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## National D. A. R. In North Carolina

### A Brief Sketch of The Society by Its Brilliant Historian

#### FANS PATRIOTISM'S FIRES

Mrs. E. D. Latta's Service in the Organization—Mrs. Beulah Stewart Moore's Historical Sketch

Written for The Democrat.

An enumeration of facts and figures is usually dry reading, but in order to outline the early history, progress and object of this patriotic organization in our State, the following facts are deemed necessary:

The National Society made its first report in 1891, but was not incorporated by Act of Congress until 1896. Seemingly but little interest in its progress was evinced by North Carolinians generally, as this first annual report says "North Carolina (No Chapters.)"

In 1892, however, Mrs. Mary McK. Nash was elected the first State Regent, and served three terms. In 1896 the State Regency was vacant. Mrs. Mary Reeves Sprinkle was next elected and served in 1897. During the years 1892-1897 there were still no chapters.

The first real impetus given the movement was with the election of Mrs. E. D. Latta, Charlotte, 1898, re-elected 1899-1900.

I doubt if a just valuation has been accorded the work accomplished by Mrs. Latta. She blazed the trail and showed the glorious possibilities and privileges of the work as set forth in Article II of the Constitution of the National Society. A Georgian by birth, she claims North Carolina ancestors, and with all the ardor of the true pioneer, began work at once in her adopted home, organizing the Mecklenburg Chapter with Mrs. Stone-wall Jackson as Regent, Sept. 1898. Immediately afterwards and during the same month, she organized the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter, Salisbury, with Mrs. M. C. Quinn, Regent. Then in rapid succession, and named in order of their organization, followed the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, Waynesville, Miss Mary Love Stringfield, Regent; Arden Park (later merged into the Buncombe Hall Chapter, Asheville) Mrs. Chas. Beale, Regent, and the Whitmel Blount Chapter, Henderson, Mrs. W. O. Shannon, Regent.

In 1901 Miss Mary Love Stringfield was elected State Regent, re-elected 1902-1903. Pursuant to her call, the first State Conference ever held in North Carolina assembled at Waynesville, July 1901. This was made possible only by the earnest zeal and untiring energy of this charming young Regent. Four of the five chapters in the State sent delegates, and Greensboro was ably represented by a member at large.

The result of this Conference was both gratifying and inspiring. The interest in patriotic work, historical research and educational advancement aroused by the united effort of that small body of earnest women, "lineal descendants and present-day representatives of an illustrious dead," has borne a bountiful harvest and their influence and enthusiasm have swept our commonwealth from the mountains to the sea.

Mrs. Geo. Phifer Erwin of Morganton, was our next State Regent, elected in 1904, re-elected in 1905-1906. Under her enthusiastic and able leadership, the Society continued to gain in strength and numbers. It was during Mrs. Erwin's regency, that North Carolina had the honor of claiming her first National officer, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem, who served as Vice President General for three terms. Through her work for the Continental Hall, the beautiful and stately home of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Washington, D. C., Mrs. Patterson caused North Carolina to stand third on the list of States contributing funds towards its thirteen columns.

Mrs. Joe. Van Lindingham of Charlotte, the sixth State Regent, elected in 1907, is now serving her third term, having been unanimously re-elected by acclamation at the 8th Annual State Congress. A woman of the most exalted character, scholarly and dignified, Mrs. Van Lindingham has labored with untiring energy for the best good and advance-

ment of the Society. Her zeal has been and will continue through years to come, an incentive to march onward and upward ever bearing aloft our banner emblazoned with the soul inspiring words: "Home and country."

The wave of patriotic emulation which gave birth to the D. A. R. was general throughout the United States, and that since the day of its nativity the Society has rapidly gained in strength and usefulness, is attested by the many and various achievements of this noble army of workers. In truth can this be said of North Carolina in particular. We have kept the faith and have above all set aflame in the land the beacon light of a new patriotism, calling all to remember the heroic deeds of our ancestors, and as American citizens, set as high a standard of public service in the twentieth century as was set in the eighteenth by the men and women whose memory we delight to honor.

In fulfilling one of the most important objects of our organization, that of working and preserving historical plans, we are lifting the odium of indifference to a proper appreciation of historical value.

The mission of our Society is eminently educational and the daughters have inaugurated a most laudable undertaking by offering prizes and medals for drawings and pictures of notable events. This together with medals offered in high schools and colleges for the best essay on historical subjects, should stimulate art, incite patriotic activity, and incidentally further educational and literary advancement.

We have an embarrassment of riches from which to glean, compounding from the first landing to the close of the Spanish-American War. What we wish to evoke is some tangible expression of our wealth—whether by picture or poem, essay or epic, and this we shall have when all realize that the history of a country is its most priceless possession.

The D. A. R. are also pledged to carry out the injunction of Washington: "To promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge." By so doing, we are preparing the material for good citizens, and good citizenship and patriotism are synonymous.

#### BEULAH STEWART MOORE.



MRS. BEULAH STEWART MOORE

Now serving her second term as Regent of the Elizabeth Maxwell Steel Chapter, Salisbury, was elected State Historian 1907, 1908, 1909. In 1908 she was appointed Chm. of the Jackson Monument Committee. She writes:

"I think the N. C. Daughters of the American Revolution have done more towards arousing historic interest and thereby stimulating State pride than any other organization within her borders."

#### An Original Correction

It appears that at an elementary examination in English, lately held in a school near the city, two sentences were given out to be corrected by the younger scholars. The first sentence was to be corrected as to its subject matter; the second as to its syntax. These were the sentences: The hen has three legs. Who done it? When the papers were handed in it was found that one of the examinees had regarded the sentences as subtly connected in thought, for his answer was as follows: The hen didn't done it; God done it.

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## To Push Big Lawton Mill

### Mr. E. L. Shuford Lets Contracts For Oklahoma Enterprise

#### MR. MORFORD IN TOWN

Hustling Representatives of Montcrief Cook Co. Establishing Agencies in Eastern States

Mr. E. L. Shuford left Monday to push the erection of the big cotton mill at Lawton, Okla., which he is erecting there. He went back with Mr. R. B. Morford, of the Montcrief Cook Co., the real estate firm which has played a remarkable part in the wonderful development of this magic city of Uncle Sam's baby state. Mr. Morford took steps while in Hickory and Charlotte to secure agents who shall look after securing investors in Lawton dirt.

Mr. Shuford's mill will be 407 by 79 feet, 2 stories, with an annex for engine and boiler rooms, warehouses; 60 modern houses, with from 4 to 7 rooms, plastered and far above the average home of the cotton mill employe.

The mill will weave fine sheeting; or print cloths. As soon as finished a dye plant will be installed. There is another cotton mill at Guthrie, and one in a near-by Texas town. There is room in this new state for many more such industries and Lawton is the key to the situation. The eyes of eastern capitalists are turned to it.

Mr. Shuford has interested most of the Charlotte machinery supply men in his mill and in Lawton, and it is the intention to make his plant a large enterprise.

The Charlotte News of Feb. 8th, said:

"Mr. E. L. Shuford, of Hickory, was in the city yesterday in the interest of the E. L. Shuford Manufacturing Company, of Lawton, Okla., a Western enterprise organized by Mr. Shuford and other eastern capitalists. Mr. Shuford was yesterday closing contracts for installing the machinery, etc., for the plant, and these contracts will be awarded to local contractors, Whitted & Co., and other local contracting firms being interested."

Mr. Shuford was accompanied by Mr. R. B. Morford, representing The Montcrief Cook Company; a real estate firm, of Lawton. This concern will conduct an industrial sale of 5,000 lots at Lawton at an early date, and Mr. Morford was here for the purpose of securing a local representative for interesting local capitalists.

Lawton is only eight years old but has already assumed the size and activity of a hustling Western city, and it was these conditions which served to interest Mr. Shuford when he and a party of Eastern capitalists recently went on a Western trip. They became impressed with the advantages which Lawton offered, and the E. L. Shuford Manufacturing Company was organized for the operation of a number of cotton mills. The contract for the construction of the mills has been awarded to the Fiske-Carter Construction Company, of Worcester, Mass., and work on the buildings will begin in March. The company will be a half million dollar concern.

Eight years ago the land on which now stands the city of Lawton was sold at public auction by the government, and it was sold for the purpose of establishing a city. The money was turned into the city for municipal improvements. Today the city has 15,000 inhabitants, and is a prosperous and thriving Western city possessing peculiarly favorable climatic conditions for varied industries. A street car system has been installed and the city now has 35 miles of cement sidewalks with others under construction and all modern improvements. It possesses excellent school and church advantages, and its real estate is in great demand. Last fall 1,100 lots were sold at auction and brought \$300,000.

Lawton is the home of the blind Senator T. P. Gore and he has been instrumental in a large degree, in the progressive development of the town.

The plant of the Shuford Company will be established in the Industrial Addition, a large and beautiful tract of several hundred acres of land, adjoining the city proper. It has been laid off

in lots. A Street car system is now being put in to the Industrial Addition and these lots will be sold at private and public sale in May.

On account of the favorable climatic conditions in this section of Oklahoma the government has taken great interest in the city of Lawton and that section of the country. The city is only three miles from old Fort Sill, which has recently received an appropriation of \$20,000 to be used in enlarging and remodeling the fort. Two Indians' colleges are located here and \$350,000 have been invested in schools. The government owns 145,000 acres of land adjoining the city and has established a zoological garden, many animals having been brought here from the Yellowstone Park on account of the more favorable climatic conditions. Leading into the city are

#### RURAL TELEPHONES.

One in South Fork and Another From T. D. Shuford's to Newton—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Democrat.

South Fork, Feb. 15—The old ground hog has rather interfered with the weather and spring. The farmers are not plowing very much nowadays owing to the cold weather. There seems to be but little news in this neck of the woods.

The general health of the people is fairly good just now. L. S. Ritchey has bought a new engine and sawmill outfit and has gone to Anson county near Wadesboro to saw, having left the little village of Blackburn for a time. Will Hoyle and son, and Eben

on the ground; so does oats. Bob Spencer has left the P. R. Yoder farm and moved on Frank Propst's farm. Ramon Killian has moved on the Caleb Reinhardt property.

Ephraim Sronce from Lincoln county was a visitor at the home of Col. G. M. Yoder on a business trip. The young folks have their special social parties where they say they have a good time of it. Superintendent Long and Chairman A. C. Link, of the Board of Education were round this week visiting the public schools.

#### The Democrat as a Booster

From the Hudson, Mass., News

A copy of the Hickory (N. C.) Democrat has reached the News office and its columns are teeming with the patriotic and progressive spirit which Adj. Gen. Brigham has told Hudson people he found permeating the entire South on his recent visit. An editorial says:

"The time has come to work. Hickory has grown from 2,525 people ten years ago to 7,500. She can grow three times larger in the next ten years if the people will pull together. She will not have 22,500 inhabitants in 1920 unless the town is advertised far and wide, where homeseekers and men with capital to invest can learn what we have here." "Hickory must have a live boosting club. It's suicide not to have such. People here need to have faith in the town and talk the town. The Atlanta and Charlotte spirit is what made those two cities. Every citizen interested in Hickory should come out to the meeting to form a boosting club, Monday night."

Scattered though the paper are such sayings as these: "Hickory would be the metropolis of western North Carolina if the people had as much vim as the town has advantages." "Hickory needs to say 'I less and 'We more.'"

General Brigham's statement that every place he visited claimed to have more than any other is founded to be true of Hickory, for we read that "Hickory has more diversification of its industries than any other place in North Carolina, and is apt to continue its record in this respect." Even the prospects for the baseball season of 1910 bring forth the cry, "Hurrah for Hickory!"

All this is in decided contrast to the Hudson spirit of roasting the Board of Trade instead of cooperating with it in every way and at every opportunity.



MRS. MARY JOHNSTON AVERY

Organized the Council Oak Chapter, Morranton, 1903, and has served one term as Registrar and five terms as Regent.

Born in Alabama she formed the D. A. R. through her North Carolina ancestors, being a descendant of Gov. Johnston.

In speaking of the D. A. R. Society, Mrs. Avery says: "Personally I think the Society has been the key which unlocked the Archives of History and made of tradition written words."

#### Cotillion Club Elects Officers

At the regular monthly meeting of the Hickory Cotillion Club held in the parlors of the Hickory Club on Wednesday evening Feb. 9th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term. Hugh D'Anna, Pres., Robt. E. Martin, V. Pres., Frank A. Henderson, Secy., Geo. L. Lyerly, Treas., Roy Abernethy, Floor Mgr. It will be the purpose of the above officers to conduct dances of said club up to the high standard of their predecessors. The Club will delight in seeing those who have received invitations to the previous dances and we respectfully request your presence at any dance which might be given at our club in the future.



MRS. MARGIE OYERMAN GREGORY

The beautiful daughter of Senator Overman and a member of the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter, held the office of State Vice Regent, 1902, 1904. She was elected Vice President General of the National Society in 1909 by more votes than were ever polled by any candidate of the society. A brilliant influential official career is predicted.

the most perfect highways in the country, and the water for the city is brought direct from the mountains eight miles to the west. There is 250 pounds natural pressure and the water line comes direct through the Industrial Addition.

The city of Lawton is located in the most beautiful natural scenery of the west, and, although young in years, is one of the most thriving and rapidly growing cities of that section of the country.

It was these natural advantages which attracted the attention of Mr. Shuford and resulted in the organization of the manufacturing company.

One of the purposes of Mr. Shuford here was to get someone to act as local representative and place on the Charlotte market the lots which are to be sold in the Industrial Addition. After consulting with Mr. F. C. Abbott the latter was secured as Charlotte representative and will look after the business in this city.

#### Judge Long Sat 50 Out of 52 Weeks

From The Catawba County News

We were in conversation with Judge B. F. Long of Statesville a few days ago, and he informed us that out of the fifty-two weeks of last year he held court fifty weeks. No judge living or dead in North Carolina has ever equalled this record. We mention this to say that no class of men have more arduous labors than do our Judges and the next Legislature ought to increase the number of judges to twenty at least.

#### The Easier Way

"Aunt Chloe," asked a Virginia housekeeper of an old servant, "what makes so many of your people superstitious?" Aunt Chloe's reply, which The Washington Star gives, would have pleased the late Samuel Smiles. "Well, missus," she said, "I reckon it's 'cause de men-folks fin's hit a heap easier to deppen on a rabbit's foot-dan on deir own exertions."

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## Hickory Sprouts Transplanted

### "Tootsie" Saw Her Shadow as Well as the Ground Hog

#### PROGNOSTICATOR RIGHT

A Sprout Needn't be a Big  
Hickory to Cast and Fore-  
cast Shadows Full of

#### Big Portents

Written for The Democrat.

It would appear, from an incident recently noted, that a Hickory Sprout, transplanted to Northern soil, is at least as weather-wise as the traditional Groundhog. The big Daddy Hickory Tree had been telling the Sprout, on that recent seasonal occasion, all about the wonderful faculty of the Groundhog as a shadow chaser and prognosticator, and the little Sprout, all a-quiver with attention, had taken in every detail of the process and philosophy of the wintry forecast, with all that it might mean in the way of preparedness for what was sure to ensue.

Now the Sprout has a dog, affectionately called "Tootsie," and while their relations are not quite so intimate and unbroken as those of Mary and the Lamb, the two still get together for their their outings a great deal. It was a crisp, bright, sunny day, you will remember, that recent Groundhog date, with every facility for accurate forecasting to govern the six weeks of cold days impending. So, about the middle of the forenoon, with mits and furs and overshoes all attached, little Miss Sprout sallied out with "Tootsie" for a tour of exploration. She had heard Daddy Hickory saying a day or two previously that the family's supply of coal in the cellar wasn't going to be anywhere near sufficient, if this pesky winter kept on long with such severity, and she just wanted to know what should be done about it.

Not far from the Home Grove, where the solar system was doing its level best to keep well in evidence, Miss Sprout caught the Boston terrier by the collar, and commanded:

"Now 'tand perffickly 'till, 'Tootsie,' an' look perffickly 'peasant, but wink all 'oo like' (Daddy Hickory is "some shakes" at amateur photography, it should be explained, and Miss Sprout had been literally a poser in her time), "while we see about 'iss. Nare, now! See 'at big 'ack shadow, 'Tootsie' Well, 'at means 'at we've dot to have more coal, 'cause it's doin' to be a long, long winter."

They trudged home in their own rambling fashion, "Tootsie" the oracle and Miss Sprout the seer, and with blankets removed from the dog and wraps from the Sprout, this meteorological information was given out as demonstrable scientific truth:

"Daddy, it's to be an awful winter. 'Tootsie' an' I deess found it out. 'Tootsie' isn't any Groun'hawg, but she's better'n bigger. I dot her to stan' perffickly 'till an' look perffickly 'peasant—you know how!—an', Daddy, 'oo deess ought to see the awfully big, 'ack shadow 'at she made in the snow! Did you order 'at coal, Daddy? We dot to have it now—'touse, even if 'ootsie' didn't see her own shadow, I saw it, and I know more'n a little fuzzy Groun'hawg does."

All of which shows that a Sprout needn't be a Hickory Tree to cast and forecast shadows full of big portents.

N. B. H.

#### A Good Egg Record.

J. T. Jones in Lenoir Topic.

During the past month, January, I received from eight hens nine dozen eggs by actual count. One of the hens having given us eggs during December didn't lay in January. But, counting her with the others, we have, dividing 108 by 8, an average of 13½ eggs per hen which I think is very good for this winter month. Eggs have been selling for from 25 to 30 cents a dozen here. At 28 cents the nine dozen would have brought \$2.52. Deduct 50 cents for feed and there is a profit of \$2.02. If people would pay more attention to the selection of stock, study the methods conducive to egg production and have their hens laying when eggs are scarce they would realize better profit from their poultry.

[The Democrat would like to hear from any Catawba poultry man who can match this record.]