

Information About George Sandlin

Born in Old Fort February 1, 1877

Colorful "self-made" career:

Western North Carolina Railway- 1887, water boy

Southern Railway - 1894, night telegraph operator, station agent, auditor, and accountant

Married at 36 in 1913 and had 2 daughters (Susan and Caroline)

Entrepreneur in real estate (owned 20 houses and buildings)

Owner of "moving picture house" - 1924 - Everybody's Theatre (aka Sandlin Theatre)
In 1934 "He saw people buying tickets with money he knew they needed for food for their families." "So," he said, "I took the projector out, put it in the garage, and closed the movie."

Farmer (owned a 140-acre farm and a 22-acre farm)

Sold mail order suits

Managed Asheville's baseball park, loved baseball and the Yankees

Built Old Fort's first filling station

Began law school at the age of 59

Passed bar exam at 64

"They were a family that believed in justice." George had a nanny that he loved so much he later build her a home on his property. (from grandson Richard Fullerton)

Retired from the Southern Railway after nearly 67 years, at 77 years old. "In the past thirty years I have lost little time, however, I am not sure I can do this well in the next thirty years, as of course I won't be but 100 years old then. Anyway, and at all events, here I am, depot agent until I get fired or die, with my hopes for the first outcome rather than the second."

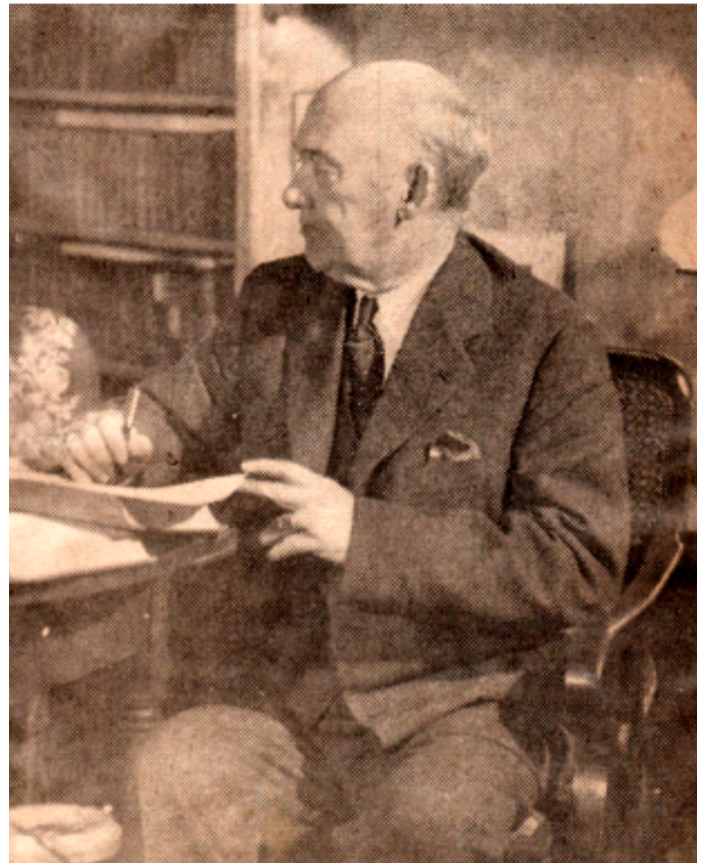
"George nailed his law shingle on one of his buildings in Old Fort and soon qualified to practice in all the State's courts; was appointed United States Commissioner for the Western District of North Carolina; secretary-treasurer of the McDowell County Bar Association; and qualified to practice before the Supreme Court."

"He won't have a telephone installed in his law office, mainly because he detests the contraptions. Instead of telephoning, which he does infrequently and suspiciously - (He holds the phone at arm's length, bellows "I can't hear you, write me a letter," and hangs up.) he prefers to write letters. He drags out his ancient typewriter at the slightest pretext, attacks it vigorously with a turkey-feather duster, and pounds out page after page of joyously uninhibited copy - blissfully ignoring all punctuation except the comma."

"I still love the small town, that has now outgrown its jeans, brogans and plug hats, my home and what possessions I have still are a part and parcel of this little town, I hope to be buried there, and at my age the shadows begin to lengthen..." - George Sandlin

George was known as a versatile man. George's railroad boss once said, "Mr. Sandlin ... is the only man I know who can defend a client in all the 'Tarheel' courts, set the amount of his bond, measure him for a suit of clothes, sell him a railroad ticket and ride with him to Washington on a railroad employee's pass to argue his case before the Supreme Court."

George died at 81. "The aged attorney, who secretly loved the law and openly loved the railroad, had been in declining health for some time and seriously ill one month.



SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Present: **The** Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Roberts, Mr. Justice Black, Mr. Justice Reed, Mr. Justice Frankfurter, Mr. Justice Douglas, Mr. Justice Murphy, Mr. Justice Jackson, and Mr. Justice Rutledge.

Jeff Busby, of Washington, D. C.; George E. Mickel, of Omaha, Nebr.; Lewis C. Magnusen, of Oshkosh, Wis.; George Washington Sandlin, of Old Fort, N. C.; Morris N. Friedland, of Chicago, Ill.; and Joseph L. Eggum, of Miami, Fla., were admitted to practice.

No. 33. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, petitioner, *v.* C. C. Harmon. **Argument** continued by Mr. Assistant Attorney General Samuel O. Clark for the petitioner; by Mr. L. Karlton Mosteller for the respondent and concluded by Mr. Villard Martin for the respondent.

No. 41. Wilson McCarthy and Henry Swan, Trustees, etc., et al., petitioners, *v.* E. E. Bruner. Argued by Mr. W. Q. Van Cott for the petitioners and by Mr. Parnell Black for the respondent.



George is proudest of his United States Supreme Court certificate. He passed the North Carolina bar examination when he was 64 years old.