

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 FIVE

James Lee.

James Lee was born and reared in Virginia, and came to Rutherford county before the Revolution. He married Mary Chisholm, of Virginia. His family was connected with that of Gen. Robert E. Lee. He fought at Kings Mountain and at Cowpens, and was severely wounded at the latter place, and was carried to his home some fifteen miles distant. While on a furlough he received a letter from General Pickens commending him for his bravery in that engagement. His daughter, Cassandra, married William Baxter, and a large number of Rutherford county people are direct descendants of

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Col. David Musick.

Col. David Musick, son of Sarah and Abraham Musick, was born in Albemarle county, Va., in 1763; was two years of age when his father moved from Virginia to South Carolina. In 1776 his father moved to Rutherford county, N. C., where he remained until the year 1794. In the spring of 1777, during the Revolutionary war, the Cherokee Indians became very troublesome and the family all moved into forts, where they remained until David was sixteen years of age. He then entered the service of the then colonies and continued until the close of the war in 1781. The most part of his time he spent on the frontiers fighting the Indians—one year of the time as a ranger. Three times he assisted in burning the towns of the Cherokee Indians. He was in a great many skirmishes and battles and was in the battle of Guilford court house, N. C., under General Green.

He moved to the state of Illinois, where he married Prudence Whitesides, daughter of Dr. James Whitesides of Rutherford county, at Whiteside Station, Ill., in 1794. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and raised a company of mounted horsemen to serve on the frontier, he being at that time colonel of the county of St. Louis.

He died in St. Louis county, Mo., in 1837, leaving nine children. (Genealogy of the Lewis families in America, pp. 194-195).

Richard Singleton.

Richard Singleton was born in Brunswick county, Va., about 1750, and settled in Rutherford county before the Revolution. He led a company against the Scotch-Tories; acted as major in 1780, at Earle's Ford, Cane Creek and Kings Mountain; and on a campaign against the Cherokees in March, 1782. He served in both houses of the state legislature, in the convention of 1783, held at Hillsboro, and as sheriff of Rutherford county. Near the close of the eighteenth century he moved to Lincoln county, Kentucky, where he died at an advanced age. (Draper's "Kings Mountain and its Heroes.")

Singleton did not serve as sheriff of Rutherford county, as Draper states. He was a member of the state senate from Rutherford county in 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793 and 1794, and served in the house of representatives from Rutherford county in 1783, 1784, 1785 and 1787.

David Miller.

David Miller and his wife, Mary Kerr, and five children, sailed from Ireland to America, about the year 1764, and settled in old Tryon, now Rutherford county, says Mr. H. L. Carpenter. In Moore's "Life of Gen. Edward Lacey," he says they emigrated to American in 1760. Miller accumulated something like thirty thousand acres of land in Rutherford county. He was entry taker for Rutherford county, being appointed to that position in 1779, and represented the county in the general assembly in 1781. He was also a surveyor and a man of considerable importance. He was a soldier in the Revolution, being a member of, and acted as chaplain, in Lieut. Sam Hammond's South Carolina Regiment. He was a true Hibernian Whig, and ardent in the cause of liberty. In 1780, having been called upon as a Presbyterian elder, uttered the following prayer:

"Good Lord, our God that art in heaven, we have a reason to thank Thee for the many favors we have received at Thy hands, the many battles that we have won: There is the great and glorious battle of Kings Mountain where we kilt the great General Ferguson, and took his whole army, and the great battles of Ramsour's and Williams, and the ever memorable and glorious battle of Cowpens, where we made the proud General Tarleton run helter-skelter and good Lord, if ye had na' suffered

the cruel Tories to burn Billy Hill's iron works we would na ha' asked any more favors at Thy hands.—Amen."—(Moore's "Life of General Edward Lacey.")

The above prayer was read by Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, at the Kings Mountain Centennial, October 7, 1880.

Mr. Miller followed farming on a large scale, which netted him an abundance of this world's goods. Mr. H. L. Carpenter, of Rutherfordton, states that Mr. Miller died April 20, 1803, at the age of 78 years.

INFANT DEAD.

Spindale, June 9.—A daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Dalton, Saturday night, was buried Sunday afternoon in Polk county. The child lived only a few moments after birth.

FINDS TARANTULA.

Spindale, June 9.—Mr. Ollie McDaniel, manager of the Spencer Commissary, found a full grown tarantula Friday in a bunch of bananas. Mr. McDaniel pulled a banana from the bunch, and feeling something scratching his hand, opened it and found the tarantula. The huge spider was placed in a glass bottle, and is being exhibited at the Commissary.

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FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. C. E. HAMRICK

Young Mt. Pleasant Woman, Aged 25 Years, Died Saturday After Five Months of Illness.

Forest City, R-1, June 9.—Mrs. Jennie Sue Hamrick, wife of Mr. C. E. Hamrick, died at her home on this route Saturday after an illness of five months. Mrs. Hamrick, aged 25 years, had been suffering from cancer.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Mt. Pleasant (R) Baptist church, with her pastor, Rev. I. N. Kimbrough, in charge. Interment took place in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Mrs. Hamrick is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCurry, her husband, Mr. C. E. Hamrick, three small children, Clarence, Ella Mae and Howard, and the following brothers and sisters, Messrs. John McCurry, Clyde McCurry and Lee McCurry, all of Alexander, Mrs. A. D. Abernethy, of Alexander and Miss Georgia McCurry, of Forest City.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Guilford Culbreth, Howard Freeman, Memory Freeman, Dennis Tate, Norman Tate and Dan Christie. Flower bearers were Misses Ruth Freeman, Iris McCurry, Melba McCurry, Myrtle Silver, Lillie Mae Tate, Mrs. E. Smith, Miss Pearl Silver, Miss Glenn Tate.

Mrs. Hamrick was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, where she joined eight years ago. She was a good woman, a good mother and a good neighbor, and was loved by all who knew her.

He Will Do.

She: What a pity it is that handsome men are always conceited.

He: Not always, little girl, I'm not.

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They All Do.

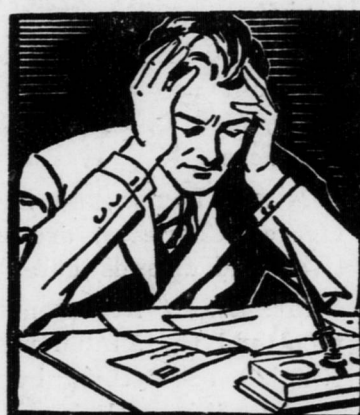
Prof.—How would you punctuate the sentence "Mary is a pretty girl?" Student—Why, er—I'd make a dash after Mary.

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