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THE WIDENHOUSE REUNION.

A Delightful Occasion Tuesday—About 250 Present.

One of the most delightful occasions that has occurred in some time was the reunion Tuesday of the descendants of the Widenhouse family. This occurred at the old Martin Widenhouse homestead in No. 9 township. There was a large crowd present, the size being variously estimated at from 250 to 300.

In the morning an excellent address was made by Rev. W. T. Albright, of Monroe, whose wife is a daughter of the late Mr. W. M. Widenhouse. At 12 o'clock a big dinner was served, spread on a big table 100 feet long in the yard. It was filled, of course, with all the good things that could be thought of, and when the large crowd had satisfied its hunger, there was plenty to spare.

In the afternoon an address was made by Mr. Paul F. Widenhouse, which was principally a history of the Widenhouse family and connections. Rev. J. A. J. Farrington, of Concord, also made a few appropriate remarks.

The large crowd was treated to a watermelon feast by Mr. Jno. W. Widenhouse, which was enjoyed immensely.

Mr. Martin Widenhouse and his wife, the father and mother of the Widenhouse family in this section, (being the great grandfather of our Clerk of Court) came here direct from Germany, and settled in No. 9 township. There has sprung from this sturdy German stock a family of excellent people who are among our very best citizens.

He came from Germany about 1778 and settled in the eastern part of No. 9 township. The second dwelling which he built in 1808, near the site of the first one is still standing, this being the dwelling, with additions which have been torn away, in which Martin Widenhouse, Jr., lived from boyhood till his death, about 14 years ago, at the age of 93 years.

Martin Widenhouse, Sr., married a widow by the name of Sally Koon, May 11th, 1801. Her maiden name was Garver, her people having come from Germany to Pennsylvania and there she married a Mr. Deberry. By this marriage they had one daughter, Catherine, who married a Mr. Teeter, the mother of Timothy Teeter, deceased.

She came to this country about 1790 and married a Mr. Koon, who died soon thereafter leaving no children. Martin Widenhouse, Sr., had three children, one dying in infancy, Martin Widenhouse, Jr., and Sophia, who married Daniel Furr and was the mother of Moses M. Furr, Daniel Furr and others.

Martin Widenhouse, Jr., married Lucressa Stallings, a sister to the late Matthew Stallings, Esq. He had seven children, namely: Mary, who died when about grown; Sarah, who married A. M. Furr, and who died two years ago; W. M. Widenhouse, who died about three years ago; D. M. Widenhouse, who has been dead several years; Jno. W. and Paul F. Widenhouse, Mrs. Laura Cox, wife of A. M. Cox. The last three are living.

It is proposed to erect a monument to the first Mr. and Mrs. Widenhouse to be erected at the old place. This will cost \$100 of which \$55 has already been subscribed.

Death of Mr. Asa Linker.

Mr. Asa Linker, an aged citizen of No. 2 township, died Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. William F. Whitley, with whom he had made his home for some time. His death was caused by dropsy. He had been in feeble health for some time and had been confined to his home for two months. He was 78 years of age. He leaves three sons and four daughters, namely: Messrs. Daniel, Isaac and John Linker, and Messdames Wm. Whitley, Evan Taylor, Brice Cochran and Lem Carter. His grandson, Mr. Jacob Garner, had been with him for some time. Mr. Linker was a brave Confederate soldier, and was a member of Co. A. For a number of years he lived on Mr. J. S. Harris' farm. He leaves two brothers, Messrs. Jackson and Moses Linker. The burial took place at Rocky Ridge Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

County Board of Elections.

The County Board of Elections met here Tuesday and organized by electing Mr. M. B. Stickle as chairman and Mr. Geo. H. Rutledge, secretary. Mr. J. Harvey Dorton is the other member of the board.

A petition was filed for change of voting place in No. 3 township. This has been at Gilwood, and it is proposed to move it to the school house.

The board will meet again next Friday at 4 o'clock p. m. at the court Friday at 4 o'clock p. m. at the court to present will please do so at that time.

ATTACHMENT PAPERS ARE TAKEN OUT.

T. F. Litaker and Samuel Murr, Two Concord Barbers Leave the City, and It Is Not Known Where They Are—Litaker's Real Estate Attached for Debt.

For several days the sudden disappearance from the city of two well known barbers has created considerable talk in and around the city. The barbers are Messrs. T. F. Litaker and Samuel Murr, and they have been missing ever since Saturday, August 6th. Their leaving was a complete surprise to their relatives and friends, as it was not known that they had any such intention. The facts leading up to their disappearance are about as follows:

Messrs. Litaker and Hathcock were joint owners of the Palace Barber Shop. Mr. Hathcock had agreed with Mr. Obas. Settemire to sell his half interest in the shop for \$250. While the trade was pending Hathcock went to Misenheimer Springs, for a few days stay. During his absence Litaker persuaded Settemire, so it is said, to buy his (Litaker's) half interest instead of Hathcock's, saying it would be entirely satisfactory with the latter. Supposing Litaker was representing the matter correctly to him, and that it would be all right, Settemire bought Litaker's interest, paying him \$250 cash for it. This was with the distinct understanding that Litaker and Murr were to remain and work in the shop. This trade was made Friday, August 5, and as stated Litaker and Murr left the city Saturday night.

When Mr. Hathcock returned to Concord he refused to go back to work in the shop feeling that he had been badly treated in the matter, and has since been working in the St. Cloud barber shop. Settemire, it is understood, will purchase Hathcock's half interest also provided the latter will work in the shop or go to some other place to work.

A postal card was received from Murr several days ago, and he was then in Houston, Tex., but he made no reference to Litaker. It is supposed that he is in Colorado. Mr. Litaker leaves his wife and three children here. Mrs. Litaker is a daughter of Mr. John W. Cook. We learn that she has received several letters from her husband, and that he was in Houston, when she last heard from him.

On Monday attachment papers on Litaker's real estate in the city and county were taken out by the following firms: Cannon & Fetzer Co., White-Morrison-Flowe Co., A. B. Pounds, Dr. F. O. Rogers, M. L. Marsh, Ivey Shoe Co., and Yorke & Wadsworth Co. No attachments have been issued against his personal property. The aggregate of the debts for which attachment papers have been issued is only \$200, whereas his real estate is worth several thousand dollars. He owns his house and lot on Church street, which is valued at \$2,000 and which is mortgaged for only about \$425. He also owns three lots near the cemetery. It is believed that he will return to Concord and pay up his debts. He sold 26 acres in No. 4 township last month to C. J. Goodman for \$531.

A traveling man who was here last Friday says that several days before that he saw Litaker and Murr in Tennessee.

Litaker is the administrator of the estate of his mother, Mrs. M. I. Litaker. The administration papers in the clerk's office shows that the estate is valued at \$500. The report shows that only one return has been made by Litaker the amount being \$131.80. This was paid into the office by him March 11, 1910. There is no report whatever showing that anything has been paid out. Litaker is under bond of \$1,000 for the discharge of his duties as administrator, the United States Fidelity and Warranty Co. being his bondsmen. This company is represented here by Mr. T. D. Maness.

Mr. Hathcock Sells His Interest in the Palace Barber Shop.

Mr. Charles C. Fisher, of Charlotte, yesterday afternoon purchased the one-half interest in the Palace Barber Shop, owned by Mr. Eben Hathcock. The price paid was \$150. Mr. Fisher has been working at the trade in Charlotte, and is said to be an excellent barber. He is a young man, and a son of Mr. John Fisher, of Mill Hill. He will move his family here today and will occupy the Gillon house on Bell avenue. Settemire & Fisher will now be the proprietors of the Palace.

City School Census.

Mr. J. W. B. Long, principal of graded school No. 2, has just completed taking the school census of the whites of the city. He finds that there are 2081 white children of school age and this is about 65 fewer than the census one year ago showed. Mr. Long finds that there are 36 fewer illiterates in the city than were here a year ago.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH OPERATOR ARRESTED.

Mr. Frank Safrin Taken to Salisbury Last Night on a Charge of Carrying Concealed Weapons—His Wife Goes Home to Her Father.

Mr. Frank Safrin, operator here for the Postal Telegraph Company, was arrested Monday by Chief Boger on a warrant issued from Salisbury charging him with carrying concealed weapons August 8. He was taken to Salisbury on No. 12 by Chief Boger, where he was required to give bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at trial Wednesday. His brother went on his bond, and he was released.

Safrin came here to take charge of the Postal office July 26. On July 31 he was married to Miss Dalia Bost, daughter of Mr. A. A. Bost, of Rowan county. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Jacob Bost, section master of the Southern here. It has been currently reported here that Mr. Safrin and his bride had known each other only a few days before marriage, but this is an error, as they were reared in the same neighborhood. Both are telegraph operators, and both learned telegraphy on an improvised local line which was constructed in their neighborhood.

On Monday Mr. Safrin's wife left him and went back to her father. She left a note for him, and as soon as he received it he went to the train and tried to dissuade her from going, but without success. It is said that they lived happily together, and so far as is known there was no reason for her leaving him.

Mrs. Safrin's father and mother were here Sunday, and it is supposed persuaded her then to leave her husband as they were opposed to the marriage.

Mr. Safrin is a son of Mr. Charley Safrin, of Rowan. The people of both Mr. and Mrs. Safrin are among the best in Rowan.

PROSECUTION WITHDRAWN.

Nothing Whatever in the Charges Against Mr. Frank Safrin.

Mr. Frank A. Safrin, the Postal Telegraph Co. operator here, who was taken to Salisbury Monday evening on a warrant sworn out by his father-in-law, Mr. A. A. Bost, of Rowan, and whose trial was to have come off today, returned to Concord Tuesday on No. 7. The prosecution was withdrawn by Mr. Bost, who learned that there was nothing in the charges against his son-in-law. The only charge was carrying concealed weapons, and Mr. Safrin says on the day it was alleged he had concealed weapons on his person in Rowan county, he was in Concord at work.

The whole matter seems to be the result of an unfortunate misunderstanding on the part of Mr. Bost, the father of Mrs. Frank Safrin, who in some way heard that his daughter was being mistreated by Mr. Safrin. He is now convinced that this is not true, and he at once withdrew the prosecution of the case and asked Mr. Safrin to come home with him, where his wife is.

Delightful Treat is in Store for Old Soldiers.

A great order signed by General Julian S. Carr, major general commanding the North Carolina Division United Confederate veterans, directs the attraction of the Confederate veterans throughout the state to the fact that the invitation of the Norfolk board of trade for the annual reunion to be held in that city September 6, 7 and 8. The order declares that a most interesting program is being prepared, including side trips to the famous seaside resorts, and that every possible effort is being put forth by people of Norfolk to make the reunion the grandest and most enjoyable ever held. The order directs those who expect to attend and are not able to defray their own expenses to write to J. A. Hall, secretary, at Norfolk as to free entertainment which the city will provide in the way of meals and lodging.

Educational Rally.

The following postal card has been sent to all school committeemen of the county by County Superintendent Boger:

Dear Sir:—On Friday, September 2nd, the closing day of our Institute we have arranged for an Educational Rally. Several of the leading educators of the State will address the people at this time. I am especially anxious to have every committeeman in the county present, hence this card to you. Please bring with you all friends of education from your district. Hoping to have a large crowd and a nice time on this occasion, I am,

Yours respectfully,
CHAS. E. BOGER.

Mrs. J. F. Goodman has gone to Blowing Rock.

DEATH OF MRS. W. H. LILLY.

One of Concord's Best Women Passed Away Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lilly, widow of Dr. W. H. Lilly, died Tuesday afternoon at 2:10 o'clock at her home on West Depot street.

Mrs. Lilly had been an invalid for about twenty years. She had been a great sufferer, and was unable to leave her home for many years of this time. Her health had somewhat improved within the past two or three years, but for several months past it had been precarious.

Mrs. Lilly was 64 years of age last February. She was married to Dr. Lilly in 1867. In 1869 they came to Concord, which they made their home till death. For twenty years of her life until her health became so impaired she was active in all church and social work. She was a member of Central Methodist church, and no woman who ever belonged to that church took more interest in it than Mrs. Lilly. She was an earnest, consecrated and true Christian, and her life shone in good works and in kind and loving attention to her dear ones and in the highest consideration for all with whom she came in contact in her daily life.

Mrs. Lilly's husband died in September, 1906, and her only sister, Mrs. G. A. Oglesby, died March 1, 1910. She leaves three brothers: Judge W. J. Montgomery, of Concord; Mr. C. G. Montgomery, of Mobile, Ala.; and Mr. H. P. Montgomery, of Montgomery county.

Funeral of Mrs. W. H. Lilly.

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Lilly was held at Central Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It was conducted by Rev. T. W. Smith and Rev. Plato Durham. Mr. Smith for many years was a close personal friend of Dr. and Mrs. Lilly.

There were many beautiful floral offerings, silent testimonials to the affection and regard in which this good woman was held.

The following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. D. B. Morrison, J. F. Goodson, K. L. Craven, W. C. Housley, D. P. Dayvault and D. A. Caldwell.

The following from out of the city were here to attend the funeral: Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Montgomery and Mrs. E. C. Register, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Eldridge, of Greensboro; Mr. H. P. Montgomery, of Montgomery county; Mrs. Allie Lilly, of Rowan.

Death of Mr. Geo. W. Alexander.

Mr. Geo. W. Alexander, an aged and respected citizen of No. 2 township, died Monday evening. Mr. Alexander had been in his usual health up to Monday morning, when he was taken with a chill. He was getting along very well afterwards, however, and ate his supper as usual. He went to bed about 9 o'clock, and shortly after started to get up, when he fell back and died in a few minutes.

Mr. Alexander was 76 years of age, and leaves four sons and three daughters, namely: Messrs. Edward, John, Will and Neal Alexander, Mrs. Daniel Whitley, Mrs. Edward Christenbery and Mrs. Luther Christenbery. He was a Confederate veteran. The interment took place Tuesday afternoon at Prosperity church, in Mecklenburg county, the burial services being conducted by Rev. J. E. Summers, pastor of Poplar Tent church.

The Atlantic City Excursion from Salisbury.

Mr. R. H. DeButts, of Charlotte, traveling passenger agent of the Southern, was in Salisbury Tuesday arranging for the operation of a big excursion to Atlantic City on the 23rd inst. The train starts here and will leave at 9:10 p. m. on the 23rd the exceeding low figure of \$12 round trip being made. A final limit is given returning to leave seashore points on any regular train within fifteen days, including date of sale and stop-overs are allowed at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. The excursion will consist of special train coaches and Pullmans and will be one of the Southern's most ambitious undertakings in the excursion line.

Woodmen Picnic.

Hickory Camp No. 152, of Poplar Tent, will give a picnic at Poplar Tent church on Tuesday, August 30.

Mr. E. B. Lewis, State Manager, will be present and make an address. Several other prominent speakers will be present and speak on this occasion. Music will be furnished by Gilwood and Poplar Tent string bands.

Messrs. H. B. Emerson, C. L. Andrews and J. F. Bradford compose the committee in charge of the picnic.

Miss Melissa Montgomery has returned from her vacation and is again at Sunderland.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Rev. N. E. Richardson's Successful Work—Dr. Moore's "Vacation"—Personal Notes.

Rev. N. E. Richardson is meeting with marked success in his work on the Mt. Pleasant circuit. He has recently organized a church at Friendship with thirty-four members and promises to be in flourishing condition soon. He has just closed a most successful and interesting protracted meeting at Cold Springs. There were quite a number of conversions, and twelve were received into church membership. He is conducting a meeting at Bost Mills this week.

Dr. A. W. Moore did not take his vacation as was noted in this correspondence last week. He declared that the Greensboro convention was vacation enough for anybody.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hartsell, of Concord, are visiting Mr. Hartsell's parents.

The friends of Mrs. Mary E. Welsh are glad to see her home again. She returned from the Presbyterian hospital yesterday, having recovered from the operation. Her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Long, accompanied her.

Misses Mamie and Lucile Beatty, of Charlotte, are visiting Miss Ella Moore.

Rev. E. L. Ritchie, of Burke's Garden, Va., preached at the Lutheran church yesterday at the evening service.

Mr. Horace Barrier, of Spokane, Wash., is at home to spend some time with his mother, Mrs. P. A. Barrier. Mr. Barrier is familiar with every foot of the big West, besides an extended trip through Canada.

Mrs. J. F. Misenheimer has returned from Misenheimer Springs, where she has been engaged during the summer.

August 15th, 1910.

The Teachers' Institute.

All arrangements have now been completed for the Institute to be held at Central Graded School building, beginning August the 22nd. Prof. A. T. Allen, of the Graham Graded Schools, but recently elected superintendent of the Salisbury Graded School, and Prof. N. C. Newbold, superintendent of the Washington City Schools, will have charge of the Institute. They will be assisted by Mrs. F. L. Stevens, of the State Department of Education, and Miss Mary Lewis Harris, of the city schools of Concord. The above corps of teachers have had wide experience in this work and will give to our teachers the best methods and best thought in their several departments.

The City School Board has made an appropriation to the Institute and all city teachers who have not attended a Summer School will be required to attend.

Veterans' Reunion at St. John's Wednesday.

The annual reunion of Company H, 8th regiment, was held at St. John's yesterday. This gathering of the surviving Confederate veterans of this company has become an annual event at St. John's and both veteran and their families and the entire neighborhood spare no effort in preparing for the event and the reunion yesterday was fully in keeping with those of former years.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane, of this city, and Prof. Geo. F. McAllister, of Mt. Pleasant, were the speakers of the day. Mr. Coltrane spoke on the "Old Soldier Since the War," and Prof. McAllister on the "Confederate Soldier as a Soldier During the War." There was a large crowd present and an elegant dinner was served.

Mr. Antley's Residence and Contents Burned.

Chief of Police Boger received a telephone message Tuesday night from his son-in-law, Mr. A. O. Antley, of St. Matthews, S. C., saying that his home and practically all the contents had just been destroyed by fire. It was not stated how the fire originated. A few of the smaller articles of furniture were saved. The loss is \$1500 with \$1000 insurance. It was a new house only recently completed, and was situated in the suburbs of St. Matthews.

Mr. Farrington Given Vacation.

The congregation of Epworth Methodist church has granted their pastor, Rev. J. A. J. Farrington, a three weeks vacation. Mr. Farrington has done a good work there, and is very popular with his people, who show their appreciation of his labors by the above action. Mr. Farrington will leave next week for Greensboro, and Guilford county where he will spend his vacation visiting friends.

A petrified tortoise, which probably crawled through Virginia's dale several centuries ago, has been discovered at Orkney Springs, Va. The petrified animal, which weighed 400 pounds, will be presented to the Smithsonian institute.

KANNAPOLIS NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Anderson at Y. M. C. A. Hall—Personal Items.

The Y. M. C. A. hall was filled to overflowing Sunday night, at the preaching services conducted by Rev. T. B. Anderson. The choir from Bethpage rendered sweet music, a feature of which was the instrumental music, several guitars and violins accompanying the piano. These with the choir of well trained singers made sweet music. Quite a number of familiar selections were rendered in some of which the entire congregation joined. We hear many commendatory remarks about the music and the sermon by Mr. Anderson which was edifying and elevating and was well delivered. The audience was appreciative and seemed to be sorry when the services ended. Mr. Anderson is pastor of the Presbyterian church here and also at Bethpage and is an earnest Christian worker and receives the hearty co-operation of his congregation here.

Mr. D. H. Reed, of Ohio, visited his cousin, Mr. R. E. Hatch, a few days last week. Mr. Reed is a clerk in the Indian Service of the Interior Department, and is stationed in North Dakota, and was en route to the Cherokee reservation in Swain county, having stopped at his home in Ohio on the way.

Miss Alice Moore, returned from a trip to Charlotte and Pineville last week, where she had been visiting friends and relatives for a couple of weeks.

Rev. W. T. Talbirt spent a few days in the county last week, visiting friends a few miles south of Concord.

Mrs. W. B. Shinn returned home from Granite Quarry last Friday, where she has been spending a few weeks with her parents.

Miss Sadie McCandless, of Granite Quarry, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Shinn, this week.

We notice our popular young friend, Mr. M. H. Coggins, is nursing several boils on his arm, but they are worth five dollars each, so why complain?

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bonds spent last week visiting relatives at Rockingham, returning home Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Phillips returned from Caroleen, Saturday after a week spent with relatives at that place.

Rev. W. B. Shinn is holding a protracted meeting at Unity this week.

Watermelons are plentiful around here now, but eggs are scarce. Vacations are getting to be fashionable and perhaps the hens are taking a vacation too.

Check Flasher Foiled.

A stylishly dressed young man, of neat appearance and elegant manners, called at the office of a leading Charlotte wholesale house recently and posing as the Cairo agent of the well-known firm of M. Melachrina & Co., tobacco merchants and cigarette importers, asked that a small check for \$50 given by the firm be cashed. Being interrogated as to the home office, the strange young man showed so much ignorance that the suspicions of the Charlotte citizen were aroused and he refused to honor the check.

And now comes a letter of warning from M. Melachrina & Co., in New York, advising all customers of the house of the fact that a young man, 28 years of age, stylishly dressed and of pleasing Southern accent, is engaged in wholesale forgery expedition throughout this section. He gives his name as C. C. Clay but used several aliases. He was in Charlotte last Thursday and Friday, coming there from Asheville where he stopped at the Battery Park Hotel. This is known because he presented a receipted bill from this popular hotel in proof of his identity.

Spanish Coin Found.

Mrs. E. A. Platt, of No. 9 township, found in her potato patch some time ago a Spanish silver coin. It is about the size of an American dollar, though hardly as thick. The coin was found just under the surface, though the field had been ploughed deeply. It was almost as bright as a new made coin when found. The coin has the following on one side:

"Hispan et Ind. Rex. 8 R. F. M." It also has a crown, underneath which is a Spanish coat of arms, between two columns. Across this is written: "Pius Ultra." On the other side is a picture of Carolus III, King of Spain, with the words: "Carolus III, Dei Gratia, 1773."

More Children Wanted.

Sixteen have volunteered for the Model School and nine more are wanted. Send names on postal card or phone Miss Mary Lewis Harris.

Mr. Tom Ragan, of Salisbury, was here yesterday. He had his right arm right badly hurt some days ago in a railroad wreck in West Virginia, and is carrying it on a board.