

Some Revolutionary Heroes of Rutherford

Incidents of The Revolutionary Period in Rutherford County and Sketches of Some of the Participants.

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PART TWO

Lieut. Thomas McCulloch

Lieut. Thomas McCulloch was mortally wounded at Kings Mountain and is buried in Brittain cemetery. McCulloch was a lieutenant under Gen. William Campbell, of Virginia, at the battle of Kings Mountain. He had long been prominent among the border men of Holston, in Virginia. Though only a lieutenant, he commanded a company at Kings Mountain, and was mortally wounded in the battle. He died while the army was at Col. John Walker's plantation, near present Logan Station, on October 12, 1780, five days after the battle. Due to poor transportation methods his body was interred in Brittain cemetery, nearby. A few years later William (Uncle Billy) Watson, who had participated in the battle at Kings Mountain, secured a small soapstone rock, and carved thereon in crude letters the following:

"Here lies the body of Lieut. Thomas McCulloch, Belonging to Col. Cambel's Regt., Va., who lost this life in and for the honourable just and riteous cause of liberty at the defeating of Col. Fargerson's infamous company of bandits at Kings Mountain in October, 1780."

Although "Uncle Billy" Watson's spelling was not so good, his intentions were, and thanks to his unselfish service to a fellow soldier, the identity of McCulloch's grave has been preserved to posterity. The writer recently made application to the War Department for a government headstone to replace the present inadequate soapstone marker at the head of his grave.

The name of McCulloch also appears on the new monument erected by the United States Government on the Kings Mountain battle ground.

William Watson.

William Watson participated in the engagement at Cane Creek, in Burke county, N. C., September 13, 1780, and perhaps other engagements. He died January 9, 1854, at the age of 95 years, and is buried in Brittain cemetery.

Cornelius Clements.

Cornelius Clements, a soldier of the Revolution, is buried in Camp Creek Baptist cemetery, upper Rutherford county, and his grave is unmarked. According to Hon. George Biggerstaff, Mr. Clements was born in the year 1758 and died in 1861, at the advanced age of 102 or 103 years.

Mr. Biggerstaff recalls, that as a very small boy, he visited Mr. Clements on a few occasions. One visit that yet stands out clear in his mind as an event was made to the Clements home one summer day. Mr. Clements was sitting in the door, with a home-made fly swatter, made from a straight stick with an old shoe tongue fastened to it—and was swatting flies.

According to the State Records, Vol. 22, page 60, Cornelius Clements drew a pension for services as a private in the Revolution.

Samuel Andrews.

Samuel Andrews was born in 1750 and died in 1810 at the age of sixty years. He is buried in Brittain cemetery. He saw some service in the Revolution. Lieut. Anthony Allaire, of Ferguson's corps, refers to him in his diary, in October, 1780, as "stopping at the Rebel Samuel Andrews' plantation."

John Watson.

John Watson was a captain in the Revolutionary War. He resided near Brittain church, and is buried in the Brittain cemetery. The inscription on his tombstone is as follows: "In Memory of John Watson, who Died July 19, 1812; aged 59 years. He was A Captain in The Revolution."

John Miller.

John Miller, a Revolutionary soldier and member of the General Assembly was born in 1758. His experience in the Revolution was varied, and he participated in a number of engagements. He was elected to the house of commons, and represented Rutherford county two terms, in 1801 and 1803. He is buried in

the Miller-Twitty cemetery, on Mountain Creek, three miles west of Rutherfordton. The inscription on his tombstone reads: "John Miller. Died April 30, 1807. AE 49 years, 3 months, 18 days." He was the father of Hon. William J. T. Miller, who also took a prominent part in political circles in the county at a later date.

John Miller's wife, Susannah Twitty, is buried beside her husband. She is known to history as the "Heroine of Graham's Fort," and Draper, in his "Kings Mountain and its Heroes" devotes nearly two pages in recounting her heroic part in the defense of that fort during the height of The Revolution.

Road Officials Locating Highway

Prospects are good for a state highway leading from Shelby through Nos. 2 and 1 township connecting with the hard surface road at or below Cliffside and leading to Spartanburg, S. C. Highway Commissioner A. M. Kistler of Morganton, and District Engineer J. W. Noell, of Marion, came to Shelby this morning to confer with A. E. Cline, chairman of the county board of commissioners and a delegation from the Kiwanis club.

The party will look over the route from Shelby through Sharon and Boiling Springs, the Lovelace bridge across Broad river and the road leading into No. 1 township.

A new highway to serve Nos. 2 and 1 townships has been assured by the highway officials but the routing is problematical. The purpose of the visit of these officials today is to determine somewhat on the route.—Cleveland Star.

State Farm Convention Announced For July

The annual meeting of the State Farmers' Convention and the State Federation of Home Demonstration clubs will be held at State college, Raleigh, July 29 to August 1, and will be followed during the next week, August 4 to 9, by the annual short course for 4-H club members.

"We expect to have the program of the Farm Convention completed by the second week in June and printed by the first week in July," says Dean I. O. Schaub, secretary of the convention this year. "Our opening meeting will be held in Pullen Hall, Tuesday morning, July 29, at ten o'clock. From then until the convention closes on Friday, there will be an interesting round of lectures, demonstrations and amusement. We hope to report on progress of the live-at-home campaign and to measure the adoption of the long time program of agricultural work which was prepared at the last convention."

Dean Schaub says there is a strong likelihood that A. M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture for the United States, will attend. Mr. Hyde was invited some months ago and though he has not yet given his consent, Dean Schaub expects his attendance. Last year about 1,000 men and equally as many women registered for the convention. It is expected that a larger number will attend this year. The college is preparing for the meeting much in advance this time so that a better program and better facilities may be assured.

B. B. Everett, of Palmyra, president of the convention this year, has held several conferences with Dean Schaub, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, Mrs. Estelle T. Smith and C. A. Sheffield relative to the program. Mr. Everett is taking an active interest in the convention and says he wants it to be one of the best in the long history of the organization.

Only three weeks are left for entry into the Atlantic Coast Line five-acre corn contest. This contest is open to any farmer in the thirty-three counties bordering the lines of this company.

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