

**"THE OLD TIMERS"**  
**"Patsy (Brien) Descants Upon Incidents of By-Gone Days."**

As we sit complacently in front of our fire, we smile in a half amused way over the great interest our little people display in the Indian myths and legends. Do we sometimes forget that these very woods harbored the noblest red-skin?

Some hundred and fifty to two hundred years ago the first white man, Andrew Miller, crossed the French Broad River by the aid of friendly Indians. In these early years the Otari or Overhill Cherokees dwelt in these mountains and valleys. Some claim that the Cherokee tribe is one of the tribes of Israel. Their legends claim that they came from the Northwest and geographers claim that America and India were once joined at the Bering Strait by a peninsula. Working on this hypothesis one could easily reason that the Hebrews came over that peninsula to America. There are many things that point to that conclusion. William Penn saw a striking likeness between the London Jew and the American Indian. It is known that the Indian worshipped one God and this deity was called "Ale" the old Hebrew name for God. They had held animal festivals, they reckoned time as did the Hebrews, and a similar superstition marked their burial places. In this speech was grafted many words of European origin many closely resembling the Latin and Greek such as Chickamauga, meaning the field of death; and Ahone, the sound of water. The story of their removal exceeds in weight of grief and pathos any in American history. Great quantities of blood was shed and many torn and broken lives were the result of this expedition. The country is still redolent of the red-skin and many of his legends and names cling.

As we have mentioned before Andrew Miller was the first to settle in the French Broad River Valley. He came from Tennessee about 1800 (no exact date is known) and claimed that the land on the other side of the French Broad River was the best in the country. This surmise turned out to be correct. His first house, an old log cabin, is not standing today, but on the right is a large house built by Tom Morris who bought the place from Andrew Miller. When Mr. Morris died the house and property was sold to T. C. Evans, a member of an old aristocratic family in Charleston, S. C. He sold the place to Fitzsimmons and when Mrs. Fitzsimmons died it became the property of Tom Osborn, who owns it today. In the bottom land have been found many arrow heads and it is supposed that the spot is the site of an old Indian forge.

Mr. Andrew Miller's son, John Miller, was register of deeds in Asheville from 1814 to 1838, and was one of the commissioners who laid out the city of Hendersonville. He is said to have been the first to travel the narrow streets of Asheville would want wide streets in a new town. To him goes the credit of the wide streets of our town. His brother, Thomas Miller, married a Miss Rhodes whose father owned thousands of acres on the other side of the French Broad.

The old Rhodes house is still standing. It was built in 1802 by Mr. Rhodes who, was a Scotchman and received the property by grant from George III. Mr. Miller came into some of the property through his wife and built on a high hill commanding a wonderful view of the river valley. The old house is still there and his youngest son, who was a captain in the Civil War, lived on the place until his death a few years ago. His daughter, Mrs. L. S. Pender, still occupies it. A few of the old houses that constituted the "quarters" are still standing and the water from the old well is just as cold and clear as in those early days.

On the Boylston road is standing another old house built by Mose Smith a hundred and fifty years ago. The house was made of logs hewn from the mountain. Mr. Ladson, from Charleston, who has owned the place for the last forty years, has put weather boards over the logs making a very pleasing and comfortable home.

On the other side of Mills River is an old house that was built about 1800 and which was the first frame house in that section. A Mr. Johnson from Asheville built the house and owned many thousands of acres along the valley and up in the hills. The famous little knoll called Milknoob was part of his place and an old mill which he built on the side of the hill is running today. To one side of the house is the spring enclosed by the rocks that Mr. Johnson put there

with his own hands. One of his sons, Harvey Johnson, moved to Mississippi where he directed the Wickworth College at Brookhaven. Another son, W. T. Johnson, built a house about a quarter of a mile up the road from the homestead. Both houses command a splendid view of the distant hills. Dr. Johnson who lives at the head of the Mills River road, is a son of Mr. W. T. Johnson, Gordon Anderson, the grandfather of Mrs. C. M. Pace of Hendersonville, bought the old place. He lived there a few years and then sold to Hiram Carland whose son lives there now.

The King place on the left bank of the French Broad River is most interesting. Mr. King, who built the house early in the nineteenth century, left it to his son, Ben King. The place contained many hundreds of acres up and down the river. The old slave quarters have entirely disappeared. Only a large bell, that was used as a means of calling the slaves together, is standing just back of the house. Ben King lost his only son, Billy King, in the Civil War, shortly after which he moved to Missouri and sold the place to Daniel King, a cousin. The owners came in rapid succession after Daniel King. Among them were Crof. Thompson from South Carolina, Mr. Grover Trenholm from Charleston, brother of Mr. Trenholm, who owned Tenneriff at Flat Rock. Mrs. Trenholm was a daughter of Dr. Chisholm of Baltimore. DeFour, a Frenchman, was the next owner. He soon went back to Switzerland. Mr. Whit from West Asheville secured the place and lived there for a number of years. He went back to Asheville and the place once more changed hands, this time to Mr. Francis, an engineer, who died before he even took possession of the place. His widow lives there now.

Traveling in those days was an arduous task and at frequent intervals were inns, stopping places for the coaches and drivers who went through the country. On the crest of the hill overlooking the Poor Farm where Bud McCarson has recently built stood an old inn. The house was of logs and the roof was thatched. Some times as many as eighty hogs in a bunch were driven through the country to the big southern markets. Their driver spent his nights quaffing brown ale and cracking jokes in front of the fire. The news of the mountains was learned in that way and many a friendly game of cards was played.

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 On Sunday, April 13, A. B. Freeman and daughter, Miss Alma, celebrated their birthdays with a particularly good dinner which had been prepared by Mrs. Freeman. The invited guests were Miss Katy Price and Editor M. L. Shipman.

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March 1919

- First Grade—Amelia Dickens, Anna Lou Odum, Mildred Loftis.
- Second Grade—Henry Odum.
- Third Grade—James Jackson.
- Fourth Grade—Iren Odum, Clara Edwards, Harry Jackson, James Dunlap.
- Fifth Grade—Olive Odum, Nannie Allen, Brooks Drake, Paul Dunlap.
- Sixth Grade—Everett Israel, Atholl Edwards.
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**Moonlight Picnic**

C. S. Fullbright, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Blackburn, chaperoned the following young people on Monday evening for a picnic at Laurel Park. Misses Alma Freeman, Katy Price, Jessie Shipman, Sarah Miller, Ethel Manders, Billie Carmichael, Mollie Blackburn, Gertrude Shipman, Herschel Allison, Will Reese, Joe Freeman, Howard Miller, Grover Shipman, Al Edwards and Clarke Blackburn. Many out-door games were played, songs were sung, a fire was built on the beach where marshmallows were toasted, frankfurters were broiled and a tempting luncheon that had been previously prepared was spread and thoroughly enjoyed. The picnic party left town at 7 o'clock and returned at 11 o'clock by motor.

Nice lot of pianos for rent for the season. Chas. Rozzelle, 11-21c.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lamb, from near Sugar Loaf Mountain spent Tuesday in town.

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