

Story Of How Battleground At Kings Mountain Missed Being In North Carolina Is Related

Interesting History In Story In View Of Approaching Meet There.

The publicity committee for the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of the battleground has this week sent out the following story to more than 250 newspapers scattered over the United States.

By A. M. GRIST. Located in York County. When the subject of the approaching sesqui-centennial celebration to be held at historic Kings Mountain battleground comes up for discussion, there is invariably a good bit of difficulty experienced in convincing those from distant points that Kings Mountain battleground is

in reality in York county, South Carolina, and not in North Carolina; in fact, while it should be a matter of more shame to them, yet there are some South Carolinians ignorant enough to be unaware of the fact that the great struggle termed by many historians as the turning point of the Revolutionary war, was fought on South Carolina soil.

It may be true that if the South Carolina state line, separating it from the sister state of North Carolina, were absolutely straight, the battle of Kings Mountain would have been left in North Carolina; but that matter would, of course, depend entirely upon where the straight line began.

Old And Familiar Legend

One favorite story told by North Carolinians, and generally accepted in South Carolina as a fact, is that the people living in the two provinces vitally effected were so intensely jealous of each other that when the time came for a state line to be run between the two states, neither section was willing to abide by the findings of any surveyors chosen by the other section, and it became necessary to import some more or less learned surveyors from the state of Virginia. The Cavaliers arrived in due time and began their work, proceeding famously until they reached just about what is now York county and found themselves in the hilly country making up the range known as Kings Mountain. Here, it is alleged, they stumbled upon some particularly fine apple brandy, and as the source and supply in those days was plentiful, the surveyors made headquarters in this section for a week or more running lines in every conceivable direction after the potent beverage began to take effect. A fine start would be made in the morning, but after the surveyors had imbibed a few "shots" of the apple brandy, they invariably found it necessary to retrace their steps and begin anew. They sometimes traveled in a circle, sometimes at a tangent, and sometimes they did not travel at all. The final result was that the North and South Carolina line bounding York and Cherokee counties is as crooked as the proverbial "dog's hind leg" and North Carolina has always maintained that quite a bit of valuable territory, particularly York county, including the famous battleground, would have been located in North Carolina, had not those surveyors found that delectable apple brandy.

Seeking Speed Record For Transatlantic Flight



A close-up of Erroll Boyd, former captain in the Royal Air Force of Canada, who hopes to break the speed record for a crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in a flight he will attempt in June. Boyd plans to leave Montreal soon after June 1 step for refuelling at Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, and then on to Europe.

South Carolina is inclined to take that story with a sniff.

Equality Established In 1710. Historical records show that not until 1710 was equality established between the two states as to governors. The instructions to Governor Hyde were the first to distinguish between North and South Carolina.

In 1715 Colonel Monroe Moore led his forces past the old Clarendon settlement on his way to aid South Carolina during the Yamasee war, and the fertility of the region so won his favor that upon his return he established himself on the banks of the Cape Fear and other settlers were attracted, the result being that both South Carolina and Virginia laid claim to the attractive lands.

State Line Run In 1738. Not until 1738 was the line between North and South Carolina actually run. The King had fixed its beginning at the northwest of Long Eay to run thence northwest to 35 degrees north latitude, thence west to the south seas. The commission began at a cedar stake on the seashore by the mouth of Little river and having run a northwest line until they arrived at what they conceived to be the 35th degree, they altered their course by mutual consent and ran west to the Pee Dee river. Afterwards, it was extended 20 miles by private persons, and was

Kings Mtn. Event To Be Big Affair

Gastonia Gazette.

By actual count some 866 people visited the site of the Kings Mountain battleground Sunday and there were cars noted from 11 different states.

This item of news will give an idea of the popular appeal the forthcoming celebration is exerting. The October event will probably be the biggest thing of its sort ever held hereabouts. No crowds ever assembled around here, either in North or South Carolina, will approach the number that will be present.

This is an opportunity that this section of Piedmont Carolina should not overlook. North and South Carolina are coming in for some mighty fine publicity on account of this big event. If President Hoover finds it possible to come, the affair will take on even greater magnitude. High dignitaries from every section of the United States will come. The event will be broadcast over the country through the radio and moving picture.

To this end it behooves every one who has anything to contribute to the celebration to do his part toward making it a success.

Residents of this section of North and South Carolina ought to be making plans to invite friends and relatives from other sections of the country. It ought to be made a big homecoming event for North and South Carolina folks who have left this community for other states. Invite them back for this week in October. Let them bring others from their adopted sections. Let everybody hereabouts keep open house the first week or ten days in October.

The government is taking a census and The Literary Digest a consensus.—Arkansas Gazette.

continued in 1764. This was taken for the true line according to Governor Tryon's proclamation in May, 1765, and Governor Martin in 1771 informed the assembly that he was instructed to continue the line as far as the Salisbury road, thence until it strikes the land of the Catawba Indians, thence south to the Catawba river, thence due west.

Be that as it may, a mixture of folk-lore and historical truth the fact remains that Kings Mountain battleground does lie in York county, South Carolina, and all discussions dealing with the mammoth celebration on next October 7th should understand that while the town of Kings Mountain is situated in Tarheelia, the great struggle staged by the colonists on October 7, 1780, did take place on South Carolina soil.

Hubby's Pipe Gets A Divorce For Her

Detroit.—Back in 1887, when William and Sarah When were married, friends wondered how it would turn out. For Sarah, who didn't like tobacco smokers and often said so, was married to William, who, next to his wife, loved best a good strong pipe.

Even in those days William's pipe could be recognized by its odor as far away as 50 paces.

For 43 years William and Sarah shared fortune and misfortune; seven children came, grew up, and were married. William still smoked and Sarah still objected.

Came 1930, and William, now 73, bought a clay pipe. It soon became a good, strong clay pipe, and William liked it so well he often sat up until 4 a. m. puffing, the aroma filling the bedroom in which he and

Sarah, now 73, slept. It was too much for Sarah. "I've stood this for 43 years," she told Judge Adolph Marschner. "Now he's got to choose between us. Either the pipe goes or I go." Today William When sits alone in his room, an old man smoking an old clay pipe, and Sarah lives with a married daughter, whose husband, out of consideration, refrains from smoking around the house.

A man has been fined for using bad language over the telephone. We understand that his excuse was that he was using the telephone.—Punch.

If Will Hays makes the movies as pure as he says he is, he's going to make us audiences feel awfully ashamed of ourselves.—San Diego Union.

What's all this fuss and expense over the census when the whole job could have been turned over to The Literary Digest?—Watsonville Register.

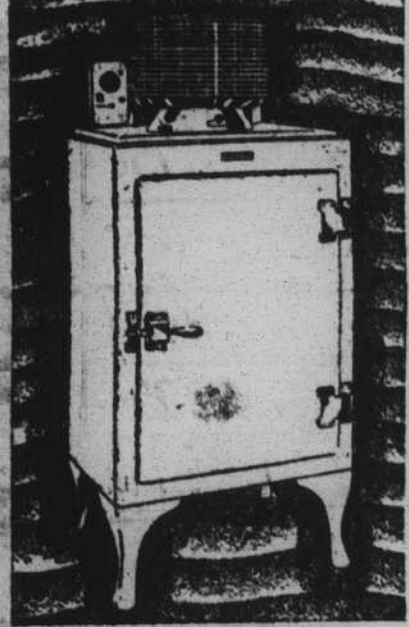
Railroad men report that herds of 20 or more deer are often seen wondering along the tracks near Rhinelander, Wis., apparently unafraid of the puffing locomotives. In San Joaquin Valley, Cal., one Art Wilson, returned home one afternoon recently to find that one of his cows had given birth to quadruplets. All four of the calves are living.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as executrix of the will of Richard L. Thomson, deceased, late of Cleveland County, N. C., and all parties indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. A persons having claims against said estate will present them to me properly proved for payment on or before February 23, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This February 26, 1930. MRS. W. L. THOMSON, Executrix of the Will of Richard L. Thomson, deceased. Ryburn & Hovey, Attys. 61 28

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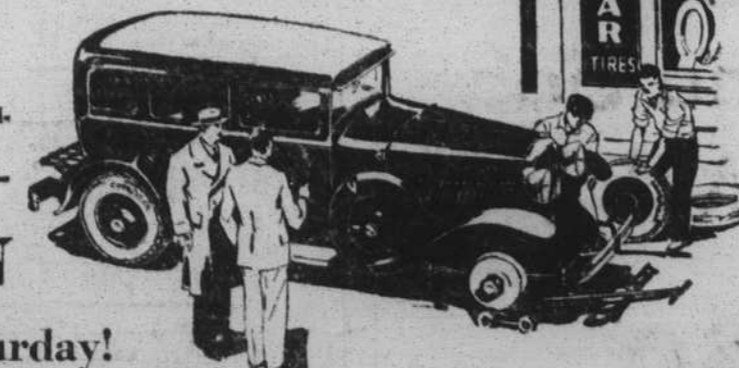
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