

Grave Of Col. Hambright, Hero Of Revolutionary War At Grover

(Clarence Griffin in Forest City Courier.)

One mile southwest of Grover, N. C., in an ancient and almost-forgotten cemetery, lies the grave of Colonel Frederick Hambright, a Revolutionary patriot and one of the commanders of the American forces at Kings Mountain, in October, 1780.

The cemetery was formerly the burying ground of the Shiloh Presbyterian church, but a few years ago the church was sold to the negro congregation, and moved. The cemetery, about a quarter of a mile from the present negro church, contains the bodies of many of those great and near great in the affairs of the counties of old Tryon, and later Rutherford, Lincoln and Gaston. The old grave markers of a time just previous to and shortly after the Revolutionary war give an impressive glimpse of the time when the state was young. The burying ground is now covered with undergrowth, broomsedge and weeds, while one or two stately trees stand sentinel and seem to exist for the sole purpose of casting a friendly shade during the hot summer days upon the sunken spots that represent all that is left of those who lived when the trees were young.

Aged marked tombstones raise grey heads all through the small cemetery, but frequently there are

unmarked lonely spots which have sunken into the earth, denoting that he who lies beneath played his little part in life's drama—perhaps marching to martial music, perhaps singing a song of patriotism that swung men's hearts to revolt and liberty, perhaps a simple part of merely being in the crowd—but, having played his part, received a plaudit of flowers, which withered, died and decayed and were forgotten, even as he.

Many decipherable familiar names appear upon the aging stones. One of the most familiar, perhaps, is that of the character of this sketch, Colonel Frederick Hambright. Near the center of the cemetery stands an aged stone, the letters almost obliterated by the passing of the seasons of a century. The stone, nearly four feet in height, bears the following inscription, which with difficulty can be deciphered:

"In Memory of Col. Frederick Hambright who Departed this Life March 9th, 1817, in the Ninetieth Year of His Age."

"Adieu to all, both far and near. My Loving Wife and Children dear, For my Immortal Soul is Pled. I must be numbered with the dead."

Colonel Frederick Hambright was born in Germany in 1727. At the age of eleven years he was brought to Pennsylvania by his parents. Little is known of his early life, but considering the place he made for himself in the political and military affairs of North Carolina in later life, it is presumed that his educational advantages were equal, or perhaps superior to the average of his day. He moved to Va. about 1755 where he married Sarah Hardin. He again moved about five years later, settling in Tryon county, in that portion which later was formed into Lincoln county.

He won the esteem of his fellow citizens in Tryon county, and was an interested participant in all local affairs. After the intolerant attitude taken by England, North Carolina, in line with the other states, called the Provincial Congress, or State Convention in 1774. At the Third Congress and possibly the most important of the five, each county, where possible was represented by six men. The counties were appealed to to send only the most reliable and trustworthy citizens, and of the six who attended from Tryon county, Colonel Frederick Hambright, who was one, received the unanimous vote of the county's committee of safety.

Hambright's military career began in the year 1776, when the western frontiers suffered from the Indian raids. In June, 1776, Hambright served as a captain against the Cherokees, and in the Fall of that year he was an officer under Griffith Rutherford in his noted campaign against the turbulent Cherokees.

In 1779 he was made lieutenant-colonel and went to the relief of Charleston, serving in Lillington's brigade, but retired before the surrender of that place. In the Summer of the next year his activities were confined to the Broad river region under Colonel McDowell, who was gathering recruits and doing what he could to embarrass the enemy.

In September and October, 1780, Ferguson was in western North Carolina, harassing the populace, and gathering recruits for his army. His demeanor provoked the ire of the Whigs and a movement was put on foot to drive him from the country. This resulted in Ferguson abandoning his camp at Gilbertown, near Rutherfordton, and marching to Kings Mountain. The Whigs under Colonels Campbell, Williams, Graham, (Hambright, second in command) Shelby, Cleveland, Sevier, McDowell, Winston and Lacey rendezvoused at Cowpens October 6. A night march was begun, which brought them within striking distance of their prize, on Kings Mountain, about 3 o'clock the following afternoon. Colonel Graham, who was at the head of the Lincoln county men, was unexpectedly called away a few hours before the battle, and Major William Chronicle was placed in command, through preference of Hambright although Hambright was second in command and entitled to the place. Chronicle, being a young and active officer, was thought to be better fitted for the command than Hambright, who was aging. However, the untimely death of Chronicle placed the command upon Hambright's shoulders, and he acquitted himself with honor in the battle.

The position of Major Chronicle's South Fork boys was at the north-east end of the mountain. When they marched up the hill for the first charge, with Chronicle some ten paces in advance, a ball struck him and he fell mortally wounded, along with one of his privates. Thus at the very outset of the battle Hambright was automatically the commander through Chronicle's death. He made a brave officer and gallant leader, as he led charge after charge up the rocky hill. Near the close of the conflict the Colonel, while encouraging his men, received a shot through his thigh, cutting one of his arteries, which filled his boot with blood. One of his men offered to assist him to his horse, but he declined, saying that it would distract the attention

Old Fashioned!



These companionate marriages may be O K for some, but pretty Mrs. Gordon Kinsey vastly prefers the old-fashioned variety and so does her Kentucky "kumel" husband. They were married Feb. 16 last, separated or their bridal night for a year's trial separation, and reunited three months ahead of time. The bride is shown as she arrived in U. S. aboard the S S De Grasse.

of the men, and that he did not feel faint or sick. He then ordered another charge, and pressing forward at the head of his men, shouted in his broken Pennsylvania German: "Huzza, my brave boys, fight on a few minutes more and the battle will be over."

Although Hambright's wound was a serious one he remained at the head of his command until the conclusion of the battle. Some of the sinews of the thigh were cut, but he soon recovered, but walked with a limp the remainder of his life. The battle of Kings Mountain apparently concluded his active military services. A few years later he built a large, two story log house on some bottom land, near the mountain, which he had acquired before the war. The house still stands today in an excellent state of preservation, and almost identically as it was built at the close of the Revolution.

Colonel Hambright was twice married, his first wife was a Hardin, the second a Dover. It is said that he was the father of eighteen children, while some claim that he was survived by twenty-two—twelve by his first wife and ten by his second. However, he is the grandfather of all the Hambrights in this country, and many of them reside in Cleveland and Gaston and have made for themselves high places of honor in the business, social and political world.

Rev. J. D. Bailey, speaking of the Hambright house, says: "The old homestead was beautiful for situation. Looking to the westward the observer would see the silvery stream of Kings Creek, the gurgling waters of which were rapidly hastening on to Broad river. On either side were broad expanses of magnificent bottom lands, which were productive of the most luxuriant crops of corn. To the eastward the slope rose gradually until it formed a base on which Kings Mountain rests. In the early morning the very mountain on which the old warrior fought cast its shadows across his entire domain, reminding him, no doubt, of the struggle he waged there and the blood he spilled there in the interest of Liberty's Cause."

Dry Officials Welcome Ruling.
Washington, Dec. 28.—Prohibition officials here believe that the decision in the Philadelphia case holding the purchaser of liquor guilty of conspiracy will be of great benefit to enforcement agents, but it will not be used until the higher courts have passed upon it.

Spartanburg, Dec. 31.—Agnes Hughes, two, following that tendency common to those of her years, took a safety pin from her Christmas doll and put it in her mouth. Then she swallowed it.

The Melody Lingers On.
From The Louisville Courier Journal.
Franz Schubert, it is said, left an estate consisting of \$10 worth of tunes and a thousand imperishable melodies. It is impossible to know what became of his clothes, but frequent composers have kept his tune generations familiar with melodies.

SAYS DEMOCRACY HAS BROKEN DOWN

Noted Philosopher Takes Gloomy View in Article in Forum.

New York.—Democracy has broken down. "The first principle of American politics is that mediocrity is an open sesame to public office. These statements were made by Will Durant, noted philosopher, in the January issue of The Forum, where he debates the question of city government with the mayors of eight of the larger cities in the United States.

"The most obvious scandal in the world is the democratic disqualification of ability," reads his article. "All politics," he continues, "is the rivalry of organized minorities; the majority is too unorganized, occupied, scattered, contradictory and forgetful to accomplish anything. The voters are bleacher athletes who cheer the victors and throw bottles at the defeated, but have no other part in determining the result.

Urges Schooling For Office.
"I know of no way of saving democracy except to put upon candidates a restriction not merely of age and residence, but of training. Do you require a lifetime of preparation from those who are to deal with your physical ills, and even to pass laws against the prescription of medicines by persons untrained with medical degrees? Very well. Let us say that a hundred million or a hundred thousand people are as important as our single selves. Let us require of those who would rule our cities or our states or our country that they shall have devoted themselves as assiduously to learning the art and science of administration (which differs from politics) as men must now devote themselves to learning medicine or law. And then let every person so prepared be eligible for election without any nomination.

"You say that this substitutes theoretical training for experience. Very well. Let higher offices be open only to those who have served two terms in an office of the next lower rank. You say that we need character as well as training. I answer that shysters and charlatans would not undertake so arduous a preparation or would fall by the wayside. You say that the plan is undemocratic because it restricts office. It is; it is an attempt to combine aristocracy in government with democracy in choice.

Calls Remedy "Joke."
"And let no man pretend that our present narrow choice between two evils is real democracy. Let those who love democracy establish quality of educational opportunity. Let democracy mean the equal chance of all to make themselves fit to hold office. Let every city establish municipal scholarships for the higher education of the brilliant children of the poor. Let every road to office closed except to the prepared. We have suffered long enough."

Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, of Milwaukee, says: "Will Durant's indictment of our American democracy is correct. The dangers he points to are real. But the remedy suggested is a joke. No one can deny that during the past 35 years the candidate for president who has had the largest campaign fund has always been elected. To meet this onslaught against democracy by establishing colleges to educate more experienced public officials is nonsensical, to say the least."

Mayor J. F. Bowman, of Salt Lake City, disagrees with Mr. Durant as follows:
"Democracy, Mr. Durant concedes, has been offered to the people. He claims they have refused it. My observation and study would indicate that this is not true. Not every voter is a deep student of government, but he knows whether he approves of current policies with regard to the water supply, public safety, or the streets. Then the press informs him of every sin of commission or omission. A dishonest executive or employee is discovered and punished. I think the public is discriminating, even exacting. This city has the direct primary. The only requirement for nomination is that 100 qualified voters sign a petition for candidacy."

SAFETY PIN REMOVED FROM LUNG OF CHILD
Spartanburg, Dec. 31.—Agnes Hughes, two, following that tendency common to those of her years, took a safety pin from her Christmas doll and put it in her mouth. Then she swallowed it.

The pin found its way to the child's lungs, where an x-ray revealed it open and pointing outward, but it didn't stay there long. A Spartanburg specialist, by the use of specially prepared instruments an dthe x-ray, removed it. Agnes was well on her way to recovery.

Agnes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Thomas Hughes, was playing with her sister Rita, nine, when it happened. She pulled Rita's dress and said "pin." Rita understood and ran for her father, who took Agnes to the hospital.

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New York Writer Shows Up Class Work Of Great Cagle Of Army.

(F. P. A. in New York World.)
In the rotogravure of the Boston Sunday Herald there appeared a picture of C. K. Cagle, 30, star halfback, U. S. Military Academy at West Point. It appears in conjunction with an advertisement of the Royal Typewriters company, and under Cadet Cagle's picture it says, "I wouldn't be without my Royal Portable. It is the greatest aid I ever knew in keeping up my grades—and you know army

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W. N. DORSEY, Mayor.
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grades." This department didn't know army grades, and wouldn't have known them without the aid of H. A. L., of Schenectady. "The United States Military Academy," he tells us, "publishes such matters as army grades in a little gray book called 'Official Register of Officers and Cadets.' On page 49 appears Cadet Cagle's standing, in a class of 266, for last year. Thus: 232nd in mathematics, 207th in English, 237th in French, 239th in history, 211th in drawing, 212th in tactics, 122nd in conduct. This brought Cadet Cagle out in 237th position in his class of 266, with a point total of 549.59 out of a possible 745, the lowest in the class being 532.46. "But," asks H. A. L., "without the aid of his Royal Portable, who knows where he would have finished?" We approve highly of Cadet



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