Iredell County Schools

Statesville Academy, 1815 (North Carolina)

The Trustees of Statesville Academy inform the public that the Reverend John Mushatt has commenced teaching in that institution. The Latin, Greek and Hebrew Languages, English Grammar, Geography, Euclid's Elements, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Rhetoric, and Logic, will be taught. B. Worke, Sec.

9th Dec. 1815
The Star, December 29, 1815

Mushatt Continues Statesville Academy, 1820

The connexion formerly existing between the Trustees of Statesville Academy and the subscriber as Teacher having dissolved, Parents and Guardians are hereby informed, that the different branches heretofore taught in this academy, he will still continue to teach in a suitable house prepared for this purpose. The satisfaction which the discharge of his office has given during the term of five years, and the respectable standing of his students in the different higher seminaries which they have entered, afford a well grounded hope that the usual liberal support and encouragement will be continued. Parents and Guardians may rest assured, that every necessary attention shall be paid to the deportment, the progress and accuracy of pupils.

The School will commence on the first of January next. To accommodate the people of South Carolina, there will be but one vacation in the year, to commence on the 16th of November, 1821.

Statesville, Nov. 2, 1820
John Mushat, V.D.M.
Western Carolinian, Dec. 5, 1820

(On Jan. 30, 1821, the above with the following note to advertisement of Statesville Academy appeared):

N.B.--From the inexperience of youth, it often happens they are too easily led into habits of extravagance. In these they too successfully indulge, notwithstanding the care and vigilance of the trustees. The teacher, especially, suffers the blame, although errors of this kind are committed without his knowledge and permission. Aware of this, and at the same time desirous to afford every security to parents and guardians, the following rules will be strictly attended to:
Every student shall be confined to one particular store for the purchase of those articles of which he may stand in need; his account in said store to be carefully examined once in every month.

No student shall be permitted to play at unlawful games, nor indulge in the use of ardent spirits; and to prevent these evils their accounts in taverns shall be examined and a report obtained from the owners of boarding houses respecting the conduct of their boarders, once in every month.

These and the other regulations of the school will be carried into execution by the following gentlemen: Col. Richard Allison, Dr. Joseph Guy, Rev. Dr. McKee, Robert Worke, esq., Wm. McKnight, esq., Gen. George L. Davidson, John Huggins, esq., Capt. Alexander Dunlap, Thomas Allison.

--Western Carolinian, January 30, 1821.

Mr. Mushat Leaves Statesville, 1825

Education

Through the solicitation of his friends and employers, the subscriber has agreed to continue the usual course of his academic instructions at Fort Defiance, near Statesville, Iredell County, N. C., during the ensuing year. The terms are as follows: Every young man will be required to produce satisfactory testimonials of his sobriety and temperance. No young man will be admitted who has been expelled or suspended from any similar institution. No student will be admitted for a term less than two sessions; the first to commence on the 2nd of January and end the 7th of June; the second to commence on the 8th of June and end on the 16th of November. The price of tuition will be $10 per session, to be paid at the close of each session. The price of boarding, including washing, firewood and candles, will be $7 per month, to be paid at the end of each session.

John Mushat.

Nov. 18, 1825

--Catawba Journal, November 29, 1825.

Act of Incorporation, 1821

An Act to incorporate the Lincolnton Female Academy, Dec. 27, 1821

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that, James Brinigs, Vardry McBee, Daniel Hoke, James Hill, John Mushatt, be a body politic and corporate, to be known and distinguished by the name of the Trustees of Lincolnton Female Academy,....

p. 196.
Pleasant Retreat Academy in 1822

The second semi-annual examination of the Pleasant Retreat Academy, under the direction of the Rev. John Mushat and Mr. Nathaniel N. Smith, commenced on Monday, the 11th of the present instant, and closed on the succeeding Wednesday. p. 197.

Pleasant Retreat Academy Teachers, 1823

The exercises of the Academy will again commence on the 16th inst., under the direction of the Rev. John Mushat, and Mr. James J. Watson. Jacob Formey, Sec'y.

Lincolnton, June 12, 1823

--Western Carolinian, June 2, 1823

Pleasant Retreat Academy, 1824

The Trustees of the Pleasant Retreat Academy, in Lincolnton, N. C., have succeeded in procuring another principal teacher to supply the place of the Rev. John Mushat,... p. 200.

--Western Carolinian, Jan. 20, 1824

Beginning in 1820, Rev. John Mushat conducted the school at Statesville for two years. Mushat was a Presbyterian preacher and had the reputation of being an excellent teacher. p. xxii.

In 1822, Rev. John Mushat became principal of the Lincolnton schools. He was assisted by Nathaniel N. Smith. Both were men of good scholarship, being college graduates. p. xxiii.

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