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See also: [Lane, Lunsford](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

**17 Feb. 1762–5 Oct. 1829**



UNC Press. p. 100. (Digital page 124). <sup>[3]</sup>Sherwood Haywood, banker, was born in [Edgecombe County](#) <sup>[4]</sup>, the son of [William](#) <sup>[5]</sup> and Charity Hare Haywood. He first entered public life as clerk of the state senate, a position to which he was elected on 4 Jan. 1786, following the resignation of his brother, John Haywood, to accept the post of state [treasurer](#) <sup>[6]</sup>. He continued to serve as clerk of the senate until 24 Dec. 1798. Early in 1800, he moved from Edgecombe County to [Raleigh](#) <sup>[7]</sup>, where he purchased four lots from John Haywood which comprised the block bounded by Wilmington, [Edenton](#) <sup>[8]</sup>, Blount, and Jones streets. In 1804, when the [Bank of Newbern](#) <sup>[9]</sup> was chartered by the state, Sherwood Haywood became Raleigh agent of the bank, a position that he held until his death.

Haywood was one of the original trustees of the [Raleigh Academy](#) <sup>[10]</sup>, serving for the rest of his life. He also subscribed to the fund to complete the Main (South) Building at [The University of North Carolina](#) <sup>[11]</sup>. [Calvin Jones](#) <sup>[12]</sup> described him as a "good, polite, clever, worthy man, who never contradicted anyone in his life." Haywood was the enslaver of [Lunsford Lane](#) <sup>[2]</sup>, an enslaved then free black businessman and entrepreneur. He married Eleanor Hawkins, by whom he had nine children; one son was [Richard Bennehan Haywood](#) <sup>[13]</sup>, who became a physician and surgeon in Raleigh. Haywood and his wife were buried in City Cemetery, Raleigh, in the Colonel [William Polk](#) <sup>[14]</sup> plot.

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