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First Lieutenant Joseph JOHNSON: Brief History of Revolutionary War Experiences
JOHNSON, Joseph, Ensign, 9th North Carolina, November 28, 1776; transferred to 1st North Carolina June 1, 1778; First Lieutenant February 1, 1779; taken prisoner at Wilmington, North Carolina May 12, 1780; exchanged June, 1781; served to close of war. Source: NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

I am a descendant of Joseph JOHNSON, Jr. who married Wilmett (Mittie) KEMP. Their daughter, Elizabeth JOHNSON, married Thomas Andrew BARKER, whose daughter, Susan BARKER, married John Alexander ELLISON, whose daughter Lora Virginia ELLISON, married Alfred Condary CHANDLER, whose daughter, Stella Mae CHANDLER (my mother), married William Dolphus BOWMAN. Becky Bowman.

SOCIETY NOTES from the ASHEBORO COURIER

Part IX

Jean Covington-LaCoss

The society pages of local newspapers are an often-overlooked source of information. They provide us with interesting insight into our ancestors' preoccupations and activities and into the general temperament of the times. Of course, the researcher should take due notice that the content is likely to be on the light and frothy side and that the social columnist was not likely to delve much below the surface. We must look elsewhere for hard-bitten reporting. Nevertheless, these pages are a great treasure trove of detail on daily life and social connections. We are grateful to Jean Covington-LaCoss for this eighth in an ongoing series of extracts from the Asheboro Courier. Names were spelled exactly as they appeared in the original print taken from microfilm at the Randolph Room of the Asheboro branch of the Randolph County Public Library.

March 26, 1903

ITEMS FROM SILER CITY MESSENGER

Mr. A.J. BEAN, of Star, has purchased of Mr. J. Rankin PARKS his roller Mill property here. Mr. BEAN gets possession June 1st next.

Mr. E.M. WELCH, Ore Hill, has sent to the Messenger, a fine gourd. The length of it from end to end is just 3 feet – the handle or stem is two feet and six inches long and it is nearly straight.

STOUT Bros. shipped a car load of cedar posts yesterday. This is the 53rd carload shipped by this firm since January 1902 from Ore Hill and Siler City.

On last Friday, deputy collector T.J. MILLER, deputy marshal H.C. REECE and J.M. REECE raided an illicit still in Randolph County, about two miles from Staley and captured six empty beer stands and two empty barrels – only. A water haul. The still had “vamoosed the ranch.”

On Friday, March 6th, deputy collector T.C. MCCOY and deputy marshal H.C. REECE raided a “moonshine” still in Gulf township,¹⁶this county, and captured a good 55-gallon

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still, two worms, about 500 gallons of beer and eight stands. No arrest. The bird flew.

LIBERTY ITEMS

(Received too late for last week)

Mrs. Nancy Margaret PATTERSON and daughter, Miss Lula, came home from Salisbury last week after spending five months with her son, Dr. J. W. LONG.

Mr. W.C. BAIN, of Greensboro spent last Saturday and Sunday with his old friend. R.E. PATTERSON and his nephew M.J. REITZEL. He also visited with his father-in-law, Mr. Alfred LANE, while here. Mr. LANE is nearly 91 years old and is quite peart for a man of his age. Mr. BAIN is one of the largest contractors in the state. He has just completed a fine house in Raleigh for R.B. RAINEY.

We are shipping lots of fruit tree agents from this part of the State. I noticed a little bunch of four drive off in one bunch yesterday going to Sumpter, SC and today we made a shipment of Johns – John CURTIS, John SWAIM and John WILLIAMS. They all go to Petersburg, Va.

Well, we will have the bank sure enough. The stock was all taken in 30 minutes after the citizens of Liberty met. Lee H. BATTLE, of Greensboro, is to be president and Will H. GRIFFIN cashier. The bank will be located in a brick building belonging to John REITZEL & Co. They want to commence business by April 1st. O. B. BARNES, the safe man, was on hand to furnish the safe.

Mr. Walter PATTERSON, who just returned from Manila last fall, where he had been doing a little job for Uncle Sam – killing Filipinos, came down from Greensboro Saturday and spent Sunday with his uncle Mr. David MOSER. Walter has a plenty of hot air, hard tack, rotten beef and dead soldiers and maybe he will remain in this beautiful land of ours.

Once more I must bid you all goodbye. I assure you, my dear good people, that it is no pleasure to me to write this. While it is no new thing for me to go away from home, and I have traveled over many, many states and swam across the Mississippi river, but those days are gone and I too must stop on the banks before taking the sleep which knows no waking. Yes, I leave you all very soon and I want you all to go to Sunday School and attend church as often as possible. May the Good Man take care of you till we meet again.

Thos. H. PEACOCK, half-brother of Dr. Dred PEACOCK, of Greensboro, died in Wilson March 23rd.

The North Carolina Press Association will meet at Wrightsville this year. The date has not yet been fixed.

After playing his little Statehood game in the Senate, Mr. QUAY went fishing and left his colleagues to ratify their treaties as best they might.

Walter MURPHY, Esq., a member of the bar of ¹⁷Salisbury, was married in Boston last