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#### TRUTH STRANGER THAN FIGTION.

A True Story of Life Among the Moonshiners of the Blue Ridge.

BY J. C. L. HARRIS.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Often the facts of real life are more interesting than the tales of fiction. It is not always that love and romance, tragedy, and the final happy ending, is confined to the brilliant and fertile imagination of well known writers, who cater for the literary tastes of the gen-

eral public.

Frequently in the busy bee hive of the people who make up hustling towns there are constantly ocnow and then a tragedy com

they came upon the scene of action liquor. And the feeling against the law was so great that it was worth as much as the life of any person, who had knowledge of the running of "a blockade still," for him or ber to give information to the revenue officers of this fact. As soon as it was definitely known that a certain man had become an "informer" on the blockaders, he was marked for death and sooner or later his doom overtook him and

he was found in some secreted place with a bullet hole through the county of Rutherford, about 10 per cent interest to be given for de- miles from the court house, near the road leading from Rutherfordton to Marion, a man by the name of Henderson Adair. He was an honest, sturdy mountaineer, who had raised a large family, and had known what it was to work hard all his life for a living. He was a most uncompromising old-line Whig, and before the war his word was law and gospel on election day at MacMahan's precinct. After the war he became an ardent Republican. Among his family at this time were two grown sons were "chips off the old block." They were radical Republicans and each other, and when together found out that a man by the name were intolerant of the views of their neighbors. They were courageous and aggressive and had many enemies in the county. the war they were strong Union men and delighted in piloting Fed-

> the Union. Old Man Adair and his boys that was painted white, and hence despised the law which forbid their its 'name. It was here in June, distilling the grain which they 1858, that the writer saw Sallie raised without the payment of a Morgau. The occasion was a distax of two dollars on the gallon, as cussion between Mr. Zebulon B. hands, as their fathers and grand- people present. "Mr." Vance, the will be best told by Polly Weston gone days and what might have

They deemed it a most outrageous deprivation of their rights of civil liberty that they must pay a tax whiskey and brandy. They never ceased to be at war with this law. It was the one black spot on the record of the Republican party that at times almost made Old Man Adair and his boys and neighbors vote the Democratic ticket.

Baynard. At this time he was a carring romances and love scenes, married man with three children. His wife - Sallie - was known far mingled with the devotion of a and near as the pretfiest woman woman, and the self-sacrifice of in the county. She had been well trusted the keeping of his first and town of Hendersonville. She was youthful love. Such a true story, a perfect brunette. Her hair and intelligence and political experioccurring in the counties of Ruth- eyes were as black as the wing of erford and Henderson, in this a raven, and her cheeks were red When "Mr. Vance" came to reply State, among the foothills of the and rosy with perfect health. Her it was seen, after a few minutes, blue capped peaks of the Allegha- features and form were such as nies, in the year 1871, with the would have made the admirers of town of Waco, in the State of with envy. She was a most expert acquaintance backed a horse more Shortly after the war illicit dis- gracefully or securely than she. tilling in the western part of the She "rode to the hounds" in all to cut up the still and destroy the The word of Mrs. Baynard in all bers her as the most beautiful then gave her seven severe social matters was as equally the law and gospel as was that of Old Man Henderson Adair.

Martin Baynard was a rough,

uncouth son of the mountains,

His education was limited. He possessed very little property, although he earned a good living for his family. That he was very inferior to his wife in every respect was apparent to all who knew this ill mated couple. How pretty Sallie Morgan came to marry Martin majority is now history. Baynard was a mystery to all who knew her. It was "talked" that In the year 1871 there lived in she had been engaged to some rode home after the speaking, the young man while she was at school man who was in after years to fill in the town of Hendersonville, and such a large place in the hearts that it had been broken off, and in and affections of the people of his the rebound she had married Mar. State, frequently referred to tin Baynard, who had been in love | " what a lovely girl Sallie Morgan with her ever since they went to | was." The war soon came on and school at the "White House in the beautiful girl faded from the the Cove" as children. Such was memory of the writer, and he next the site of the burnt house, and the the rumor, but what was the real | heard of her in 1871 as the wife of | truth was not then known. Years after the time of which we write it Baynard was a violent Republican came to be known that Sallie Mor- and was completely under the gan, when she went to school in domination and control of the the town of Hendersonville was Adair family. He sided them in the sweetheart of Terrell W. Tay- running the "blockade distillery," lor, and that they were engaged to very much against the wish and Columbus and Govan. These boys be married. For some time these protest of his wife. Finally, the two young people were all in all to enemies of the Adairs and Baynard they thought the world well lost, of Silas Weston and Polly, his But the course of their affection wife, who lived near the Adairs, did not run smooth, and it was had positive evidence of the runsaid that Taylor became jealous of ping of the "blockade distillery." They had many fights. During the attention which Miss Sallie This information was furnished to received from other young men. the revenue officers and Columbus Sallie had genuino affection for eral soldiers, who had escaped from Taylor, but she was somewhat of a nard were indicted in the United county. "secesh," meaning those persons father's home in Rutherford county story. who had favored the war against near what is known as the "White House in the Cove." This house Like most of the mountaineers, was the first house in Rutherford

it was in 1871, and they did not Vance and the Hon. Waightstill the unwritten law of the moon- heart leap and brought vividly permitted to pass out by Taylor hesitate to violate the law by run- W. Avery, Whig and Democratic shiners against an informer. Wes- back to him those days when he as he had agreed with Mrs. Bay ning "a blockade" distillery. candidates for Congress. This was ton and wife had four small sat with his arm around her, with pard to do. Hue and cry was They resented what they were the first political gathering the children and lived in a cabin about his lips to her's-the world well raised and a heavy reward was pleased to term the "inherent right writer had ever attended. He two miles from where Henderson forgot in the experience of love's offered for Baynard's arrest, but of the people" to do as they pleased well remembers the occasion. Adair lived. How well the con- young dream. In their conversa- he was never heard from. The with the products of their own There was a great concourse of spiracy to murder was executed tions there were references to by- wife was permitted to go, and

Martin Baynard: Like the Adairs,

and Govan Adair and Martin Bay."

opponent was then the leader of Martin Baynard, on pages 298, the three defendants were con-

Adair came into the house he fired laughter and appliuse. It was a sound, and exclaiming, 'they bave woman he had ever seen. She was | wounds, leaving her, as they supanswered the description hereto- to cut her infant's throat, set the fore given of her. She made bedding on fire, and fled from the "Mr." Vance a neat little speech house. She lay upon the floor in presenting the flowers, congrat- until the flames began to burn ber ulated him on his address and hair, when finding her infant still predicted his election. "Mr." alive, she took it and placed it outcrowd and told anecdotes and dragged Theodosia out, whom she then made her escape to the house Taylor well knew that Sallie Bay-As the writer and "Mr." Vance of a Mrs. Williams about a mile pard meant all that she had said

> The next morning the house again. The woman tempted and was found in ashes and the remains of three human bodies, correspoding in size to Silas Weston and three children, were found on child, Theodosia, was found dead Taylor that she would never surwith a bullet hole through her breast, and her body burnt and lying where her mother said she left it the night before when she escaped from the flames. The murderers did not think for a moment that they had left Mrs. Wes ton alive, and when they were arrested the next day and were told that it was on her affidavit, Govan exclaimed "Why, ain't she dead?" This circumstance was very strong which, it is said, is never exagainst them on the trial. The case was removed from Rutherford county to Henderson county for trial, because of the influence

from the scene of the qua lruple about killing berself. It was the

of the defendants in Rutherford the Salisbury and other Confeder- | coquette, as every beautiful woman | States court. The indicted parties | At this time, 1871, a man by the | broken wife. When the time had ate prisons, across the mountains and into the Federal lines. Of course all the Confederate were their avowed enemies. Under the their avowed enemies. Under the son counties. Taylor was as the information was given by other engaged to be married to the wo- mounting her horse proceeded on their avowed enemies. Under the son counties. Taylor was as the information was given by other engaged to be many the information was given by other engaged to be many the information was given by other engaged to be many the blue ditious Journey.

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Apply to Ticket Agents for Time way home amid the blue wife of Martin Baynard. It seems as it had been Whig. For these not confine herself to him. Finally grand jury, and were the only wit that there was some disagreement Rutherford county. When supper or address reasons the Adair family had they became estranged and the nesses for the government. Right between Miss Sallie Morgan and was taken to Baynard he was many enemies among those whom engagement was broken off. Sallie here the trouble began which Taylor and the engagement was lying down and would not eat. they delighted to denounce as the finished school and went to her brings an awful tragedy into the broken off and both in after years Next morning when breakfast was married another party. Taylor and | brought be still would not eat. As soon as the Adairs and Bay- Mrs. Baynard had not seen each When it became time to prepare nard found out they were indicted other for years. The black-haired, for the execution Taylor and a and that Silas Weston and Polly rosy cheeked and black eyed maid- minister went into the cell and Western were the only witnesses en had grown to be a beautiful found Mrs. Baynard dressed and against them, they conspired and mature woman, and when she first awaiting them. The clothes of agreed to murder Weston and his came to the jail in Hendersonville her husband were hanging on the wife in order to remove the wit- to see her husband and Taylor wall. Baynard had dressed in the nesses against them and carry out saw his first love, it made his clothes of his wife and had been

outside of Buncombe county. His lumbus and Govan Adair and In due time the trial came on and the Democratic party in this State 299, 300 and 301 of the 66th volume victed of murder and an appeal and its ablestmember. He had been of the Reports of the Supreme | was made to the Supreme court. In chairman of the committee on reso- | Court of North Carolina. She says: | regular order came the decision af-"That she was the wife of Silas firming the judgment and the Weston and that she had been the three defendants were sentenced mother of four living children, to be hanged. Governor Tod R. many years. General Thomas L. That she lived in Rutherford Caldwell was appealed to for a Clingman had been reepeatedly county. That on the night of the commutation of sentence, which he elected by it. He was at this time | 26th day of April, 1871, about one | promptly refused to grant. The in the United States Senace and | hour in the night, she and three of | feeling ran high against the dethe Hon. Mr. Avery sought to be her children had risen from the feudants and the populace clamhis successor. "Mr. Vance" had supper table, leaving her husband ored for their blood. The fear of the reply and the rejoinder at this at the table feeding the baby, a rescue from jail was so great discussion. Mr. Avery opened and She heard the growl of a dog in that Sheriff Taylor remained there delivered a most able and learned the yard, and went to a crack in all the time after the day for the address on all the, issues which the end of the cabin in which they execution was fixed. Now came lived, to see what had disturbed the time that tried the soul of A near neighbor of the Adairs by only a small number of his the dog. On putting her face to Taylor. Mrs. Baynard was well was a man by the name of Martin addience. He indulged in no the crack she was fired on, the nigh crazy at the impending death powder burning her eyes, and she of her husband. Baynard, while tions with which to point and staggered back, exclaiming I'm rough and uncouth, was the father enforce his argument. It would killed-God have mercy on me.' of her several children, and he The door was then burst open, and had been kind and loving and Govan Adair entered and fired on true to her, and by force of these a man, for her to whom he has educated at a female school in the Secate, but it was sadly out of her husband while he was seated things her heart-strings had enat the table, and again as he re- twined themselves around her treated to the other end of the husband, and the thought of his bouse. Govan Adair and Martin being put to death and by the Baynard then seized her husband lover of her youth, was worse than and cut his throat. As Columbus death itself to her. She made appeal after appeal to Taylor to help low of his hands. He was chaste on David and Theodosia, two of her in some way to save her husconclusion near the flourishing the Greek Slave of Powers die and pure in his language, for there her children, and then shot her band from a felon's death, but were hundreds of ladies present. son-W. H. Steadman. The two there was no way except by the Texas, twenty years later, is that horsewoman. No man of her His speech was literally punctured first named children were killed betrayal of the law and the comwith wit and humor that kept his instantly. W. H. Steadman mission of a high crime. Mrs. hearers in a continual uproar of breathed twice, with a gurgling Baynard finally declared to Taylor that if her husband was hanged State was carried on to a much greater extent than it is now. In ried off the brush. She handled a discussion ended both candidates and cutting her husband's throat sonville during the execution and around their "blockade stills," as As a girl, she was beloved and their lady friends. Among those get under the bed. Govan Adair busband, and that Taylor would and settle at once and thereby save they are called, with their guns in petted by all who knew her, and of the Whig girls who presented Adair and Martin Baynard drag- be responsible for her death and their hands, and they usually as long as she lived in Rutherford "Mr." Vance with a bouquet was ged her out, and Govan Adair at the making of her children orfought the revenue officers when county she retained the good will Miss Sallie Morgan. The writer, tempted to shoot her, but his pis- phans. Never was man so sorely and esteem of all her neighbor. who was then 12 years old, remem- tol did not fire. He and Baynard tried. Between his sworn duty to his county and State and the woman be had loved with the fires of most becomingly dressed and fully posed, dead; they then attempted early manhood, his trial was that of a martyr. He had never failed theretofore in the honest fearless discharge of his duty. He possessed the confidence and esteem of the people of his county more than any other man. He wanted Vance then got down among the side the house and returned and now to do his duty, but he was not made of clay different from most made himself "hail fellow well left just outside the burning house other men. He had loved this met" with all. How he reversed dead, being unable to carry her woman who virtually demanded the vote and was elected by 2,049 any further on account of a wound of him not only the life of her husin her arm and shoulder. She band, but her own life as well.

> to the jail to see her husband for the last time. She again told vive the ignominious death of her husband and demanded his life of Taylor because of their love in former days. Love proved stronger than duty to law and to outraged justice. The cry of the widowed wife and the dead and cremated husband and children were forgotten; only the sweetheart of his youth, for whom there yet remained much of that first love tinguished, was thought of, Mrs. Baypard was permitted by Taylor to go to the cell of her husband and no one was permitted to witness this last scene between the doomed busband and the heart-

story of the Garden of Eden over

The day before the day set for

the execution, Mrs. Baynard came

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## Commissioner's Sale.

AS commissioner, appointed by a decree of the Superior Court of Burke counv. rendered at the Spring Term, 1898, in an action entitled L. A. Bristol, receiver, and others against Wm. H. Pearson and others, I will, on

Monday, February 6th, 1899,

spose to sale a certain lot on West Union in the town of Morganton, with sidence, out-buildings and improveats thereon, described and bounded follows, to-wit: Beginning on an oak w down), corner of Union and Anderstreets, and runs with Union street orth 58 degrees east 6 poles to a stake, corner of the B. S. Gaither lot; then orth 33 degrees west 347 feet with the Gaither line to a stake; then south 58 degrees west six poles to a stake on Anderson street; thence with Anderson street 347 feet to the beginning. Being the lot on which the said W. Is Pearson now resides, and being the tract conveved by S. T. Pearson and wife to W. Pearson by deed of date the 1st day February, 1890, recorded in Book U ige 152, in the office of the Register of eeds of Burke county. Terms of sale sh. Sale made subject to a mortgage \$540 and interest due the Southern parantee and Investment Company, of reensboro, N. C.

This 3d day of January, 1899. W. C. ERVIN, Commissioner.

#### Execution Sale.

virtue of two several executions issued from the Superior Court of Burke county and directed to me in two several civil actions, entitled the Atlantic National Bank against the Herald Pubshing Company and the National Park Bank against the Herald Publishing Company, I will, on

#### Monday, February 6th, 1899,

pose to sale, for cash, to the highest der, at the court house door in the own of Morganton, a certain lot, the roperty of the defendant, lying on Green eet in the town of Morganton, beging at a stake in Green street, J. L. xton's corner, and runs with J. L. Laxa's line north 40 degrees 10 east 140 to a stake; thence south 49 degrees east 22 feet to a stake; thence south een street north 49 degrees 15 west 22 t to the beginning, excepting therem the chimney attached to the Herald ilding, and the land on which the fountions of said chimney are built. This January 4th, 1899. C. M. McDOWELL, Sheriff.

#### Commissioner's Sale.

S commissioners appointed by a decree of the Superior Court of Burke ounty at the Spring Term, 1898, in a ivil action entitled the National Park lank against the South Mountain Club and others, we will, on

Monday, February 6th, 1898,

expose to sale, to the highest bidder, at e court house door in the town of Morganton, all that certain property mown as the "Burkemont property, onsisting of certain tracts of land or Burkemont conveyed by R. A. Deaton, ommissioner, and J. H. Pearson and wife to W. C. Ervin and S. T. Pearson. Sale will be made first in lots and then as a whole, the sale to be reported at the highest price obtained. Terms of sale: 20 per cent in cash on day of sale. 40 per cent in six months and 40 per cent in twelve months. Notes bearing ferred payments and title to be retained until purchase money is fully paid. Plat can be seen in office of F. B. Davis after January 15th.

This 3d day of January, 1899. F. B. DAVIS, Commissioners.

#### Sale of Valuable Hotel and Gold Mine.

Y virtue of a deed of trust duly executed to me by E. S. Walton and wife and recorded in the Register's office of Burke county, I will offer for sale at the court house door in Morganton, N. C., on

Monday, February 6th, 1899,

the following described real estate in Burke county: Two certain tracts of land lying and being in Burke county and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. C. Mills and others and ounded as follows, to-wit;

FIRST TRACT.—Being the undivided one half interest of E S. Walton in the den Alpine Springs tract, with a threestory hotel building, cottages, barns and other improvements, containing 300 acres, more or less, as particularly described in a deed of date the 13th day June, 1896, by Thos. G. Walton to E. Walton and others, recorded in Book No. 2, page 435, in the office of the egister of Deeds of Burke county, N.C. SECOND TRACT. - Known as the Satterhite Gold Mine tract, with the mining machinery and appliances and improvements thereon, as particularly described n a deed from Thos. G. Walton to said E. Stanly Walton of date the 13th day of June, 1896, as recorded in Book C No. 2, page 433, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Burke county, N. C. Terms of sale cash.

This January 5th, 1899. E. B. CLAYWELL,

### Administrator's Notice.

AVING qualified as administrator of the estate of J. P. Hall, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are quested to come, forward at once and ake settlement. All persons having laims against the said estate are hereby otified to present them within twelve onths from date hereof or this notice vill be plead in bar of their recovery.

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