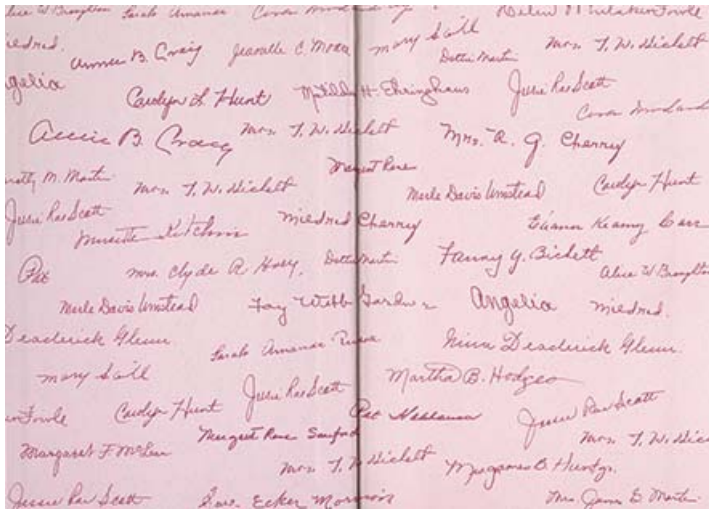


First Ladies and Gentlemen of North Carolina ^[1]

Spouses, First Ladies and Gentlemen of North Carolina's Governors

From colonial times to the present day, many women -- and one man -- have occupied the role of "first lady" or "first gentleman" to North Carolina's governors. And in a few cases where a wife predeceased her husband, a daughter assumed the role of first lady or "little mistress of the mansion" to her father the governor (see [Helen Fowle](#) ^[2] and [Angelia Morrison](#) ^[3]). No two of these spouses lived similar lives or inhabited the role of first lady or first gentleman in the same way - their stories are as individual as they were.



Signatures of North Carolina First Ladies who have lived in the Executive Mansion, from the endpapers to *North Carolina's First Ladies, 1891-2001*, copyright 2001.

This page gathers the names and years of these "first spouses" and includes links to an NCpedia biographical essay, where available. These biographies tell the stories of these individuals as they lived life for a time in the spotlight as the spouses of governors and politicians. The stories also give a sense of their lives "behind the scenes", as they went about everyday life, often in difficult times, many raising families, having careers and interests of their own, and making their own marks on their local communities and on North Carolina history. Each story is unique and also helps provide historical context, particularly for the women, on the role and lives of women during the eras when they lived.

This collection will continue to grow as more biographies are researched and written.

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First Ladies/Gentlemen/Spouses	Governor	Years in Office
Kristin Cooper	Roy Cooper	2017 - present
Ann Gordon Sturgis McCrory	Patrick McCrory	2013 - 2016
Robert W. Eaves Jr.	Beverly Eaves Perdue	2009 - 2012
Mary Easley	Michael F. Easley ^[6]	2001 - 2009
Carolyn Joyce Leonard Hunt ^[7]	James Baxter Hunt, Jr. ^[8]	1993 - 2001; 1977- 1985
Dorothy Ann McAulay Martin ^[9]	James Grubbs Martin ^[10]	1985 - 1993
Patricia Ann Hollingsworth Holshouser ^[11]	James Eubert Holshouser, Jr. ^[12]	1973 - 1977
Jessie Rae Osborne Scott ^[13]	Robert Walter Scott ^[14]	1969 - 1973

<u>Jeanelle Coulter Moore</u> ^[15]	<u>Dan Killian Moore</u> ^[16]	1965 - 1969
<u>Margaret Rose Knight Sanford</u> ^[17]	<u>Terry Sanford</u> ^[18]	1961 - 1965
<u>Martha Elizabeth Blakeney Hodges</u> ^[19]	<u>Luther Hartwell Hodges</u> ^[20]	1954 - 1961
<u>Merle Holland Davis Umstead</u> ^[21]	<u>William Bradley Umstead</u> ^[22]	1953 - 1954
<u>Mary Elizabeth White Scott</u> ^[23]	<u>William Kerr Scott</u> ^[24]	1949 - 1953
<u>Mildred Stafford Cherry</u> ^[25]	<u>Robert Gregg Cherry</u> ^[26]	1945 - 1949
<u>Alice Harper Willson Broughton</u> ^[27]	<u>Joseph Melville Broughton</u> ^[28]	1941 - 1945
<u>Margaret Elizabeth Gardner Hoey</u> ^[29]	<u>Clyde Roark Hoey</u> ^[30]	1937 - 1941
<u>Matilda Bradford Houghton Ehringhaus</u> ^[31]	<u>John Christoph Blucher Ehringhaus</u> ^[32]	1933 - 1937
<u>Fay Lamar Webb Gardner</u> ^[33]	<u>Oliver Max Gardner</u> ^[34]	1929 - 1933
<u>Margaret Jones French McLean</u> ^[35]	<u>Angus Wilton McLean</u> ^[36]	1925 - 1929
<u>Sara Virginia Ecker Watts Morrison</u> ^[37]	<u>Cameron Morrison</u> ^[38]	1921 - 1925
<u>Angelia Lawrance Morrison (Harris)</u> ^[3]	<u>Cameron Morrison</u> ^[38]	1921 - 1925
<u>Fanny Neal Yarborough Bickett</u> ^[39]	<u>Thomas Walter Bickett</u> ^[40]	1917 - 1921
<u>Annie D. M. Burgin Craig</u> ^[41]	<u>Locke Craig</u> ^[42]	1913 - 1917
<u>Sue Musette Satterfield Kitchin</u> ^[43]	<u>William Walton Kitchin</u> ^[44]	1909 - 1913
<u>Cornelia G. Deaderick Glenn</u> ^[45]	<u>Robert Brodnax Glenn</u> ^[46]	1905 - 1909
<u>Cora Lily Woodard Aycock</u> ^[47]	<u>Charles Brantley Aycock</u> ^[48]	1901 - 1905
<u>Sarah Amanda Sanders Russell</u> ^[49]	<u>Daniel Lindsay Russell, Jr.</u> ^[50]	1897 - 1901
<u>William Eleanor Kearny Carr</u> ^[51]	<u>Elias Carr</u> ^[52]	1893 - 1897
<u>Louisa Matilda Moore Holt</u> ^[53]	<u>Thomas Michael Holt</u> ^[54]	1891 - 1893
<u>Helen Whitaker Fowle (Knight)</u> ^[2]	<u>Daniel Gould Fowle</u> ^[55]	1889 - 1891
Catherine Bullock Henderson Scales	<u>Alfred Moore Scales</u> ^[56]	1885 - 1889
Mary Woodson Jarvis	<u>Thomas Jordan Jarvis</u> ^[57]	1879 - 1885
Harriett Newell Espy Vance	<u>Zebulon Baird Vance</u> ^[58]	1877 - 1879; 1862 - 1865
	<u>Curtis Hooks Brogden</u> ^[59]	1874 - 1877
Miverva Ruffin Cain Caldwell	<u>Tod Robinson Caldwell</u> ^[60]	1870 - 1874
Louisa Virginia Harrison Holden	<u>William Woods Holden</u> ^[61]	1868 - 1870; 1865
Martitia Daniel Worth	<u>Jonathan Worth</u> ^[62]	1865 - 1868
Mary Weeks Parker Hargrave Clark	<u>Henry Toole Clark</u> ^[63]	1861 - 1862
Mary McKinley Daves Ellis	<u>John Willis Ellis</u> ^[64]	1859 - 1861
Isabella Cuthbert Bragg	<u>Thomas Bragg</u> ^[65]	1855 - 1859
	<u>Warren Winslow</u> ^[66]	1854 - 1855
Henrietta Williams Settle Reid	<u>David Settle Reid</u> ^[67]	1851 - 1854
Charity Hare Haywood Manly	<u>Charles Manly</u> ^[68]	1849 - 1851
Susannah Sarah Washington Graham	<u>William Alexander Graham</u> ^[69]	1845 - 1849
Ann Eliza Lindsay Morehead	<u>John Motley Morehead</u> ^[70]	1841 - 1845
Elizabeth Henry Haywood Dudley	<u>Edward Bishop Dudley</u> ^[71]	1836 - 1841
	<u>Richard Dobbs Spaight, Jr.</u> ^[72]	1835 - 1836

Eleanor White Swain	<u>David Lowry Swain</u> ^[73]	1832 - 1835
Rachel Montgomery Stokes	<u>Montfort Stokes</u> ^[74]	1830 - 1832
Lucy Ann Brown Owen	<u>John Owen</u> ^[75]	1828 - 1830
Frances Johnston Treadwell Iredell	<u>James Iredell, Jr.</u> ^[76]	1827 - 1828
Sarah Wales Jones Burton (Joyner)	<u>Hutchins Gordon Burton</u> ^[77]	1824 - 1827
Mary Smith Hunter Holmes	<u>Gabriel Holmes</u> ^[78]	1821 - 1824
Maria Perkins Franklin	<u>Jesse Franklin</u> ^[79]	1820 - 1821
Elizabeth Foort Branch	<u>John Branch</u> ^[80]	1817 - 1820
Lydia Anna Evans Miller	<u>William Miller</u> ^[81]	1814 - 1817
Ann Swepson Boyd Hawkins	<u>William Hawkins</u> ^[82]	1811 - 1814
Sarah Rhett Dry Smith	<u>Benjamin Smith</u> ^[83]	1810 - 1811
Hannah Turner Stone	<u>David Stone</u> ^[84]	1808 - 1810
Elizabeth Chauncey Jones Williams	<u>Benjamin Williams</u> ^[85]	1807 - 1808; 1799 - 1802
Margaret Polk Alexander	<u>Nathaniel Alexander</u> ^[86]	1805 - 1807
Ann Cochran Turner	<u>James Turner</u> ^[87]	1802 - 1805
Sarah Jones Davie	<u>William Richardson Davie</u> ^[88]	1798 - 1799
Elizabeth Jones Merrick Ashe	<u>Samuel Ashe</u> ^[89]	1795 - 1798
Mary Jones Leech Spaight	<u>Richard Dobbs Spaight, Sr.</u> ^[90]	1792 - 1795
	<u>Alexander Martin</u> ^[91]	1789 - 1792; 1782 - 1785
Frances Cathcart Johnston	<u>Samuel Johnston</u> ^[92]	1787 - 1789
Sarah Heritage Caswell	<u>Richard Caswell</u> ^[93]	1784 - 1787; 1776 - 1780
Mary Freeman Burke (Doherty)	<u>Thomas Burke</u> ^[94]	1781 - 1782
Mary Whitting Jones Nash (Witherspoon)	<u>Abner Nash</u> ^[95]	1780 - 1781

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Elizabeth Martin	<u>Josiah Martin</u> ^[96]	1771 - 1775
	<u>James Hasell</u> ^[97]	1771
Margaret Wake Tryon	<u>William Tryon</u> ^[98]	1765 - 1771
Justina Davis Dobbs (Nash)	<u>Arthur Dobbs</u> ^[99]	1753 - 1763
Elizabeth Rowan	<u>Matthew Rowan</u> ^[100]	1753 - 1754
Mary Bursey Rice	<u>Nathaniel Rice</u> ^[101]	1752 - 1753; 1734
Frances Button Johnston (Rutherford)	<u>Gabriel Johnston</u> ^[102]	1734 - 1752
Penelope Golland Maule Lovick Phenny Johnston	<u>Gabriel Johnston</u> ^[102]	1734 - 1752
	<u>George Burrington</u> ^[103]	1731 - 1734

North Carolina Lords Proprietors

Susannah Kidder Everard	<u>Richard Everard</u> ^[104]	1725 - 1731
	<u>George Burrington</u> ^[103]	1724 - 1725
Jane Reed	<u>William Reed</u> ^[105]	1722 - 1724

Esther Wilkinson Pollock	<u>Thomas Pollock</u> ^[106]	1722; 1712 - 1714
Penelope Golland Eden	<u>Charles Eden</u> ^[107]	1714 - 1722
Catherine Rigby Hyde	<u>Edward Hyde</u> ^[108]	1711 - 1712
Catherine Glover (Knight, Porter)	<u>William Glover</u> ^[109]	1706 - 1710
Mary Davis Glover	<u>William Glover</u> ^[109]	1706 - 1710
	<u>Thomas Cary</u> ^[110]	1705 - 1711
Martha Wainwright Daniel	<u>Robert Daniel</u> ^[111]	1703 - 1705
Ann Lillington Walker (Moseley)	<u>Henderson Walker</u> ^[112]	1699 - 1703
Ann Dobson Archdale	<u>John Archdale</u> ^[113]	1695 - 1696; 1683 - 1686
Sarah Catherine Laker Harvey (Gale)	<u>Thomas Harvey</u> ^[114]	1694 - 1699
Frances Culpeper Stephens Berkeley Ludwell	<u>Philip Ludwell</u> ^[115]	1690 - 1691; 1692 - 1693; 1693 - 1695
	<u>Thomas Jarvis</u> ^[57]	1690 - 1694
	<u>John Gibbs</u> ^[116]	1689 - 1690
Anna Willix Riscoe Blount Sothel	<u>Seth Sothel</u> ^[117]	1682 - 1689
Joanna Jenkins (Harvey)	<u>John Jenkins</u> ^[118]	1680 - 1681; 1676 - 1677; 1672 - 1675
	<u>Henry Wilkinson</u> ^[119]	1680
Dorothy Tooke Harvey	<u>John Harvey</u> ^[120]	1679
	<u>Thomas Miller</u> ^[121]	1677
	<u>Thomas Eastchurch</u> ^[122]	1675 - 1676
	<u>Peter Carteret</u> ^[123]	1670 - 1672
Frances Culpeper Stephens (Berkeley, Ludwell)	<u>Samuel Stephens</u> ^[124]	1667 - 1669
Sarah Prescott Drummond	<u>William Drummond</u> ^[125]	1664 - 1667

Governor of the County of Clarendon

Margaret Foster Berringer Yeamans (Walley)	<u>John Yeamans</u> ^[126]	1665-1667
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Commander of the Southern Plantation

Frances Culpeper Stephens (Berkeley, Ludwell)	<u>Samuel Stephens</u> ^[124]	1662 - 1664
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Original Virginia Colony

Tomasyn Cooper White [not known to have been on Roanoke Voyage]	<u>John White</u> ^[127]	1587
[not known to have married]	<u>Ralph Lane</u> ^[128]	1585 - 1586

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