

Civil War Heirloom

Story Of Coverlet And Young Courage

Contributed by
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The story of the coverlet (also called coverlid) came from Mrs. Robert Whitaker of Enfield, N.C. Mrs. Whitaker is the former Myrtle Norton, a native of Hoke County. Her home was south of Raeford in the Aberdeen Chapel community.

Mrs. Lucille Townsend Peeler of the Wayside community, a niece of Mrs. Whitaker, brought the story to the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) and the Hoke County Historical Association.

It was near the end of the Civil War in 1865 and some of Sherman's troops were passing near Raeford in their march north from Georgia.

Mrs. Peter Livingston and her four daughters were alone at their home. One of the daughters, Carolina Isabella Livingston, who was Mrs. Whitaker's great aunt, had fashioned a beautiful, gay crewel embroidery coverlet or coverlid.

On this particular day in March, Jimson, the yard boy, raced panting in from the oak grove where he was stationed as a lookout to warn the ladies of any approaching Union soldiers, in order that they might protect the family's valuables.

"De Yankees is coming", he gasped. "Dez is coming, sho".

The women scurried up the enclosed stairway to the attic, where they huddled in silence and listened to the clatter of hooves and the jingle of harness. Then there was quiet as the soldiers dismounted.

The front door was opened with a crash and the ladies heard the soldiers begin to search the rooms. They trembled as they heard them raid the almost bare larder. The smokehouse was also empty. Its contents were stored safely in lard stands upon which the ladies were sitting. The livestock had long since been driven safely into the woods.

Finding no food, the soldiers turned their attention to plundering. Blanket chest lids banged and dresser drawers toppled.

Caroline listened with her ear

pressed against the stairway door. Finally she heard sounds of the soldiers moving outside and some mounting their horses. It was then that she peeped outside and discovered that her cherished homespun, hand woven, hand embroidered bedspread was being carried away. Although her sisters tried to hold her back, she dashed down the stairs and to the yard. There the frightened young woman, with blazing eyes, stood planted firmly beside the horse of a captain of Sherman's army. Her hands tugged at the coverlet folded across the pommel of his saddle.

"Captain," she said firmly, "you cannot take this coverlet. It represents my hopes and dreams. I spent months making it. Please, my sweetheart and I plan to be married when the War is over".

The officer in blue looked at the girl and his expression softened. Perhaps he was remembering such a girl who was waiting for him. At any rate, he dismounted from his horse, and returned the coverlet with a flourish to its owner.

"May you and your sweetheart live many years to enjoy it", he said.

He then turned to shout a command which brought his men from their plundering and in a few minutes they were leaving the grounds.

Today the spread is a cherished heirloom. Mrs. J.L. Johnson, the former Lila Norton, has passed it on to a younger member of the family. Mrs. Mary Livingston Wilkerson, wife of a pathologist, Dr. Al Wilkerson of Charlotte.

The coverlet was never completely finished. The fringe was put on two sides and one can picture the sorrowful girl of long ago as she folded the spread and put it away when news of her sweetheart's death reached her. They never married.

The coverlet is worked in the Rose of Sharon pattern but the colors are not the same overall. Much blue and green was used along with other colors. Perhaps color choices were dictated by what wool was available during that time of want and distress.



CIVIL WAR COVERLET -- Mrs. J.L. Johnson of Wilmington, the former Lila Norton of Raeford, displays the coverlet made by her great aunt during the Civil War.

Dollars For Hoke County War Vets

The Veterans Administration has good news for war veterans living in Hoke County.

Some 160 of them will receive approximately \$14,000 as their share of a record payout of \$376.8 million being made to various classes of service men and women.

The payment, representing dividends declared under their GI insurance policies, is being accelerated by the government. Normally, when such dividends become available, they are paid on the anniversary dates of the policies and, as a result, stretch out over a period of 12 months.

This year, however, distribution of most of the money will be completed by the end of this month. About \$233 million of the total will be paid out by that time, according to Richard L. Roubush, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

The dividend checks will be going only to World War and Korean War veterans. Those who participated in the Vietnam War will not share at present because of the type of insurance they hold.

Most of the recipients have National Service Life Insurance, issued to those who served in World War II The World War I vets who are eligible carry U.S. Government Life Insurance policies and those who were in the Korean War, Veterans Special Life Insurance.

The 160 residents of Hoke County who will be on the receiving end are those who retained their policies. They constitute about 21 percent of the World War and Korean veterans in the local area. The total, according to the latest VA tabulation, is 780.

Just how much each recipient will get depends upon the size and age of his policy and the kind of insurance he holds. The general average, for those who were in the first World War, is \$184. For the World War II vets the average is \$93 and, for the others, \$18.

The VA insurance officials explain that the dividends represent returns to the policy holders of excess money that is available due to high interest rates earned by the funds and due to savings realized because of a lower - than - expected death rate among veterans.

Some of the recipients will be using their money to buy additional insurance. The rest will be putting the cash to other purposes.

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Bennie Woodrow Williams, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before August 26, 1976 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26 day of February, 1976.

Neda Turner Williams, Administratrix
Hostetler & McNeill
Attorneys At Law
Raeford, N. C. 28376

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NOTICE OF SALE

NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Brady Locklear and wife, Aleatha D. Locklear, to Philip A. Diehl, Trustee, dated the 3rd day of July, 1974, and recorded in Book 180, Page 594, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Hoke County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and the Clerk of the Court granting permission for the foreclosure, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m., on the 4th day of March, 1976, the land, as im-

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proved, conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Antioch Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 1: Lying and being about 2 miles North of the Town of Red Springs and on the Northeast side of and adjoining North Carolina Highway No. 211, Bounded on the Southeast by McCallum Estate lands, on the Southwest by North Carolina Highway No. 211, and on all other sides by other lands owned by Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Northeastern right of way (50 feet from center) of North Carolina Highway No. 211, said iron pipe being located at a point where the southeastern line of the original tract of which this is a part intersects said right of way, and also being located N 81-13 E 293.05 feet from an original railroad iron, the Southwest corner of the original tract, and runs thence as the Northeastern right of way (50 feet from center) of North Carolina Highway No. 211 N 16-34 W 210.00 feet to a point in said right of way; thence as a new line N 81-13 E 210.00 feet to a stake; thence as another new line S 16-34 E 210.00 feet to an iron pipe in the original Southeastern line; thence as said original line S 81-13 W 210.00 feet to the BEGINNING, containing One (1) acre, more or less, according to survey and plat thereof prepared by George T. Paris, R.L.S., from survey of August 6, 1973. Being a portion of a 55 acre tract of land devised to Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., by last will of Dr. H.H. Hodgkin, as of record will appear in Hoke County Registry.

TRACT 11: Lying and being in Antioch Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, about 1.8 miles North of the Town of Red Springs, and on the Northeast side of and adjoining North Carolina Highway No. 211, Bounded on the Southeast by a 1.0 acre lot previously conveyed by Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., to Brady Locklear, on the Southwest by North Carolina Highway No. 211, and on all other sides by other lands of Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Northeastern right of way (50 feet from center) of North Carolina Highway No. 211, said iron pipe being the Northwest corner of a 1.0 acre lot previously conveyed from Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., to Brady Locklear, and also being located North 16 degrees 34 minutes West 210.00 feet from the intersection of the Northeastern right of way of North Carolina Highway No. 211 with the Southeastern boundary line of the tract of which this is a part, and runs thence as the Northeastern right of way (50 feet from center) of North Carolina Highway No. 211, North 16 degrees 34 minutes West 105.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence as a new line North 81 degrees 13 minutes East 210.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence as another new line, South 16 degrees 34 minutes East 105.00 feet to an original iron pipe, the Northeast corner of the aforementioned 1.0 acre conveyance; thence as the northwestern line of said conveyance, South 81 degrees 13 minutes West 210.00 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 0.50 acres as shown on a map prepared by George T. Paris, R.L.S., dated May 24, 1974, and being a portion of a 55 acre tract of land owned by Henry H. Hodgkin.

Five percent (5%) of the amount of the highest bid must be deposited with the Trustee pending confirmation of the sale.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1976.

PHILIP A. DIEHL, TRUSTEE

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix, C.T.A. of the estate of W.L. Beckwith, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before August 12, 1976 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of February, 1976.

Hallie B. Beckwith
Rt. 4, Box 149
Raeford, N.C.
Hostetler & McNeill
Attorneys-at-Law
Raeford, N.C.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Brady Locklear and wife, Aleatha D. Locklear, to

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William L. Moses, Trustee, dated the 8th day of August, 1975, and recorded in Book 188, Page 243, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Hoke County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and the Clerk of the Court granting permission for the foreclosure, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina, at 10:00 a.m., on the 4th day of March, 1976, the land, as improved, conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Antioch Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Antioch Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, about 1.8 miles North of the Town of Red Springs, and on the Northeast side of and adjoining North Carolina Highway No. 211, bounded on the Southeast by a 1.0 acre lot previously conveyed from Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., to Brady Locklear, on the Southwest by North Carolina Highway No. 211, and on all other sides by other lands of Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Northeastern right-of-way (50 feet from center) of North Carolina Highway No. 211, said iron pipe being the Northwest corner of a 1.0 acre lot previously conveyed from Henry H. Hodgkin, Jr., to Brady Locklear, and also being located N 16-34 W 210.00 feet from the intersection of the Northeastern right-of-way of N.C. Highway 211 with the Southeastern boundary line of the tract of which this is a part, and runs thence as the Northeastern right-of-way (50 feet from center) of N.C. Highway 211, N 16-34 W 105.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence as a new line N 81-13 E 210.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence as another new line, S 16-34 E 105.00 feet to an original iron pipe, the Northeast corner of the aforementioned 1.0 acre conveyance; thence as the Northwestern line of said conveyance, S 81-13 W 210.00 feet to the Beginning containing 0.50 acres as shown on a map prepared by George T. Paris, R.L.S., dated May 24, 1974, and being a portion of a 55 acre tract of land owned by Henry H. Hodgkin.

Five percent (5%) of the amount of the highest bid must be deposited with the Trustee pending confirmation of the sale.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1976.

WILLIAM L. MOSES, Trustee

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, on the 21st day of November, 1975, notice is hereby given that I will sell by public auction, for cash, on Friday, the 27th day of February, 1976, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, at Hoke County Courthouse, Raeford, North Carolina the below described property, to-wit:

House and lot, located in Raeford Township, Hoke County North Carolina at 413 Dickson Street, Raeford, North Carolina. Property being in the western portion of said Town of Raeford on the west side of Dickson Street, almost opposite Town of Raeford filtering plant, and being Lot # 6 (Six) fronting 100 feet on said Dickson Street comprising an area 100 ft. x 175 feet, as shown and described by metes and bounds on a plat of said property captioned "West Side Heights", dated November, 1955, drawn by R.H. Gatlin, C.E., and recorded in Hoke County Registry Book of Maps 3, Page 96, to which reference is hereby made for further identification.

P. Ellis Almond, U.S. Marshal

Middle District of North Carolina

P.O. Box 1528

Greensboro, North Carolina 27402

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mary Johnson, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before August 5, 1976 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5 day of February, 1976.

R. Palmer Wilcox
Administrator
Attorney - at - Law
Raeford, N.C.

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Community Calendar

- THURS. FEB. 26
Senior 4-H Club 7:30 P.M.
North Raeford Home Extension Club 5:00 P.M.
- SAT. FEB. 28
Woman's Club district nine arts festival.
Campbell College, Buies Creek, N.C.
- MON. MARCH 1
Extension agents Staff Conference. 9:00 A.M.
- TUES. MARCH 2
Good Old Days lecture series 7:30 P.M.
Hoke Civic Center
American Legion 7:45 P.M.
Woman's Club - open meeting
Raeford Friendship Senior Citizens Club 10:00 A.M.
- WED. MARCH 3
Wayside Home Extension Club 10:00 A.M.
- THURS. MARCH 4
Kiwanis every Thurs. at 6:30 P.M. Civic Center.
Raeford Home Extension (morning) Club 9:30 A.M.
New County Office Building conference room.

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Correction

In last week's edition of the New-Journal, it was incorrectly reported that W.R. Branch is the principal of Scurlock School. He is the assistant principal. F.W. Caldwell is the principal of the school.

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-Sr. Winston Churchill

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