

CAMERON, BACK IN PRISON, IGNORANT OF BETRAYER

Mystery Shrouds Recapture Of Fugitive Who Made Big Success In Alabama

FRIENDS START MOVE TO GET HIM PAROLED

Heke County Man Says He Wanted To Give Up But Feared Consequences

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 19.—John Cameron told his story yesterday, slipping back into the prison routine he had fled 14 years ago.

His hair silvering, his ruddy complexion setting off his strong features, the 58-year-old entrepreneur in lumber and turpentine, appeared to hold no bitterness toward those who had snatched him from business leadership in Alabama to come back to North Carolina and begin serving the 19 years left on his sentence begun in 1913 for killing Policeman Oats in Raeford.

He said he didn't know how it happened. Apparently only his sons and perhaps a couple of trusted associates knew that J. B. Davis, Alabama turpentine king, was a fugitive from North Carolina prison. There was a \$100 reward posted from him he knew but he didn't believe anyone would have betrayed him for that.

Had Full Information
Dr. J. H. Norman, warden at State's prison who brought the prisoner back, said he didn't know where the information came from that resulted in Cameron's recapture. He indicated that it was full, however, and led him straight to his man.

From the offices at Central prison it was learned that there were letters, but the names of the writers were kept secret. There were hints from friends of Cameron who flocked to the prison to visit him yesterday, that he was turned up by a man he had betted in a business deal, but it was not clear. The warden guards the information in such matters.

"The prisoner, despite his B grade stripes, was in good spirits yesterday. Among his visitors was his father, S. J. Cameron, 81, of Raeford, and a son.

His wife, connected with the noted blue family of the Sandhills, has remained in Raeford all through her husband's exile. Two sons have remained there too, looking after their father's extensive holdings in Heke county. The other three sons were with him in Alabama, and one of his sets before leaving was to make out power of attorney by one of his sons that he might handle his interests while he was in prison.

"It was like dying," Cameron said, "leaving so many business deals unfinished."

Friends Active

But he betrayed hope, and word coming from friends in Heke and Scotland and Robeson counties in North Carolina and Coosa, Talladega, Autauga and Jefferson counties in Alabama that friends already were moving to seek his parole indicated that it was not a vain hope.

"I didn't go straight to Alabama. I first went to Cincinnati," said Cameron, telling of his escape from Caledonia Prison farm on December 22, 1914. He was in charge of the hospital then.

"During the war I drifted to Muscle Shoals and handled the employment office there. I thought that if ever I would be turned up there, for I saw daily people from all over the country, doubtless many from North Carolina, but I wasn't recognized.

Wanted To Give Up
"For four years the idea of recapture haunted me. Ten years ago I almost decided to come back and give myself up, but I did not know what my lot would be. I went to Alabama and settled down at Sylacauga. I decided to settle down and try to lay up something.

"After a while in Alabama I lost fear of recapture. It was a new life. I have voted there ever since a year after taking up residence. I voted for Al Smith in the last election. I was getting along fine when—

The rest of the story was known—how after being turned down by two Sheriffs when they learned the identity of the man he was after, Warden Norman went himself at two o'clock in the morning to one of Cameron's camps and arrested him. "He didn't resist," said Warden Norman, "he waived extradition, spent a day in Birmingham turning over his affairs to his son and came on with me."

"That looks familiar," the warden quoted his prisoner as saying when he first saw the prison, Saturday night.

The warden said that while they were waiting in Birmingham scores of persons in Sylacauga and other places where his prisoner was known sent messages promising their support and wishing him well.

In addition to working ten turpentine and lumbering camps, employing upward of a hundred men, Cameron was a member of the board of the General Securities Co., of Birmingham, and active in business affairs in the four counties of his holdings.

Friends estimated that he is worth several hundred thousand dollars.

Superintendent George Ross Poul said that Cameron would be put through the regular routine of prison entry this morning and probably would be assigned to work in the chair factory.

He said that the \$100 reward for the prisoner's recapture probably would be paid to the Alabama deputies who went along with Warden Norman when he made the arrest.

None of the reward money, it was indicated, would be paid to the person who gave the information leading to Cameron's arrest. Should it be, the voucher would become a public record, and the name of the informant disclosed.

Notice Sale Of Land

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us by a judgment of the Superior Court of Person County, in that special proceeding entitled G. C. Fleig and others, Ex parte, we will on Saturday, December 15, 1928, beginning at one o'clock p. m., on the land, (about two miles Southwest of Roxboro on the new hard surface road) sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the land mentioned and described in the petition in said action, to-wit:

Living and being in Roxboro Township, Person County, bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs. Willie Jackson and Mrs. Kate Stanfield, on the East by the lands of A. J. Harris, on the South by the lands of S. Y. Wrenn and Lewis Winstead and on

the West by the lands of T. D. Winstead and Mrs. Kate Stanfield, containing sixty-three (63) acres, more or less, and known as the Lewis Fleig home place.

This November 9, 1928.
G. C. Fleig,
W. A. Wrenn, Commissioners.

Notice Sale Of Valuable Farm

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by a judgment of the Superior Court of Person County, in that Special Proceeding entitled, J. H. Sherman et. al. vs. William S. Sherman et. al. I will on Monday, December 17th, 1928, at 12 o'clock M., in front of the court house door in Roxboro, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash, the lands mentioned and described in the petition in said proceeding, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Allensville township Person County, North Carolina, bounded on the North by the lands

of Mrs. Lizzie Pritchett, on the East by the lands of R. H. Dean and W. H. Lyon, on the South by the lands of J. H. Sherman and W. H. Lyon and on the West by the lands of Sonnie Bullock, containing one hundred and seventy-eight acres, more or less, and known as the T. W. Wright home place. This November 14th, 1928.
J. H. Sherman, Commissioner.

LAND SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by a deed of trust executed by J. Arthur Long and wife, on March 5, 1916, and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Person County, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, I will on

Monday, Dec. 3rd, 1928, at 12 o'clock M., in front of the court

house door in Roxboro, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the lands mentioned and described in said deed of trust, to-wit:

That certain tract of land lying in Bushy Fork township, Person county, North Carolina, bounded by the lands of A. M. Long, J. D. K. Richmond, J. P. Long and others, containing 330 acres, more or less. This deed of trust covers only a one-seventh interest in this tract, and only a one-seventh interest will be sold.

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