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AN HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF Clarendon County and the Town of Manning.

Read before the Manning Social and Literary Circle by Mr. J. H. Lesesne.

A history of Clarendon County and the Town of Manning, if written at length and as a complete history, would be a much longer paper than it is proposed, on this occasion to produce. A running sketch, at this time, it is hoped, will suffice.

A history of Manning is history of the County, and a recital of the deeds of their sons will be history of them both. I will be pardoned, then, for treating them jointly.

The County of Clarendon is not an aged creation, when compared with the lives of her sisters, and the Town of Manning is slightly the junior of the County. Clarendon County is forty-two years old, and derived her birth from Sumter District. Prior to the year 1855 Sumter District, or perhaps to speak more accurately, Sumter County, was composed of two Districts of nearly equal size, commonly known as Clarendon and Clarendon. Clarendon comprised the upper portion of Sumter County, while Clarendon comprised the lower or Santee portion. Just why Sumter County was divided into Districts is not known, but we suppose that each originally had its courts of authority, or Magistrate's courts, as about seven miles southwest of Manning, near the place of the late Capt. T. J. M. Davis, there was an old court house, where it is supposed that cases not capital were passed upon. "Court House Branch" derives its name from this old time "temple of justice," not a vestige of which is now visible.

The origin of the name Clarendon the writer does not know, and as he is not writing a history of that section he will not take time to inquire. But the name Clarendon, it is accepted by the best authorities on history, was given in honor of Edward, Earl of Clarendon, at one time Lord High Chancellor of England, and one of the lords proprietors. He received grants to immense territories on the newly discovered American continent. Thus, it will be seen that in name, if for nothing else, Clarendon is entitled to a place of distinction. But this is not all the distinction that she can claim. During the time that Clarendon District belonged to Sumter County, and since she was created a County to stand alone herself, she has furnished many men who figured conspicuously in history and politics. Five Governors have been furnished South Carolina from within her borders. In 1802 James B. Richardson, a wealthy planter, from the Clarendon District of Sumter County, was elected Governor of the Commonwealth of South Carolina. In 1824 Richard I. Manning, another planter from almost the same neighborhood of the same District, was elected to the same position. In 1840 John P. Richardson, of Clarendon District, was made Governor, and in the year 1852 John L. Manning, one of the most cultured and polished gentlemen who ever graced a gubernatorial chair, was taken from Clarendon District and given the reins of the State Government. In 1858 John Peter Richardson, of Clarendon County, was made Governor and served four years until 1860.

Prior to the year 1855 (the year that Clarendon was cut off from Sumter) there were many reasons which stirred the people of this section and made them long for a county government of their own. In addition to the desire for a new County, in order that political ambitions might be gratified, that more offices would be created, and the same set of men could not control the politics of so large a section, there were other reasons. Persons who lived on the Santee River, for instance, were put to great inconvenience in going so far to the county seat at Sumter to pay taxes, attend court, and attend to the ordinary business which people usually have with county officials. Consequently there arose a general demand for a separation and a creation of the new County, which was granted by the Legislature.

It is said that quite a fight occurred in the Legislature over the separation. Old Mr. A. C. Spain, a noted and prominent figure in Sumter County, opposed the measure with all his force, and made the charge that the effort to cut off the new County was only for the purpose of honoring Governor John L. Manning. This the ex-Governor resented in a strong speech, in which he scored Mr. Spain very severely, and the measure was passed, carrying with it the appointment of a commission, composed of several gentlemen, for the purpose of locating the county seat. The writer is not certain that the following five names compose the entire commission, but they were members of it, and probably members of the commissioners Legislature for the year where the court was held.

names, all of whom are dead: Capt. Levy Rhame, of the western portion of the new county; Col. William L. Reynolds, who lived near where is now the village of Packville; Mr. Joseph Sprott, by birth a North Carolinian, but from youth a resident in the section now known as Jordan, and well remembered by many members of this Circle; Col. John O. Brock, of the Paola section, and also well remembered by many of us; and a Mr. McFaddin, whose initials the writer has desired for several years, but has never been able to obtain. The village of Juneville, then possessing probably two small stores and a drug shop, and situated just five miles south of the present Town of Manning, was a noted place for musters and horse racing, and was very ambitious of becoming the capital of the new county, and it is said by many older citizens came near winning the fight. But there was a strong sentiment in favor of locating the county seat as near as possible to the centre of the new county. If this sentiment did not prevail among the masses, which it probably did, it was at least the sentiment of the commission appointed on location, and they, or a sub-committee, which from the best remembered information was composed of Messrs. Levy Rhame, Joseph Sprott and John O. Brock, engaged the services of the late Capt. Joseph C. Burgess, a surveyor of note, to assist them in locating the centre of the new county. This they did by running two long lines and taking the points at which they crossed. The first line they began at a point in the extreme eastern section of the county, at Lynch's Creek, now Lynch's River, and ran directly across the county to Santee. Then they began at a point near the middle of the Sumter line, and ran across in another direction. The two lines crossed at a point about a mile from the present court house, across Ox Swamp, not far from what is known as the Blackwell place. The commissioners then began a general reconnoitering of the section looking for a high and dry place that would be large enough upon which to locate the Town of Manning. They rode around considerably, and finding no suitable location, crossed over on this side of Ox Swamp and located the town upon its present site, as being the nearest suitable place to the centre of the county.

The town fell upon Capt. Burgess' land, and he gave the grounds upon which the present court house stands, also the old jail lot just across the street to the south, and which was cut up into small lots and sold by the county authorities within the recollection of many now present. For the purpose of convenience in assessing taxes and forming school districts the county was then cut up into nineteen townships. The townships by local name were known as: Fulton, Calvary, Friendship, St. Paul, Santee, St. Marks, St. James, Concord, Sammy Swamp, Manning, Mt. Zion, Brewington, Plowden's Mill, Harmony, Midway, New Zion, Douglass, Sandy Grove and Mott's. Mott's Township and a portion of Sandy Grove were a few years ago cut off and thrown into Florence County, while the remaining eighteen retain their original names and each now forms a school district.

Perhaps it will not be uninteresting to give the names of some of the gentlemen who have filled the offices of the county, and in the order in which they came since 1855. The first sheriff that Clarendon ever had was P. Margan Butler. He was succeeded by his son, J. Newton Butler. He was in turn followed by Capt. D. J. Bradham, then a young man, who remained in office until reconstruction in 1869. Then came T. W. Arledge, who absconded while in office, from getting into money troubles, then a man by the name of Parker, appointed by Governor Scott. He was followed by the late William J. Clark. Then came W. R. Burgess, then Major H. H. Lesesne, who remained in office until his death in 1891, and was followed by the present sheriff, Capt. D. J. Bradham.

During a period of forty-two years there have been only six gentlemen who filled the office of Clerk of Court for Clarendon County. The first of these was Josiah M. Felder, who served twelve or fifteen years, and was succeeded by his son, R. P. Felder. Then came W. A. Barfield. He was followed by that late lamented and much esteemed Christian gentleman, James E. Davis, who remained in office until his death. His unexpired term was filled by our fellow-member, Mr. A. C. Davis, and he was succeeded by our present Clerk, Mr. J. H. Timmons.

The office of Treasurer used to combine the duties of both Auditor and Treasurer, and was known as tax collector. Its first occupant under the new county was Charles Frederick Lesesne, who served from the beginning of the new county until the close of the war. Then the following gentlemen filled this position, and in the following order: W. S. Brand, Thomas N. Broughton, Dr. John I. Ingram, Capt. Robert B. Harvin, Dr. H. H. Huggins, Joseph Sprott, Jr., and our present efficient County Treasurer, Mr. Samuel J. Bowman. Of this list we know of only two who are living, and these are our townsmen, Messrs. Sprott and Bowman.

The office of County Auditor is one of more recent creation, and among its occupants have been the following gentlemen: R. A. Walker first, then James T. L. Thames, Junius E. Scott, Dr. J. Bradham, and the present incumbent, Mr. J. Elbert Davis.

The office of Probate Judge, formerly known as ordinary, has been filled from time to time by quite a number, among whom were the following: G. S. C. DesChamps, who went to Texas and was assassinated in the pulpit; W. R. Burgess, R. M. Thompson, W. H. Ingram, J. D. Alsbrook, and the present incumbent, Mr. Louis Appelt.

The office of School Commissioner prior to 1876, was filled principally by negro Republicans, among whom were Alfred Pack and the noted Peter Lemon, who was assassinated in the public road at a branch of which South of Manning, and which branch now wears his name. Since 1876, among those who filled this office were John C. Bagnal, Samuel J. Bowman, John J. Conyers, P. G.

Benbow, L. L. Wells, L. M. Ragin, then Wells again, and our present Superintendent of Education, W. S. Richbourg.

The County Commissioners have been too many to attempt to mention them. Among those who represented this county with honor in the State Senate have been John L. Manning, Col. E. Dickson, Dr. John I. Ingram, Col. H. L. Benbow, Joseph P. Rhame, Esq., Louis H. DesChamps and L. M. Ragin. There have been others, among whom were three gentlemen of color, as follows: Syphax Milton, Powell Smith and Jared Warley.

Clarendon has had many representatives in the lower house of the Legislature. I cannot with certainty give the names of all who served as representatives before 1876, but here are some of them, and it will be seen by two or three names which appear, that our county was not always represented by her best citizens. Black Republicans occasionally filling this high office of honor: Col. H. L. Benbow, Col. S. Warren Nelson, John P. Richardson, W. J. McFaddin, Dr. G. Allen Huggins, James McCauley, and Gus Collins, colored, and Will Nelson, very colored, who fled from justice for stealing vegetables from a garden. That is probably only a partial list of our representatives before 1876. It was in 1876 that the black cloud of negro rule was raised from our beloved State, and though the writer was but a small boy he remembers vividly the stirring scenes of that year, with its big campaign days and red shirt brigades. He also remembers well the standard bearers, and before he scarcely knew what it meant he learned to holler "Hurrah for Hampton!" It was Hampton for Governor, and in Clarendon Benbow for the Senate and Barron and Peter Richardson for the House. These, with others who supported them and held up their hands, carried the day in Clarendon and made the way possible for many other good Democrats.

The following, then, is submitted as a list of those who have represented this county in the House of Representatives since 1876: B. Pressley Barron and John Peter Richardson; Joseph F. Rhame and James E. Tindal; W. T. Lesesne and B. R. Gibson; Arthur Harvin and Dr. J. G. Dinkins; E. R. Plowden, Jr., and H. B. Richardson; I. M. Woods, Ezra Tindal, J. M. Richardson, S. A. Nettles, W. D. Kennedy, W. C. Davis, C. M. Davis, and T. B. Owen. Thus it will be seen that there have been many since the creation of Clarendon County who were elevated to positions of public honor, and further that of this number quite the majority have passed away. All of them have made history, some good and some bad, but each one serves his little place in the memory of the past, and of such is Clarendon's history made up.

A desire to bring this sketch within the bounds of a limited length precludes my enlarging upon that period which perhaps plays the most important part in the history of our county and town. The five years from 1860 to 1865 were important years, perhaps the most important that the past, the present, or future generations for centuries to come will ever witness, and the result of these five years' struggle has since been, and is to-day being felt by the people of the county. Clarendon County and the Town of Manning were not wanting in making history then. Many noble sons, inspired by that patriotism which is only known among Southerners and Carolinians, sacrificed their all upon the altar of their country, and gave their lives for a cause which they cherished. Other patriotic sons of Clarendon gave noble services to a beloved but lost cause, and through the wisdom of an unerring Providence were spared their lives to return and serve their people and their country in places of honor. Clarendon furnished several gallant companies to the Confederacy. The Manning Guards, for instance, formed a part of the Hampton Legion, and was captained by that noble young patriot, who was gallant almost unto wrecklessness—Brown Manning—with G. Allen Huggins and John Haynsworth as first and second lieutenants. They did splendid service, and upon many battlefields did the deeds of this command reflect the bravery and the patriotism of their town and county. Let the sons and daughters of members of this noble command ever cherish their memory.

The organization known as Keele's Company also contained some of Clarendon's young men who were willing to volunteer for their country's cause, but perhaps the largest company which went from Clarendon to battle for the cause which was finally lost was Company L, of the 23rd Regiment. This gallant command was usually full to the limit. It was made up principally of the sturdy yeomanry, which is the bone and sinew of the land itself. Its first captain when organized for active service was H. L. Benbow, with H. H. Lesesne, R. B. Harvin and Thomas N. Slawson as first, second and third lieutenants, respectively. Our townsmen, Capt. Bradham, was orderly sergeant. Being in possession of a lot of war records, the writer could elaborate upon this command with perhaps interest, but must forbear. Many promotions were made from its ranks from the beginning to the close of the war. At its close Capt. Benbow was Colonel of the regiment; Lieutenant Lesesne was Major of the 23rd, and Lieutenants Harvin and Slawson had received deserved promotions or were transferred to other posts of service. Sergeant Bradham having lost one arm and being disabled for service upon the field, had rendered services at home among the reserves. On the 9th of April 1865, when the officers of this command, with the immortal Lee at Appomattox, gave up their swords and yielded to a force only superior in numbers, they were followed by many of Clarendon's noble sons. All honor to their bravery! All praise to their noble service! All glory to their chivalry! They had won for Manning, for Clarendon, and for Carolina a noble distinction, and one which we, as their sons and their daughters, should ever cherish in hallowed remembrance.

The Town of Manning was named in honor of Governor John L. Manning and its age is almost simultaneous with that of the county. It has much history. Granny's Hill, near the old graveyard just back of the Thames place at the head of Brooks street, was the home of an old woman by the name of Granny Ridgeway, and was a small settlement when the town was built. It has been traditionally said that the place was so healthy that Granny had to move away before she would die, and perhaps this helps to account for the health of our delightful town. It is also said that many decades ago, in colonial times, an Englishman, whose name is not now known, made a settlement near where is now the cemetery. But the oldest house standing in town is the Dickson house. This place was cleared up by the Ridgeways, and the house was built by Capt. Burgess. The two Drs. Huggins came here at the beginning or soon after the town was commenced, and Dr. Allen Huggins settled what is now the Levi place. Mr. Levi built what was the original Rigby house, and Dr. Dinkins lived where Dr. Brockinton now owns. Dr. Herman Huggins built a fine two story residence on the lot now used as the tobacco warehouse lot, nearly opposite the Presbyterian church. Dr. Allen Huggins also built where Mrs. Thames lives, and our beautiful trees stand as a living monument to his broadminded citizenship. Mr. Henry Kelley settled what is now the Rhame place, and Col. Barron's residence was originally built by Mr. John Haynsworth, a prominent lawyer who came here at the settling of the town. The old court house, a large brick structure, was built where the present court house stands, by Capt. Morgan Butler as contractor. A Mr. Charles Pack had the first store in Manning, situated about the spot where our friend Jenkinson's store now stands.

But to prolong this list would make my sketch too lengthy. The building and improvement of the town was rapid, and it might be incidentally mentioned that one of the most prominent figures in the immediate vicinity of the town during its early history, was Mr. Charles R. Harvin, father of our townsmen Messrs. C. R. and W. S. Harvin. He cared naught for public position, but was a citizen of great energy, and at the time of his death had the contract and was building a causeway across Black River leading to Manning. His mill saved the lumber for most of the earlier buildings of the town. Among the first lawyers who settled here were Dr. Joseph Gallucci, Moses Benbow, T. C. Cogger, John Haynsworth, Charles Wolfe, who afterwards moved to Kingstree, and Capt. Keele. Our fellow-citizens, Messrs. B. Pressley Barron and Joseph F. Rhame, located here soon after the town was settled and have ever since been honored members of the bar and well known in the State. Among Manning's early physicians were the Drs. Huggins, Dr. Ingram, Dr. Moore, Dr. McCauley, Dr. McLeod and Dr. Richardson. Our old friend Mr. Moses Levi was among the first to build a store here in 1856, and has remained in the mercantile business continuously since. Mr. S. A. Rigby was also among the early merchants, beginning business in 1860. The first newspaper published in Manning was "The Clarendon Banner" and was published by Robert Maclean. Truly our Town and County have much history which might be written at length. In regard to the county many historical traditions might be given about the passage up the Santee River, during the revolution, of Lord Cornwallis, whose road of march is still in many places visible; of Fort Watson, near Scott's Lake; of the old Georgetown road, still easily discerned at some points near our Manning depot; of Marion's camping in Black River, near town, and of this famous "Swamp Fox's" recruiting on the "High Hills of Santee" near where is now old Fulton. Concerning our town's history much might be written of her struggles during the late war, of the exciting times when General Potter was encamped here, with his headquarters in the Huggins' residence, (the one spoken of as being opposite the Presbyterian church); of the killing of a Yankee in the street in front of Mr. John Wilson's house by Charles Jones, of Sumter, and of his desperate flight to save his life, being pursued by the Yankee soldiers; of the burning of the court house and the town by General Potter, and many other recitals. But we are now in a new era. Our county to-day is by no means what it was in 1855. Now we have one of the foremost counties in this middle section of the State. Our tax books show a total of 471,460 acres of land and 311 town lots at a valuation of \$1,371,215. In personal property we show 1517 horses, valuation \$75,000; 5339 cattle, at \$50,000; 1708 mules, worth \$103,000; 360 sheep, 9998 hogs, and 2412 dogs, valued at \$10 a piece. We have a county population of about 30 thousands, and a town population of about 1350, and last but not least of all, we have the Manning Social and Literary Circle. Its male membership numbers about fifteen, some of whom have no known value, but a few are worth \$1.00 per head according to the county and State's estimate. Its female membership is about seventeen. Their valuation has never been truly estimated, and is known by us all to be very high; but if it were estimated by a special committee consisting of Messrs. A. J. White, J. H. Rigby and A. I. Barron, I have no doubt but that they would place it above the combined worth of the gold mines of California, the diamond fields of Cape Colony, the mythical treasures of King Solomon's mines and the riches of the Klondike Valley. Then who says we have not a great county and town? And if this is what we have acquired during a history of forty-two years, must we be in forty-two years more? The writer hopes that forty-two years from now he may be called upon to write the history of the Manning Social and Literary Circle, and that in doing so he may be able to chronicle many pleasant happenings, among them the nuptial ceremonies of his esteemed fellow-members, Messrs. G. L. Dickson, F. O. Richardson and R. B. Loryea.



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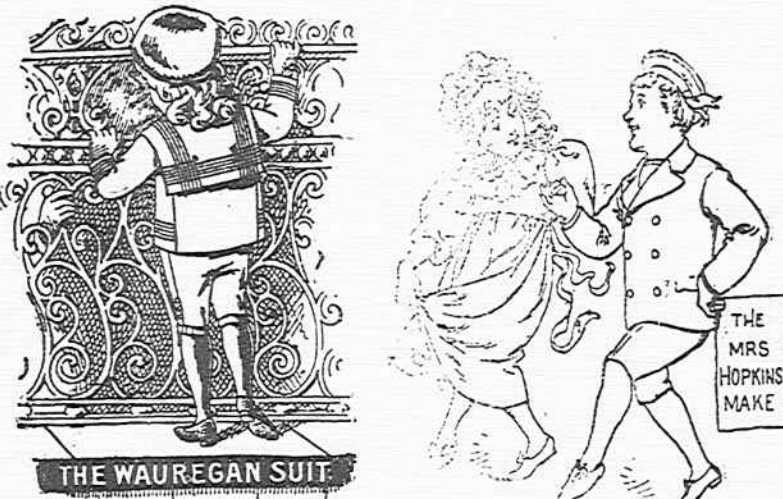
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Is a pleasure for any lady to visit there she will find a perfect line of the newest Novelties and latest ideas. The styles are models of beauty; designs and colorings cannot be excelled.

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It is hardly necessary for us to say anything about this line because it is known that we buy direct; there is no middle man to share in the profits and our customers can get anything in the Grocery line from us and save money.

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A beautiful line of Worsteds, in all shades, only 10c. per yard, well worth 12 1-2c. A large line of 36-inch wide Cashmeres and Fancy Dress Goods, in all shades, only 20c., sold everywhere at 25c.

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Four thousand yards Check Homespun at 3 1-2c. per yard.

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Notions, Notions.

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We also carry a large line of Ladies', Gent's, Children's and Infants' Cotton and Wool Mixed Underwear and all we ask is that you give us a call when you need anything in this line and we will please you.

Ten dozen 10-4 White Marseilles Bed Quilts or Spreads at 50c. each that you don't commonly buy for less than 75c.

We also have a large lot of Marseilles Spreads at 75c., \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

We carry a large lot of all kinds of Hosiery in Gent's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's at the lowest possible prices.

Twenty-five dozen Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose at 10c. per pair. Better grades at 15, 20 and 25c. per pair. Twenty-five dozen Gent's Fast Black Seamless Hose at 10c. per pair. Better qualities at 15c. Twenty-five dozen Misses' Fast Black Seamless Hose at 10c. per pair. Cheaper ones, not warranted, at 8c. per pair. One hundred dozen Gent's Seamless Half Hose at 5c. per pair that cannot be bought in this market for less than 8 or 10c. per pair. All we ask is a comparison to prove what we assert.

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In this line we are ready to face the lion in his den when it comes to prices and values.

30 2 piece Knee Suits at 65c. per suit, well worth 75c.

25 2 piece Knee Suits, from 3 to 15 years old, at 75c. suit.

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25 2 piece Knee Suits, from 8 to 15 years old, at \$1.35.

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Dinner Plates, 40c., 50c. and 60c. per set of 6.

Cups and Saucers, 35c., 50c. and 50c. per set.

Covered Dishes, 40c. and 50c. each.

All kinds of Open Dishes too numerous to mention.

Pitchers and Basins at 60c. and 75c.

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