

# Visit HISTORIC RICHMOND HILL LAW SCHOOL

4641 Law School Rd. • East Bend, NC 27018



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Richmond Hill is the family home of the Honorable Richmond Mumford Pearson (1805-1878), an American jurist who served as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court from 1858 to 1878. Pearson started the law school here in 1848 that lasted until his death. Pearson's home, built in 1861, was fully restored in the 1970s and is the centerpiece of the 30-acre Richmond Hill Law School and Nature Park.



**ACTIVITIES:** Historic Tours • Children's Activities  
Trails for Hiking/Walking

**AMENITIES:** Free Car/Motorcoach & RV Parking  
Picnic Shelters & Tables

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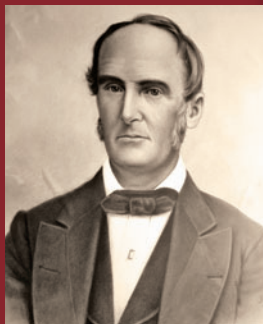
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Park Reservations: **336-699-3921**



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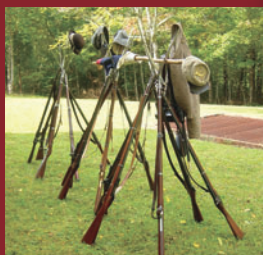
Home to Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court (1805-1878), the only person to hold a major state office before, during and after the Civil War.



Judge Pearson lived at this site from 1848 until his death in 1878. Pearson's law school was conducted in a modest building on the lawn of his home on the west side of the grounds.



During the Civil War, Pearson ruled that the Governor had no authority to use the state militia to enforce the Confederate conscription laws and used the writ of habeas corpus to free men who believed themselves unjustly conscripted.



After the Civil War, Pearson presided at the impeachment trial of Gov. William Holden, the first impeachment and conviction of a state governor in American history.

His favorite maxim was the Latin motto, "*Fiat justitia, ruat coelum*" ("Let justice be done though the heavens fall").

Coordinates:

Latitude: 36° 15' 54"

Longitude: -80° 36' 47.52"

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