

## A Confederate Soldier's Letters to His Parents

PART 3

The following letters were written by Sgt. L. W. Griffin, of Co. D., 16th Regiment N. C. T., to his father Wm. L. Griffin, who was Register of Deeds of Rutherford County, and lived near Tanners Grove church. Three of the Griffin brothers enlisted in the Confederate army and two of them made the supreme sacrifice. Co. D. was mustered in at Forest City and was the first company to leave the county.

Camp Near Fredericksburg, May 30, 1863.

Dear Father and Family:—

I take this opportunity this morning to inform you that I am yet well. I haven't heard from you since John Sutton came. I am looking for brother George any minute and will be glad to see him so I can hear from you. I am getting uneasy about you all.

Everything is now quiet along the lines, but I don't know how long it will remain so. We were reviewed yesterday by General Lee and Lieut. Gen. A. P. Hill. The entire division

was on the field for review. Hill has been promoted to Lieut.-General to take Jackson's place. Hill is a fine, stalwart looking man and appears to be an efficient officer. Lots of troops have come in here within the last few days, and I expect that we are going to cross the river soon. I really hope not as many men will lose their lives in crossing the narrow bridge here that it will be a slaughter. However, if they say go we must. It seems that we will have to stay here the remainder of our lives anyway so why not go on and die and be over with our trouble which has been hanging low over our heads these many days and months. Yet I hope I will be out sometime.

Suppose you have already heard of Chancellorsville. We whipped old Fighting Joe and believe we can whip him again if he comes back across the river.

Write me when you can. I haven't heard from you in such a long time. This is the fourth letter I have written since the last fight. The brigade mail boy was arrested and confined

for breaking open letters. He is to be shot. He is a member of the 22nd Regiment.

Your absent son till death,  
L. W. GRIFFIN.

Preserved with this letter is the following death certificate of James Griffin, a brother of L. W. Griffin and a member of the same company.

"I certify that James M. Griffin, a soldier of Company D., 16th Regiment, N. C. Troops, enlisted on the day of May, 1861 died in service on the 18th day of August, 1863; that he had received a bounty of ten dollars from the State of North Carolina and had at the time of his death forty dollars due.

A. A. MCKINNEY, Capt.,  
Commanding Co. D., 16th Reg., N. C. T."

The Descriptive List of James M. Griffin is attached to this, and is as follows: "Age 21, Complexion fair; eyes, blue; hair, black; Enlisted, June 1st; By whom, Capt. H. D. Lee; Period, 12 months. Remarks: Pay due from January 1st, 1862. He has drawn \$10 worth of clothing; balance due \$40 for clothing not drawn. June 21, 1862. H. D. Lee, Capt. Co. D., 16th Reg. N. C. T."

Camp Near Pass, 8 miles from Richmond, June 1, '64.

Dear Father and Family:—

This morning affords me the pleasure of once more writing you a few lines, and informing you that I am still alive, though mightily worn by fighting. Fighting is going on regularly here. We are in our ditches and have to lay low and keep out of the way of bullets that fly fast and thick at times. We had to fall back last night and build more breastworks. I am so sleepy that I can scarcely see. You must excuse this hurriedly written letter, and when we finish here I will try to do better by the next one I write. If I live, I am almost out of heart. I hear that my last brother is gone and it may be my time next, though I hope that I am spared to come home to you in your old age if Divine Providence is willing. It seems that we have a great deal yet to go through with. This is the twenty-eighth day since we commenced this battle, and I haven't been out of musket range for a minute. I would give much to be out of this.

The Yanks haven't taken Richmond yet, but they are fighting hard. They charge us as if they were drunk, and it takes some real fighting to stop them.

I came very near being taken a prisoner one day recently—I have lost track of time in this turmoil—and escaped by running. A body of my men were surprised by the enemy while foraging and all were taken but myself and one other. When I would not stop running they fired at me several times. I had fought so hard that I could hardly move my feet, but I soon got over a little hill, hid and rested. All prisoners taken by the enemy are killed. This prevents many of our men from going over to the enemy, and I will stay out of their hands as long as I can creep.

All of the company is yet here, as I wrote you before. Eli is dead or a prisoner, I don't know which.

I heard today that brother George died from wounds sometime, but I don't know where he is, how he was wounded or anything. I can't hear any news here. I haven't ever heard from home since Mr. Harrill came, so please write me.

Your loving son,  
L. W. GRIFFIN.

Preserved with this letter is the following certificate:

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 18, 1864.

"I certify that Private G. O. Griffin was a member of my company, enlisted on the 29th day of November, 1863, and was killed in battle at Ware Bottom Church, Va., on the 20th day of May, 1864. He had never received any pay or bounty since enlisting. He received the following articles of clothing: 1 jacket, 1 pair pants, 1 shirt, 1 pair drawers, 1 blanket.

L. HARRILL, Capt.,  
Co. I, 56th N. C. T."

### TRAIN SCHEDULES

Seaboard	
No. 21, South Arr.	1:18 p. m.
No. 109, South, Arr.	10:30 a. m.
Mixed.)	
No. 22, North Arr.	4:21 p. m.
Southern	
No. 113, South, Arr.	6:20 a. m.
No. 36, North, Arr.	10:09 a. m.
No. 35, South, Arr.	5:42 p. m.
No. 114, North, Arr.	9:06 p. m.
Clinchfield	
No. 37, North, Arr.	10:45 a. m.
No. 38, South, Arr.	4:48 p. m.
No. 110, North, Arr.	11:20 a. m.

Norman A. Falkner, a Canadian who lost a leg in the war, claims to be the only one-legged fancy and trick skater in the world.

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made and executed on the 17th day of February, 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rutherford County North Carolina, in Book W-9 on page 162, said Deed of Trust being made to secure certain indebtedness, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, the undersigned Trustee will on

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1928,** at 12 o'clock M., in front of the Industrial Loan & Investment Bank, in Forest City, North Carolina, offer for sale to the last and highest bidder for cash the following described property to-wit:

A certain tract of land lying and being in High Shoals Township, Rutherford County, North Carolina, and more particularly described and defined as follows: Known and designated as lot No. 5 of the S. L. Holland dowry of the L. A. Holland land and consists of two tracts. First Tract—Lying on the East side of the Buck Shoals road adjoining land of James Beason, Rome Scruggs, and lots 8, 9, and 10. Beginning at a stone at the iron Spring, old corner and running thence S 36 1-4 W 5.31 chains to a stone, thence S 14 1-2 W 5 chains to a stone, thence N 86 W 3 chains to a stake in the middle of the Buck Shoals road, thence with the road N 11 W 7.50 chains to a stake in the road where the old Buck Shoals road intersects the New Buck Shoals road corner to lots No. 9 and 10, thence with new Buck Shoals road N 38 E 3.28 chains, N 46 1-2 E 7.50 chains to a stake in the center of road in the old line, thence with the old line S 11 1-2 E 6.31 chains to the place of beginning containing six and three fourths (6 3-4) acres, more or less.

Second Tract—Lying on the West side of Hog pen branch adjoining lots 3, 4, 9, and 10. Beginning at a stake in Hog pen branch corner to lot No. 4 running thence with lot No. 4 N 85 W 18 chains to a stone in line of lot No. 3, thence with line of lot No. 3 S 6 E 13.25 chains to a stone in old line, thence W with old line S 85 E 7.30 chains crossing Hog Pen branch to a stone old corner, thence with old line S 86 E 2.27 chains to a stake and pointers in the small branch, thence down the branch N 16 1-2 W 3.38 chains to a stake in Hog Pen branch, thence down the middle of said branch as it meanders to the place of beginning, containing 16.8 acres, more or less. This the 31st day of Jan. 1928. G. O. HOLLAND, Trustee. 17-4t. T. J. MOSS, Attorney.

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION

North Carolina, Rutherford County.

In The Superior Court  
T. M. Harrill vs. J. B. Trout

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned by the superior court of Rutherford County in the above entitled action, I will, on

**MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1928**

at 12 o'clock, M., at the courthouse door in said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said J. B. Trout, the defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: That said lot or tract of land lying about one and one-half miles West of the town of Forest City and near No. 20 Highway, adjoining the lands of H. D. Phillips, et al, containing 8 1-3 acres and being the same land conveyed by a deed of trust in favor of The Forest City Building & Loan Association, which conveyance is of record in the office of the Register of Deeds, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description.

This the 1st day of February, 1928.  
W. C. HARDIN, Sheriff.

Ridings & Jones, Attorneys. 17-4t

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E. G. Stokes of Water Valley, Ky., has received from a man in Clovis, N. M., a check for \$100 in payment for goods sold forty years ago.

Walter Furr of Cabarrus County states that he made 1,700 pounds of seed cotton per acre on land that had been in lespepeza the year before. He used 600 pounds of fertilizer but states that before he began using lespepeza, he never made over one-half a bale of cotton per acre.

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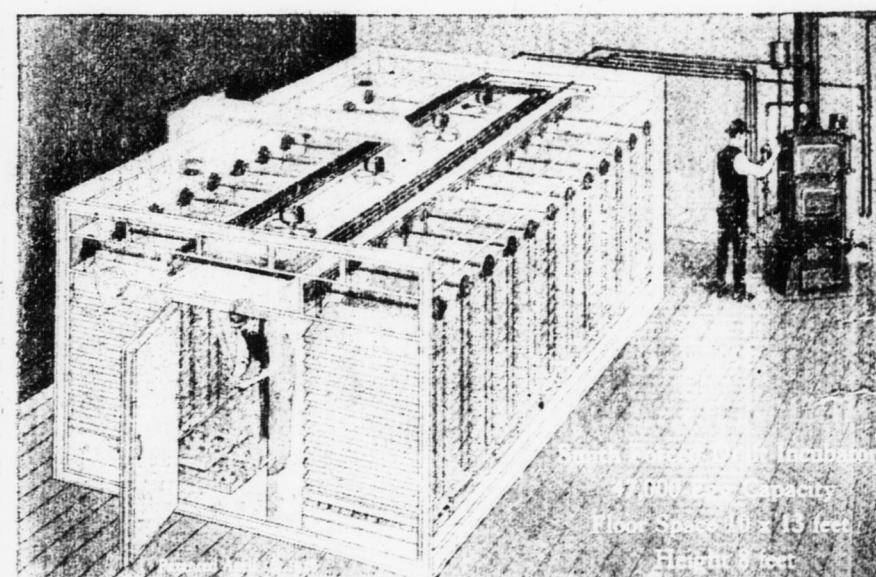
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