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## DOWN'S FAMILY HISTORY

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(The sketch of the above family was written by Robt. L. Downs, and is so well written that I have made no changes. I. W. THOMAS.)

Charles Downs was a native Irishman, a weaver by trade, who when quite young enlisted in the British army.

After serving in one or two campaigns, he was with other troops, sent to America where during the Revolutionary war, he served under Lord Cornwallis. After the surrender at Yorktown he decided to remain in America and become a citizen of the new Republic. He asked for a discharge from the army. This being refused, he discharged himself by deserting. He fled into Mecklenburg County, N. C., where he had kinspeople who had come over from Ireland some years before. He was never apprehended by the officers of the British government. Later he married a woman of German extraction and located permanently in Rowan county. He raised a family of ten children, nine boys and one girl. Most of these children went west. One of the boys that remained in North Carolina was Aaron Downs, the progenitor of the Caldwell Downs, es.

He married a lady whose maiden name was Frazier, and about the year 1808 settled in what is now Little River township, Caldwell County, but was then Burke County. He raised a family of six children—four boys and two girls. They were: James, Charles, David, William, Eliza and Margaret. James Downs, the oldest son, married in Illinois. His wife's maiden name was Frazier. His family consisted of four children, to wit: Charles, Frank, Surrelda and Salina. Charles died young, Surrelda married a Mr. Tucker from Illinois, where they afterward made their home. Salina became the wife of the late Alva Brown of Little River. All the members of this family are now dead except Franklin Downs, of Alexander. He was a Confederate soldier and is now a local minister of the Methodist church. He is the father of Rev. J. A. Downs, a prominent minister of the Adventist church, now located and preaching in the city of Chicago.

Charles, the second son, married a Marley of Wilkes county. They had eleven children, to wit: John, Clinton, Smith, Benjamin, William, Elisha, Jackson, Elizabeth, Sallie, Maggie and Jane. John died when quite young. Clinton and Smith were in the Confederate army. Smith lost a leg and Clinton died while in the service. In the summer of 1880 Charles Downs and his five remaining sons all died with typhoid fever in the short space of about six weeks.

Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, who is now dead, became the wife of the late Capt. W. L. Payne. She was the mother of ten children, a family now prominent in Caldwell and Alexander Counties. The other three daughters, who are still living, became the wives of Avery and Elbert Laxton and Tilford Pennell, respectively of Kings Creek township.

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Jeff served in the Confederate army. He was at Appomattox and brought home a piece of the "famous apple tree." A few years after the war he and Aaron went west, settling in Madison County, Mo., where they became well to do citizens. Sallie became the wife of G. W. Pressnel. John lives at the old home place in Little River; while Robert is a citizen of Alexander County. Lizzie married a Mr. Hermon who located at Hickory, N. C. All the members of this family are dead except Aaron, John and Robert. William, the fourth and last son of the elder Aaron Downs, married in Georgia. His wife's maiden name was Dozier. She is still living. They raised ten children, all living, to wit: Pierce, Wesley, Robert, Alva, Pomeroy, Columbus, David, George and Jane. Pierce, Alva and David are citizens of Caldwell County; Pomeroy and Columbus, of Watauga County. Wesley lives in California and Robert in New York state. Georgia is the widow of the late William Brown of Little River. While Jane is the wife of Rev. J. M. Payne of Boone, N. C. Eliza, oldest daughter of Aaron Downs, married Harrison Pressnel, who was killed in the war between the states. They had five children, Leonard, Lane, Laban, Loucinda, and Sarah. Leonard and Lane served in the Confederate army. Leonard was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. Mrs. Pressnel moved to Mitchell county, where, a few years ago, she died at an advanced age. The only member of the family now living is Laban, a wealthy citizen of Texas. Margaret, the remaining daughter of the original Downs family, married Eli Taylor. They had six children, Miles, Harvey, Nancy, Sarah Ann, Surrelda and Emanu. Miles was killed in the war. Harvey lives in Little River. The girls all married and are still living. They became respectively: Mrs. Thomas Winkler, Mrs. William Sherrill, Mrs. Pickens Stanton

## GIRL SUDDENLY MUTE.

Kinston, Sept. 12.—A small child of J. S. Mashburn at Fort Run, in Greene county, has become suddenly mute, it is said, following a prophecy made to her parents several weeks ago when they would not accept a religious belief which she had acquired. The girl was baptized by a minister in the section and immediately became fanatical. She appealed to her relatives to become converted, and her efforts unavailing, she declared that God would seal her lips till such time as the quickening spirit of salvation should awaken them to the joy of her own faith. For a number of days now the girl has uttered no coherent syllable, and the family is unable to entice any thing more than a nod of her head from her in reply to questions. She has been observed, however, to wander to an out-of-the-way spot and there give utterance to queer sounds.

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## DAVENPORT COLLEGE OPENS

### With More Students Than Ever Before. New Building

With more students than ever before, the new building at Davenport College is now open. The school is in the neighborhood where he lived. His four sons are now in the college. There are 130 boarding students now in the college, with ten more to come, who have been detained at home by illness and other causes, but who have paid reservations, and will be in the college in a few days.

It was with much regret that Pres. Craven had to decline to accept reservations, and also to write others who had made reservation that it would not be possible to take them, but placed them on the waiting list. If Davenport had a second Cornelius Hall, enough reservations could be had from the list of those who have made inquiry about entering to completely fill it.

As a whole, a finer set of students has never been drawn together than those at Davenport, nor has any set of students ever represented more homes of influence and standing than those who are now here.

With such a splendid student body, and a faculty that is unsurpassed in the South, the excellence of the work at the college for this year is easily foretold.

The equipment for the years work is entirely new throughout, and the college is very proud in the possession of seventeen beautiful new Hallet and Davis Pianos. The Hallet and Davis Company have won 139 competitive gold medals, and have the distinction of holding testimonials from such musical celebrities as Wagner, Strauss, Constantino, Liszt, Rubinstein, and a splendid one from the Vatican at Rome, written by the late Pope Pius X. That the music school is so well equipped with these excellent pianos, means that it offers to its students in music the very best advantages that are to be had for technique, tone, and touch, and altogether artistic work on the pianoforte.

The music school is very large, nearly twice as many in piano, and over twice as many in voice as it has ever had before. The splendid singing in church and concert work, as has been done by the pupils of Davenport, such as Girardeau, Miss Baber, Miss Stroup, Miss Brink, and many others, has attracted much attention, and twice as many students as he can take, have asked for instruction under Mr. Birmingham.

A full Commercial Course has been added this year, and a large class have enrolled in it; also a complete Domestic Science course has been added and is in charge of Miss Wilson.

Mr. Birmingham has had placed in his studio a beautiful new Hallet and Davis Empress Grand Piano for his personal use, and the College also has an Empress Grand on the stage in the chapel.

The large student body now in the college, and the great enthusiasm being shown by all the leading ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference, and the excellence of the present management can mean but one thing for the future, and that is more buildings, and eventually one of the largest colleges for young women in the South.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

### Met Saturday, Sept. 12th, and Nominated Candidates for The Various Offices.

The Republicans of Caldwell County met in regular convention at the court house in Lenoir for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various offices. The convention was well attended, and everything passed off most harmoniously. T. C. Robbins was elected permanent chairman, and S. A. Richardson was made secretary.

The following ticket was nominated: Sheriff, C. Merk Rader; Clerk of the Superior Court, Ed. F. Allen; Register of Deeds, Dick M. Cline; Treasurer, Victor H. Beach; for the Legislature, S. A. Richardson; Coroner, Dr. A. B. Goodman; Surveyor, James H. Isbell; County Commissioners, R. H. Pipes, D. A. Whisnant and Walter B. Watson.

Solicitor F. A. Linney, of Boone, was to have been present to address the convention, but on account of the inclement weather and bad condition of the roads, he could not reach Lenoir in time.

At the close of the convention, M. N. Harshaw introduced the following resolutions, which were adopted without a dissenting vote:

"The members of the Republican party of Caldwell County in convention assembled, believing in a free, open and frank declaration of principles upon which the party stands, and recognizing the right of every good citizen to be informed of the purpose for which his support is asked, make the following enunciation of our beliefs and policies, and we invite the co-operation of every voter in the County, irrespective of past party affiliations in our endeavor to carry the same into effect:

First. We heartily endorse every plank and principle enumerated therein, of the platform recently adopted by the Republicans assembled in State Convention in the city of Raleigh, and we hereby pledge our unanimous support to the declarations enunciated in said platform.

Second. We condemn and denounce the National Democratic administration for imposing the present iniquitous tariff law on the people of the United States, and thus bringing about such a state of business depression, that many laborers have been thrown out of employment, industrial enterprises have been forced to run on short time, and instead of a diminution in the high cost of living, there has really been an increase. We further denounce the Democratic administration for its failure to put into operation the new currency law, which has continuously kept capital in suspense and a state of uncertainty; and especially do we condemn it for its extravagant expenditure of the people's money, the expenditure under the first fiscal year of the Democratic administration exceeding that under the Republican administration for the previous year by more than \$20,000,000.

Third. Believing that the government of a state should always be run within its income, we condemn and denounce the extravagant and profuse expenditure of money by the State Democratic administration, which has run the State in debt to the extent of nearly \$800,000.

Old Eugenics will have to do a lot of explaining before it becomes popular. You may have noticed that a man with a face like a camel will marry a girl with a face like a horse and their daughter will be the prettiest thing you ever looked at.

## STICK A PIN HERE.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

The people of North Carolina will be put in a far better position to control in political affairs by means of a state wide legalized primary. It is a measure for the benefit of all the people, and it should extend to every county and to all elective offices.

In every county in the state the Democracy should let the men know who are the party candidates that the primary is wanted. No member of the next general assembly should be able to come to Raleigh at the 1915 session and say that it is a matter which has not been called to his attention. The time for the people to act is now, as nominations are being made.

The people will never rule as they should rule if they sit idly by and wait for things to happen. They must take action for themselves. The legalized primary is for the benefit of the people and they should never grow weary till it is in force in the state and in every county of the state. The way to get the primary is for the people to make themselves heard.

000.00, and at the same time has persistently and steadfastly refused to provide any means whatever for increasing the revenue. We favor a policy of retrenchment for the State government and adequate laws for providing sufficient revenue to place our government on a cash basis.

Fourth. A man's vote is given to him for his protection and security, and is his only means by which he can secure the enactment of beneficial measures for himself and family; and realizing that the popular will is often perverted and demagogues are permitted to control elections by bribery and intimidation, we favor a statewide primary election law for all offices, to be held on the same day for all organized political parties. And in order that such a law may be made the most efficient and secure the beneficial and wholesome results required of it, we favor a rigid corrupt practice act applicable to primary elections as well as all general elections.

Fifth. We denounce and condemn the use of money and whiskey during the campaign and on election day, as practiced by both political parties in previous years, and hereby pledge our nominees for the various County offices to a campaign and election conducted strictly on high moral principles, and we severally and individually pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors at all times to detect such practices as enumerated above and to see that ample punishment is meted out to those guilty of such illegal offenses.

Sixth. Believing that the office of County Treasurer is a useless expense to our County, as the duties of said offices can just as easily and expeditiously be performed by the sheriff or a local bank, at a saving of at least a \$1,000 per year to the taxpayers, we favor the abolition of this office with the term beginning in December 1916.

Anyway, Adam hadn't any kick coming. He never had to stand for three hours on the outside of a department store while Eve matched fig leaves for her new Autumn girdle.

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## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

J. W. Harrison, of Blowing Rock, R. F. D., has growing at his home a giant sun flower, measuring 18 1/2 inches in diameter and 55 inches in circumference. This is decidedly the largest flower of which we have heard. The stalk bearing it is immense in size and ten feet tall.—Watauga Democrat.

The Stanbury brothers, of Mabel, this county, who, last spring, killed Deputy Sheriff Ham Snyder, and later surrendered to the authorities, were tried in the Mountain City Superior Court on last Monday and were acquitted as to the charge of murder, but were then tried for carrying concealed weapons, and sentenced to the roads for six months each.—Watauga Democrat.

New Bern, Sept. 10.—After being out for two and one-half hours the jury in the case of the state vs. Clyde Kennedy, Sid Gaither and Alex. Curtiss, three young white men charged with the murder of E. W. Sarlandt, a prosperous farmer, in this city August 9, tonight returned a verdict of guilty of murder as to all three, but recommended mercy as to Gaither and Curtiss.

As a result of the police dragnet and cases in the county court resulting therefrom six defendants have been given 60-day sentences for selling whiskey. Out of these cases have grown other indictments and as a consequence the managers of the Southern hotel and Miller's cafe are to be tried, the first for maintaining a common nuisance and Miller for running a gambling house.

According to the census of the United States there are thirteen millions of foreign born citizens in this country and of these millions something more than six millions are over 21 years of age and about one half of these have citizenship papers or have applied for same, leaving about three million aliens most of whom are exploiters of the favorable system of labor in this country—that is they come to this country and secure employment at the large wage pay with the intention of returning to their native land to enjoy their remaining days at ease. The prevailing war may make a change of this program for many years to come, and it will all so cause the legislators of this country to take notice of labors exploitation against the native born and the naturalized foreign born citizen and be the cause of the enactment of such legislation that will put a stop to it.—Durham Sun.

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Judging from the chances taken by the girls this summer there is a chance that they may make their dresses out of ham-mocks next summer.