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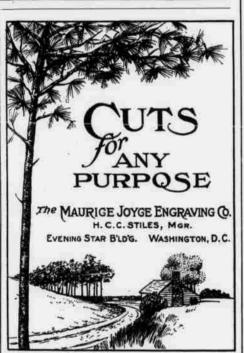
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Fred A. Olds Writes of Old Hickory's Meeting With Col. Avery



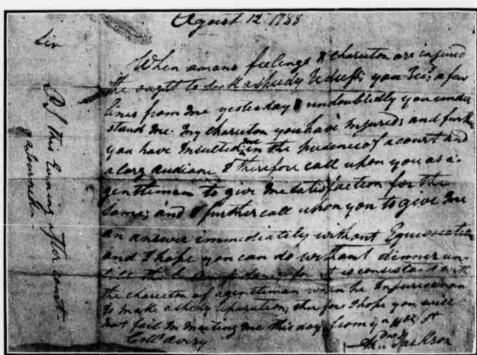
NO PRESIDENT of the United States was more in the public eye than fairly won his popular title "Old Hickory." Beginning as a boy, when he struck a British officer who wished him to

pull off his boots and black them, he always showed high spirit, daring, bravery and coolness of the most unquestioned kind throughout his career.

For many a year there has been a con-American. It was in the Waxhaw settlebeen very zealous in claiming the location, but within the past ten years, it has been settled beyond question, by govern- ford Court House. It was Avery, who

him that he had but recently moved to that section and had so far built nothing but rough log cabins for his people and hence was in no condition to take boarders. He recommended Jackson to Andrew Jackson, who go to Salisbury, then the most prominent town in Western North Carolina. Jackson took his advice, studied, got his license and opened an office, remaining until Tennessee began to be opened.

Avery and Jackson had become well acquainted while Avery practiced law at Charlotte, in Mecklenburg county. Avery was very prominent, having been elected in 1777 the first attorney general of this state. He lived for a time in the eastern test as to the birthplace of this great part of the state and was made a colonel of a regiment in Jones county. His miliment, on the border between North and tia did not, however, serve actively dur-South Carolina, a sort of debatable ing the revolution, save in some occasional ground, so to speak. South Carolina has brushes with Tories, though it was called out when Cornwallis came into North Carolina and fought the battle of Gui'-



ANDREW JACKSON'S CHALLENGE TO COL. AVERY

ment and state surveys of the boundary, | had great influence, his family being claim as to his birthplace as being secure beyond question. Quite recently a memorial in the form of a slab of native granite has been placed on the site of his birthplace in this cout try. \*

The memorials of Jackson in "shingle" swung at its front: "ANDREW when the revolutionary war ended, went to the county of Burke, which had but recently been established, with Morganton as the county seat, to study law under

that the cabin in which Jackson was one of the most notable in the state, then born and indeed the whole of his father's and now, who secured the enactment little farm was on the North Carolina of a law by the legislature, creating side. Tennessee claims Jackson as her the county of Washington, which then own child by adoption but not by birth, embraced all the territory which is now while North Carolina regards her own Tennessee, and Jonesboro was made the county seat.

Jackson went from Salisbury to Jonesboro and remained there until the new county of Davidson was created out of about half of Washington county, Nashville being named as the county seat; are but few. His law office, a little one- that place later becoming the capital of story affair, which would be called almost | Tennessee when that state was formed. a shack nowadays, stands in Salisbury The counties of Davidson and Washingand within the not distant past his ton were under the jurisdiction of North Carolina, though for a time the "State of Jackson, Attorney at Law." Jackson, Franklin" was attempted to be fixed on the map by John Sevier, a North Carolina pioneer who had pushed across the great Blue Ridge mountains into the new territory, his principal assistant being James Col. Waightstill Avery, who had a country Robertson, but this State of Franklin had place in the suburbs. He asked Avery to but a brief existence, and is now only a take him as a boarder, but Avery told memory. At one time it had its own