

Springfield Memorial Association Holds Its Twelfth Annual Meet; Most Largely Attended and Most Satisfactory of Any, Veterans Say

LEADING SPEAKERS RELATE PAST HISTORY OF OLD MEETING HOUSE; MEMORY OF THE DEAD HONORED

President John J. Blair, of Wilmington, Is Re-Elected to Head Memorial Association; Col. W. A. Blair Pleads for Rebuilding of Community Which Did So Much for State and Nation.

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The twelfth annual meeting of the Springfield Memorial association was held at Springfield Saturday last.

This meeting of the association which was founded in 1907 was the best ever held according to expressions heard on all sides.

Attractive programs had been distributed before the opening session in the morning and on these were written the purpose of the memorial association. The purpose was expressed as "to preserve the history, traditions and spirit of those who sleep in this hallowed spot." The programs also carried pictures of the first community school, built about 1775, and pictures of all schools erected since that time.

The morning session of the meeting was a business meeting and was presided over by John J. Blair, of Wilmington, president of the association.

Friends Hear Haworth.

Aside from the regular business meeting, none were ever elected to session a feature of the morning was an address delivered by Rev. Sam Haworth, pastor of the First church of High Point. Rev. Haworth's address was a discussion of "the fact that we inherit certain traits from our ancestors and pass them on to our descendants." He made an application of this subject to the local community showing the influence of environment on people and the application of the divine principle in the foundation of the and character. He showed how a typical Quaker type has resulted from the association of Quaker principles from the time that the first Friends settled in this country.

A most interesting illustration was used in this discussion. Rev. Haworth offered an authentic and classic illustration known to the students of hereditary subjects, in support of his arguments. He presented the following records of two distinct families, known to be nearly accurate. The first, the Jonathan Edwards family, shows the advantage of clean ancestry and the second, the Jukes family, the inherited qualities that may prove harmful. Jonathan Edwards was born in East Windsor, Connecticut in 1703 and had 1384 descendants identified in 1900. Of these 295 were college graduates; 13 were presidents of our greatest colleges; 57 were professors in colleges; 60 were physicians many of which were eminent in medicine; 100 were ministers, missionaries, and theology professors; 75 were officers in the army or navy; 60 were prominent authors and writers; 100 were lawyers; 1 was our most eminent professor of law; 30 were judges; 1 was vice-president of the United States; 3 were United States senators; several were governors, congressmen, ministers to foreign courts, managers of railroads, bankers and other such office holders. It is not known that anyone of this family was ever convicted of crime.

Max Was a Sot.

Max Jukes was born in 1720 and was a drunkard who would not work. He had 1,200 descendants identified as occupants of penal and charitable institutions previous to 1874, 310 of these being in poorhouses and serving a total of 2,300 years; 440 were viciously diseased; 400 were physically wrecked early by their own wickedness; 50 were notorious prostitutes; 7 were murderers, 60 were habitual thieves, serving a total of 730 years in prison; 130 were convicted more or less often of crimes; \$3,250,000 was their total cost to so-



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and this feast under the trees of the grave was enjoyed by all.

IN THE AFTERNOON.

The afternoon memorial service started at 2:30 o'clock in the meeting house, while the dinner was being served in picnic fashion. Many old friends met during this hour and talked over experiences of the "old Springfield" and the days when tryside activities.

Many went out and looked for the first grave in the cemetery, which is one of the prettiest and best kept country cemeteries in the state. This grave, with a small headstone, dates back 138 years and is marked in memory of John Braselton, a Revolutionary soldier, who was killed near Springfield. The name Braselton is spelled "Braselton," due to double s conformation "not" being used in those days.

Old-Times Talk.

The older visitors talked of the times back many years when big things were done at Springfield. The first community school, built in 1775, still stands about a mile from Springfield, Dr. J. M. Tomlinson, of Archdale, attended the meeting Saturday with as much pleasure as ever. He was one of the older Friends who attended the first Springfield school, which was erected in 1791. His description made it possible to have drawings of this first school and the second to be drawn for the souvenir programs.

It has always been the custom of the Friends to erect a school house near each church for each community. This school was called the monthly meeting school.

Some Food, We'll Say. Coming back to that dinner. A long picnic table had been erected by those in charge who knew that there would be more food than twice the number present could eat.

There is no picnic dinner like a home-coming week dinner, or a monthly meeting dinner. There was never a dinner that surpassed this particular feast on this monthly meeting and memorial service day. There was chicken, then more chicken; ham and country sausage; biscuits and rolls; olive, green pepper, tomato, ham, chicken and many other kinds of sandwiches, beets, sour and sweet cucumber pickles, apple, peach, rhubarb, lemon and custard pies; sponge cake, plain cake, small cakes and cookies. Feed tea was provided as a drink

and this feast under the trees of the grave was enjoyed by all. "Why did Springfield produce more men of high qualities than other portions of the state? Results follow causes and that is the reason. Men raise wheat on plots of land that compare in size. One raises better wheat than the other. What kind of

what was it? What kind of fertilizer and of what quality was the two soils?"

Professor Frazier discussed several other ideas on his subject and the address was appreciated by all. William A. Blair, of Winston-Salem, followed Mr. Frazier and spoke on "Looking to the Future."

Mr. Blair started his talk by asking his audience: "Can't you go back and see those days when Springfield was the leader? Can't you see the hour of meeting with the old characters we remember so pleasantly? Don't you see the honors and the women who wore them come in and take their place?"

"Then Was the Days." He reminded those who remembered the days to which he referred of the many little things that happened. He told of the well-known character who always went to sleep in church, of boys who snatched the neatly folded handkerchiefs from the girls when the Sunday school was being marched in double column to the spring of pure water which did much to teach them that water was good to drink. He reminded them of the fact that the state temperance union started at Springfield and that Nathan Hunt held the first Sunday school in North Carolina at Springfield. "This," he said, "was the foundation of schools in the state."

The Future of Springfield. Then in speaking of Springfield's future he asked, "What of the future? What do you want at Springfield? Do you want this again to be a community center? What are you willing to pay?"

Mr. Blair then pleaded for the building of the old community school. "Make the school house the meeting center," he said, "and hang the best drawings of the pupils on the walls. Exhibit the best manual training work and the best cooking results."

"Get together and have your community discussions. Discuss the latest recipes, the latest methods of labor saving, the latest things of community interest. Bring your experiments with cattle and hogs to this center and profit by one another's experience. Build tennis courts and baseball fields for the young people. This is the most wholesome way for young people to be with one another and become acquainted. It encourages clean living instead of fostering their animal instincts."

Music Big Feature. The music of the memorial service was featured by the singing of Miss Naomi Tomlinson, of Thomasville. Miss Tomlinson possesses a splendid voice which appeals to the listeners. This attractive young lady sang at both the morning and afternoon meetings, songs entirely appropriate to the occasion.

One of the most liberal contributions ever raised by the Springfield meeting was raised in a few minutes when about 1200 was subscribed to complete the endowment fund of \$1,000 for the Springfield cemetery. The officers for the Memorial association were elected for the coming year as follows: President, John J. Blair; vice-president, Oscar E. Wilson; secretary, Miss Emma Blair; and treasurer, Mrs. Amanda Richardson Blattocks.

Mrs. Watson seemingly is well named.

WIFE CHARGES SHE WAS KIDNAPED AND KEPT WITH INSANE

Sues For Release from Asylum in Which She Says Husband Placed Her.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A woman who says her husband kidnapped her, wealthy husband by name, Mrs. Frazier, of Greenwich, Conn., was today in court in New York, charged with insanity and kidnapped by her husband.

The woman, Mrs. Frazier, is the wife of J. Frazier, president of the Atlas Company, of Greenwich, Conn. Her complaint was filed by Dr. J. W. Hubbard, a physician in New York who lives at the hotel where she is confined.

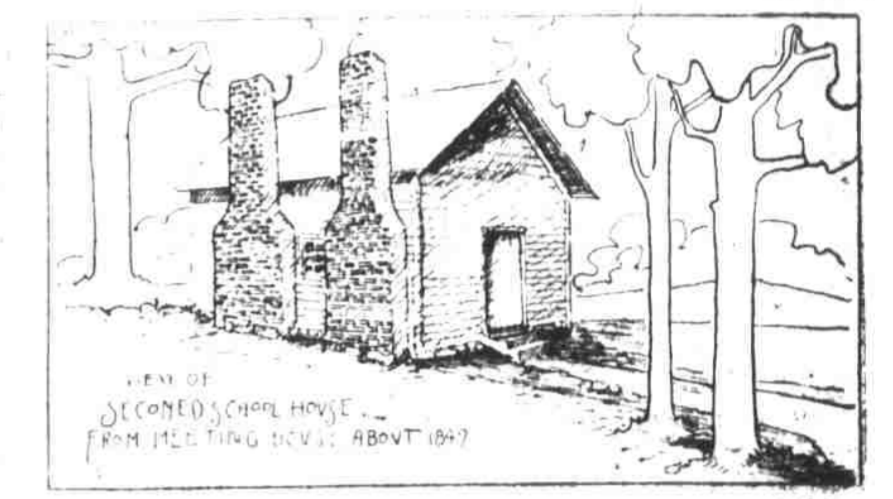
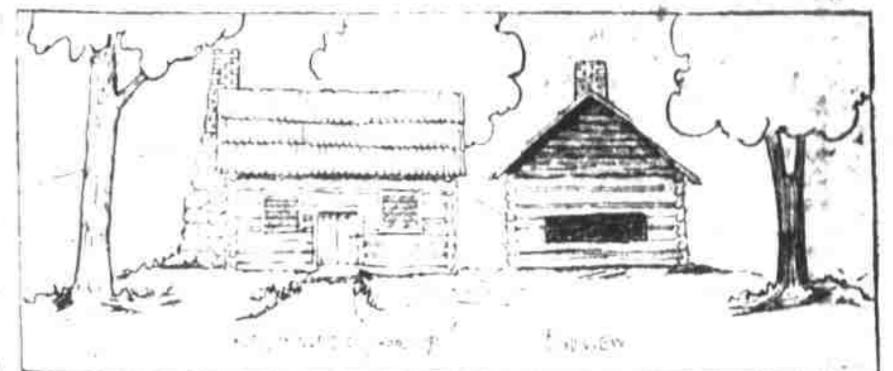
The complaint charges that she induced her wife to accompany him to a sanitarium at Greenwich, and that she has been kept there for two weeks against her will.

An affidavit made by Jewell Hanson, a nurse at the sanitarium who had charge of Mrs. Frazier, was filed with the complaint. The affidavit said Mrs. Frazier, on the verge of a nervous breakdown caused by being kept near insane patients.

Breaking of Stirrup Saves Dangling Girl

SAULT LAKE, Aug. 15.—Miss Evelyn Howler, 12-year-old girl, was rescued from a dangerous situation when a horse she was riding on a road near Sault Lake, Minn., was dragged to death in the middle of traffic at First South and Main streets recently.

But for the sudden snapping of a stirrup strap at the end of which she dangled by the ankle, her life might have been stamped out by the hoofs of the terrified animal. As it was, she was thrown to the ground and saved.

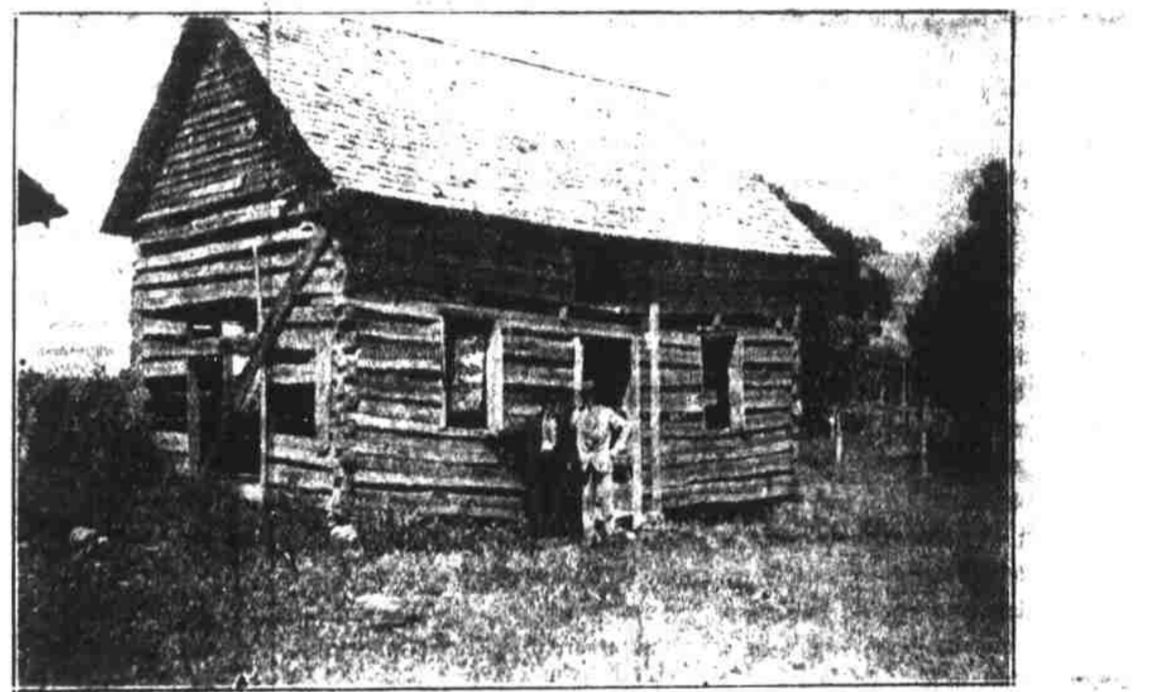


WIFE IMITATES EVE, COUPLE REMARRY AFTER MANY YEARS HE ASKS DIVORCE

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 18.—Louisville's reported leader, who was a member of the board of directors of the Georgia State Bank, has been divorced for thirty-four years. Mrs. B. is sixty-three and Mrs. B. is thirty-nine.

The couple were divorced in 1881 when they could not agree. For some time the license clerk, since then, Mrs. B. has been married. His second wife having died, and Mrs. B. was married twice, both husbands being dead.

From the way the Athletics and the Yankees have done the other, there is some hope for them. At Wickland, former Chief and later with the Detroit team, is going to play in fine style for the Yankees.



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