

OLD DOCUMENT IS WELL PRESERVED

Bound William Griffin As An Apprentice To David Dickey

Clarence Griffin, Rutherford County historian, has in his possession a very valuable old document. This document, dated October 18, 1805, is an agreement between Aaron Camp and David Dickey, whereby David Dickey agrees to take William Griffin, aged seven years, as an apprentice and teach him reading, writing and instruct him in the arts and mysteries of farming.

Mr. Griffin, who was the great-grandfather of Clarence Griffin, was an orphan in care of his relative, Aaron Camp, at that time. As was often done in those days Aaron Camp was binding William Griffin out to a farmer, David Dickey, to learn a trade. This document written in the old peculiar style of using crossed "s", reads as follows:

The Document

State of North Carolina.
"THIS INDENTURE, made the eighteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five and in the thirtieth year of the Independence of the said State, BETWEEN David Dickey, Esq., chairman of the one part and Aaron Camp of the other part, WITNESSETH, that the said David Dickey, Esq., chairman doth put, place and bind into the said

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SUDIE M. MORGAN IS RE-APPOINTED

Spindale Postmistress Receives Commission For Another Term

Spindale, Feb. 20.—Miss Sudie M. Morgan has been re-appointed as postmaster at the local office, as of February 13th, according to an announcement made Thursday from the postoffice department at Washington. The re-appointment was made by the President on recommendation of the Civil Service Commission.

Miss Morgan has served efficiently and well for about six years and it is a source of gratification to her many friends to learn of her re-appointment. Mr. Luther Sherrill is assistant postmaster.

CORN CRACKER'S CALLING

M. L. White, Cleveland County's widely known Corn Cracker, missed his calling in trying to eke out a living as a school teacher, according to many people. Instead, they say, he should have tried a little harder to eke out an existence as a newspaper man. H. Clay Ferree, who conducts the "Like It Or Not" column in The Hickory Record, comments as follows:

"It is becoming more and more evident that 'Corn Cracker' of Shelby missed his calling in his youth. One cannot read his corking letters, written merely as a sparetime diversion, without thinking what a wonderful journalist he would have made, had he managed to get ink on his fingers in his younger days."

"Corn Cracker" has been a regular contributor to the columns of The Courier and is a favorite with our readers. We hope to have many more letters from this versatile writer.

Aaron Camp, Erlando, commonly called William Griffin, computed to be seven years old with the said Aaron Camp to live after the manner of an apprentice and servant, until the said apprentice shall obtain the age of 21 years, during all which time the said apprentice his Master faithfully shall serve his lawful commands, every where gladly obey, he shall not at any time absent himself from his said Master's service without leave, but in all things, as a good and faithful servant, shall behave towards his said Master. And the said David Dickey doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Aaron Camp that he will teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, the said William Griffin to learn to read and write, and also the art and mystery of farming. "And that he will constantly find and provide for the said apprentice, during the term aforesaid, sufficient diet, washing, lodging and apparel, fitting for an apprentice; and also all other things necessary, both in sickness and in health. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

A. CAMP,
D. DICKEY.

"Seal and delivered in the presence of

R. LEWIS, C. C."

Well Preserved

In spite of the fact that this old document is over 122 years old, it is well preserved and can be easily read.

In later years Mr. Griffin became register of deeds of Rutherford County, an office he held from 1822 to 1865, being replaced by the Reconstruction government. He was the third man to hold this office in Rutherford County and held it for a longer period than any man before that date or since.

Mr. Griffin was also active in the free school movement and was associated with the school board in the county nearly half a century. At one time he owned several thousand acres of land in Cool Springs Township and owned many slaves. The War Between the States left him with but little, and he later lost much of the land in court litigation.

Three of his sons were Confederate soldiers. One was killed in 1863 and another in 1864 while the third survived the five years of war and returned home and built a modest fortune on the ruins of the old system and reared a large family.

William L. Griffin died in 1892 at the age of 94 years.

CORN CRACKER ON VALENTINE DAY

February is Rich In Hallowed Birthdays, Says Cleveland Sage

Editor Courier:—As all who know me as an individual and a writer for publication are aware, I go strong on holidays and time-honored omens and prognostications.

Today, by common consent, is sacred to St. Valentine, the patron-saint of lovers and is likewise the date to indicate whether or not we may expect a bountiful fruit crop.

By the way, February is rich in hallowed birthdates; and that reminds us that George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, as well as Thomas Edison and other celebrities first saw the light in February. We have no dispute as to place of birth and parentage of Washington; although some scurrilous ingrates of Tory tendencies try to malign and traduce his memory; but people consider the source and his memory glows with a more resplendent lustre as the day go by.

As to Abraham Lincoln, every irresponsible prevaricator has a different unsupported tradition, and a bunch of uncertain and irresponsible "grannies" who remember and "nussed" him. There are at least seven "Linkern Hills,"—as many different disreputable daddies,—and anywhere from seven to a baker's dozen log cabins and some ten natal counties for this massive, brown-handed giant. Every man who has no just claim to eminence tries to claim illegitimate relationship with this immortal Emancipator by tarnishing the reputation of his Mother who has proven her claim to lawful marriage and a life of chastity by convincing proofs.

As a legend of weather wise lore,—tradition brings forward the claim that if February 14th is cloudy and misty a good fruit crop may be expected. This was a murky morning and the eaves and boughs of trees were dripping. As 1927 was a very barren fruit year, it is to be hoped that the Goddess Pomona will hearken to petition of fruit lovers.

As your readers are perhaps aware, the friends of popular education have been granted an election providing for a term of eight months in Cleveland and Gaston counties; and those for and against are girding their loins for the conflict. I am numbered among the prophets in favor of the measure, and every supine snob who imagines himself rich by reason of inheriting lands that were accumulated by the unrequited toil of slaves feel that I and other "furriners" should be muzzled. These disreputable and slimy charges against the mother of Lincoln were dug up by that class, while Jefferson Davis, being a product of the slave oligarchy, is admitted as a citizen of Kentucky, born in lawful wedlock. The proofs are as well authenticated by reliable biography and history as to Lincoln; but a todaying, grovelling nature holds vulgar and accidental wealth above poverty and merit. If I in the most courteous manner declare myself in favor of better educational conditions, I am maligned for ulterior motives. I must wait until "the best people" are heard from. That means the imbeciles who inherited wealth, or the despicable characters who acquired it by underhand and questionable means. Let the peasantry maul the frogsponds while royalty sleeps, is their motto. That condition prevailed in France; and finally the poor people tore up the pavements, the heads of royalty bounced from the guillotine,—while the streets of Paris ran blood. A man of sense and breadth will tolerate liberty of speech and opinion. Some of my best friends oppose eight months' school but they have the same right to oppose the measure that I have to favor the enterprise. I oppose Al Smith for President; but men as patriotic and intelligent as I favor his election. Some unmitigated and idiotic snobs regards it as arch treason for "Corn Cracker" to help vote a tax on best people,"—and flippantly ask, "How much tax does he pay?" When World War was declared, he offered at sixty years of age, to be a boy in the trenches,—and three of his sons volunteered. Was he asked about that war? Permit me here to say, that any one who makes or has ever made the charge that my offer of enlistment was a play either to the galleries or to the grand stand, is very economical with the truth.

CORN CRACKER.

Shelby, R-5, N. C.

MULTIPLE TICKETS SOLD BY SOUTHERN

NEW PLAN REDUCES COST OF TRAVEL BY TRAIN.

ATLANTA, GA.—Introducing an entirely new plan by which persons, who have frequent occasion to make trips between two points which are not more than 200 miles apart, are given the benefit of reduced rates for travel by train, the Southern Railway System on February 15th placed multiple trip tickets on sale at all its ticket offices.

These tickets are sold in books good for 10, 20 or 30 rides, the rate for the 10-ride tickets being 25 cents per mile, for the 20-ride tickets two cents per mile, and for the 30-ride tickets 1.8 cents per mile. As an illustration, where the one-way fare is \$1.00, the 10-ride ticket is sold for \$7.35, the 20-ride ticket for \$11.55, and the 30-ride ticket for \$15.75, a similar reduction being made for all points between which these tickets apply.

WHIPPET STILL MAKES PROGRESS

Well informed automobile men continue to accord the Whippet the quality leadership in the light car field. They base this admission of superiority on the high standard of performance that has made this car conspicuous in the Whippet field since its initial introduction more than 19 months ago, and by a comparison with automobiles of other makers selling in the same price field.

More than 150,000 of these modern light four-cylinder cars are now in the hands of drivers, it being estimated that they have traveled a total of nearly 1-2 billion miles. Notable records for speed, power, stamina, fuel economy and serviceability have been established by the Whippet over the 19-month period.

It is further pointed out that the Whippet, when it was first introduced into the motor car buyers embraced certain features in light car engineering which it was declared would set a new trend in the type of the feature car in this class. These features included four-wheel brakes, low center of gravity, full force lubrication, gravity fuel system, oil and fuel economy, greater power with increased speed range, roomy interiors, greater comfort, and a generally higher standard of performance throughout.

A survey of the recent models introduced in the light car field disclosed that they have followed the trend first established by the Whippet, embracing certain features, distinctly Whippet. A complete analysis, however, discloses that the Whippet continues to embrace qualities and features that are lacking in other cars selling in the same or nearby price class, according to statement given The Courier by Mr. W. L. Horn, local dealer of this city.

HINTS ON HATCHING AND BROODING CHICKS

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Poultry growers of North Carolina are now preparing for hatching and brooding the spring chicks. To give timely suggestions about how this had best be done, C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist at State College has prepared a few condensed suggestions which will be of interest to all growers.

- In hatching, he suggests:
1. Select large well-formed eggs that are uniform in shape, size and color.
 2. Collect hatching eggs often in cold weather.
 3. Store where temperature will stay around 40 to 60 degrees.
 4. Do not incubate eggs over ten days old.
 5. Locate incubator in cellar, basement or some dark place where the sunlight is not directly on the machine; Have no draft on the machine.
 6. Provide plenty of good ventilation.
 7. Level the machine after thoroughly disinfecting the trays and the machine in general.
 8. Regulate at the desired temperature before placing eggs in machine.
 9. Operate the incubator according to the manufacturer's directions.
 10. Keep an eye on the temperature. Do not let it vary.
 11. A greater percent of the hatch depends on the operator rather than on the machine, other things being equal.
 12. Turn the eggs at least three times each day, beginning on the third day and ending on the morning of the 18th day.
 13. Candle the eggs on the 7th and 14th days, using the infertile eggs

for feed but boil for 20 minutes before feeding to prevent the spread of bacillary white diarrhea.

In brooding, Mr. Parrish suggests:

1. Harden the chicks by barely cracking the door of the incubator before moving to the brooder.
2. Leave chicks in the incubator one day after hatch is over if possible.
3. Have brooder started one day previous to arrival of chicks. Get it so regulated that the temperature under the canopy will be 100 degrees at six inches from the outside.
4. Do not feed chicks too early—not before 60 or 72 hours. The abdomen must be flabby or soft before feeding or bad results will follow.
5. Do not crowd the chicks; 350 is enough for any brooder except the hot water equipment.
6. Sharp, coarse sand as grit should be under the canopy but not fine sand.
7. Supply plenty of sour milk in a container where the chicks cannot get wet. Do not use a tin receptacle.
8. Feed sparingly the first week but feed often—five time a day.
9. Leave mash before the chicks after the first week.
10. Reduce the temperature of the brooder as fast as the comfort of the chicks will permit.
11. If weather permits, get chicks out in the sunshine at the end of the first week.
12. Green feed is just as important as any feed; so give it from start. This must be finely chopped. Tender clover, chick grass, rye, oats, rape or barley may be used.
13. Be clean; burn all dead chicks, pen off the sick ones; leave off a majority of the patent medicines and you will do well.

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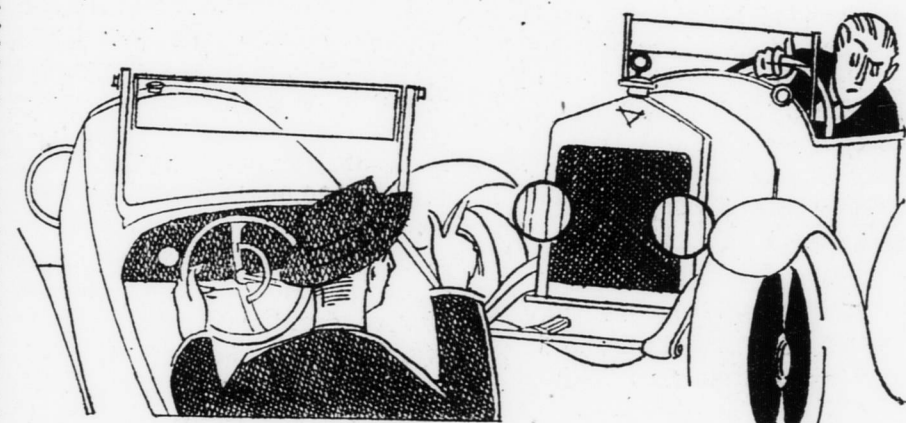
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