FIRST WHITE MAN'S HOME IN THE VALLEY

Interesting Story of the Settlement of the Mountain-Locked Virginia Eden.

RUINS OF FIRST DWELLING

These Remain, Bearing Every Indication of Being Fortress as Well as Home.

The following very interesting article has been prepared for The Times-Dispatch by Rev. W. Donaghe White, a well-known Presbyterian minister of Staunton, who was a fellow student of Dr. W. W. Moore at the Theological Seminary:

Not long since I visited Springdale, on the east side of the Valley Pike, near Bartonville, between Stephen's City and Kernstown, the historic home of the Hites, Bartons and Hucks—the white man's first home in our beautiful Valley, now the home of the Huck children and their mother Mrs. B. I. Arbuckle and her present husband, a gentleman of Scotch descent.

To this family am I indebted for much valuable information, as also to Mr. Joseph Barton, of the same neighborhood, kinsman to the owners of Springdale, of that name.

The maiden name of Mrs. Arbuckle was Vanmeter. She is a direct descendant of John Vanmeter, (to whom the grant of the land was made, and who was much struck with the country on the "Wappatomaka" along the South Branch,) but did not inherit her home from him. Her great grandfather, Isaac Vanmeter, came to Virginia in the year 1736 and made improvements in the "old Field's" farm, where "Fort Pleasant" was afterward located. Of the same stock are the marked Vanmeters, now living in the unique Moorefield Valley, very similar in its open door and friendly life to that of the old Virginia life. It was John Vanmeter who obtained a grant of 40,000 acres of land from the Governor of Virginia. An historian remarks, "The Vanmeters are of old stock, their ancestors having come to Virginia at an early day."

The descendants of John Vanmeter, says Norris, "are among the most respected families of Virginia. There was at first some difficulty as to the boundary of this and that of the grant of Lord Fairfax.

This country was first entered by James Vanmeter, brother to John, who came with Indians on the warpath against Indians to spy out the land. It was a daring and in a notable sense a successful adventure, and though the party was driven back, Vanmeter's wise business sense told him that here was an Eden for prosperous homes superior to anything that he had ever known; so that on his return, he advised the securing of it, which advice his brother, John Vanmeter, took, as he got the grant first.

Thus was laid the foundation for a settlement and development, which going on and on, is destined to exert a marked influence for good upon the civilizations of the world.

Finest Body of Land.

It was John, as mentioned above, who after noting the land, being especially impressed by the fertility of the piece above, the "trough" (though limited in extent) "as the finest body of land he had ever seen in all his travels," advised his sons if ever they emigrated to Virginia by all means to get a part of it. One of his sons came to Virginia, put up improvements, and his children are there now, as above stated.

John Vanmeter sold to Yost (Joist) Hite, who built the first white man's home in the famed Valley of Virginia. The house was built about 1730, and is composed of rough stones and boulders, as nature had carved them.

Its ruins are full of interest.

To prevent in case of attack by the Indians the cutting off of its water supply (which history tells has been resorted to with such fatal effect), the house was built over the spring, which I found to be in the southwest corner. An old dairy just outside testifies to its further usefulness.

The building was, when erected, the only substantial one, the others being log cabins, built subsequently, and was prepared as a fort; to which in time of danger other inhabitants might have repairs. I found in the lower story portholes. On the north side of the second story, whether because it was the north side, or the sitting room, or perhaps because it was the kitchen, there was a huge old-fashioned fireplace. With some uncertainty at first, from its dilapidated condition, I approached it and climbed in to see its proportions, and walked within from end to end, and can truly say I know of no such anywhere else.

Colonel Hite's House.

The substantial building now standing near the ruins of the old one just described was built by Col. John Hite in 1753, and was considered by far the finest dwelling house west of the Blue Ridge. It is of stone, with more of man's work. So eager was I to see the date of its building for myself, that on its being referred to, just after we had sat down to supper, which was about dusk, fearing I could not see it after, I immediately got up and went out with one of the family, who pointed it out to me on a stone high up on the south side. It is pleasant to recall that not only the maiden name of my hostess, but also the personal name of the son who went with me, is the same as that of the distinguished pioneers, through whom came the land upon which it was built.

George Washington spent a night here when surveying for Lord Fairfax.

"On the wall plate of a frame barn built by Hite the figures 1747 are plainly marked," the able historian Norris says. I would add that in a barn not built by Hite, but, in part, of the material used by him, are two logs with the date 1747.

There are magnificent springs near the house, whose refreshing waters gladden the eye. Furnishing more than bountiful supply for man and beast, they pass on into the Opequon.

Subsequent owners to the Hites of this interesting and historic property were Richard Peter Barton, who bought it about the year 1800, having previously rented. Here Richard Walker Barton, who became a member of the Virginia Legislature, and afterwards a member of Congress, was born. David Barton also lived here. These are relatives of the distinguished lawyer and author, Robert T. Barton, of Winchester.

An Englishman, Frank Harrison bought the property soon after the civil war. It was then bought by Charles Hancock Shuff, of Frederick County.

Mrs. John Baldwin, whose husband was my grandfather's nephew, and father of Mrs. J. R. Taylor, of our city, also lived there.

Marries Into Vanmeter Family.

Mr. Huck, who came from Baltimore in 1883, bought three hundred acres. He married a great-granddaughter of Isaac Vanmeter on the maternal side. This brings the history to the present ownership. It seems almost to border on the romantic to consider how through marriage it came to a daughter of the ancestor who braved so much to speak its worth.

The sources of this history are general research, direct testimony and personal observation. In view of the fact that the Jamestown Exposition is just before the people, and there is special interest in the history of Virginia, that being a prominent feature, it may be hoped that this will be of some interest.

It was among the hills of this Valley that Washington declared, if necessary, he would make a stand, and a successful one. And in the next great period that tried men's souls and proved their metal it was here that the world-wide famous Stonewall men arose at the bugle's call.

Having long been a searcher after truth, it is my belief that the strongest physical strength and nerve furnish the strongest basis, ceteris paribus, for both the strongest mental and moral character for the highest social and religious life. The time has come for teaching that the physical is to be maintained in proper proportion, and that those who have neglected it, are to recoup.

Enjoying excellent health in every way, it has given me great pleasure to examine the records of nature in different ways and times as well as the pages of books.

My lifework leads me, at this present, into the study of racial development.

Though I am both a prophet and the son of a prophet, in a general sense, I, your humble servent, standing on the elements of the manhood—above indicated as belonging to the Valley of the Shenandoah, Vale of the Sherando—

"A combination and a form, indeed,
Where every god did seem to set his seal,
To give the world assurance of a man."

Do predict that on such foundation, strong and broad, the superstructure of civilization shall rise into the heavens, and that the "Garden Spot" will be the earthly Eden, and the atmosphere of her life the Social Paradise.

In addition I would say the paving the way for the settlement of the Valley, outrivals in thrill and bold adventure upon an untried sea, that of Jamestown, and as that was made, in a sense, over a pathless ocean, so this with special isolation, cut off by mountains, and unaccompanied by considerable numbers of the race, was through an unblazed forest and one in which no pathway had ever been broken by the white man.

All Virginia shall arise with the mighty impulse of a strong new life, and from field and forest, from mountain to sea, along every hill, and adorn every valley, in industry and in art, in factory and in commerce, shall be seen evidences of her powerful life, till her guardian Spirit of Light and Love, touching into activity her sleeping forces, shall cause every hillock to bloom as the rose and every city and section to be adorned with all that ministers to the comfort, the grandeurs and the felicities of life.

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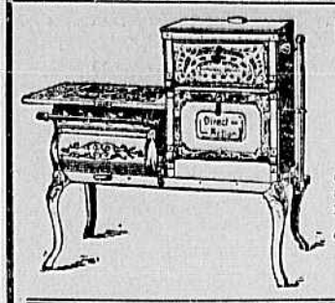

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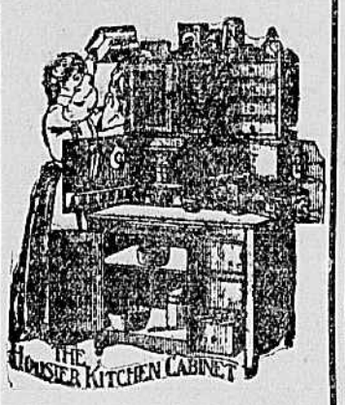

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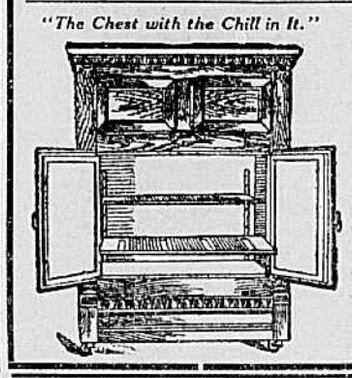

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PLACES OF INTEREST IN RICHMOND

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State Library Building, Capitol Square.

Old Bell Tower, Capitol Square.

Jefferson Davis Mansion, Twelfth and Clay Streets.

Governor's Mansion, Capitol Square; Colonial structure, built in 1815.

Old Stone House, Main, near Nineteenth; built in eighteenth century.

First Kindergarten in America, Broad, near Twelfth Street.

John Marshall Mansion, Ninth and Marshall Streets.

Residence of General Robert E. Lee, now occupied by Virginia Historical Society.

First Masonic Temple in America, Franklin, near Nineteenth.

Van Lew Mansion, Grace, near Twenty-third.

St. John's Church, one of most historic spots in America; Twenty-fourth and Broad.

Confederate Soldiers' Home, west of city.

City Hall, Broad and Tenth.

Monumental Episcopal Church, scene of famous theatre holocaust, Broad, near Fourteenth.

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Laurel Street and Park Avenue.

Crawford's equestrian statue of Washington, in Capitol Square.

Statue of "Stonewall" Jackson, in Capitol Square.

Statue of Henry Clay, in Capitol Square.

Houdon's statue of Washington, in State Capitol; most celebrated piece of statuary in city.

Mercier's majestic equestrian statue of Robert E. Lee, Franklin Street and Allen Avenue.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Twenty-ninth and Main Streets.

Equestrian bronze statue of J. E. B. Stuart, great cavalry commander, Monument Avenue.

Statue of A. P. Hill, Hermitage Road, near city.

Statue of General Williams C. Wickham, Monroe Square.

Jefferson Davis grave, Hollywood Cemetery.

Jefferson Davis Memorial, Franklin and Cedar Streets.

George E. Pickett Monument, in Hollywood.

Hollywood Cemetery, with graves of 15,000 Confederate soldiers, tombs of Presidents Monroe and Tyler, President Davis, Commodore Maury, Generals Fitzhugh Lee, Stuart, Pickett, Wise, William Smith and many others.

Oakwood Cemetery, where 16,000 Confederate soldiers lie buried.

An Object of Attention.

He—I hear Dr. Boreham had a very attentive audience on Easter Sunday.

She—Well, you see, Mrs. Fronte Pugh had forgotten to remove the price tag from her new Easter hat, so it dangled down her back hair through the whole service, and, of course, every one was absorbed in trying to find out what was marked upon it.—Brooklyn Life.

MR. DUMVILLE WINS DECLAIMER'S MEDAL

Interesting Contest Held at Randolph-Macon College—Gossip About Ashland People.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHLAND, VA., May 4.—The annual declamations of the Frank'in Literary Society of Randolph-Macon College took place in the college auditorium last night. The audience, which filled the house, thoroughly enjoyed the program, which embraced some excellent selections particularly well rendered. President Blackwell, Rev. Ernest Stevens and Dr. B. B. Easter acted as judges, and unanimously awarded the declaimer's prize for the session 1906-1907 to Mr. S. L. Dumville, who rendered "The Last Banquet." Mr. Duffy's declamation pleased the audience particularly. He rendered "A Selection from Burk's Speech on the Impeachment of Warren Hastings." "The Traitor's Deathbed," by Mr. A. P. Hadnett, also came in for a like amount of appreciation. Among the other declaimers were the following: Mr. J. S. Keene, "A Portion of Wolsley's Remarks After His Fall from Power"; Mr. E. P. James, "A Scene on a Battlefield"; "Spartans to the Gladiators," by Mr. R. H. Beale; "Adams on the Declaration of Independence," by Mr. J. T. Gillette; "The Black Horse and Its Rider," by Mr. P. I. Leadbetter; "Devotion to Duty," by Mr. H. P. Clarke; "The Soul of the Violin," by Mr. M. K. Harris, and "Virginia, by Macauley," by Mr. J. W. Lapsley.

The Randolph-Macon baseball team returned to Ashland to-day, after playing the Naval Academy at Annapolis on Friday. The Randolph-Macon boys were defeated by the Naval Academy by the score of 5 to 2. On account of wet grounds, the games with St. John's at Annapolis and George Washington College were not played.

Mrs. C. E. Potts left here to-day to visit her daughter, Miss Annie Macon Potts, at Buena Vista Seminary. Miss Virginia Potts will attend Buena Vista next session.

Rev. W. E. Judkins and Mrs. Judkins will spend the month of June in Ashland at the Henry Clay Inn. Dr. Judkins was for several years the pastor at the Duncan Memorial Church here, but is not now actively engaged in preaching.

Regular services will be held in the Baptist Church hereafter. Mr. W. J. Young, of Williamsburg, Va., will preach on Sunday, and other arrangements will be made for the future.

A very delightful church sociable was held in the Duncan Memorial Church on Wednesday evening, and the pastor, Mr. Stevens, made an interesting statement and address regarding this church.

The campaign against trusts, as outlined by the several candidates for the Legislature, will open at Atlee on May 11th.

THROUGH WINDOW TO ESCAPE HUSBAND

Revivalist's Wife Says Pittman Had Revolver, Threatening to Shoot.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 4.—The Rev. A. J. Pittman, of Brandenburg, Ky., was arrested at his apartments this afternoon, charged with freightening his young wife, at the point of a revolver, so that she jumped from a second-story window. Mrs. Pittman, twenty years old, a pretty bride of two months, was severely bruised by the fall.

Pittman said he only desired to frighten his wife. Mrs. Pittman said she had been abused so much that she had decided to prosecute him vigorously. Her pride in not wanting her parents in Piedmont, O., to know of his treatment of her, she said, had heretofore sealed her lips.

"Three months ago," she said, "Mr. Pittman came to Piedmont to conduct a revival, and we met and became engaged immediately. A week after our marriage he began to beat and kick me, and he has kept it up ever since. He was insanely jealous, and would not let me go to the table without him.

"He said: 'You are a theatre fiend,' but I never saw the inside of a theatre in my life, and I was afraid to ask him to take me anywhere. When the White City opened I did ask him to take me there, but he said a minister's wife was better than other people and had no right to go to such places. He would not let me come downstairs lest I might meet some other theological student.

"About two weeks ago some one in the house reported him to the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he was a student, and two professors came to see me, and I told them about him. He was expelled from the seminary, and then he tried to make me tell the professors that I had lied about him beating me so he could be reinstated.

"Last night he bought a revolver and, loading it in my presence, threatened to shoot me."

ARRESTS NEGRO.

Detective Gets Evidence That He Poisoned Four Valuable Mules.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

GOLDSTON, CHATHAM CO., N. C., May 4.—An arrest was made here recently of Edward Hart, colored, for killing, by poisoning, four fine mules, of the value of $857, belonging to I. L. Odham, who resides and has a large sawmill and lumber interests near this place, the said poisoning having caused the death of the mules.

Mr. Odham, being unable to determine who the guilty party was, employed the Richmond National Detective Agency, of which A. M. Brownell is general manager, to investigate the matter, and one of the operatives of the agency was sent here, who caused the arrest of Hart. The detective seeks to show that the negro, Hart, who had been on a drunken spree just previous to the poisoning, and being refused by Mr. Odham, in whose employ he was at the time, money to continue his spree, made up his mind to satisfy the revengeful feelings he had against his employer by subjecting him to this heavy loss.

The negro, Hart, was given a hearing here before Magistrate E. M. Underwood, who sent the prisoner on without bail to the next grand jury term of the Chatham county Superior Court, which convenes at Pittsboro Monday.

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