

History Of Transylvania County

By Ora L. Jones

(Editor's note: This installment is the first half of Chapter X. It continues the activities of Transylvania men in the Civil War.)

CHAPTER X

Of the eight Captains sent to the Confederate armies from Transylvania county, four were in command of cavalry troops. Near the end of the war three of these were serving with the Seventy-Ninth regiment (Eighth cavalry.) One was with the Sixty-Fifth regiment (Sixth cavalry). The services of most of these cavalrymen were with battalions or independent companies. All did good work. Their activities were very largely confined to the suppression of the lawless elements that made life a hideous nightmare for the women and children living in the border counties.

According to "Moore's Roster" a Transylvania company under command of Captain Carter W. Gillespie was a unit of the Sixty-Fifth regiment (Sixth cavalry). As a matter of fact this company, as a unit, did not belong to that regiment. The men of the company were scattered all through several different companies of the Sixty-Fifth when the regiment was organized. The services of the men as a company were rendered as a part of the Fifth battalion before the organization of the regiment. When organized, Captain Gillespie was elected Captain. Enoch L. Cunningham was named First Lieutenant, William D. Kilpatrick, Second Lieutenant and John D. Davis, Second Lieutenant. There were nine non-commissioned officers and eighty-four privates from Transylvania who were enrolled in the fall of 1862.

CAPTAIN AND 14 MEN CAPTURED

In May, 1863, while Captain Gillespie and his company were operating along the Cumberland river near Mill Spring, Kentucky, as a part of the Fifth battalion the Captain and fourteen of his men were captured by the enemy. This ended their fighting days as a unit. The Captain never reached home until long after the war was ended. He met with great difficulty and interminable delay in securing his release from prison.

The Fifth battalion, with which the company was associated for several months, was organized at Jonesboro, Tennessee, in the winter of 1862. A. H. Baird was elected Major. There were originally five companies in this battalion, all of which had previously engaged in outpost duty along the state line and through the Cumberland mountains. This territory was frequently changing hands in those days. A fight could be started at a few minutes notice at any time. There were many "Bushwhackers" in the mountains near the headquarters of the Fifth battalion. They kept the men constantly on the alert. Every bush, rock and every turn in the road was likely to prove to be an ambush.

In Eastern Tennessee the robbers and "Bushwhackers" were more numerous than in any other section of the mountains. Large numbers of them were captured, court martialed, and convicted and executed by officers of the Fifth battalion. In later months some of the officers connected with these executions were indicted by relatives of the executed robbers and tried in the courts for murder or damage suits. No one was ever convicted of such a charge.

BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA

The winter of 1863-64 was spent by the Fifth battalion at Big Creek Gap, Kentucky. The Fifth and Seventh battalions, numbering about 1,500 men, under the command of Captain Virgil S. Lusk of Company Q of the Fifth, were overtaken by a force of 12,000 Federal cavalry when they were expecting to meet with friends. In the running fight which ensued Captain Lusk was captured and the two battalions were almost completely wiped out or captured. Not more than fifty men escaped to their lines, fifty miles away.

This small remnant, after securing a number of recruits, was made a part of the Sixty-Fifth regiment when it was organized on August 3, 1863. The Transylvanians who had been in Captain Gillespie's company and had escaped capture in Kentucky went into various companies of the regiment. Soon after its organization, this regiment captured the entire First Kentucky infantry at Bayville, Georgia.

On September 19, 1863, the Sixty-Fifth went into the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, under General Nathaniel Bedford Forrest. It was assigned to guard Alexander's Bridge where some heavy assaults were made. The

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Savings Bonds Sales Are Up

Combined sales of Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares during August were \$5,639,168, a 13.2 percent increase over the comparable month a year ago.

January - August sales were \$42,320,325, a 2.3 percent decrease over the same 8-month period a year ago. This represents 71 percent of the state's annual quota of \$59,600,000. Savings Bond and Freedom Shares in Transylvania county were \$24,747.00 for August. For the year, cumulative sales amounted to \$176,094.00, which is 68.2 percent of the county's 1969 dollar quota, according to Jerry Jerome, volunteer chairman of the Savings Bonds program in Transylvania county.

Brevard Jaycees To Award Large, Color TV Set

Donations are being received by the Brevard Jaycees for their community development projects.

A 23" RCA console color TV set, having a retail value of \$679.95, will be awarded on September 28th, at Brevard Senior high school stadium. It is now on display at Bower's store in Brevard.

Donations of \$1 or more can be made by contacting any members of the Brevard Jaycees.

NORTH

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Otis V. Medland, deceased, late of Manatee County, State of Florida, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of March, 1970, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of September, 1969.
OTIS F. MEDLAND, JR.
Executor of Otis V. Medland Estate
c/o Ramsey, Hill & Smart
The Legal Building
North Gaston Street
Brevard, North Carolina
9/18/69

NOTICE

State of North Carolina County of Transylvania Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by GERTIE M. HEMPHILL and MARGARET H. AVERY to WILLIAM R. WHITE, Trustee for PIEDMONT PACIFIC LUMBER CORPORATION, which Deed of Trust bears date of the 19th day of October, 1968, and is recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Transylvania County in Deed of Trust Book 77, Pages 465, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said Deed of Trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Brevard, North Carolina, at noon on the 17th day of October, 1969, the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust lying and being in the County of Transylvania and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING on a stake in the East side of Capps Road, common corner of said Earl Orr and Spurgeon Hemphill, and runs South 1 deg. West 85 feet to a stake; thence South 65 deg. 30 min. East 26 feet to a stake on the West margin of Upper Glade Creek Road; thence with the same, North 49 deg. East 44 feet to a stake; thence still with the road, North 35 deg. 30 min. East to a stake in the Orr line; thence with the same West 99 feet to the BEGINNING. This the 15th day of September, 1969.
WILLIAM R. WHITE
Trustee
9/18/69

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ALMAR FARM In Transylvania

BY CAL CARPENTER



She's a little old lady, bright eyed and brusque spoken when she wants to be. She still has her own home, does largely for herself; is as aggressively independent as might be expected of the Matriarch of a numerous, independent clan.

But the years have taken a toll. She's full of the aches and ailments of 84 years. Her hair, never cut in her long lifetime, is snow white and still worn in the old fashioned braids and bun that was the style when she was a girl in the Cartoogchaye section of Macon county nearly three-quarters of a century ago.

She was one of 12 children, born and reared on a hard-scrabble farm in the days now fondly called the "gay 90's"; days which were, like all the days before them, gay only for those who were well endowed with the wealth and possessions of their times, not the people who had to labor hard for a living as she and her family did.

Her girlhood was a life of hard work, frugality, and the straight old-time religion. And as the twig was bent, so grew the tree; for now, though living requires little hard work and the old time frugality has long since become unnecessary, she still works to the limit of her endurance. She still wastes not that she may want not; she

still lives in the way of that old-time religion.

In the infant years of this century, she met a gangling, sandy-haired young six-footer who lived several miles away on his father's prosperous farm in the Nantahala section of Macon county. He took an immediate shine to the pretty, vivacious little brunette and used to come calling riding a sturdy mule and leading a big, white gelding for his sweetheart.

And the young couple would go riding — she in riding skirt and mounted side-saddle, he astride his mule, on those bright, crisp autumn Sundays when the calendar of their world was as young and gay and full of promise as they were.

They were married, and in the way of the time, immediately began rearing their family. A son was born, then a daughter. They were living, by this time, at a rented farm on the Nantahala mountain. He was working as a section hand on the old railroad that ran from Franklin by way of the rugged Nantahala Gorge to Tallulah Falls, Georgia. Living many weary, foot-miles from his work, he was away from home from before dawn until after dark at his 10-hour a day job — oftentimes was required to stay away over

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Masons To See Space Movie

A stated communication of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge will be held in the Temple on East Main street, Thursday, September 25th, at 8:00 o'clock.

This announcement comes from Charles B. Peavy, the Worshipful Master.

Jerry Hart Jerome, junior deacon who is in charge of the program, announces the showing of the official National Aeronautics Space Administration movie on the flight of Apollo 11 on the moon.

Mr. Peavy says this film has been shown to several of the clubs in the county and the report is: "this film is well worth anyone's time to see."

The master urges the members to attend, and he extends a cordial invitation to all visiting Masons in the county.

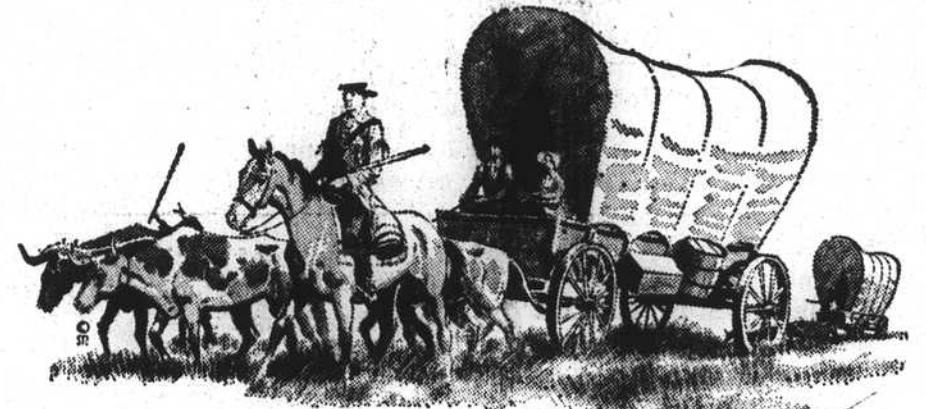
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of North Carolina County of Transylvania Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Robert Lee Wilbanks, deceased, late of Transylvania County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned, Howard Edward Wilbanks, c/o Robert B. Willson, Attorney, 300 North-western Bank Building, Asheville, North Carolina, on or before the 2nd day of April, 1970, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment.

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