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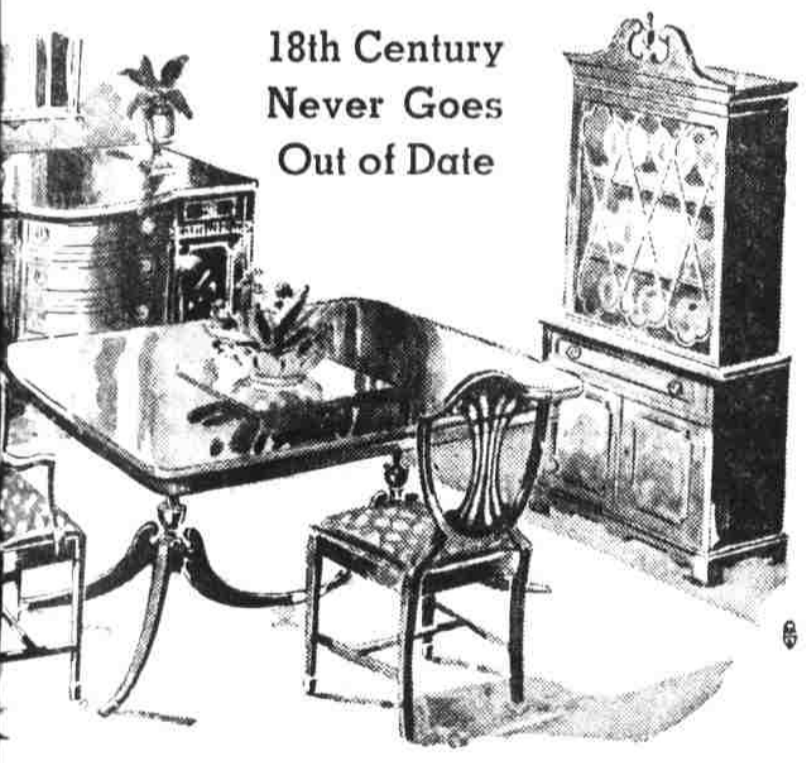
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Within Haywood County are two historical markers denoting important events of the past.

The state Historical Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Development and the Highway and Public Works Commission, began their program of erecting steel markers at or near points of interest over North Carolina during 1936. To date states Christopher Crittenden, director of the state Department of Archives and History, a total of 440 markers have been approved.

Their program was curtailed during the war, but is expected to be resumed shortly. Many hundreds more will have to be added before the program will have been completed, Mr. Crittenden adds.

Each marker has the state seal in a scroll at the top center. All are placed on a numbered, hard surfaced highway, and in case the object marked is not at the same place, the distance and direction are given. Inscriptions have been made brief in order to facilitate reading them from passing automobiles.

**Martin's Surrender**

At the southern end of Main Street in Waynesville stands marker P 10, which is entitled: "Martin's Surrender." The inscription reads: "Gen. James G. Martin surrendered the army of western North Carolina, the last Confederate force in the state, in Waynesville, May 6, 1865."

A more complete account of this event is given in W. C. Allen's "Annals of Haywood County," from which the following summary is given.

In the closing days of the Civil War only scattered units of troops were in this area, and word was coming through the difficult communications of the time of the Surrender of Lee and Johnston. The Third N. C. Federal regiment, under Col. Bartlett of New York, broke loose from flag of truce agreements at Asheville and went over Buncombe and Haywood counties stealing horses.

Two Confederate forces in the area, a group of 300 Cherokees under the illustrious Col. William H.



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Thomas and a similar number of white men commanded by Col. James R. Love moved to check him. Bartlett marched into Waynesville on May 6, established headquarters on Main Street, and stationed his troops on the Sulphur Springs property.

**Fight at Sulphur Springs**

During that evening Col. Love brought up his command near town, and Thomas' Indians came from Jackson county and encamped near Delwood, surrounding the Federals. An exchange of shots near the Sulphur Springs Hotel ended with one Union soldier killed, and Bartlett asked for a two day truce.

The southerners granted the truce and the Union commander used the two days to make contact with the infamous renegade raider, Col. Kirk, whose force was just over the Balsans. However, on the evening of May 9th the Confederate forces moved into closer contact and began lighting numerous campfires around the mountain sides to indicate a stronger force than existed. These with the war-whoops of the Indians, put the northern troops in an uneasy frame of mind.

On the morning of the 10th, Cois, Thomas and Love, escorted by 20 painted and feathered Indians and several husky Confederate soldiers, entered the Yankee line and demanded their surrender. Thomas promised to turn the Cherokees loose and scalp the whole regiment. Bartlett asked for a consultation to make peace.

**The Surrender**

In the discussion that followed in the old Battle house on Main street, it was agreed that since Lee and Johnston had surrendered—that news being confirmed the two groups would cease hostilities. Bartlett and Kirk removed their troops to Asheville and Thomas and Love disbanded theirs. Thus ended the last fighting between organized forces in North Carolina.

The Indian legion, it was noted, was allowed to keep their arms. Both groups returned to their homes and began to work on their farms, the Indians the most peaceable of all.

**Soco Gap Marker**

Historical marker P 7 reads: "Qualla Boundary. Soco Gap, initial point of U. S. survey, 1876, of Cherokee Reservation, created through earlier efforts of W. H. Thomas, white Cherokee chief."

The event is obvious from the marker inscription, but its place is

one rich in Indian lore. Soco Gap, with its altitude of 4333 feet, is referred to by the Cherokee as Anahuna, a place where they ambushed. In the days before the white man's coming, this spot was used for a lookout, and there the mountain Indians once ambushed a large party of invading Iroquois, slaying all but one. As was the custom, they cut off the ears of this victim and released him to carry the news back to his people.

Another incident concerns the great Chief Tecumseh who during the War of 1812 headed an alliance of certain northern tribes with the British. He came to the Cherokee area to enlist the aid of their noted warriors, and a large council of braves and chiefs, including Juna-luska and other great leaders, gathered in council at Soco Gap.

**Tecumseh Pleas**

Tecumseh made an impassioned plea to fight against the Long Knife settlers who were overrunning the country. Many of the younger warriors were eager to join him, but the older chiefs, led by the great Yonagusta, advised continued peace. Upon realizing that his cause was lost, Tecumseh is said to have made his departure by leaping over the heads of the warriors seated in a line around the chiefs.

The Cherokees remained faithful to their white neighbors perhaps more than later events justified. During the Civil War their sentiments were as strong for the southern cause as those of other mountaineers. Very few braves fought with the Union army, and after the war these found them selves unwelcome upon return to their tribes.

**Fighting at Soco**

Soco Gap was the scene of another engagement that came during the closing days of war. The characters herein appeared in the relation of the story of the last surrender at Waynesville. A few months prior to that time, in March of 1865, Col. George K. Kirk, who had early in the war deserted the Confederate army and commanded a Federal regiment of equally bad reputation, began a looting raid from East Tennessee into the Western part of this state.

He came into Haywood county through Catalaouche, and the few southern troops here skirmished with him. Col. Thomas took his Indian troops and met him in battle at Soco Gap, which caused the Union force to retire from their raiding here and move farther west.

Dark days followed the war for the Indians. The greed of the whites that arose during the reconstruction period demanded his lands, and the Cherokees were ordered to Oklahoma reservations. Their epic struggle to remain in the mountains met with enough success to provide the founding of the Qualla reservation, and the survey work for this was begun in 1876 at Soco Gap, which thus is honored by a historical marker.

**DEATHS**

**MRS. ELIZABETH C. FINGER**

Last rites were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Peachtree Baptist church on Black Camp road at 3:30 for Mrs. Elizabeth Carter Finger, 74, wife of H. L. Finger, of the Maggie section, who died suddenly on Thursday, the 27th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anne Smith, in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Nando Stephenson officiated. Burial was in the Henry cemetery.

Mrs. Finger, a native of Haywood county, had been a resident of the Maggie section all her life. She is survived by her husband, five daughters, Mrs. Mark Rich, Mrs. Ted Surton, of Maggie; Mrs. Isabella Gilliam, of Henderson county, and Mrs. Annie Smith and Mrs. Lash Hayes, of Winston-Salem; six sons, John, Rufus, Oliver, and Frank, of Maggie; Guy and Clayton, both of Winston-Salem; forty-one grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The Vogler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements in Winston-Salem and the Garrett Funeral Home at the final rites.

**MRS. ANNIE ARRINGTON, TROUTMAN**

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Pleasant Balsam Baptist Church for Mrs. Annie Arrington Troutman, wife of J. S. Troutman, 66, who died at the Haywood county Hospital at 2:30 Thursday afternoon. The Rev. J. M. Woodard officiated. Burial was in the Third cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard Hawkins, Kenneth Lape, Herman Arrington, Ted Arrington, Herman Mellette, and Jack Arrington, all nephews.

Mrs. Troutman is survived by three sons, Frank Harold and Loyal, all of Hazelwood, four daughters, Mrs. Haywood Saunders, of Canton, R. F. D. No. 1; Mrs. John Owens, West Asheville; Robert Loun, of Hazelwood, and Mrs. Dick Bradley, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2; five brothers, Austin Lather and Charles Arrington, all of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 1; Bunyan and Dan Arrington, both of Balsam, three sisters, Mrs. Alex Williams of Frances, Wash.; Mrs. A. H. Mellette, of Hendersonville and Mrs. Eliza Harkins, of Canton, and seventeen grandchildren.

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British military and German civilian police made a number of arrests, but no official figure was announced.

Twice the crowd sang "Deutschland Ueber Alles," the historic German national anthem, and knocked the hats off of civilian men who had remained with their heads covered during the singing.

Except for the shouting and singing, the demonstration was fairly orderly. No injuries were reported.

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