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## Personal Reminiscences of the Civil War 1861 to 1865.

[BY L. N. PERKINS.]  
(Continued.)

We remained in camp at Woodbury the remainder of the month of January and the entire month of February. The winter was warm and rainy with an occasional cold snap. The men had no tents, the commissioned officers had a tent or two. The men were divided into "messes" and each mess built them a shack with forks and poles and for roofing used surplus blankets, oil cloth, etc., and for bedding leaves and straw. Good wood was plentiful and there was no lack of provisions, and our occupation picketing and foraging. There was about an equal number of Yankees encamped at Reidsville, about four miles from Woodbury and skirmishes over forage and provisions were of almost daily occurrence and usually the "rebs" got the best of them.

There was a man by the name of I. O. Meadows, Second Lieutenant in Co. A, who was a noted scout, and one morning the latter part of the month of February he called for volunteers to go on a scouting party. As he being somewhat weary of the monotony of camp life I was among the first to offer my services for the trip. As well as I remember there were about fifty men who were soon made up and on the march. The country around Woodbury was very hilly with about an equal amount of clearing and woodland. That morning our party took an unfrequented road and were soon six or eight miles away from camp among the hills where we came in contact with a detachment of Federals, who when they saw us did not seem to want to give us battle but made a hasty retreat. We followed them at full speed down a long hill, across a small stream and up another hill. Just over the top of the hill was a high fence and a regiment of infantry was lying behind it. Our leader spied them before they raised to their feet and about faced in double quick time, and before they got a shot at us we were out of range going down the hill till we struck the opposite hill when we were in range and full view. A few days previous to this I had lost one of my spurs, and riding down the hill that day I lost the other, and when I started to climb that hill, my horse, which was a good one, except being lazy, refused to go faster than a walk, the others were soon out of sight ahead of me and I was kicking and beating along in full view of the enemy. I could hear them laugh and yell, and the bullets were whizzing by and around me thick and fast, and I expected every second to be shot in the back, and would turn to keep my side as much to them as possible. There was a very large tree a short distance ahead of me and I worried along until I got it between me and the bullets, and pretty soon the firing ceased. I soon came up with the party, who had missed me, and were about starting back to see what had become of me. There were one or two horses slightly wounded, but I, who had the full benefit of their marksmanship did not have a scratch, neither my horse, but why that that we were not both killed I never can tell.

Early in March we broke camp at Woodbury and moved to several places. We didn't remain at any one camp long but were changing camp for the purpose of procur-

ing forage for our horses and provisions for the men. We were close neighbors to camps of Yankees all the time who were picketing for their main command, and minor engagements were frequent but usually there were few casualties.

On one occasion it seems the enemy had planned to capture Morgan's whole command. We were camped near a main road leading to McMinnville, Tenn., and by making a forced march over an unfrequented road they could cut off our communication with headquarters, which they did with a superior force of mounted infantry, cavalry and artillery.

The regiment to which I belonged was ordered to take a position on that road and hold the enemy in check until the main command could move out of the pocket they had put us in. We held them for awhile but soon had to retreat, but not until our camp equipage had passed on out of danger. After they chased us a few miles we turned on them and drove them back to their quarters and then moved on unmolested till night overtook us and we took up camp for the night. We had no food and our weapons and supplies were gone, we knew not where. Our forage master succeeded in getting some provender for our camp. A little bacon and cornmeal which was issued to the men, but the problem was to make bread out of the meal when there was not a vessel of any kind at hand, not even a cup or pan, but we had our canteens, which we filled with water, and proceeded to mix up dough on oil cloth and set up some flat rocks before the fire upon which we baked our bacon on sticks and ram rods. The next morning, after getting breakfast in the same manner, we resumed the march and late in the day located the main command, where we got our cooking vessels and quit cooking on rocks and sticks for a while. We remained in camp along the south side of Cumberland River till we completed preparations for the big drive through the northern states, of which I will write later.

### BANK STATEMENT.

Following is a report of the condition of the bank of Blowing Rock at Blowing Rock in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov. 30, 1918:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$112,299.18
Overdrafts Secured	707.99
Overdrafts Unsecured	448.93
Bond Acc't, Liberty Loan	1100.00
Banking house and lot	2,750.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,298.00
All other real estate owned	190.34
Due from national banks	1,512.88
Due from banks and b'kers	25,261.80
Gold coin	1,160.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	794.01
National bank notes	2,000.00
Lost Check Account	11.40
War Savings Stamps	82.80
Total	\$149,616.43
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$16,000.00
Surplus Fund	900.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	2,535.97
Notes & Bills Rediscounted	15,000.00
Deposits subject to check	70,799.99
Time Cert. of Deposit	44,187.88
Cashier's cks. outstanding	194.39
Total	\$149,616.43

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, G. M. Sudderth, Cashier of the above named bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
G. M. SUDDERTH, Cashier.  
Attest: J. D. Brown, J. L. Lutz, Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Nov. 1918.  
J. H. GREEN, J. P.

## Congressman Doughton Congratulated by Mr. Linney.

H. E. C. Bryant, the Charlotte Observer's Washington correspondent, reports an interview with Congressman R. L. Doughton:

"I was opposed by admittedly the strongest republican in the state," Mr. Doughton said. "He was once the republican candidate for governor and solicitor for three consecutive terms in his district. He conducted a very energetic campaign, using much correspondence and many photographs. Admittedly, one of the ablest men in the state, he had mobilized all his machinery for the campaign."

The two men are close personal friends. Mr. Doughton is proud of the following letter from Mr. Linney:

"It appears that you have been re-elected by a substantial majority. Accept my congratulations."

"About the only comfort I get out of the result is my increased majorities in Alexander and Watauga, the majority in Watauga being 308."

Mr. Doughton replied as follows:

"Your kind letter of congratulations received, for which I thank you sincerely. My increased majority in Alleghany, my home county, as well as in the entire district, is equally gratifying to me as was your splendid vote in Watauga to you."

Mr. Doughton said he does not feel like boasting.

"Instead I feel a heavier obligation," he said, "and am determined to render better service than ever to all the people, regardless of politics."

### The Influenza.

Even at this late date it may not be amiss, says a health bulletin, to once more put in compact form the simplest yet most fundamental rules for the control of influenza—"lest we forget."

1. Do nothing to weaken vitality. This is most important.
2. Avoid crowds.
3. "Cover up each cough and sneeze. If we don't we'll spread disease."
4. If we show signs of a cold or feel feverish, or "ache all over," or are unusually weak and tired, go home and go to bed. We may save life by doing so.
5. Call a doctor and do as he says.

6. Keep the air in the rooms fresh but warm. Keep out of drafts and well covered up.

7. Be cheerful, even if sick. Business or housework will wait until we are well.

8. Stay in bed even when sure of being well enough to get up. Many people now in their graves could be alive today had they obeyed this rule.

9. A re-statement of rule 1. Do all in your power to increase your strength and vitality. Even if we are well, let us breathe fresh air, drink pure water, eat nourishing food, keep the bowels open, use common sense. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound," (yes, a ton) "of cure." May some lives be saved by following these simple suggestions.

### A BILLIOUS ATTACK.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

## Ellen Catherine Reese.

On Sunday morning, September 22nd, 1918, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reese and bore the gentle spirit of their 20-year-old daughter, Ellen, to its eternal home.

The message of her death came as a great shock to her many friends and relatives, as her condition appeared serious for only a few hours. About six months previous she had a partial stroke of paralysis which later affected her sight, but notwithstanding her loss of sight she never worried and retained her bright, cheerful disposition until the last.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Farthing, who pronounced a very beautiful tribute to the memory of this christian girl. Her life was an example of patience and self-denial. Courteous always, and considerate of others, she had made many warm friends, which was shown by the tears shed and the floral offerings at her funeral.

At the age of 15 years Ellen became a member of Beaver Dam Baptist church and lived a devoted christian life. When possible she filled her seat in church and was a faithful member of the Sunday School.

Music being one of Ellen's chief delights, she enjoyed taking a part in the singing at church and Sunday School, and even after she became afflicted she would often sit and sing for hours. "The Sweet Bye and Bye" and "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love" two of her favorites.

A vacant chair is by the fire side; a loved voice is hushed for a while. It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove her from us, and we have a blessed hope that she is at rest and happy with Jesus. We shall miss her and find it hard to give her up, for her gentle influence has been felt by all who knew and loved her.

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family, pointing them to Him who shall wipe away all tears, and bid them follow His footsteps as she tried to do. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

MRS. LEE SWIFT,  
MRS. CHAS. SWIFT,  
LUCIE REESE, } Com.

### In Memoriam.

W. Grover Reese was born Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> 1885. As a boy and as a man, he was full of industry and hustle and his life was filled with many incidents and disappointments, intermingled, of course, with pleasures.

In 1903 his school days were ended in the Appalachian Training School, after which he went to Wilmington, N. C., and worked on a street car for some time. He then commenced traveling from city to city and perhaps had seen more of the United States than any one in this section. He was of a clever and genial disposition; would not say hard things about his fellow men, and would not retaliate for wrongs done him nor hold a grudge against the doer.

After so many rambles he found the one he chose for a life companion and was married to Miss Jessie Cameron, of Denver, Colo., May 24, 1914. He returned to the home of his father, Mr. W. F. Reese, in Nov., 1915, and soon moved to himself, after which he was engaged pretty extensively in farming and the manufacture of lumber up to Sept., 1918, when he was taken ill with appendicitis. He was taken to Bristol Hospital, where

he underwent an operation. He then clung to this mortal life for a short time. "For we all do fade as the leaf," and just as the leaves of bright autumn were beginning to yield up their green hues, which represent their life, so the life of Grover began to wane and yield to the grim monster which detracts from the things of this world all their enchantment. But, just as surely as the leaves will come forth in the newness of life when the blasts of winter have blown, just so surely do we believe that this life which has cast off its mortality here, will shine with more brightness on the other side of fleeting time.

Upon a professor of faith, he united with Beaver Dam Baptist church in the year 1901 and was a member until his death, which occurred at Bristol Hospital, Sept. 17, 1918. His remains were brought to his home church and a very impressive funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Farthing. Then the lifeless form was interred in the church cemetery and the grave was covered with many flowers. Blessed are the redeemed who are called from the sufferings of this life.

JOHN SHERRILL  
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C. B. REESE

### Saw Mill For Sale.

Any one wishing to buy a good saw mill and engine—twenty horsepower all in good condition, call on or write Smith Hagaman and W. F. Reese, administrators of W. G. Reese, deceased, Vilas, N. C.

### CURE FOR DYSINTERY.

While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysintery, and had been given up by her family physician. Some of the neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

### BANK STATEMENT.

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov. 1, 1918.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$270,971.78
Overdrafts	157.90
Liberty bonds & W. S. S.	30,338.70
Banking house	2,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Due from Nat. banks	121,127.78
Gold coin	3,435.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	931.82
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	5,861.00
Total	\$444,070.98
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	47,500.00
Surplus fund	6,750.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	6,467.05
Deposits subject to check	248,876.62
Time certificates of dep.	104,648.45
Savings Deposits	16,027.07
Cashier's cks. outstanding	13,801.79
Total	\$444,070.98

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, G. P. Hagaman, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
G. P. HAGAMAN, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
N. L. Mast,  
W. C. Coffey,  
L. A. Greene Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of Nov., 1918.  
W. D. Farthing, C. S. C.

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