

Sketch of Life and War Career of Gen. James B. Gordon, Confederate

In the graveyard of the Episcopal church in Wilkesboro stands a white marble shaft upon which is carved a sword hanging in a scabbard. The sword, which is an emblem of warfare and strife, has been so beautifully carved by the Philadelphia sculptor that it gives me a feeling of peace and calm when I look at it from my earliest childhood it has fascinated me. Upon this marble shaft you may read the following: "Brig. Genl. James B. Gordon, born Nov. 2, 1817; died May 18, 1864 of wounds received May 12, 1864."

Beneath this stone a hero slumbers. Of all the offerings laid upon the altar of state sovereignty and constitutional liberty there was none purer or nobler than that offered by Jas. B. Gordon. Affable and courteous in his manners, generous and unselfish in his disposition, kind and indulgent in his nature. The name of this brave man is enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen—and by his courage and devotion he bequeathed to his kindred a legacy of more value than millions of gold and silver. And thus perished with the lost of freemen

Least of all that dauntless race, who had rather die unsullied than outlive the lands disgrace. O thou noble hearted soldier, Reck not of the aftertime Honor may be deemed dishonor Loyalty be called a crime— Sleep in peace with kindred ashes

Of the noble and the true Hands that never failed their country Hearts that never baseness knew."

That gives you a brief sketch of the life of Gen. Jas. B. Gordon the soldier, the following letters will give you an insight into the life of James B. Gordon, private citizen.

Gap Civil, N. C. April 28, 1859.

"Jas. B. Gordon, Esq., Wilkesboro, N. C.

"We take the liberty of informing you that you were appointed by the last Legislature one of the Commissioners to locate the county site for Alleghany county, with request that you meet with the other Commissioners at Gap Civil on the 2nd Monday in May.

Yours respt.,

JAS. H. PARKS,
A. B. McMILLAN,
C. H. DOUGHTON,
JOHN GAMBILL,
ALLEN GENTRY
and others."

Dobson, N. C. Oct. 15, 1859.

Col. James B. Gordon,
My dear Sir:

I received your kind note of the 12th inst. and hasten to answer. I was very glad to learn that my friend and gentleman Maj. S. Stokes would accept the office of Brig-General in the 9th if elected for I believe him not only to be the best qualified in this Brigade with all his valor and patriotism but to be a perfect gentleman in every respect, and reflect much honor upon this Brigade.

Please give my regards to I. H. Dobson and say to him that Stokes got the whole number of votes polled. I am Sir yours very respectfully,

I. R. WAUGH,
Camp Edwards,
July 10, 1861.

W. M. Barber, Esq.
My dear Sir:

I send you an account of expenses of equipping the Wilkes Valley Guards. The cloth I bought I expected the state to pay, but the Quarter Master General refused to pay the order of the Adjutant General. Therefore had to pay it myself. I have bills for all the accounts rendered. Some of the men named having accounts have been put in the account twice, that is owing to their having 2 bills made at different times. I do hope the county will make some arrangements to pay the amount due immediately as every county in the state has equipped their troops and companies well, and I do hope Wilkes will not forget her boys who are in the field. There is a balance due on the subscription of \$91.90 which if it is paid can be deducted from the \$374.24. But still they should make a larger appropriation. We are all getting along very well and in fine health. I don't know when the regiment will be filed with getting along slow in that particular. I will write you again soon. My love to all at home—Mrs. Barber and the babies.

Yours truly,
J. B. GORDON.

In the subscription list that refers to in the above letter, the names of the men who gave \$4.00 or over are: Jas. Gwyn, \$100.00; L. Hickerson, \$50.00; A. W. Finley, \$50.00; Wm. Parks, \$25.00; J. Finley, \$25.00; R. Hayes, Sr., \$25.00; W. W. Barber, \$25.00.

When General James B. Gordon

was quite young his father died, and even tho' his mother again married, her son James was a source of great comfort and pleasure to her, as he was to his sisters and half brothers also. He was dearly loved by the slaves at "Oakland," and if you could talk with them today they would tell you that "they would do anything for Marse James". When his body was brought home for burial all the colored people went to the brow of the hill and threw themselves on the ground and mourned loudly for "young Marse" as his body was carried into the house. May we never let the years dim our honor and respect for such men.

BESS GORDON FINLEY GRIER.

Speed Demons To Compete For Cash And Honors In Auto Races On Track Here

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ber of riding devices and shows. The presence of a part of the regular army here has attracted wide interest. They have camped for the week on the fairgrounds and have with them a number of guns of the light field artillery, which make quite an interesting display for fair visitors. This is the first time in recent years that U. S. Troops have been in Wilkes.

Each night following the free act program in front of the grandstand a gorgeous display of fireworks adorns the skies.

Large crowds are expected to attend the fair during the remaining two days this week. The fair will come to a close Saturday with the professional auto races.

Textile Strike Situation Continues Tense; Allied Workers May Walkout

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Mills. The pickets ran from the scene after a spirited hand-to-hand free-for-all fight that last-ganizer and a picket were arrested.

Three men were arrested and several injured when police broke up a demonstration by 500 strikers at Lancaster, Pa.

The strike spread today to Western Pennsylvania where 100 employees of the Susquehanna Silk Mills quit their jobs.

The Sayles finishing plant at Saylesville, R. I. scene of recent rioting in which one man was slain, will reopen tomorrow under protection of guardsmen, it was announced today.

Reports that thousands of workers in Georgia mills were returning to their looms and spindles under protection of state troops were denied at strike headquarters here today. Georgia National Guard commanders said 29 plants had reopened in two days.

Leaders insisted only a few mills had reopened in the area where Governor Eugene Talmadge declared martial law and that these plants were operating with a skeleton staff.

The Rhode Island Textile Association, embracing 95 per cent. of the state's mill owners, said today that 98 per cent of Rhode Island's 43,000 strikers would return to work at once if properly protected. Union officials countered with the statement that they soon would propose that the National Labor Relations Board supervise an election throughout the entire industry, confident that the United Textile Workers Union would be chosen as the majority representative unit.

The association stated that less than 10 per cent of Rhode Island mill labor was organized. Members of the executive council returning from Washington from the strike areas reported the strike lines unbroken. Secretary-Treasurer James Starr said "battle lines are solid." Vice President John Peel said the Southern area is "all right."

Four Year Scholarship Offered By Morrisons

The Cameron Morrison scholarship providing tuition for a four-year course in dairy husbandry at State College will be given to the 4-H Calf Club member in North Carolina making the best record with Jerseys this year.

The scholarship, offered by Mrs. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, will be awarded October 12, during annual State Fair week, under the supervision of L. R. Hazzell, State Club Leader, cooperating with the dairy extension office.

The award will be open to any bona fide Jersey Calf Club member in North Carolina between the ages of 10 and 20 years who has completed two or more years of calf club work.

A calf raised by the candidate in his club work must be exhibited in the state calf club show to be held in connection with the State Fair.

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Capt. Foote Visits Briar Creek Section

Interesting News Items From Roaring River Route Two Are Reported

ROARING RIVER, Route 2, Sept. 18.—Capt. Percy W. Foote, U. S. N., Mrs. Foote, and their daughter, Diane, of Philadelphia, who have been spending part of the summer at Waynesville; Mrs. W. A. Thomas (the former Electa Foote) and daughter, Betty, of Statesville, visited the Briar Creek cemetery, where their relatives are buried, and the old Foote home last Friday afternoon.

Capt. and Mrs. Foote and daughter, Diane, and Mrs. W. A. Thomas and daughter, Betty, spent a short time Friday afternoon with their cousin, Mrs. Laura Martin Linney. They were en route to North Wilkesboro to visit another cousin, Mrs. Lila Rousseau. They were the supper guests of Mrs. Rousseau and returned to Statesville that evening.

Mrs. Fisher Joyner visited her brother, Mr. Charley Childress, and Mrs. Childress, who live on the farm of Mrs. Roxie Staley, Sunday, according to her husband. Mr. Joyner also stated that Miss Hazel Joyner, and brother, Russell, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Childress.

Miss Eulah Jarvis, of the Cranberry community, will finish her course at Mrs. Hinshaw's school of beauty culture, very soon.

Editor J. Edgar Johnson, 65, of Mount Airy, who died recently, was in the ministry for some years after graduating from Wake Forest College and was once pastor of Oak Forest church at this place. He lived at Jonesville at that time. His daughter, Miss Emma Johnson, now married, taught public school music in the North Wilkesboro high school in 1919-1920. Oak Forest has had many other prominent ministers, besides Mr. Johnson, as pastor and preachers; among them Revs. A. T. Pardue and D. W. Poole, both still living; and the late Revs. George Burcham, and Parks Gwaltney, and still farther back, Rev. Green Brown, of Yadkin county.

Mr. W. G. Benton recently purchased a tract of land adjoining that of Mrs. W. J. Kinyoun, known as the Jenkins place. It was originally a part of the Parks farm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shepherd have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sparks. Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Mathis, of Roaring River, also visited them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Martin, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Ruby Wilson, of Madison, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. W. T. Martin, near Clingman, attended the funeral of Mr. Myrth Mathis last week. The crowd was said by several to have been the largest they had ever seen at any country funeral except that of Dr. L. P. Somers.

Rev. Seymour Taylor preached Sunday evening at Roaring River. Rev. N. T. Jarvis preached Sunday at Pleasant Grove and Cub Creek.

Capt. P. W. Foote expects to return soon to Philadelphia, where he is stationed in the 4th naval district. Mansfield Parks, colored World War veteran of this neighborhood is one of the soldiers Capt. Foote transported to France before the sinking of the ill-fated U. S. S. "President Lincoln."

WILKESBORO ROUTE 1 NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bullis Friday, a fine son, weight 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinard Jones and sons, Clarence and Howard, and daughter, Eunice, attended the funeral of Mr. Jones' father, Mr. Joe Jones, which was held at Elk Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. F. F. Roupe and son, Gar, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bill Watkins, of Fairplains.

Mrs. Bob DeGeare and daughter, Roberts, returned to their home at Washington, D. C. Tuesday. They have been spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Galthier Eller. They also visited her sister and brother, Miss Evelyn Eller and Mr. Lafayette Eller at Lenoir while here.

Miss Peggy Ann Church, of Wilkesboro, spent Saturday night with Miss Eunice Jones.

Mrs. Erving Eller and little sons, Thomas and Bobby, spent a while in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bullis Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilreath visited Mr. Gilreath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilreath Sunday.

Mr. F. F. Roupe and daughter, Verda, spent Sunday with Mr. Roupe's father and sister, Mr. Andrew Roupe and Miss Myrtle Roupe, of Halls Mills.

Miss Lucy Staley is quite ill at her home, her many friends will be sorry to learn.

Northern Alexander News

PORES KNOB, Sept. 18.—Mr. Lafayette Sloop, one of the highly respected citizens of the county, was buried at Taylorsville last Saturday. He has relatives and many friends in Wilkes.

Mr. Frank Pearson and family, of Thomasville, spent the week-end with relatives and friends in this section.

Mr. Tom Sherrell and sons, Ralph and Tom, Jr., spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Deal.

Prof. Clyde Teague, who has charge of Mt. Olive public school, has moved his family to Mr. D. E. Davis' old home place for the school term.

Mr. Oten Deal will preach at Mt. Olive the 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock.

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Winter Grazing Crops Lowers Poultry Upkeep

Poultrymen who wish to make a profit during the period of low egg production this fall and winter must eliminate all unnecessary feed costs.

But the economy should not be carried so far as to further decrease egg production, warns Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department.

Removal of unproductive hens from the flock and liberal use of winter grazing crops afford the best means of reducing feed costs and maintaining a satisfactory rate of egg production, he said.

Non-layers and poor layers add just as much to the flock cost as do the good layers but add little or nothing to the income derived from egg sales, he pointed out.

Successful Revival At Pattons Ridge

Two Additions To Church—Good Behaviour Characteristic All Services

PATTONS RIDGE, Sept. 17.—Rev. T. J. Walsh, of Walsh, and Rev. Glenn Huffman, of Parsonsville, have been conducting a revival at Pattons Ridge the past week. The meeting has been a wonderful success. There were ten additions to the church and the people of the community were highly praised for their nice behavior.

The rites of baptism were conducted in the beautiful waters of Fall creek on Sunday morning. Following are the names of those baptized: Everett Waters, Ollie Waters, Zelle Grier, Ruth Church, Zenna Church, Marie Waters, Anna Waters, Marie Church, Bessie Fletcher and Mae Foster.

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