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"This Argus o'er the people's rights Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Maia's son, Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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UNVEILING OF JOHN

An Interesting Ceremony in this City at Noon Today

DUTY OF KEEPING HISTORY STRAIGHT

Presented by The North Carolina So ciety of the Colonial Dames of America to Goldsboro and Wayne County.

Owing to the indisposition of Mr. D. H. Dixon, president of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, who was programmed to preside at today's unveiling ceremonies of the John Lawson boulder, Mr. Geo. C. Royall was substituted by invitation in the eleventh hour, and graciously and gracefully subserved the duties incumbent. He cordially welcomed the visitors and conducted the program with ease and

prayer, as well as the benediction at the close were by Rev. P. McIntyre.

Allen, of the Goldsboro bar, the historical orator of the occasion, and his delivered. He spoke in full as follows. trayed Eastern North Carolina as a new El Dorado-and it is:

John Lawson-Gentleman. Madam President of the North Carolina Society of Colonian Dames of America: Colonial Dames of the Wayne County committee: Ladies and Gentlemen:-Forceful is the figure of speech, voiced by some writer, who says that, "The pyrimids of Egypt doting with age have forgotten the names of their founders." Immeasureis but proper that in Eastern North destructible, irremovable and eternal token of remembrance of a man who

John Lawson lived in this country there were no writers or historians. ious agent named Baron DeGraffenreid, who disliked Lawson on account of his popularity with the Indians, and the Palatines, and his influence with the Lords Proprietors (and who finally deserted both Lawson and the Palatines and in attempting his own justification, berated both.)

out villages, promoted colonization,

John Lawson was of Scotch birth. That he was an educated man and an acute and intelligent observer, enterquestion, if they will read his reports to the English Government and his History of North Carolina. And as a

HUTTPHREV. State Mer the poor people fascinating induce- were so lately willing to die. or the Gentlemen of Engalud (Lords not for his ancestry cared nothing for was his objective point when captured loned barbecue dinner by Mr. and Mrs.

the arrest and murder of John Law- canvasser and promoting agent.

Thames in which I might have my Charity. wild beasts, and feasted on by mos- cattle, hogs, ets. to be paid for after Neuse.

rope late in the summer of 1708.

Nicholos Daw (this was in 1705), thus to straighten out the tangle. son is the subscribing witness.

and wrote the first history of North

Lords Proprietors, they appointed him them in a state of starvation. The his fraudulent land schemes. Proprietors in settling the uncertain character of DeGraffenreid is found the Colonists, mortgaged their lands building in some measure upon the Ormond, chairman of the Board of deeds, and to do honor to his memory. boundry between North Carolina and in his own letters, while the Baron and embezzeled their money, as ap- literacy labors of others or upon the County Commissioners, and himself a So to you, Colonial Dames, I can

son, without a knowledge of Baron De- cality among the colonists. financial reverses as mayor of one of dians as kind and unselfish. for any money making scheme. With cess,

a cheat and swindler, and circumstan- and acres of land from the Lords Pro- puts all blame upon Lawson.

It was about this time, immediately making his peace with God." Not unlike the young men of this after the death of Frederick 3rd, that generation he was determined to trav- the Electoral Dignity of the Palatinate had completed two days of their voy- this day." el and he tells us in his narrative how went to the House of Newberg, a bigo- age up Neuse river, having started It will thus be seen that this pious, not perish from the earth. His works he reached the purpose of coming to ted fopish family, under whose rule out upon a fifteen days trip. They feigning Christian Baron, who says are filled with interest to those even the reached the purpose of coming to ted fopish family, under whose rule out upon a fifteen days trip. They feigning Christian Baron, who says are filled with interest to those even the reached the purpose of coming to ted fopish family, under whose rule out upon a fifteen days trip. They feigning Christian Baron, who says are filled with interest to those even the reached the purpose of coming to ted fopish family, under whose rule out upon a fifteen days trip. They feigning Christian Baron, who says are filled with interest to those even the reached the purpose of coming to ted fopish family, under whose rule out upon a fifteen days trip. America in these words: "In the year Heidleberg was taken and desolated went in a canoe, but for some reason, Lawson was a cheat, himself stole of this day, and his hearty sympathy 1700, when people flocked from all by the Mohammedans, in consequence known alone to DeGraffenreid, he sent from these poor people 175,000 acres with everything that pertained to parts of the Christian world, to see of which, the Palatines, who were either a negro or an Indian ahead on of land, 200 pounds deposited with North Carolina, her flowers, her soil, the solemnity of the grand jubilee at mainly Lutherians and Calvinists, fled a horse to wait for them at the Indian him at interest before sailing and the her animals and reptiles her bays and Rome, my intention at that time being to England, being encouraged by a town of Contentnea. It is a little re-money given him under the contract rivers her swamps and marches, are to travel, I accidentally met with a proclamation of Queen Ann, (this was markable that DeGraffenreid, starting for agricultural implements and cat-described by him with the sincerity of gentleman, who had been abroad, and in the summer of 1709.) Great efforts out on an exploring expedition of tle, hogs, etc. was very well acquainted with the were made to provide for these sub- Neuse river with his Indian guides There ought to be little doubt as comes only with the enthusiasm of the ways of living in both Indies, of whom jects, who were lodged in warehouses, along, should send another Indian to the truth of the allegations set devotee. having made inquiry concerning them, empty dwellings, barns, and in a ahead on a horse to wait for the party forth in this petition, for it was signhe assured me that Carolina was the thousand tents, pitched for them back at an Indian village. best country I could go to. And that of Greenwich in Balckheath, where there then lay a ship in the river they were piteable objects of English way they met numbers of Indians, Bernheim in his "History of German ments of the Neuse River section,

of July when the boat landed at Sandy able speculations, iproposed to the veyor-General laughed at him. Hook in the colony of New York. Af- Lords Proprietors, that in considerahis party were six Englishmen, three on their voyage and for their support overtook them. male Indians and a squaw—the last for one year in their new homes. The quitoes, would make a narrative but seven years, and that they shall re- DeGraffenre which Lawson recorded his "thousand culture free.

miles traveled through several na- The records of this period are very and especially complained of the Sur- where moth and rust doth not con- his own country and an especial friend scant but it is certain that about this veyor-General for taking their lands. sume, and where thieves do not break of the Queen of England who would From the time of his first arrival time danger was threatening the Col: It will be noted here that this is the through nor steal." . . avenge his death should they kill him, on American soil in 1700, Lawson re- onists on account of the conflict be- only suggestion in history that John There is no suggestion from any but Lawson was held and put to death mained eight years, returning to Eu- tween Col. Carey and President Glov- Lawson ever took any lands from the writer, except Baron DeGraffenreid, by fire-torture, a most inhuman and er, and that about this time, John Indians or anyone else, During this period he was engaged Lawson, Major Christopher Gale and in surveying and promoting coloniza- Lionel Reading went to England. It their capture, trial and escape fur- his works prove conclusively that he ting them afire, tion. He platted the first town, Bath, is very probable that they went to Enand was one of its first Commission- gland to lay before the Proprietors of Lawson's bravery. ers, serving with Col. Joel Martin and the unhappy division and to attempt He says that when the grewsome There is no history of North Caro- age mode of execution, in strange and

ter remaining two weeks in New York, tion of the sum of \$18,000.00, they in this connection was the great fear Ormonds and others whose descand- many hardships and difficulties, and the journey by sea was resumed and would transport these unfortunate of DeGraffenreid of some harm from ants are still among us. 14 days later they reached Charleston people to the Carolinas and settle the Indians, when these colonists hal And it is on account of this whole- of the Indians with whom he lived for Charles Town as it was then call- them comfortably; and acontract was never had any trouble with the In- sale larceny that I assert DeGraffen- while on the journey. ed.) It was on the 28th day of De- accordingly entered into between the dian inhabitants. He further says reid desired Lawson put out of the In September, 1711, on account of cember 1700, that Lawson left Charles- English Government and those two that they and hardly turned their way that he himself might escape jealousies aroused in the hearts of the ton and began his journey through nobles, in which liberal provision was backs when a large number of In-exposure and conviction.

mentioned being the wife of one or agreement may be seen in Hawks ludians lived a whole night's journey arrest by American creditors. The from their hunting grounds, Lawson, Mrs. Frank describing her husband's the three Indians. To tell how this History. It provides among other from the point at which they captured cold shoulder was given him by old while on a trip up the Neuse river to band of explorers beat swamps, forded things, that the Palatines shall re- the party and it is certain that they friends and he says he found "many select the route for the highway leadcreeks, went by canoe up and down celve 250 acres of land each for five were waiting on the river banks for people bloated up with pride or aro- ing to the Virginia colony, was seized. well as history, and most entertaingly rivers, camped in the forest by moun- years, without compensation, after this very camped and they had received gance." And finally comes the con- together with his friend, Baron Detain and stream, held intercourses which they shall pay two pence per news from somebody that this explor-cluding plous reflection of this tried Graffenreid, carried immediately beand we are glad to give it place in our with the natives, were alarmed by acre; they shall receive a supply of ing party was proceeding up the Bernese-Palatine—English Noble in fore the Indian chiefs, and a council

> little shorter than the journal in ceive necessary impliments for agri- ing the trial the Indians complained is no better remedy than to leave it De Graffenreid freed himself by of their treatment by the inhabitants and seek the treasure from above, representing himself to be a King in

showing that he was an esteemed and At the time this contract between drawing to an end, and the Indians history by the Surveyor-General. It and humane sentiments he had extrusted citizen. In this first town of the English Government and De- seemed ready to proceed with their is dedicated to the Lords Proprietors pressed in his history in regard to the Bath, both Major Christopher Gale and Graffenreid was entered into, Mr. butchery, "I gained the ear of one in the following words: "My lords, as proper treatment and welfare and Lionel Reading lived and owned prop- Lawson, Maj. Gale and Reading were of the savages who understood Eng- debts of gratitude ought most punc- happiness of these original inhabierty. Reading was a captain in the in London preparing to return to the lish and gave him to understand that tually to be paid, so, where the debtor tants of the Carolinas. Indian wars, a Justice of the Peace, a Colonies and DeGraffenreid engaged the great and powerful Queen of Ens- is incapable of payment, acknowledg- And now, Mr. Chairman, in behalf Trustee of Bath Library, a Justice of them to accompany the Palatines on land, by whose orders I brought the ments ought, at least to be made; I of the Colonial Dames of North Carothe Court of Bath county and Commis- their voyage and settle them in North Swiss colonists to America, would be cannot, in the least, pretend to retall- ilna. I present to the City of Goldsboro sioner of Land Titles. That Lawson Carolina, stating that he himself would sure to avenge my blood. I further ate your lordships favors to me but and county of Wayne this monument was a close friend of Lionel Reading follow immediately. They sailed in more made promises of advantages to must further intrude on that goodness to John Lawson, the surveyor-general is evidenced by the records of his wil!, January, 1710 but were overtaken on the Indians, should I be liberated." of which I have already had so good the writer and historian of North Carthe power of attorney in Beaufort their voyage by such terrible storms Another account says he represented experience, by laying these sheets at olina. county, to both of which John Law- that the voyage lasted thirteen weeks. himself as a King, after which he tells your Lordships feet, where they beg It is the earnest wish that it may About one half of the 700 Palatines us that it was decided that his ilfe protection as having nothing to rec- aid posterity to learn aright the his-Upon receiving from Lawson cer- died at sea. After they landed in and also the life of his negro should ommend them but truth-a gift which tory of the stirring times in which ne tain maps of the Carolinas and reports Virginia, they traveled by land to be spared. It will thus be seen that every author may be master of, if he lived, and inspire in the hearts of all of the country and its resources, and North Carolina and were located by he gained his freedom through false will." in recognition of his valuable ser- Surveyor-General Lawson on the ton- pretense and fraud; and in his state- The History of North Carolina by where he wrought so well, and whose vices, he was appointed Surveyor- gue of land between the Neuse and ment I do not think the Baron does Lawson is simply a report to the waters and shores and lands and General of the Colony by the Lords Trent rivers, called Chattawka, where himself credit. If he had been a man English Government of his exploits swamps filled him with an enthusias-Proprietors. The first edition of his was founded the City of New Bern. and friend of Lawson's, he would in the Carolinas; and he is the first tic devotion and everlasting love. history made its appearance in 1709, It will be noted that after shipping have made the same plea for Lawson person we have an account of, who At the conclusion of Mrs. Bailey's being published in London. these unfortunate Palatines who had and his negro as he did for himself, gave permanent form to a History of beautiful presentation, the audience At a meeting held in London by the entrusted DeGraffenreid with their and his failure to make this plea the Natural Resources of Carolina, joined in singing "The Old North Lords Proprietors in August 1709, John money and land titles, he remained in convinces me that he desired Law- of birds, animals, fish rivers etc. In State," after which they adjourned in Lawson was allowed the sum of 201 Europe several months, leaving these son's execution hoping thereby to a scomplishment of this work, he a body to the court, yard, where the pounds for several maps made by him people penniless and without shelter. cape exposure by Lawson for his land sacrificed his life and may be proper- massive granite boudler stands, which of the Carolinas; and during the same thereby forcing them to sell their stealing, and secure his (Lawson's) ly called a martyr, and deserves more was then formally unveiled by little year and as further evidence of the clothes in order to sustain their lives; commissions from the Lords Proprie- notice than he has received. esteem in which he was held by the and when he finally came, he found tors to better enable him to carry out | Since the days of John Lawson, no ant of Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs.

prising and circumpsect, no one will Graffenreid. History tells us that De- Lawson on the other hand spoke of "That in the year 1709 your peti-Graffenreid was descended from the them as cultured, industrious, honest tioners arrived in America and in the onization. To wrest the soil from a Chairman of the Board of Commission- acceptance the benediction was pro-Swiss nobility and having met wth and religious people, and of the In- year 1711 Indians broke out against fierce and warlike race of savages, ers, and on behalf of Wayne county, nounced and the assembalge dispersus and in the enterprise our Trustee required men of supreme courage, I accept this boulder, in honor to the ed. the Swiss towns and seeing no chance An almost incredible series of mis- (DeGraffenreid) was taken by the In- (men who could be killed but never memory of Surveyor-General John The boulder is massive and holds of recuperation at home, left his pri- haps attended everything DeGraffen- dians whilst he was yet amongst them. cowed), and who would fearlessly Lawson with thanks and sincere ap- the following inscription: vate affairs in confusion and went to reid and Mitchell attempted, while on We expected him killed. Then came bear privations and face death, when preciation. England with the design of building the other hand the efforts of Lawson, one Thomas Pollock who ruled both so doing would advance the great purup his fortune in America. He is de- the trusted representative of the Lords Governor and Country and acted in pose they sought to accomplish. Such onial Dames deserves great credit, and of Carolina and its First Historian, scribed as a mere adventurer, ready Proprietors, were attended with suc- behalf as a General and sent to his a man was John Lawson—Gentleman the people of this county and section Brutally murederd by the Tuscarora Captain Wm. Brice to take all the Surveyor-General of North Caro- of the State, especially, owe you a Indians Sept. 22, 1711. Erected by the himself he associated Lewis Mitche'l An almost conclusive proof to my Dutch that were able to bear arms lina. As he ilved he died, and he has lasting debt of gratitude for this evi- North Carolina Society of the Colonial and in a history of the Germans, by mind of the treachery and unfaithful- and meet him at an Indian village left us the memory of a brave, kind, dence of your patriotic devotion in Dames of America June 1915." Prof. Loher, he describes them both ness of DeGraffenreid, is a letter writ- which was about six leagues from our honest man who bowed alone to death. perpetuating such important history Among the distinguished visiting as "bold and shrewd men", and says ten to the Bishop of London in 1711, inhabitants, accordingly we did but Following Mr. Allen's splendid his- and tradition which is so closely con- Colonial Dames in attendance were that "they regarded the Germans as requesting that he, "accept me and my he never met but left us to sit two torical address, Miss Sue Collier, chair- nected with the picneer days of our Mrs. E. L. Prince, of objects of speculation." They are people and receive us into your church days and one night with the Indians. man of the local committee, presented Republic. Assets are what you think you own, pictured as enthusiasts, who repre- under your Lordship's patronage and Soon after DeGraffenreid was brought Mrs. E. P. Bailey, of Wilmington, In her presentation address the and Miss Georgia Hicks, of Faison; and after your death sometimes the sented that North Carolina was a real we shall esteem ourselves happy sons in, but did not stay olng with us and president of the North Carolina So-speaker has indeed given us an inter-Mrs. Frank Spruill, of Rocky Mount; court decides whether or not you El Dorado. This speculating philan- of a better stock." He writes as if carried off from our settlement all city of Colonial Dames of America, esting sketch of that unusual English- Mrs. John Weddell and daughter, Miss thought right. There is no question thropist was made a Baron of Eng- he had the consciences of men of mar- he could conveniently come at, promis- who was greeted with applause, and man, whose exploits were terminated Weddell, of Tarboro; and Mrs. Tom about the value of Life Insurance as land and Landgrave of Carolina in tyr stuff in his pockets as he had their ing to return with provisions and nec- who spoke as follows: consideration of the purchase of a money and the titles to their lands. essarys for the war but he never re- Mr. Chairman; Members of the Co- very threshold. NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. large body of land in Carolina. After No one believes that these immigrants turned nor made the least satisfaction lonial Dames; Ladies and Gentlemen: Could that brave and determined Dames and a number of invited guests receiving the title, he and his friend authorized that letter and recented for these things nor the money allow- Mr. Burke, the great orator and Lawson be here today, I've no doubt were royally entertained immediately Mitchell travelled Europe and offered the religious principle for which they ed us by her most Gracious Majesty scholar, said: "The man who cared he would tell us that this very spot offer the ceremonies at an old fash-

most unhealthy place and selling them they "dispersed books and papers with known Indians and the Surveyor-Gen- our departure from England. That at which the organization was formed, most unhealthy place and selling them they "dispersed books and papers with known Indians and the Surveyor-Gen- our departure from England. That at which the organization was formed, lands which he did not own. The the Queen's picture and with the title eral started up the Neuse river for expiration of war then came said Poi- are preserving the manuscripts, tra- VOICE OF DEAD HEARD scant records of the times do not bear pages in letters of gold." DeGraffen- general exploration, where they were lock (to whom DeGraffenreid had ditions and relics of the olden days; out the charges against Lawson, but reid is described by Mr. Larned in his taken prisoners at Corethna and where mortgaged the lands) and took our are restoring the buildings connected on the contrary they furnish positive history, as a member of a Swiss Land later the Surveyor-General was mur- lands from us that we had by virtue with the early history of the country; proof that DeGraffenreid was himself company, which had bought ten thous- dered. And here again DeGraffenreid of her majesty's proclamation laid out and today, are honoring the memory to us. We, your distressed petitioners of a man whose ability, valor, suffertantial proof that he conspired and prietors; and his every act and utter- He says that he "bitterly reproach- being in an unknown part of the ing and achievements in the early connived with the Indians to procure ance indicates that he was a typical ed Lawson as the cause of their mis- world and quite destitute of any as- days of the colonies should be perfortune, and with great zeal set about sistance were obliged to submit to petuated and kept in lively remem-

him, said Pollock, who under color brance. At the time of their capture they of a lapsed patent holds the land to John Lawson, the first historian of

ed by 42 representatives of the Pala- lina through the western and central DeGraffenreid says that on their tines, who were according to Dr. portions of the State to the settlemany of them armed, and that he did Settlers in N. C." and many others, looking for a highway to connect the passage, and I laid hold of this op- At this time DeGraffenreid and not like the looks of things and sug- from the best blood in Europe. It southern settlements of South Caraportunity." It was in the latter part Mitchell, who were looking for profit- gested going back but that the Sur- was signed by the Simmons, Islers, ilna with the colonies in Virginia, is Rouses, Moores, Wallaces, Kornegays, a long march filled with many excit-Another remarkable circumstance Kinseys, Walkers, Teacheys, Amans, ing episodes and interesting incidents,

speculating upon the Colonists.

writer has ever attempted to treat T. R. Robinson of this city. a Commissioner to represent the Lords only account of the honesty and good After securing his freedom he left the History of North Carolina without Following the unveiling Mr. I. F. his character and the spirit of his hurls about very liberally in his writ- pears from the petition of the Pala- records of former generations. The lineal descendant of the Palatine Or- but again express the profound It s impossible to form a proper es- ings his denunciation of the ignor- times in 1714 addressed to the King of book of Nature was the only volume mond, accepted the boulder for the thanks, appreciation and esteem of timate and appreciation of John Law- ance, cowardice, incapacity and ras- England, which recites among other to which Lawson could turn for in- county, speaking as follows: formation. Amid the wilds of a new Madam President and Colonial and every one.

Offices 403-4-5. Borden Building ments to emigrate. The Journal of the House of Commons, says that fenreld with two negroes, two well pounds which we put into interest at America, following the object for We are glad to recall his services, of their home on Walnut street east.

North Carolina, is a name that should a lover and with the devotion that

the wilderness to North Carolina. In made for the comfort of these people dians came out from the bushes and that Lawson and his friends were L. S. Roan, who presided at Frank's Indians by men who persuaded them sailed thence to Europe. He dared not making encroachments on their do- trial, in which he sought clemency It will be noted here that these take passport in London from fear of main and conspiring to evict them these words; "Since fate will not fav- Leing called, they were condemned to

that John Lawson was engaged in cruel form of execution, filling the DeGraffenreid's own description of land speculation, but on the contrary skin with lightwood splinters and set-

ceremonies for the execution were lina more interesting than the first unhappy contrast with the friendly

T. R. Robinson, Jr., a lineal descend-

so cruelly and abruptly, at almost our G. Hyman, of New Bern.

PLEADING FOR FRANK

Letter From Judge Roan May Cheat the Gal-

lows

COMMUTATION

Had He Lived He Would Have Asked Governor to Change the Sentence-Never Quite Convinced.

Atlanta, Ga., May 31 .- The hearing of Leo M. Frank's application for commutation of sentence from death to life imprisonment, which began before the state prison commission was completed late today. It is expected that the commission's recommendation to the last of this week, or within 10 days at the latest, and the governor then will take final action in the case. No one appeared to argue in opposition to Frank's application.

The principal features of today's proceedings were a letter written a actions on the night following Mary Phagan's murder, and denying rumors of estrangement between herself and

Judge Roan's letter was addressed to the chief counsel for Frank in his the opinion of the jury when I allowed their verdict to stand."

The production of Judge Roan's letter, Frank's counsel stated, obviated the necessity of extended argument and permitted a quicker termination

Former Congressman Howard who conducted Frank's case before the court records, petitions from legislatures and societies and letters from prominent lawyers and jurists and individuals. His oral argument was brief. At the early session a number of well known Georgia lawyers and Frank and at the concluding session Governor Eugene N. Foss, of Massachusetts, representing citizens of that

Mr. Howard, during argument for Frank, offered in evidence an analysis (Continued on page four.)

Wayne county and its people, each