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Pseudonyms have been used by North Carolinians since the eighteenth century to conceal identities for many reasons. Among those who used pseudonyms were creative writers [2] and authors in various fields, men who wrotepoetry [3]in an age and place when that was considered a feminine occupation, politicians and public officials [4], lovers, the shy or modest, and women who lived in a time when they were deemed by many to be incapable of literary accomplishments.

It is reasonable to assume that only a small portion of pseudonyms can ever be identified or that their secret can be discovered without a good clue or other information. The following is a list of some known North Carolina pseudonyms.

True Name	***Pseudonym***
Arrington, Alfred	Charles Summerfield
Badger, J. Lawrence	Jemmy Critus
Baker, Emma	Eugene Hall
Brown, William	Hill Columbus
Bruckner, Margaretta	Margaret Howe
Bryant, H. E. C. [5]	Red Buck
Byrd, William, II	Inamorato L'Oiseaux
Caldwell, Joseph [6]	Carlton [7]
Chapman, John & Mary	Maristan Chapman
Clark, Charles Dunning	W. J. Hamilton
Clarke, Mary Bayard [8]	Tenella
Craven, Braxton [9]	Charlie Vernon
Daniels, Jonathan	Nicholas Worth
Daniels, Josephus [10]	Rhamkatte Rooster
Dargan, Olive Tilford [11]	Fielding Burke
Deal, Borden	Lee Borden
Downing, Fanny Murdaugh	Viola
Evans, Charles Napoleon Bonaparte [12]	Fool Killer [13]
Fosdick, Charles Austin	Harry Castlemon
Frayser, Lou H.	Zillah Raymond
Fulton, David Bryant [14]	Jack Thorne
Gale, Christopher [15]	Judge Jumble
Gaston, William [16]	Anon. (1808)
Gifford, James Noble	Carol Holliston
Gilmore, James R.	Edmund Kirke
Glascock, Harold	Robert Winfield
Harwood, Dr. Edward	Spectator
Hass, Ben	John Benteen, Ben Elliott, John M. Elliott

Holman, Clarence Hugh [17]	Clarence Hunt
Hooper, Johnson Jones [18]	Simon Suggs
Housekeeper, Mrs. William G.	Rose Batterham
Iredell, James [19]	A Man Who Despises Your Pardons, Marcus, A Planter, A Rioter [20]
Jackson, Andrew	Anon. (1801)
Jones, Calvin [21]	Anon. (1807)
Jones, Joseph Seawell [22]	Schocco Jones
Kaler, James Otis	James Otis
Kelly, Jonathan F.	Falconbridge
Korner, Jule Gilmer	Reuben Rink
Little, William [23]	Puzzlecause
Long, Virginia Love	Mariposa
Lovick, John [24]	Shoebrush
MacLaine, Archibald [25]	Publico
Martin, Alexander [26]	Anon. (1798)
Martin, John Sanford [27]	Santford Martin
McCora, Patrick William	Daly Wise
McEachern, Daniel Purcell	Synder
McNair, Colin	Eddie McLean
Miller, Helen Hill [28]	Helen Hill
Mitchell, Elisha [29]	“N”
Moore, Bertha Belle	Brenda Cannon, Betsy McCurry
Moore, Maurice [30]	Atticus
Moseley, Edward [31]	Judge Jumble
Murfree, Mary Noailles	Charles Egbert Craddock
Murphey, Archibald D. [32]	Florian, Philo-Florian
Nelms, Henning	Hake Talbot
Newell, Robert Henry	Orpheus C. Kerr
Page, Walter Hines [33]	Nicholas Worth
Parham, James A.	General Mecklenburg
Petch, Allan J., Colonel	Jeremy North
Pettigrew, Charles [34]	Flagillator Scurvarum
Pettigrew, James Johnston [35]	A Carolinian
Pollock, John Alfred [36]	Ronleigh de Conval
Porter, William Sydney [37]	O. Henry
Powell, Talmage	Jack McCready
Pritchard, John W.	Ian Wallace
Raymond, Rene	James JH. Chase
Rhodes, William Henry [38]	Caxton
Rivenbark, Mrs. Robert W.	Mita Leon
Schaw, Janet [39]	Lady of Quality
Simms, William Gilmore	Bachelor Knight

Smith, Charles Henry	Bill Arp
Smith, Leverette	Arthur Mann Kaye
Spencer, Cornelia Philips [40]	Magnus
Spencer, DeLeon G.	Jo Jo
Steuart, Andrew [41]	Philanthropes
Stickland, William Herman	Emmitt Lookabee
Strange, Robert	An American
Strother, David Hunter	Porte Crayon
Swann, Samuel [42]	Bo-otes
Taliaferro, Hardin E. [43]	Skitt
Thompson, William	Major Jones
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Tourgée, Albion W. [46]	“C,” Henry Churton
Vail, Abner	Viator
Walz, Audrey	Francis Connamy
Wellman, Frances	Frances Garfield
Wicker, Tom	Paul Connolly
Williamson, Hugh [47]	Sylvius
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