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Pseudonyms have been used by North Carolinians since the eighteenth century to conceal identities for many reasons. Among those who used pseudonyms were creative writers ^[2] and authors in various fields, men who wrote poetry ^[3] in an age and place when that was considered an effeminate occupation, politicians and public officials ^[4], lovers, the shy or modest, and women who lived in a time when they were deemed by many to be incapable of literary accomplishments.

It is reasonable to assume that only a small portion of pseudonyms can ever be identified or that their secret can be discovered without a good clue or other information. The following is a list of some known North Carolina pseudonyms.

<i>True Name</i>	<i>Pseudonym</i>
Arrington, Alfred	Charles Summerfield
Badger, J. Lawrence	Jemmy Critus
Baker, Emma	Eugene Hall
Brown, William	Hill Columbus
Bruckner, Margaretta	Margaret Howe
<u>Bryant, H. E. C.</u> ^[5]	Red Buck
Byrd, William, II	Inamorato L'Oiseaux
<u>Caldwell, Joseph</u> ^[6]	<u>Carlton</u> ^[7]
Chapman, John & Mary	Maristan Chapman
Clark, Charles Dunning	W. J. Hamilton
<u>Clarke, Mary Bayard</u> ^[8]	Tenella
<u>Craven, Braxton</u> ^[9]	Charlie Vernon
Daniels, Jonathan	Nicholas Worth
<u>Daniels, Josephus</u> ^[10]	Rhamkatte Rooster
<u>Dargan, Olive Tilford</u> ^[11]	Fielding Burke
Deal, Borden	Lee Borden
Downing, Fanny Murdaugh	Viola
<u>Evans, Charles Napoleon Bonaparte</u> ^[12]	<u>Fool Killer</u> ^[13]
Fosdick, Charles Austin	Harry Castlemon
Frayser, Lou H.	Zillah Raymond
<u>Fulton, David Bryant</u> ^[14]	Jack Thorne
<u>Gale, Christopher</u> ^[15]	Judge Jumble
<u>Gaston, William</u> ^[16]	Anon. (1808)
Gifford, James Noble	Carol Holliston
Gilmore, James R.	Edmund Kirke
Glascoock, Harold	Robert Winfield

Harwood, Dr. Edward	Spectator
Hass, Ben	John Benteen, Ben Elliott, John M. Elliott
<u>Holman, Clarence Hugh</u> ^[17]	Clarence Hunt
<u>Hooper, Johnson Jones</u> ^[18]	Simon Suggs
Housekeeper, Mrs. William G.	Rose Batterham
<u>Iredell, James</u> ^[19]	A Man Who Despises Your Pardons, Marcus, A Planter, <u>A Rioter</u> ^[20]
Jackson, Andrew	Anon. (1801)
<u>Jones, Calvin</u> ^[21]	Anon. (1807)
<u>Jones, Joseph Seawell</u> ^[22]	Schocco Jones
Kaler, James Otis	James Otis
Kelly, Jonathan F.	Falconbridge
Korner, Jule Gilmer	Reuben Rink
<u>Little, William</u> ^[23]	Puzzlecause
Long, Virginia Love	Mariposa
<u>Lovick, John</u> ^[24]	Shoebrush
<u>MacLaine, Archibald</u> ^[25]	Publico
<u>Martin, Alexander</u> ^[26]	Anon. (1798)
<u>Martin, John Sanford</u> ^[27]	Santford Martin
McCora, Patrick William	Daly Wise
McEachern, Daniel Purcell	Synder
McNair, Colin	Eddie McLean
<u>Miller, Helen Hill</u> ^[28]	Helen Hill
<u>Mitchell, Elisha</u> ^[29]	"N"
Moore, Bertha Belle	Brenda Cannon, Betsy McCurry
<u>Moore, Maurice</u> ^[30]	Atticus
<u>Moseley, Edward</u> ^[31]	Judge Jumble
Murfree, Mary Noailles	Charles Egbert Craddock
<u>Murphey, Archibald D.</u> ^[32]	Florian, Philo-Florian
Nelms, Henning	Hake Talbot
Newell, Robert Henry	Orpheus C. Kerr
<u>Page, Walter Hines</u> ^[33]	Nicholas Worth
Parham, James A.	General Mecklenburg
Petch, Allan J., Colonel	Jeremy North
<u>Pettigrew, Charles</u> ^[34]	Flagillator Scurvarum
<u>Pettigrew, James Johnston</u> ^[35]	A Carolinian
<u>Pollock, John Alfred</u> ^[36]	Ronleigh de Conval
<u>Porter, William Sydney</u> ^[37]	O. Henry
Powell, Talmage	Jack McCready
Pritchard, John W.	Ian Wallace
Raymond, Rene	James JH. Chase
<u>Rhodes, William Henry</u> ^[38]	Caxton

Rivenbark, Mrs. Robert W. <u>Schaw, Janet</u> ^[39]	Mita Leon Lady of Quality
Simms, William Gilmore	Bachelor Knight
Smith, Charles Henry	Bill Arp
Smith, Leverette	Arthur Mann Kaye
<u>Spencer, Cornelia Philips</u> ^[40]	Magnus
Spencer, DeLeon G.	Jo Jo
<u>Steuart, Andrew</u> ^[41]	Philanthropes
Stickland, William Herman	Emmitt Lookabee
Strange, Robert	An American
Strother, David Hunter	Porte Crayon
<u>Swann, Samuel</u> ^[42]	Bo-otes
<u>Taliaferro, Hardin E.</u> ^[43]	Skitt
Thompson, William	Major Jones
<u>Throop, George Higby</u> ^[44]	Gregory Seaworthy
<u>Tiernan, Frances Christina Fisher</u> ^[45]	Christian Reid
<u>Tourgée, Albion W.</u> ^[46]	"C," Henry Churton
Vail, Abner	Viator
Walz, Audrey	Francis Connamy
Wellman, Frances	Frances Garfield
Wicker, Tom	Paul Connolly
<u>Williamson, Hugh</u> ^[47]	Sylvius
<u>Witherspoon, John Knox</u> ^[48]	Knox
Wright, Watkins Eppes	Allen Eppes

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