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medely of inconsistencies. Could I write in tears of blood the many failures, backslidings and sures of a saint or sinner; but thanks be to Him that opens and no man can shut, who did not entirely abandon and forsake me in that state of tion to press forward through fears without and fightings within, and often times like a lost sheep wandering on dangerous ground, has brought me back to the fold again, and by the grace of God I am what I am.

As this narrative of my passage I have been more copious on the so severe and Tories all around. Not to wander on foreign and forbidden ground.

The wages of sin is death, and be assured a man's sin will find him out Relieves a Headache or Neuralgia in If they have been the chief of sinners, so am I; if they are backsliders, so have I been; if they are struggling and striving for victory over a corrupt heart and degenerate nature, so am I, at this time, and have a hope that through the broad righteousness of our Great Redeemer's merits, I shall in the end arrive on the shores of a happy immortality; and (oh! transporting throught) if the father and mother, sons and daughters, would be participants of that happy region, what a happy consolation beyond expression to be found worthy.

"With rapturous awe, on Him to gaze, who taught the light

And shout and wonder at His Grace through all eterni-

If this be read with the same interest and feeling with which it is written, I trust it will not lose its

Having given a concise view of my times so far, I return to the narrative as it relates to my further progress through life.

I continued at my father's as a home for about sixteen months under the pressure of a wounded and broken spirit, rather in a state of despondency, spending my time without much effect. The war now raging in its utmost violence, I was occasionally with the Whig or Liberty party, though took no commissions as I might have had. The county of Rutherford was at this time stricken off from Tryon, and made a new county. I was appointed Clerk of Court in October 1779, which brought me into business.

After some time, my spirits began to revive and gradually emancipate me from under my drooping sittation, and viewing myself as a young man and must travel through life on some ground, thought it best to marry and become a citizen of the world once more. Accordingly, after some preliminary acquaintance. I was married to Isabella Henry on the 10th of January, 1780, in the 27th year of my age and the 17th of hers, a daughter of William Henry, Esquire, of York, South Carolina. Mr. Henry was a reputable citizen, a plain, honest, reputable character; was a member of the Legislature, and was one of the first settlers in the frontiers of the Carolinas. He raised a reputable family of sons, all of whom took an active part in the Revolutionary War; of a decided military character, in-

vincible courage, feared no danger, l

Grandfather Henry (it is assertand always ready for the most event-

done; but since that period my family in Ireland, the only son of his in Washington County, Tennessee, course through life has been such father, who possessed a large es- waiting there the events of the war. father married a second wife, and from the Western waters, under the er, eloped from his father about 18 (Shelby), Sevier and Cleveland, self indulgences of which I have years of age, came to America and marched through the mountains, suffered myself to be the victim, I never returned to ask for his heredit- joined a few militia from North and could not describe the heartfelt in- ary inheritance. He settled in Au- South Carolina, under the command quietudes I have experienced as the gusta county, in Virginia, there mar- cf Col. Williams and Col. Hamconsequences; and in truth confess ried your grandmother Isabella Mc- bright. A battle was fought on that sinning and repenting has fill-Kown, of a good family. My ac-Kings Mountain 1st (7th) of October ed up the measure of my days, which quaintance with her enables me to 1780, where a complete victory was I lament and deplore before Him say she was a woman of the first obtained by the Americans, being all that knows my heart, and regret with class in her time and her day. She militia, over the British Regulars, the deepest sensibility that I was died about the age of 56. Mr. Hen- and Tories, command by Major Fernot more faithful and watchful and ry removed to Carolina about 75 guson, who was shot from his horse, grace-given and not permitted the or 80 years past, and resided in bravely exhorting his men. Seven old traitor without, combined with York District, South Carolina, for bullets went through his body, it was my own traitorous within, to place 65 years, and died at the advanced said. He was a brave and merito:me on the dark mountains of un- age of 102 years, a complete cen- ious officer from Scotland, and it belief, and left me neither the plea- tury, which one in ten thousand nev- was well he was killed to prevent his er arrives to. Thus you have a trans- loing more mischief. ient account of both the paternal double rebellion, but gave me such but have something more to relate as ed by our troops commanded by Gen. intimations of His Grace as enabled respects my further progress through Morgan over Col. Tarlton and his me to maintain a habitual dispositionism world, where woods and wild legions of horse and regulars. These tempting with forbidden fruit.

marriage, happy in the woman of my ty pursued them throughout the rechoice, and believe I could not have mainder of the War, until Cornwalselected a better had I traveled and lis was taken at little York in Virtraveled till this day. I resided at ginia, which was the last battle through life may be read by my my father's and father-in-law's al- fought between the Americans and children while I am mingling with ternatively for a while; no place a British in the Revolutionary War. the dust I have trodden for 73 years, home, but in camp, the War being

experimental part (for their encour- | Charleston, S. C., was taken by agement) that if any of them should the British the 12th of May, 1780, Creek. Betsy was born in September, travel the same thorny road I solemn- after which temporary victory and 1782. I removed in a year to the Eyes Examined, Glasses fitted and ly warn them of the danger of de- encouraged by the Tories they ad- mouth of Green River, settled, cultiviating from the narrow path of vanced up the country with the rectitude of virtue and religion greatest rapidity, overran the coun-

Scuth Carolina. Myself with many others were compelled to retreat over the mountains to Watauga and Holstein in Tennesse for refuge. I took my wife and property with me, ard had to take a circuitous route by the head of Yadkin River through the Flour Gap, by New River to the prevail on me to do what I have since ed) was descended from a wealthy head of Holstein down to Watauga tate. His mother dying young, his At length an army of volunteers he not liking so well his next moth- command of Cols. Campbell, Shelley

> In February (January) following, and maternal line of your ancestors. the battle of the "Cowpens" was so far as my information extends; fought, and a complete victory gainpromiscuous shoot, and gardens two victories were a decisive blow to the British arms in that section I was highly gratified in my second of the Country, and the same fatali-

In April, 1781, I returned to Rutherford, built a cabin on my father's land at the mouth of Cane vated my farm and attended to the

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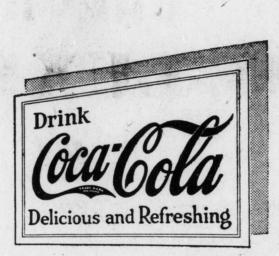
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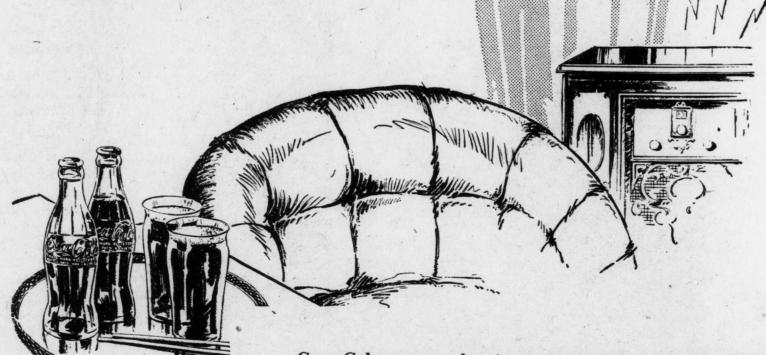
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