

George Washington.

By Miss Pearl Rodman.

Who is the most influential American in history today? Shall I say George Washington? Yes; George Washington.

Go to Boston, the man you hear the most about will be George Washington. With pride the Bostonians, who consider themselves the most cultured people in America, will take you to a stately elm, enclosed by a massive iron fence, and say: "Under this elm George Washington took command of the Revolutionary army;" also they will take you to Faneuil Hall, and ask you to stand on the narrow portico where Washington addressed the citizens of Boston.

Visit Philadelphia, you will be taken to Carpenter's Hall and shown the relics of George Washington, and his history related. Go to New York, you will see near Broadway, where land is so valuable, a square dedicated to Washington and decorated by triumphant arches, and also a monument. This plot of ground alone would sell for hundreds of thousands.

As you enter the Capital City, the first object that greets your eye is an imposing monument 555 feet high. Your mind will immediately center upon George Washington. It cost Congress \$1,200,000 to erect this gigantic structure, and \$10,000 a year to maintain it.

Visit Mount Vernon, you will find Washington's home furnished as it was when he moved from room to room, even the cooking utensils still hang in the massive fire-place. The stables, with the brick floors, also his carriage. You will really feel as if you had been entertained as Washington's guest, everything is so typical of his day.

His birthday is made so real in the North that every child knows more of the birthday of George Washington than of any living American. They are even shown the miniature cherry tree and hatchet.

Friends, the South has never made him the real living man, the North has. Is it because she is less proud of her own noble sons, does she love him or his cause less? No, a thousand times no. The South proved this by giving so many of her brave sons to follow him through eight years of bloody conflict. It is because the war reduced her people to poverty, and they have been forced from time to time to struggle for the bare necessities of life, and have had little time or money to spend in commemorating her heroic sons, but as the fair South ceases to grind at the mill of poverty and is enabled to enjoy luxury, she will become more and more patriotic, and bring before her rising generations the life and character of her greatest hero.

Why does Washington live to-day, tho his body was laid in the vault at Mount Vernon December 18, 1799? It is because he was the greatest statesman of any age or of his country? No, he did not surpass Gladstone or his own countryman, Patrick Henry—

Is it because he is the greatest military genius the world has ever known? No, Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, and Napoleon are his equals.

Let us follow hurriedly his brief life of 45 years, then answer the questions.

George Washington was the first born of Mary and Augustine Washington, both of whom were devout Christians; therefore their children had ever before them the example of all the domestic and christian virtues, which is the most important factor in the formation of character.

At the age of twelve George was deprived of the protection of his father, but his mother, tho' left with six small children, proved herself amply competent to discharge the weighty responsibilities. George ever honored his mother, and she instilled into his mind the principles of truth, honesty, and piety.

George's father was a very wealthy Virginia planter, and George received his portion of the vast acres, at the same time his eldest half-brother, Lawrence, received Mount Vernon, but George had so endeared himself to Lawrence that at his death, a few years later, he willed his vast estate to his beloved brother, therefore early in life George became very wealthy.

George's school career was of short duration, as it ended in his sixteenth year, but he was a careful, faithful student, and his manuscript books are still preserved as models of neatness and correctness. From the time he left school until his death, Washington's life was one of activity. Hostilities were continually arising in the new country. The nations of the east were envious of each other, and the Indians were ever hostile.

His first active work was that of surveyor. At the age of seventeen

he was appointed State surveyor. The duties of this office necessitated his exploring the trackless forest of Virginia, but gave him a correct conception of distance and a strong, healthy body, which proved of great value in later years.

As the years went by immigrants flooded the new country, hence disputes arose, and it was necessary for the Governor of Virginia to send a message across the country to the French Settlement. This was a perilous journey, but Washington at the age of twenty-one, with five companions and two Indian guides, after having rendered a prayer to God for protection, began this great journey. He returned in eleven weeks, his life having been twice miraculously saved, once from drowning, a second time from the bullet of a hostile Indian. Though Washington delivered his message faithfully, disputes arose, which could only be settled by war, and there followed nine long years of bloodshed, during which time Washington was placed in many positions of trust.

At the close of these hostilities, Washington married the cultured and refined Martha Curtis. He took his bride to Mount Vernon and here on the banks of the Potomac established one of the most beautiful homes in America. Though surrounded by wealth and luxury, Washington's home life was very simple. He arose at five o'clock, lighted his own fire, ate a simple breakfast, mounted his horse, and visited all parts of his vast estate where any work was in progress, often helping with his own hands. He was kind to his slaves, careful not to over tax them, but at the same time he would not tolerate idleness. Both Washington and his wife were devout Christians, and early established the family altar. Although the church was ten miles away, they were regular attendants; but they were not long permitted to enjoy this ideal home life.

England had incurred a great war debt and imposed unjust tax on the American colonies to pay this debt. The Province of Virginia decided to hold a convention at Williamsburg and Washington was chosen delegate to represent Fairfax County at the convention. This convention decided it was time for action, as petitions had repeatedly been sent to England, asking for more humane treatment, only to be ridiculed. When the members of this convention heard of the oppression in Boston, they were filled with consternation.

Washington arose and said, "I am ready to raise a thousand men, subside them at my own expense, and march at their head to the relief of Boston." At its close Washington, with six others, were chosen to represent Virginia in the first Colonial Congress to be held in Philadelphia.

After spending a few days at his beloved Mount Vernon, Washington set out on horse back to make this long journey to Philadelphia. Congress convened September 5th, 1774 in Carpenter's Hall and was presided over by John Adams. It was composed of as noble a body of men as ever assembled in the history of the world.

This august body was in session fifty-one days, and each day's session was opened with divine worship. When Congress adjourned and the members returned to their homes, Patrick Henry was asked: "Who was the greatest man in Congress?" He replied: "If you speak of eloquence, Rutledge of South Carolina is the greatest orator, if you speak of solid information and sound judgment George Washington is the greatest man on the floor."

On his return to Mount Vernon, Washington again took part in the political affairs of Virginia and was chosen delegate to the second Colonial Congress, when Congress convened he had unexpected honors and duties thrust upon him. Already an army of ten thousand troops from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island was collected in Boston; but their leader was to be chosen by Congress. John Adams arose to say: "There is one among us whose universal character commands the approbation of all America, and can unite the exertion of all the colonies better than any other person in the Union." This person was not a New Englander as you would suppose, but a Virginian, the modest George Washington.

Congress elected him and voted a salary of five hundred dollars a month. Washington arose and said: "I do not think myself equal to the command you have honored me with. As to pay no amount could tempt me to accept the arduous employment at the expense of my domestic ease and happiness. I do not wish to make any profit of it. I will keep an exact amount of my expenses, this is all I desire." Washington left Philadelphia for Boston after having written the following letter to his beloved wife.

"My Dearest: I am now set down to write you on a subject which fills me with inexpressible concern. And this concern is greatly aggravated and increased when I reflect upon the uneasiness I know it will give you. "You may believe me, my dear Patty, when I assure you, in the most solemn manner, that, so far from seeking this appointment, I have used every endeavor in my power to avoid it; not only from my unwillingness to part from you and the family, but from a consciousness of its being a trust too great for my capacity. I should enjoy more real happiness in one month with you at home, than I have the most distant prospect of finding abroad, if my stay were to be seven times seven years. "I shall rely confidently in that Providence which has heretofore preserved and been bountiful to me. I shall feel no pain from the toil or danger of the campaign. My unhappiness will flow from the uneasiness I know you will feel from being left alone. I therefore beg that you summon your whole fortitude, and pass your time as agreeably as possible. Nothing will give me so much sincere satisfaction as to hear this, and to hear it from your pen."

In twelve days Washington reach-

ed Boston and took charge of the ill clad, unequipped, and untrained army, numbering fifteen thousand men. He was received with great applause, and every possible honor conferred upon him. The scene touched his heart with pity, and his first act was to ask Congress to provide a uniform for the army. Next he asked God to shower down the blessings of Divine Providence upon them, and when he learned that some among the number took the name of God in vain; "How many are there who have no God to pray to; only a God to swear to? Profanity must be exceedingly displeasing to God, do not invoke his wrath. Your General hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian Soldier, defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country." He also gave orders for every soldier, not on duty, to attend public worship on Sunday. Washington with his undisciplined army had to fight the best equipped and drilled army of the world, which with money induced other countries and hostile Indians to join their ranks.

The opposing forces were often six to ten times his own. Humanity speaking, victory seemed beyond hope, but during the eight years of bloody conflict, when success seemed impossible, Washington wrestled with God in prayer night after night. This is why victory was his. No other man in America could have freed his country. Washington honored God above all things, and in all things. This is why he lives today the greatest of America's sons and is honored in every country.

After freeing his country from tyranny Washington desired to return to Mount Vernon, but a free people sought a ruler, and clamored for him to be their king. Again he showed his great unselfish nature, and would only serve the people eight years, then retired from public service, to become a private citizen, but the cares of public office had so undermined his physical nature he was not long permitted to enjoy the home that was so dear to his heart. He realized he was not long for this world and arranged his affairs as one preparing to take a journey.

Shortly before the end came he turned to his secretary and said: "I am going soon. Is there anything I should attend to?" On receiving the reply no, he said, "It is well," and his gentle spirit took its flight. When his beloved wife saw he was no more she said, "Tis well, all is over now, I shall soon follow him, I have no more trials to pass through."

Washington left no children to inherit his vast acres or his name. Was that mere chance? No. As God called Moses to lead his chosen people out of bondage, even so, he chose Washington to establish a Christian nation. As he is termed the Father of His Country every American falls equal heir to his home, his fame and his country. Will his name ever grow dim or the country for which he endured so many hardships and offered so many fervent petitions, ever forget his God and go back into captivity? This is your land, your country. Love and cherish it, also the memory of its greatest hero George Washington.

Mr. Plyler Buys Pageland Telephone

Mr. F. F. Plyler of Monroe has purchased Mr. W. J. Blakeney's interest in the telephone exchange here, so that the business now belongs to Messrs. Plyler and Preston and Pearl Rogers. They are preparing to move the board into one of the rooms over the Bank of Pageland, and to improve the service here by putting in new poles and putting the wires up more substantially. They will also endeavor to get long distance connection with Kershaw and Monroe.

In response to a call made in the Journal last week by C. L. Goodson, L. L. Parker, T. B. Watts and B. F. Pegues, quite a number of the citizens of the town met in the directors' room of the Bank of Pageland and organized a board of trade, to be known as the Pageland Board of Trade, with H. N. Askins, president, C. L. Goodson, vice-president, B. F. Pegues, secretary. Twenty-one members were secured at this meeting and it is hoped to secure many more at the meeting to be held tonight at the school building at 8 o'clock.

Last Friday, while hauling logs from the McCall farm two miles east of town to the saw mill of J. E. Agerton & Bro., Mr. Watt L. McCall was run over by a heavy log cart. Mr. McCall was unloading on the yard at the saw mill, when he was caught between the wheel and log; he was thrown to the ground and the wheel ran over his body and legs from foot to shoulder, inflicting very painful bruises. Dr. Moore was summoned and after some treatment Mr. McCall was able to come back to Pageland, and is now doing very well.

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DEATHS.

Capt. A. L. Dearing.

Capt. A. L. Dearing died at his home here Wednesday morning. Heart failure was the immediate cause of his death. He had been in failing health for several years, but was able to be at his store until a few days before his death.

He was born in Edgefield, S. C., September 12th, 1851, and was then 50 years old. During his boyhood the family moved to Athens, Ga., where they now live. Mr. Dearing came to Monroe about 18 years ago as a conductor on the Seaboard. He made Monroe his home until about ten years ago when he went to Mexico and lived about two years, being a conductor on the Mexican Central Railroad. He returned to Monroe about eight years ago and bought an interest in Mr. M. M. Broom's grocery store and after the death of Mr. Broom bought the entire business and until his death was in active business.

Mr. Dearing was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, being Secretary of the Monroe Division from its organization until his death. He was also a loyal member of the Monroe Lodge No. 214, A. F. & A. M., and the Monroe Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

On October 12th, 1885, Mr. Dearing was happily married to Miss Mary K. Wilson of Abbeville, S. C., and she with two little daughters, Marcella and Mildred, survive. Mr. Dearing was a man of intelligence and culture and made friends wherever he went. He was a member of the Episcopal church and died in the Christian faith.

The body was taken to Athens and buried with Masonic honors. Capt. R. T. West and Capt. S. H. Green, representing the Masonic orders, and Capt. T. C. Capehart, representing the O. R. C., accompanied the body to Athens.

Mrs. Benjamin Sutton.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Sutton died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Sims, in Jackson township, Sunday, February 11, of cancer, from which she had been a sufferer for a long time. She was the daughter of the late Charles Trull and was born and reared in this county. Her husband, Mr. B. F. Sutton, died about six years ago. She was 79 years and two days old. For some time she had made her home with her son, Mr. F. Marion Sutton, in west Monroe township, but a few months ago she went to spend some time with her daughter, where she died. Mrs. Sutton was a consecrated member of the Baptist church and was a "mother in Israel." The remains were interred at Shiloh, near her old home.

Mrs. Sutton is survived by these children, F. M. Sutton, G. W. Sutton, W. J. Sutton, Mrs. T. M. Sims.

Mr. T. C. Medlin.

Mr. Thomas C. Medlin of New Salem township died February 10, after a long illness of liver trouble. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Griffin, and three brothers and six sisters—Messrs. Bunyan, Arthur, and Sanford Medlin, and Messdames W. B. McBride, L. R. Baucom, Charles Baucom, Raymond Trull, Ellis Griffin, and Miss Addie Medlin. He was 28 years old, a successful farmer, and a good citizen. Funeral was held at Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist church, and the remains were buried with the honors of the Woodmen of the World.

Mrs. Wm. Laney.

Mrs. Claudia Laney, wife of Mr. William Laney, died at her home in the Price Mill community, last Wednesday night, after a long illness. Mrs. Laney was about 25 years old and is survived by her husband. She was a member of the Methodist church and was liked by all who knew her.

A Young Mother.

After an illness of three months, Mrs. Ellie Morris, wife of Mr. Ben Morris died Saturday before last at the home of her parents, near Antioch, in Sandy Ridge township.

She was only eighteen years of age, and was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and an infant of three months, and by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Helms, and three sisters.

An Infant.

Wilma, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Connell, of Goose Creek township, died on the 8th, and was buried at Hopewell on Friday, services being held by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar.

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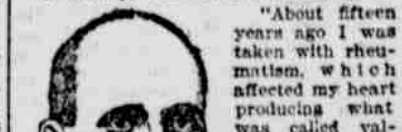
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This 23rd day of Jan. A. D. 1912. J. E. STEWART, Entry Taker.

Notice of Entry.—Notice is hereby given that W. E. Medlin, of Union county, N. C., enters and lays claim to the following described piece or parcel of land in New Salem township, Union county, N. C., on the waters of Rocky River and Austin branch, the same being vacant and unappropriated land, and subject to entry, viz: Bounded on the north by the lands of Coble Bros., on the east by Austin branch, on the south by the lands of R. H. Hinson, and on the west by the lands of W. E. Medlin and containing, by estimation three (3) acres, more or less. This 29th day of January, A. D. 1912.—J. E. Stewart, Entry Taker.

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