



A GROUP OF RELATIVES in the "old country." Mrs. William I. Lee, of Waynesville, (right) teacher at Central Elementary School, is greeted by Miss Jane E. Coleman and her brother Samuel, a retired farmer, at Ballyweeay, Muckamore, in County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

## Waynesville Teacher Returns To Land Of Her Ancestors In County Antrim, Northern Ireland, Reminisces With Kin

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is a story about Mrs. William I. Lee, of Waynesville, a teacher at Central Elementary School, who returned to her ancestral home in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, for a visit.

### MAURICE SMYTH

Mrs. William I. Lee, of Waynesville, North Carolina, who is at present on a tour, made headline news in the *Larne Times*, Northern Ireland, when she was there a short time ago.

The well-known, vivacious Mrs. Lee, who incorporated her pleasure trip to the news of her forebears born in the Carmavey of County Antrim.

The story began when Mrs. Lee wrote to the *Larne Times* asking for their help.

They published her plea and in a matter of weeks it had been arranged for her to meet a number of her relatives whom she never even knew existed.

The story began way back in the year 1771 when Mrs. Lee's great-grandfather, James Coman, whose mother's name was Margaret Williamson, set out for the States on a pleasure voyage. And he liked what he found so much that along with his three brothers, John, Robert and Matthew, who emigrated soon after, never returned to the Emerald Isle.

Mrs. Lee wrote to the "Larne Times" saying that it was her greatest desire to talk with someone even remotely connected with the Coman or Williamson families. At that time little did she guess that soon she would be sitting in a quaint oak-paneled farmhouse

having a typical Irish meal with representatives of both families.

Mrs. Lee came to Belfast via Cork on a sight-seeing tour but failed to kiss the Blarney Stone!

She was met at her Belfast hotel by a "Larne Times" representative who took her to the home of Miss Jane E. Coleman at Ballyweeay, Muckamore, County Antrim. She lives with her brother Samuel, a retired farmer.

And it was a highly excited Mrs. Lee who, through the medium of photographs and an old ship letter sent from James Coman to his mother in 1809, who lived in the same house at Ballyweeay, set to prove her family connections with the Colemans.

Mrs. Lee displayed particular delight in an old sturdy bog oak chair bearing the clear inscription 1677, R. C. (for Robert Coman)

which points to the fact that the family is even much older than had at first been believed.

Another branch of the family tree was visited when she went to the house of Mr. Robert John Williamson, of Straidhaven Nutt's Corner, Crumlin, County Antrim. It was here that Mrs. Lee sampled her first taste of an ample Northern Irish farmhouse meal washed down with fresh milk. Here again the family tree was climbed and descended but she had lost none of her former enthusiasm.

Before she left for Glasgow to continue her tour with American Express Mrs. Lee paid a visit to Lylehill Presbyterian Church where her great-grandfather worshipped as do the present members of the Coleman and Williamson families.

Mrs. Lee, herself an Episcopalian, sat for a few moments in silence in the family pew.

## Library To Observe Anniversary

Open house will be held at the Canton Library on Thursday afternoon, June 23, from 3 to 5 p.m.

This event will mark the first anniversary of the new library board and the friends of the library. The public is invited to call during these hours to inspect the library and share in the fellowship program.

C. A. Stone is chairman of the library board. Other members are Fred Doult, Louis Gates, Mrs. H. A. Helder, Mrs. W. R. Palmer, Mrs. J. T. Bailey and Mrs. A. W. Bottoms.

Friends of the library will assist in entertaining during the social hour. Mrs. J. L. Reeves is chairman of the decoration committee, with Mrs. Bottoms and Mrs. J. F. Pate serving with her.

The refreshment committee has Mrs. Elmer Osborne for chairman, and the following members: Mrs. A. P. Cline, Mrs. Everett Gallienne, Mrs. J. R. Westmoreland, Mrs.

## Life Stories Of Judge Alley

### Obstacles Did Not Stop Judge Alley From Getting Education He Desired

By W. C. MEDFORD

Introductory Remarks — Haywood County has had, both by birth and adoption, many noble and prominent citizens. The Mountaineer has from time to time, in editorials and featured articles, paid tribute to many of them — in manner which seemed to us deserving. On the Life of Judge Alley, more than usual might well be said—and while he is yet living. With the hope that these articles (to be published exclusively in *The Mountaineer*) may be an inspiration to other aspiring young people, the purpose is to bring out some things relative to the hardships — and overcomings, of his school days.

#### Ancestry

Of English stock, Felix Alley's remote ancestry goes back prior to the Revolutionary War and to the State of Virginia. In Rutherford County we pick it up again, where John H. Alley settled. Here John H. Alley, Jr. was born, he being father of Judge Felix E. Alley. The judge's father saw service in the Mexican War, being elevated after the battle of Chapultepec to the rank of colonel. Col. Alley was with Scott in the removal of the Cherokees from here to the Indian Territory. After the removal, and on his return toward Rutherford County, he stopped in that section south of the Blue Ridge, now Cashiers Valley in Jackson County. There he tarried. Soon it became his good fortune to marry Sarah Norton of that community. She, it is said, was the first white child born in that section of the county.

Colonel John Alley was a man of great force of character, this being manifested both in civil life and in his army service. He was often trusted by his fellow citizens and elected to offices of honor and usefulness in his county, one of them being chairman of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.

At his home in Whiteside Cove he lived to a ripe and honored old age. Here in this humble home, and in near sight of imposing Whiteside Mountain, Felix E. Alley was born, July 5th, 1873, the youngest of ten children.

As a boy he attended the six-weeks public schools in the community, mastering these few elementary courses in his middle teens. Then there was nothing for him to do — but the work on the



JUDGE ALLEY

farm; since there were no higher schools within reach, and his father was not able to defray expenses elsewhere.

"Kidder Cole" It was about this time, when seventeen years old, that the "Kidder Cole" incident occurred. So much has been said about this already that we shall be brief — considering the many more incidents. (Continued on Page 2)

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