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OLD TIMES IN WARREN

(By T. J. Taylor, D. D.)

NATIONAL CHARACTERS

GENERAL MICAJAH THOMAS HAWKINS

It is to be regretted that material to write an extended sketch of this gentleman, once prominent in the affairs of Warren, is not available. This however, is a difficulty with which we meet in attempting to sketch the lives of most of our prominent men. With the exception of Nathaniel Meador, Col. Penjamin Hawkins, and Hon. Weldon N. Edwards, the data for writing extended sketches is exceedingly meager, and even in the case of the gentlemen named there is much that we want to know, but have no means of learning.

General Micajah Hawkins was a son of John Hawkins, who was the son of Nathaniel Hawkins, Sr., and the brother of Colonel Benjamin Hawkins. Col. John Hawkins was a man of large means. He owned a large body of land covering what is now known as the Hawkins and Plummer places, a few miles west and south-west of Warrenton. He also owned a large number of slaves.

Colonel John Hawkins had five sons, Philemon, John H., Micajah Thomas, Joseph and another whose name I do not know. He also had one or more daughters for one of them, Ann, became the wife of Rev. John Rooker, who settled in York District, South Carolina, in 1792, and raised a large family, and exerted a great influence for good in the section where he lived.

Micajah Thomas Hawkins was born in Warren County, North Carolina, in 1790. He doubtless attended the old Male Academy in Warrenton, and was also a student of the University at Chapel Hill.

He received his military title of General for long service rendered as an officer in the State Militia. He is said to have been an exacting officer, and required the officers and men under him when on duty to wear the prescribed uniform and accouterments. The late Mrs. Mary Green informed me that at a general muster in Warrenton the late General Micajah T. Hawkins put his brother, General Jack Hawkins, of Hawtree, under arrest for appearing at the head of his men without his sword.

In 1823 General M. T. Hawkins succeeded Governor William Miller in the Senate of the State Legislature. He served through five terms of the Legislature, and was succeeded by Richard in 1828. He was again elected to the Senate in 1816, serving one term. I omitted to mention that previous to his Senatorial career General M. T. Hawkins represented Warren County in the House of Commons during the year 1819 and 20.

In 1831 General Hawkins was elected to represent this district in the twenty-second Congress. He was re-elected to the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th Congresses, and always as a Democrat. His congressional career closed in 1841.

General Hawkins is said to have been an active aggressive campaigner. Being a man of large means, who lived a free and easy life, one of the leading sporting characters of his district, he had the active co-operation of those who enjoyed fast living.

A story is told of an incident that occurred in one of his campaigns at "Old Shatter." A large crowd had assembled and the friends of the opposing candidates were hard at work. General Hawkins' chief was old man Faulkner. He rolled out a barrel of whiskey, knocked the head out of the barrel and shouted, "Come men, one and all, and drink General Hawkins' liquor." The General said, "Faulkner, you must make a speech for me."

Whereupon the old man who was just drunk enough to attempt any thing mounted a goods box and shouted: "Feller citizens, we have sent General Hawkins to Congress several times, and if he ever done us and good I never heard of it." The General raised his stick to strike him, exclaiming, "what's that, sir?" Whereupon old man Faulkner naively concluded "and he never done us any harm neither and I reckon we better send him back agin." And "Old Shatter" gave the General his solid vote.

General Hawkins devoted much time to raising fast horses. The signs of the old race track where he trained his horses are still visible; but he and his time have long since passed away, and Ichabod seems to be written on

COLORED MAN DIES AT 123 IN WARREN

Anthony Seawood Believed to Have Been Oldest Man in North Carolina.

Anthony Seawood, aged 123, believed to have been the oldest living person in North Carolina at the time of his death, died at his home in Warren county at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening. Death was due, it was said, from old age. He lived on Rural route No. 1, out from Manson, just over the Vance county line in Warren.

Uncle Anthony, as he was familiarly known, claimed never to have taken a dose of doctor's medicine in his life, and throughout his long career he enjoyed general good health. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at Burchette's chapel at one o'clock.

The old darkey was born in Warren county, and lived there his whole lifetime. He was married at least twice, the second time when he was considerably more than 100 years of age. His wife was a very young woman, and still survives him. The county made him a present of the marriage license. Several sons died recently of old age, each of these being near 80. His only living child, Aunt Violet Terry, is now 70 years old, and lives near the home of her father.

Persons who have visited old Uncle Anthony describe him as a most interesting creature. He never lost his sight, but for possibly fifty years had never had a tooth in his head. He had been active on his farm until very recently. His skin bore a close resemblance to a piece of parchment, and reflected the old darkey's age.

Uncle Anthony was visited by many persons who called to see him through curiosity of his old age. He could talk freely, but on account of having no teeth, he could not be well understood except by members of his immediate family, and his speech often had to be interpreted by them to visitors.

It is related that the aged darkey really was 123 years old at the time of his death, and that records of an old family Bible prove this. That being true, he was born in the year 1794 and Uncle Anthony was five years old at the time President George Washington died in 1799. He was living only a few years after the close of the revolution and the setting up of an independent government in America. Uncle Anthony was 73 years old at the time of the Civil War. He has seen every war the United States has ever waged, except the first, that of the Revolution.

He lived a simple life and that is regarded as accounting for the many years that he remained upon the earth. His home was in a little cabin just over the Warren county line. He had a pig in one corner of his premises to which he devoted much of his time. The cabin was his own, the gift of friends to him many years ago. Each Christmas time many of his white acquaintances, as well as the colored neighbors, always remembered him with boxes of good things to eat, and he was always well looked after during the declining years of his life.—Henderson Daily Dispatch.

ATTENTION VETTRANS

You are hereby notified to meet in Warrenton on the 17th of May, 1917, to attend to matters of the John White Camp and arrange for attending the Reunion in Washington, D. C. Also our annual County Re-union dinner by Daughters of the Confederacy will be on the same day.

JOHN W. ALLEN, Commander.

the old place where he once lived and reigned.

Late in life he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Baker whom he met at Shocco Springs during a season there. To them were born three children, John, who died about thirty years ago; Ella, an attractive girl who became the wife of Edward Clark of Washington, N. C. and has been dead many years; and Pattie who married a Mr. Hargrove, of Washington, N. C., and has long been dead.

General Hawkins died at his home in this county December 22, 1868. His body sleeps in a vault which by his instruction was built near his residence. His widow survived him many years. She lived until all their children had passed away. She died about twenty-five years ago, and her body rests near that of her husband.

COURT CALENDAR

Calendar of Jury Cases to be Tried at May Term Warren Superior Court

Monday and Tuesday, May 21st and 22nd Criminal Cases Only.

FIRST WEEK

Wednesday May 23rd, 1917.

- No. 1. (Summons) Charles Goode Vs. Rebecca Goode.
- No. 2. (Summons) Annie B. Pullman Vs. Sam Pullman.
- No. 36. Annie Saeman et al. Vs. Arnold Saeman et al.
- No. 42. R. R. Radford Vs. Selby Alston.
- No. 59. Elsie Hinton Vs. Horace Hinton.
- No. 61. Walter Williams Vs. Rebecca Williams.
- No. 64. J. T. Myrick Vs. Mrs. Elizabeth Skundberg, Administratrix.
- No. 66. Cicero B. Harris Vs. J. L. Tate and others.
- No. 40. L. T. Perry, Executor of M. V. Perry, dec'd. Vs. L. A. Perry and others.
- No. 20. T. W. Harris Vs. H. F. Bonney.
- No. 22. Planters Store Co. Vs. Jno. W. Fleming.
- No. 32. Eugene Johnston Vs. L. L. Taylor and wife.
- No. 37. W. H. Dameron Vs. A. P. Paschall.
- No. 56. J. A. Meeder Vs. Charlotte Motor Car Co. H. W. Shaw, Agent.

Saturday May 26th, 1917

- No. 38. Chr. Sandsvick Vs. W. G. Rogers.

SECOND WEEK

Monday May 28th, 1917

- No. 39. D. F. Fort, Jr. Vs. E. G. Sears and others.
- No. 48. T. E. Holding, Jr. Vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway.
- No. 54. Lizzie M. Trombley Vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Tuesday May 29th, 1917

- No. 49. The D. A. Fishel Son Co. Vs. J. D. Bush and J. D. Holton, trading as J. D. Bush and Company.
- No. 50. A. R. Bunch Vs. L. T. Perry, Executor of M. V. Perry, deceased.

For Judgement

- No. 10. D. M. Carter Vs. Ed Harris and M. E. Newsom.
- No. 12. R. F. Harris Vs. Charles and A. B. Alston, trading as Alston Brothers.
- No. 15. Eugene Johnston Vs. Willy Pully.
- No. 16. Eugent Johnston Vs. Nick Pully.
- No. 18. Littleton Feed and Grocery Co. Vs. W. S. Clanton et al.
- No. 19. J. A. Meeder Vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.
- No. 25. Meeder and Co. Vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway Co.
- No. 30. Littleton Feed and Grocery Company Vs. R. E. Taylor.
- No. 31. Warfax Tel. and Tel. Co. Vs. Home Tel. and Tel. Co.
- No. 46. J. A. Meeder Vs. Continental Plant Company
- No. 58. W. C. Hight Vs. J. R. Pendergrass.

Suitors and Witnesses need not attend until the day for the trial of the cases they are interested in, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

—J. R. RODWELL, Clerk Superior Court.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution were unanimously adopted by the Church and Sunday School on Sunday May 6th:

Whereas shortly after midnight on Wednesday, April 18th, 1917, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom called from our midst Brother Page R. Perkinson, who was one of our oldest and most highly esteemed members, and who has been for over thirty years the faithful, unselfish and efficient clerk and treasurer of Sharon Church, and Secretary of its Sunday School, be it resolved:

That we as a church and as a community thank God for Brother Perkinson's irrefragable example, and that we endeavor to imitate his chaste, temperate, generous, genial and faithful Christian character.

That while we mourn our loss we try to realize how great is his reward and how happy is he who spent his life as a dutiful and untiring worker in the Master's vineyard, and who died in Christ Jesus to live again in his most glorious resurrection.

Be it further resolved that we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and commend them to the comfort and solace of a merciful God.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of Sharon Church, a copy sent to Brother Perkinson's family, a copy sent to the Biblical Recorder, to the Warren Record and to the Norfolk Herald for publication.

Warrenton, N. C. May 9th, 1917.

—J. R. THOMPSON, CHARLOTTE S. PERKINSON, C. R. IER. DUNN, Committee.

MRS. MAUDE MARION PERKINSON

Mrs. Maude Marion Perkinson, 24 years old, wife of L. W. Perkinson, died Monday a. m. at 2:15 o'clock, at her home in La Crosse after a lingering illness.

The funeral services were conducted from the grave at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. J. T. Payne, of the Methodist church of which she was a member, having entered the Christian race at the age of 13 years, she made it an intensely interesting part of her life. She never allowed the fashions and delusions of the giddy world to enter into her life and rob her of the joy of an ideal Christian experience.

While we mourn her departure with great sorrow, we are assured that our loss is her gain, and extend to the family our deepest sympathy. She is survived by her husband and two small children, Edith Terrell and Lawrence, Jr., her mother, Mrs. Emma Mosley, four brothers and three sisters, Mrs. Hinton Wesson, Mr. H. A. Mosley, of Warrenton, N. C.; Mr. C. F. Mosley, of Boydton, Va.; Mrs. W. G. Wall, Mrs. J. Rosser Matthews, Mr. M. K. and C. L. Mosley, of La Crosse. The following were pall bearers—Active: Messrs J. L. Hagood, J. R. Gordon, G. H. Warick, H. D. Barham, F. M. Minelickler and J. W. Matthews. Honorary were Messrs M. C. Thomason H. G. Pully, O. G. Northington, H. C. Harrison, Dr. W. W. Wilkinson, R. P. Montgomery, J. S. Montgomery, Murphy Barnett, M. H. Swellon, L. M. Raney, E. C. Moseley and T. M. Wilkinson.

The interment was made in La Crosse cemetery, the floral designs were numerous and beautiful, each showing a tribute of deepest esteem.

MRS. E. J. WALKER.

NORLINA HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES

The First Annual Commencement Exercises of the Norlina High School were concluded on Tuesday evening with the graduation exercises and literary address by Rev. H. M. North, of Durham, N. C.

The closing exercises of the school began on Friday evening with the entertainment by the primary and grammar grades. The commencement exercises began on Sunday morning, with the commencement sermon, which was preached by Dr. P. H. Fleming, of Greensboro, N. C.

On Monday evening the graduating class presented the Class Exercises to a large and appreciative audience. The program for Tuesday evening consisted of the Invocation by Rev. W. C. Merritt, the Salutatory by Gordon Hall, Chorus by the High school, Literary Address, by Rev. H. M. North, Trio, by Misses Ethel Merritt, Alma Tate, and Mattie Lee Egerton, Presentation of Graduation class and certificate pupils to the school board; presentation of diplomas and certificates by Mr. H. M. Terrell, Sec. School Board; presentation of medals awards and prizes by the principal; Report of Principal, Chorus by High School, Valedictory, by Julius Banzet. The following medals were awarded: Woodley Merritt, for declamation; Ethel Merritt, for recitation, Ruby Duffin, for recitation; Julius Banzet, for highest average in graduating class. These medals were given by Messrs J. L. Overby, M. E. Walker, Dr. N. D. Morton, R. S. Register, and W. G. Hall, and H. M. Terrell. Alex Mabry and Lucy Cawthorne were awarded a gold pin for highest average, given by their teacher for attendance, also a signet ring by his parents for attendance, having been neither tardy or absent for four consecutive years. Baxter Haymore, Dorothy Jennette and Edward Weldon were presented with a gold pin for highest average in their respective grades by their teacher, Mrs. W. E. Pratt.

In spite of rainy evening for each of the exercises, the large school auditorium has been taxed to its utmost seating capacity for each occasion.

W. H. FLEMING, Principal.

THE 1917 AGROMECK

West Raleigh, N. C., May 9.—The 1917 Agromeck, the fifteen volume of the student yearbook of North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, has made it appearance on the campus, and is unanimously proclaimed the last word in college annuals.

The book is a most handsome and artistically bound volume of 300 pages, devoted to the life of the State institution for education in agriculture, engineering and other practical specialties. The contents are worthy of the black leather binding with gold etching. They are divided into eight departments as follows: The College, The Classes, The Regiment, Sponsors, Athletics, Fraternities, Organizations, and College Life. They include the college quips and jests, athletic, class, and faculty records, and abound with photographs and drawings of college and near-college scenes and experiences, with many excellent-executed color plates and decorations.

The text of the book is the subject of much highly laudatory comment. More space and attention is given athletics than in former issues and several other departments receive more detailed treatment; notably among these being the College Life section which is as sprightly and witty as a bound volume of "Life".

On the whole, the Agromeck is a live publication and pictures truly the life of the college. It sets a standard as a most attractive, interesting and artistic college annual. It reflects much credit upon its Editor-in-Chief J. B. Powell, of Roxobel, and Business Manager R. W. McGeachy, of Raleigh, whose conception it largely is.

OAKVILLE ITEMS

We are having a flood season. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. King spent last Saturday and Sunday in Vaughan. Messrs H. W. Rodwell and W. C. Egerton spent a while in Macon last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. C. E. Rodwell, of Warrenton spent last Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rodwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Felts spent last Saturday night and Sunday with friends around here.

Mr. Jasper King of Raleigh, is spending a few days with his parents Mrs. J. J. Felts.

WARREN COUNTY BEHIND

Co. H 3rd N. C. Inf N. G. Warrenton, N. C. May 10, 1917.

To the Editors of Warren County News Papers, Gentlemen:

Since the declaration of War with Germany this organization had added to its roster seventeen recruits. Only one of the above number has come from Warren County. There seems to be some lack of clear idea of the situation which causes this condition, and it is desired that the following information be given to the public through your columns:

Enlistment in the National Guard relieves the young man from being conscripted.

There still remains approximately seventy-five vacancies in the ranks of the local military company. When these places are filled young men from Warren County have no assurance whatever that they will be placed in an organization composed of other men from this section, and they have no choice whatever as to the officers who will command them. The officers of the local company would greatly prefer having young men from Warren County in this company, but can not refuse to enlist men from other places when there are no volunteers from Warren.

By authority of the War Department assurances may be given every man who has been or shall be enlisted since April 4th that he will be discharged at the end of the period of emergency, that is at the end of the War.

Yours truly, W. A. GRAHAM, Capt. 3rd N. C. Inf N. G.

GRANT PATRIOTIC DAY FOR WARREN COUNTY

Thursday, May 17th, Warrenton

On Thursday, May 17th, the people of Warren County are going to hold a great patriotic gathering in Warrenton.

At Eleven o'clock the day's program will commence with a speech by Brigadier General Lawrence W. Young, 1st N. C. Brigade. General Young has been a soldier for fifteen years. As Adjutant General of North Carolina during the Crime administration he freed North Carolina of a debt of hundreds of dollars which had been standing ever since the Spanish-American War. Upon the Call of the President in June 1916, Gen. Young was transferred from the office of adjutant General to command of the First N. C. Brigade. No man is in closer touch with the military situation, both as to legislation and service, than this speaker, and in addition to his knowledge he possesses the gift of effective public speaking.

At one o'clock the Warren Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will tender their annual banquet to the Confederate Veterans. This will be in the Masonic Banquet Hall, and in response to the call of the toastmaster several of the old soldiers will respond to appropriate toasts.

At the same hour the public will be partaking of a sumptuous feast in picnic style on the Court House Green. The housekeepers of the town have promised to bring a bountiful supply and likewise the good ladies from the County will bring great baskets of good things. Posters will announce the dinner committee and the plans for serving.

In the afternoon, beginning at 2:30, other speakers will present Red Cross Work and show how every lady and every community can help in its splendid work carried on at the front; Food Production for War Needs and how every citizen can do his share for the public good. The names of these speakers can not be announced at this time, but assurance may be given that they will be the best available in the State.

Let everybody give this one day as an expression of our patriotism and let us plan together how we can best serve our country in her hour of need. That the attendance may be the largest possible, every merchant in Warrenton will be requested to close store for one hour.

Mr. H. Rodwell spent last Tuesday afternoon in Henderson.

Mrs. J. J. Felts spent last Wednesday in Vaughan with her brother, Mr. J. T. Myrick.

Mr. O. D. Ellis was in our midst last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Roy Ellis went to Macon last Wednesday on business.

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