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## MONUMENT TO CHEROKEE'S FIRST CITIZEN UNVEILED LAST THURSDAY

### MARBLE PYRAMID ERECTED TO COL. A. R. S. HUNTER

Col. E. B. Norvell Makes Principal Address and Reviews History of Family.

A beautiful and impressive ceremony marked the unveiling last Thursday morning of the marble pyramid monument erected to the memory of Col. A. R. S. Hunter, pioneer citizen of this section, and said to have been the first white man to erect a home in what is now Murphy and Cherokee county.

The unveiling was attended by a large number of citizens of the town, visitors, including a delegation of Indians from the Cherokee Reservation in Swain County.

The ceremony began promptly at 10 o'clock, and Mayor J. W. McMillan acted as master of ceremonies. The exercises opened with the singing of "Abide With Me," followed with a prayer by Rev. Howard P. Powell.

Mayor McMillan then introduced Miss Mary Kate Hunter, Great Granddaughter of Col. and Mrs. A. R. S. Hunter, who unveiled the monument.

Col. Edmund B. Norvell, prominent Murphy attorney and perhaps the best posted man on the early history of Murphy, in this section, was then introduced and made the principal address.

Col. Norvell reviewed the history of the Hunter family, and during the course of his well chosen and timely remarks, had the following to say:

"The Hunter family, from which Archibald Russell Spence Hunter sprang, came from Duns, Scotland. He was born during the Revolutionary War, in Richmond, Virginia, son of James Hunter, merchant, and Revolutionary soldier, who married Marianna Russell Spence of London, England, from whom R. M. Hunter, of Virginia also sprang. The founder of the family in America being William Hunter, who married Martha Taliaferro, daughter of John Taliaferro, and sister of Col. Lawrence Taliaferro, who commanded the famous Minute Men of Virginia in the Revolutionary War.

Archibald Russell Spence Hunter went from Essex County, Virginia, as a young man, to Georgia, and there married Elizabeth Wyche Lucas, daughter of Col. James Lucas, of Virginia, an officer in the Revolutionary War. Seven children were born to them, only four of whom lived to attain maturity. Col. George Russell Hunter, Captain Nathaniel Wyche Hunter, U. S. A., and Dr. James Hunter, Martha Taliaferro, who married Chas. M. Hitchcock, medical surgeon U. S. Army, grandfather of Miss Mary Kate Hunter, who is present today.

Mrs. Lillie H. Coit (Eliza Wyche) daughter of Mrs. Martha Taliaferro Hunter Hitchcock, who was the only daughter of Col. A. R. S. Hunter, is due the design and the means whereby the monument is erected. She left a legacy for that purpose.

"Dr. Hitchcock went to some point in Texas and afterwards moved to California."

Chief Sampson Owl, of the Cherokee Indian Reservation, was then introduced and made a short but impressive talk. Chief Owl was accompanied by his son, Lewis Owl; William Conseen, also of the Reservation; and LeRoy Wahnetah, of Canton, Ohio, who is visiting his old home at Cherokee.

Following a short talk by Miss Mary Kate Hunter, Dr. J. P. Anderson pronounced the benediction.

**First Pyramid in U. S.**  
The marble pyramid is perhaps the first monument of its kind ever erected in the United States, and is the idea of Mrs. Lillie H. Coit, granddaughter of Col. Hunter, who had traveled extensively and seen much of the world, including the great pyramids of Egypt. Mrs. Coit is said to have conceived the idea of the monument after the great Pyramids, and in her will she set aside \$10,000.00 for this purpose. Some years ago when she sold this property she reserved a permanent easement for her grandparents, who are buried at this place, beneath the monument.

The pyramid is fifteen feet square at the base and twenty-five feet high. Standing on a beautiful knoll, it overlooks the Hiwassee River and the old Hitchcock home place across the river, and the top of the monument can be seen from many points in town.

It was erected by E. C. Ingram, construction superintendent of the McNeel Marble Co., Marietta, Ga., which company secured the contract for building.

Three large slabs of marble, one on the south side, one on the north side

### Statement To World War Veterans Of Cherokee County

In connection with the movement to reorganize the American Legion post in the county, Dr. N. B. Adams, a past commander of the Legion, gave out the following statement concerning the appeal of the Legion to war veterans:

"Is there any veteran of the World War so poor in spirit and patriotism that he is not proud of the part he played in the greatest of all military struggles since history began?"

"Have not we veterans a justified pride in our service? If any man were to assert that we had not played our part as men and Americans, how quickly would we resent it."

"The American Legion offers the best opportunity for you, Comrade, to testify to the world of your loyalty and service during the war. The lapel button of the Legion is a notice to all that you failed not when your country called, and that you still subscribe to the patriotism and Americanism for which the Legion stands."

"Without the Legion button, the service man has no method of differentiating himself from the thousands who did not go. He may have served but no one knows it. And the world finds it easy and convenient to forget."

"With the Legion button, you can quietly but effectively identify yourself as one of America's veterans veterans, and as an active participant in the work of a patriotic society which is dedicated to the preservation of American principles."

"You place yourself as both a wartime and peace-time patriot and true American."

"Be proud you CAN join The American Legion. Hundreds of thousands of young men would rejoice indeed if their lives could so be made over that the Legion might be open to them. Those who did serve but who have not up to now come into the Legion are sending in their applications by the thousands. They are proud they answered the call. They want the world to know it."

"The Legion's great days are ahead. Its strength and influence grow daily. With each new success it becomes stronger. Its principles and its service commend it to all. It is far better to be in the Legion than to explain why you are not. The Legion invites you to comradeship. Be one of the Active Legionnaires of your community. JOIN UP!"

### Revival Services To Close Sunday At Andrews Church

The revival services, which have been in progress at the First Baptist Church, here during the past week will come to a close on next Sunday night. Services have been held in the morning and evening at ten and eight o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor.

During this week all the business houses in Andrews are closing for the morning and evening services, at the request of the pastors of the town. This has been the custom of the business men of Andrews for a number of years, in cooperation with the church.

Rev. Mr. Prevost has been preaching tirelessly, two times a day to large crowds. He is an unusual preacher of the gospel and preaches sermons that are easily understood. In his preaching, he does not "beat around the bush," but preaches straight to the shoulder to both saint and sinner.

In "The Reminder" his church paper, on last Sunday, Mr. Prevost expressed his sincere appreciation of the beautiful spirit evident during the meeting on the part of the pastors and people of the other churches. "They are standing nobly with us as we seek to lead the last to a Saviour and Christians to a higher life," Mr. Prevost stated.

Sacred to the memory of Eliza Wyche Hunter, daughter of George Russell Hunter, died July 26, 1868, age 25 years.

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Wyche Lucas Hunter, died January, 1843, age 59 years.

Sacred to the memory of Archibald Russell Spence Hunter, born February 24, 1783, died June 23, 1844.

and one on the west side, carry the inscriptions, while the east side is left plain. The following wording is engraved on the three slabs:

### Trial Is Postponed In Cutting Fracas Of Four Negroes

The trial of Ben Jones, and Lila Wilson, colored, who are charged with cutting Horace Jones and Stanley Jones, also colored, last week in a fight, had to be postponed until the two negroes who were injured were able to stand trial. Dr. Herbert, doctor attending the wounds of the two negroes, stated that he would not say when they would be able to stand trial.

The morning after the fight nothing could be learned of who did the cutting, but the two injured men stated later that Lila Wilson and Ben Jones cut them. Both men were cut bad and deep. Horace Jones being cut clear across the stomach and Stanley Jones received a severe cut below the knee, cutting his muscles. The two charged with the cutting were placed under a bond of three hundred dollars each.

### COURT OPENS IN CHEROKEE NEXT MONDAY

Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, To Preside Over Term, Trying Both Criminal and Civil Cases

The regular August term of Cherokee County Superior Court will convene here next Monday, August 4th, for a two weeks session, for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, will preside.

More than a hundred cases confront the court on the criminal docket. Forty three of these cases are new ones, represented by warrants, while there are sixty brought over from the old docket. Court officials stated that there would probably be more than forty-three cases by new warrants, as a number of Justices of the Peace had not yet reported all of their cases.

The 60 cases brought over from the old docket represent cases which have been made but principals have not been caught, cases which have been continued, cases wherein sentence required good behavior reporting, and cases held over on account of defendants having been given time in order to get up fines and costs.

An unusually heavy civil docket also faces the court, and will not likely be reached until about the middle of the second week, as it is believed the heavy criminal docket will require the first week and part of the next.

Several important criminal cases will be tried during the term, among which is the State against George Romines, J. W. Disspain and Luther Early, Copperhill youths charged with robbing the Dickey home at Ranger. All three defendants are in jail under bonds of \$5,000.00 each. Because of the prominence of the Dickey family, the boldness with which the robbers went about the looting, this case is expected to draw an unusual crowd to town the day it comes up for trial.

Another case of wide interest is that of the state against Richard Meroney, charged with murder, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, violating the prohibition law, and reckless driving, in connection with the death of Ruth Mallonee, last New Year's night.

There are now 19 in jail, most of whom are awaiting trial at this term of court. Several are serving sentence and being kept for other counties. Those in jail follow:

Alice Hopper, serving a sentence of one year.

Mary Best, sentenced to two years at the April term of Court for having stolen goods in her possession. She was tried at the April term of court together with Hazel McMahan, Lee Ellen Harbin, Jimmie Hunt, Charlie Beal and Bose Fain, who also drew sentences of two years. The case was appealed and bond fixed at \$1000.00 each. The others made bond, but Mary Best has not been able to make bond.

Clara Lewis, who was brought to the jail for confinement on a lunacy warrant to await an opening at Morganton.

Douglas York, colored, charged with house entering, under bond of \$500.00.

Henry May and Josie Lovingood, charged with fornication, under bonds of \$200.00 each.

Joseph Mosteller, violation of the prohibition law, bond of \$500.00.

Charlie Stewart, charged with abandonment, bond \$500.00.

Ed Woody and Bruce Lewis, larceny, bond \$300.00 each.

George Romines, J. W. Disspain, and Luther Early, robbery, bonds at \$5,000.00 each.

Earney Young, larceny, bond of \$500.00.

### TROUBLE BETWEEN COLORED MEN ENDS IN SHOOTING FROM AMBUSH

#### Register Installed On Forest Road

About July 1, the Forest Service installed a register at one of the bridges on the Tellico River Road in order to obtain information and an accurate check of traffic over the road. For five days, beginning July 2, a total of 1226 cars passed over the road, or an average of 245 automobiles per day, the great majority of which were driven by tourists and others who came to enjoy the beauties of the Cherokee Forest. There were a good many cars from other states but Georgia and Tennessee led by a large margin.

July 4 proved the heaviest traffic day, when 416 cars moved over the road. The popularity of the Cherokee Forest in both Georgia and Tennessee is increasing in proportion as sightseers view the forest and then tell their friends about it.

There are many points of interest in the Cherokee Forest, but they must be seen to be appreciated. Mere words fail utterly to describe them adequately and the Forest Service invites visitors to the Cherokee Forest to enjoy the delightful views which appear on every hand.

#### Sunday School Revival To Be Held In Clay And Cherokee Counties

A Sunday School Revival and Enlargement Campaign will be conducted next week, beginning Sunday, August 3, in twenty-two churches in Cherokee and Clay counties. This work is fostered by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Mission Board, Raleigh, and will be under the direction of Perry Morgan, State Sunday School Secretary, Raleigh; and A. V. Washburn, Western Field Worker, of Sylva.

Classes in Sunday School Administration will be taught each evening in the twenty-two churches participating. Beautiful diplomas will be given those completing the work at the close of the week. A religious census will be taken in each of the communities during the campaign, finding possibilities for these Sunday schools. The information will be assorted, graded and tabulated and made ready for use during the week. The force of workers will be increased in many of the schools, thereby making it possible to reach and hold the people found in the census.

Report meetings will be held at Murphy and Hayesville each day for workers from these churches. The churches in Clay county reporting at Hayesville and those in Cherokee, at Murphy. These meetings will be in charge of Perry Morgan and A. V. Washburn.

The final meeting will be held at Murphy Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, August 10th, when more than five hundred Sunday school workers will be assembled in the auditorium of the First Baptist church, in Murphy, to hear the final reports and listen to Dr. B. W. Spillman, Southwide Field worker, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, in his final address. Dr. Spillman is one of the lesson writers of the Baptist Board and is recognized by those who have heard him to be a real Bible scholar, teacher and speaker.

The churches participating will meet the workers in Hayesville and Murphy Sunday afternoon at six o'clock and carry them out to the churches. Mr. W. A. Adams and Rev. W. F. Sinclair, of Hayesville are local directors.

Just as we go to press, Mrs. Dixie Palmer received word Wednesday, that her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John E. Palmer, of Mayville, Wis., died that morning. Mrs. Palmer was the wife of Mr. John E. Palmer, formerly of Murphy, but now of Wisconsin.

Con Chastain, who made bond and his bondsman failed to deliver bond papers to clerk of court or jailer.

Thurman Luther, charged with breaking into a freight car and stealing. Bond \$500.00. Luther was also under bond of \$1500.00 when arrested on a charge of running over and killing an old colored man at Andrews about a year ago.

Tom Blackwell, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill, bond \$2500.00.

Homer Calven, from Graham county, being held in safe keeping for Graham authorities.

Clyde Mack and Lon Mack, of Clay county, being held for Clay authorities.

### TOM BLACKWELL IN JAIL UNDER A BOND OF \$2500.00

Norman Powell Gets Load of Shot In Back While Walking Along Roadway Sunday Morning

Norman Powell, colored, is suffering from the effects of a load of shot fired into his back from ambush while walking along a roadway in the Texana section of town Sunday morning, and Tom Blackwell is in jail under bond of \$2500.00 charged with the shooting.

The trouble is said to have started between the two colored men Saturday while they were attending a baseball game at Blue Ridge, Ga. Powell and Blackwell are said to have had a few words while on a truck, and Powell pulled Blackwell off and slapped him.

When Powell was shot Sunday morning, a white man by the name of Cole was with him and Blackwell is said to have been seen running away from the bushes, from which the shot was fired.

The load took effect in Powell's back, and the size of the shot are said to have been No. 4.

Officers were notified and all day Sunday were on the lookout for Blackwell. He was captured late Sunday afternoon by Chief W. T. Cooper of Murphy, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Lee Crisp, in what is known as the old Patterson Farm, above Murphy.

Blackwell waived preliminary examination Monday before Justice C. B. Hill, and was bound to Superior Court under bond of \$2500.00, which he failed to make, and is now in jail awaiting trial. Court convenes here next week.

### NEW SCHOOL HEAD ARRIVES TO BEGIN WORK

Supt. Williams Making Plans To Open Murphy Schools On Sept. 1st.

Prof. C. U. Williams, of Jackson North Carolina, newly elected superintendent of the Murphy schools, with Mrs. Williams and their 15 year old daughter, Miss Frances Willard Williams, arrived in Murphy last Saturday, and have taken the Spurge Christopher residence on Valley River Avenue next to the Presbyterian church.

Prof. Williams comes to Murphy highly recommended as an educator of many years experience. He is a native of Ohio, but came South when quite a young man, and has been in North Carolina for twenty-three years. For the past twenty years he has been connected with the public schools of North Carolina, with fourteen years of standard high school work to his credit. He has two years work at the University of North Carolina, and is a graduate of Duke University with an A. B. degree.

Prior to coming to Murphy, Mr. Williams was head of the schools at Jackson, North Carolina, for several years, and was re-elected there again for this year, following his election as superintendent of the Murphy schools.

Plans are being made by Mr. Williams to open school here on Monday, September 1st. It is also planned to have all teachers and pupils to meet at the school building on Friday, August 29th, to classify pupils, secure lists of books, assign lessons, and organize for the year's work, so that school work can begin in earnest on September 1st.

### C. C. PROFFITT, IS NEW FEDERATION POULTRY HEAD

Messrs. C. C. Proffitt and B. H. Eller were in Murphy and Hayesville Tuesday, in the interest of buying poultry for the Farmers Federation at Asheville. Mr. Eller, who has been head of the poultry and egg buying department of the Federation, has resigned this position, which takes effect July 31. Mr. Proffitt, who is a former county agent, and district agent, and a native of Yancy County, will succeed Mr. Eller.

### Sphinx Badly Used

The mutilations of the Sphinx which now disfigure it date from the Arab domination. Baedeker says in his "Guide to Cairo and Environs" that in 1380 the Sphinx fell a victim to the iconoclastic zeal of a fanatic sheik, and it was afterward used as a target by the barbarous Mamelukes.