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OLD TIMES IN WARREN

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TRACING THE SIGN.

By Chester L. Saxby.

The blush of the August Apple,
A sunset aglow in the west,
The sumach leaves and the woodbine
And the oriole's hidden nest,
The oak tree sprung from the acorn,
The maple grown from the pod,
Give it the name of nature,
Then trace above it—"God."

The vengeance that stalked with the
savage,
The unwritten code of the tribe,
The primitive chivalric customs,
The laws that the ancients describe,
A criminal facing the judgement,
A soul lifted up from the sod,
Give it the name of order,
Then trace above it—"God."

The incense fire on the altar,
The martyr's firm reply,
The Huguenots and the roundheads
And a chant that is borne to the
sky,
The hermit alone in the desert,
The pilgrims on shores untrod:
Call it, who will, Religion,
Then breathe the name of God.

The flutter of wing o'er the nestlings,
The life breathed out to the young,
Innocence shielding the guilty,
The Christ with nailed arms wide
flung,
The starving grief of a mother
For a still form beneath the sod:
Call it the gift of loving:
Give it the name of God.

"BURWELL DAVIS"

Burwell Davis, the first, was probably the founder of the Davis family in this county, especially the Davises of the Fork and Fishing Creek sections of the county. Through the intermarriage of his descendants with other families, many of the people of the county trace their lineage back to him as a common ancestor. Among the Warren county people who are his descendants are many of the Allens, Watsons, Dukes, Footes, Pitchfords, Jones, Williams, Egertons, and other Warren county people scattered over this and other counties.

I said in the outset that Burwell Davis was the founder of the Davis families of Warren and Franklin counties. Perhaps this honor belongs to Peter Davis, the father of Burwell. Very little is known of Peter Davis. He probably was a native of Virginia and came to our section among the first settlers.

He was twice married. The name of his first wife is unknown to me. By this wife there were five children: Matthew, Burwell, Giles, Allen and Buckner. The fact that one of his sons was named Buckner inclines me to the opinion that either he or his first wife were related to the Laniers; for Buckner was a favorite name among the Laniers, and in some branches of the Lanier family the name Buckner is still found.

The second wife of Peter Davis was Hannah Turner. She was a sister of Gov. James Turner of this State and county. There were also five children by this marriage: Jacob, Thomas, John, Tempie and Winnie.

Burwell Davis, the subject of this sketch, married Patsy Hawkins of Halifax. Of this marriage there were eight children: Sallie, Dick, Jennie, Samuel, Nancy, Edward, John S. and Isham. Sallie married Henry Beatty and moved to Tenn.; Dick married Winnie Powell, Jennie married Billie Powell, Samuel married Amanda Kearney, Nancy married Simon Fleming, Edward married Rebecca Pitchford, John S. married Martha Powell, and Isham died unmarried.

Burwell Davis was born in August 1756 and died in August 1846 on the day before he was 90 years of age. He was buried on his ninth birthday. By his request his funeral was preached by Elder Willoughby Hudgins who at this time was a prominent Baptist preacher in this section. Mr. Hudgins seems to have been a favorite with such prominent men as Nat. Macon and Burwell Davis; for he preached both of their funerals. I only know of two times of preparation that Mr. Davis made for death. He selected the preacher to preach his funeral, and a good many years before his death he had his coffin made. As he did not like to have anything about him that was of no use he used his coffin as a box in which to keep

EXTENDS SCHOOL TERM

Teachers and Committeemen will take notice that the schools located within the following townships (regardless of district lines) will be entitled to the number of days of public school in addition to the four months provided by General County Tax c, and in addition to the Equalizing fund, on account of DOG Tax, to wit:

Townships	days
Fork	12 1-3
Fishing Creek	10 1-2
Hawtree	4 1-2
Judkins	6 3-4
Nutbush	8 3-4
Shocco	13 1-2
Smith Creek	4
Sandy Creek	4 3-4
Six Pound	5 1-2
River	4 1-2
Roanoke	6

A total of 80 5-6 at an average cost per day of \$13.93. Sixteen teachers in Warrenton township do not participate in fund derived from Dog tax, as all funds, under the old law, before it was amended, in Warrenton township are appropriated to the roads of the township. In this connection it may be interesting to state that 129 teachers in the county receive an average of \$4.58 cents per day, or \$31.60 per month. To look at it in a different way, counting 26 days to the month, embracing all of the teacher's time, and you have the sum of \$1.21 1-2 per day, at an average term of five months and seven days for the year makes the teachers salary for the year \$166.45. Of course these figures are taken from the General school fund, but they include the Equalizing fund from State. They do not include the Special Tax funds, nor the two High School teachers' salaries.

HOWARD F. JONES,
Supt.

Sometimes, just to make a scenario sound different, they advertise it a "a story without a blush."—Ex.

Burwell Davis was by no means an ordinary man. His education was limited, he having been in school about six months. His school days were back in colonial times when the standard of the country school was very low and the curriculum consisted of reading, writing and ciphering. He however made good use of his opportunities and as long as he lived he devoted a good deal of time to reading. He had a great thirst for knowledge, he also had a good memory, and by diligent reading the best books and papers available he became one of the best informed men of his day in the county. His knowledge of the geography of the world and of the History of this country, together with his acquaintance with the peoples, countries, customs and usages of the world, made him one of the best informed and most interesting men in the county.

The attainments of such men as Burwell Davis show what is possible to any man fired by a lofty ambition and with industry sufficient to work for the accomplishment of his purpose. Until late in life he read papers published in Washington and other large cities and was therefore well informed on current events. He was a Democrat of the truest type and was always deeply interested in the affairs of the county, State, and nation.

He was a Revolutionary soldier and delighted to talk about the stirring scenes of those far away days. After the war was over he began life with almost nothing and accumulated a large property in land and slaves.

He was fond of hunting and fishing. In the fall he fished for round fish and shot many Squirrels in a mulberry tree near his old fishing place.

On one occasion he said to his son, Sam, "Send out to the blind and bring in the turkey that I just now shot." Sam did not want to stop a negro from work, so he went to the blind himself, and found three large turkey gobblers which his father had killed at one shot.

Burwell Davis had many descendants in this section and I suppose most of them possess some of his striking peculiarities. Such men as he never die for their virtues are transmitted from generation to generation. I would like to write the history of his descendants but the information is not available and if it were the story of Burwell Davis' descendants would fill a large volume.

AN OFFICIAL INVITATION.

Whereas there has been some intimation that the celebration of the return of Company "H", 3rd North Carolina Infantry, to its home Station is to be "an entirely Warrenton affair," and

Whereas every move made towards said celebration has been with the purpose and desire that all of the citizens of the County who are interested should be present on that occasion, and

Whereas the official acts of this Committee in naming a speaker on Friday night 2nd March to address the soldiers and the public on behalf of the citizens residing in the County at large, prove conclusively the purpose to have the presence of all citizens of the county, and

Whereas said Committee at its last meeting on said second day of March did embrace a membership of County and Town citizens, and that the action of said Committee has been unanimous in all that it did.

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the Committee appointed at the first meeting held to make plans for the celebration of the home coming of Company "H", do hereby officially and through the public press confirm and ratify our action heretofore taken, and again state it to be our purpose to have with us on the day of celebration (which date cannot be yet fixed) the citizens of Warrenton county, and assure them that they will be as heartily and earnestly welcomed as if they resided in the town of Warrenton.

Resolve 2nd, That we now feel and have always expressed ourselves as feeling that our action was on behalf of all the citizens of the County.

Resolve 3rd, That a copy of this "Official invitation" be tendered the News-Reporter, the Headlight and the Warren Record for publication.

HOWARD F. JONES, Chm.
J. E. ROOKER
J. B. PALMER
W. H. BURROUGHS
G. H. MACON,
Committee.

The Headlight and the News Reporter will please copy.

A SAFE AND SANE CROPPING SYSTEM FOR 1917

Misled by the glamour of 20-cent cotton, there is grave danger that many a Southern farmer will stake his all on this one crop—forgetting that cotton, compared with other commodities, is not really high-priced; forgetting the need for living at home first of all; forgetting the great lesson that soil fertility must come first in successful farming.

By spring, corn will probably be selling for \$1.50 a bushel, flour at \$12 a barrel, hay at \$25 to \$30 a ton. Cottonseed meal and acid phosphate are soaring, and potash fertilizers in quantity cannot be had at all; consequently every farmer who expects to get his soil fertility in sacks is going to have to pay dearly for it. Shoes and leather goods of all kinds are higher than this generation has ever known; implements, wire fencing and nails are high and apparently going higher.

All in all, then, cotton, relatively, is not high. True, it is now 50 per cent higher than the standard price of recent years, but practically everything else we eat, wear or otherwise use is 50 per cent or more higher. This being true—and any man with his eyes open knows that it is true—where is there a particle of logic or common sense in rushing pell-mell into all-cotton?

Whether cotton is high or low, for the cotton farmer anywhere in the South we have consistently held that there is one and only one sound, safe plan, and that is to provide our food, feed and soil fertility first, and then raise what cotton he can on the acreage not devoted to these live-at-home crops. This means—

1. A good garden, plenty of Irish and sweet potatoes, cane for syrup, fruit trees, a big bunch of producing hens, some cows to furnish plenty of milk and butter, plenty of meat-hogs, and corn and wheat for bread.

2. A first-class pasture to furnish grazing for the chickens, hogs, cattle and horses, a good acreage in oats followed by peas or beans to furnish cheap feed next summer and fall, and an abundance of corn and peas or beans to insure us against having to buy feed another season.

3. A legume crop on every acre every year, to build up our lands and save fertilizer bills. It is of course too late to put in next spring a big acreage of peas, soy and velvet beans, and peanuts. Then next fall, let us begin with crimson clover and use it hereafter as a green manure crop to plow under in the spring for our corn.

Which shall it be for you, Brother Farmer, common-sense and a bank account, or all-cotton, big food, feed and fertilizer bills and poverty?—The Progressive Farmer.

Two of the Exalted.

"My face is my fortune," said the stage beauty.
"Permit me," replied the soap king, "to extend the compliments of a self-made man to a self-made woman."—London Answers.

HER PASTOR'S TRIBUTE

To Thomas D. and Annie F. Rodwell, of Hawtree Township, Warren county, N. C., were born eight children, as follows, viz.: William, Robert Lucy, Henry, Lizzie, Ida, Irene and Annie Rodwell. The sixth of these, Ida, who married Mr. A. D. Gardner, of Oxford, N. C., eight years ago, died in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, N. C., Saturday March 10, 1917, aged 38 years, 10 months and 6 days. Her full maiden name was Ida May Rodwell. She joined the Baptist church at Gardner's when only thirteen years old; but five years later she was received into the membership of Hebron, M. E. Church, South, in the fellowship of which she remained till death. She leaves a husband, three children, a brother, Mr. William Rodwell, two sisters, Mrs. James D. Stewart and Miss Irene Rodwell, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She was well-known in Macon, her home for several years, as the most efficient keeper of the central telephone office.

She was painfully afflicted during the last three months of her life, but bore it all bravely and patiently, as devoted relatives and friends administered unto her. Her remains were brought from Raleigh last Sunday to her childhood home, where, surrounded by probably two hundred sorrowing, sympathizing people, they were laid to rest. Love and friendship vied with each other in placing exquisite floral offerings. Her Pastor, the writer, conducted the service, directing the living to God's word for comfort in sorrow and for inspiration to the prepared life. Some friends softly sang certain favorite hymns. After a stormy voyage we believe her frail barque has anchored in the heavenly harbor. May all who knew and loved her seek and find the same landing!

R. H. BROOM.

ORPHANAGE SINGING CLASS

The friends of the Oxford Orphanage will be interested to know that the Singing Class of that Institution has started out on its 1917 tour of the State. The Class left the Institution on the sixth, going to Henderson, where they gave the first concert. The itinerary for this trip will take the Class through northeastern and eastern North Carolina, keeping the children out until the latter part of May when the Class will return home for a rest of three weeks. Then tours of the western, Piedmont and southern sections of the State will be made. Altogether this Class will visit nearly two hundred towns in North Carolina, giving a concert at each place.

There is a twofold purpose in sending this Class over the State each year—to give the good people of North Carolina an opportunity to see a concrete example of the work of the Institution and to interest friends of the Institution in contributing more liberally to its support. A faithful and intelligent effort is put forth to give an attractive and helpful entertainment. The price of admission has therefore been less than the value of the concert, and we feel satisfied that the excellent standard of the past will be maintained. The management is always glad to have the Class visit towns where the children have never gone, as well as the places they are accustomed to visit each year, so far as possible. Those places desiring a visit this year should send in their invitation promptly.

With shoes at \$9 a pair, blessings on thee barefoot boy.

One should so live that "listening in" on one's telephone would have no terrors.—Ex

And maybe the man who says, these days, that he's "as happy as a king" really means it.—Ex.

—How fortunate the styles are not measured either by the yardstick or the thermometer.—Clipping.

Eggs are cheaper in London, but the difference is not great enough to be worth taking chances on the Zepelins.—Clipping.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to wear a paper vest to keep out the cold?—Ex.

MACON ITEMS.

Mrs. Lawrence Botts is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Egerton this week. Mrs. Botts is from Bracy, Va.

Mr. J. R. Riggan went to Littleton last Saturday to attend the sale of his brother's property.

Miss Virgie Coleman, of Merry Mt., was the guest of Miss Nina Heathcock last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. O. Hicks, of Durham, was a welcome visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Riggan last week.

Mrs. M. P. Perry left last Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Stewart Morrison of Wilson.

Mr. W. H. Perdue, of Louisburg, has been here several days with a force of hands extending the railroad switch.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Ida Gardner which took place at Rex Hospital last Saturday. The interment was in the family burying ground near Oakville. She leaves two children of tender years. A large crowd attended the burial. Mrs. Gardner up to the time of her fatal illness, had charge of the Macon central telephone office.

Messrs. Raymond and Eugene Harris motored to Henderson last Sunday to call upon the ladies.

Miss Gladys Brown our charming music teacher, spent several days in Louisburg recently.

Miss Lucy Reeks, of the Methodist Orphanage, spent Sunday night with her sisters, Misses Alice and Tullia Reeks. She accompanied the remains of Mrs. Ida Gardner from Raleigh.

Mrs. John D. Newell was in town last Friday visiting her numerous kin here.

Mr. John Drake, of Weldon, was here Sunday, the guest of his brother Mr. Marvin Drake.

Mr. P. M. Stallings was here several days last week, distributing fertilizer to his patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Coleman represented Macon at the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson last week. They report a pleasant trip, but rather cold weather.

AFTON ITEMS

The farmers have finished burning plant beds, and are now busy hauling fertilizer preparing for a big crop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Temple, of Norlina, spent the week-end with Mr. J. W. Burroughs and family.

Mr. H. Reams went to Warrenton Monday on business.

Mr. Cheatham Mabry spent a day of last week in Henderson. ?

Dr. T. J. Taylor visited in the home of Mr. H. P. Reams last Saturday.

Miss Katherine Hodges spent last Saturday in Warrenton.

Br. Robt. Pinnell, Jr., went to Warrenton Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Pinnell, of Manson, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. J. Pinnell.

Mrs. L. L. Fuller and daughters, Misses Laura and Catherine, were in Warrenton shopping Monday.

Rev. E. L. Thompson gave us a splendid sermon at Providence Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Jim Burroughs went to Warrenton Monday.

Mrs. D. C. Williams went to Warrenton shopping Friday.

Wiped Out.

Jones had conceived a grudge against O'Connor and sought a way to pay him out.

"I say, O'Connor," he said, "you remember you told me you had hunted tigers in West Africa? Well Captain tells me there are no tigers there."

"Quite right, quite right," said O'Connor blandly. "I killed them all."—Clipping.

NOTICE TEACHERS

The Warren County Teachers' Association, white race, will convene in the Graded school building at eleven O'clock, A. M., Saturday March 17th, Warrenton, N. C. The purpose of this meeting is to perfect final plans for the proper observance of "Rally Day." This day has been fixed by me as Thursday, April 5th, the day before "Good Friday." This date will be subject to change, should it interfere materially with procuring Speaker or Music. Let all the teachers be present.

HOWARD F. JONES,
Supt.