

place was called Killigray. Nothing is left of it now but the graves of two of her children, whom Flora MacDonald buried here.

At that time all of North Carolina was a great pine forest—one of the finest in the world—interspersed with river bottoms for fertile land. The Scotchmen built their homes on the sandy hilltops and cultivated the rich low-lands. There was timber without limit and the country swarmed with game. Here they lived just as they had in the Scotch Highlands, preserving their clans, all the traditions and customs of their highly individualized race.

Then came revolutionary war, and the Highland Scotchmen, of course, were loyalists. Driven from their homes by the defeat of the Stuarts they now offered their services to the House of Hanover. The call of the clan was sent far and wide over the hills. A few miles from here the Highlanders gathered armed with their hunting rifles; and the roll of the clan was called. It is a striking fact that if the same roll were called in Moore County today, every name would be answered.

Flora MacDonald was a leading spirit in organizing this company to fight for the cause of King George. She made good her word to the Duke of Cumberland—she espoused the cause of the House of Hanover in a time of need. Under a great pine tree she made a speech, denouncing the Continental Army as a pack of lawless rebels, and inspiring her clansmen to fight for the cause of government and loyalty to the King.

These Highland Scots, living alone in a wilderness, had no conception of the real strength of the American Revolution. They marched forth bravely, encountered the patriots at Moore's Creek in this county, and were utterly routed. Flora MacDonald's husband was taken captive and many of her friends killed.

A few years later she returned to Scotland. Her indomitable spirit is shown by an incident on the voyage. The ship was attacked by a French vessel of war. Flora refused to go below, but remained on deck throughout the action, cheering on the fighters, and herself receiving a wound in the arm. She seems to have been a born fighter, one of those rare spirits that love adventure and risk for their own sakes. She is said to have died during a thunderstorm and to have been buried in the sheet upon which Prince Charlie slept at Benbecula. There is a monument to her memory at Inverness.

Her devotion to the Jacobite cause was undoubtedly the ruling motive of her life. Exactly when it was that she went to Italy to offer the prince a thorn in America is not known, but it must have been soon after her arrival in America, which was in 1773. A circumstantial account of the incident is given in the chronicle of a local Scotch historian. According to this narrator, Flora was chosen to head a committee which went to Rome where the Prince was living in exile. But the woman who had saved the life of the prince was denied the privilege of an interview. She insisted that the matter was of the utmost importance, that her plan was one which would give the house of Stuart a dominion a hundred times the size of England. At last the attend-

ant led her to the King's apartment and she was allowed to peep through the door. The last of the royal Stuarts was a human wreck from disease and dissipation. Had he been even man enough to sit upon a throne there is no good reason to believe that the resolute Flora would have put him there.

#### Real Estate Prospects

There is no doubt about it, the coming Summer will see more dwellings erected by Winter residents than any previous season in the history of the village. Already ten new homes are planned to be begun immediately, and the end is not yet in sight. Almost any day Mr. Newcomb may be seen showing interested individuals over the property, and the season's business in the real estate department has surpassed anticipations.

Among recent additions to the list of property owners are Mr. George A. Magoon of Pittsburgh, and Mr. A. L. Sperry of New Haven, Conn. Mr. Magoon has bought lot No. 907 on Chinquapin Road not far from the residence of Mr. Robert Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Magoon have been guests at the Holly Inn for the past two seasons, after having spent Winters in various places in the southern section of this country and Europe, and have decided that Pinehurst is good enough for them. They will begin the construction of their new home immediately. Mr. Magoon is a habitue of the links and an enthusiastic trap and field shot. His list of clubs include the Pittsburgh Field Club, Heron Hill Gun Club, Pittsburgh Country Club and Schenley Golf Club.

Mr. Sperry's lot is on Maple Road nearly opposite F. W. Von Canon's new residence. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry have also concluded they have spent a sufficient number of Winters in cold storage in the North, and they too have determined to live in their own home in Pinehurst the rest of their Winters.

#### The Patriarch Threesome

A recent article by Theodore Price, the versatile editor of Cotton and Finance, and student of all things under the sun, questioning the value of golf as an influence towards health and a happy old age, has its graphic and immediate refutation in a threesome played on March 28th on the Pinehurst links. The youngest of these three enthusiasts was 83 years old, and Mr. D. N. Clark of Woodbridge, the dean of all golfers and the steadiest player on the links was the oldest, being eighty-seven last month. Their aggregate years were two hundred and fifty-six. And if this be an evidence against golf, I would prefer the bane to the remedy, whatever it is.

Mr. Clark made the nine holes in fifty-three. Mr. J. P. Crane of Boston was second with fifty-four, and the youngest of all had the highest score, leading to the inevitable conclusion that the game improves with age.

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