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17 Feb. 1762–5 Oct. 1829



UNC Press. p. 100. (Digital page 124). ^[3]Sherwood Haywood, banker, was born in [Edgecombe County](#) ^[4], the son of [William](#) ^[5] 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](#) ^[6]. He continued to serve as clerk of the senate until 24 Dec. 1798. Early in 1800, he moved from Edgecombe County to [Raleigh](#) ^[7], where he purchased four lots from John Haywood which comprised the block bounded by Wilmington, [Edenton](#) ^[8], Blount, and Jones streets. In 1804, when the [Bank of Newbern](#) ^[9] 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](#) ^[10], 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](#) ^[11]. [Calvin Jones](#) ^[12] described him as a "good, polite, clever, worthy man, who never contradicted anyone in his life." Haywood was the enslaver of [Lunsford Lane](#) ^[2], an enslaved then free black businessman and entrepreneur. He married Eleanor Hawkins, by whom he had nine children; one son was [Richard Bennehan Haywood](#) ^[13], who became a physician and surgeon in Raleigh. Haywood and his wife were buried in City Cemetery, Raleigh, in the Colonel [William Polk](#) ^[14] plot.

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