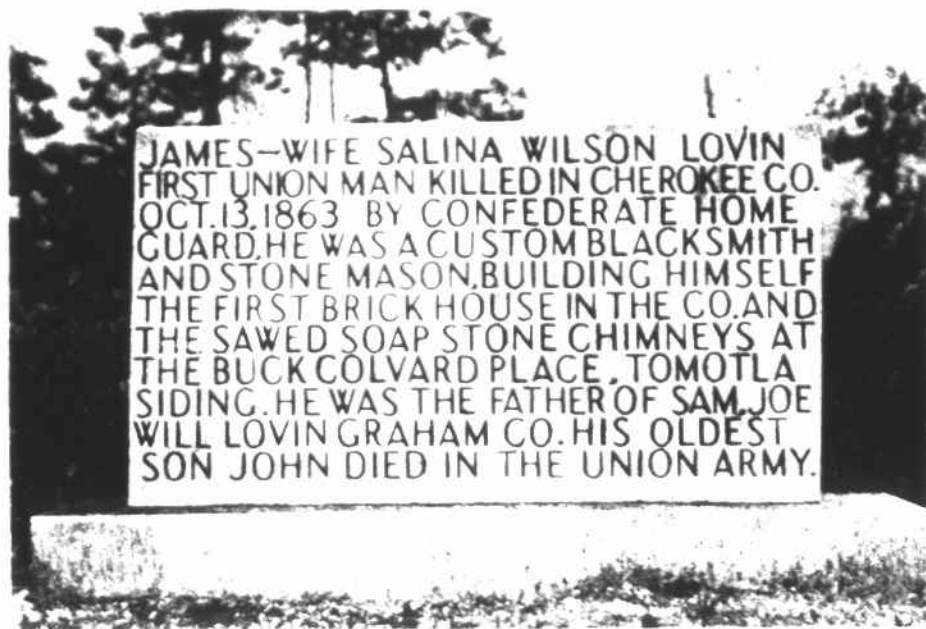


Footnotes To History Make Interesting Trips In Cherokee County



**JAMES—WIFE SALINA WILSON LOVIN
FIRST UNION MAN KILLED IN CHEROKEE CO.
OCT. 13, 1863 BY CONFEDERATE HOME
GUARD. HE WAS A CUSTOM BLACKSMITH
AND STONE MASON, BUILDING HIMSELF
THE FIRST BRICK HOUSE IN THE CO. AND
THE SAWED SOAP STONE CHIMNEYS AT
THE BUCK COLVARD PLACE, TOMOTLA
SIDING. HE WAS THE FATHER OF SAM JOE
WILL LOVIN GRAHAM CO. HIS OLDEST
SON JOHN DIED IN THE UNION ARMY.**

JAMES LOVIN, the first Union soldier to be killed in Cherokee County during the Civil War, is buried in this graveyard just off rural road 1315 near Hiwassee Dam.

By Dave Bruce

Mention the Civil War and thoughts are bound to pop up about Gettysburg, Atlanta, Vicksburg or Appomattox, actually, the war was bigger than all of those places and just as Americans are now engaged in little battles in the jungles of Viet Nam, much of the action was in out of the way places with few persons involved. Such was the case right here in Cherokee County.

Last week I visited Raven Rock which is almost in sight of Hiwassee Dam. This was a place that didn't make the history books but the story behind it is interesting.

Emma Jean Walls, who lives nearby, and her sister Mollie Bee, took me to see this place where a rebel by the name of Ruff Talf hid supplies for Confederate soldiers.

To get to Raven Rock, you must park near where the paved road drops down to Hiwassee Dam. There is a path that goes down a steep hillside to Raven Rock.

The rock itself is actually a large cave in the hillside and if the path isn't followed, you'd be on top of the cave without knowing it.

The legend the Walls girls told me is that Talf hid supplies for the Confederates here and a group of Federals came through and knew that supplies were being hidden somewhere in the area.

They chanced to meet Talf's wife and by giving her meat and other food, persuaded her to reveal her husband's hiding place.

The soldiers went over the top of the cave and waited while Mrs. Talf called her husband out. When he came out, shooting started and Talf was last seen running down the steep bank toward the Hiwassee River. No one knows what ever happened to him.

The Walls girls also took me to a graveyard in which the first Union soldier to be killed in Cherokee County is buried.

This graveyard, which is on a small hill off rural road 1315, was recently cleaned off by the girl's father, Edwin Walls.

The soldier was James Lovin. His wife, Salina Wilson Lovin is buried with him. Lovin was a custom blacksmith and stone mason and the inscription on the tombstone says he built the first brick house in Cherokee County. He also sawed soap chimneys at the Buck Colvard place at Tomotla siding. Lovin was killed on October 13, 1863. His oldest son, John also died in the Union army.

Next to the Lovin grave is the grave of J.G. Mashburn. The stone says he was a member of Company F of the 10th Tennessee Cavalry. There is another unmarked grave on the other side of Mashburn's.

I found this trip most interesting and I hope that almost forgotten footnotes to history like Raven Rock and the cemetery I visited will not ever be entirely forgotten. They'd make an interesting Sunday afternoon trip for anyone and the two places are right here in Cherokee County.



EMMA JEAN WALLS shows her sister, Mollie Bee, the way Rebel Ruff Talf fled when Yankees attacked Raven Rock where he had supplies hid. The girls are standing inside the cave formed by Raven Rock.

Clay Farms Now Total 507

A total of 507 farms was counted in Clay County during the 1964 Census of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census reports.

In the last previous Census of Agriculture (1959) the total counted in the county was 629 farms.

The 1964 total is published in a preliminary report on the county just issued. The report also shows that the average farm size in the county was 74.7 acres and that the average value of the county's farms (land and buildings) in 1964 was \$14,358.

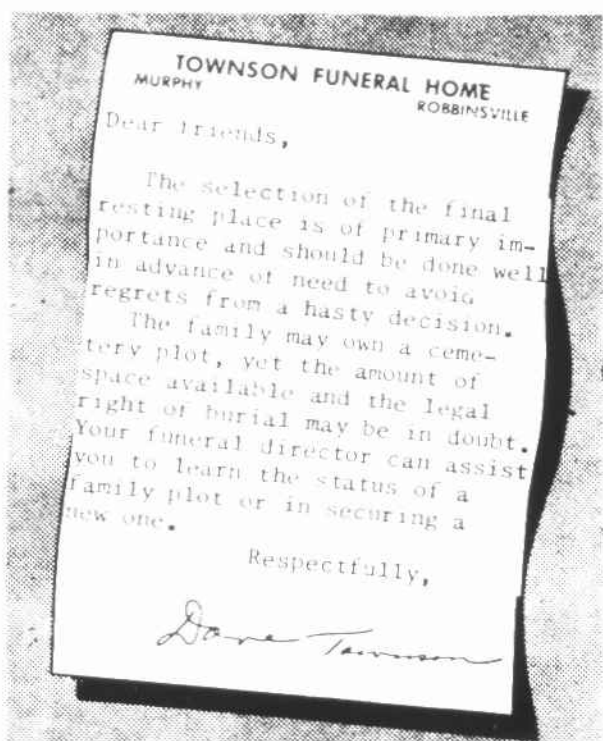
Other important county statistics in the report are:

1. Value of all farm products sold by farms in the county in 1964 \$2,713,365; in 1959 \$1,710,320.
2. Value of all crops sold by county farms in 1964 \$1,975,535; in 1959 \$1,151,665.
3. Value of all livestock and livestock products sold by county farms in 1964, \$2,512,843; in 1959 \$1,518,665.

Information obtained for the first time in an agricultural census included the amount of income received by the county's farmers \$2,977 from recreational services as well as data on the use of pest control chemicals in the county in 1964.

A Census of Agriculture is taken every 5 years in years ending in "4" and "9" to gather information on the nation's agricultural resources and production. The data are needed to make decisions affecting many segments of the U.S. economy. The 1964 farm census was the 18th in a series that began in 1840.

The preliminary report for the county contains more than 500 facts about agriculture in the county. Among additional facts: contains the number of farms by size, type and economic class; the number of farm operators by method of tenure, age, color, off-farm work, and number of school years completed; land in



MISS GERTRUDE HERBERT HAYESVILLE—Services for Miss Gertrude Herbert, 58, of Hayesville, who died Monday, July 4, will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday (today) in Fort Hembree Baptist Church. The Rev. G.L. Conley and the Rev. Mr. Bailey will officiate and burial will be in Herbert Cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Malone of DeKalb III, and Mrs. Lily Mauldin of Asheville; three brothers, James, Frank and Everett Herbert, all of Hayesville. The body will remain at the

Townson Funeral Home in Murphy until placed in the church for services.

JOHN SUDDERTH MURPHY—John Suddorth, 87, died Monday, July 4th, in a local hospital after a long illness.

He was a native of Cherokee County and a son of the late Fate and Lance Suddorth. He was a deacon of Mt. Zion Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Emma J. Cline of the home and Mrs. Warren Nicely of Kingston, Tenn; one sister, Mrs. Mary Jackson of Garey, Ind.; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday (today) in Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Harry Kincaid and Rev. W.M. Hamilton will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery. Deacons will be pallbearers.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the building fund of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Townson Funeral Home will be in charge.

CLIFF BLUE ...

People & Issues



EARLY START... Some of the 1966 candidates, who lost out this time appear to be making early starts toward running again in 1968.

State Senator Jennings King of Scotland County who lost out in the run-off to Jeff Allen of Montgomery County stated last week that he definitely planned to run again in 1968. Reports are that John W. Covington, Jr. of Richmond County who lost out in the first primary for one of the Senate seats in the 18th district is planning to run again in 1968.

FIFTH DISTRICT... Commenting on the Fifth District Congressional race, The Chapel Hill Weekly has this to say editorially:

"There are as many political styles as there are candidates and each season seems to bring something new or, if not new, at least variations and refinements. What the voters of the Fifth Congressional District in North Carolina are witnessing this week, however, is as far as we know completely without precedent. It used to be that as soon as the votes were in and counted, both winner and loser would disappear from public view, to wallow privately in

success or lick the wounds, as the case might be.

"Nick Galifianakis and Smith Bagley, the contenders in the Fifth, are something else.

"On the morning after his pulsating victory, at a time when most candidates would have been nursing a granddaddy of a hangover, Nick Galifianakis was in the middle of a noisy rally at the Winston-Salem airport.

"All of this week both Galifianakis and Bagley are touring all of the counties in the

District, thanking the voters for their support. Instead of the aftermath of a bone-wearying campaign, you would think it was the beginning.

"What this will do in the long run to the style of North Carolina politics is hard to say. But the effect it is having on the voter, who long ago was convinced that he was the forgotten man as soon as his vote was cast, is delightfully refreshing."

LIQUOR... We do not expect the 1967 General Assembly to approve open bars or liquor-by-the-drink on a state-wide basis, but we do feel that there is better than a 50-50 chance that it will grant local option on it to counties requesting it in the same manner that the ABC stores got started in North Carolina.

TAX ISSUE... When Governor Terry Sanford secured the passage of the sales tax on food in 1961 many people in state government felt that a broad tax base had been established which would bring in sufficient revenue to take care of the needs of a progressive and growing state for many years to come. Well, the 1967 General Assembly will be faced by many requests, which if granted, will necessitate

more tax revenue. The Charlotte Observer in an editorial takes issue with Scott, saying: "Scott, as an aspirant for the governorship, will have to take a position on that voting privilege at one time or another. He won't be able to get by with a generalization that he doesn't believe 'the people of North Carolina' are ready for the practice."

Local, and not state-wide option will be the big liquor issue before the 1967 General Assembly.

WOODROW JONES... Despite the opposition raised by Tar Heel Negroes to the recommendation of former Congressman Woodrow W. Jones as a Federal District Judge by Senators Ervin and Jordan, Jones is expected to get the appointment without difficulty.

This shows how fast conditions change. What looked solid and sufficient five years ago appears to be insufficient and lacking today.

You would think that with the Great Society program pouring so much money into programs designed to help the people along that the State and County governments would not be so pressed for additional revenue. But such is not the case. Most of the Federal programs are based on State and Local matching funds on a percentage basis.

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