

## Family One Of First In Polk County

### Early Settlers Murdered During Indian Wars

By J. B. Cleveland

Polk County was taken from Rutherford County not long before the Civil War. During the Indian Wars, 1753 to 1761, again in 1776, the Indians murdered many of the settlers. Among the victims were part of the Hannon family, part of the Hampton family, who lived in Spartanburg County, then supposed to be part of North Carolina. Besides others, the wife of Colonel Ambrose Stone, who was Mourning Stone, whom he had one son, William, was also a victim. Colonel Stone's second wife was Mrs. Brown. By this second marriage Colonel Mills had three daughters. He was born in England in 1722, was taken to Maryland by his parents but afterwards settled on Green River in what is now Polk County. I always supposed the place was Mills Spring but may have been further down the river.

## 90,000 Acres Land Grant

Colonel Mills had a grant of 90,000 acres of land from the English Crown. He was a character, highly regarded by his associates, honorable and upright. His descendants are among the first and best people of North and South Carolina.

By a treaty made between the whites and the Indians, a line running from the Block house not far from Tryon, a course 2 deg. South was made a boundary between the whites and the Indians. This boundary, however, seems to have been little regarded by either.

According to a story written by Dr. Maurris Moore for a Yorkville paper, a family by the name of Heigh, living at Block house, were murdered by the Indians, notwithstanding the attempt to save them by a daughter of William Paris (or Paris), a noted Indian trader, who had married an Indian and resided at Big Cane Break, the seat of the present City of Greenville. This man Paris gave his name to Parish Mountain and had a remarkable career.

The Story of Captain Howard, from the dark corner of Greenville County and the Battle of Round Mountain is too well known to be repeated here. It is first suggested that Tryon be named Schuyuka to honor the old Indian Chief who was of such valuable service to Captain Howard.

## First White Settlers

The Mills family were about the first white settlers in Polk County. Among others were the Garrisons, Fosters, Williams and Prince. Among these known personally was Dr. Columbus Mills, a fine looking man over six feet tall, well proportioned, with white hair and red complexion. He married Miss Susan Thomson of Spartanburg. He had no children and lived at the place where the Mimosa Hotel stood. In accordance with the custom of the times, he kept open house and seldom was without company. He owned many slaves and followed the hounds. My father, Dr. Robert E. Cleveland, told me that when a young man, he had been there quite often and so the days went by in peace and plenty. The Civil War came. Dr. Mills was raided; everything portable was taken. Henry Mills, the faithful old slave, has often told me the story. He grabbed Dr. Mills by the arm and carried him out of the back door to the river where he laid out for a short time. The cloth taken from the loom was the hands of it were found in one of two houses. Dr. Mills, a man of courage and determination, made a request for a company of soldiers. They came under the command of Captain

## FORESTERS SOCIETY WILL MEET SATURDAY

### Public Interested In Timber Land Invited to Asheville

Program of the third annual meeting of the Southern Appalachian Section of the Society of American Foresters, which convenes in Asheville next Saturday, February 2, was completed yesterday by C. F. Korstall, secretary.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the section meets at the Y. M. C. A., and all business needing attention will be taken up for disposition at the morning session. This will include a report from the Forest Type Classification committee which is expected to be discussed by delegates attending.

The afternoon session beginning at 2 o'clock will be devoted to a discussion of the chestnut blight which is now beginning an invasion of the Appalachian area. A number of interesting papers will be read on the subject.

All forest fire wardens, forest rangers, timberland owners and others interested in forestry in this region are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and to participate in the discussions.

Lane. The offenders were closely guarded in the Court House at Columbus for a short time. Then five or six of them were tied to bushes and shot. Dr. Mills sold his plantation to Dr. McAbey and moved to Cabarrus County, N. C., where he was a successful farmer and for many years was the President of State Agricultural Society. He died much respected by all. His wife survived him for many years and went to live with a niece, Mrs. Cureton, a daughter of Govan Mills, who was living in Atlanta and who died there.

Adjoining Dr. Mills' place lived his brother, William, a very large and likeable man, who just before the Civil War, moved to Kansas, lost all of his property and moved back to Columbus, where he died. For a time he lived in Spartanburg, where he had many friends and acquaintances.

Just below him on the river lived Govan Mills, who married Nancy, daughter of Richard Thompson of Spartanburg. He had a large tract of land on part of what is now located the Town of Tryon. He also had a town house in Spartanburg where he spent much of his time. He, like his brother, Dr. Columbus Mills, kept open house and the large three-story house, now burnt, was nearly always full of company. The wives of Dr. Columbus Mills and Govan Mills were sisters, daughters of Richard Thomson of Spartanburg, at that time the largest land-owner in Spartanburg and one of the largest in the State of South Carolina.

## Screeven House Old Land Mark

I am not certain, but from what I have heard, I believe that the father of Columbus and Govan Mills was named John, and built the house where W. J. Screeven now lives. This house is supposed to be one hundred years old or over. In addition to the two sons above referred to there were two daughters, one of whom married Dr. Mooney of Gowansville, and the other a Mr. Camp, the father of John Crowell Camp.

Mr. John Garrison, the father-in-law of Mr. T. T. Ballenger, was one of the best known and respected citizens of Polk County. He owned and lived at the place where Mr. Ballenger lived so long and which he sold to Mrs. Erskine. Mr. Garrison came to Spartanburg often and was much interested in building the railroad to Asheville. I think he had a contract for building part of that road. Mr. Garrison was a man of fine presence and was very popular both in Spartanburg and Polk County.

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## Prizes Offered For Farm Essay Contest

To find out what communities in the State have received the greatest benefit from teaching of vocational agriculture in the high school and from the teacher of agriculture, a state-wide contest with suitable prizes has been announced by Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

### Contest No 1. My Home Project

The purpose of this prize is to reward the boys who have done the best home project work in connection with their agricultural course for the year 1922-23. The following score card will be used by the State office in selecting the best project stories: practical work 50 points—and the story of the project 50 points. The story of the project should state the kind of project, how he managed it, the profit or loss, what he learned from the project.

Following are the prizes for the "My Home Project Contest":

First Prize: Duroc Jersey pig valued at thirty dollars given by H. H. Bradham, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Second Prize: 50 White Wyandotte eggs for setting given by Messrs. J. S. Howard and J. M. Henley, Salemburg N. C.

Third Prize: Five bushels of Cleveland Big Boll Cotton Seed given by Salemburg Cotton Seed Breeders Association.

### Contest No. 2. How The Study Of Vocational Agriculture Has Helped Me

For the best story, not over five hundred words in length, written by anyone who has been a member of any of the agricultural classes of the high schools of the State, the following prizes will be awarded:

First Prize: One Hampshire pig given by W. W. Bullock, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Second Prize: Five settings of White Leghorn eggs given by W. D. Barbee, Seaboard, N. C.

Third Prize: three settings of Barred Rock eggs.

### Contest No. 3 How The Teaching of Agriculture Has Helped Our Community

For the best story, not over six hundred words in length, written by anyone in the community in which the school is located, the following prize will be awarded:

First Prize: Duroc Jersey Boar pig given by J. S. Howard, Salemburg, N. C.

All contest stories or articles must be mailed to Roy H. Thomas, Supervisor of Agricultural Education, State College Station, Raleigh by February 20. The awards in the contest will be announced March 1.

## Suggestions for a Farmers Program For 1924

**Crops to Supply the Home**  
 a—corn, (which is fundamental)  
 b—small grains (suitable to each farm)  
 c—hay crops (sufficient to feed farm animals)  
 d—garden and truck (for home consumption.)

**Cash Crops.**  
 a—cotton (the county's major cash crop)  
 b—head lettuce (should be tried out on small scale)  
 c—Irish potatoes (seed now in warehouse)  
 d—Sweet potatoes (should be studied and put to the test. By curing house)

**Fruit**  
 a—apples (Improving what we have and planting more)  
 b—peaches (By planting more, and better care)  
 c—grapes and strawberries. (more and better care)

**Live Stock**  
 a—The dairy cow. more and better treatment.)  
 b—Poultry (more and better treatment)

## Greens Creek School Is Growing Rapidly

With one hundred and sixteen pupils in the grade school and sixty one in high school department, Greens Creek School boasts the largest attendance in its history.

Two years ago there were thirteen pupils in the high school which included only up to the tenth grade. This year with the installation of eleventh and last grade of high school instruction there are two students who will graduate, Edwin Hines and Ruben Hinsdale.

Two school busses are used to transport pupils from the large area served by the school. These busses haul about 150 of the 177 pupils. The bus serving the lower route is driven by Boyce Feagan and that transporting children from the upper route is driven by Otis Henderson.

Mrs. O. J. Zeigler returned home last week from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Virginia and West Virginia.

Miss Esther Gibbs, Miss Stella Williams and Archie Feagan were the dinner guests of Mr. Henry Cantrell last Sunday.

Mr. Ellis Hines of the Hines Motor Company made a business trip to Charlotte, stopping for a few hours in Tryon last Tuesday.

## FARM CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT GREENS GREEK

A series of twelve lessons in improving various farm operations will be conducted during the month of February, March and April under the supervision of O. J. Zeigler, principal of Greens Creek school. Mr. Zeigler will be assisted from time to time by men from the State Extension Division.

Last year over two thousand farmers in sixty communities of this State stopped their work long enough to attend these short courses given in their agricultural high schools in order to learn better methods of growing crops. That the courses were well worth while is shown by the increased income of this group of farmers as compared with what the farmers of the State as a whole did.

## SUNNY VIEW

Mrs. Clyde Wilson visited at the home of Mr. A. H. Lynch on Sunday.

Mrs. U. S. Gibbs visited her sister Mrs. G. L. Taylor last Sunday afternoon.

The Misses Bessie and Emma Helton were the guests of Miss Arkansas Jackson on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Price spent last Monday with her mother Mrs. S. J. Helton.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tonnie visited the teachers of Sunny View last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Arkansas Jackson was the guest of Miss Vinetta Hyder of Mill Spring Route One last Monday night.

**Gives Radio Programme.**  
 The radio music and addresses that were given through the courtesy of Mr. D. E. Staton last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. A. H. Lynch were enjoyed by all who heard them.

**Young Couple Married**  
 On Friday, January 18, Mr. Hobart Whiteside claimed his bride, Miss Hoyt Stepp, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stepp. The young couple were married in Spartanburg, S. C.

They have many friends who extend to them their heartiest congratulations.

**Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spicer Buried Last Week**  
 Little Esther Spicer, aged two years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Spicer was laid to rest in Cooper Gap Cemetery last Wednesday afternoon.

## CHARLES LOGINDICE RELEASED ON BOND

Charles Logindice, who has been confined in the county jail for the past two months awaiting trial on a charge of stealing the automobile of H. W. White, was released this morning on a cash bond of \$200.

The bond was made by friends of his family in Newark, N. J. The boy will return for trial at the Spring term of court.

Word was received Wednesday from M. G. Rockhill, Director, Division of Parole and Domestic Relations of New Jersey, that Logindice would be returned to the Jamesburg Institution for Delinquents upon his return to that State. He was on parole at the time of his arrest in company with Andrew Hann, a minor, who was paroled in December by the county juvenile officer.

## BOY SCOUTS TO HEAR TALK ON FIRST AID

Dr. A. J. Jervey will give the second of the series of practical talks to the local troop of Boy Scouts at the meeting to be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Parish House. The talk will include demonstrations of various methods of administering first aid in emergencies.

The third address will be next week by W. F. Little who will talk to the troop on the subject of "Thrift."

Through the courtesy of R. W. Early of the Strand Theatre, a portion of the proceeds of the famous Jack London story "The Call of the Wild" in motion pictures will be turned over for the use of the troop in carrying on its work in the community. This picture will be at the Strand on Monday and Tuesday, February 11 and 12.

## NEW CHORAL SOCIETY HAS FIRST REHEARSAL

The newly organized choral society under the direction of Mrs. Carolina B. Fry, held its first rehearsal last Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Parish House with about thirty five members present.

Following a brief talk on the purposes of the society by Mrs. Fry the active work of the group was started.

Membership in the organization is open to any persons interested in group singing. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening in the Parish House at 8 o'clock. It is expected that definite steps will be taken in the near future to draw up by-laws and complete the organization.

## TO ASSIST IN FILLING INCOME TAX RETURNS

Representatives of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department will be in Tryon on February 5 to give assistance to taxpayers in filling their Federal Income Tax Returns.

## FISHTOP

Bad weather seems to prevail now.

Bad colds more prevalent. Miss Lilia Arledge went to Saluda last week on a visit for a few days and was almost suddenly taken very ill. She is much better now.

We have another teacher, Miss Birch of Hendersonville, to finish out the school year. Miss Margeret Bryant was forced to resign on account of illness.

We are informed that revenue officers made a raid on the North side of Tryon Mountain last Saturday and got a fine copper still.

Norry Hill of Hendersonville is in this community visiting. J. W. Bradley and N. Case still have a quantity of corn in the field not gathered.

One man here has done a half days work toward another crop. Some building and recovering of houses has been done this winter.

## W. E. Sawyer Will Head Saluda Grade School

### Prof. Hollister Resigns to Open Private School--New Addition.

W. E. Sawyer, former member of the Brevard Grade School faculty, who has been secured by the Saluda school board to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Professor F. M. Hollister, will take up his duties with the Saluda school next Monday. The new principal has had a number of years experience as a teacher and comes to Saluda highly recommended for the capacity in which he will serve.

Professor Hollister, who recently resigned as principal on account of ill health, will head the new private school, known as "The Home School of Happy Children" which began its first term last Monday.

The new addition to the Saluda Grade school is nearly completed, equipment for which is expected to arrive soon. It is a two story structure in keeping with the architecture of the older part of the building and fireproof throughout.

## NEW PRIVATE SCHOOL OPENED LAST MONDAY

A new private school, "The Home School of Happy Children", under the supervision of former school principal, Professor F. M. Hollister, A. B., opened its first term last Monday in Saluda.

This school is designed for children from seven to fourteen years of age. The capacity of the school is limited in order that the spirit and freedom of home life may be maintained and the children have individual attention.

Classes are being held in the boy's dormitory of the former Saluda Seminary, the pupils being housed in the residence of Professor Hollister where they may be under his personal care and supervision.

## W. S. FOREST BUILDING NEW BRICK QUARTERS

W. S. Forest is building a new one story brick structure on the corner of Main and Hart streets in Saluda to be occupied by his barber shop and pressing club. The building will adjoin the Green River Garage and will soon be completed.

Dr. E. M. Salley, who is recuperating from a severe attack of pneumonia, is leaving next week for a sojourn of several weeks in Miami, Fla.

## MILL SPRING R I

The beautiful sunny days we are having now are quite different from those of last week. Pastor Freeman preached an interesting sermon at Lebanon last Sunday. The congregation was small on account of so much illness.

Mr. Bob Lynch of Rutherfordton was at Lebanon last Sunday.

Master Melville Powell broke his collar bone last Saturday. Mr. Powell took him to Dr. Bell at Mill Spring to have it set. This is the second time the little boy has had this same misfortune.

Mrs. A. A. Edwards spent last Monday at Pea Ridge. Mr. Fletcher Edwards who has been very sick with measles is much better according to report.

Mr. A. A. Edwards spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. George Edwards at Mill Spring. Mr. Charles Flynn of Chimney Rock called to see Miss Gilreath Edwards last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. T. Edwards went to Rutherfordton last Sunday.

Roscoe Whitesides, who for the past two months has been away from the route, is now driving a school bus on the Hickory Nut Gap road to the Chimney Rock High School.