continuously. Franklin H. Elmore, who succeeded John C. Calhoun, served but 40 days before his own death.

Those senators who also served the State as governor are Charles Pinckney, John Taylor, S. D. Miller, George McDuffle, J. H. Hammond, Wm. H. Hampton and H. R. Tillman.

There were quite a number of senators who resigned. In the early days of the republic it seemed to be no proper thing for a senator to resign before his term expired. Those who did so from one cause or another resigned are Pierce Butler (twice), John Hunter, Charles Pinckney, Thomas Sumter, John Taylor, Robert Y. Hayne, Stephen D. Miller, John C. Calhoun, D. E. Huger, William C. Preston, George McDuffle, R. B. Rhett, James Chastain, Jr., and James H. Hammond.

The largest number of senators in any one year was in 1840. Colhoun died March 31, Elmore July 1, May 22 was succeeded by H. R. Butler, Sept. 18th, Judge A. P. Butler was the junior senator who was the continuator of these senators in that year.

There were from the beginning 11 secessors. Pierce Butler was elected for the four years 1811 and 1812, and again for the six year term. At the expiration of the four year term, it became a six year term. This was in order to keep the two offices from being eaten up.

Pierce Butler served seven years and resigned. Later he served two years and resigned again. William Smith served seven years. Later he served five years. John C. Calhoun served to 1833 and resigned. His successor, after the secession, was elected and Calhoun was returned to the old office, serving five years until his death. He was the only one of his successors being returned after his resignation from the senate.

Senator Tillman today occupies the seat once held by Pierce Butler, and Senator McLaurin succeeds to the chair of Ralph Izard. Following a list of some who who succeeded Pierce Butler:

Pierce Butler, service commencing March 4, 1789; reelected 1792, and signed 1793.

John Hunter, Dec. 8th, 1796, reelected 1798.

Charles Pinckney, March 4, 1798, elected for full term in 1800, and 1802.

Thomas Sumter, Dec. 3, 1801, reelected for full term in 1803, 1805, 1810.

John Taylor, Dec. 19, 1810, elected for full term, resigned in 1816.

William Smith, Dec. 4, 1816, elected in 1817 for full term.

Robert Young Hayne, March 4, 1823, reelected 1829, and resigned in 1832.

John C. Calhoun, Dec. 12, 1832, elected for full term in 1835, reelected 1835.

Daniel Elliott Huger, Dec. 15, 1835, reelected in 1845.

John C. Calhoun, Dec. 26, 1841, to fill out Huger's term, elected for full term in 1847, died March 31, 1850.

Franklin H. Elmore, April 11, 1850, appointed temporarily by governor to fill out Calhoun's term, and died May 20, 1850.

Robert W. Parsonsall, June 4, 1850, appointed temporarily by governor to fill out Elmore's term.

Robert Barnwell Rhett, Dec. 18, 1850, elected by legislature to permanently fill out Calhoun's term. Resigned in 1852.

Wm. F. Tolman, May 10, 1852, died May 6, 1858.

Arthur P. Hayne, May 14, 1858, appointed by governor temporarily.

James Cheatum, Dec. Dec. 3, 1858, elected full term in 1859. Retired from Senate Nov. 10, 1860.

For the next four years there was a hiatus during the War Between the States. Senator Cheatum's term would have expired in 1860.

Benjamin F. Perry and John L. Manning were elected in 1862, but never qualified.

Then followed the period of reconstruction. Thus J. Robertson and Frederick A. Sawyer were elected on June 25, 1868. Robertson had the seat which came down from Pierce Butler, and in 1871 succeeded himself serving until 1877.

M. C. Butler, March 4, 1877, reelected 1883 and in 1885.

B. R. Tillman, March 4, 1885, reelected in 1891.

Ralph Izard, March 4, 1889, died.

Jacob Read, March 4, 1895.

John Ewing Colhoun, March 4, 1896, died Nov. 3, 1897.

Pierce Butler called and reelected in 1896, Nov. 1-2, resigned 1898.

John Galliard, Dec. 6, 1898, elected for full term in 1897, in 1893, 1895 and in 1897, died Dec. 23, 1896.

William Harper, March 8, 1898, appointed by governor to succeed Galliard.

William Smith, elected by legislature to succeed Galliard, November 13, 1898.

Stephen D. Miller, March 4, 1898, resigned in 1898.

William C. Preston, Nov. 26, 1898; elected for full term in 1897. Resigned in 1898 (at the same time with Calhoun).

Geo. McDuffle, Dec. 1892, elected in 1894 for full term; resigned in 1896.

Andrew Pickens Butler, Dec. 21, 1896, elected 1898 for first term, and again in 1898. Died May 25, 1897.

James Hammond, Dec. 7, 1897; retired from senate Nov. 10, 1890 (at same time with Chestnut).

After the interim occasioned by the war, Frederick A. Sawyer was elected June 26, 1898 for five years.

John J. Patterson, March 4, 1893.

Wade Hampton, March 4, 1893; reelected in 1895.

John L. Irby, March 4, 1891.

Joe H. Earle, March 4, 1897; died June 1898.

John L. McLaurin, appointed to succeed Joe H. Earle in 1897 and served to 1898 to fill out term expiring March 4, 1898.

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