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Engraving of William Rufus King
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^[3]Two North Carolina natives have held the office of vice president of the United States. The first, [William Rufus King](#) ^[4], was born in [Sampson County](#) ^[5] and was elected to the post as [Franklin Pierce](#) ^[6]'s [Democratic](#) ^[7] running mate in 1852. He died just after his inauguration. The second [Andrew Johnson](#) ^[8], was born in [Raleigh](#) ^[9] and joined Abraham Lincoln's 1864 ticket as the only southern senator supporting the Union. After Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Johnson assumed the presidency.

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<https://archive.org/stream/obituaryaddresse00arms#page/n7/mode/2up> ^[3] (accessed September 6, 2012).

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