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CHAPTER ELEVEN

Home Guard, Patrol and Other Doings in the South 1862-63.

For years before the war between the states, it was not only a state law but it was a custom and habit for each county in the State to have its militia and for that reason there were muster grounds and the militia was organized into companies, and mustered at intervals, or drilled as it was often called.

Now, that the call for volunteers to go to front or seat of war in Virginia and other points up toward the Mason and Dixon Line, had taken from among us the most of the militia the companies were all out of joint and it became necessary to organize what was known as The Home Guard. My father was named as one of the captains for one of those guards. There were such organizations in every township in all the counties of all the states. And the duties of these guards were twofold. First, they were to do duty guarding and protecting the homes. The necessity for which is apparent, since most of the able bodied men from the Southland were, or soon would be, at the front, leaving the women, children and negroes without protection. So it will be seen that the name of these guards was significant, Home Guard.

In the second place, it was the duty of the guards to look out for deserters. That is, those who had joined the army, gone to the front, and had deserted and were "lying out" as it was called in those days. The term today would be slacker.

These guards were composed of men too old to go to the regular army, and of boys too young. Just at this time there was rumor that there were spies and propagandists being sent from the North all over the South to incite rebellion among the negroes and induce them to rise. That was to encourage the negroes to band themselves together and leave their masters and if needs be, to burn, kill, rob and devastate the country so that they would gain their freedom. Of course this news created great uneasiness in all the homes of the Southland. And if true, well it might. It was thought then that this was being done by the U. S. Government, or the Yankees so as to demoralize the fighting powers of the South. If this should be done, Sherman's definition of war, that "it was hell," would be realized in the South, for there were millions of slaves in the South at that time.

This scheme of the enemy did incite many of the unruly slaves to disobedience and caused the organization of what was then known as the Patrol or Patrollers.

This was an organization of men and boys of the different sections of the slave-holding districts of the South and their duties and the main objects were first, to keep the negroes at home and in their quarters at night, and the second to keep any agent or spy of the enemy from getting in the negro quarters or their homes for the purpose of inciting and arousing to revolt or rise. But notwithstanding all this precaution there was more or less of it done. Now at this date, I do not want to believe that the better class of Yankees would have endorsed any such scheme, or resorted to such a barbaric method of warfare; yet it was believed by many that it was being done.

Today for a minute, go with me back to the sixties, and make a survey, and we will find all the manhood, both rich and poor, of the white population of the South, away from home, at the front and only the helpless women and children left to be slaughtered. A few old men and boys to guard this host of helpless humanity and scattered throughout this land was a horde of colored men and women, and for the most part, they were hale, hearty and strong and accustomed to hardships as slaves. Now imagine them organized into bands and directed by some conspirator to kill and murder and take and appropriate, to their own use, the young and beautiful women and girls, all the horses, mules and supplies that could be found and make their escape across the Mason and Dixon line. Can you imagine the heart throbs of those mothers, sisters, sweethearts, aged men and boys, when they were told, that on a certain night in December, 1863, that the negroes under the leadership of Sid Gitsom and his like, in other sections, as well as ours, all over the

South, were going to rise and kill all the white folks and go to the Yankees? Now Sid had been to the front and it was said he had been in the Battle of Bull Run, but ran when the Yankees charged, not away from them, but to their lines and that they had sent him back down south to spy, and organize the negroes, and all the Unionist in the South for this purpose. Now this was common report all over the country and it was so in our section. The Patrols were on duty every night and the Home Guard were busy, making investigations.

Somehow, not only Sid Gitsom was suspected, but it had been reported to the guard that he had actually arrived at his home and had a cave in the mountains where he stayed days and roamed the country at night. And that he had spy money, from the North, to pay all his expenses and to give to any one who would join his nightly clan. No one had seen Sid, for he had been reported to the Home Guard, from the front, as having deserted the ranks, at the Battle of Bull Run. The reports said he was thought to be back at home "lying out" and to arrest him and return him to the front to be court-martialed. Now this is what the order said; but the rumor had it, that he had run away, at the battle and gone to the Yankees and they had sent him South, with loads of money and guns and things to help the negroes, to organize and be ready by December 13, 1863 to rise.

And this was so, for every body believed it, and not only Burnt Chimney Muster Ground section, but it was reported that it was to be a general uprising all over the Southland.
(To Be Continued)

JAS. JOHNSON DEAD

Mr. James Johnson died June 3 at his home near Seaboard depot, after a short illness.

He was born in Cleveland county Nov. 12, 1846. He joined the Baptist church in 1863 and lived a Christian life ever after.

Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove M. E. church, near Forest City, Thursday afternoon, June 4, Rev. Henry Clay Sisk being in charge. He had lived in this county about 16 years.

He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters. He was a good citizen and was liked by a large circle of friends.

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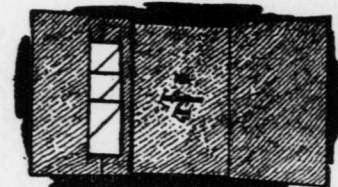
Lola Johnson vs. John Johnson
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Rutherford county, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce on the grounds of five years separation; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the clerk of the Superior Court of Rutherford county, on the 30th day of June, 1925, at the courthouse of said county in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 6th day of June, 1925.

J. Y. YELTON,
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C. O. RIDINGS,
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