

**IS OLDEST TRANSYLVANIA CITIZEN**

Asheville Citizen  
Ephram Brashaw Clayton, affectionately known as "Uncle Dock," is the oldest man in Transylvania county, according to his neighbors, who have known him for many years. He recently celebrated his 94th birthday, and proudly proclaims that he is a democrat, Baptist, chews tobacco, drinks coffee, and still enjoy life.

Mr. Clayton remembers many of the early events in the history of Western North Carolina, having spent practically his whole life in this section of the state, and now lives within 100 yards of the place where he was born. In the early days, according to Mr. Clayton, it was difficult to get clothing and deer skins were popular as suits, while to get shoes, the families had to depend on a shoe maker who came to their homes once a year, and made shoes for every member of the family, where sufficient leather had been tanned for the purpose. Mr. Clayton has spent a greater part of his business career in farming and stock raising, and says he paid \$90 for the fine buggy that was ever in Transylvania county, bringing it there himself from Lexington, Ga., with a horse he drove to it. The first railroad engine in the South, he claims, was operated from Charleston to Summerville.

Gray squirrels used to be far more plentiful in Transylvania and other counties of this section than they are now, and Mr. Clayton tells the story of one very severe winter, when the squirrels came in from the forest in droves to the corn pens, on the banks of the French Broad river. At that time, in one large sycamore tree, he states, he saw as many as 300 squirrel at one time. Before the war between the states, there were only three democrats in Transylvania county, according to Mr. Clayton. They were David Shuford, Little River; Joel Mackey, Davidson River, and Ben Wilson, Cathey's Creek. Mr. Clayton served gallantly through the Civil war, being a member of Co. E, 7th North Carolina regiment. He was married three times and is the father of eleven children. Among them are, Mrs. Henry and Thomas Clayton of Washington; Mrs. W. Candler, Candler, N. C.; Joe Clayton and Mrs. A. H. King of Brevard; Mrs. C. A. Allison, Anniston, Ala. and Mrs. W. I. Carmichael of Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. Clayton's father, John Clayton, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and his mother, Susannah Wetzol Clayton, was German. His grandfather, Lambert Clayton, was born in Dover Md., and was a Revolutionary soldier. His grandmother was Miss Sarah Davidson, and her father and mother were both scalped by the Indians at Swan-sona in 1790, while an old negro servant rescued Sarah, a little child at that time, and carried her by night to safety to Mecklenburg county.

Report has it that Einstein is about to announce a new theory. The world's lay elements haven't grasped the last one yet. But probably the scientist thinks they never will, and so he may be springing something new at the present time with confidence that the daze in which they were left by "relativity" will serve as a shock absorber. Einstein's latest is even more startling than was his theory of relativity, according to rumor. Maybe so, but if it runs along the lines of the latter, few persons will be startled—for only a very limited number will be able to grasp its meaning.

It is shown by carvings, hieroglyphs and by hieroglyphs that the women of Egypt bobbed their hair more than 4000 years ago. It was sheared in a straight line at the base of the neck. That seemed to be the style for almost 1000 years and then it gradually disappeared. Bobbed locks have been known at other periods in the world's history and in various lands, but the old Egyptians endured it longer than any other people having archives. As a rule the fashion has only endured long enough for the glory to grow out again.

An English chaplain at Athens, writing in the London Times, says that of the refugees from Asia Minor the Armenians show the greatest aptitude for self-help. "Just outside Athens is a village of Armenian refugees who turn to and made mud bricks in the arid sun while others sat and said: 'Our hope is in heaven and not in you!' As a result those people now have houses, a school of their own building, a well of their own sinking, even a mayor of their own electing."

The director of the Harvard observatory thinks it highly probable that Venus is inhabited. Since we can't see the surface of Venus on account of the continuous cloudy weather that prevails there, we are at liberty to think anything we want to about it.

**STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

To the stockholders of the Transylvania Railroad Company:  
The Annual Stockholders meeting of the Transylvania Railroad Company will be held at the general offices of the Company in the McMinn building, Brevard, N. C., on Wednesday, the 2nd day of May, 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of officers and directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.  
A. K. ORR, Secretary

**TIMBER BRIDGE PROPOSAL:**

Sealed proposals will be received until 2 P. M., of May 7, 1923, by the Road Commissioners of Transylvania county at their office in Brevard, N. C., for the construction of timber bridges on the Rosman - Pickens road.

Plans and specifications for these bridges are on file at the office of the local Commissioners. Copies may be obtained upon application to the engineer.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.  
I. H. Morrow, Engineer.

Chas. E. Orr, Sec.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE:**

North Carolina, Transylvania County  
Having qualified as administrator of Louise E. Bailey, deceased, late of Transylvania County, North Carolina,

I do hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 5th, 1923, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.  
This March 30th, 1923.

CHAS. B. DEEVER, Administrator of E. A. of Louise E. Bailey, et al.

**STATEMENT NORDISK REINSURANCE CO. COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**

Condition December 31, 1922, as shown by statement filed.  
Amount of Capital paid up in cash \$200,000.00  
Amount of Ledger Assets December

31st of previous year \$1,175,087.66; Increase of paid-up Capital \$.....; Total, \$1,172,087.66  
Income—From Policyholders, \$673,058.80; Miscellaneous, \$63,300.80; Total, \$736,359.60  
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$498,888.67; Miscellaneous, \$240,656.91; total \$739,545.58  
Fire Risks—written or renewed during year, \$104,513,023; In force \$81,083,236  
All Other Risks—Written or renewed during year, \$7,268,809; In force \$5,538,636

**Assets**  
Value of Bonds and Stocks \$1,113,259.49  
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest \$46,341.98  
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1922 \$9,390.21  
Interest and Rents due and accrued \$12,159.26  
All other assets, as detailed in statement \$64,505.51  
Total \$1,245,557.45  
Total admitted Assets \$1,245,557.45

**Liabilities**  
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$136,997.48  
Unearned premiums \$538,403.99  
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued \$1,000.00  
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued \$2,500.00  
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement \$2,545.45  
Total amount of all liabilities except Capital \$681,906.92  
Capital actually paid up in cash \$200,000.00  
Surplus over all liabilities \$563,650.53  
Surplus as regards Policyholders \$563,650.53  
Total liabilities \$1,245,557.45

**BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1922**

Fire Risks written, \$539,271; Premiums received, \$5,642.41  
All other Risks written, \$47,996; Premiums received, \$456.38  
Losses incurred—Fire, \$2,068; Paid Losses incurred—All other, \$2,613; Paid Losses incurred—All other, \$711; U. S. Agr., D. E. Resour; Home Office, Copenhagen, Denmark.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT  
Raleigh, March 3, 1923  
I, STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Nordisk Reinsurance Company, of Copenhagen, Denmark, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company, on the 31st day of December, 1922.  
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.  
STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner

**NOTICE TO Taxpayers**

One per cent interest will be added to all taxes not paid on May 1st.

Transylvania County taxes for 1922 are long since due. The county and schools needs the money and I am now forced to collect by levy and garnishee.

If your taxes are not paid by May 1st I shall proceed to collect as the law directs and property upon which the taxes are not paid will be advertised and sold.

This is positively the last notice you will receive.

**W. E SHIPMAN**  
SHERIFF

**INVESTMENT is your home a safe one?**

YOUR own home is an ideal investment, always under your personal protection, adding to your enjoyment while it adds to your wealth. But have you protected that investment against deterioration?



Permanence costs but little more than temporary construction. Ask the help of your building material dealer. He knows the best types of construction and the best materials to use.

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"The Standard by which all other makes are measured"



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A stationary wash tub, with hot and cold running water right at your elbow, takes the drudgery out of washing. No carrying of water. Simply turn a faucet and the water is there—just as you need it.

And no struggling with cumbersome tubs. Merely pull a plug and your tub empties itself.

Whether your washing is large or small, this system will lighten your work. Let us figure on the installation for you.

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**Silk Knit To Fit Your Figure**

Do you purchase hose simply to fit your feet, instead of buying them as you do your corsets—to conform to your figure?

Perhaps you have not known that Humming Bird Pure Silk Hose are to be had in three distinct styles—a style for every type of figure, each trim and comfortable, from tip to top.

**IS YOURS THE AVERAGE FIGURE? WEAR STYLE NO. 20**

Humming Bird Silk Hose, Style No. 20, slim-footed, slender-ankled, generously elastic at the top, 2 1/2 inches at the top, 2 1/2 inches beyond the average length, fit slim and medium figures ideally. They are of pure Japanese silk from knee to sole, reinforced with lisle heels, toes and double lisle tops. An anti-run strip stops ladders at the knee.

**ARE YOU LARGE ABOVE THE KNEE? TRY STYLE NO. 80**

Tightness at the knee encourages runs, to say nothing of its vast discomfort. Humming Bird Style No. 80 has an extra elastic ribbed top that may be stretched a full yard around, without losing shape permanently. The ribbed top comes just below the "hinge" of your knee. The body of the stocking is identical with Style No. 20.

**ARE YOU LARGE AND HEAVY? YOU WANT STYLE NO. 5**

Humming Bird Style No. 5 Out-Size is knit on special machines for substantially built women. The lisle top is exceedingly elastic, heavy silk is doubled over the knee, with an anti-run strip at top and bottom. These hose have a generous calf and ankle and a well-proportioned foot. Close-knit and clinging, they have the effect of "sliderizing" stoutly built limbs.

All Humming Bird Hose have these points in common: The purest, most lustrous silk obtainable—no "loading" to give artificial weight at the expense of their wearing qualities. All dyes absolutely fast. All size knit (not stretched) to fit. Beyond the average length; closely knit; extraordinarily durable.

Your merchant will show you your style and size of Humming Birds in a large assortment of fashionable colors. Their moderate cost will tempt you to buy the box.

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Wears Longer

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