Sidebar

School Hall of Fame next stop for Dr. Tutt

AUGUSTA, Ga. – Native Augustan Dr. William H. Tutt will be honored by his high school alma mater on October 17 when the Academy of Richmond County inducts him and nine others into its Hall of Fame.

He was one of two sons born in 1823 to parents whose names have been lost in the mists of time. While early graduation records are not in existence, he is believed to have graduated before his 18th birthday (1841).

Fifty years before, President George Washington visited Augusta and is known to have delivered the commencement address at the all-male school chartered in 1783. The school later became a military institution.

It was moved from its Telfair Street location to a new

building on Baker Avenue at Walton Way in 1926 where it remains today.

After graduation, Tutt entered the Medical College of Georgia located next door to the academy and is listed as a graduate in 1843 at age 20. Both the original academy and medical school buildings are still extant.

Joining Tutt in the ARC Shrine are Dr. Louis Battey Sr., William Henry Cato Jr., Laverne Lewis Gaskins, Don Grantham, Philetus Harison, U.S. Marine Corporal Leonard O. "Pete" Fletcher, Don P. Giddens, Edward W. Hagler, Thomas Hagler Jr., Roy V. Harris, Brig. Gen. Regionald G.A. Neal and Kessel D. Stelling Jr.

Dr. Tutt's presentation will be made by Bill Baab.