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OLD TIMES IN WARREN

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

NATIONAL CHARACTERS

JOHN MACON

The long and brilliant career of Nathaniel Macon has caused most of us to lose sight of the fact that there were other Macons who were prominent at that time as citizens, soldiers, and legislators.

Before proceeding to give a brief sketch of the public services of John Macon, it might interest the readers of the Record to see some facts concerning the Macon family. I am mainly indebted for these facts to Prof. W. E. Dodd, who gives them in his life of Nathaniel Macon.

It is a matter of regret that Cotton, the biographer of Nathaniel Macon, failed to give much information concerning the Macon family. Dodd, who wrote a life of Nathaniel Macon, which was published in 1803, carefully collected from various sources all the available information concerning the Macon family.

According to Dodd "the Macon family originated in France, where 'Jourenand de Macon' was knighted in 1321. The title 'de' was enjoyed by Louis de Macon and his son Gabriel. The de Macon, so far as we know, who settled in this country was a French Huguenot by the name of Gideon Macon. He came to Virginia in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and settled at Middle Plantation, New Kent County. His home was known as Prospect Hill, which is still regarded 'one of the fine old landmarks of Eastern Virginia.' He was a successful tobacco planter, and in 1680 was a vestryman in St. Peter's parish. His son William Macon, who was born in 1687, succeeded his father as the owner of Prospect Hill. He also was a vestryman of St. Peter's parish, and was Colonel of New Kent militia. Col. William Macon's sister, Martha, married Obediah Jones, and her granddaughter, Martha Dandridge, was the wife of John Parke Custis. Mr. Custis' early death left his wife a wealthy widow, and she became the wife of George Washington.

Prof. Dodd says "there were many Macons in Virginia about the middle of the eighteenth century, and many of them were connected with the most prominent families in the colony. Henry Macon, of Goochland, was one of these; and Thomas Macon, a brother-in-law of James Madison of Orange was another."

With reference to the North Carolina Macons Prof. Dodd says: "Gideon Macon, brother to William of Prospect Hill, emigrated to upper North Carolina in the early thirties of the eighteenth century, and 'took up lands' on Shocco Creek within the domains of the Earl of Grandville." Here he built his residence, known as Macon Manor, and it is said that this was the first house in Warren County that could boast of having glass windows. In 1760 the territory now embraced in Franklin and Warren Counties was cut off from Edgecombe, and formed into a new county by the name of Bute. The new Court House of this county was built near "Macon Manor."

I am not in a position to give the names of all the seven children of Gideon Macon. The oldest Harrison, was the ancestor of the Franklin County Macons. John left two sons of whose descendants I know nothing. His only daughter was the first wife of General M. T. Hawkins, and died without children. Of Nathaniel's four children two died in early childhood. Gideon was the ancestor of the Macons now living in Warren County. John Macon was older than Nathaniel. Dodd says that he was a "scape-grace." I do not know where he got his information, and am disposed to doubt it; for the long and successful career in public life indicates that he was held in high esteem by the people of his county.

He was an officer in the American army in the War of the Revolution, Captain of the company in which his brother Nathaniel served as a private. It was through his persuasion that Nathaniel was induced to accept the office in the Legislature to which the people of his county had elected him.

In 1780 John Macon was elected a member of the House of Commons of the North Carolina Legislature. He served in the lower branch of the Assembly, according to Wheeler, until 1784, and in 1786 he was elected to the Senate and was re-elected every year until 1794. This gives him continuous life only ended with his death.

COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

(By W. T. Bost)

Raleigh, May 17th—Catalogues for the North Carolina Agriculture and Engineering College Summer School, which begins here June 12 and runs through July 27, are ready nearly to issue.

Raleigh is to find glorious recompense in the school this year and here where the general staff of warriors against hunger and famine are directing a campaign of agriculture and economy, special interest attaches to a school which this year will lay heavy emphasis upon agriculture. Ten courses in this great North Carolina industry, in which more than 2,000,000 of the State's population, will be given to the teachers who will comprise the school.

As all 1917 legislation of the general Assembly looked to improvement on the farms, special acts regulating the crop lien and exempting from taxation the papers held as bona fide security for farms and homes being among these, the institution is this year to do its best to give a course that will prepare rural teachers especially for their school. This will be easily possible with the great number of agricultural courses planned.

Forty-one teachers have signed their agreement to teach the summer. This double score and one are the cream of the colleges and elementary schools in half a dozen states. Six weeks before the school opens June 12 in West Raleigh, the record of 1904, when the last summer school was conducted here, stands a fine chance of being smashed. In that summer 840 teachers enrolled. Only one Southern institution matched that fine attendance that year and only one has since excelled it.

Of course all the grades from 1 to 11, the primary, grammar and high school subjects, will be taught and the course will be adapted to teachers and officials of all schools. Those who attend in Raleigh will meet the requirements of the school law of the state which insists upon attendance at some institution or summer school. Everything given at institutions of the highest rank will be given in this course. The superb faculty guarantees that.

The teachers will occupy the dormitories of the institution. They will board and room at the college. For a stay of 45 days a complete charge of only \$31.75 is made. This embraces tuition, room rent, medical fee, gymnasium and library fee and board. For a six-weeks residence in beautiful dormitories about a beautiful town, a teacher is allowed to live in comfort on less than a dollar a day and attend one of the best summer schools in the country. And to get to Raleigh every railroad has agreed to sell reduced rate tickets.

MACON EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Macon Epworth League will hold Anniversary Services in the Methodist church at that place, next Eunday night, beginning at 8:30. Addresses will be made by Prof. W. A. Graham and Rev. R. H. Broom, with short talks by the League President Mr. G. B. Harris, and the Supt. of Devotional Department, Mr. Simon Gardner. Attractive music will be furnished by the League choir. The offerings will be for the extension of Epworth League work at home and abroad. The public is cordially invited to be present.

OINE ITEMS

The cold weather has caused some of the early cotton to die, and the late to rot in the ground. The caterpillars are coming very badly. The acreage in corn has been almost doubled.

Mrs. H. P. May has the La Grippe. Quite a good number of our people attended the Memorial Service at Mt. Auburn last Sunday.

Miss Ruby Wiggins, of Norlina, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. P. Harton.

Mr. George White, of Drewery, is visiting her mother's family, Mrs. J. H. Mayfield.

BLUE BELL

We would like to know something of his life as a soldier, his work as a private citizen, and what he did as a legislator; for a man highly honored by his contemporaries for so many years must have been a man of ability and influence. I presume that his public life only ended with his death.

CANNING CLUB WORK.

Raleigh, May 17th—"Canning Division, Home Guard, General Jane S. McKimmon, Commanding." That is a suitable title for one of the greatest forces working in North Carolina this year in the campaign for increasing the production of food supplies. It is a thoroughly live and enthusiastic division with an alert, wise and practical directing officer.

"Our people don't know how fortunate they are in having such an organization in the field at a time like this," declared John Paul Lucas, the Executive Secretary of the State Food Conservation Commission, who is working in co-operation with all organized forces, as well as creating others, for increasing the food and feed production of the State this year and during the period of the war. "The effectiveness of Mrs. McKimmon's organization and its importance as a factor in the present emergency may readily and accurately be judged by past performance. The canning clubs of the State in 1912, when the work was just starting, cleared, \$2,500. This was doubled the next year. In 1914 the girls cleared \$25,000, an increase of 500 per cent over the previous year. There was an increase of 300 per cent, to \$75,000 in 1915. Last year, in spite of, as Mrs. McKimmon said 'the poorest garden year since Noah's flood' 700,000 cans of vegetables and fruits were put up and the girls cleared \$90,000 above all expenses, including an allowance for their time. Considerably more than a million cans would have been filled with a normal garden crop.

"The membership of the clubs last year was 7,000. It has passed the 10,000 mark now and will probably be little, if any, under 15,000 before the end of the season. This means, of course, that the girls of the State are preparing to serve their communities and their Nation in this time of need to justify as praiseworthy an extent as the boys who enlist in the army or agricultural pursuits. If they can secure cans, which are very high, but in all probability will be available, the canning of perishable products will be a very important factor in feeding our people during the coming fall and winter.

"There are Home Demonstration agents in more than 50 counties in the State at present and it is well to note that their work is by no means confined to work among the girls. Assistance is given to all comers and the housewives of the State have been perfected in a large measure in the art of canning, preserving and preparing food, with the result that the amount of vegetables and fruits put in glass jars for home consumption has been very largely increased and will this year reach an aggregate that would have been astounding a few years ago. The agent in the field are instructed to instruct negroes in the art of canning for home consumption, the object being to make every family in the State as independent of the food markets as possible.

"Realizing the importance of this work at such a critical time a number of cotton mills and other industries in the State are employing experts through Mrs. McKimmon's office to teach employees how to can, dry and preserve vegetables and fruits. The Patterson Mills Company at Rosemary took the lead in this activity, appropriating \$75 per month as the salary of a trained worker and allowed her to give her spare time to people in the country adjoining the mill village. Other mills are following suit.

"Too much credit cannot be given Mrs. McKimmon and her efficient force of field agents for the work they are doing. Extension Circular No. 7 prepared by Mrs. McKimmon, should be in every home in the State! Housewives and others can secure it by writing to the Agricultural Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C., and asking for it."

CLEAN UP WEEK

To the Citizens of the town of Warrenton:

This is to notify you that during next week to put your premises in thoroughly Sanitary Condition, as a general inspection will be made of the town, commencing May 23, 1917. Do not leave anything to be done after next week.

JOHN W. ALLEN,
Chief of Police.

OAKVILLE ITEMS.

We are sure having some cool weather now for it to be May.

Mrs. Jas. W. King is spending this week with her uncle, who is very ill.

Mrs. W. P. Rodwell and son Mr. Herman Rodwell, went to Macon last Monday.

Mr. H. W. Rodwell and C. W. Egerton spent a while Sunday afternoon in Macon with their lady.

Our farmers are losing their crops that have come up.

Mrs. J. B. Collins spent last Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. J. Felts.

Mr. Jas. W. King went to Macon last Monday on business.

Mr. Ellington, of Warrenton, was in our midst last Monday on business.

Mr. H. E. Whitmore went to Warrenton on business Wednesday.

Messrs. Jas. W. King and Roy Ellis went to Warrenton Wednesday on business.

Mr. J. B. Collins and Mr. Charlie Floyd went to Warrenton Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cople and children were in our midst last Sunday.

Mr. Jas. W. King spent last Sunday with friends near Paschall, N. C.

Their will be a Children's Day at Hebron church next Sunday, the 20th.

Mr. John Whittmore, of near Warrenton Plains, was in our midst last Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr. H. W. Whitmore went to Macon last Monday on business.

Mrs. H. W. Whitmore has been on the sick list for a few days on account of chills.

Mr. J. B. Collins and Mr. C. W. Floyd went to Warrenton last Saturday on business.

Mr. Jasper King has gotten his Honorable Discharge from 3rd Regt. on account of support of his mother. We are glad to have him with us again.

Best wishes to all.

BUSY BEE.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God men thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
Undimmed by human tears!
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
—Katherine Lee Bates.

FARM LOANS AND SAVING BANKS

The saving banks of this State are already authorized by law to lend money on first mortgages on farms. What Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo suggests to Gov. Whitman in a letter now published is that the New York Legislature include in the list of legal investments for saving banks and like institutions Federal farm loan bonds.

These bonds are far safer than individual farm mortgages because (1) they represent a consolidation of many individual mortgages and average their strength; (2) their issue is under the regulation of a Federal Farm Loan Board, and (3) they have the additional protection in each district of solvent land banks in other districts and are free of all taxation.

Farm loan mortgages are not always attractive now to saving banks. Here is a way to make them attractive and help agriculture as well. What possible objection?—N. Y. World.

R. F. D. ITEMS.

We are having nice weather for farm work now.

Mr. Wealie Perkinson was a business caller in our midst Friday.

Mr. Will Webb and family, of Statesville, N. C., are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cawthorne and sisters Miss Pannie and Mary were pleasant visitors at Mr. A. S. Webb's Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Stegall was a pleasant visitor at Mr. P. R. King's Sunday.

Mr. R. B. Newman, of Wise, went to see Mr. Jim Hawks, who is very ill, Sunday.

Mr. R. H. Frazier has purchased an Overland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Munn and children, were visitors in our midst Sunday.

Messrs. J. H. and R. O. Bolton were callers in our neighborhood Sunday evening.

Messrs. N. A. and G. E. Stegall were callers at Mr. Jim Hawks' Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Powell went to Warrenton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb and children and Mr. A. S. Webb and daughter, Miss Lucy, were in our midst Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Stegall and Mrs. George Thompson, of Oakville, were callers in our neighborhood Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williams and little sister, Lizzie, were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jas. O'Mary, Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Stevens, and Mrs. Rob Carroll were callers in our neighbors Monday.

Mrs. G. E. Stegall and children were callers at Mr. Rob. Carroll's Sunday.

WINS CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

First Lieutenant Earnest C. Williams of United States Marine Corps Receives Medal for Extraordinary Heroism.

Washington, May 16th—That our own American fighters have the "do-all-dare-all" gallantry of their allies in Europe is shown by a recent report commending First Lieutenant Earnest C. Williams of the United States Marine Corps who has just been presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor for "Extraordinary heroism in the face of the enemy at Don Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic." As the U. S. Marines expect to be the first to fight in France, the incident bears unusual interest.

Lieutenant Williams, with twelve U. S. Marines under his command charged the stronghold of Fortaleza, in the face of fire from about forty rifles, hurled himself against the doors as they were about to close and forced his way inside, followed by his men. Eight of the twelve men were wounded but no one was seriously injured. They captured the fort without assistance from other units.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps in forwarding his report said: "It appears that by his conspicuous gallantry, initiative and excellent judgment he solved the problem which might have proved a serious one had the enemy been given time to organize and consolidate, and that Lieutenant Williams in entering and seizing the Fortaleza by its only entrance was most gallant and courageous."

SHOW IT NOW.

"If you have a friend worth loving,
Love him, yes, and let him know
That you love him, ere life's evening
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.
Why should good words ne'er be said
Of a friend—till he is dead?"

"If you hear a song that thrills you,
Sung by any child of song,
Praise it. Do not let the singer
Wait deserved praises long.
Why should one who thrills your heart
Lack the joy you may impart?"

"If your work is made more easy
By a friendly, helping hand,
Say so. Speak out, bravely and truly,
Ere the darkness veil the land.
Should a brother workman dear
Falter for a word of cheer?"

"Scatter thus your seeds of kindness,
All enriching, as you go—
Leave them. Trust the Harvest
Giver;
He will make each seed to grow,
So, until its happy end,
Your life shall never lack a friend."
—Exchange.

GROVE HILL ITEMS.

The weather keeps so cool that the farmers are uneasy about their crops. Some have plowed up their cotton and planted over.

Mrs. H. D. Fulford and sister, Miss Bettie C. Harris, of Henderson, are visiting their brother, Mr. T. A. Harris.

Misses Florine Harris and Lillian Hardy returned Sunday from a visit to relatives at Ringwood, N. C. They report a pleasant time.

We were glad to see our new neighbors at Sunday School Sunday. "Come again."

Mr. Walter Ayers, of Ringwood, spent a short time with his uncle, Mr. T. A. Harris, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Belle Harris has been visiting one of her school mates of Micro, N. C., for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robertson and Willie, visited in the home of Mr. T. A. Harris Tuesday evening.

Little Mana Gagan, Rosemary, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Pattie Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reid visited in the home of Mr. T. A. Harris Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. T. Hardy spent Sunday with his brother at Aspen.

Mr. Clarence Harris went to Littleton Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Harris and wife spent Sunday with relatives near Vaughan.

ROSEBUD.

NATHANIEL MACON'S DESCENDENTS

There was something said in our columns some weeks ago in reference to Nathaniel Macon's descendants. We take pleasure in publishing this week the names of those appearing in a family history published by us in 1909, who reside in this vicinity. Possibly there are some whom we have overlooked, but we have given the names of the older generations and it will be easy to trace your connection if descended from these older heads.

Mr. Macon married Miss Hannah Plummer. He had two daughters. Their names were Elizabeth and Senora.

ELIZABETH MACON

Elizabeth Macon married William Martin. They had one daughter whose name was Hannah. Hannah Martin married Billie P. Williams. Bille P. Williams and Hannah Martin had one daughter whose name was Louise. (We all knew and loved her in Warrenton as "Cousin Lou Barham"). Louise Williams married William Barham. They had three children: William (who resides here and is one of Nature's problemen) is unmarried. Louise Barham died in infancy.

Hannah Barham married her cousin William Jones Davis and resides here.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Davis have a large and talented family: William Barham Davis; Bessie May Davis; Martin Jones Davis; Richard Boyd Davis; Walter Armstead Davis; Edward Lee Davis; Robert McIlwaine Davis; Haywood McCabe Davis; Joseph Speed Davis; John Early Davis, and Louise—a young daughter. These Davis children are great-great-grand children of Nathaniel Macon.

SENORA MACON

Senora Macon married William Eaton and had the following children: William, Charles, Nat, Buckner and Bettie.

Bettie married Granison Feild. After his death she married Mr. Hopkins. She had no children.

William Eaton married Rosa Gilmore and had three children: Rose died at twelve years of age; Sue married Sam P. Arrington and died in a few months. Laura Eaton married W. T. Alston (known as "Bill") Alston and died without children.

Nat Macon Eaton married Miss Stith and had one daughter, Senora, who married Mr. Lockhart and had children. No record of the son is available. The daughter (Bettie Eaton) married John Turnbull and had four children: Charles, Bettie, Willie and Irene. Irene married Raymond Thornton. They have a son Nathaniel Macon Thornton, Jr. He is also directly descended from Drusilla Macon, Nathaniel Macon's sister, through the Thorntons.

There are other descendants of Mr. Macon residing in Raleigh, Wilmington and elsewhere; but those named herein are living in this County and Halifax.