

OLDEST CONFED. VETERAN IS LEPINGTONIAN

JOHN EIFFERT HAS PASSED ONE HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY.

Married a Cherokee—Went to California During Great Gold Rush. Lives Now in Oklahoma.

John Henry Eiffert, native of Lexington, this State, residing now at Webbers Falls, Okla., is probably the oldest of living Confederate veterans, having been born October, 1814, more than 100 years ago.

Robert T. Hanks, of Oklahoma, contributes to The Confederate Veteran (Nashville) a sketch of the venerable former Carolinian, as follows:

"A patriotic citizen, father, and friend there is no one more worthy of honorable mention, more highly esteemed, nor held in more veneration by the community in which he has lived since 1869 than John Henry Eiffert, supposed to be the oldest living veteran in the State of Oklahoma. He was born in Lexington, S. C., October 1, 1814. In 1830 he was conducting a mercantile business in McMinn and Bradley counties, east Tennessee, on the Hiwassee river, some 40 miles above Chattanooga, Tenn., when the 'poor Los,' or Cherokees, were compelled by Uncle Sam to take up their sad and enforced march to the then wilderness in the far West. In 1848 he was married to a Cherokee lady by blood, the widow of Dr. Robert T. Hanks, who was Margaret, Ann Ward Morgan, a daughter of Col. Gideon Morgan, who commanded the Cherokees in the battle of the 'Horse Shoe' under 'Gen. Andrew Jackson and a cousin to the late Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama.

"Mr. Eiffert went to California during the gold fever, but failed to capture any part of Dame Fortune's estate and returned to his farm and milling interests in Tennessee, where he remained until the tocsin of war sounded and the first gun echoed from Fort Sumter. Shouldering his old musket, he joined the second company raised in his town, under command of his son-in-law, Capt. Wellington W. McClelland, and was in the Twenty-ninth Tennessee regiment under Gen. Zollicoffer, this brave officer falling early in the struggle. Afterwards he followed the fortunes of war under Gen. Kirby Smith and later on transferred to the quartermaster's department at Knoxville, Tenn., where he remained an active and efficient aid throughout all the thrilling and eventful years of the war.

"He was within reach of stray bullets during several bloody battles, but fortunately escaped injury. He was under fire all day in the famous battle of Lookout Mountain, having been sent down the hill for supplies early in the morning, and the engagement was on before he got back. Of this, in one of his reminiscent talks, he said: 'It was a moving picture show that I had a free ticket to see. And when the curtain fell and audience and actors were to go, I did not stand on the order of my going, but went and have never cared to visit Lookout since, not even at a reunion.'

"Mr. Eiffert is one hundred years and five months old and is able to read the newspapers and keeps posted on the European war. He is in good health, goes regularly to his meals, and helps about the house by carrying in stove wood and making fires."

CHICORA TRUSTEES POSTPONE DECISION

Defer Final Action on the Proposed Removal of College Until Later Meeting.

The State. Greenville, May 4.—Ending a two-days session here late tonight, the Chicora college trustees announced that a decision on the proposed removal of the institution had been deferred until an adjourned meeting, which will be held some time before June. Dr. S. C. Byrd, president of the college, made the announcement, saying that there was nothing to be added.

Greenville has offered one site outright and a conditional proposition has been made with reference to another site. It is understood that Clinton and Laurens are both being considered, though this is but hearsay.

Aged Meat.

Wall Street Journal. The extraordinary keeping qualities of meat when subjected to well-regulated cold storage have recently been proved. A hindquarter of Australian beef which had been in storage for 18 years was exhibited at the Smithfield London market. It had been shipped from Australia to Malta by the "Duke of Portland" in February, 1896. It was kept in Malta until the spring of 1914, and then sent to London in June. The color of the meat had faded, but beneath the surface the meat had undergone remarkably little change. Chemical analysis revealed that the meat had lost none of its dietic value.

FULL 67 YEARS AND HONOR COL. J. W. FERGUSON PASSES

Distinguished Citizen of Laurens Dies After Brief Illness—Funeral Wednesday Afternoon.

Laurensville Herald, 7th. Within three days after he suffered a sudden and violent attack of uremic poisoning, Col. John W. Ferguson, an aged and honored citizen of the city, died at the Julia Irby sanitarium last Tuesday morning. Col. Ferguson was stricken Saturday morning while on the way to his office. He had driven down from his home, and was just in the act of alighting from his carriage when friends noticed that something was wrong with him and they went to his assistance at once. He was taken to the hospital immediately for treatment, but he never rallied from the attack and quietly passed away Tuesday at 9 o'clock.

The burial services were held Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 at the Laurens cemetery, the exercises being conducted by the Rev. C. F. Rankin, of the First Presbyterian church, and Dr. A. G. Wardlaw, of Greer, a former pastor of the Laurens Presbyterian church. A large concourse of friends and relatives attended the services, many coming from other towns and different parts of the State for the funeral.

As teacher, soldier, lawyer, legislator, writer and author, Col. Ferguson filled well and usefully his place in the scheme of human endeavor and accomplishments. He was born in Newberry county Nov. 29, 1834, being a son of Dr. George Ferguson, a native of this county.

A sketch of his life up to the time he entered actively upon the practice of the law, in 1874, is here reproduced from the volume "Eminent and Representative Men of the Carolinas," as follows:

"John W. Ferguson was reared to manhood in his native county, the greater part of his time being spent in the city of Newberry. Both his parents having passed away in his early youth, he resided with relatives of his mother. His first education was received in the common schools of the county, but at 14 he entered a Presbyterian male academy at Greenwood, S. C., taught by Dr. Isaac Auld, who at that time had gained much eminence as an educator. Here he remained four years, after which he entered Oglethorpe university, at Milledgeville, Ga. He graduated from this institution in 1856, then at the age of 20. Returning to his home, he took up the vocation of teacher, which he followed for one year in the lower part of Newberry county, in what is known as the Chiquipin section. He was chosen as principal of the male academy at Cross Hill, Laurens county, which position he held until the breaking out of the war, and while there he devoted his leisure time to the study of law under Col. B. W. Ball, of Laurens. He was opposed to secession, but went with the tide of his State, and in the spring of 1861, enlisted in Company F, of the Third regiment of the South Carolina volunteers. Here he served some three or four months, when he was discharged on account of physical disability. On his return home he resumed teaching, which he followed until September, 1864, when he re-entered the military service as a member of the State troops, and upon the organization of the Fourth regiment of the State troops he was chosen major. One month later, the colonel of the regiment resigned and Mr. Ferguson was elected to the colonelcy. He held this rank until the close of the war. All of this period he carried a discharge and his service was consequently voluntary on his part. In 1866 he was chosen principal of the male academy at Laurens. Meanwhile he had been admitted to the bar, namely in May, 1868, but he retained his position as principal of the Laurens male academy until 1872. He was then elected a professor in the Laurensville female college. He resigned this position in 1874, and entered upon the practice of law, which he has ever since followed."

In the practice of his profession Col. Ferguson was associated at first with the late R. P. Todd, and later the firm was Ferguson & Young. Still later, C. C. Featherstone became an associate, and this partnership continued until the death of the senior member. A few years ago, W. B. Knight became the third member of the firm. His career as a lawyer was characterized by a careful adherence to the ethics of the profession and a square deal for all matters entrusted to his management. In 1880 he was elected to the State senate, serving one term. He served as trustee of the city schools, and of the South Carolina college, always taking an active interest in matters of education. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and a past master of Palmetto lodge, No. 19, A. F. M. At different periods he was interested in commercial and other business enterprises of the city. For a time he was editor of the Laurensville Herald, and he wielded a trenchant and versatile pen. A few years ago he wrote a classic volume which met with popular favor and is to be found in many of the public libraries and private homes through this section.

Col. Ferguson married Miss Mary Dorroh, in 1869. She died several years ago. The surviving children are: Dr. W. D. Ferguson, Miss Mayme Ferguson and Geo. V. Ferguson, of Laurens, and John W. Ferguson, Jr., of Hartsville.

IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTRY HIGHWAYS IN THE SOUTH

Washington, May 9.—Since 1906, the average day's haul of cotton from the farm to the shipping station has been increased from about 1,700 pounds to about 3,000 pounds, according to a report made by Mr. Frank Andrews, chief of the division of crop reports of the United States agricultural department. Commenting on this, President Harrison, of the Southern Railway company, said: "While the shortening of the average haul, due to railroad construction and the use of heavier draft animals, has probably been helpful, there can be no doubt that the principal factor in this large saving in the cost of marketing the cotton crop is the direct result of the progress that has been made in improving the country highways of the South. It is a practical demonstration of the economic advantage of improving roads radiating from market towns and shipping stations so as to give the benefits of good roads to the largest practicable number of farmers in the community. That there is still room for further improvement in many localities is shown by the fact that the average wagon load of cotton varies in different parts of the cotton belt from two and one-half bales to eight bales."

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Barbecue!

The School Improvement association of Pomaria will give a barbecue in the grove at Pomaria on July 3, for the benefit of the school. Mrs. Jno. C. Aull, Pres.

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Winthrop College.

SCHOLARSHIP and ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop college and for the admission of new students will be held at the county court house on Friday, July 2, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 2 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 15, 1915. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.