

Stirring Scenes Enacted in Deep River Section

Horseshoe Famous in History of U. S. and British Empire Before Independence.

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Probably few people in North Carolina realize that in the Deep River section have been enacted some of the most stirring scenes of this country. Some ten miles northeast of Carthage the river, which naturally runs eastward, swings away to the South, then East, then North again, making what is called the Horseshoe. That "horseshoe" encloses several thousand acres of extremely fertile farming land.

For a full century and a half the Horseshoe has been a prominent section of Moore County and North Carolina. We may go further and say of the British colonies of the United States and of the British Empire in the day when Britain held sway in this country.

Declared Independence in '76.

North Carolina set up its own government in April, 1776, three months before the colonies declared their independence. Two years before that declaration at Philadelphia a delegation of the North Carolina colony held a convention at New Bern to correct some of the evils that were then growing serious. One of the members of that New Bern conference was Benjamin Williams, who was later twice governor of the State, and who for more than a century has slept the everlasting sleep on the summit of one of the knobs across the river from the Horseshoe in Moore County.

The active part that Benjamin Williams took in establishing state government was prominent. He was one of an outfit that set up in North Carolina an independent government and forcibly asserted their independence and maintained it before the colonies in conference at Philadelphia had issued their Declaration of Independence.

In the Horseshoe, riddled by bullets

in the preliminaries of the revolution, stands the famous home of Major Philip Alston. The bullet holes are plainly seen now almost a century and a half after they were made. Major Alston had come into the Horseshoe country some years before the revolutionary disturbance.

The Tyson Family.

The first general assembly of North Carolina was held in 1777. Moore County was not organized until 1784. Philip Alston, of the Horseshoe, was the first member of the Senate in the general assembly from Moore County, serving in 1785 and 1786. He was an active factor in the settlement of the county and in the days of the revolution. A couple of miles down the river is the big farm of the W. G. Tyson family. Mr. Tyson before his death some years ago, was County Commissioner of Moore County, a familiar figure in Carthage, yet not quite so well known as his kinsman, the late T. B. Tyson. Tyson is an old name in Moore County. The third session of the general assembly in 1787 saw Thomas Tyson in the House of Commons representing Moore County.

In 1791 Thomas Tyson was a Senator from Moore. We find his name among the list of senators again in 1805 and in 1808. In 1807 Benjamin Williams was the senator from Moore County and from that session of the Senate, he was elected to the second term of governor of the State. Half a dozen times the name of Josiah Tyson is noted in the House of Commons and the Senate from Moore County. As early as 1781 the records show that Cornelius Tyson lived in the neighborhood, indicating that for over a hundred and forty years the Tyson family has been prominent in the history of Moore County, and from that length of time it has maintained its establishment in the Horseshoe, where W. G. Tyson's son, William Tyson, carries on.

Prior to the revolution, a considerable colony came to North Carolina

from up in the Susquehanna valley of Pennsylvania. A good sprinkling of the Pennsylvania settlers located on the Deep River in Moore, in Chatham and Randolph counties. The war of the revolution scattered some of those settlers, but others of them remained, and beyond a doubt that part of the country was much more populous than now. The Deep River valley when the Pennsylvania settlers came this way was a paradise. The magnificent stream winding through the dense forest of some of the finest timber trees that ever grew appealed to the newcomers. The streams were full of fish. Deer and wild turkey, and game of various kinds abounded in the forest. The land was fertile and the climate was ideal. The resources were so abundant that it is hard to imagine how anything more could be desired in those days when the settler knew nothing of modern conveniences.

The home that was created by Philip Alston, which still stands, and is well preserved as the farm house on the Wilcox place, shows that the settlers in the wilderness must have established themselves in what has been a degree of luxury.

The Alston House.

The Alston house is a two-story structure, and at one time had three wings. At one stage of its existence it shows that the building has been improved by taking away one of the most interesting wings, but it is still a roomy house and comfortable, and Philip Alston would be surprised if he could return now and see how Mr. Wilcox has it equipped with running water, electric lights, telephone and such curious contrivances as in Alston's day would have been classed with the supernatural. The "Horseshoe" farmers now operate with gasoline tractors and disc plows and self binders and all of the modern miracles.

Local D. A. R. Chapter Organized in 1924

Founded by Mrs. Whitaker—Mrs. James B. Swett President Regent.

The society of the Daughters of the Revolution is composed of women whose ancestry runs back to men who took active part in the overthrow of the British government in the American colonies in the period from 1775 to the conclusion of that war. The organization covers the entire United States, with separate divisions in each State and subdivisions in the counties. Moore County is represented by the Alfred Moore Chapter, which has charge of the celebration on Deep River next week.

Alfred Moore Chapter was organized September 25, 1924, by Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker, and derived its name from Alfred Moore, who was a son of Judge Maurice Moore. He was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina, on May 21, 1755. He was educated in Boston, was made Captain of the First Regiment, North Carolina Line, in 1775, and served in the militia against Cornwallis after the Battle of Guilford Court House. In 1790 he was elected Attorney General; in 1798 a judge of the Superior Court; in 1799 he was appointed an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He resigned in 1805, and died October 15, 1810, in the County of Bladen.

The name of Alfred Moore was perpetuated in 1784 when the County of Moore was formed and so named in his honor.

The Chapter officers are: Regent—Mrs. James B. Swett, Southern Pines; Vice-Regent, Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. B. Richardson, Southern Pines; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. McPhail, Sanford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Mudgett, Southern Pines; Registrar, Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Carthage; Publicity, Mrs. T. B. Tyson, Carthage; Historian, Mrs. L. P. Tyson, Jr., Carthage; Chaplain, Mrs. Hoyt Shaw, Southern Pines.

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The charter members of the local Chapter were:

Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Mrs. B. E. Hoskins, Mrs. L. S. Johnson, Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson, Mrs. J. E. Milliken, Mrs. E. V. Perkinson, Mrs. Melvin Sanborn, Mrs. James Swett, Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Mrs. L. P. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. T. B. Tyson, Mrs. Charles R. Whitaker and Mrs. W. L. Wilson.

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Good Roads Lead to House in the Horseshoe

Scene of Historic Battle of Revolution is Ten Miles From Carthage.

Persons desiring to visit the Horseshoe during the exercises by the D. A. R., on November 10 will find a good road leading in from either direction. Those going from south of Carthage will go by Carthage, taking the right hand road at the Harrington farm, and crossing the steel bridge over the Deep River some two or three miles beyond Harrington's, keeping the left hand road just beyond the river. From Carthage the distance is about ten miles. Those coming from the east by Carthage will follow the Carthage road to the house. Visitors from Sanford and out that way can come by the road to

Carthage, leaving it at White Hill and turning north on the road to Deep River, passing by the Underwood school and across Governor's Creek to the steel bridge at the Horseshoe, or can go up the Carbon-ton road and take the left to the Underwood school and then the same route. Or the journey may be made by Carthage or by Carthage. From the north the route is to cross the river at the Glendon bridge or to come in by way of Haw branch. In most cases the roads are in good condition, and are plainly marked.

The road to the grave and monument to Governor Williams starts

from the main road just south of the river at Horseshoe steel bridge and runs down the hill across Governor's Creek, up the hill a mile or more, and then turns to the left at a sign indicating the route to the graves a short distance in the woods. The old home of the governor which stood there in the vicinity of the burying ground is all gone, and the place is grown up with big trees, as is the case with the little cemetery.

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Knollwood Tallies 107

Now Look at the Year's Record of Transactions

Possibly before the full year of operation at Knollwood is completed the record may reach more than 107, for as this is written the year since the first sale was completed has not expired. But the sales noted up to the time of writing embrace 107 locations, not counting resales, which have been several.

MRS. KEATING BUYS MORE.

The last transaction is with Mrs. Francis Keating, who was among the early buyers at Knollwood Heights. She had two lots on Fairway No. 18, but she has figured that the two did not give her sufficient acreage, and the group of lots 423, 424, 425 and 426 between Grove Drive

and Fairway Drive had been such a pleasing prospect that she concluded to take that block of four, which she did a few days ago. Mrs. Keating has been a good analyst of Sandhills property, and her judgment has been profitable in her transactions.

JUDGE WAY GETTING THE NEIGHBORS.

A year ago Judge Way hoped that Knollwood Heights would bring him some neighbors. The eight new houses, building or completed since then is a sign that he is to get his neighbors.

the Pine Needles Inn is now entirely sold out. Fairway Drive is three-fourths sold out on both sides. Resales have taken place at decided advances in original prices, and trades for resale are in negotiation now with good profit involved. Knollwood locations have not gone begging for buyers. They have been in persistent demand, and never so much as now.

The buyer at Knollwood Heights is no longer taking a chance on being a long way from the folks on the next settled spot. Grove Drive from Midland Road to

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