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The Record, of date, May 29, 1914, page one column three, published under heading "New Law Popular" an article which every son and daughter of the old North State should read with pride, because of the advanced position in legislation, as well as in other matters that the Grand Old Commonwealth is taking among the great sisterhood of states. In reading this article my very heart and soul was filled with a sense of pride and joy now and feel that the State of my nativity had taken such an advanced step forward in such progressive as well as beneficial legislation. Good and beneficial legislation, and a proper admittance and observance of the law is one of the essential facts by which we may know and judge a community, County, State or Nation, and any act of a legislative body of a State enacted into a law whereby its constituents can, for all times to come, be identified and known, is not only an advanced position but one of lasting benefit as well. It may seem strange to you that I should thus comment on this particular act of legislation, when doubtless the noble Sires of the Legislative Body of the State have caused a number of other acts of similar importance to be written into the Governing laws of the State, but there is a personal reason why this particular law appeals to me, and for this reason I feel that I want to write you my hearty approval, if you will bear with me a while, I will give you my reason of enthusiasm, in order that that you may know. In a great many ways this law will prove a lasting benefit to future generations, however I will endeavor to show wherein one way it would have been material benefit to me had it been law during the early Seventies.

I have for the major portion of my life, since maturity—about twenty years—been in the Naval Service of the United States and because of my continuous service and other additions my pay per month has been increased approximately 500 per cent since having reached the position that I now

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hold while there was no question about my drawing the additional pay as well as the base pay each month, until a recent decision of the Auditor for the Navy Department and confirmed by the Comptroller, that for a man to draw this additional pay he must establish documentary evidence, his right of citizenship.

"May I add that with some people at times to establish one's indemnity by documentary proof might prove more embarrassing than the average person would imagine." The most accurate and sure proof of citizenship is a birth Certificate, and that I could not show. In order for me to establish perfectly regular and legal proof I secured evidence that I at one time was a legal voter in North Carolina, and after a legal voter in my adopted State of Maryland, I did this and established to the proper officials the legality of my citizenship, but of the fifty thousand men in the Naval Service to say nothing of the Army Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service there were and are a goodly number who could produce neither birth Certificates, voters certificates or any documentary proof of citizenship, and with a number of men of families it worked a greater hardship, because some were checked for as much as from five hundred to seven hundred and fifty dollars, others even more and some less of course according to length of service etc. etc. for back pay, illegally drawn, through no criminal intent of their own, neither was it a neglect or inefficiency on the part of any of the disbursing Officers of the Service, yet these men were checked. However Congress came to their relief up to and including June 30-1913, but from that time on each man must provide documentary evidence which is perfectly proper that he should—of his citizenship if he would avail himself of the benefits of various increases in pay, although he be a native born citizen, but if he has neither birth certificate, voters certificates or baptismal certificates and in a great number of cases no one to testify of swear to his identity, he is then up against a proposition that would ask himself, from whence did I come? Be it said to the credit of the Catholic Church they have and do keep a much more complete and systematic record of their own than any other of the Protestant churches, why I know is because my duty is and has been for several years past in the Pay Office and it has fallen to my lot to write various letters to establish the citizenship of a number of my fellow men, and as a rule when we can get neither birth nor voters certificate, if he be a Catholic we can surely—I cannot recall ever having failed—get a baptismal certificate. This I mention not to find fault with our Protestant Churches, neither am I sounding the praises of the Roman Church, but simply stating facts. I think the law in question a most worthy one, and it should be the pride as well as the duty of every attending Physician, Midwife or others, as well as the fond mother and father to see that their offspring is duly registered and a certificate placed in their possession, which should be treasured as, sacredly as the birth page of the old family Bible in the old days gone by.

If you will bear with me just a little longer there is one more subject, on which I would like to speak, and which I deem of equally as vital importance and may I add should be considered a necessity.

I do not think that the laws of North Carolina require a Ceryman, Justice of Peace or others empowered with the sacred right of performing the marriage ceremony to supply the contracting parties with marriage certificate, it should be just as much the duty of the one performing the ceremony to issue a certificate, under the seal of the precinct, county or state, properly and duly signed by each of the contracting parties, as well as by the official who performed the ceremony and properly witnessed by one, two or three persons as the contracting parties may wish. This I think of the utmost importance, because there are or will come times during the life of a great many to have ready to hand, what should be, and is the real legal evidence of lawful matrimony. Again may I use my own case as an illustration, pardon self as an example in each case, could refer to others, yet I prefer my own, being a service man, should I get killed in battle or lose my life in any of the many ways that are of common occurrence in this life as well as other callings of today, the Government by law will pay to my widow and orphan children certain pensions, which are governed by law, but she must first prove to the entire satisfaction of the cold grim law—the authorities ever so positive of her position as my widow, and ready, willing and anxious to pay—her legal status as my widow. I ask how is she to do this without a marriage certificate? I can answer thus, apply to the court house for a copy of the licenses, as recorded, but, suppose by accident the records are lost or destroyed by floods or other causes, what status has she? all evidence of her legality destroyed, she is turned out upon the world to battle life's road alone, even without the allowance that generous Government would give to her, as a maintenance since her all had given up his life on the altar of sacrifice for the protection of the Nation at large, and I do not refer to this as being the only way or means where by a marriage certificate is necessary. Estates are often settled properly because of them, as without them the rightful owners would doubtless lose the case. Quiet a number of the states require a marriage Certificate. It was my privilege and pleasure to assist a lady in a most pitiful condition, through the aid of her marriage certificate in the state of Pennsylvania to a most happy and pleasant surrounding, otherwise would have been deprived of and doubtless would, had it not been for her certificate,—she now is in Chicago, living happy with her bright eyed children little Florence and George, she is happy and continues to write to me and mine and at times remembers us as Mother and Daddy. So many ways that a marriage certificate is of a benefit.

Again Mr. Editor the people of the states as well as those responsible and especially the noble author of the first subject upon such splendid and worthy legislation and I trust that the day may not be far distant when North Carolina may

claim to her people and the rest of the Union that when her sons and daughters shall launch out upon that sweet and placid sea matrimony they may be furnished with a lawful certificate showing that they are the legal and lawful owners of their own particular craft of love.

In closing may I say that the Warrenton Record is my weekly visitor and letter from DOWN HOME, through its pages I keep in touch with those that will always be dear to me, The Record has served me in China, The Philippines, Europe, Africa, South America, The Antilles, as well as from the rocky bound coast of Maine to the sun kissed beach of the gulf, as well as on the Pacific and its always a source of pleasure to read its news items and even the ads. May it live and prosper and always prove to others the welcome happy weekly visit. As it has been to me, and at the same time live on and on to serve its purpose as worthily in the future as it has in the past. With best wishes I am sincerely,
J. WALTER COOK.

ARCOLA ITEMS.

Mr. Robert Jones, of Louisville, was a guest in the home of Mrs. Linda Arrington Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Conn visited relatives in Nash County last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferney Leonard, of Centerville, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Gorton a few days ago.

Miss Iris Cook, of Annapolis, Md., and Mr. Andrew Crinkley, of Raleigh visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Water Duke Sunday. Miss Cook will remain among us for the week.

Several from here went to the Children's Day at Harris Chapel Sunday where they witnessed rendering of an excellent programme which was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd. Rev. A. P. Mustian, the pastor, preached an able sermon in the afternoon; his text being, "Ine Holy Jerusalem".

Mr. Robert Harris was with friends in Whitakers from Friday until Monday.

Messrs. Irvin and Claude Coleman spent the 4th in Richmond.

Mr. Willie Bobbitt, of near Littleton, remained here for the week end.

Mr. T. S. Tharrington has purchased himself a nice pair of horses.

The 4th passed off quietly here, no picnics or anything of that kind. Some went to Norfolk and Richmond.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Weldon Davis is well again after several days illness.

Mrs. Modlin and Miss Mountain have returned to their homes in Rocky Mount and Windsor. Miss Mountain made many friends while here who will gladly welcome her visit at any time.

The farmers are busy in the crops and the ladies are canning preparing for the winter, and all are looking forward to the time of vacation which the old farmers will enjoy in a few weeks.
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MANSON ITEMS.

Mrs. Armanda Falkener, of Henderson, is visiting relatives here this week.

Rev. J. E. Holden preached a fine sermon for us last Sunday.

Mr. Roy Champion, of Raleigh, who has been visiting his people here spent last week in New York City and Washington.

Mrs. J. Brack spent Monday in Henderson.

Mr. Thow Dill, of Richmond, is a pleasant visitor in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dill.

Miss Marie Fleming is visiting friends at Middleburg this week.

Mrs. Roy Riggan, of Raleigh, with her little son and daughter are pleasant visitors among her people here this week.

We are glad to note an improvement in the crop after the fine rain Saturday.

We are glad to see the lumber on the yard for our Church.

Mr. Roy Champion and family returned to their home in Raleigh last Saturday much to the regret of their people.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold their meeting next Sunday afternoon at the school house; All are cordially invited to attend.

Someone broke into the smoke house of Mr. Edward Capps Sunday night and stole a quantity of meat. Blood hounds were secured but could not locate the rogue.

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J. L. ALSTON,

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Master Edwin Jones spent Monday in town.

Mrs. Hugh Weldon, of Norlina spent a few days here last week.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Height who died at her daughters' Mrs. David Newman last week. The burial took place in Franklin Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Temple attended the Children's Day at Zion last Sunday.

Master Frank Hunter, of Warrenton, is on a visit to his uncle Mr. H. B. Hunter, the guest of Master Edwin Jones.

Mrs. Lina Andrews returned to her home in Norfolk last Thursday after spending a few days at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Burroughs.

A couple of young men from here went to Zions last Sunday—wonder what the attraction is.

The community was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Lucy Burroughs which occurred Monday evening following a stroke of paralysis. PANSY.

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This the 26th day of June, A. D. 1914.
J. E. Frazier, Admr. C. T. A. of T. W. Shearin, deceased.
ohn H. Kerr, Attorney. 3j6t

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