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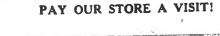
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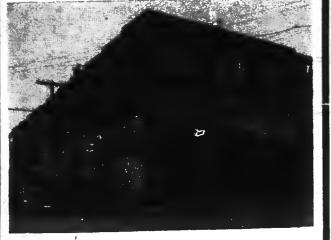
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were yet troublesome. They stole Cleveland lost his fine Round About plantation on the Yadkin by some of Cleveland's stock and



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carried in to the Indian villa erament theo the remersion make whose history and public services it is our purpose to sketch. Cleveland buckled on his hunting tails and went in person to the Indian town and told them that unless his slock was promptly returned they would pay the pen-(Continued from page four) in better title, when he tarned his any the last one of thom with intention to the region of the their lives. The Indians were greatly surprised at his enormous South Carolins. In 1784 he select- size, and indged that it would take a hundred warriors to cope with him single-handed. The stock

was promptly restored." Hangs Another Horse Thief Colonel Cleveland did not lose his hatred for the Tories in his shortly after. The opportunities

new home. Henry Dinkins, a Tory of the Revolution, who had taken refuge among the Cherokees, became a notorious horse-thief. Cleveland learned of their approach in the Tugalo valley and tions permitted him, to acquire he snatched up his rifle and waylaid their trail and captured Dink- bout 20 years of age he was marins and two negroes associated ried to Ann Ballard, of Halifax, with him. Dinkins was promptly hung on the spot. So notorious was Dinkins' reputation for evil that the whole country was over-fied her for sustaining the priva-joyed at his sudden execution tions and hardships of a frontier without waiting to consider whether or not the mode of his exit erwards to encounter. was in accordance with the nice-

ties of the law. His Last Days and Death Colonel Cleveland held posi- of Surry), and settled near the

tions of trust and honor in his place where the village of Wilnew home, but he loved quiet kesboro now stands. Previous to home life best and spent most of his leaving Halifax, however, he his time about his plantation. He signed what was then familiarly continued to increase in weight called "The Association Paper," until he weighed the enormous which contained a declaration of sum of four hundred and fifty the sentiments of the people of pounds.

For several summers preced- lations existing between them and ing his death he suffered with the crown of Great Britain, and dropsy in his lower limbs, and which their scattered condition during the last year of his life rendered it necessary to circulate his excessive fat considerably de- for signatures, in order to ascercreased, and he, at last died while tain the wishes and determinasitting at breakfast, in October, tion of the people. Soon after his 1806, in the sixty-ninth year of removal to Surry he was appointhis age. His wife died about six ed a member of the Committee of years previous. He left two sons Safety for that county and conand a daughter, whose descend- tinued to discharge his duties as ants are numerous and respect- such, and as clerk to the Commitable. Our county man, Esq. R. tee until their authority was sup-M. Staley, is a great-grand-son of erseded by the adoption of the Colonel Cleveland. Wilkes county Constitution of the State. On the has no better citizen and no man a better neighbor than Esq. Sta-

With hardly any education, and tive part. It is well known to all little improvements in later life, those acquainted with the history Colonel Cleveland, with a vigorous intellect, exerted a command- ginning of the war of the Revoluing influence among the frontier tion the Cherokee Indians were people; and though despotic in his nature and severe on the Tories, his patriotic activity did the Western part of North Caromuch to preserve the Western lina. The Whigs therefore in that portion of North Carolina from British and Tory ascendency. North Carolina deservedly commemorated his services by naming Cleveland county after him. The remains of this noble hero

sleep in the family burial ground ing bands of Indians, in the hope n the valley of the Tugalo. No monument - no tombstone - no tions committed on the settleinscription marks his silent resting place. The spot is marked by to keep up scouting and ranging several pines that have grown up parties, and to station guards at since his interment-one of them, the most accessible passes in the it is said, shoots its tall spire mountains. In this service Generfrom his grave. There he lies in a al Lenoir bore a conspicuous part, sister State with not even a grave- which was continued until the celstone to mark his resting place, ebrated expedition of Gen. Ruthwhere scattered bands of Chero- erford and Gen. Williamson in kees may look upon the pine that 1776, put an end to the difficulrises out of his grave and wonder ties with the Cherokees. In this among themselves. "Is this the expedition General Lenoir served goal of ambition-this the climax as a lieutenant under the dis-

of glory?" How strange are the ways of who as then a captain, and fre-THE FIRST WILL PROBATED count the many hardships and The first will probated in suffering which they had to un-Wilkes county was probated and dergo. They were often entirely

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of obtaining even an ordinary

English education that day were

extremely limited, and General

servers forced march to the ble will spread quickly through the entire flock. In the brilliant the entire flock. (Continued on page six) Often, Gauger said, ft is diffe-

tryman thousands of dollars, ac-cording to H. C. Gaugar, poulicy disease specialist of N. C. State Fance of the disease apparantly of and the feeding of a wet removed to Tar River, near Tarboro, N. C., where he resided until his death which happened College.

While the disease is prevalent in Infeition in these chick batterchicks, adult birds are also su-

ies constitutes a great hazard in reports Assistant Farm Agent

t if is our purpose to shorth, General Lenoit was born in Brunswick county, Va., on the Stunswick county, Va., on the Bronchitis Claims Heavy Chick Toll Infectious dependentia, aveeping through North Carolina this year about eight years old his father removed to Tay River and the father removed to Tay River and the father

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recorded in the year 1778, at the destitute of provisions-there was December term of the county not a tent of any kind in the court. In the early history of the whole army-very few blankets county wills were only probated and those only such as could be during the sessions of the Coun-spared from their houses for the ty Court and not before the Clerk occasion, and their clothing conat any time convenient as is now sisted principally of rude cloth made from hemp, tow, and wild the case. This will, first on record in the nettle bark-and as a sample of

county, starts off like this: the uniform worn by the General "The Last Will and Testament officers, it may be mentioned that General Rutherford's consisted of of John Witherspoon, Dec'd. Dec. tow hunting shirt, dyed black Term, 1778.

"November the first in the year and trimmed with white fringe. of our Lord Christ, 1778. In the From the termination of this name of God, amen. I, John Withcampaign until the one projected erspoon, and of Wilkes county. against the British and Tories being weak in body but of sound under Major Ferguson, Gen. Lememory, blessed be God, do this noir was almost constantly engagday and in the year of our Lord ed in capturing and suppressing make and publish this my last the Tories, who, at that time, will and testament in the manner were assuming great confidence following, that is to say, first I and exhibiting much boldness. Indeed, such was the characher of ppoint ---- " etc., etc. The subscribing witnesses are the times that the Whigs consid-Thomas Harbin, Alexander Hol- ered themselves, their families and property in continual and imon and Jno. Robinson. GENERAL WILLIAM LENOIR minent danger. No man ventured The subject of this sketch was from his house without his rifle, one of the early pioneers of this and no one unless his character ection. He did much in building was well known, was permitted to the county of Wilkes and the es- travel without undergoing the ablishment of law and govern-strictest examination. Gen. Lenoir nent in this section of the State. has frequently been heard to say The name of William Lenoir ap- that owing to this perilous situapears oftener in early records of tion he has often been compelled our country than the name of any on retiring at night, to place his other person. His life, character rifle on one side of him in bed nd services are recorded in such while his wife occupied the other. In the expedition to King's n able and familiar manner in in extract from the "Raleigh Mountain he held the position of Register," of June \$2, 1939, that captain in Col. Cleveland's regiment, but on ascertaining that it e give the article here: This venerable patriot and sol- would be impossible for the foottier died at his residence at men to reach the desired point in Fort Defiance, in Wilkes county, time, it was determined by a on Monday, the 6th of May, 1839, council of officers that all who aged eighty-eight years. Perhaps had horses or could procure them no individual now remains in the should advance forthwith. Accordingly Gen. Lenoir and State of North Carolina who bore

a more distinguished part during his company officers volunteered ur Revolutionary struggle, or their services as privates, and was more closely identified proceeded with the hor

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