

## FOUR WHO LEFT THEIR MARK ON OUR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

### George Watts (1851-1921)



As a college graduate, Watts joined his father's tobacco commission business in Baltimore becoming associated with Washington Duke in 1878. He helped organize and incorporate W. Duke Sons and Company and became a stockholder, secretary, and treasurer. Watts helped organize the American Tobacco Company and in 1892, the Erwin Cotton Mills Company and built and endowed Watts Hospital.

In 1885, he took on the superintendency of the Sunday school, when the Presbyterians sponsored a church at Brodie Duke's Pearl Mill. Watts paid for the construction of the small, frame chapel. He ministered there regularly, praising the work of his Sunday school pupils.

This quote 1951 Lawrence Dixon:

"My first memory of George Watts Bible Class must have been about 1899 or 1890. Even before that, I remember seeing Mr. Watts drive his beautiful high stepping horse; each Sunday, rain or shine, down Duke Street after having passed the old Washington Duke Home, the Washington Duke stables (where L&M's new office is located) on by the Duke Factory stable yard at the corner of Randolph and Fuller streets...thence along the Norfolk and Western railroad, pass the old tall wooden warehouse to the trash pile; then cutting through a little clump of plum trees to the present Duke Street – about in front of the new addition to the high school – then trotting down the cinder road to the Pearl Mill Chapel at exactly 2:45 .m."

### Hallie Pope (1869 – 1969)

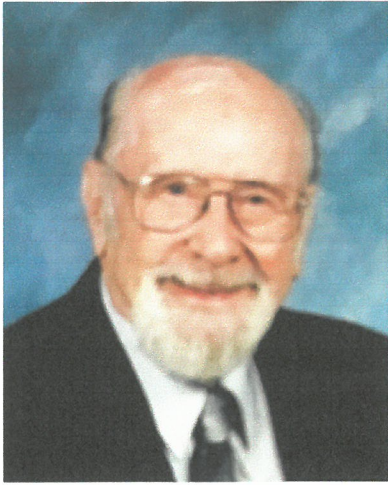


In 1885 when Pearl Mill mission was established, Miss Hallie Pope would have been 25 years old. A parochial school was maintained by this mission and she served there as a teacher and the pastor's aid. She was witness and help-mate with the early struggles of the church and in 1916-17 organized the church women. About this time she married W.L. Cadwalendar.

When the church was reorganized in 1921 as Trinity Avenue and Rev. George Cooper came to pastor the church, Mrs. Cadwalendar assisted the pastor in various ministries including caring for the sick and needy as well as serving as church treasurer. In 1922 her work expanded to advisor to a community group, the Christian Endeavors, who met in the Lyceum building that stood where the old YMCA stood [808 Trinity Avenue]. She personally taught many people the art of sewing, as well as the value of good housekeeping, proving herself the good genius of that community through many struggling, discouraging years.

When our new building opened in 1925, Hallie was surely a key organizer of the children who led the procession to the new church building. These were times when women's pay was not commensurate with their male counterparts. Hallie supplemented her income with home visits to fit and sell women's girdles. Mr. W.L. Cadwalendar died in July 1933. In that year and 1934, Mrs. Cadwalendar became chairman of the Auxiliary Home Circle ministering constantly to the shut-in and aged members. Mrs. Cadwalendar later married Mr. Hal Garrison in 1938 [when they were both 60 years old], a sweetheart of her teenage years. They moved to Charlotte, NC, and then to The Presbyterian Home in High Point, where Mr. Garrison died in 1961. Hallie frequently visited Trinity Avenue Presbyterian particularly for homecomings and celebrations. She passed away in April 14, 1969 at age 99 at High Point Presbyterian Home. She is buried in Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Cemetery #3 in Charlotte, NC.

### Richard Lovejoy Tuthill (1911-2011)



In 1953 Duke University brought Trinity Avenue Presbyterian a wonderful family that continued in leadership through the 2000's. Dr. Tuthill moved to Duke University to become Professor of Economic Geography and Duke University's first registrar. His teaching and research specialized in the economic geography of Canada, Africa, the Soviet Union, and the Pacific Rim. He began his career working at Pan American Airways, designing air routes that are still in use today, including the New York to Johannesburg, South Africa route. Many will remember his love of maps. Dr. Tuthill was a faithful elder and long-time teacher of the George Watts Sunday School class. His wife, Sandy was active in the church and a valued photographer. In his will, Dr. Tuthill left a bequest to the George Watts Sunday School class.

### Marion Wright (1932-2014)



For today's tour we have moved this cross-stitch PW banner into the parlor from its usual location in the narthex. This banner was created by Marion Wright who we count among the many persons who left their mark here at TAPC. We remember Marion for her creative talents, her dedication to Habitat for Humanity, and her leadership and service to Presbyterian Women. She served PW as coordinating team moderator, circle chair, and treasurer. She valued PW's contribution to service and fellowship of the church. In 2012, our church honored her with PW Honorary Life Membership. That same year she skillfully created this cross stitch pattern large enough for a banner which was displayed at the PW Spring Gathering and remains in our narthex as a salute to Presbyterian Women. She further organized the first TAPC tea, and subsequent TAPC teas were named in her memory. Many may not know that during the war years she served as an electrical engineer and here in Durham she designed the lighting for several commercial buildings. She was quite a trailblazer to be an engineer in her generation. She loved her post-retirement job at Michael's and was loved by her co-workers.