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Mrs. Nancy Dickert Celebrates 73d Birthday.



On the 24th of November, Thanksgiving Day, the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mrs. Nancy Dickert met at the home of her son, Mr. Jacob L. Dickert in the city of Newberry to celebrate her 73rd birthday. There were 69 descendants present and with Mrs. Dickert made 70 members of her immediate family present.

Besides these there were ten other persons present including members of the Pomaria string band and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Derrick of Saluda county. The family was represented by thirteen separate families and these with their children came with good old fashioned Dutch dinners prepared before they came and they spread them out on one big table around which they all gathered.

Mrs. Nancy Dickert was Miss Nancy Setzler before her marriage. On the 17th of February, 1854, she was married to Mr. Jesse C. Dickert and they lived for many years in the lower (Dutch Fork) section of Newberry county.

After the war they moved to the upper section of the county, near Beth Eden church.

Mr. Dickert served in the war as 3rd Corporal in Co. F, 20th Regiment, Jno. M. Kinard, captain. Afterwards with Capt. E. S. Keitt's cavalry.

Mr. Dickert died on the 14th of May, 1877, and was buried at Beth Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickert had nine children, six sons and three daughters. The sons all live in Newberry county and one daughter also lives in this county. Two daughters are dead.

The children are Arthur H. Dickert, Sallie Dickert, who was the wife of J. C. Cromer, but is now dead; Geo. A. Dickert; Ellie E. Dickert, who died at the age of about 20 years; Jacob L. Dickert; Newton C. Dickert; Dr. William T. Dickert; Mary Dickert who is now the wife of David N. Livingston; and John H. Dickert.

Arthur H. Dickert married Miss Willie Ringer. They have four children—Alonzo H. Dickert who lives in Newberry and who married Miss Mattie Lominack; Lula Dickert who is now the wife of Kemper Albritton; Minnie Dickert who is the wife of Jno. Cromer. Alonzo H. has one child, and Mrs. Albritton has three

sons.

Mrs. Sallie Dickert became the wife of Jacob S. Cromer. She is now dead. She was the mother of thirteen children ten of whom are now living—William Cromer, Emanuel Cromer, Carrie Cromer (now the wife of Ernest Adams), Mary Cromer, Pearl Cromer, Clara Cromer, George Cromer, Roy Cromer, Troy Cromer, (Roy and Troy are twins), Hattie Cromer. Mrs. Adams has three children.

Geo. A. Dickert first married Miss Blanche Cannon who is now dead. They had two children—Yancy T. Dickert, of Newberry who married Miss Anna Sligh and Walter Dickert who married Miss Nettie Shealy. Mr. Geo. A. Dickert married a second time, Miss Della Horton. By this union there are four children—Beulah Dickert, Edward Dickert, Gray Dickert, Mary Dickert. Mrs. Walter Dickert has one child.

Jacob L. Dickert married Miss Effie Counts. They have had ten children, nine now living—Anna Dickert, Ellie Dickert, Alice Dickert, Elbert Dickert, Forrest Dickert, Blanche Dickert, Eunice Dickert, Julia Dickert, Coke A. Smith Dickert, all living

with their parents in Newberry.

Newton C. Dickert married Miss Sallie Dickert. They have one son living, Basil S. Dickert, and one dead.

Dr. William T. Dickert married Miss Ida Wicker and they have three children—John Dickert, Floyd Dickert and Nancy Dickert.

Miss Mary Dickert married David N. Livingston and they have two children—Vernon Livingston and Clyde Livingston.

John H. Dickert married Miss Lee Garrett and they have four children—Hermie Dickert, Jessie Dickert, Newton Dickert and Furman Dickert.

There were present at this reunion of the immediate family of Mrs. Dickert seven children, 39 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren and 14 other members of the immediate family by marriage, making with Mrs. Dickert herself 70 members of her immediate family who were present and the remarkable fact is that no one was absent on account of sickness or for any other cause.

Every one enjoyed the reunion and the dinner and went away feeling better for having met together in this family gathering.

S. C., as found by my examination, made at your request, on December 18, and having special reference to the account of J. C. Langford, treasurer of Hampton county.

On dates September 18 to October 20, 1908, inclusive, his balance was \$3.05.

On October 21 to 22, 1908, inclusive, his balance was 35 cents.

On October 24, 1908, his balance was \$18,265.02.

This large increase was brought about by two deposits on the 24, as follows:

One for \$593.38—composed of two checks, makers not known, but both paid.

One for \$17,670.79—composed of three checks, all drawn by J. C. Langford, (whether personal or as treasurer, not shown), on following:

1. Bank of Brunson, Brunson, S. C. \$15,841.93
2. Exchange Banking and Trust Company, Charleston, S. C. 1,158.07
3. Bank of Hampton, Hampton, S. C. 670.79

Total of deposit . . . \$17,670.79

Item 1 was forwarded October 24 to Bank of Brunson for certification and was returned October 27, "refused," and the treasurer's account charged.

Item 2 was forwarded October 24 for collection and was received back November 2 "refused" and charged to treasurer's account.

Item 3 was presented and paid.

The cashier says he had no suspicion that either of the two refused or unpaid checks deposited with him were bad. He admits that other checks previously so deposited had been returned unpaid, however. Amounts and dates not asked for by me.

The bank's books and records are properly kept and in practical balance. I made a full and complete examination.

Respectfully,
Giles L. Wilson,
State Bank Examiner.

Mr. Wilson adds:

"The bank now refuses deposits from county treasurer and his balance on December 17 was 31 cents."

Mr. Langford was a candidate for reelection in the primary last summer, but was defeated.

POSTPONED HEARING.

Case Growing Out of Dispensary Litigation Will Not Come Up Until Federal Supreme Court Has Passed on the Matter.

News and Courier.

Columbia, December 19.—Judge Pritchard has postponed the hearing in the case of the Messrs. D. C. and A. W. Ray, who were ordered to show cause before the federal judge at Greenville on the 21st of this month why they should not be ruled for contempt of court. Inasmuch as the case which gave rise to this order is to come before the supreme court of the United States within a short time, Judge Pritchard has decided to postpone the contempt hearing until April 20, 1909, by which time the supreme court will have passed on the matter. The contempt order grew out of the case brought by the Rays, one as petitioner and the other as attorney, to have the State supreme court issue a mandamus requiring the dispensary commission to pay a claim which Mr. D. C. Ray has purchased from a liquor house, the case bringing squarely before the court the right of the dispensary commission to pay out money in violation of the previous injunction of Judge Pritchard.

SOLDIERS' HOME COMMISSION.

Daughters of the Confederacy May Be Asked to Furnish a Room.

News and Courier.

Columbia, Dec. 19.—Col. D. Cardwell, chairman of the Soldiers' Home Commission, has written to Mrs. R. D. Wright, State president of the Daughters of the Confederacy, requesting her to submit to the different chapters of that organization the propriety of the Daughters of the

Confederacy undertaking to furnish the rooms in the Home of Confederate Veterans, which is now nearing completion. This suggestion is in line with the plan adopted in other States, which have these homes for the old soldiers.

Gen. Cardwell writes as follows: Columbia, S. C., Dec. 15, 1908.

Mrs. R. D. Wright, President United Daughters of the Confederacy, Newberry, S. C.—Dear Madam: As you are doubtless aware, I am the chairman of the board of commissioners of the Soldiers' Home of South Carolina, and as such I recently visited Richmond, Va., and Baltimore, Md. to gather information as to how to equip and conduct such an institution. I gathered many points which will aid the board in the matter.

One thing that I discovered was that the ladies of Maryland had furnished each room in the Home at Pikesville and named it after some soldier. Now, it occurred to me that there could be no better object presented to the different chapters of your order than this.

The Daughters have done a great work; much of it of a general nature; very little which concerned our own State alone. All that they have done is good, and reflects credit upon the order, yet, I can think of nothing yet attempted or performed that appeals to us as Carolinians as this does.

What do you think of asking each chapter to undertake to furnish each room in the beautiful Home now nearing completion on Bellevue Farm—Columbia, naming the room so furnished after the chapter that furnished it, or after some favorite soldier.

I would like to hear from you on this subject.

Yours very truly,
D. Cardwell, Chairman.

WANTS TASTE OF HELL.

Condemned Criminal Dies Unrepentant, Wishing to Visit Lower Regions for a Special Purpose.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 17.—Henry Harvey, a negro, who was hanged at Rockingham, N. C., today for murder repulsed the ministers who approached him this morning to administer spiritual comfort, telling them that he desired to go to hell for a special purpose.

On the march to the gallows a chicken flew over the heads of the party and the condemned man exclaimed laughingly: "Somebody catch that chicken." Harvey's crime was the slaying of Huge Price, also colored, at Rockingham last summer. Both the deceased and his murderer were from Roanoke, Va.

PROMINENT JOURNALIST DIES.

Maj. Orlando Jay Smith, President and General Manager of American Press Association, Passes Away.

New York, Dec. 20.—Maj. Orlando Jay Smith, president and general manager of the American Press association since 1882, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry tonight. Maj. Smith had been ill since September, at which time he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach, but throughout his illness he retained his interest in daily events.

Maj. Smith, founder and president of the American Press association, was a prominent figure in American journalism for 40 years. As head of the largest newspaper syndicate in the United States he had relations with publishers throughout the country. Few men were better known in the newspaper world.

Christmas at Lutheran Church.

Very beautiful and appropriate Christmas exercises were held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on Sunday evening at six o'clock. These exercises were especially for the children and they were thoroughly enjoyed not only by them but by all the people present. Dr. Roy Z. Thomas gave a very earnest and applicable talk for the occasion. There was a very large congregation present, and almost all the standing room was occupied.

SHORT IN HIS CASH \$17,670.

Hampton County Treasurer Reported to Governor—Comptroller General States that an Investigation Shows an Apparent Shortage in the Cash of the Treasurer of Hampton.

News and Courier.

Columbia, December 19.—That the county treasurer of Hampton county, J. C. Langford, is short in his cash \$17,670.79 is the official report made to the governor today by the comptroller general, the report being based on an investigation made by Mr. E. B. Wilson, chief clerk in the comptroller's office, and by Mr. Giles Wilson, State bank examiner. Under the law, the governor has the power to remove the county treasurer on such a report.

The matter came to light when it was recently reported to the comptroller general by the cashier of the Loan and Exchange Bank at Hampton that there was error in the amount reported by the county treasurer as being on deposit to his official credit in that bank. The comptroller general requested the State bank examiner to make an investigation and sent his chief clerk to Hampton also for that purpose. The report of the State bank examiner is submitted to the governor also.

The chief clerk to the comptroller general was unable to secure from the treasurer an explanation of the shortage, but it is stated that Mr. Langford, the treasurer, has been examined on somewhat extensive busi-

ness operations, and he may have confused his personal and official funds and accounts, and eventually may be able to straighten out the matter satisfactorily.

The report of the comptroller general to the governor is as follows:

The Official Report.

Columbia, S. C., December 19, 1908.

To His Excellency, Governor Martin F. Ansel, Columbia, S. C.—Sir: The annual settlement for the taxes of the fiscal year 1907, of Hampton county was made as of date June 30, 1908, and was checked up and balanced to October 24, 1908, showing cash balances due by Mr. J. C. Langford, county treasurer, as follows:

Cash Statement County Treasurer's Office, Hampton County, October 24, 1908.

June 30 1908, cash balance due State treasurer . . .	\$ 2,665.71
June 30 1908, cash balance due county funds	13,812.24
June 30 1908, cash balance due school funds	9,796.05
Amount of money borrowed, since June 30, 1908	4,000.00
Collection dispensary funds since June 30, 1908	2,436.99
Fines, licenses and costs, since June 30, 1908	267.82
Superintendent of education, since June 30, 1908	87.41
Cash collected from taxes from 1908	53.96

Total cash balances June 30 and collections to October 24, 1908 \$33,170.18

Disbursements From June 30 to October 24.

Paid State treasurer	\$ 369.20
Paid county claims	7,022.70
Paid school claims	934.97

Total disbursements to Oct. 24 8,326.87

Cash balances due Oct. 24, 1908, State and county funds \$24,843.31

County Treasurer Langford accounts for the above cash as follows:

Cash in office	\$ 807.49
Claims Beaufort county	60.00
Checks	49.35
Cash in Bank of Hampton, cashier's certificate	3,157.60
Cash in Hampton Loan and Exchange Bank, cashier's certificate	18,265.02
Cash in Bank of Brunson, cashier's certificate	2,544.75

Total cash on hand and in bank, Oct. 24, 1908 . . . \$24,884.21

Excess cash on hand and in bank, Oct. 24, 1908 . . . \$ 40.90

On the 17th day of December a telephone message was received at this office from Mr. R. O. Bowden, cashier of the Hampton Loan and Exchange Bank, stating in substance that the certificate of \$18,265.02,

given October 24, was found to be incorrect, there being a difference of from \$13,000 to \$14,000. The cashier was asked to explain how it was possible for such a difference to remain undiscovered to this late date. No satisfactory explanation was given by him. I immediately wired the Hon. Giles L. Wilson, bank examiner, to come to Columbia at once. I acquainted Mr. Wilson with all the facts in connection with this case, and requested that he proceed to Hampton at once and make an examination of the Hampton Loan and Exchange bank with reference to the county treasurer's account. It appears from the report of the bank examiner, which is made a part of this report, and other records in connection with Mr. J. C. Langford, county treasurer, that he is short in his cash \$17,670.79. The check drawn by J. C. Langford for \$670.79, deposited for collection October 24, 1908, was evidently duplicated in the certificates given by the Bank of Hampton and Hampton Loan and Exchange Bank, thus making the shortage as above stated.

I report this matter to your Excellency in order that you may take such action as you deem proper. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Jones,
Comptroller General.
Bank Examiner's Report.

Columbia, S. C., December 19, 1908.

The Hon. A. W. Jones, Comptroller General, Columbia, S. C.—Dear Sir: Herewith I submit a brief report of the condition of Hampton Loan and Exchange Bank, Hampton,