

Exploits Of Giant Revolutionary Hero Told On Guilford Monument

Guilford Battleground, near Greensboro, stands a monument erected to Peter Francisco, legendary giant of the Continental Army.

Six feet, six inches tall, weighing 285 pounds, he had prodigious strength and courage, and at the Guilford battle "performed a deed of blood unparalleled."

"Musket gone, he cut down 11

men with his huge sword—a 6-foot weapon. An adversary then plucked Francisco's leg to his horse with a bayonet. It was an unfortunate success, because the roaring giant raised his sword and cleft the hapless man in two.

Once, armed only with a sword, he routed nine British dragoons and took their horses, and at the battle of Camden,

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

B. H. Baldwin Funeral Held In Highlands

Funeral services for Bert H. Baldwin, who died at his home here Thursday morning of last week, following a long illness, were conducted in the Highlands Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Paul C. Nix, pastor, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the Episcopal church. Burial was in Highlands cemetery.

Pallbearers were Norman Reese, Farley Smith, James Crawford, Floyd Rogers, Lawton Keener, and Arthur Rogers.

Mr. Baldwin, 38, the son of Harley Baldwin and the late Mrs. Allie Humphrey Baldwin, was a member of St. Agnes Episcopal church in Franklin.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Frances Rogers, his father; four sons, Bert Henry, Jr., Robert Lawrence, Jack Williams, and David Lee; and one daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth all of Highlands. Survivors also include five brothers, Vernon, Harold and Howard of Franklin, Fla., Charles of the U. S. Navy, stationed at San Diego, Calif.; and four sisters, Mrs. W. R. Freeman, of Weaverville, Mrs. Jack Guest, of Franklin, Mrs. James Eavenson, of Waynesville, and Mrs. John D. Wells, of Franklin.

he shouldered a 1,100-pound cannon and put it in position.

After the war, a Kentuckian who claimed to be the champion fighter of the mountains, rode up to Francisco's tavern in New Store, Va., and announced he had come to settle which of the two was the better man. Francisco not only threw the ambitious Kentuckian over the fence, but pitched his horse after him.

The hero's shoes are now in the State Historical hall at Raleigh.

What is now the state of Maine was the first American region to build a church.

Dr. Valentine Back From Cave Exploring Trip In Tennessee

Dr. J. M. Valentine returned this week from a 10-day cave exploring trip in Tennessee with Dr. Walter Jones and Dr. Allen Archer, of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Dr. Archer is curator of the Alabama university museum, and Dr. Jones is the director.

Dr. Valentine's particular interest in exploring the caves was the study of insect life, while the Alabama scientists were interested in collecting material for the museum. In addition to museum collections, Dr. Jones, who is also Alabama state Geologist, studied the geological formation of the caves.

Provide Autos To Take Students To Cullowhee

Automobiles to transport Highlands High school students,

who were entered in the literary and athletic field day at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, last Friday, were provided by Charles J. Anderson, R. B. DuPre, O. F. Sumner, Mrs. John Stephen Sewell, Eugene Green, and Buddy Houston.

Lillian Russell, noted American actress, was born at Clinton, Iowa, in 1862. She died in 1922.

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