

OVER A CENTURY AGO

AN ENGLISHMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF NORTH CAROLINA IN 1784.

CHIEF JUSTICE HENDERSON.

A Full Grown Man Before he Learned to Read, he Attained to the Highest Eminence by his Intelligence and Eloquence--His Land Purchase from the Cherokee Indians--A Trip from Hillsboro to the Sawratowns--How the Colonists of that Day Dressed.

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To the Editor of the News and Observer:

DEAR SIR: In an antiquary shop in Cologne I recently found a German pamphlet, published in 1784, which describes a tour made through the central part of our State just after the close of the Revolutionary War by an Englishman, Mr. I. F. D. Smyth.

Believing that your readers may be interested in a European description of our State as it was a century and more ago, I will translate a few paragraphs which appear to me to have a certain historical value.

Near Halifax, Virginia, I made the acquaintance of a man named Henderson whose father, a poor man, still lives at Nut Bush in the province of North Carolina.

The son was a full grown man before he acquired the least acquaintance with the arts of reading and writing, but he then began to give tireless attention to these branches of knowledge and also to arithmetic.

He then obtained modest employment at the court house; later he became Sheriff's assistant, and finally he was admitted to the county bar. By his intelligence and eloquence he won a great reputation, and, owing to his courtesy and good nature, his success made him no enemies. He was still a very young man when he attained the high honor of a seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of the province of North Carolina.

In this position his reputation continued to grow. Getting, however, into financial difficulties through unprofitable land speculations, under pretense of desiring to examine some property lying in the interior, he went secretly to the Cherokee nation and purchased of its chiefs for almost nothing, namely, for ten freight-wagon loads of cheap wares, rough woolen stuffs, toys, a few muskets and some whiskey, an immense tract of land, inferior to no part of the world in the excellence of its climate and soil, the size of its rivers and the beauty of its natural scenery.

The talks which I had with this Henderson aroused in me an intense desire to visit his new settlements.

One finds everywhere in the interior so many magnificent tracts of land which can be had for a song, that it is not always possible for a traveler to withstand the temptation to settle here. I experienced the truth of this remark for a second time in this region, for I purchased a tract of 450 acres of beautiful land, with a house and a plantation already cleared of forest, for 100 pounds sterling.

The first piece of land that I bought lay on the banks of the "Roanoke," nine miles above Caton's ferry. It contained about 550 acres, of which 100 acres of low land lay in Virginia. The rest was in North Carolina, the frontier line of the two provinces passing through my property. On this land I had a plantation, house, fruit garden and a public ferry. The small part of this tract which lay in Virginia cost me 200 pounds sterling, although I had to pay only 50 pounds more for the other 450 acres in North Carolina.

The clothing of the colonists in this section is remarkable, differing very little from that of the Indians. They wear a hunting shirt ornamented with fringe which is fastened about the waist with a broad belt in which is fastened a tomahawk, an instrument which can be used as a weapon or as a tool, for one side of it is a hammer, while the other is a sharp axe. Around the neck is fastened a powder horn and a shot bag. On the head is a hat with drooping brim to which the sun has given a reddish color. Sometimes their pantaloons are made of deer leather, but oftener of coarse linen. On their feet they wear Indian boots of rough woolen cloth which are either loosely wrapped about the leg and fastened with garters or are laced from outside. In either case, however, they reach half way up the thigh. This sort of boot is of very great value, for it protects the wearer, not only against the bites of snakes and poisonous insects, but also against the thorns of which the woods are full.

Sometimes the shirts are bright colors, yellow, red or brown; but usually they are white. At last I started from Hillsborough on my journey to Henderson's famous new settlements, my plan being first to visit the so-called Sawratowns on the banks of the Dan which is the largest and most Southern arm of the "Roanoke" river. At the very start I was so unfortunate as to lose my way, for on the northwest side of Hillsborough there are so many paths and trails that it is very difficult to find the right one. Unfortunately, too, all the people whom I met were Germans who could not understand a word of what I said, and who, in all their lives, had never heard of the Sawratowns, consequently I had gone 25 miles before I was 10 miles distant from Hillsborough from which place I had started in the morning.

Finally, I got into a path which I followed for at least ten miles without once seeing a human habitation. I was uncertain if this lonely, unfrequented path really led in the direction of the Sawratowns. All day long I had had nothing to eat and only one drink of fresh water from a brook which ran through a beautiful meadow. As night approached, my anxiety doubled, for no house was in sight and I began already to hear the howling of the wild beasts which are so numerous in these forests. I was not even able to make a fire and thus render my position more secure. Moreover, I had neither overcoat, mantle nor blanket to protect

myself against the cold and the heavy night dew.

Driven on by necessity I at length reached the bank of a river. Here I hoped to find a plantation, for the soil on both sides of the stream appeared to be unusually fruitful. To my great disappointment, I rode on mile after mile without discovering any trace of the proximity of man. At length, as my last spark of hope was expiring, to my great joy I heard the barking of dogs and the lowing of cattle. Urging my weary horse on through the almost impassable underbrush, I finally reached the shore of another considerable river whose course was so winding that I was obliged to cross it five times in going half a mile.

The sky was overcast, and the night pitch dark. At length I began to shout with full force of my lungs. Presently, to my unspeakable joy, a human voice answered from the top of a hill not far away. In my helplessness, I remained where I was, continuing to shout until a negro appeared and guided me to the plantation of a certain Mr. Hart, who received me with the greatest courtesy and hospitality, and in him I found, there in that lonely wilderness, an extremely polished and well-educated man.

After resting a day, I resumed my journey, and traveled all day without seeing a single house. Towards evening I reached the summit of a high hill from which I could plainly see huge mountains and deep valleys in the northwest. Descending I soon reached the Sawratowns, where I found shelter, a straw pallet and a welcome in the one-roomed house of an honest planter named Bayley. The distance from Hillsborough to the Sawratowns is 65 miles."

GEORGE H. MURPHY.



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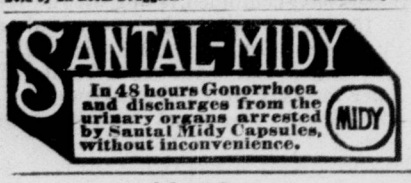
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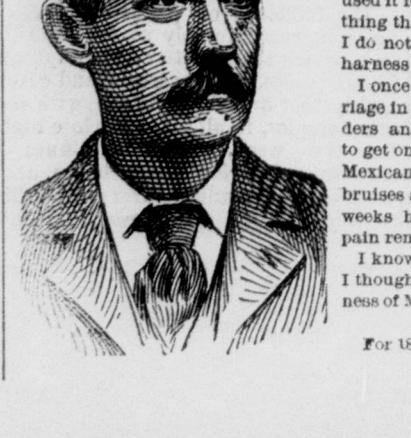
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