Two North Carolina natives have held the office of vice president of the United States. The first, William Rufus King, was born in Sampson County and was elected to the post as Franklin Pierce's Democratic running mate in 1852. He died just after his inauguration. The second, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh and joined Abraham Lincoln's 1864 ticket as the only southern senator supporting the Union. After Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Johnson assumed the presidency.

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