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#### Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John H. Simmons, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to file them with the undersigned on or before the 15th day of Feb. 1917, or this notice will be plead in bar of the recovery of the same.

This 11th day of February, 1916.

**R. F. BURTON,**  
Administrator of John  
H. Simmons, dec'd.

#### NOTICE.

This is to certify that E. M. Crawford has filed location in my office for 350 acres of land in North Cove township, McDowell county, on the waters of Three Mile creek adjoining the lands of Jess Hollifield, A. S. Thompson and the old John Washburn grant and others, beginning at A. S. Thompson's northeast corner in Jess Hollifield's line and running south 58 west with A. S. Thompson's line 76 poles to a stake in John Washburn's old line, then various courses and distances for complement so as to include all vacant land between these parties.

Entered Feb. 2, 1916.  
No. 14104.

C. A. DALE, E. T.

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#### An Interesting Old Letter.

In looking over some old papers recently, Mr. E. G. Goforth, of Nealsville, found an interesting old letter written during the war by his uncle, the late C. C. Goforth, to his father, John E. Goforth. The writer, C. C. Goforth, belonged to Wade Hampton's Corps, Barringer's brigade, Cowles' regiment, and was a member of Capt. J. C. Blair's company, 1st regiment N. C. Cavalry. He was well known in this county, where he is survived by many relatives, Mrs. Nannie Greene of this place being a daughter of Mr. Goforth. The letter, written over 52 years ago, reads in part as follows:

"Sept. 24th, 1864.

"Dear Brother:—As I have a little idle time, I again embrace the opportunity of dropping you a few lines, informing you that through the grace and mercy of God I am still in the land of the living and in better health than at any previous time since coming to Virginia. I hope these few lines may have a speedy conveyance and find you all enjoying a full portion of God's blessings. Things have been quiet since the 'Hampton Raid', as it is called, an account of which you no doubt have seen before now. You can get more of the particulars from the papers than I could give you, although I was along. Our regiment was not engaged in any fighting, the first time that when there was fighting to our regiment escaped. Our brigade is considered the best fighting brigade in the Confederate service and the 1st North Carolina is said to be the best on a charge. It was no doubt thought so, for the position we were sent to was most dangerous.

"There was about four brigades along in the raid. We went from camp west of Reams Wednesday around south of the enemy in a circular route, keeping everything still from the Yankees. Thursday we stopped and rested and took a nap. At 11 o'clock that night we were awakened by our officers (the bugle was not allowed to be blown as usual) and we started on our march at midnight. We marched 15 miles by daylight when the charge was made, part charging the camps of two battalions guarding beef cattle. They had a pretty sharp little fight but succeeded in capturing everything. And at the same time we charged the pickets of the main force, our brigade and a Virginia brigade capturing most of them, then pushing on and capturing the picket reserve camp. Most of the men got away but all their camp equipment fell into our hands. Our brigade was behind in the charge, consequently we did not see the fun. The object was then to keep the main force in check until the spoils could be removed. We immediately took a

position, threw up good breast-works and waited for the Yankees but they were so badly frightened that they did not attack us soon. Leaving out with the cattle, we marched some 20 miles unmolested, when the Yankees ran down the plank road and tried to cut us off. A Virginia brigade again met them and kept them back. We returned to camp Saturday and got the cattle some twelve miles east of Petersburg.

"It is uncertain when we will have any more fighting to do. If the enemy makes an attempt to advance of course we will fight, but don't think we will attack them in their present position for awhile. There was another hard fight in the valley but I don't much about the particulars. A great many of the soldiers are very tired of the war and think our prospects for independence soon very dark. For my part I would be glad if it could be wound up now, honorably. It goes hard with me to be away from my family. I want to get home this fall but don't know how it will be yet.

C. C. GOFORTH."

#### "The Birth of a Nation."

This eighth wonder of the world comes to the Auditorium, Asheville, for three nights beginning Thursday night, February 24th, with a matinee Friday and Saturday. The seat sale will open Tuesday. Money orders or checks on Asheville banks will have immediate attention. Curtain will rise at 8:15 nights and 3 p. m. matinees. This will be the last time this wonderful spectacle will be seen within 100 miles of Asheville this season. The prices will range from 25c to \$1.00 at matinee and 50c to \$2.00 at all night performances.

"The Birth of a Nation" brings forth D. W. Griffith's wonderful new art of pictorialized spectacle with music. The first half of the production, which was suggested by Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman," exhibits the salient events of the War between the States. The formation of the Confederacy; Lincoln's call for troops; Sherman's march to the sea; the battle of Petersburg; Lee's surrender to Grant; and the awful tragedy of Lincoln's assassination at Ford's Theatre, April 14th, 1865, live before the spectator in the Griffith Drama. In the second half the South's "Second Uprising"—this time against the carpet-bagger regime—is shown in a thrilling story of Reconstruction days. The romance of the "Little Confederate Colonel," Ben Cameron with the Northerner Elsie Stoneman, and that of the Unionist Captain, Phil Stoneman with Margaret Cameron, the South Carolina Lassie, maintain two threads of continuous love-interest throughout the story.

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#### Notice!

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville. No. 58. United States,

vs.  
W. J. Souther, et al.

To J. H. Lytle; unknown heirs of Thomas Curtis; Marvin F. Scaife and wife, name unknown; Henry Phillips and wife, name unknown; unknown heirs of Henry Phillips; unknown heirs and beneficiaries of James Bowron, dec'd; J. Wise Norton and Frances Norton, his wife; unknown heirs of J. Wise Norton; unknown heirs of G. F. Davidson;

And all persons whomsoever owning or claiming to own any estate, lien or interest of any kind or character in and to the premises described in the petition in this proceeding.

You will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville, for the condemnation of two certain tracts of land situate in the township of Old Fort, McDowell County, North Carolina, the first tract lying on the waters of Curtis creek, adjoining the lands of Thomas Hemphill, Union Tanning Company and Alice T. Conally, containing 93.70 acres, more or less, known as the W. J. Souther tract, and now owned and claimed by W. J. Souther and Nancy Souther, his wife, of Old Fort township, McDowell county, North Carolina; the second tract lying on Laurel creek, adjoining the lands of Frank A. Keefe, Burke-McDowell Company, P. A. Reed, L. W. Williams, and others, containing 263.80 acres, more or less, known as the Souther-McKoy-Walker tract, and now claimed and owned by W. J. Souther and Nancy Souther, his wife, J. C. McKoy and Ollie McKoy, his wife, and W. S. Walker and Dolores F. P. Walker, his wife; the same having been selected by the Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of the National Forest Reservation Commission and found necessary for the purpose of carrying out an Act of Congress of the United States approved March 1, 1911, being Chapter 186, page 962, Vol. 36, Stat. at Large, as amended by the Act of August 10, 1912 (37 Stat. 369, 300, ch. 284.)

And the said non-resident defendants above named, and all persons whomsoever owning or claiming to own any estate, lien or interest of any kind or character in and to the premises described in the petition filed in said proceeding, defendants named as aforesaid, will further take notice that they are required to appear in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville, on the 4th day of March, 1916, and answer or demur to the petition or complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This notice issued by order of Court, directing that publication be made once a week for six successive weeks in The Marion Progress.

This 25th day of January, 1916.

J. M. MILLIKAN, Clerk.

By J. B. GILL, Deputy Clerk  
District Court of the United  
States, Western District of  
North Carolina.

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