

THE PLUCK OF THE PAGES

PIONEERS IN A VIRGIN FOREST

A Sketch of an Interesting Family and What Has Been Accomplished by It in Moore County—The Pioneer, Allison Francis Page, a Developer of the Road—The Sons Following the Precepts and Example of the Father, Have Made a Success of Life.

To the Editor of The Observer:

In the year 1824 there was born in Wake county, this State, a man whose will, determination and accomplishment, has probably done more for this section than any other influence, and whose name will live long after the last pine hereabouts has been cut and sawed, planed and squared, and is resting quietly in its place in some stately home. That man was Allison Francis Page (commonly known as "Frank Page"), who died in Raleigh in October, 1899, at the age of 75. In 1879 this gentleman moved to Aberdeen, Moore county, and there continued the lumber business, in which he had long been engaged in his native county.

At the time of his location in Aberdeen, that entire section was covered with virgin forest, composed mostly of the long-leaf pine, whose products, tar, pitch and turpentine, have made the Old North State famous.

Mr. Page's wisdom and foresight, was soon compassed the situation thoroughly, and he began laying his plans to develop the section he had made his home.

As a first step, he built seven (7) miles of railroad in 1877, beginning at Aberdeen, and ending at point on the line west of the now famous winter resort, Pinehurst.

This road was built to haul logs, but, last and all the time, but upon its completion the point named, a condition was met that probably had not been thought of, up to that time. The naval stores dealers of Montgomery and Moore counties were forced to wagon their products to the coast.

Manly, a small station on the Seaboard Air Line, over what was then known as the Yadin road. When Mr. Page reached the terminus of his seven-mile road, he found himself south of the Yadin pike, and was immediately set upon by those naval stores men, with the request that he haul their stuff by rail to Aberdeen, some eight miles further down the Seaboard road. Their presentation of the matter appealed to Mr. Page, and a rate was made, and the business begun, at a great saving of time and money to the shippers and doubtless, at a nice profit to Mr. Page, and his pocket good and soft, even as it deserved to be.

In the year 1889, or two years later, another link was built, Mr. Page going six miles deeper into the woods, to a limitless long-leaf pine forest, this link terminating at a point one mile west of the present station, West End, from which point the Jackson Springs branch goes out at a tangent to that splendid property.

In the year 1889, also, the 13 miles of road was incorporated as the Aberdeen & West End Railroad. Within the next two years, that is, in 1891, it had been extended to Candor, making a total mileage of 25 miles. From 1892 to 1894, it was extended from Candor to Star, eight miles, and from Star to Troy, eight miles more, thus giving a total of 41 miles.

In 1896 Mr. Page organized the Asheville & Montgomery Railroad, and built from Asheville to Star, there connecting with the Aberdeen & West End Railroad.

In 1898 the branch road from Troy to Bliscoe was extended to Mt. Gilead, a distance of 14 miles. In 1901 the branch to Jackson Springs was built, this road, as stated, leaving the main line at West End, and being four miles long. Thus, step by step, we have built this road on paper, until we have covered 82 miles. How simple a task it has been to the writer of this article, merely a taking down of the information as it was furnished him by one who knew, but who shall estimate the real brain and brawn it took to do the work?

In 1891 Mr. Page retired from active business on account of ill health, and died in 1899, in Raleigh.

He was a wise builder, was Mr. Page, not only with respect to his railroad, but also with respect to his family also, as witness the coming to the fore, during all the time we have written about. No one has said so, but this fact is evident from what follows.

Mr. Page, in 1890, took three of his five sons into the woods with him, and following both the precept and example of their father, they have carried forward the work in a manner most creditable to themselves to that extent.

The family was composed of five sons and three daughters, and the entire stock of the road is owned by them. Walter H. Page, as is well known, is editor of The World's Work, and a member of the publishing firm of Doubleday, Page & Company, of New York. Robt. N. Page was treasurer of the road until called to a seat in Congress, where he now represents this, the seventh district. And think of this—his sister, Miss Mary Page, is his successor, and a worthy one, too, for from all reports, she has filled that important position with the greatest credit to herself, and the highest satisfaction to the board. James E. Page is general manager, having in charge of the engineering and mechanical departments. Frank Page is auditor, and Henry Page is president. The other stockholders are Miss Emma Page, teacher of Biblical literature in Greensboro Female College, and Mrs. Frances P. Wilder, of Louisville. These worthy sons and daughters of a worthy sire, are practicing hard-working people, those who have continued in the railroad business knowing that business in all its branches, and those whose talents and inclinations led them into other lines, taking the highest rank in those lines of work.

"This said heretofore that every one of the boys can run an engine as well or better than any engineer on the road, that they know the intricacies and all the work of the shops, etc., because they got down to it with coats off, and learned as such lessons should be learned. Early in the days of construction, bonds were issued to the extent of \$5,000,000 in 1910.

Repeated efforts have been made by the stockholders to take up these bonds, but the holders evidently know a good thing when they have it, so they held to them.

The show of the road are located at Bliscoe, a thriving little city of some 500 or 600 people. Here, general repair work is done, in fact, they could

Perfection can only be attained in the physical by allowing Nature to appropriate and not deplete her own resources. Cathartics, pills, weakners, diaphanics, while DeWitt's Little Early Pills simply expel all poisons, matter and bile, thus allowing the liver to assume normal activity. COMBINATION.

SPINNERS' MARKET LETTER

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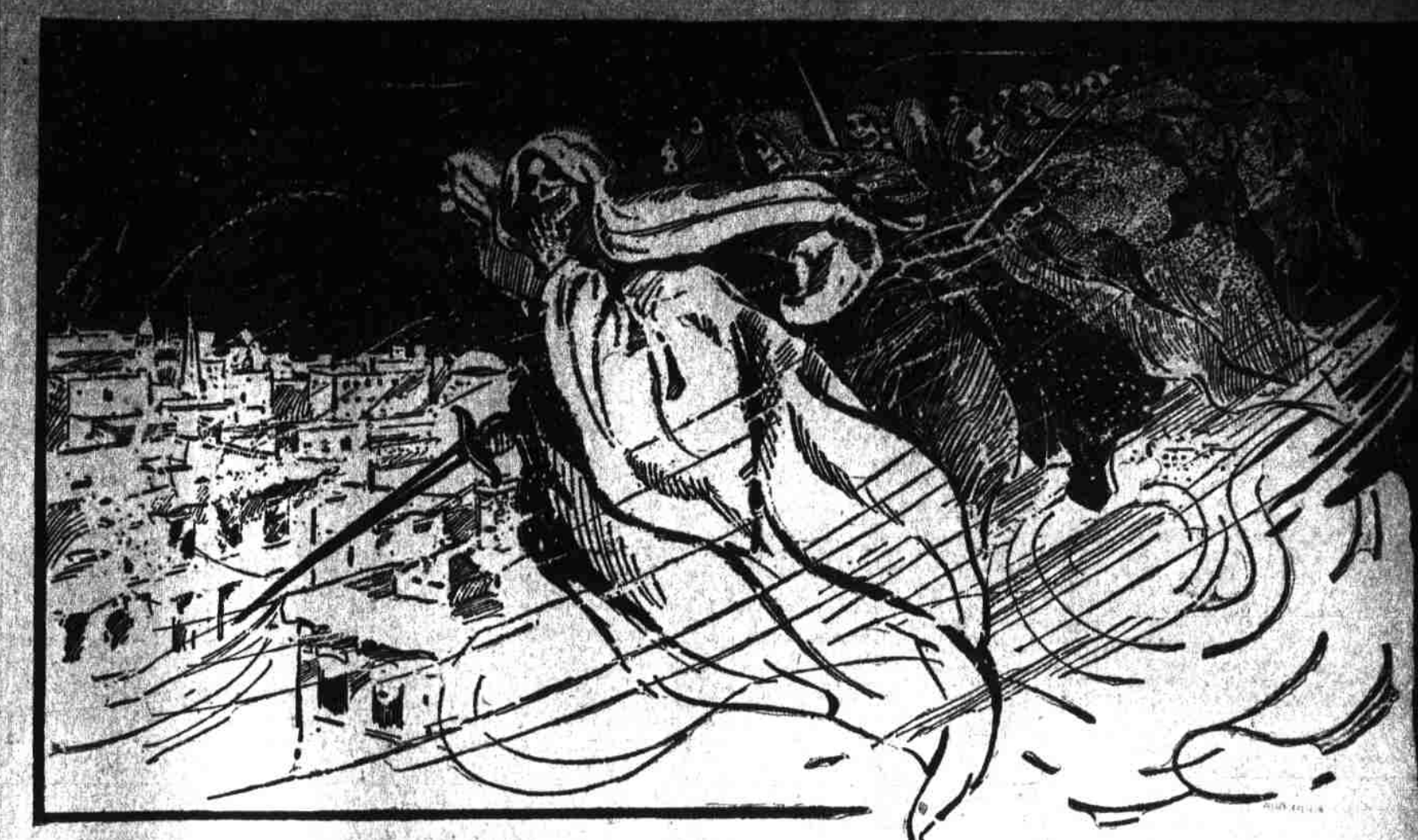
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THE DEATH RECORD.

Dire B. Howard, of Culbreth. Special to The Observer. Oxford, Jan. 29.—The death of Mr. Dire B. Howard, of Culbreth, Granville county, occurred this morning at 5:15 o'clock. Mr. Howard was 74 years of age, and was highly respected and greatly loved by a host of friends. He leaves a wife, one daughter, and several sons, among the number being Mr. W. K. Howard, sheriff of Granville county, and Mr. E. A. Howard, of Wake county. Mr. Howard will be greatly missed in his immediate neighborhood, having lived a charitable and useful life.

Green Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. G. Trotter, of Greensboro. Greensboro, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Clementine Trotter, widow of the late William D. Trotter, died at her home on South Ashe street, at 11 o'clock this morning, after an illness extending over a period of 12 months or more, during which time she was an invalid. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at West Market Street M. E. church, and the service will be conducted by her pastor, Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler. The interment will be made in Greene Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Trotter was 56 years of age and is survived by two children, Mr. William L. Trotter, of this city, and Mrs. Philip N. Peacock, of Salisbury.

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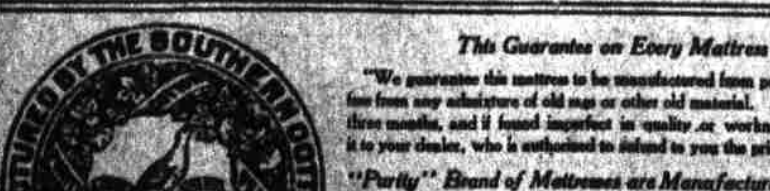
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