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"THE GUARDIAN ANGEL OF THE BLOCKADE-RUNNERS"

COL. WILLIAM LAMB, WHOSE DEATH OCCURED RECENTLY IN NORFOLK

Recalls the Heroic Story of Fort Fisher--Strong Position Held Till Near the End of the War--Built the the Queen's yatch, died lamented Famous "Mound" for the Protection of Blockaders.

his home in Norfolk, Va. The keeping the blackaders at a respect-Confederacy called him the "hero ful distance. They were guns with its cotton, which furnished the coast. Lamb would gallop them sinews of war, knew him as the dawn the sandhills, by aid of mules, runners."

Many a man held a more impor ton, the most advantageous port for ner." their business, because of its proximity to Richmond, the capital of it," he says, "and it eventually bethe Confederacy. It was Lamb's came a site for a light, and very business to protect the blockade serviceable to blockade runners. * runner broke through the cordon against the sky at night. and was discovered did the ships ship he way trying to save,

The adventurous Thomas E. Tayor seven gunboats, "when at once placed upon it. * * * * * ing the gunboats to keep their dis- entered the river." run a blockade every day. * *

Virginia lawyer, and afterwards Colonel he says: the editor of a newspaper, he volfall in 1865.

the alert, and ever ready to reach a for his distinguished guest. helping hand, he seemed to think no exertion too great to assist their Confederate army and navy officers operations, and many a smart ves- who were delighted to find this bit sel did his skill and activity snatch of sunshiny civilization on the wild from the very jaws of the block- sandy beach, ensconced among the aders. He came to be regarded by sand dunes and straggling pines the runners as their guardian angel and blackjack, many celebrated and it was no small support in the English Naval officers enjoyed its last trying moments of a run to hospitality under assumed namesknow who was in Fort Fisher.

firm subsequently presented him since retired, after having been Ayers.

This is to tell some incidents in with a battery of six Whitworth the career of the late Colonel Wil- guns, of which he was very proud, liam Lamb, who died recently at and good use he made of them in of Fort Fisher,' the men who sup a great range, which many a cruiplied the Confederacy with arms ser found to its cost when venturand ammunition and carried away ing too close in chase down the "guardian angel of the blockade- and open fire upon the enemy before he was aware of his danger."

"It was Colonel who built the tant command than did Colonel 'mound' which every blockade-run-Lamb, but none, perhaps, was more ning captain looked for as he apvigilant than he in the performance proached the land. Captain Wilof his duty. Fort Fisher guarded kinson, perkaps the most famous of New Inlet, through which the that coterie of adventurous skippers blockade-runners passed into Cape describes this artificial eminence in Fear river on their way to Wilming- his "Narrative of a Blockade-Run-

'Two guns were mounted upon runners as they slipped in and out Joined by a long, low isthmus of on dark nights, and this work he sand, with the higher mainland, its did right well. The fort was strong regular conical shape enabled the so strong that the blockading blockade-runners easily to identify squadron formed semi-circle out of it from the offing; and in clear range of its guns, and only when a weather it showed plain and distinct

"I believe the military men used close in. It was on these occasions to laugh slyly at the Colonel for that Lamb came to the rescue, undertaking its erection, predicting sending shot and shell into the that it would not stand; but the re-Federals, but always aiming in such sult showed the contrary; and whata way that he would not hit the ever difference of opinion may have existed with regard to its value as a military position, there can but lor recalls in his book, "Running be one as to its utility to the blockthe Blockade," his first at'empt to ade-runners, for it was not a landreach Cape Fear river in the Ban. mark alone along this monotonous shee. The ship was within sound- coast, but one of the range lights ings and was under the fire of six for crossing New Inlet bar was there was a flash from the shore. These lights were only set after followed by a sound that came like signals had been exchanged bemusic to our ears-that of a shell tween the blockade-runner and the whirring over our heads. It was shore station, and were removed Fort Fisher, wide awake and warn- immediately after the vessel had

tance. With a parting broadside It is related that Colonel Lamb's the fort's guns before they discov they steamed sulkily out of range, wite, a native of Rhode Island, be ered that no Confederates were and in half an hour we were safely came loyal to the South after the over the bar. A boat put off from war began, left two of their children Some were fortunate enough to get the fort and then-well, it was the with their grandparents in the away, but others fell into the hands days of champagne cocktails, not North, and took the third, a baby. whiskies and sodas-and one did to Fort Fisher, having been allowed to pass through the Federal lines "It was now that I made the ac- by special permission of the Secrequaintance soon to ripen into a tary of War. The soldiers built her warm friendship-of Colonel Wil- a cottage on the Atlantic beach, a liam Lamb, the commandant of mile North of the fort, and this Fort Fisher-a man of whose cour- little home was sometimes exposed tesy, courage and capacity all the to the shells fired at belated block-English who knew him spoke in ade runners. In the "Southern the highest terms. Originally a Historical Papers," written by the

"It was a quaint abode, conunteered at the outbreak of the structed in most primitive sayle. war, and rising rapidly to the grade with three rooms around one big of colonel, was given the command chimney, in which North Carolina of Fort Fisher, a post which he pine knots supplied heat and light filled with high distinction till its on winter nights. This cottage became historic, and was famed "With the blockade-runners he for fugal but tempting meals which was immensely popular; always on its charming hostess would prepare

"Besides the many illustrious Roberts, afterward the renowned "So much did we value his ser- Hobart Pasha, who commanded vices, and so grateful were we for the Turkish navy; Murray, now them, that at my suggestion my Admiral Murray - Aynsley, long their daughter, Mrs. William A.

rapidy promoted for gallautry and ROBERSONVILLE meritorious services in the British navy; the brave but unfortunate Hugh Burgoyne, V.C., who went down in the British iron-clad, Captain, in the Bay of Biscay, and the chivalrous Hewett, who won the Victoria Cross in the Crimea and was knighted for his services as ambassador to King John of Abyssinia, and who after commanding as Admiral Hewett.

"Besides these there were many genial and gallant merchant captains, among them Halpin, who afterward commanded the Great Eastern while laying ocean cables, and famous war correspondentsthe Hon. Francis C. Lawley, M. P., correspondent of the London Times, and Frank Vizetelly, of the London Illustrated News, afterward murdered in the Sudan. Nor must the plucky Tom Taylor be forgotten, supercargo of the Banshee and Night Hawk, who, by his coolness day for her home in Baltimore. and daring escaped with a boat's crew from the hands of the Federals after capture off the fort, and who was endeared to the children as the 'Santa Claus' of the war.

"At first the little Confederate was satisfied with pork and potatoes, corn bread and rye coffee, ness. with sorghum sweetening; but after the blockade-runners made her acquaintance the impoverished storeroom was soon filled to overflowing, notwithstanding her heavy requisitions of it for the post hospital, the sick soldiers and sailors always being a subject of her tenderest solicitude, and often the hard-worked and porely-fed col- nesday. ored hands blessed the little lady of the cottage for a tempting treat."

Fort Fisher was attacted by Porter's fleet on December 24, 1864. Forty three vessels threw projectiles of every discription into the sand dunes, but Lamb's little garrison, assisted by a naval detachhe withdrew on December 28, only to re-appear unexpectedly on lanuary 12, 1865. A combined assault by a large naval and military force, ten times the size of that com manded by Lamb, was successful after three days; Fort Fisher fell, ley spent last Tuesday with Mrs. and Wimington was lost to the R. J. Nelson. Confederacy.

Several incoming blockade-runners, unaware of the success of the attack, actually anchored under there to answer the familiar signals. of the Federals. The blockade- ing new machinery. running game was up, and the stream of supplies to the Confederacy was ended, though Lamb had done best to keep Cape Fear river open. - N. Y. Post.

HASSELL ITEMS

Miss Ora Rawls spent last week

Mr. Van Grey went to Robersonville Sunday. Miss Alma Fleming spent Mon-

day in Tarboro: Mr. W. D. Hyman who has been

sick, is improving. Messrs. Jim Rawls and Alex.

Powell were here Sunday. Mr. H. H. Burroughs spent Sunday and Monday here.

Robert Salsbury spent Sunday afternoon in Robersonville

Mrs. John. Rawls went to Oakley Sunday and returned Tuesday.

Mr. W. L. Sherrod, of Hamilton, was here Friday afternoon.

Miss Lucy Powell is spending some time in the home of Mr. J H. Rawls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Salsbury returned Monday from an extended trip to Washington, D. C., and brought here that day, and were Lynchburg, Va., where they visited buried Sunday in the family ceme-

Mr. Robert Salsbury was here

W. H. Everett attended a picnic near Bethel.

Mr. Van Grey of Hassells was in town Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Mizell went to Wil-

liamston Tuesday. Miss Blanche Daniel is visiting n town this week.

Bethel Wednesday.

on was in town Wednesday.

Mrs., Eliza Cox spent several days in Greenville last week.

isiting Mrs. L. T. Roberson.

Miss Irene McNab left Thurs-

Dr. J. T. Underwood spent Sunlay with Mr. W. W. Salsbury.

visiting Miss Lizzie Roberson.

Prof. J. D. Everett went to Rocky Mount Wednesday on busi-

has been visiting friends here this

Quite a number went from here to Bethal to attend a picnic Wed-

pending the week with Mrs. H.

Wednesday Mesdames G. M. Roberson and

ment, held the enemy at bay, and R. J. Nelson spent Monday in Williamston. Mr. J. B. Edmondson went to

Washington Monday to have his

eyes treated. Mesdames McNaughton and Fra-

Tuesday night in honor of Miss County, in the summer of 1908.

Hilda Knight. sells moved here Saturday to reside

Wiley Rogerson & Co., are making great improvement by install-

Potatoes are coming to town. R. L. Smith & Co., bought the first, paying \$3.50 for them.

The friends of Mr. Tom Britton regret to learn of his illness, and wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Annie Mooring, after spending some time with Miss Minnie Bryant at Gold Point, is at home

The ice cream supper given by Misses Blanche and Nina Roberson Friday night was very enjoy-

able to all present. Messrs. Harris, Price and Wombles organized a Jr. O. U. A. M. Council Friday night with a mem-

Miss Louise Rives returned from Greenville last Saturday accompanied by her two sisters, Misses Delha and Annie Rives

bership of fourty-eight.

Mr. Leon Rooks, who has been ill for some time at the home of Mrs. Tompson, died last week. He leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss. They have the committed, including the mayor, sympathy of the community.

a train Saturday. He was only nine years old. The remains were tery at the home Mr. J. J. R. Whitfield.

GOVERNOR REFUSED TO COMMUTE SENTENCE

ROBERT ROBERTSON PAID PENALTY ON GALLOWS TODAY

Attorneys Made a Hard Fight For Negroe's Life--Sentenced to Hang November 12, 1908--Case Carried to Supreme Court -- Decision of Lower Court Affirmed.

around the court house yard.

atttended by the Sheriff, his depuface bore every mark of resignation

Miss Caddie Purvis, of Dunn, adjusted by Deputy J. H. Page, and the condemned man was asked if he had any word to say. He-Mr. B. F. Bullock of Rocky replied: "None, except Lord have Mount was seen on our streets mercy upon me. Gentlemen, good by, I am going my eternal home of rest." He prayed audibly and announced that he was ready. At 11.51, Sheriff Crawford cut the rope and the trap fell. Not a mus-Mrs J. G. Godard, of Dunn, is cle moved in the suspended body. After an interval of nine and a half minutes the man was pro-Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning and nounced dead by the attending ard. . Paul Simpson were in town physicians, Drs. Rhodes, York, Williams and Lloyd, At 12:06, the Saturday with Mr. G. P. Mcbody was taken down, placed in a casket and given to his people, who carried it to Robersonville for interment.

The Times of Raleigh, June 9th

A hard fight has been made for life of Robert Roberson, who killed his employer, Mr. Whitchard, in Miss Bettie Roberson entertained the town of Robersonville, Martin The negro escaped, and for several list this week. His friends wish Mr. Jackson and family of Has- days was hunted from swamp to for him a speedy recovery. swamp and was finally captured. He was tried at the September term of Martin County court, and convicted of murder in the first degree. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, which affirmed the decision of the lower court. A reprieve was granted and a final effort made to get a commutation Wednesday. of sentence to life imprisonment. This the governor refused to do. Concerning his refusal, the governor says:

"While the trial judge, solicitor, one of the jurors, and the supreme court judge who wrote the opinion in prisoner's case on appeal, recommend commutation to life imprisonment, no fact is disclosed showing, nor do either of those officials express the opinion that the verdict was wrong, and no development since the trial has occurred in mitigation of his offence.

Seventy-one citizens sign a petition recommending commutation, in which they state that some doubt has been raised in the minds as to whether he was guilty of murder in first degree.

"Ninety-eight citizens of Robersonville, in which the crime was five town commissioners the police-The son of Mr. and Mrs. John man, the superintendent of the Whitfield, of Apex, was killed by graded school, and the attorney aided the solicitor in the prosecution, protest against changing the sentence of the court.

"He had a fair trial, was ably defended, and twelve good men on Piles. Only 25c at all Druggist.

Robert Roberson, the negro who oath and from evidence, found him murdered Charles Whichard at guilty of murder in the first degree Miss Isabel Morton went to Robersonville in August 1908, beyond a reasonable doubt. The paid the penalty of his crime in the verdict is amply sustained by the Miss Nora Fowden of Williams- jail yard here to-day. Every pre- testimony. There is no claim of cauiton to render the execution unbalanced mind, the prisoner private as provided by law had armed himself, went to the winbeen made by Sheriff J. C. Craw-dow of the butcher shop of deford. The number of guards al- ceased to demand \$1.50, over which Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Perkins are lowed, with attending physicians they had had a dispute, having and ministers, were in the inclosure. stated that if he did not get his Quite a number of men and boys money there would be trouble. He filled with morbid curiosity stood made his demand, was refused, and then, in accord with his prev-At 11:46, the condemned man, liously formed purpose, in case of refusal, as the jury must have Miss Lillie Jenkins of Tarboro ties and his spiritual adviser, found, he opened fire on deceased, walked out of the jail and ascended shooting three times and then runthe scaffold with firm steps and ning. Declining to interfere with a song of praise on his lips. His the execution of the sentence pronounced by the law in this case is The black cap and noose were a painful discharge of duty."

EVERETTS ITEMS

Mr. Ed. James of Robersoville spent Friday in town.

Rev. Mr. Vernon filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Dr. John W. Williams spent a few days in Washington, last week. Miss Lucy Riddick is spending

this week with Miss Fonnie Wool-Rev. Mr. Belk of Wilson, spent

Naughton. Mrs. Sam Fraley left Friday for

with relatives. Friends were glad to see the smiling face of C. B Riddick in

Elizabeth City to spend some time

town this week. Miss Fonnie Woolard of Bear

Grass spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs J. S. Peele. Mr. J. T. Barnhill is on the sick

The young men of Everetts and Robersonville gave a pic-nic and fish-fry to the visiting young ladies

last Friday.

Mr. T. C. Jones, the clever salesman for Michell, Ambech Co., and little daugeter were in town

Mr. H. H. Burroughs, who has finished a business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is at home for a few days.

Farmers are bringing in loads of Irish potatoes this week. Crops are good and prices high. Everybody goes home smiling.

Mr. Henry Taylor of Roanoke Rapids, who has been spending a few days at "Hotel James", left Monday for Washington.

Misses Daisy and Lillie Wynne of Williamston were the guests of Mrs. S. F. Everett on Washington street, Friday and Saturday.

Hon. J. A. Whitley who has been spending a few days in Rocky Mount, returned home Saturday accompanied by his little niece, Altermise Boyd.

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