

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 TWELVE.

Major John Lewis.

Major John Lewis, the third son of John Lewis and his wife, Sarah Taliaferro, was born in 1757 in Albemarle county, Virginia. He volunteered under Captain Marks, of Charlottesville, Va., soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary war, and continued in service until peace was made. At one time during the war it was three years that he never slept on a bed nor was on horseback. Part of the time he belonged to the regiment that was detailed as a body guard to General Lafayette. He was in the principal battles fought in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and was at the battles of Monmouth, Brandywine, Stony Point, Germantown and lastly was present at the ever memorable surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va.

He was a blacksmith by trade, and after the close of the Revolution he emigrated and settled on Mountain Creek, in Rutherford county, N. C., adjoining the farm owned by his brother Charles. At one time there were three offices in the county held by the Lewis brothers: John Lewis was sheriff, Charles Lewis was a member of the Legislature and Richard Lewis was clerk of the county court.

Some years afterwards Fed Alley was elected sheriff of Rutherford county. Major John Lewis and others went on his bond as securities for the faithful performance of his duties as sheriff. Fed Alley failed and his securities had the bond to pay. This broke up Major John Lewis. He then sold his farm to Ben Hyder, Jr., and settled on Green River in Rutherford county. About the year 1786 he married Anne Berry Earle, sister of Gen. Baylis Earle and a daughter of John Earle and his wife Thomasin Earle. Anne Earle was born in 1763. Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis had some eight or ten children but only reared seven.

In 1836 Major John Lewis and his wife moved and settled near Adairsville, in Cass County, Georgia, where he and his wife sank in peace to their final resting place, he on November 4, 1840, and she on October 19, 1845, and were buried at the Baptist church near Adairsville, Ga. (Genealogy of the Lewis Family in America, pp 216-18, by Lewis).

George Lewis.

At the January, 1782, term of the court of pleas and quarter sessions it was ordered that "George Lewis be recommended to the General Assembly by this court as an object of charity, who has been a friend to his country and through the distress and calamity of war, together with the smallpox, has lost his sight."

Isaac and George Suttle.

Isaac Suttle was born in Virginia, probably about 1740. He served in the Virginia state militia and in the Continental line, according to family records, but the branch of service, company and regiment is unknown. He came to Rutherford county, with his son, shortly after the Revolution. He died sometime after 1812, as he served as a juror at the April term, 1812 superior court.

George Suttle, a son of Isaac Suttle, was also born in Virginia and according to family records served in the Virginia State militia. He removed, with his father, after the Revolution to Rutherford county and settled near the present "Carpenter Brick House" in Sulphur Springs Township. He purchased land in Sulphur Springs and High Shoals Townships in 1787. He later purchased two other tracts of land adjoining the first, which lay on both sides of Floyd's Creek. About 1808 he built what is now known as the Carpenter Brick House, where he resided until his death, which occurred about March, 1816.

Both were farmers. They are buried on a wooded hill, about one half mile north of the Carpenter Brick house, but no stones mark their graves.

Allen Hinson.

The minutes of the Rutherford County Court of Pleas and Quarter

Ellenboro School Opens August 4th

Ellenboro, July 28.—The fall term of the Ellenboro High school will begin August 4th, with bright prospects and with an efficient corps of teachers. The school is headed by Prof. Curtis Price as principal, a graduate of Duke University; Prof. A. B. Bushong, graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Louis W. Nanney, coach and high school teacher, Wake Forest College; Miss Mary C. Thompson, high school teacher, Queens college, Charlotte; Miss Velma Mayse, Asheville Normal college; Mrs. Curtis Price, from East Carolina College; Miss Lillian Street, Asheville Normal College; Mrs. Alice Edwards Smart, Mooresboro, Carolina College, Cullowhee; Miss Ruth Anderson, Rutherfordton; Miss Lucinda Chandler, Candler, both educated at Asheville Normal College; Mrs. Eula Miller, Waco, Baylor College; Miss Nancy Snyder, Greenwood, S. C., Lander College. The Home Economics teacher, Miss Dailey Baker, from Melton, finished at N. C. College for Women, at Greensboro.

R. W. EAVES PROMOTED.

Spindale, July 28.—Mr. R. Wendell Eaves, former principal of the Spindale Elementary school will go to Charlottesville, Va., this week to enter the summer school at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Eaves will be assistant principal of a high school in the suburbs of Baltimore, Md., next year. He will also study some at John Hopkins University. Mr. Eaves is an ambitious and most reliable young man.

You can see more for five cents on a street car today than you could in the nineties for fifty cents at a Variety Show.

J. W. BEASON GOES HOME.

Rutherfordton, July 28.—Ex-Sheriff J. W. Beason, who has been ill at the hospital for some time was able to go to his home here Wednesday of last week. His many friends will be glad to know of his continued improvement.

Ice cream freezers, oil stoves, camp equipment and other hot weather necessities at Farmers Hardware Co.

O. M. MULL HEADS N. C. DEMOCRATS

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Raleigh—Speakers Call For Aggressive Fight in State.

Raleigh, July 28.—The state democratic executive committee in a spirited meeting here Wednesday night re-elected Odus M. Mull chairman, chose Mrs. Thomas O'Berry of Goldsboro, vice chairman and prepared for an "aggressive and militant" campaign to "the uttermost parts of the state."

Enthusiastic in spite of the sweltering heat, the committee elected its officers by acclamation and then listened to brief speeches by party chieftains—Governor O. Max Gardner, J. W. Bailey and others.

Governor Gardner praised the party's principles and urged its leaders this fall to wage a militant offensive, commencing, "at Jerusalem—at home—thence to Samaria and the uttermost part of the state."

Predicts Bailey Victory.

He spoke briefly, lauding Mr. Bailey, the party's nominee for the United States senate, and predicted for him a "great democratic victory."

Mr. Bailey declared the democratic party in the state was "never more united and never more confident of justice of its cause." He called upon it to regain "every county and every congressional district that was lost in 1928."

"We must redeem the tenth district and we must redeem the ninth

district," he asserted, urging the voters to pile up an overwhelming democratic majority in endorsement of the "able and successful administration of Governor Gardner and his party."

Mrs. Jerman In Chair.

Chairman Mull called the committee to order in the hall of the house of representatives promptly at 8:30 p. m. He appointed W. C. Coughenour of Salisbury and R. O. Self of Raleigh secretaries and called upon Mrs. T. Palmer Jerman of Raleigh, national democratic committeewoman, to preside as temporary chairman.

Dr. E. Delia Dixon-Carroll of Raleigh placed Mr. Mull's name in nomination for re-election, and the nomination was quickly seconded by R. A. Patton of Franklin, in behalf of Macon county's complete vote.

A motion then was made and enthusiastically carried that Mr. Mull be elected by acclamation. A rising vote followed.

Mull Predicts Victory.

Mr. Mull again took the gavel and pledged himself to the party and

predicted a big victory this fall by "hard work and just deserts."

"We are going to win," he declared "by work and because we deserve to win." He called upon members of his committee to go to work in their own home counties and prepare for a sweeping state wide victory.

COUNTY WARDEN RESIGNS.

Rutherfordton, July 28.—Mr. W. J. Hardin, County Game, Fish and Forest Fire Warden has resigned, effective September 1, 1930. Those who are interested in these things should urge Mr. Hardin to keep the work, as he has made a faithful Warden and has done much for the fish and game life of this county and has been an important factor in checking forest fires.

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