

# TROGDON FAMILY HISTORY

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# Foreword

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My reason for the publication of this booklet is to enable present and future generations of Trogdons and their relations to trace their ancestry. To have family re-unions annually at the following places: Ashboro, N. C., Paris, Ill., Springfield, Mo., and at Seymour, Iowa, so that family historians may be appointed at each of these places with the understanding that these historians all meet at some place and get up a general history of the Trogdon family. I would suggest that this be repeated every twenty years.

These family re-unions, I hope, will increase family pride and lead to better education, a higher and nobler citizenship. So far as I have been able to find, all Trogdons in this country are descendants of William Trogdon who settled in what is now Randolph County, North Carolina, before the Revolutionary War. He and his sons helped to win our independence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. TROGDON.



NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina

May 20, 1775

Esse Quam Videri

This is to certify that the following is an accurate copy from records in the official custody of the NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

The United States of America To the State of North Carolina, Dr.

For Sundries furnished and Cash paid the Militia of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina as Allowed by the Auditors of Millsborough District as p. report 84.

	Currency	Specie
To William Trogdon	£ 12.	4.0

(Report 84 is undated. Report 83 is dated July, 1783, and Report 85 is dated 11th May, 1784).

From: Accounts of United States with North Carolina,  
War of Revolution,  
Book C, page 118.

Raleigh, June 10th, 1925.

R. B. House,  
Archivist.

The above shows that the original Wm. Trogdon was furnishing supplies to the American Revolutionary forces and that his estate was paid for these supplies. I am informed that this fact will entitle any descendant of his to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Lula Trogdon Foley, 421 W. Chestnut St., Paris, Ill., is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her national number is 213,437, and could give information to other Trogdon kin how to become members.

We are now preparing historical blanks to be sent to all Trogdon kin to be filled out, to go in a new Trogdon Family History, and all are requested to acknowledge receipt of the present Trogdon Family History and to mail me the names and postoffice addresses of all Trogdon kin they know of, April 12, 1926.

W. F. TROGDON,  
P. O. Box 1694,  
Miami, Fla.



# The Sidelight

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By G. M. N. PARKER

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No matter how bright the headlight, it is the sidelight which shows the train. No matter how brilliant the book, it is the sidelight which shows the Author.

In the nature of things Mr. Trogdon—Author of this book—could not be true to his subject and at the same time throw a sidelight upon himself. It will have to be thrown by another—a pleasure in which I shall take part.

Like upon all blazers and builders, there could be thrown upon Mr. Trogdon many inspirational sidelights, but in the interests of brevity I shall throw but one—one which takes us back into the latter eighties—one which shows him entering the field into which few can go—the field in which he was destined to become famous. This sidelight was Mr. George W. Hinshaw.

Mr. Hinshaw was the intellectual and executive dynamo of Winston-Salem—an ambitious little terminal city reveling in raw products pouring down from the vast basin of the upper Yadkin—products which made the ambitious little city the potential tobacco and wood manufacturing center of the world.

But the little potential center was building its factories without title to the territory from which the raw products were flowing. It was overlooking the fact that railroads write title to territory. At this moment the C. F. & Y. V. Railway Company was extending its line to Mount Airy, the purpose of which was to tap the great basin a little

farther up the river and turn the trade from Winston-Salem to Greensboro.

But while there was an ambitious Greensboro, there was still an ambitious Winston-Salem. While there were pebbles on the beach at Greensboro, there was a rock on the beach at Winston-Salem. This rock was Mr. George W. Hinshaw—a gentleman who rushed to Mr. Andrews, Vice-President of the Southern Railway, and did what no other man or set of men could have done—persuaded him to check-mate the C. F. & Y. V. Railway's move by extending a subsidiary line from Winston-Salem seventy-five miles west up the Yadkin river into the center of the "lost state of Wilkes."

Thus Winston-Salem was saved from the humiliation of dropping to a deserted village on a blind spur, and sent humming up to the industrial leadership of the state—a leadership which has made her famous throughout the world. At the same time the "lost state of Wilkes"—with no hope for better transportation facilities than ox carts and mule wagons within a hundred years—was set to listening for the whistle of the in-coming train.

In the meantime Mr. Hinshaw met Mr. W. F. Trogdon who outlined to him a plan on which to build a city at the terminus of the now assured railroad, resulting in the election of Mr. Hinshaw to the presidency of a land company for that purpose.

With Mr. Hinshaw as presidential sidelight, we now see Mr. Trogdon elected Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager, and entrusted with obtaining options, surveying, and building North Wilkesboro—the site of which was back-woods hills covered with bushes and briars.

Here Mr. Trogdon, in overalls, suntan and calloused hands, led the surveyors and graders in laying a modern foundation that is a monument to foresight.

But it takes more than surveying and grading to build a

city in the backwoods—it takes a man who can bring in new blood. Mr. Trogdon was equal to the task. As Mr. Hinshaw persuaded Mr. Andrews to extend the railroad, Mr. Trogdon persuaded the great C. C. Smoot & Sons—Tanners—to locate in North Wilkesboro, which at once lifted it to the dignity of a permanent city. This is vouched for in the following letter written from Alexandria, Va., under date of Nov. 25, 1924:

“Mr. W. F. Trogdon,  
P. O. Box 1694,  
Miami, Fla.

My Dear Mr. Trogdon:

Your highly esteemed favor of the 21st instant is at hand and we thoroughly appreciate all you have to say, and in reply will say in regard to the purchase of our Wilkesboro Tannery that you and Mr. George W. Hinshaw, president of your Company, were very active in making the sale of this property to our Company. The writer remembers with much pleasure the delightful dinner we had together on Thanksgiving day, 1895, when Mrs. Trogdon presided so graciously over the elegant dinner that we all enjoyed. And later, if my memory serves me right, we walked over the property that is now the Wilkesboro Tannery and agreed on the terms of purchase that afternoon.

“Trusting that this letter will find you in improved condition of health, and with best wishes and kindest regards, we remain,

Yours very truly,

C. C. Smoot & Sons Co.,

W. B. Smoot, President.”

With the great Tannery built and its stentorian whistle

calling an army of salary seekers to profitable employment, also starting the county's ox carts and mule wagons to streaming in with heretofore marketless products, Mr. Trogdon—aided by the Tannery's official family—gradually blazed and built until today this city is pronounced the most beautiful modern city of its size in the Appalachian mountains.

Like all blazers and builders, Mr. Trogdon naturally made enemies among the selfish and short-sighted, but with his battles now carried to victory, even the bitterest blockers of his way admit that he fought cleanly, conscientiously and courageously; that he kept society above self; that he kept morals above money; that his conduct has cloaked him in a confidence that no enemy's arrow can penetrate.

Having at last piloted his city from the rocks to a smooth sea, Mr. Trogdon—still hale and hearty—answered a call to a broader, brighter field. True, he still summers in the cool of his mountain city, but winters in Miami, Florida, where his far-sighted investments in real estate are making him more money than he ever made in the mountains.

# Willard Franklin Trogdon

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"The following is copied from LEWIS' BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Vol. 5, page 151, a book which is found in the Congressional and other Libraries."

In North Wilkesboro very little inquiry is needed to establish the fact that the citizen who is credited with the most important constructive enterprise in the founding and upbuilding of that commercial and civic center is Willard Franklin Trogdon, whose work and influence justify more than a local reputation. North Carolina is a very old state, and therefore Mr. Trogdon is one of the few living men who can be credited with the founding of an important town. He has been a very successful business man, and has used his means and personal influence largely to advance and extend the prosperity of the home community. It is said between 1900 and 1910 he spent of his own means \$50,000 building up and advertising North Wilkesboro, thereby causing the population to double in ten years.

Mr. Trogdon was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, February 5, 1854, a son of Solomon F. and Dorcas Aretta (Odell) Trogdon, grandson of Samuel Trogdon, great-grandson of Samuel M. Trogdon and great-great-grandson of William Trogdon. His father, Solomon Franklin Trogdon, born July 17, 1828, married his second cousin, Dorcas Aretta Odell, April 10, 1853, and died September 19, 1860, before the beginning of the Civil War. His mother, Mrs. Dorcas Aretta (Odell) Trogdon-Swain, is still living at the advanced age of ninety years. She is a member of the very well known Odell family of this state. Her

brothers were as follows: William B. Odell, of Iowa, and J. A. Odell, founder of the Odell, Hardware Company of Greensboro, and Major Laban Odell, who was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., and another brother, J. M. Odell, pioneer cotton manufacturer and banker of Concord. The ancestors of the Odells came to this state from the state of New York. The Trogdon generations have been large land and slave owners in Randolph County, North Carolina, since long before the Revolutionary War.

Willard Franklin Trogdon has only one brother, Cicero Laban Trogdon, born February 26, 1857. He has never married but is a very successful farmer, owning the old Trogdon-Odell-Trogdon Farm near Millboro, North Carolina, which has been in the family for more than 150 years. Mr. Trogdon's twice widowed mother lives with her son, Cicero, in her ninetieth year, where she has lived nearly all of her life. Mr. Trogdon's grandmother on his father's side was Susan Ferree from near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. His grandmother on his mother's side was Anna Trogdon, daughter of Solomon Trogdon, original owner of Trogdon-Odell-Trogdon Farm. Mr. Trogdon's widowed mother, Dorcas Aretta Trogdon, married Joshua Swain, February 1, 1866, by whom she has one daughter, Nancy Jane Swain, now the wife of Rev. C. F. Sherrill, of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. To this union have been born five children, Ollie Lenoir, Nannie Bell, Frank, Charles M., and James Edgar. Of the above Sherrill children, Nannie Bell married J. D. Lineberger, of Shelby, North Carolina, by whom she has three children, viz: John Trogdon, Sherrill Munday and Nancy Jane.

Willard Franklin Trogdon grew up at the old Trogdon homestead, a farm two miles east of Millboro in Randolph County. In that environment he lived until he was sixteen, and then going to Greensboro, made his home with his

uncle, J. A. Odell, head of the big wholesale hardware firm which bears his name, one of the leading concerns of its kind in the South. Mr. Trogdon worked as a clerk in his uncle's establishment and later became a traveling salesman. For twenty-two years he was on the road in the South Atlantic States, selling confectionery, representing Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York houses. For two years of this time he traveled for E. Larribee & Son, wholesale leather and tannery products of Baltimore, with a large tannery in West Virginia.

In 1890 Mr. Trogdon left the road and became secretary and treasurer of the Winston Land & Improvement Company of Winston, now Winston-Salem. Acting in this position he became the active promoter in establishing for his company the new town of North Wilkesboro. In that year, 1890, he and his associates bought something over a thousand acres of land in Wilkes County on the Yadkin River, where the town of North Wilkesboro now stands. More than ten miles of streets were laid out and graded, other improvements made, and the place was christened North Wilkesboro. The railroad, now the North Wilkesboro branch of the Southern System, was just then being completed. Mr. Trogdon entered vigorously into the work of building up and developing this promising new site, and he can tell more of the early history of North Wilkesboro than any other man.

Some years ago Mr. Trogdon had occasion to address himself to the public and recall some of the interesting early things in connection with the transactions and activities that brought about the establishment of North Wilkesboro. From what he wrote at the time sentences are quoted for their historical value.

"In June, 1890, I came to Wilkes county by team, prospecting for a site on which to build a town. A railroad

was then being built along up the north side of the Yadkin River from Winston to a point one mile north of Wilkesboro, on the opposite side of the river. I immediately began negotiations for the purchase of the farms at and near the proposed terminus of this, Wilkes county's only railroad. During the summer and fall of 1890, G. W. Hinshaw and I secured \$125,000 worth of subscriptions to the capital stock of the corporation, which Mr. Hinshaw had had chartered under the name of the Winston Land and Improvement Company. On November 30, 1890, the Winston Land and Improvement Company was organized by the election of a board of directors, who elected G. W. Hinshaw president and W. F. Trogdon secretary and treasurer, for the purpose of completing purchases of the above farm lands and building thereon a town. The purchases were completed, and in November, 1890, I immediately entered upon my duties as secretary and treasurer of the company and in addition thereto had general supervision of the entire development of the town. The company spent more than \$200,000 in the work of a staff of engineers in surveying and laying out the land into streets and blocks, in establishing grades of streets, grading ten miles of highway, building bridges, and in erecting the first structures of the new town. The first lot was sold January 10, 1891, and the first general lot auction sale was held December 4, 1891. The town was incorporated as the town of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, by an Act of the General Assembly March 4, 1891. On April 30, 1891, the town government was formally organized and a postoffice was established in September, 1891. The railroad was completed to North Wilkesboro in August, 1890."

In addition to handling the formidable array of duties imposed upon him by the Winston Land and Improvement Company, Mr. Trogdon was also at the head of the Ameri-

can Home, Mineral and Timber Land Company, the North Wilkesboro Publishing Company, the State Company, the Wilkes Industrial Company, in all which he owned ninety per cent of all the capital stock, and he personally became owner and builder of one third of the brick buildings in the town and many of the dwelling houses. From the first he utilized his individual position and the companies with which he was connected in making North Wilkesboro a center of industry. It is said that his name is attached to ninety per cent of the deeds for town lots in North Wilkesboro. Mr. Trogdon assisted very materially in establishing the Bank of North Wilkesboro and was one of its first stockholders. He is still one of the largest property owners of that city. He was one of the owners and publishers of the North Wilkesboro News, the first newspaper published in North Wilkesboro, and later became sole owner and editor.

In addition to the building operations and other developments thus briefly noted, Mr. Trogdon had constantly in mind the plan for the location of some substantial manufacturing industry that would put the town upon a solid foundation of prosperity. When he was with the leather firm mentioned above he had been impressed with the importance of the tanning industry. It now occurred to him that the enormous quantities of chestnut oak bark in the region surrounding North Wilkesboro would make the new town an ideal location for a large tannery. He accordingly wrote to Messrs. Lees & McViddy, tanners of Philadelphia, to know if they could locate a tannery here. Mr. McViddy of that firm came to North Wilkesboro, investigated, found the conditions satisfactory, but subsequently on account of failure to make satisfactory arrangements as to freight rates with the railroad company, decided not to establish a tannery. After this failure Mr. Trogdon entered into ne-

gotiations with the C. C. Smoot Sons' Company, a large tannery concern of Alexandria, Virginia. After investigation they decided to locate a plant. The Smoot tannery was thus established in North Wilkesboro and it has remained the backbone of the town's industrial and commercial life. It is one of the largest tanneries in the country, and is today one of the big southern industries.

Following this important achievement furniture factories and other woodworking plants were located at North Wilkesboro, and these, together with wholesale houses and industries, combine to make the town one of the leading industrial and commercial centers of North Carolina. North Wilkesboro is the center of a large and rich territory, extending up and down the Yadkin Valley and into the mountain counties of the northwest part of the state. Its geographical situation is most fortunate, and with the groundwork of its industry so carefully laid by Mr. Trogdon the town has a future promise not exceeded by any other locality in the state.

As a matter of historical record the original officers of the Winston Land & Improvement Company should be named. They were: Col. G. W. Hinshaw, president; W. F. Trogdon, secretary and treasurer; P. H. Hanes, Col. F. H. Fries and Dr. W. L. Brown of Winston-Salem, Col. J. M. Winstead of Greensboro, Channing M. Bolton of Washington, D. C., and A. A. Finley, directors. In the course of time Mr. Trogdon bought the interest of the other stockholders, and now for some years has been president of the company and practically its sole owner. In 1903 he established the Deposit & Savings Bank, owning a majority of its stock, was its president for more than seven years. On November 19, 1910, on account of his numerous other interests needing his attention, Mr. Trogdon sold a majority

of the stock of the Deposit & Savings Bank to Congressman R. L. Doughton, who became its president.

An important feature of his business has always been the handling of real estate, and the fact that he was first on the ground gives him a knowledge of real estate values and opportunities that has been the means of constituting a splendid service in every local transaction with which he has had to do.

Naturally Mr. Trogdon has been brought into close touch with local affairs to as great an extent as his time and inclinations would permit. He has served as town commissioner and as mayor of North Wilkesboro, and for four years was a county commissioner of Wilkes County and chairman of the board. In politics he is a republican. Some years ago he built at the corner of D and Eight streets a home that is said to be the finest residence in Wilkes County.

Mr. Trogdon is now president of the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association, succeeding Col. J. C. Smoot two years ago, and before that for twelve years he had been vice-president and was one of the original promoters and organizers of the association. This organization has done much for the building up of the town. Mr. Trogdon was one of the founders and for many years the principal advertiser and upbuilder of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for which service mention is due. The Trogdon family is a very old and honorable one both in this country and England. The records in the Ulverstone region of England on July 23, 1546, show the christening of one of the family. There were in this the northern part of England about this time some thirty or forty families of this name. The name was spelled variously "Trogdon, Troughton, Troghton, Troughtown and Trouton."

In Ulverstone, England, the record shows that Francis

Troughton was married to Leona Strickland, January, 1722. The birth of their son William is recorded (1722) at Rattin Row, England. William is supposed to have left England while yet a young man and settled on Sandy Creek, 3 1-2 miles northeast of Franklinsville, Randolph County, North Carolina. He became a large planter and mill owner. And during the Revolutionary war did all he could for the independence of the American states, and on this account was shot and killed by the English Tories while watering his horse just below his mill. His body was buried on the east bank of the creek near his mill. This William Trogdon was the great-great-grandfather of Willard Franklin Trogdon, the subject of our sketch.

Many of the Trogdon connections have achieved success and renown entitling them to an honorable place in the history of this country. The Trogdons, Odells, Bowdoins and Ferrees, all ancestors of the subject of our sketch, have been leaders in peace and war. In the Revolution of 1812, in the Civil and Spanish-American war, and now in this world war there are hundreds of Trogdons and Odells. In 1861 Capt. J. M. Odell organized a volunteer company of the Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment and went to the front. His brother, Laban Odell, was first lieutenant, afterwards captain and after that promoted to major, mounted. Major Laban Odell was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia. Ward Trogdon had his leg shot off at the battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Howell G. Trogdon, a cousin of subject of our sketch, is commended for gallantry and recommended for promotion by Major General Blair and in a report to General Sherman says:

“Howell G. Trogdon was a member of the Eighth Missouri Regiment United States Army and at the battle of Vicksburg carried the flag in a volunteer storming party of two officers and fifty men from each brigade of the division

which led the assault on October 22, 1863, in the Siege of Vicksburg." R. F. Trogdon, uncle of W. F. Trogdon, was sheriff of Randolph County, a member of the North Carolina Constitutional Convention of 1868; his son, Samuel L. Trogdon, was for twenty years clerk of the United States District Court at Greensboro, North Carolina. Among the Trogdons are many successful farmers, teachers, civil engineers, ministers of the gospel, builders, contractors, factory superintendents, town builders, advertisers, real estate dealers, lawyers, doctors, merchants and manufacturers. The Trogdons live in nearly every state in the United States and so far as known all can trace their ancestry back to William Trogdon of Ulverstone, Lancastershire, England, who settled 3 1-2 miles northeast of Franklinville, Randolph County, North Carolina, from whom are supposed to have descended all of the Trogdons in this country. The census of 1790 gives four Trogdon families living in Randolph County, North Carolina, viz: Solomon, John, William and Samuel.

On February 16, 1886, in Greensboro, North Carolina, Mr. Willard Franklin Trogdon was married to Mrs. Lizzie Scales-Lentz, a daughter of Jackson and Maria Scales, of Greensboro, and a sister of Mrs. B. H. Merrimon, of Greensboro, and of Henry P. Scales, of Atlanta, Ga., and a cousin of Governor A. M. Scales of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon had no children.

Mrs. W. F. Trogdon died September 30, 1917, in her sixty third year. She was a noble, good Christian woman, loved by those who knew her, popular in social circles, and generally known throughout the state; was for years district secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for many years a member of the "State Board of Charities and Public Welfare." Miss Daisy Denson, Secretary of this society, wrote

that the new County Home and new jail in Wilkes County were monuments to Mrs. Trogdon's efforts and influence in securing these much needed public buildings.

In religion Mr. Trogdon is a Methodist, was for a number of years a member of the Board of Stewards of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, superintendent of the Sunday school and a steward of the first church established in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Trogdon was educated at old "Yorks School House" in Randolph County, at Yadkin College and at Eastman's Business College. He has traveled quite extensively in this and foreign countries. Mr. Trogdon has been a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternities for more than twenty years.

That Mr. Trogdon has progressive ideas is gathered from the sketch of his life work, his belief in the Christian religion and his strong conviction that:

"The great need of the nation is honest perservering men and women" and that if you do harm to the family you do harm to the nation, so he is emphatic for the maintenance of the family relation in all its purity. That if you destroy the family relation you destroy the nation. He believes that every healthy boy and girl should marry as soon as their nature calls and cling to each other to the end."

# Willard Franklin Trogdon

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“The following is copied from MAKERS OF AMERICA, Vol. 4, page 94, a book found in the Congressional and other Libraries.”

The Trogdon ancestors (also spelled Troughton) all hail from a grange of that name in Woodland, near Ulverstone, Lancastershire, England. Although they have ramified strongly, it is accepted that they sprang from a single couple who settled in that locality and took their name from it.

Trogdon is one of the odd names of the world, found in few places other than this Furness region of Northern England. Furness was shut out from the rest of the world by the natural barriers of the two estuaries or Morecambe and Duddon and the hills to the north, so that the mass of the people there today are the direct descendants of those who settled there seven or eight centuries ago.

Whether Trogdon or Troughton is the older form cannot be determined. There is one theory that the original was Trodden, found on the border between Scotland and England, and derived from trod, to tread upon.

The orthographic variations of this name in the Ulverstone region are: Troughton, Troghton, Trowghton, and Trouton. Early records show that there were between thirty and forty of these families in that locality, the earliest being one which celebrated a christening on July 23, 1546, of an unnamed “Troughton.” The family bore some

of the more common Christian names and William and Francis were among them.

When the records in America are traced there are found very few leads to work upon and in New England in early days the name was unknown. The reference nearest to it in Colonial day records is one concerning a Richard Trodd, of South Stonehaven, near Aberdeen, Scotland, who was a husbandman, and, at the age of 31, sailed for the Barbadoes, in 1640, on the ship Virgin.

In the first census of the United States, that of 1790, there is no reference to the name of Trogdon in any State except North Carolina, where are found names of four families of Trogdons in the list covering Millboro district of Randolph County. There lived Solomon, apparently alone; "John with two females," wife and daughter presumably; "William with wife and one son under sixteen;" and "Samuel with five young sons and two females in his family."

In August, 1552, there is recorded the marriage of John Troughton and Isabel Janson at Ulverstone, and a month previous the christening of Elizabeth (Elsäbeth) Trogthon. Also in 1548 are noted: the marriage of Myles Trogthon to Anne Tempest; in July of that year the christening of Agnes Trogthon, and in 1547 the burial of Anne Trogthon. So that thus early the family was established at Ulverstone.

There is no reference to a Solomon or a Samuel in the Ulverstone records, but the names of John and William occur frequently; the last times prior to 1790 (when men of these names are found in North Carolina) were in March 1772, when William, son of Francis Troughton of Ratton Row was christened in 1746 when John Troughton of Dragley Beck was married to Catherine Myers of Ulverstone, and then in 1771 when John Troughton of Ulverstone was buried. Francis Troughton and Agnes Coward were married in 1719 and the same year a John Troughton married

Dorothy Fell. In 1726 is recorded the christening of John, a son of James Troughton of Needlesack, and in 1721 John Troughton of Gascow had a daughter Jane and a year earlier a son John. In 1701 a daughter of John Troughton of Dragley Beck was christened Ann, and in 1699 there was a daughter Margaret.

The name James Troughton is mentioned last in 1732, when the son of James Troughton of Needlesack was christened; in 1728 there was a son Thomas in this family. Two marriages, that of Robert Troughton "in the parish of Millom" to Francis Kilner of Ulverstone (1724), and that of Francis Troughton to Leona Strickland (1722) are recorded.

William, son of Francis of Rattin Row, who is not mentioned after his birth in 1722, was supposed to be the father of the Trogdons of the Millboro district.

In March, 1722, was born a son, William, to Francis Troughton of Rattin Row, Ulverstone. He is not mentioned again in the Ulverstone records and it is possible that he is the William of North Carolina, who would have been 68 at the time of the census of 1790. Working backwards from the American end, it was known that William Trogdon was the ancestor of the North Carolina Trogdons and this William is the great-great-grandfather of Willard Franklin Trogdon, the subject of this sketch.

William Trogdon lived on Sandy Creek, three and a half miles northeast of Franklinsville, North Carolina, and was killed by the Tories while watering his horse at his mill during the Revolutionary War. He had five sons, Ezekiel, Samuel, William, John and Solomon, to whom, according to records in the office of the Secretary of the State, of Raleigh, North Carolina, thousands of acres were granted from 1778 to 1792. Samuel Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, is the Samuel mentioned in the first census. Later, Samuel

settled on Gable's Creek between Asheboro and Franklinsville, and being a very energetic man accumulated great wealth. He owned more than a thousand acres of land and many slaves. He and his wife, whose maiden name is not known, had four sons and four daughters, and lived to a good old age.

Samuel, one of his sons, born December 16, 1783, on the Gable Creek plantation, married Miss Susan Ferree from near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was born April 25, 1788, and died April 4, 1843. Samuel Trogdon died at the home of his brother William while on a visit, September 11, 1853. Samuel's son, Solomon Franklin Trogdon, was born July 17, 1828, at Franklinsville, and resided on his farm near Gray's Chapel, North Carolina, where he died September 19, 1860. He, through his marriage with Dorcas Aretta Odell, April 10, 1853, became the father of Willard Franklin Trogdon, the subject of this sketch, also of his brother Cicero L. Trogdon.

Willard Franklin Trogdon's grandparents, Samuel Trogdon and Susan Ferree Trogdon, had ten sons and two daughters, Alfred, Daniel, William, Joel, Isaac, Solomon F., Isaiah, Samuel, John, Reuben F., Abigail and Purcilla. John is still living at Seagrove, North Carolina, in his eighty-seventh year. Alfred settled on the Wabash River in Edgar County, Illinois, in 1836. Joel, Samuel and Abigail Spoon settled near Springfield, Missouri; Purcilla married William Spoon of Randolph County. Isaiah died in his twenty-first year.

Solomon F. married Dorcas Aretta Odell, who was born near Gray's Chapel, Randolph County, North Carolina, on her parent's farm. Her mother, Anna (Trogdon) Odell, was born on her father's plantation near Millboro, N. C., Feb. 1st, 1796, and died December 1, 1877, aged eighty years and eleven months, having lived all her life in the old

homestead which became also her daughter's birthplace. Dorcas Aretta Odell's father, James Odell, was born October 7, 1798, east of Bush Creek, and died November 12, 1886, at the age of eighty-eight. James Odell was the son of Isaac Odell, born 1765 and died 1843. Isaac Odell married Martha (Boudouin) Bowdoin, born 1768 and died 1800, and both died where they were born, near Gray's Chapel. Nehemiah, the father of Isaac, was born in the same neighborhood, 1743, and lived till 1783. He married Martha Julian, born in 1744, died May 10, 1834.

On her mother's side Dorcas Aretta Odell's grandfather was Solomon Trogdon, who was born on Sandy Creek in 1760 and who married Tabitha York, born in 1765 and died in 1860. Solomon Trogdon was killed by the kick of a horse on May 14, 1826. His father was William Trogdon, who has already been mentioned as the settler who was killed by the Tories. So that Willard Franklin Trogdon's parents were second cousins.

Many of Mr. Trogdon's immediate connections have achieved success and renown such as place them in enviable positions, and members of the family fought on both sides in the Civil War with distinction. J. M. Odell, of Concord, North Carolina, was a Captain, and his brother, Laban Odell, a Major in the Confederate Army. The latter was particularly noted for his bravery and successful handling of men. He was killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. J. M. and J. A. Odell were pioneer cotton manufacturers and wholesale merchants at High Point, Concord, Durham and Greensboro, North Carolina. Reuben F. Trogdon was a member of the State Constitutional Convention and in 1869 was sheriff of Randolph County, while Samuel L. Trogdon, son of Reuben F. Trogdon, was clerk

of the Federal Court of Greensboro, North Carolina, for about twenty years. A. Y. Trogdon was a judge in Illinois.

There are many Trogdons in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and North and South Carolina, relatives of the subject of our sketch. Among the Trogdons are many successful farmers, traveling salesmen, teachers, civil engineers, builders, contractors, factory superintendents, town builders, advertisers, real estate dealers, lawyers, doctors, preachers, merchants and manufacturers. No Trogdon has ever been found in the country who could not trace his ancestors back to William Trogdon who settled three and a half miles northeast of Franklinsville, in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Howell G. Trogdon, a member of this family, was commended for gallantry and recommended for promotion by Major General Blair in a report to General Sherman when he commanded the fifteenth Army Corps. He was one of the Eighth Missouri Regiment and at Vicksburg carried the flag in a volunteer storming party of two officers and fifty men from each brigade of the division which led the assault on October 22, 1863, in the Siege of Vicksburg. Colonel Giles A. Smith of the Eighth Missouri Volunteer Infantry says Private Trogdon planted his flag where it floated until dark and was brought back by him after dark perfectly riddled with bullets.

Willard Franklin Trogdon has had an interesting career. Exemplified in him the sturdy character and pure blood of the men from the North of England have not lost their virile qualities as a result of their transplanting to America. Mr. Trogdon has been farmer, merchandise clerk, ticket agent, fruit tree agent, traveling salesman, real estate operator, president of numerous corporations, and bank president. Through each successive step to the higher rung in the ladder of success, Mr. Trogdon has added to his knowledge of

human affairs, broadened his own character and vision and won a business success such as many might envy.

He was born February 5, 1854, on the farm at Gray's Chapel, North Carolina. At the age of six, in 1860, his father died, and in 1866 his mother was married again to Joshua Swaim, who died two years later leaving a daughter, Nancy Jane, who married the Rev. Charles F. Sherrill.

His brother, Cicero L. Trogdon, born February 26, 1857, at the same place, lived at Millboro, North Carolina, on the old Trogdon-Odell-Trogdon farm which has been in the family for more than a hundred and fifty years. He is a bachelor and a successful farmer, and with him lives their twice widowed mother, Mrs. Dorcas Aretta (Odell) Trogdon-Swaim, in the house in which she was born, August 18, 1828, and reared. She has reached at this writing, the very ripe age of ninety years.

During the troublous days that followed the death of his father, and when the dark clouds of Civil War had begun to shroud the country in gloom, Willard and his brother Cicero left the farm, and, with their mother, made their home with her father, James Odell. While there young Willard attended the free school taught by his uncle, J. A. Odell, and others, at York school house. After the war his mother moved back to the old farm, and Willard, though not yet in his teens, helped to make the living on the farm during the summer and went to school in winter. He earned the first dollar working for his grandfather at twenty-five cents a day.

In 1870, at the age of sixteen, he went to Greensboro to clerk in the mercantile business of his uncle, J. A. Odell. Here, by diligent application, he got a good business training and a start on the road to success. He was eager for a broader education and entered Yadkin College, where he studied for a year. In the latter part of 1876 Mr. Trogdon

became special ticket agent for the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company.

After visiting the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia and Niagara Falls that year, he took a business course at Poughkeepsie, New York, and became collector in New York City for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. But a pent-up energy such as he possessed found no chance for full expression there, and he returned to Greensboro, where he started a dry goods business. Still he had not found the medium through which his latent qualities could be brought to the fore, and, after a term at that business, he successively represented a nursery company, owned a grocery store at Spartanburg, and controlled the eastern district of North Carolina as the representative of the house of Darby & Company, Baltimore.

In the first four months with Darby & Company he sold more goods than any of the firm's ten veteran salesmen, except one, and he thought he had found his calling at last. For six years he represented this firm, with ever widening territory and increasing salary. He mounted another rung in the ladder of success when he accepted a position with an assignment covering the entire South and parts of the West, with George Blome & Company, of Baltimore, and climbed still higher two years later by joining the forces of E. Larrabee & Sons Company, Baltimore, for a like length of time.

It was while he was with the George Blome Company that Mr. Trogdon married, on February 16, 1886, at Greensboro, Mrs. Lizzie Scales-Lentz, who was Miss Lizzie Scales, daughter of Jackson and Maria (Black) Scales. She was born at Madison, North Carolina, July 8, 1854, and was a cousin of the late A. M. Scales, a general in the Civil War, Governor of North Carolina for four years, and for twenty years a member of Congress. She died on Septem-

ber 30, 1917, at the Sanatorium in Charlotte, North Carolina, and was buried at Greensboro by the side of her mother. There were no children. Mrs. Trogdon was a Christian woman in the strictest sense and active in many good causes.

From 1870 to 1891 Greensboro was Mr. Trogdon's home and headquarters. There, about 1885, he built a three-story brick apartment house, under which were three plate glass front mercantile rooms, the first building of the kind in the town.

When the industrial and real estate boom struck the South in about 1890, Mr. Trogdon, with several partners, decided to build a new town at the proposed terminal of the North Western North Carolina Railroad, then being built from Winston to a point in Wilkes County, on the north side of the Yadkin River, opposite Wilkesboro, the old county seat.

When Mr. Trogdon, who was empowered by Mr. Joyner, Mr. Raleigh, and W. F. Smith of Baltimore to get options on the land for the town site, endeavored to consummate the deal, he found many difficulties in the way. But to a man of indomitable courage, such as he possessed, difficulties are only made to be brushed aside and after a time the options to about a thousand acres were secured. Then was organized the Winston Land & Investment Company. Colonel G. W. Hinshaw, one of the promoters of the new railroad, was elected president of the Company and a member of the Board of Directors and Mr. Trogdon became secretary and treasurer. Mr. Trogdon had general supervision of the entire development of the town of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and the magnitude of the undertaking may be judged when it is learned that the development expenses amounted to about a quarter of a million dollars.

Mr. Trogdon sold the first town lot on January 10, 1891,

and in March of that year the town was incorporated. Though the panic of 1893 put a damper on operations for a time, Mr. Trogdon never lost faith in the project, and when he finally surrendered his office of secretary-treasurer, his "stick-to-it" propensities and faithfulness were rewarded by the following order laid on the records of the company: "It is adjudged by the Board of Directors of the Winston Land & Investment Company that Willard Franklin Trogdon has performed the duties of his office faithfully, honestly and conscientiously, and that all matters devolving on him have been faithfully settled. Now, therefore, it is ordered that his bond \$25,000 be cancelled as of this date, and returned to him, so that the sureties thereon may cancel their names on same."

And by another entry: "Mr. Trogdon has rendered the company valuable service by his counsel and what he has done."

Though a busy man, Mr. Trogdon's official relationship with the company was continued after this. He was a member of the directorate, gave some time each month to the office of secretary and acted in an advisory capacity up to April 1, 1902, when he was elected president of the company and bought all the outstanding bonds.

After buying practically all of the outstanding stock and bonds of the Winston Land & Improvement Company, in April, 1902, Mr. Trogdon began a campaign of advertising and boosting of North Wilkesboro, the like of which had never been seen in this country. He built many brick stores and office buildings, also residences, and established confidence in the future growth and prosperity of the town, thus causing the population of the town to more than double between 1902 and 1910. Nine out of ten of the people you meet will tell you that Mr. Trogdon did more for North Wilkesboro than any other man in it. Nearly all of the

original deeds to the town lots bear his signature. He was one of the founders of North Wilkesboro and for many years its principal advertiser and upbuilder. He was president and treasurer and principal stockholder in all of the following corporations: The State Company, The North Wilkesboro Brick Company, The American Home Mineral and Timber Land Company, The North Wilkesboro Publishing Company, publishers of the North Wilkesboro News, the first newspaper published in North Wilkesboro, of which he was also editor; the Winston Land & Improvement Company, the Wilkes Industrial Company; and was also sole owner of an underwear factory.

In the early part of 1890 Willard Franklin Trogdon was traveling salesman throughout the Southern States for E. Larrabee & Sons Company of Baltimore, Maryland. This company was in tanning and wholesale leather and commission business, with a large tannery in West Virginia. Mr. Trogdon's knowledge of the tanning business enabled him to see the advantage of locating a large steam tannery at North Wilkesboro, owing to the large supply of chestnut oak bark in the surrounding mountainous territory, and as soon as he began to advertise the advantages of North Wilkesboro in 1891-1894, he began trying to secure the location of a tannery. Lees & McViddy, Philadelphia, first considered the location, then C. C. Smoot & Sons Company, of Alexandria, Virginia. In 1894 the latter firm built the great tannery that has been the backbone of the town ever since. Mr. Trogdon, Col. G. W. Hinshaw and T. B. Finley were the prime movers in getting the Bank of North Wilkesboro established in 1893. Mr. Trogdon, together with others in 1904, organized the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association. For twelve years he was its vice-president and in 1916 was elected president, succeeding Colonel J. C. Smoot, who had been president since the company's organi-

zation. This Association has done much for North Wilkesboro.

Willard Franklin Trogdon, on March 3, 1903, organized the Deposit and Savings Bank of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and for seven years was president of this, one of North Wilkesboro's most successful institutions. Mr. Trogdon, owing to other interests demanding his time, on Nov. 19, 1910, sold a majority of the capital stock of the Deposit and Savings Bank to Congressman R. L. Doughton, who has since been its president.

Mr. Trogdon's successful advertising and upbuilding of North Wilkesboro was surprising to his enemies. Men who dare to do things have such with which to contend. Mr. Trogdon's bold initiative was the wonder of his friends and the dismay of his critics. In the resourceful and prosecution of his plans he reminded one of a great general, in that he knew what his forces were, where they were, and how to use them most effectively. He made his mistakes and overcame them. He met his full share of difficulties, and these difficulties multiplied in number and grew in importance. They were often serious enough to demand all his power, but never strong enough to encompass his defeat. The indomitable energy and dogged persistence of his will carried him successfully beyond every obstacle. He was true to every friend.

Willard Franklin Trogdon was named after his father and the Willard family of Virginia to whom he is distantly related. His only half sister, Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, has the following five children: Ollie Lenoir, Nannie Bell, Frank, Charles M. and James Edgar. Nannie Bell married J. D. Lineberger, of Shelby, North Carolina, and has two boys, John Trogdon and Sherrill Munday, and one daughter, Nancy Jane Lineberger.

An important feature of Mr. Trogdon's business has been

the handling of real estate and the fact that he was first on the ground gives him a knowledge of real estate values and opportunities that has been the means of constituting a splendid service in many transactions.

Naturally Mr. Trogdon has been brought into close touch with local affairs to as great an extent as his time and inclinations would permit. He has served as Town Commissioner, and Mayor of North Wilkesboro, for four years as County Commissioner of Wilkes County and for two years as Chairman of the Board.

In politics he is a Republican.

For years he was president of the Deposit and Savings Bank and is now president of many other corporations and owns a factory manufacturing athletic underwear. Mr. Trogdon owns and lives in the most magnificent residence in Wilkes County, on the northwest corner of "D" and Eighth Streets in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

On February 16, 1886, in Greensboro, North Carolina, Willard Franklin Trogdon was married to Mrs. Lizzie Scales-Lentz—a daughter of Jackson and Maria (Black) Scales, a sister of Mrs. B. H. Merrimon, of Greensboro, and of Henry P. Scales, of Atlanta, Ga., and a cousin of the late Governor A. M. Scales of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon had no children. Mrs. Lizzie Scales-Lentz-Trogdon was born in Madison, North Carolina, July 8, 1854, and died September 30, 1917. She was a noble, good Christian woman, loved by those who knew her, popular in social circles, a leader in good works, generally known throughout the State. She was for years District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and also for many years a member of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. Miss Daisy Denson, Secretary of the Society, in a letter of con-

dolence wrote that "the new County Home and new Jail in Wilkes County were monuments to Mrs. Trogdon's efforts and influence in securing these much needed public buildings."

In religion Mr. Trogdon is a Methodist. Before 1890 he was a steward in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, and was, with his wife, T. J. Lowery, J. L. Turner, J. A. Cashion and others, one of the organizers of the Methodist Church and Sunday School in North Wilkesboro; this was the first church organized in the town and he was elected one of the stewards and was afterwards Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. Trogdon was educated at old York's School House in Randolph County, at Yadkin College and at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He has traveled extensively in this and foreign countries. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic fraternities for more than twenty years.

That Mr. Trogdon has progressive ideas is gathered from the sketch of his life work, his belief in the Christian religion and his strong convictions, such as the following: "That the great need of the nation is honest, perservering men and women; that if you do harm to the family you do harm to the nation; that the family relation should be maintained in all its purity; that if you destroy the family relation you destroy the nation, and that every healthy boy and girl should marry as soon as nature calls and cling to each other to the end."

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## HISTORY OF THE TROGDON FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS PUBLISHED IN THE NORTH WILKESBORO NEWS, NORTH WILKES- BORO, N. C., JULY 19, 1894.

William Trogdon, the first person of this name that ever lived in this country (so far as known) was an Englishman, who first settled in Maryland and afterwards settled on a farm on the east bank of Sandy Creek, two and one-half miles northeast of Franklinsville, Randolph County, N. C., on what is now known as the Henry Coble place. Mr. Trogdon removed to this farm several years before the Revolutionary war, built a grist mill and carried on extensive farming operations, neither the date or place of his birth or age is known, neither is the maiden name of his wife known. He was killed just below his mill by Tories during the Revolutionary war and was buried on the east bank of Sandy Creek near where his mill stood. He had four boys and one girl.

### SECOND GENERATION

Samuel Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm before the Revolutionary war, settled on Gable's Creek three and one-half miles east of Ashboro, N. C., on what is now known as the Tyson Trogdon place. He was a very energetic man and accumulated great wealth, owning several thousand acres of land and many negroes, nearly the entire territory lying between Asheboro, Cedar Falls and Franklinsville belonged to this man at the time of his death. He and his wife whose maiden name was a

Miss Julian lived to be very old and died on the place where they first settled. Samuel Trogdon and wife had four sons and four daughters.

Solomon Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm on Sandy Creek, before the Revolutionary war. He and his wife bought several thousand acres of land on the waters of Bush Creek and settled three miles north of Cedar Falls Factory, where he and his wife, whose maiden name was Tobitha York, daughter of John York, a Revolutionary soldier, lived. To them was born four girls and three boys. Solomon Trogdon was born in 1760 and died May 14, 1826. His wife, Tobitha, was born in 1765 and died in 1860, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Odell, wife of Jas. Odell.

John Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, bought land on Bush Creek, below his brother Solomon and settled two and one-half miles North of Cedar Falls Factory, N. C. His wife's given name was Mary. To them were born one son and five daughters. John Trogdon and wife were born about 1762, on their fathers' farm and died about 1857 on the place now known as the Nellie Trogdon place.

William Trogdon, Jr., son of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm on Sandy Creek in 1767 and died on his brother Samuel's place about 1830, never having been married.

A daughter of William Trogdon was born on her father's farm on Sandy Creek about 1770, her given name is not known. She married a man by the name of Duncan, whose great, great grandchildren are still living in Randolph County, N. C.

### THIRD GENERATION

William Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon and grand son of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm about

1785. William Trogdon's first wife, by whom he had two children, was a sister to Isaac Odell, who was the grandfather of J. M. Odell, of Concord, N. C. William Trogdon's second wife was Elizabeth Gilliam, by whom he had 10 children. He bought a farm 1 mile west of Franklinsville, N. C., where he died about 1857, his two wives having previously died.

Isaac Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon, and grandson of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm about 1780, married and settled on a farm given him by his father four miles east of Ashboro, N. C., where Nixon Presnell now lives. To him and wife were born three sons and two daughters. They might have had other children after they moved to Edgar County, Ill. The time or place of their death is not known.

Samuel Trogdon, Jr., son of Samuel Trogdon and grandson of William Trogdon, was born in 1789, on his father's farm, and his wife, Susan Ferree, was born about the same time and married in about 1805, settled on a farm given him by his father one mile west of Franklinsville, owned several negroes and did considerable farming. To them were born ten sons and two daughters. Samuel Trogdon, Jr., died at his brother William's house in 1852. Was paralyzed and died in four days, his wife having died the year before.

Ure Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon was born about 1790 on his father's farm. Married and settled one mile west of Cedar Falls Factory, now known as the Jackson Laughlin place. The time and place of death of Ure Trogdon and wife is not known. To them were born three sons and one daughter.

Catherine, daughter of Samuel Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, married a Mr. Hammer, who, with her husband, settled on a farm on Squirrel Creek, given her by her father. To them were born four sons and four

daughters. She and her husband were born 1762, the date of their death is not known.

Abigil, daughter of Samuel Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, married a Mr. Lamb and settled with her husband in Edgar County, Ill. She and her husband were perhaps born in 1793. The date and place of their death is not known.

Rachael, daughter of Samuel Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born about 1794 or 1795 and married Isaac Allred and settled on a farm given her by her father one mile West of Cedar Falls, N. C. To them were born four sons and four daughters. The date and place of their death is not known.

Mary, daughter of Samuel Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born about 1796 and married a Mr. Joel Ferree and with her husband settled on Deep River, one mile south of Randleman, on a farm given her by her father. To them were born two sons and three daughters. She died in 1889 on her farm, her husband having died some years before.

Dorcas, daughter of Solomon Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born on her father's farm, now owned by Cicero L. Trogdon, about 1790. She married Jerry Duskin and settled on a farm given her by her father, and to them were born several sons and daughters. Died in Iowa about 1883.

Anna, daughter of Solomon Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born on her father's farm three miles north of Cedar Falls Factory in 1795 and married James Odell and settled on a farm adjoining her father's, given her by her father, and to them were born four sons and five daughters. Died in 1882. Husband died in 1884.

Sarah, daughter of Solomon Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born on her father's farm about

1797 and married Joseph T. Redding and settled on Back Creek. To them were born one son. Date of her death not known.

Samuel, son of Solomon Trogdon and grandson of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm about 1798, married and settled in Edgar County, Ill. Date of death not known.

Emsley, son of Solomon Trogdon and grandson of William Trogdon, was born about 1799 and married Sallie Stout, settled on Bush Creek two miles north of Cedar Falls Factory. To whom were born about four sons and four daughters. Died about 1882.

William Trogdon, son of Solomon Trogdon and grandson of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm in about 1800 and settled in Indiana or Illinois. Place and time of death not known.

Ezekiel Trogdon, son of Solomon Trogdon and grandson of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm in about 1802 and settled in Indiana or Illinois. Place and time of death not known.

John Trogdon, Jr., son of John Trogdon, and grandson of William Trogdon, was born in about 1795 on his father's farm. Maiden name of wife not known. Settled two miles east of Ashboro, N. C., where to him were born two sons and three daughters. Died about 1870.

Nancy, daughter of John Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born in 1797 and was killed by lightning on her father's farm. Date of death not known. Never married.

Elizabeth, daughter of John Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born in 1799 and died on her father's farm, was never married.

Nellie, daughter of John Trogdon and granddaughter of

William Trogdon, was born in 1801, was never married and died on her father's farm in 1875.

Polly, daughter of John Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born in 1803 and died unmarried. Date of death not known.

Catherine, daughter of John Trogdon and granddaughter of William Trogdon, was born 1805, married Ruben Hendrix and settled on a farm given her by her father and died about 1872 without children.

The daughter of William Trogdon who married a Mr. Duncan had several children and their children had children, but have not yet been able to trace the relationship.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

Samuel Trogdon, son of William Trogdon and grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm one mile of Franklinsville, married, bought a farm and settled on a farm formerly owned by his grandfather. Maiden name of wife, her birth and death not known. To them were born two sons, whose names were Henderson M. Trogdon and Tyson Trogdon. Samuel Trogdon was about 60 years old at the time of his death, and was the only son of William Trogdon by his first wife.

Ure Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, was born about 1801, married and settled six miles west of Ashboro, N. C. Maiden name of wife, date of birth and death not known. Four sons were born to them; names: Elijah, Armenias, Gilliam and Joel F., all moved to Cato, Kan., where Ure Trogdon and wife died.

John Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, was born about 1803 on his father's farm, married and settled

there. Maiden name, date of birth and age of wife not known. To them were born several children, names: Gillingham, Alson, Elizabeth and perhaps others, having moved from Randolph County, N. C., to Ark., and from there to Adams County, Ill., where it is supposed they died.

Abijah Trogdon, son of William Trogdon and grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm about 1809. Married and settled at Waddell's Ferry on Deep River 15 miles below Ramseur, N. C. Maiden name of wife, date of birth and death not known. To them were born the following children: Kelley, Anzelet, Sarah, Ada and Misha. Was about 60 years old when he died.

Joel F. Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, was born about 1811 on his father's farm, married, maiden name of wife, date of birth and death not known. Two children were born to them, Elizabeth and Cicero. Joel F. Trogdon is still living on the farm formerly owned by his father.

Catharine, daughter of William Trogdon, granddaughter of Samuel Trogdon and great granddaughter of William Trogdon, lived and died on her father's farm unmarried.

Rebecca, daughter of William Trogdon, granddaughter of Samuel Trogdon and great granddaughter of William Trogdon, born about 1813 on her father's farm, married Zebedee Hinshaw and settled on Deep River at the mouth of Polecat Creek. Children, Newton and Mary. Married as her second husband, Brackston Stout. Date of death not known.

Mary, daughter of William Trogdon, granddaughter of Samuel Trogdon and great granddaughter of William Trogdon, also Sarah and Patience Trogdon of the same parentage, lived and died on their father's farm, unmarried.

Abigil, daughter of William Trogdon, granddaughter of

Samuel Trogdon and great granddaughter of William Trogdon, is still living on the farm inherited from her father, unmarried and paralyzed.

Solomon, Josiah, Samuel, Betsey and Abigil, sons and daughters of Isaac Trogdon settled in Edgar County, Ill. They were grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon.

Alfred, Daniel, William, Joel, Isaac, Solomon F., Isaiah, Samuel, John, Ruben, Abigil and Purcilla, children of Samuel Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon, were born on their father's farm one mile west of Franklinsville, N. C., from about 1815 to 1830. Alfred settled in Edgar County, Ill., Daniel, Isaac, William, Isaiah, Solomon F., John and Purcilla settled in Randolph County, N. C., Joel, Samuel and Abigil settled at Springfield, Mo. Of the above all are dead except William, Samuel, John, Abigil and Purcilla. William C. and John R. Trogdon live at Why Not, N. C., Samuel Trogdon and Abigil Spoon live at Springfield, Mo., Purcilla Spoon lives at Kemp's Mills, N. C.

William, Elijah, Alfred and Mary, children of Ure Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon, were born on their father's farm one mile west of Cedar Falls Factory. William moved to a western State, but it is not known where he settled, Elijah is living in W. Va. Alfred and Mary are living in Randolph County, N. C.

George, Isaac, Elijah, Rachael, Sarah, Mary and Jane Hammer, sons and daughters of Catherine Hammer, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon, were born on their mother's farm on Squirrel Creek. George and Elijah went west early in life. Rachael married Solomon Allred, Sarah married John Trogdon, Mary married Joseph Redding and Jane married

George Hendrix. Children of Abigil Lamb, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon, settled in Edgar County, Ill. Names not known.

Solomon Allred, Anderson Allred, Calvin Allred, Linden Allred, Polly Jennings, Virginia Diffie, Rachael Gregson and Nancy Allred, children of Rachael Allred, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon, lived and died for the most part near Cedar Falls, N. C.

Samuel, Daniel, Susie Swaim, Cenith Fentress and Purcilla Ferree, children of Mary Ferree, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon, lived and died (for the most part) near Worthville, N. C.

Alfred Duncan Trogdon, son of Ure Trogdon, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, settled in Franklinsville, N. C., and died there at the age of 60 years, children: William Trogdon, Central Falls, N. C.; George Trogdon, Franklinville, N. C.; Ephraim Trogdon, dead; Adaline Trogdon, Franklinsville, N. C.; Rachael married John Hackney; Cornelia married a Mr. Hinshaw; Lou married James Russell; Aney married Clayborne Moore; Cenith married Charles Smith.

Solomon Allred, son of Rachael Allred, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, married and to him were born the following children: Rachael and Mary.

Anderson Allred, son of Rachael Allred, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, married and to him were born the following children: Isaac, Frank, Mrs. Cagle and others.

Linden Allred, son of Rachael Allred, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, died without children.

Nancy Allred, daughter of Rachael Allred, granddaughter

of Samuel Trogdon and great granddaughter of William Trogdon, died without children.

Polly Jennings, daughter of Rachael Allred, granddaughter of Samuel Trogdon and great granddaughter of William Trogdon, married David Jennings, to them were born the following children: Alson, Causey and several daughters.

Samuel Ferree, son of Mary Ferree, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, married and to him were born 12 children, Joel, Ruben, Daniel and others, most of whom are living in Randolph County, N. C.

Daniel Ferree, son of Mary Ferree, grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, married and to him were born several children, Causey, William and others most of whom live in Randolph County, N. C.

Susan Swaim, daughter of Mary Ferree, granddaughter of Samuel Trogdon and great granddaughter of William Trogdon, lived at Randleman, N. C., names of children not known.

Purcilla Ferree, daughter of Mary Ferree, granddaughter of Samuel Trogdon, great granddaughter of William Trogdon, died unmarried.

Cenith Fentress, daughter of Mary Ferree, granddaughter of Samuel Trogdon, great granddaughter of William Trogdon, married Hogin Fentress, settled near her mother, where to her were born several children, names not known.

Rachael Dunning, daughter of John Trogdon, granddaughter of John Trogdon, great granddaughter of William Trogdon, married, to whom were born several children, names not known.

Anna, daughter of John Trogdon, granddaughter of John Trogdon, great granddaughter of William Trogdon, died unmarried.

Martha Hendrix, daughter of John Trogdon, granddaughter of John Trogdon, great granddaughter of William

Trogon, to whom were born several children, names not known.

Ruben Trogon, son of John Trogon, grandson of John Trogon, great grandson of William Trogon, joined the Confederate Army and has never been heard from since.

Isaac Trogon, son of John Trogon, grandson of John Trogon, great grandson of William, married and to him were born one son and two daughters; names: John Trogon, living just east of Ashboro, N. C. Both daughters dead. Isaac Trogon joined the Confederate Army and has not been heard from since.

Kiah, John, Solomon, Mary Ann Allred and Abigil Allred, sons and daughters of Emsley Trogon, grand children of Solomon Trogon and great grand children of William Trogon settled in Randolph County, N. C., and have several children living there at present.

Lindsay Duskin, William Duskin and several brothers and sisters, names not known, sons and daughters of Dorcas Duskin, grand children of Solomon Trogon and great grand children of William Trogon settled partly in N. C., and partly in Iowa. Names of their children not known.

William B. Odell, John M. Odell, Dorcas Aretta Odell, Tobitha Odell, Mary M. Odell, Martha Odell, James A. Odell, and Laban Odell, sons and daughters of Anna Odell, grand children of Solomon Trogon and great grand children of William Trogon. William B. Odell lives in Texas and has several children living in Texas, Iowa, and Mo., John M. Odell is living in Concord, N. C., and has two children living, one dead. Laban Odell was a Major in the Confederate Army and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., and has one son living at Salisbury, N. C.

James A. Odell lives at Greensboro, N. C., but has no children.

Dorcas Aretta, who married Solomon F. Trogon, (her

first husband) has two sons by her first husband. She lives with her second son, Cicero L. Trogdon, Millboro, N. C. Her first son, W. F. Trogdon, lives at North Wilkesboro, N. C. She married a 2d husband, Joshua Swaim, by who she had one daughter who lives at Ashland, Va. Her second husband lived only two years after their marriage.

Tobitha married Allmon Ellison by whom she had several children living near Franklinsville, N. C.

Martha Delaney, who married Samuel Underwood, by whom she had several children. She is dead; her children live near Central Falls, N. C.

Mary Matilda married John Allred by whom she has several children living at Millboro, N. C.

Solomon Redding, son of Sarah Redding, grandson of Solomon Trogdon, great grandson of William Trogdon has several children and lives at Millboro, N. C.

Children of Cintha Duncan, grand children of Solomon Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon live in Morgan county, Ind.

A. Y. Trogdon and his brother and sister, children of Samuel Trogdon, grand children of Solomon Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon live in Edgar County, Ill., and in Iowa.

Children of Ezekiel Trogdon, grand children of Solomon Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon probably live in Indiana or Illinois.

Solomon, Josiah, Samuel, Betsy and Abigil, children of Isaac Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of William Trogdon settled in Edgar County, Ill.

William, Elijah, Alfred Duncan and Mary Watkins, children of Ure Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon

and great grand children of William Trogdon settled in W. Va., Ind., and N. C.

### FIFTH GENERATION

Henderson M. Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon, grandson of William Trogdon, great grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon married, lived and died (without children) on a part of his father's farm one and one-half miles west of Franklinsville, N. C.

Tyson Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon, grandson of William Trogdon, great grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon married and lives on a farm formerly owned by his father one and one-half miles west of Franklinsville, N. C., has several children, Logan and several others, names not known.

Joe L. Trogdon, son of R. F. Trogdon, former sheriff of Randolph County, grandson of Samuel Trogdon, great grandson of the first Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon, born near Franklinsville, Randolph County, in 1858, married Loulie M. Cahill of Henry County, Va. Born 1864. They have five boys, all born at Stoneville, Rockingham County, N. C., as follows: Earle Y. Trogdon, born 1897; Dewey L. Trogdon, born 1898; Penn C. Trogdon, born 1899; Marcus H. Trogdon, born 1904; Joseph B. Trogdon, born 1906.

Samuel Leonard Trogdon, son of former Sheriff Reuben F. Trogdon, lives in summer in Greensboro, N. C., and in winter lives at Melbourne, Fla. He has the following children: Samuel, Paul, Howard, Owen, James, Jessie and a younger daughter named Mary Eloise.

William B. Trogdon, son of former Sheriff Reuben F. Trogdon, lives at Greensboro, N. C., and has the following

children: Reuben, William, Jr., James, Douglas and two daughters.

Francis T. King Trogdon, son of former Sheriff Reuben F. Trogdon, lives at Winston-Salem, N. C., and has several sons and daughters.

George Trogdon, owner of the Trogdon Furniture Factory at Toccoa, Ga., son of Ward Trogdon, grand son of Daniel Trogdon and great grandson of the second Samuel Trogdon, lives at Toccoa, Ga., and has a son and a daughter.

Ernest W. Trogdon, son of Ward Trogdon, grandson of Daniel Trogdon, and great grandson of the second Samuel Trogdon, is superintendent and part owner of a furniture factory at Roaring River, N. C., but lives at North Wilkesboro, N. C. Has two sons and two daughters, Ernest, Jr., James Robert, Blanche and Mary.

Henry Burrough married a daughter of Joel Trogdon, grand daughter of Wm. Trogdon, and great granddaughter of the second Samuel Trogdon lives one mile west of Franklinsville, N. C., and has several sons and daughters.

W. B. Trogdon, of Greensboro, N. C., son of Sheriff Reuben F. Trogdon, and grandson of the second Samuel Trogdon, born near Franklinsville, N. C., about 1856. Married Mary Elizabeth Guerrant of Leaksville, N. C., by whom he had two sons, viz: R. F. Trogdon, now of Aberdeen, Washington, who married Grace E. Billca, of Buffalo, N. Y., and W. B. Trogdon, Jr., of Greensboro, N. C., who married Miss Rosa Freeman of Forsyth County, N. C. By his second wife, Cora A. Stevens, of Leaksville, N. C., W. B. Trogdon had five children, viz: James S. Trogdon, Greensboro, N. C., Linda W. Trogdon, Art Teacher, Savannah, Ga.; R. Douglas Trogdon, Greensboro, N. C.; Elizabeth Trogdon, who mar-

ried C. M. Crutchfield, Greensboro, N. C., and Evelyn in College, Greensboro, N. C.

Eliza, Armenius, Gilliam and Joel F. Trogdon, children of Ure Trogdon, grand children of William Trogdon, great grandchildren of Samuel Trogdon and great grandchildren of William Trogdon, settled in Arkansas and near Fort Scott, Kansas.

Gilliam, Alson, Howel G., Elizabeth and others, children of John Trogdon, grand children of William Trogdon, great grandchildren of Samuel Trogdon and great great grandchildren of William Trogdon, settled in Arkansas and near Fort Scott, Kansas.

Kelly, Anzelet, Sarah, Ada and Misha, children of Abijah Trogdon, grandchildren of William Trogdon, great grandchildren of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandchildren of William Trogdon, are living at various places in Randolph County, N. C.

Elizabeth and Cicero S. Trogdon, children of Joel F. Trogdon, grand children of William Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandchildren of William Trogdon are living at Franklinsville, N. C.

Newton Hinshaw, son of Rebecca and Zebedee Hinshaw, grandson of William Trogdon, great grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon settled in Mo., and his sister Mary who married Brackston Stout is still living near Randleman, N. C.

Andrew, Franklin and others, children of Alfred Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandchildren of William Trogdon, live at Vermilion, Ill.

Ward, Daniel, Abigil, Sophia and others, children of Daniel Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great, great grand children of William Trogdon and great, great grand children

of William Trogdon, are living in Randolph County, N. C., at Cedar Falls, N. C., and Bynums, N. C.

Children of Joel F. Trogdon and children of Samuel Trogdon and children of Abigil Spoon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon are living in and near Springfield, Mo.

Esrum, Samuel, Vena and others, children of Isaac Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon, live at Worthville, N. C.

W. F. Trogdon, son of Solomon F. Trogdon, grandson of Samuel Trogdon, great grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon, lives at North Wilkesboro, N. C.

C. L. Trogdon, brother of W. F. Trogdon, lives at Millboro, N. C.

Children of Percilla Spoon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon, live at Richland, N. C.

Samuel, Joseph, Francis, Minnie, Ruby, Pearl and William Trogdon, children of Reuben F. Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon, live at Waddells, N. C.; Madison, N. C., and Greensboro, N. C.

Children of William C. Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon, live at Why Not, N. C. Children: Amanda Boling, Quinine, N. C.; Solomon Wyatt Trogdon, Spencer, N. C.; Elizabeth Lucas, Quinine, N. C.; William Roland Trogdon, John Franklin Trogdon, Spencer, N. C.; Samuel Elcana Trogdon,

Pisgah, N. C.; Francena Yow, Why Not, N. C.; Hudley Jane Hare, Spencer, N. C. The following are dead: Suzie, Joseph, Warren and Ellen.

Children of John Trogdon, grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon live at Why Not, N. C. Children: Emily F. King, Asbury, N. C.; Mary P. Nichols, Wanamaker, N. C.; Sarah E. Cole and Rejina Cole, Why Not, N. C.; Maretta, Fanny M., Deltus, Arando and Ora A. Trogdon all live at Quinine, N. C. Dead: Marilla and an infant.

Children of William Trogdon (who went to a western state), of Elijah (who lived in W. Va.), of Alfred D. and Mary Watkins, grand children of Ure Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon, are living in Western States and at Franklinsville and Randleman, N. C.

Children of George, Isaac, John, Elijah, Rachael, Sarah, Mary and Jane Hammer, grand children of Catharine Hammer, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great-great grand children of William Trogdon settled in Randolph County, N. C., and in various parts of the Western States. Names not known.

Children of the children of Abigil Lamb, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon are probably living in Edgar County, Ill. Names are not known.

Children of Solomon, Anderson, Calvin, Linden, Polly, Varina, Rachael and Nancy, grand children of Rachael Allred, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon are living at Cedar Falls, N. C., and in Western States. Name not known.

Children of Samuel, Susie, and Cenith, grand children of Mary Ferree, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon

Samuel Trogdon and great, great grand children of William Trogdon are living at Worthville, N. C., and in Western States.

Samuel Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, Sr., married a Miss Julian, sister to an ancestor of the late Jesse Julian, of Greensboro, N. C. Samuel and wife died and were buried on their farm on Gable's Creek.

Samuel Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon, and William Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon, and grandsons of William Trogdon, and their wives and some of their children are buried at what is known as the Billey Trogdon burying ground, one mile west of Franklinsville, N. C.

Samuel Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon and grandson of William Trogdon, married Susan Ferree.

Solomon Trogdon and John Trogdon, sons of William Trogdon, Sr., with their wives, several of their children and grand children, are buried at a graveyard on the old Solomon Trogdon place (now belonging to C. L. Trogdon), near Millboro, N. C.

#### Children of Joel Trogdon:

L. H. Trogdon, Bois D'Arc, Mo.

B. F. Trogdon, Moorsville, Ind.

S. J. Spoon, Bois D'Arc, Mo.

R. F. Trogdon, Ash Grove, Mo.

D. F. Trogdon, Springfield, Mo.

J. H. Trogdon, Bois D'Arc, Mo.

S. L. Woodard, Springfield, Mo.

M. A. Kelson, Wilard, Mo.

R. D. Brower, Bois D'Arc, Mo.

Ada Johnson, Plainfield, Mo.

Joel F. Trogdon died February 22, 1881.

#### Children of Samuel Trogdon:

George Trogdon, Billings, Mo.

J. F. Trogdon, Okain, Mo.

B. Trogdon, West Plains, Mo.

Children of Eli Spoon:

S. J. Brower, Plainfield, Mo.

S. A. Brower, Plainfield, Mo.

B. C. Kimes, Wilard, Mo.

A. J. Spoon, Jamesville, Cal.

J. R. Spoon, Bois D'Arc, Mo.

P. J. Spoon, Lakeview, Ore.

N. M. Julian, Bois D'Arc, Mo.

E. S. Barndt, Plainfield, Mo.

Eli Spoon died about October 1, 1885.

Abbie Spoon died February 7, 1889.

Children of Reuben F. Trogdon, of Waddells, N. C.:

Samuel L. Trogdon, Greensboro, N. C.; William B. Trogdon, Madison, N. C.; Minnie A. Henry, Waddells, N. C.; Joel L. Trogdon, Madison, N. C.; Sue Donna, died April, 1893; Francis T. K. Trogdon, Greensboro, N. C.; Effie F. Trogdon, Waddells, N. C.; Ruby P. Trogdon, Waddells, N. C.

We want to get a complete history of all the Trogdon family and their relatives, and in order to do this everyone who receives a copy of this paper must at once write to W. F. Trogdon, North Wilkesboro, N. C., giving the name, date of birth and if dead, the date of death, if married to whom married, of each one of your own children, the names, dates of birth of your grand children with the names of their parents, the date of birth, date of death, if dead, and to whom each one of your brothers and sisters were married, the date of birth, the date of death, if dead, of your father with the maiden name of your mother, the date of her birth and date of death if dead; the name and date of birth and date of death if dead of your grand-

father with the maiden name of your grandmother, with the date of her birth and death; the name of your great grandfather, with date of birth and death and maiden name of your great grandmother with date of birth and death; giving the place of birth, residence, death and burial of each if dead. Be sure to give the postoffice address of each of the living. If you have not the source of information at hand, send for old family Bibles, go and see your older relatives, go to the Register of Deeds' office of your county and in any and every way get all the information you can and write it out in full and mail it to W. F. Trogdon, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Please do not delay this matter as it may be of more importance to you and your children than you know.

W. F. TROGDON.

North Wilkesboro, N. C., July 18, 1894.

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William Trogdon, the first of this name, settled and owned a mill on Sandy Creek, 2½ miles from Franklinville, Randolph County, N. C. He was a strong revolutionist and was shot and killed by the British David Fanning Tories while watering his horse just below his mill during the Revolutionary War and buried near the bank of the creek there. Two of his sons viz: Ezekiel and Solomon were soldiers in the Revolutionary War on the American side. Perhaps some of his other sons were in the same army, but we have not found their record yet. William Trogdon had five sons, Ezekiel, Samuel, Solomon, John and William and had one daughter who married a Duncan. The above mill site now owned by Frank Holliday.

Isaac Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon, grandson of William Trogdon, was born in North Carolina 21st day of June, 1780. Elizabeth Trogdon, wife of Isaac Trogdon,

was born 17th of October, 1782. To them were born eleven children viz:

Solomon Trogdon, born 30th July, 1803.

Jane Trogdon, born 13th March ,1805.

Abigal Trogdon, born 13th February, 1807.

Sarah Trogdon, born 24th April, 1809.

Samuel Trogdon, born 11th March, 1811.

Nancy Trogdon, born 21st November, 1813.

Westward A. Trogdon, born 10th June, 1816.

Elizabeth Trogdon, born 21st October, 1818.

Josiah L. Trogdon, born 24th October, 1820.

Emma Trogdon, born 11th July, 1823.

Tobitha Trogdon, born 1st January 1826.

Jane, Nancy and Emma were never married. Sarah Trogdon married Alfred Jones and settled first in Monroe County, Ind., lived in said county until August, 1851, when they moved to Howard County, Ind. To them were born six children, four daughters and two sons, viz:

Elizabeth Jones, born March 29, 1836.

Lewis Jones, born August 8, 1837.

Eleanor Jones, born August 16, 1839.

Mary Jones, born September 17, 1843.

Dougan C. Jones, born July 12, 1847.

Catharine Jones, born March 26, 1849.

This copied from record by D. C. Jones.

Children of Sarah (Trogdon) Jones, grand children of Isaac Trogdon, great grand children of Samuel Trogdon, great, great grand children of William Trogdon, of which there is but three living. Lewis Jones lived at North Branch, Jewel County, Kansas; Mary (Jones) Hanson, daughter of Sarah (Trogdon) Jones, lives near Hector,

Minn; Dougan C. Jones lives near New London, Howard County, Ind.

Children of Dougan Jones and Lydia Jones, grand children of Sarah (Trogon) Jones, great grand children of Isaac Trogon, great, great grand children of Samuel Trogon and great, great, great grand children of William Trogon.

Mary Alice Jones, daughter of Dougan C. Jones, born April 7, 1871.

Alfred E. Jones, son of Dougan C. Jones, born February 16, 1874.

William L. Jones, son of Dougan C. Jones, born September 10, 1877.

Edna L. Jones, daughter of Dougan C. Jones, born February 5, 1882.

Live with their parents.

The above copied from report made in 1895 by one of the Jones.

My grandfather, Isaac Trogon, married Elizabeth Redding. They moved from North Carolina to Lawrence County, Ind., where they lived and died. The children of Isaac Trogon were: Solomon, Westward, Samuel, Josiah, Abbie, Sarah, Jane, Elizabeth, Nancy, Emma and Tobitha Trogon. Solomon Trogon was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, 1803. He married Susanna Hunsaker in 1830. Susanna Hunsaker was born in Kentucky July 18, 1805. Children of Solomon Trogon: Rebecca, Sarah, Isaac, Susan, Thomas, Elizabeth and Jane Trogon. Rebecca Trogon was born October 24, 1832; died August 6, 1877. Sarah Trogon was born November 16, 1834. Living near Vermillion, Ill. Isaac Trogon was born January 27, 1837; living near Vermillion, Ill. Susan Trogon was born April 29, 1839; died December 29, 1881.

I. Thomas Trogdon, was born April 19, 1841. Elizabeth Trogdon was born September 2, 1843; died September 10, 1844. Jane Trogdon was born April 10, 1847; died August 7, 1854. Solomon Trogdon died March 26, 1879. Was buried at the Baptist graveyard near Vermillion, Ill. Susanna, wife of Solomon, died December 29, 1881.

Children of Thomas Trogdon, Lilian, Grace, Mary, Stella, Everett and Ernest Trogdon. Thomas Trogdon was married to Julia Tabler 1875.

Yours,

T. J. TROGDON.

P. O. Sanford, Indiana, 1895.

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Avoca, Ind., March 4, '96.

Mr. W. F. Trogdon,

North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

While visiting at Harvey Donica's a few days ago his wife, Josiah L. Trogdon's daughter, showed me a North Wilkesboro News supplement containing a rough history of the Trogdon family. The short sketch of Isaac Trogdon, son of Samuel, is in part incorrect. He was born June 21, 1780. He was the father of eleven children. There are two living yet. He emigrated to Indiana in the fall of 1836. His youngest child being at that time in her eleventh year. He settled in Lawrence County on a farm about five miles north of Bedford and died there January 28, 1865.

The supplement also states that William Trogdon, grandfather of Isaac, was an Englishman. The Trogdons here have the impression that he was a native of Scotland. I am a grandchild of Isaac Trogdon, daughter of Westward A. Trogdon. Seventh child of Isaac Trogdon, who was born June 10, 1816. Died September 2, 1888. Not knowing

but that you may have completed or abandoned your work, I refrain from writing more. I might further say that our great grandmother's (Samuel Trogdon's wife) maiden name was Julian.

Respectfully,

MARY A. TROGDON.

Avoca, Lawrence County, Indiana.

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Samuel Trogdon, Jr., son of Samuel Trogdon and grandson of William Trogdon, was born on his father's farm south of Franklinville, N. C., about 1789. His wife, Susan Ferree, to them were born the following children: Alfred D., Daniel, William C., Joel, Julian, Isaac, Solomon, Franklin, Isaiah, Samuel the 3rd, John R., Reuben F., Abigil and Purcilla.

Alfred D. Trogdon married Martha York and they settled in 1836 near Vermillion, Edgar County, Ill., and had the following children: John Trogdon, Terra Haute, Ind.; Scynthia M. (Trogdon) Northrup, Vermillion, Ill.; Sarah E. (Trogdon) Foltz, Vermillion, Ill.; Mary B. (Trogdon) Stubs, Vermillion, Ill.; Andrew M. Trogdon, St. Mary's, Ind., and James C. Trogdon, Bloomington, Ill. Andrew M. Trogdon and Elizabeth Foltz married and settled at St. Mary's, Ind., and had the following children: Andrew M. J. Trogdon, St. Mary's Ind.; Harvey J. Trogdon, Libertyville, Ind., and Clary D. (Trogdon) Strole, Libertyville, Ind.

I do not know the names of the children of Mrs. Northrup, nor Mrs. Foltz, nor Mrs. Stubs.

John H. Trogdon married Emily Gainey and had the following children: Samuel A. Trogdon, Terre Haute, Ind.; B. F. Trogdon, 1221 Lima St., St. Louis, Mo., and Harry Trogdon, 127 South Sterling St., Streator, Ill.

Joel Felix Trogdon, son of Ure Trogdon, grandson of William Trogdon, great grandson of Samuel Trogdon, the 1st, and great, great grandson of William Trogdon, married

Susanna F. Humphreys December 17, 1878, at Fort Scott, Kansas. Present postoffice Drywood, Crawford County, Kansas. They had the following children:

Walter C. Trogdon, born November 15, 1879.

Elsie J. Trogdon, born November 2, 1883.

Ure W. Trogdon, born May 19, 1885.

William Franklin Trogdon, born December 20, 1886.

Bertha L. Trogdon, born September 24, 1888.

This Ure Trogdon was a minister of the gospel and farmer and married Rebecca Walker August 16, 1836, in North Carolina and moved from there to Saline County, Ark., about the year 1849. Moved to Benton County, Ark., in 1855, from there he moved to Drywood, Crawford County, Kansas, where he died August 16, 1865.

The foregoing Ure Trogdon had brother, William Trogdon, son of William Trogdon, grandson of Samuel Trogdon the 1st, who settled at Fayetteville, Ark. He was a minister of the gospel. Moved to Drywood, Kansas, and died without children. Age 73.

Letter from Joel Felix Trogdon, of Drywood, Kansas, to W. F. Trogdon, North Wilkesboro, N. C., in the year 1895.

Ure Trogdon was born August 8, 1807. Was married to Rebecca Walker August 16, 1836 in N. C., moved from there to Saline County, Ark., about the year 1849 or 1850. Moved to Benton County, Ark., in the year 1855, bought a farm near Bentonville and lived there till the spring of 1861. The war coming up he had to leave there on account of his politics, he being a strong Union man. He then moved with his family to Kansas, locating in Crawford County, near Cato and 12 miles south of Fort Scott, where he lived until August 16, 1865, when he and his son Samuel McGee were killed in a well by the Damp. Eliza, first born of Ure and Rebecca Trogdon, was born June 29, 1837,

was married about the year 1854 or 55 to a man by the name of David Holliman. They lived in Saline County, Ark., until during the war, since which time we have never heard of them. I don't know whether they had any children or not. Armenius Robert, oldest son of Ure and Rebecca Trogdon, was born August 11, 1839, lived with his father till about the year 1859 or 60, when he went to Texas during the war and we lost all trace of him since which time we have never heard of him. He had never married. Arlington William Trogdon was born January 12, 1842, lived with his parents until the year 1862, at which time he enlisted in the Union Army and served as a private soldier. He sickened and died November 29, 1863.

Alson Gray Trogdon was born September 4, 1846, lived with his parents until 1864, when he enlisted in the Union Army, served as a private soldier till August, 1865, at which time he was honorably discharged. Was married August 1, 1868, to Vesta M. Shamblin. Moved to Ark. in 1876. Died there of congestion of the stomach December 16, 1885.

Samuel McGee Trogdon was born October 7, 1848, was killed by Damp in a well August 5, 1865.

Joel Felix Trogdon was born in the year 1851. Was married to Susan F. Humphreys December 17, 1878. Still lives on the farm first settled by his father.

Oliver Reese Trogdon was born March 2, 1854. Died March 16, 1873. In another letter dated April 7, 1895, he says that so far as he knows I am the only one of my father's family living, that he has two nephews, a niece, children of his brother Alson Gray Trogdon, and he says two of them live in Crawford County and the other one, Robert Trogdon, lives at Stockton, Cal. E. E. Trogdon,

the oldest one, is married, and Lena Trogdon, his sister, married Dennis Erving last fall.

Mrs. Nancy Ann (Trogdon) Allen, daughter of John Trogdon, grand daughter of William Trogdon and great grand daughter of Samuel Trogdon 1st, in 1895 writes W. F. Trogdon, North Wilkesboro, N. C., the following:

That she lives at Camp Point, Adams County, Ill., that she was born near Greensboro, N. C., that she was then 48 years and was the widow of George W. Allen, to whom she was married at Quincy, Ill., July 30, 1864, that she is the mother of the following children, all living at Camp Point, Ill., viz: William L. Allen, Mrs. Dollie (Trogdon) Castle, Miss Lula O. Allen and Sada G. Allen, and that her husband died August 10, 1891, and that she had the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mary J. (Trogdon) Nicholson, 516 N. 5th St., Quincy, Ill.; Mrs. Belle (Trogdon) Castle, Camp Point, Ill.; Mrs. V. L. (Trogdon) Browning, Redding, Shasta County, California; Howell G. Trogdon, Chicago, Ill., the soldier hero of the Battle of Vicksburg, Miss., also Charles W. Trogdon, Mendon, Adams County, Ill.; Cicero Trogdon, St. Louis, Mo.; John P. Trogdon, Quincy, Ill., and Rile Trogdon, Ursa, Adams County, Ill., also that her mother was Isabella Harden Trogdon, daughter of Charles Harden.

Charles William Trogdon, Mendon, Ill., brother of Mrs. Nancy A. (Trogdon) Allen, reports that he, C. W. Trogdon, had two boys and one daughter and that he also was born near Greensboro, N. C., and was 47 years old.

Mrs. Sallie Julian Trogdon, widow of Joel Julian Trogdon of Bois D'Arc, Greene County, Mo., writes W. F. Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., in 1895 as follows: My husband, Joel Julian Trogdon, son of the second Samuel Trogdon, grandson of the first Samuel Trogdon and great

grandson of William Trogdon, was born in N. C. April 5, 1818, and his wife, Sadie Julian Trogdon, was born in N. C. July 12, 1826, that their children were as follows: Isaiah H. Trogdon, born February 19, 1845; Benjamin F. Trogdon, born February 15, 1847; Susan Jane Trogdon, born March 31, 1849; Reuben F. Trogdon, born August 23, 1851; Joseph P. Trogdon, born August 12, 1853; Daniel F. Trogdon, born July 11, 1856, all of the above were born in North Carolina. Julian H. Trogdon, born August 24, 1853, in Missouri; William H. Trogdon, born August 24, 1858, in Greene County, Mo.; Sarah Lador Trogdon, born in Morgan County, Ind., December 24, 1862; Manora M. Trogdon, born in Morgan County, Ind., November 10, 1864; Della R. Trogdon, born in Greene County, Mo., February 8, 1868; Ada Trogdon, born in Greene County, Mo., March 25, 1871; Ida Trogdon, born in Greene County, Mo., March 25, 1871.

She says the following of her children are dead: Joseph P., William H. and Ida Trogdon.

Isaiah Hornaday Trogdon, son of Joel J. Trogdon, grandson of the second Samuel Trogdon, great grandson of the first Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon, in 1895 wrote from Bois D'Arc, Mo., to W. F. Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., as follows: Says he was born in N. C. February 19, 1845, and that he was married in Ind. in 1866 to his wife Emily. That they had a good farm of 80 acres and that they had the following children: William Henry Trogdon, Cora, Idaho; Clara Lotta (Trogdon) Scott, Mooresville, Polk County Mo.; Benjamin Joel Trogdon, Plainfield, Mo.; Omer T. Trogdon, Bois D'Arc, Mo.; Walter Smith Trogdon, Bois D'Arc, Mo.; Franklin Trogdon, Effie Mona Trogdon and Samuel Burton Trogdon, Bois D'Arc, Mo., and that Addie Irenna and Mertie Trogdon were dead and said he had three grand

children, viz: Ella, Effie and Fred Scott, and that he served in the Union Army during the Civil War and passed through Raleigh, N. C., with General Sherman's army and marched to Washington City in sixteen days and was honorably discharged in August, 1865, at Indianapolis, Ind., and moved with his father that fall to Missouri, but that he had lived two years in Indiana since that time and the rest of the time in Missouri, says he was twelve years old when he left N. C. and remembers seeing me, my father and mother before he left North Carolina.

On April 6, 1895, W. F. Trogdon, North Wilkesboro, N. C., received the following from Daniel Ferree Trogdon, Springfield, Mo., son of Joel J. Trogdon, grandson of the second Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of the first Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon. Married Mary Reiff July 19, 1874, in Greene County Mo. Children: Lemuel Joel Trogdon going to school at Drury College, Springfield, Mo.; Alpheus Franklin Trogdon at school in the same college and Inez Trogdon study music at home, also that his father died at Bois D'Arc, Mo., February 22, 1881, age 63 years, and that his mother was still living, age 68, and that he had a good farm of 148 acres all in cultivation, worth \$60.00 per acre.

About the same time W. F. Trogdon received the following from Julian H. Trogdon, son of Joel J. Trogdon, grandson of the second Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of the first Samuel Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon, that he was born in Greene County, Mo., was 36 years old, was married to Mollie Prophet in 1882 and that they had the following children, viz: Elva May, Winfred Jesse, Harley Lee, Dolla Cordia and an infant. Postoffice, Plainfield, Mo., where he owned a good farm.

In April 1895, W. F. Trogdon received the report of Mrs.

Ada (Trogon) Johnson, daughter of Joel Julian Trogon, stating that she was born in Greene County, Mo., was 24 years old, had a good farm, that she married Green B. Johnson in 1888 and they had two boys.

About the same time Sarah Ladora (Trogon) Woodward, daughter of Joel Julian Trogon, reported that she was 32 years old, lived at Plainfield, Mo., on a farm, that she was married to James Woodward in 1882 and that they had four boys and one daughter, also stated she was born in Morgan, Ind.

In April, 1895, W. F. Trogon received the report of Andrew Jackson Spoon, of Jamesville, Larsen County, California, son of Eli Spoon and Abigal (Trogon) Spoon, grandson of the second Samuel Trogon, great grandson of the first Samuel Trogon and great, great grandson of William Trogon, was born in Randolph County, N. C., was educated at the University of Missouri, and was 50 years old. Owned 590 acres of land. That he was married to Sarah Prudence March 14, 1867, in Greene County, Mo., and that they have the following children: William Eli Spoon, Jamesville, Cal., a teacher; Miss Laura Ada Spoon, Jamesville, Cal.; Andrew Leonidas Spoon, Jamesville, Cal.; Abbie Howard Spoon, Jamesville, Cal.; Franklin Grover Spoon, Jamesville, Cal.; Bessie Lonna Spoon, Jamesville, Cal.; and that his father died in Greene County, Cal., in 1887, and that his mother died there in 1889.

In 1895 W. F. Trogon received the following from Rev. Preston Julian Spoon, a brother of Andrew Jackson Spoon, that he was born at Ashboro, N. C., and was 45 years old and a Baptist preacher, that he was married to Susannah Angeline in 1871 and that they had the following children: Abbie Mildred (Spoon) Mortenson, Newberry, Ore.; Ira

Albert, Charles Carey, Claude, Cora E., Lena B. and Lizzie T. All at home at North Yakima, Wash.

In 1895 W. F. Trogdon received from Mrs. Barbara Carolina (Spoon) Kime, Greene County, Mo., sister of A. J. Spoon, that she was born in Randolph County, N. C., was 53 years old, was married to Dennis Kime in Greene County, Mo., August 11, 1859, that they had the following children: Mary Ellen (Spoon) Lekso, William Henry Kime, George Washington Kime and King Asa Kime. All farmers and merchants at Willard, Mo.

Mrs. Priscilla (Trogdon) Spoon, daughter of the second Samuel Trogdon, grand daughter of the first Samuel Trogdon and great grand daughter of William Trogdon, wrote W. F. Trogdon in 1895 from her home at Kemps Mills, Randolph County, N. C., as follows: That she was born near Randleman, Randolph County, was 70 years old, that she was the wife of William Spoon and that they had the following children: Mrs. N. A. Moffitt and Mrs. P. E. Winningham, Ralph, N. C.; Mrs. S. C. Scott, Flowers Hill, N. C.; Mrs. M. J. Craven, Gilbert, N. C.; Miss M. E. Spoon, William D. Spoon and Phalti Spoon, Kemps Mills, N. C.

John R. Trogdon, son of the second Samuel Trogdon, grandson of William Trogdon, wrote W. F. Trogdon in 1895 from his home at Quinine, Randolph County, N. C., as follows: That he was born in 1833 on Mill Creek in Randolph County, N. C., and was 62 years old. Owned 180 acres of land and other property. Was a first lieutenant in Home Guard during the Civil War, had been postmaster for years. That he was married to Miss Amy Lucas at Cedar Falls, N. C., in 1855 and that they had the following children: Emily F. (Trogdon) King, Asbury, N. C.; Mary J. (Trogdon) Nichols, Cagle's Mills, N. C.;

Sarah E. (Trogon) Cole, Regina (Trogon) Cole, Why Not, N. C.; Marretta (Trogon) Moore, Fanny M. (Trogon) Richardson, Ira A. Trogon, Quinine, N. C.; Arrado Trogon and Detlus Trogon, Quinine, N. C.

William Casson Trogon, son of the second Samuel Trogon, grandson of the first Samuel Trogon and great grandson of William Trogon, wrote W. F. Trogon in 1895 from his home at Quinine, Randolph County, N. C., as follows: That he was born at Cedar Falls, N. C., was then 78 years old and owned 350 acres of land and other property. That he married Barbara Auman in 1844 in Randolph County, N. C., that they had eight children as follows:

Amanda (Trogon) Bolling, Quinine, Randolph Co., N. C.; Solomn Wyatt, Pisgah, Randolph Co., N. C.; Susa Ann (Trogon) Spencer, Spencer, N. C.; Elizabeth (Trogon) Lucas, Quinine, Randolph Co., N. C.; Hulda Jane (Trogon) Hare, Why Not, Randolph Co., N. C.; Francena (Trogon) Yow, Why Not, Randolph Co., N. C.; Samuel Elkanah Trogon, Pisgah, Randolph Co., N. C.; William Roland Trogon, Spencer, Randolph Co., N. C.; John Franklin Trogon, Spencer, Randolph Co., N. C.. That the following were dead, viz: Nancy R., Susa and Joseph Warren Trogon, and that his father died in 1853 and his mother about ten years before, and that his mother's maiden name was Susan Ferree and that her father was Daniel Ferree, and that his wife's name was Priscilla.

In 1895 Mrs. Amanda (Trogon) Bolling, daughter of William C. Trogon, reported that her postoffice was Quinine, N. C., that she was 49 years old, that she had 173 acres of land on Uwhairie, a farm on Little River and 200 acres where she lived and other property, that she married at her father's in 1867 William H. Bolling and

that they had eight children as follows: William E. Bolling, Susan I. Bolling, John F. Bolling, Marilla B. Bolling, George C. Bolling, Ellen L. Bolling, Joshua E. Bolling, and the following dead: Charles V. Bolling and Amanda L. Bolling.

In 1895 Solomon Wyatt Trogdon, son of William C. Trogdon, reported from his postoffice, Pisgah, N. C., that he was 48 years old, that he had 129 acres of land, etc., that he married M. R. Graves in 1865 and that his second wife was Sarah Presnell, that he had the following children: Ellen (Trogdon) King, Why Not, N. C.; Houston Trogdon, Why Not, N. C.; Samuel Trogdon, Carthage, N. C.; William Lola Trogdon, Pisgah, N. C.; Velvo Trogdon, Pisgah, N. C.

In 1895 Elizabeth Ellen Rocena (Trogdon) Lucas, daughter of William Casson Trogdon, reported from her postoffice, Quinine, N. C., as follows: That she was 44 years old, that they owned 230 acres of level land and property too tedious to mention, that she married William Lucas April 4, 1868, that they had eight children as follows: Hillary Arthur Lucas, Findlay Varnum Lucas, Joseph Rolando Lucas, Margaret Ellen Lucas, William Samuel Lucas, Vana Jane Lucas, Barbara Lizzie Landella Lucas and Jona Dallan Lucas, all of Quinine, N. C.

In 1895 Francena (Trogdon) Yow, daughter of William Casson Trogdon, reported from her postoffice, then Why Not, N. C., now Seagrove, N. C., as follows: That she was 41 years old, that they owned a large boundary of land, a barrel factory, a grist mill and a large country store, that she married Henry Yow in 1872 and that they had the following children: Nora J. Yow, Della Lucas Yow, Laura E. Yow, John C. Yow, Rona A. Yow and Bertha Yow, and

that her mother's maiden name was Barbary Auman, a daughter of Jacob Auman.

In 1895 Hulda Marrilla (Trogon) Hare, daughter of William Casson Trogon, reported from her postoffice, Why Not, N. C., as follows: That she was 29 years old, that they had 75 acres of land on Wall Creek, had houses, cattle, sheep, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture, that on January 15, 1890, she was married to Zebedee Hare and that they had the following children: Lester Hare, dead; Numa Casson Hare and Flora Dale Hare.

In 1895 Samuel Elcanah Trogon, son of William Casson Trogon, reported from his postoffice, Pisgah, N. C., as follows: That he was 36 years old, that he was married in 1876 and that his wife's name was Cornelia Ann, and that they had the following children: Lowrena E. Trogon, Ora J. Trogon, Zanet H. Trogon, Noma A. Trogon and Austin C. Trogon, that his mother's mother was Rebecca (Steed) Auman.

William Burgess Trogon, son of Reuben F. Trogon, grandson of the second Samuel Trogon, great grandson of the first Samuel Trogon and great, great grandson of William Trogon, in 1895 wrote W. F. Trogon from Madison, N. C., as follows: That he was born near Cedar Falls, Randolph County, N. C., and that he was 39 years of age, that he was a Baptist, a mossback Republican that he was educated at Trinity College, N. C., that he had held several government offices, that he owned one-seventh interest in the Mulberry Island Farm (the old Judge Settle place), 8½-acre lot in Madison, N. C., and a seven-room house, said he married Mary E. Guerant at Leaksville, N. C., February 13, 1883, by whom he had two children, viz: R. F. Trogon and W. B. Trogon, Jr., that his wife died

at the age of 29 in 1888, and that in 1890 he married in Leaksville, N. C., Cora Stephens, by whom he then had two children, viz: J. S. Trogdon and Lyda Wood Trogdon, and that his father died January 26, 1885 of liver trouble, and that his sister, S. Donna Trogdon, died in 1883, and that his sister, Effie M. (Trogdon) Graves, died November 8, 1892, that his mother was Elizabeth Leonard and that his mother's father was Joseph Leonard and that his mother's mother was Nancy (Kennedy) Leonard.

W. F. Trogdon's father and mother were second cousins. His father being Solomon Franklin Trogdon, son of the second Samuel Trogdon and grandson of the first Samuel Trogdon, and his mother being Dorcas Arretta (Odell) Trogdon, daughter of James Odell and Anna (Trogdon) Odell and grand daughter of Solomon Trogdon, who was a brother to the first Samuel Trogdon, and both being sons of William Trogdon, the first Trogdon settler in Randolph County, then a British province, so that W. F. Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., is the same kin to the descendants of the first Solomon Trogdon as to the decendants of the first Samuel Trogdon. The first Solomon Trogdon married Tobitha York, a daughter of John York, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution on the American side.

The first Solomon Trogdon and his wife, Tabitha, had the following children: Dorcas (Trogdon) Duskin, who settled near her father and later in life moved to Seymour, Iowa, where most of her children were. Anna (Trogdon) Odell settled on a part of her father's farm and died there. Sarah (Trogdon) Redding married Joseph Redding, by whom she had one son, Solomon Trogdon Redding, and then died. Samuel Trogdon, who married Ellander Swofford, first settled on a farm given him by his father, known as the John White place, and as the Cagle place, but later moved to Edgar County, Ill., and settled near Paris, Ill.

Ezekiel Trogdon settled in Edgar County, Ill., and we think died without children, and Emsley Trogdon settled about two miles north of Cedar Falls, N. C., married a Miss Stout, where both lived and died.

In 1895, W. F. Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., received a report from William Boudouin Odell, son of James Odell and Anna (Trogdon) Odell, from his then postoffice, Lexington, Okla., as follows: Stating that he was 75 years old, born in Randolph County, N. C., on his father's farm three miles north of Cedar Falls, N. C., in 1820, that he was a Baptist, a Republican, that he had been a justice of the peace at Genoa, Iowa, for eight years, that he owned 80 acres of good land, stock, etc., that he was married to Elizabeth Forester, of Chatham County, N. C., in 1841, daughter of David and Kissie (Cubbeson) Forester and that they had the following children, viz: James M. Odell, Seymour, Iowa; Amanda Jane (Odell) Park, Promise City, Iowa; Sarah E. (Odell) Baxter, Darks-ville, Randolph County, Mo.; Mrs. Mary Ann (Odell) Merritt, Seymour, Iowa; David F. Odell, Raders, Okla.; Nathaniel Milton Odell, Lexington, Okla.; Anna M. (Odell) Julian, Hennesy, Okla.; William B. Odell, Jr., Lexington, Okla., and Elvira Melissa (Odell) Wemple, Oatville, Kansas.

W. B. Odell says he was a son of James Odell, a grand son of Isaac Odell and that his Grandmother Odell was a Miss Boudouin, for whom he was named, that the grandfather on his mother's side was Solomon Trogdon and great grandfather was William Trogdon, the first settler long before the Revolutionary War.

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Seymour, Iowa, Aug. 28, 1894.

The following is a record of W. B. Odell and family:

W. B. Odell is a son of Anna Trogdon, by James Odell,

who is a daughter of Solomon Trogdon and a granddaughter of Wm. Trogdon. She married James Odell somewhere near 1808 or 1810. There were born to them eight children, four boys and four girls. The names of the children are: W. B. Odell, Martha Delaney Odell, Tobitha Odell, Dorcas Arretta Odell, John M. Odell, Laban Odell, Mary Matilda Odell, Jas. A. Odell. W. B. Odell was born in Randolph County, N. C., in the year of 1820. He was married to Elizabeth Forester of Chatham, N. C., in year 1841 to whom were born nine children. W. B. Odell now lives near Lexington, Oklahoma, which is his postoffice address. Elizabeth Odell, his wife, is dead. She died about 10 miles southwest of Wichita, Kan., on January 2, 1889, and buried in what is known as the Cartright graveyard.

W. B. Odell and Elizabeth Odell have nine children, four boys and five girls. The first is James M. Odell, who was born Aug. 26, 1842, in Randolph County, N. C., and came with his father to Illinois in the year of 1852 and then to Iowa in 1854 and now lives near Seymour, Iowa. He was married Sept. 22, 1865, to Rebecca Condra, of Appanous County, Iowa; to them were born seven children, four boys and three girls. The names are B. F. Odell, who is now living in Kansas and is yet single. Jas. W. Odell, the second, is living in St. Louis, Mo., 21 South Compton Ave. Olive Odell, the third child, is married to Thomas S. Young and now live in South Omaha, Neb., at 18 and Q Streets. Jacob Odell, the fourth child, is with his father now. Seymour Mary Odell, the fifth child, is living at home. Gertrude Odell, the sixth child, is at home. W. B. Odell, Jr., is at home and is the youngest child and is two years old. The second child of W. B. Odell, Sr., Amanda, who is married to E. A. Park and lives near Promise City, Iowa. She was born in the same county and state as her father was. She has seven children living and three dead. The

third child of W. B. Odell is Sarah E. Baxter who was born in Randolph County, N. C. She was married to Robert Baxter of Randolph County, Mo., and now lives near Darks-ville, Mo., which is their present postoffice address. They have four children, two boys and two girls, living, and two dead. The fourth child of W. B. Odell is D. F. Odell, was born in N. C. Never was married and lives with his father near Lexington, Oklahoma. John Milton Odell, the fifth child, was born in N. C., and now lives near Lexington, Oklahoma, and is married to Jennie Mattocks of Appanoon County, Iowa. They have seven children living and one or two dead. M. E. Merritt, the sixth child of W. B. Odell, was born in N. C., and now lives in Seymour, Iowa, and has a family of eight children living and one dead. The seventh child, Anna Julian, was born in N. C. She is married to Joseph P. Julian in Wayne County, Iowa, and has a family of ten children and now lives near Paris, Oklahoma, which is their present postoffice address. Malissa Wimple, the eighth child, was born in Wayne County, Iowa. Was married to Dow Wimple, Sedgewick County, Kansas, and now lives about ten miles southwest of Witchita, Kansas. W. B. Odell, the ninth child of W. B. Odell, Sr., was born in Wayne County, Iowa., and is married to Sallie Morrison of Arkansas. They have a family of three children living and two dead. They live near Lexington, Oklahoma, which is his postoffice address. James M. Odell, the oldest child of W. B. Odell, was a volunteer soldier of the Union Army. He enlisted August 11, 1862, and was discharged August 24, 1865. He belonged to the 36th Iowa Inf. Co. I Capt. J. B. Gedny. Second Brigade second division of the 7th Army Corps. Was a prisoner ten months and has a confederate ball in his right arm yet.

In 1895 Sarah Emma (Odell) Baxter, daughter of W. B. Odell, grand daughter of James Odell and Anna (Trogon)

Odell wrote W. F. Trogdon as follows: That she was 49 years old, that her P. O. was Darksville, Mo., that they owned 140 acres of good land, had 9 horses, etc., that she was married to Robert Emmet Baxter, in Genoa, Wayne Co., Iowa, March 7, 1864. That her mother died at Haysville, Kan., June 2, 1886, age 68. That they had the following children: Mrs. Susie E. (Baxter) Sporkman, 707 Morley St., Moberly, Mo., Wm. P. Baxter, Clifton Hill, Mo., John D. Baxter and Miss Annie Baxter, Darksville, Mo.

Short sketch of the life of Dorcas Duskin (ne Trogdon) Dorcas Duskin, daughter of Solomon and Tabitha Trogdon was born in Randolph County, N. C., Jan. 18, 1793, and was married to Jerry Duskin in 1811. Mr. Duskin being a farmer but by trade was a wagon and carriage maker at which trade he worked for a good many years. Both Dorcas and Jerry being industrious and economical soon was rated among their acquaintances as one of the well to do "Farmers." They had born unto them eight children, four boys and four girls. William, Solomon, Lindsay, Tabitha, John, Catharine, Sarah and Cynthia.

They lived to see all their children grown and had all left or was going to leave the old home, before they ever thought of such a thing as going out west to live, except Solomon that had died in infancy. Wm. and John had gone to Iowa. Tabitha had gone to Indiana and Sarah and Cynthia were going to Iowa. So that only Lindsay remained with the old folks (as they had grown old) decided to go to Iowa to see the children once more.

So on the 19th of March, 1867, Jerry, Dorcas and Catharine Duskin, Zebedee Hinshaw and wife and two children, Marion Hinshaw (son-in-law) and wife and two children, W. H. Lineberry (son-in-law) and wife and five children left Greensboro, N. C., for Genoa, Wayne County, Iowa, arriving in Wayne County March 26, 1867. The trip was

made without an accident to mar the feelings or the pleasure the party enjoyed on the trip. Albia being the nearest railroad station to their destination and that being forty miles from Wm. and John, their destination. Were met at the train by Wm. and Wesley Duskin, John and William Duskin, Jr., W. B. Odell and J. G. Emrick with ample conveyance for all. But this being one of Iowa's cold March days the trip was rather severe on the old folks and proved especially so with Zebedee Hinshaw who took cold on this trip and going to the home of W. B. Odell took his bed and died within two weeks of his arrival. Jerry Duskin having had a chronic trouble before leaving N. C., did not receive any benefit and probably lived just as long as if he had stayed in old Randolph. Lived only to June 30, 1867. Being in his eightieth year when he died. Being well pleased with the country and telling his boys he was sorry that he had not come west earlier in life. Jerry Duskin was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church having practiced all his life the strictest principles of integrity and honesty with all he chanced to come in contact. His neighbors and friends and relatives followed him to his last resting place at the Miller cemetery while all showed the sympathetic tear with Dorcas Duskin in her sad bereavement, but this was only the commencement of her trials for a year had not passed before Dorcas was called to give up Catharine that died March 30, 1868, while Cynthia Hinshaw, her youngest daughter, only lived to see July 24, 1868, and Tabitha had died in Indiana. She had since Jerry's death made her home with William, but two years had scarcely passed since Cynthia died when John died Nov. 21, 1870. Shortly after these events Sarah Lineberry had been thinking of moving to Mo. and in the spring of 1874 W. H. Lineberry and family moved to Linn County, Mo., and in the spring of 1875 to Carroll County, Mo. After Dorcas had

reached her 83rd year she made three visits to see her daughter Sarah in Mo. and was staying with her at the time of her death which occurred November 23, 1870, at J. B. Duskins, Meadville, Mo. Being able to follow the remains of her only daughter to her home 15 miles and also to the funeral at the Elizabeth Church, Carroll County, Mo., staying over winter with her grandsons at Meadville, Mo., she went back to Iowa in the spring. Wm. Duskin was now getting old. The children that were still at home were making arrangements to leave and do for themselves. So arrangements were made with J. B. Duskin the fourth son of Wm. Duskin, to take the home place with its occupants, Dorcas Duskin, William and Hetty Duskin, to be cared and provided for the same as his own family. The change taking place Feb., 1886. Dorcas Duskin at this time was in her 93rd year, stout and hearty and wanted to be doing something all the time, never having had much sickness. She said she had never enjoyed herself better than from that February to time of her death which occurred August 23, 1886, being 92 years seven months and five days old, having no ailment. She died of old age, her time had come. Dorcas Duskin had professed religion in her younger days and had lived a religious life. She joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church in N. C., and was honored and respected by all that knew her. She was buried with her husband in the Miller cemetery.

Wm. Duskin married Hetty Swain and have seven children alive and two dead. William was a farmer but worked at the carpenter trade. He died April 14, 1894. Hettie is still with her son, J. B. Duskin.

Lindsey Duskin married Betsey Summer and is still living in N. C., do not know much of the family. Has been married the second time and had four children. Tobitha married Enoch Orsborne and moved to Indiana and died there.

Do not know much of the family. Enoch lived at Walnut Grove, Mo., when last heard from. John married Ellen York and had nine children. Ellen is living at Seymour, Ia., only four of their children living. Sarah married W. H. Lineberry, and had nine children. Cynthia married Marion Hinshaw, had two children, both children live in Kansas. Marion lives in N. C. Catharine died single. The writer not being able to get the descendants of Lindsay and Tobitha and their families. Would say that he knows of 36 grand children, 67 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

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Samuel Trogdon, son of the first Solomon Trogdon settled in Edgar County, Ill., and had the following children: Nathan Trogdon, Seymour, Iowa; Samuel Trogdon of Edgar County, Ill., dead; Solomon Trogdon of Edgar County, Ill., dead; A. Y. Trogdon, Paris, Ill.; Stephen A. Trogdon, Edgar County, Ill., (dead), James B. Trogdon, Edgar County, Ill., dead; Cynthia (Trogdon) Summers had one son, Albert Trogdon Summers, and her husband Charles Summers died, and she married as her second husband Robert L. Walston by whom she had three children, viz: Louise Walston, Edwin B. Walston, and Anna Walston, Albert T. Walston married Helen Leighton Summers. Ruth Barnes Walston Summers. A. T. Summers lives in Decatur, Ill. Louise Walston married Percival Cleubb, of England, and three children were born to them, Dorothy B. Cleubb, Robert Walter Cleubb and Morris Cleubb.

The Cleubb's live in Summit, New Jersey. Edwin B. Walston lives in Des Moines, Iowa. Anna Walston married John Leon Bennett and they now live in Decatur, Ill. Cynthia (Trogdon) Summers, Walston died in Decatur, Ill., December 13, 1897.

The above information was furnished in part by Anna Walston Bennett, Mrs. John L. Bennett, 631 W. North St., Decatur, Ill.

In 1895 W. F. Trogdon of North Wilkesboro, N. C., received the following information from Nathan Trogdon, of Seymour, Iowa, son of Samuel Trogdon, grandson of the first Solomon Trogdon. That Nathan Trogdon's mother was Elander Swafford, a relative of Dr. Benjamin F. Swaf-

ford, of Terre Haute, Ind., who was born at the old Johnny Robbins place on Bush Creek, three and one-half miles north of Cedar Falls, N. C. Nathan Trogdon's wife, Elizabeth (Hodgin) Trogdon was a daughter of William and Mary Hodgin and a granddaughter of Joseph Hodgin and also of Isaac Odell of Randolph County, N. C. Nathan Trogdon born July 31st, 1814, in Randolph County, N. C., postoffice Seymour, Iowa, age 80.

Elizabeth Trogdon, born October 24, 1813, in Randolph County, N. C., P. O., Seymour, Iowa, age 76.

Nathan Trogdon and Elizabeth (Hodgin) Trogdon had the following children: Nathan Trogdon and Elizabeth Hodgin were married in Edgar County, Ill., November 12, 1835, and had the following children:

Mary E. Trogdon, born October 6, 1836, in Edgar County, Ill. Died in Edgar County, November 15, 1838.

Samuel A. Trogdon, born March 26, 1838, in Edgar Co., Ill. P. O., Seymour, Iowa. Age 56.

Malinda J. Trogdon, born April 28, 1839, in Edgar Co., Ill. P. O., Genoa, Iowa. Age 55.

Cynthia M. Trogdon, born April 6, 1841, in Edgar Co. Died in Seymour, Iowa, in 1873. Age 33.

Solomon C. Trogdon, born February 28, 1843, in Edgar County. P. O., Corydon, Iowa. Age 51.

Martha M. Trogdon, born November 17, 1845, in Edgar County. P. O., Seymour, Iowa. Age 48.

Wm. Trogdon, born November 24, 1846, in Buchanan County, Iowa. Died in the Union Army. Age 18.

Nathan F. Trogdon, born February 2, 1849, in Buchanan County. Died June 4, 1849. Age four months.

James A. Trogdon, born April 21, 1850, in Buchanan County, Iowa. P. O., Seymour, Iowa. Age 44.

Sarah E. Trogdon, born August 16, 1852, in Edgar Co., Ill. Died January 3, 1853. Age one.

Infant son, born and died in one day.

Viola D. Trogdon, born January 3, 1855, in Wayne Co., Iowa, and married M. V. Darrah. P. O., Humeston, Iowa.

Millard F. Trogdon, born September 18, 1857, in Wayne County, Iowa. P. O., Antelope Stage Station via Billings, Montana. Sheep raising.

Lorenzo L. Trogdon, born July 13, 1860, in Wayne Co., Iowa. P. O., Merriman, Neb.

Winfield S. Trogdon, born April 3, 1862, Wayne County, Iowa. Died November 10, 1863.

There were fifteen children born to Nathan and Elizabeth Trogdon in the order of the foregoing list, and their son, Solomon C. Trogdon, entered the Union Army in August, 1863, in the 8th Iowa Cavalry, Co. H. and served through the war and was honorably discharged in the fall of 1865 and their son, Samuel Trogdon, entered the Union Army in 1862 in the 118th Ill. Volunteers and served through the war and was honorably discharged in the fall of 1865.

The foregoing report was made by Nathan Trogdon in 1895. Nathan Trogdon was a brother of Judge A. Y. Trogdon, Solomon Trogdon and others, of Paris, Ill.

In 1895 W. F. Trogdon received the following report from Judge Trogdon, son of Solomon Trogdon, and grandson of Samuel Trogdon and great grandson of the first Solomon Trogdon, stating that his P. O. was Paris, Ill., that he was born in Edgar County, Ill., and was 40 years old, that he was educated in Paris, Ill., and at Greencastle College, Ind., and that he married Ella A. Woodward October 30, 1878, in Paris, Ill., and had one child, viz: Pearl Golden Trogdon, Paris, Ill., then in 1895 she was 13 years old and in school also that he owned in Paris, Ill., 43 town lots, a store, two good farms in Edgar County, Ill., and undivided interest in several other farms in Illinois, and that he owned 95

tracts of land near Quincy, Fla., and that the house in which he lived had fifteen rooms that his father, Solomon Trogdon, was a lawyer and farmer. His father died in Edgar Co., Ill., on January 15, 1865, and that his mother was still living. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Jane Hunter and that his mother's father was Spencer K. Hunter and that his mother's mother's maiden name was Williams, that he had one sister, Mrs. Aimee Archer living at 4614 Champlain Ave., Chicago, Ill., and that he had a brother, Rosecrans Trogdon, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Peter Cheserom of Redmond, Edgar County, Ill., a son-in-law of one Wm. Trogdon, (a great hunter in his day) can perhaps give some Trogdon family history.

September the 3rd, 1894, Seymour, Iowa, James Andrew Trogdon, son of Nathan Trogdon, was born in Buckhanan County, Iowa, April the 21st, 1850, and married Gertrude Emerick October the 20th, 1868, near Seymour, Iowa, Wayne County. Gertrude Trogdon, wife of James A. Trogdon, was born in Schuyler County, Ill., February the 23rd, 1852, to them were born 12 children. Zelig Abigail Trogdon was born near Seymour, Wayne County, Iowa, March the 20th, 1870. Charley Elmer Trogdon was born near Seymour, Iowa, Wayne County, August 25, 1872, was married to Dobie V. Shattuck January the 31st, 1892. She died January the 2nd, 1894. To them was born one son, Sidney W. Trogdon, born July 1, 1893. Louisa Belle Trogdon was born November the 6th, 1874, Seymour, Iowa. Malinda Helena Trogdon was born December the 3rd, 1876, Seymour, Iowa. Martha Elizabeth Trogdon was born in Union County, Iowa, February the 20th, 1880. Edith Viola Trogdon was born near Seymour, Iowa, March the 1st, 1882. Ethel Leura Trogdon was born near Seymour, Iowa, March the 1st, 1882. Died April 4, 1883. Clara Emeline Trogdon was born May the 25th, 1884, Maggie Beatrice

Trogon was born October the 5th, 1886. Gettrie Genevia Trogon was born January the 29th, 1889. Lillie Lucretia Trogon was born December the 28th, 1891. Died July the 21st, 1892. James Nathan Trogon was born July the 20th, 1893, Seymour, Iowa.

P. O. address, Seymour, Iowa, Wayne County.

Jonathan Alexander, son of Nathan Trogon and Malinda J. Trogon, were married October the 24th, 1858, and had nine children born to them, five boys and four girls, as follows: (1) Nancy Elizabeth, born the 10th of October, 1860, and was married to H. W. Miller on the 6th of Nov., 1881. Has had three children born to them, two girls and one boy, as follows: Besse H. was born August 16th, 1882; Jesse K. born March the 16th, 1886; William H. born Nov. 25, 1889. (2) Thomas Nathan, born August 18, 1862, and died April 25, 1864. (3) Ulysses Grant, born 11th of Sept., 1866, and was married May the 20th, 1883, to Minnie Berry and has had three children born to them, as follows: First child born Sept. 6, 1884, died infant. Emma R. born Feb. 28, 1886. Emery Y. born August the 19th, 1889. (4) Sarah Marticia, born Dec. 18, 1866, was married March 2, 1884, to W. W. Mills and had six children born to them, as follows: Three boys and three girls. First girl born April the 5th, 1885, died an infant; second born July 19th, 1886, died infant; William J. born Dec. 24, 1888; Malinda Alice born Nov. 16, 1890; Nathan Cerial born June the 20th, 1892; Mary Ellen born April 9, 1884. (5) Charlotte Elmira born March 7, 1869, was married to H. H. Sager, March the 20th, 1887, and has had two girl children born to them as follows: Villie V. born March the 1st, 1889; Carrol, born Jan. the 9th, 1892.

Charlotte's P. O. is Seymour, Iowa.

The rest is all Genoa, Wayne County, Iowa.

Millard F. Trogon, son of N. and E. Trogon, married

Mary Garrett who died (I have forgotten the date) and was buried in the Genoa cemetery. He married his second wife in the year 1886. Her name was Jaly Faro. To them have been born two daughters. The oldest is Martha, who was born in June, 1888. Their second child was born about 1891 or 92. Her name, Viola. His P. O. address, Antelope Stage Station, (via. Billings) Montana.

Lorenzo Lincoln was married about 1880 to Eva Malone. To them have been born four children. The two oldest are dead and buried in the Seymour cemetery. Their third child, named Ferree. Their fourth child is a boy; have forgotten his name. Their address is Merriman, Cherry Co., Nebraska.

Viola, daughter of Nathan Trogdon and Martin V. Darrah, have had four children born to them. Two girls and two boys. Como, the oldest child, is about 19 years old; Mary Elizabeth, their second child, is about 16 years old; their third child, a girl, is dead and buried near Humestown, Wayne County, Iowa (have forgotten its name). Their fourth child is a boy, is nine years old, name, Floyd. P. O. address Humestown, Iowa.

Samuel Austin Trogdon, son of Nathan Trogdon, was married A. D. 1866, to Salome Hillard. To them was born one daughter, name, Mary G. Died March the 10th, 1879. Age 12 years. Was buried in the cemetery at Genoa. His wife died about 1875. Was buried at Promise City, Iowa, Wayne County. He married his second in Hancock County, Ill., about 1892 (have forgotten her name).

They live in southern Missouri. (Do not know their P. O. address.)

## N. Trogdon

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Cynthia M., daughter of Nathan Trogdon and T. Clark York, were married Oct. 22, 1865, to them were born three children, two which died small. Sallie Elizabeth York, their oldest, born Aug. 24, 1866, and married Dec. 27, 1885, to LeRoy P. Jones, a native of Indiana. Their P. O. is Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa.

Mrs. Cynthia M. (Trogdon) York died March 26, 1873, age 32 years, and was buried in the cemetery in Genoa, Iowa, near her home.

William Lineberry married a daughter of Jerry and Dorcas (Trogdon) Duskin and settled near Genoa, Iowa. Names of his children not known to the writer. We have no history of the families of the other Duskin children.

In 1895 W. F. Trogdon received the following report from Solomon Trogdon Redding, a son of Sarah (Trogdon) Redding, a grandson of Solomon Trogdon and a great grandson of Wm. Trogdon, the first settler, that on his father's side he was a son of Joseph Redding and a grandson of John Redding, that he and his wife, Lucina, were married Feb. 12, 1852, near Millboro, N. C., that they had the following children: Joseph Redding, Millboro, N. C.; William B. Redding, who died out west, Sarah A. (Redding) Hinshaw, who married Wrenny Hinshaw; P. O., Millboro, N. C., and Mary E. (Redding) Julian, who married Jesse Julian and lives at Millboro, N. C.

Solomon Trogdon Redding also reported that he was 67 years old in 1895 and that he owned 246 acres of land which he inherited from his grandfather, Solomon Trogdon.

Martha Delana (Odell) Underwood and her husband,

Samuel Underwood, had quite a number of children but we do not have their names.

Martha Delana Odell was a daughter of James Odell and wife, Anna (Trogon) Odell, and a granddaughter of the first Solomon Trogon.

Tobitha Odell, daughter of Anna (Trogon) Odell, and granddaughter of Solomon Trogon, married Allman Ellison and they settled near Franklinsville, N. C., and had the following children: Thomas Milton Ellison, James Wesley Ellison, Alfred Ellison (who married a Miss Nixon) and John Alexander Ellison all lived near Franklinsville, N. C. The Ellisons owned a good farm there, also a wagon shop.

Thomas Milton Ellison, son of Allman Ellison and Tobitha (Odell) Ellison, grandson of Anna (Trogon) Odell and great grandson of Solomon Trogon, in 1895 reported that he was 48 years old owned 100 acres of land and married Catharine Allred and had three children living near Franklinville, N. C.

James Wesley Ellison son of Allman and Tabitha (Odell) Ellison, grandson of Anna (Trogon Odell and great grandson of the first Solomon Trogon, reported that he was then (in 1895) 44 years old and owned a 140-acre farm and was a school teacher, surveyor and farmer, that he married Annie Jane West and had the following children: Emily Florence, Louana and Ada Ellison, all living near Franklinsville, N. C.

John Alexander Ellison, son of Allman and Tobitha (Odell) Ellison, grandson of Anna (Trogon) Odell, great grandson of the first Solomon Trogon and was (in 1895) 36 years old, had two farms containing 175 acres and was married to Susan Baker and had three children, one boy, Walter Ellison, and two girls, all living near Franklinsville, N. C.

Mary Matilda (Odell) Allred, daughter of James and Anna (Trogon) Odell, and granddaughter of the first Solo-

mon Trogdon in 1895 stated she was 62 years old and that she and her husband owned the farm on which her brother, W. B. Odell, first settled, near Millboro, N. C., that on Dec. 25, 1854, she married John R. Allred and that they had the following children: Charles F. Allred, Millboro, N. C.; William A. Allred, born March 20, 1875, and a son who died June 2, 1890, and Annie M. (Allred) Hinshaw, wife of Zeno Hinshaw, all of Millboro, Randolph County, N. C., and that her mother, Anna (Trogdon) Odell, died Dec. 1, 1877, and that her father, James Odell, died in 1886. The mother being 81 years old at death and her father being 88 years old at death.

Dorcas Arretta (Odell) Trogdon, daughter of James and Anna (Trogdon) Odell, and granddaughter of the first Solomon Trogdon (and his wife, Tobitha "York" Trogdon) was born near Cedar Falls, N. C., on Aug. 18, 1828, and on April 10, 1853, married her second cousin, Solomon Franklin Trogdon, and by him had the following children:

Willard Franklin Trogdon, born Feb. 5, 1854.

Cicero Laban Trogdon, born Feb. 25, 1857.

Her husband, Solomon F. Trogdon, died Sept. 19, 1860, and on April 1, 1866, she married as her second husband Joshua Swaim, who died Feb. 19, 1868, by whom she had one daughter, Nancy Jane (Swaim) Sherrill, wife of Rev. C. F. Sherrill, of Shelby, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill have the following children:

Ollie Lenoir Sherrill, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Frank Sherrill, Charlotte, N. C.

Nannie Belle (Sherrill) Lineberger, Shelby, N. C.

Charles M. Sherrill, Roanoke, Va.

James Edgar Sherrill, Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Dorcas Arretta (Odell) Trogdon-Swaim died Oct. 16, 1922, age 94 years, 1 month and 28 days, and was buried at Gray's Chapel, near Millboro, N. C. She always

lived on the old Trogdon-Odell-Trogdon farm near Millboro, N. C.

Willard Franklin Trogdon, son of Solomon Franklin Trogdon and Dorcas Arretta (Odell) Trogdon, was born Feb. 5, 1854, three miles north of Cedar Falls, Randolph County, N. C., a grandson of James Odell and Anna (Trogdon) Odell, and great grandson on his mother's side of the first Solomon Trogdon and great, great grandson of William Trogdon, the first Trogdon settler who settled in Randolph County, N. C., long before the Revolutionary War, near Franklinsville, N. C.

W. F. Trogdon's father died Sept. 19, 1860, leaving two little boys for their mother to care for during the troublesome times of the Civil War with almost no schools and after the war with negroes freed and state and confederate money no good. It was a struggle for existence. His mother married Joshua Swaim April 1, 1866, by whom she had a daughter and then Mr. Swaim died Feb. 19, 1868, leaving the mother, a poor widow again, herself and her two boys trying to make a living on the farm.

In about 1871 W. F. Trogdon went to Greensboro, N. C., to clerk for and live with his uncle, J. A. Odell. After a few years there he was in school in Yadkin College, N. C., and in Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., later becoming traveling salesman. In 1890 he was one of the founders of North Wilkesboro, N. C., and for many years its principal upbuilder. Built and owned 10 brick store buildings, a large brick and stone bank building, organized the Deposit & Savings Bank and was for seven years its president, owned 900 lots and 300 acres of land in the town, was Mayor of the town and for years chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

On Feb. 16, 1886, in Greensboro, N. C., W. F. Trogdon and Mrs. Lizzie (Scales) Lentz were married but there were

no children. Mrs. Trogdon died Sept. 30, 1917. Mr. Trogdon is now in the real estate business in North Wilkesboro, N. C., and in Miami, Fla.

In a book called "Makers of America" Vol. 4, page 94, and in "Lewis Biographical History" of North Carolina, Vol. 5, page 151, found in the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C., and in other libraries are accounts of what this upbuilder has done.

Trogdon descendants wishing to join the Daughters of the Revolution are entitled to this honor. See Ashe's Biographical History of North Carolina, Vol. 2, page 315, to be found in the Congressional Library and in other libraries.

Cicero Laban Trogdon, son of Solomon Franklin Trogdon, and Dorcas Arretta (Odell) Trogdon, grandson on his mother's side of James Odell and Anna (Trogdon) Odell and great grandson of the first Solomon Trogdon, and great, great grandson of Wm. Trogdon, was born on his father's farm three miles North of Cedar Falls, N. C., February 25, 1857, after the death of his grandfather, James Odell, November 12, 1886, he and his mother moved from his father's farm back to the old Trogdon-Odell-Trogdon farm where all James Odell and Anna (Trogdon) Odell's children were born and reared and which was a part of the first Solomon Trogdon grant and he still lives there and never has married, owns both farms about 259 acres and owns much other valuable property. His mother died October 16, 1922, in her 95th year.

Uncle Sam Trogdon's address was Billings, Christian County, Mo., in 1895.

Trogdons in and around Bedford, Ind. Isaac T. at Paris, Ill. Camp Point, Ill., is headquarters for the John H. Trogdon folks, Colonel John H. Trogdon enlisted at St. Louis, Mo., in the 2nd Ill. Cavalry Volunteers. Esrum Rubin Trogdon, Priscilla Irene, Samuel Hougale, Susan Jane, and

Minnie Jack Trogdon, children of Isaac Trogdon. Children's P. O., Worthville, N. C. John Randolph Trogdon, son of Samuel Trogdon of Billings, Mo., lives at Okain, Arkansas.

Dr. Benjamin F. Swafford, Terre Haute, Ind., left a history pertaining to some of the Trogdon's. Peter Chessom Redmond, Edgar, Ill., has the history of Wm. Trogdon, brother of Grandma Odell.

A. Y. Trogdon says I might find out from the records of Chatham County who Wm. Trogdon married. A. Y. Trogdon's father married Ellender Swafford. She was a daughter of James Swafford of the old Robbins place on Bush Creek in N. C. Also you might see records at Ashboro, N. C. A. Y. Trogdon says W. H. Lamb of Vermillion, Ill., a son of Abigal (Trogdon) Lamb, and her husband, Abner Lamb, could furnish a lot of Trogdon History. He was about 80 years old in 1895.

Abigal (Trogdon) Lamb was a sister of Isaac Trogdon, who was a son of the first Samuel Trogdon. A. Y. Trogdon then goes on to say Abigal Trogdon referred to in the enclosed letter married Alexander Lamb and I think moved from Ind. or Ill. to Iowa and from Iowa to California and have several children. We do not know who he means here: Elizabeth Ellen Rosena, daughter of William C. Trogdon, was born July the 27th, 1850; married William Lucas April the 4th, 1868. To them were born nine children: Hillary Artha was born Sept. 13, 1870; Lindlay Var-num was born Feb. 18, 1874; Joseph Bolado was born Nov. 18, 1876; Margaret Ellen born August 12, 1881; William Samuel born Nov. 3, 1883; Vonnie Jane born Feb. 20, 1886; Barbara Lizzie Luelelen born March 27, 1889, Jane Dallas born Oct. 28, 1891. All at Quinine.

The uncles and aunts of W. F. Trogdon are the following:

Alfred D. Trogdon of Virmillion, Ill., married Martha York in N. C.

Daniel Trogdon of Cedar Falls, N. C., married Lilly Allred in N. C.

William Casson Trogdon of Quinine, N. C., married Barbara Auman in N. C.

Joel Julian Trogdon of Bois D. Arc, Mo., married Sally Irena Julian, in N. C.

Isaac Trogdon of Worthville, N. C., married Lucinda Julian, N. C.

Abigal Trogdon of Boise D. Arc, Mo., married Eli Spoon, N. C.

Purcilla Trogdon of Kemps Mills, N. C., married Wm. Spoon, N. C.

Samuel Trogdon of near Bois D. Arc, Mo., married Polly Craven, N. C.

Solomon Franklin of Millboro, N. C., married Dorcas Arretta Odell, N. C.

John R. Trogdon of Why Not, N. C., married Amy Lucas, N. C.

Ruben Farlow Trogdon of Waddells, N. C., married Elizabeth Leonard, N. C.

John Milton Odell, son of James Odell and Anna (Trogdon) Odell, grandson of the first Solomon Trogdon and great grandson of William Trogdon, born three miles north of Cedar Falls, N. C., married Carrie Kirkman by whom they had the following children: W. R. Odell, Concord, N. C., and daughter Ollie (Odell) Durham, wife of Stonewall Durham, who have two boys, Plato Durham, Gastonia, N. C., and John Durham, Gastonia, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham live at Bessemer City, N. C. The Odells owned large cotton mills and much other property.

W. R. Odell has the following sons, Fred Odell, Greensboro, N. C.; Ralph Odell with Armory Brown & Co., Worth

St., New York, N. Y.; and A. G. Odell, who with his father manages the Kerr Bleachery, Concord, N. C.

J. M. Odell married a Mrs. White after the death of his first wife and then he died.

Major Laban Odell married Mary Craven, daughter of Enoch Craven, before the Civil War, and had one son, John Odell.

Major Laban Odell was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., in 1863.

James Alexander Odell married Miss Jane Prescott.

Tobitha Odell married Alman Ellison.

Martha Delaney Odell married Samuel Underwood.

Dorcas Arretta Odell married Solomon Franklin Trogdon.

Mary Matilda Odell married John R. Allred.

Wm. B. Odell married a Miss Foster.

John Milton Odell married Carrie Kirkman.

Cynthia Trogdon, daughter of the first Solomon Trogdon, married John Duncan.

The following copied from the Odell-Trogdon Bible:

James Odell, born October 7, 1798; Anna (Trogdon) Odell, born January 20, 1797.

To them were born the following children:

William Boudouin Odell, born July 30, 1820.

Martha Delaney Odell, born February 26, 1823.

Tobitha Emeline Odell, born December 21, 1825.

Dorcas Arretta Odell, born August 18, 1828.

John Milton Odell, born January 20, 1831.

Mary Matilda Odell, born July 15, 1833.

Laban Odell, born November 8, 1836.

James Alexander Odell, born November 4, 1841.

Isaac Odell, father of James Odell, born July 29, 1765.  
Died November, 1845.

Nehemiah Odell, father of Isaac Odell, born in 1743. Died 1783.

Martha Odell, born in 1744. Died May 10, 1834. Maiden name, Martha Julian.

Martha Odell, wife of Isaac Odell, born November 13, 1800. Maiden name, Martha Boudouin.

Mary Odell, daughter of Isaac Odell, born February 3, 1792. Married Wm. Hodgkin and went west, settled in Ill.

Elizabeth Odell, daughter of Isaac Odell, born July 31, 1795. Married Reuben Farlow, went to Ill.

James Odell, son of Isaac Odell, born October 7, 1798.

Isaac Odell, son of Isaac Odell, born November 28, 1802. Went to Ill.

DeLilla Odell, daughter of Isaac Odell, born January 13, 1806.

Catherine Odell, second wife of Isaac Odell, born 1765.

Solomon Trogdon, father of Anna (Trogdon) Odell, born 1760. Died May 14, 1826.

Tobitha (York) Trogdon, wife of the first Solomon Trogdon, born in 1765. Died in 1860.

Major Laban Odell, killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863.

Anna (Trogdon) Odell died December 1, 1877. Age, 80 years and 11 months.

Reuben Farlow, husband of Elizabeth (Odell) Farlow, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Emsley Trogdon, son of the first Solomon Trogdon, married a Miss Stout, and had the following children:

First, Abbie, who married Hogan Allred.

Second, Mary Ann, who married Wm. Allred.

Tobitha, who married a York.

John Trogdon, who married, first, a Miss Johnson, and, second wife, Miss Pop Nelson.

Solomon Trogdon, who married a Miss Watson.

Samuel Trogdon, who married Nancy Jennings.

Lyndon Trogdon, who married Miss Rosanna Nuey, sister of Ward Trogdon's first wife.

Rachel (Trogdon) Allred, daughter of the first Samuel Trogdon, married Isaac Allred and to them were born the following children:

Solomon Allred, who married Rachel Hammer.

Virginia Allred, who married Wm. Diffie.

Anderson Allred, who married Sabina McMasters.

Mary Allred, who married David Jennings.

Calvin Allred, who married a Miss Swafford.

Rachel Allred, who married Julius C. Gregson.

Ben Elliott owned a grist mill where Cedar Falls factory now stands.

Ben Elliott, his son, Henry Elliott, and Robert Marsh built Cedar Falls factory in about 1840. Robert Marsh was the father-in-law of Henry Elliott.

Mary (Trogdon) Ferree, wife of Joel Ferree, was a daughter of the first Samuel Trogdon.

Solomon Ferree was a brother of Susan (Ferree) Trogdon, wife of the second Samuel Trogdon.

Joel Ferree, husband of Mary (Trogdon) Ferree, Solomon Ferree and Susan (Ferree) Trogdon wife of the second Samuel Trogdon, were brothers and sisters. Mrs. Mary Ferree and the second Samuel Trogdon were brothers and sisters. Samuel Ferree, Mrs. Susan Swaim and Mrs. Cenith Fentress, son and daughters of Joel and Mary Ferree, are the only ones that left any children. Mrs. Dorcas Arretta (Trogdon) Swaim, mother of W. F. and C. L. Trogdon and mother of Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, died October 16, 1922, in her 95th year.

# History OF Andrew York Trogdon

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Andrew York Trogdon, grandson of the first Solomon Trogdon, and a great grandson of Wm. Trogdon of near Franklinsville, N. C., (son of Samuel and his wife, Ellender "Swafford" Trogdon) was born July 8, 1833, in Edgar County, Illinois; married Mary Catherine Clapp June 16, 1859. She was the daughter of Christian and Catherine (Davault) Clapp.

Andrew York Trogdon died November 19, 1910, at Paris, Illinois; his wife, Mary Catherine (Clapp) Trogdon, April 28, 1918, at Paris, Illinois.

## Children:

Alice, single, Paris, Illinois.

Jessie, married to Thomas Albert Foley, son of Moses Franklin and Sarah Catherine (Talbert) Foley, at Paris, Illinois, December 12, 1893.

Ida, single, died at Paris, Illinois, August 26, 1924.

Como, married Emma Davis at Danville, Illinois, June 28, 1893; died near Big Arm, Montana, May 18, 1916, and was buried at Paris, Illinois.

Lula, married to Franklin Morton Foley, son of Moses Franklin and Sarah Catherine (Talbert) Foley, July 5, 1906.

Dick, married January 22, 1903, to Lucy Kohl of Marshall, Illinois.

## Grandchildren:

By Thomas Albert and Jessie (Trogdon) Foley.

Ruth Alice, single, Danville, Illinois.

Albert Clarence, married Gertrude Dorothea Seaton, September 10, 1921, Piggott, Arkansas.

Philip Oglesby, married to Mildred May Hamilton, April 19, 1924, Paris, Illinois.

Richard Trogdon, died April 6, 1903, at Paris, Illinois.

Catherine Ada, single, Paris, Illinois.

Thaddeus Talburt, single, Paris, Illinois.

By Como and Emma (Davis) Trogdon:

Ray Asher, married in Montana.

Laura Esther, died in Paris, Illinois, June 7, 1917.

Don Como, drowned July 4, 1924, Glacier National Park, Montana.

By Dick and Lucy (Kohl) Trogdon:

Mabel Alice, married Robert Lucien Blood, June 5, 1924, Mount Carmel, Illinois.

George W., single, Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Franklin Morton and Lula (Trogdon) Foley have no children.

Great grandchildren:

By Albert Clarence and Gertrude Dorothea (Seaton) Foley:

Philip Seaton, Piggott, Arkansas.

September 5, 1924.

## Judge A. Y. Trogdon

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Was born in Edgar county, Illinois, July 8, 1833, and is the oldest native of this county whose biography is herein given. His parents, Samuel and Ellender Trogdon, were natives of North Carolina, but left their southern home and came to this county in 1826, locating on a farm about eight miles east of Paris. Here a family of twelve children was raised, Judge being the youngest boy. Of this family but four are now living, three sons and one daughter. The good old mother of this family still lives on the farm east of the city, in her 94th year, the father having died several years ago. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm and attended school in the old Paris seminary and at Greencastle, Indiana, getting most of his education at the latter place. However, while he was a boy, he lived for several years near Independence, Iowa, and also lived a short time in Minnesota. After securing his education he taught school for a while in Illinois, afterwards going to Mississippi where he taught for one year, 1853. Upon returning from the south he entered upon the study of law in Terre Haute, studying with J. P. Usher, Chambers Y. Patterson and Harvey D. Scott. Was admitted to the bar of Indiana in 1857, and moved to Paris and located permanently in 1858. Was admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1859. In 1860 was elected town clerk. Continued the practice of law and in 1865 was elected county judge. At the expiration of his term, in 1869, he was elected mayor of Paris, and commissioned by General John M. Palmer, May the 17th, 1870. In 1877 he was again elected county judge, and as the term was by law continued one year he at this time

held the office for five years. At the expiration of this term he was again elected in 1882 and completed his service as county judge in 1886. He was again a candidate for the same office, though against his wish, in 1890, but was defeated by A. J. Hunter. He went into the marble business in 1879, which business he still follows in addition to his practice in law. He was married in 1859 to Mary C. Clapp, who was also a native of North Carolina. They now have a family of six children, four daughters and two sons, to gladden their pleasant home on Chestnut street. Their home is one of model companionship and culture, and is a source of great comfort to the Judge in his declining years. In addition to the Judge's regular practice in law he has made for several years a specialty of pension claims, and is recognized as one of the best pension attorneys in this part of the State. Having thoroughly acquainted himself with the pension laws he is unusually successful in pushing claims to a speedy adjustment. As a judge of law he stands high in the estimation of the people, and during the thirteen years which he served the people in the capacity of county judge, perfect satisfaction was given and his decisions were almost universally correct. No county judge ever served the people better and more satisfactorily. He now devotes most of his time in practice to pension claims and is a safe counsel at law. He also looks after his extensive marble business and is active as though he were many years younger. He knew Paris when it was but a small village, and Edgar county when it was yet wild, and has seen all the improvements and advancement made here during the last half a century. We hope he, with his family, may live to see many years more of such advancement.

Pearl Golden Trogdon, of Edgar County, Ill., married Herbert Love, who is now president of Palmer College, De

Funiack Springs, Fla. Her mother, Mrs. Ella Trogdon, now lives at Amsterdam, Ga.

Sophia Trogdon, daughter of Daniel F. and wife Lilly (Allred) Trogdon, was born February 18, 1843. Married Burgess Leonard in 1864 and he died September 14, 1873, leaving his wife a widow with four boys, viz:

Oscar L., died June 11, 1900.

O. T., who died March 17, 1921.

Joe is still living and Ed B. Leonard is cashier of the Bank of Ramseur, of Ramseur, N. C.

Ernest W. Trogdon, son of Ward Trogdon, and grandson of Daniel F. Trogdon, married a Miss Bundy of High Point, N. C. They have the following children: Ernest, Jr., Blanche, Mary and Robert. They live at North Wilkesboro, N. C., and E. W. Trogdon, Sr., is superintendent of a furniture factory. His brother, George Trogdon, owns a furniture factory at Tocoa, Ga.

# A Brief History OF North Wilkesboro

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(Carter's Weekly)  
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Mr. W. F. Trogdon, by request, gives the following history of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina:

The Methodist Sunday School of North Wilkesboro, N. C., was organized by Rev. A. E. Wiley, pastor of the Wilkesboro Circuit, Sunday morning, March 13, 1892, being the first Sunday School organized in the town. The following men were the organizing members: T. J. Lowery, W. F. Trogdon and wife, Lizzie Scales Trogdon, J. L. Turner and his wife, Ella E. Turner, John A. Cashion and his wife, Fannie E. Cashion, James B. Church and wife, Miss Mary Church, Miss Lou Church, Dan Cashion, W. M. Darlington and wife, and B. Shumate. The following officers were elected: T. J. Lowery, superintendent, and B. Shumate, secretary and treasurer, J. L. Turner, assistant superintendent. On January 12, 1893, T. J. Lowery resigned as superintendent and W. F. Trogdon was elected in his place. The Sunday school was organized in the wooden store building, (then vacant) in the rear of the opera house. This house was built and belonged to the father of Johnson J. Hayes and was used for the Methodist Sunday School, for a Union Prayer Meeting and as a place of worship. This building is still standing, but has long since been changed into a dwelling house and is known as "The Stalls."

In the afternoon of March 13, 1892, in a small building

in rear of J. L. Turner's Undertaking establishment a Union Sunday school was organized by the election of W. M. Absher, superintendent, and W. B. Henry, as secretary and treasurer.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., was organized in the first mentioned building, by Rev. A. E. Wiley, pastor of the Wilkesboro Circuit on Friday, November 25, 1892. The following were the organizers: W. F. Trogdon, and wife, Lizzie Scales Trogdon, J. L. Turner and wife, Ella E. Turner, Miss Mary Church, Miss Lou Church, T. J. Lowery, John A. Cashion and wife, Fannie E. Cashion, W. M. Darlington, and wife, James B. Church and wife, Mrs. W. P. Horton, Dan Cashion, W. T. P. Ward. The following were the first board of Stewards: T. J. Lowery, W. F. Trogdon, W. T. P. Ward, W. M. Darlington and J. L. Turner.

The Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, N. C., was organized on Saturday, December 17, 1892, by C. S. Cashwell of Mocksville, N. C., I. T. Prevette of Wilkesboro, and J. S. Forester of North Wilkesboro, C. S. Cashwell, President, and J. S. Forester, Clerk of the Presbytery, sixteen members united with the church by letter. H. B. Parker was elected clerk of the church, and A. M. Church, W. M. Absher, and Dr. W. P. Horton, Trustees. At this time North Wilkesboro had a population of about 250 people, having increased from a population of 18 to 250 in a little over a year.

On Friday morning, January 13, 1893, the thermometers in North Wilkesboro registered five degrees below zero and on Saturday morning the mercury had crawled down to 15 degrees below zero and on Monday, January 16, 1893, the coldest weather ever known in this country, the thermometers registered from 23 1-2 to 26 degrees below zero. The thermometers registered an average of below zero for more than two weeks and the ice on the Reddies River Pond was

12 inches thick and the Yadkin River was entirely frozen over for weeks so that loaded wagons crossed on the ice anywhere. At this time Mr. W. F. Trogdon put up several carloads of ice, which lasted the town for two summers.

# Was One of Founders OF North Wilkesboro

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(From Winston-Salem, N. C., Sentinel, 6-12-24)

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W. F. Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro, passed through the city today on his return from his third winter in Miami, Fla. Mr. Trogdon, together with the late Col. George W. Hinshaw, were founders and for many years principal advertisers and upbuilders of North Wilkesboro. Mr. Trogdon thinks Miami, Fla., will be a second Los Angeles.

# North Wilkesboro Marked by Rapid Growth as City

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Busy Town Now Stands Where Cows Grazed 35 Years  
Ago; Development Largely Laid to Work of  
W. F. Trogdon

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(From The Winston-Salem Journal)

By S. J. HONEYCUTT

North Wilkesboro, July 3.—Thirty-five years ago there were two old farms in Wilkes county near the junction of Reddies and Yadkin rivers. These two farms, owned then by the Finleys and the Blairs, became the site of the present busy, hustling town of North Wilkesboro, which is properly called "The Key to the Blue Ridge."

The Finley farm was cleared in 1770 by Charles Gordon, the great grandfather of General John B. Gordon, noted in the Civil War as one of the most prominent generals on the Confederate side, becoming later one of the country's most noted statesmen.

North Wilkesboro owes its existnece as a town to the fact that George W. Hinshaw, of Winston-Salem, secured the location of a railroad from Winston up the Yadkin river to a point within one mile of Wilkesboro. Those familiar with the history of the building of this railroad believe that but for Mr. Hinshaw's untiring efforts and faith in the project Elkin and North Wilkesboro today would probably have been only small country villages just beginning to see

visions of an outlet for the varied products of the wonderful foot hills and valley country.

### A TRAVELING SALESMAN

W. F. Trogdon, of Greensboro, who was widely acquainted throughout the country and who had traveled over all this western and northwestern territory, prior to 1890, selling tanner's supplies and visiting small country tanners to solicit their trade, saw the wonderful possibilities of this section and became greatly interested to see these unlimited natural resources developed. His interest led him to action. It is but fair to say that but for W. F. Trogdon North Wilkesboro would not be what it is today.

The Winston Land and Improvement company, owned principally by Winston, Greensboro and Richmond, Virginia, capitalists, under the management of G. W. Hinshaw, president, and W. F. Trogdon, secretary and treasurer, and local manager, in 1890 bought from the Finley's and the Blairs about 1,000 acres of land on which the town now stands. This company from 1890 to 1894 laid off and graded ten miles of streets, built bridges, culverts, a splendid school building; for several years ran a good hotel, a newspaper, partially built a large opera house and bank building, which was afterward bought and finished by W. F. Trogdon and run as a hotel.

L. A. Jarvis built the first brick store building here in the year 1891 and for several years did a successful business on the southeast corner of B and 9th streets. This building is now occupied by W. R. Williams Drug Company.

J. W. Dimmette in the same year built the second brick business house on the south side of B street which is now occupied by Harry La Mar, jeweler.

In 1894 and 1895 W. F. Trogdon built the four brick store buildings on the north side of B street, now occupied

by Miller Grocery Co., J. T. Privett, C. C. Clothing Co., and Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

Then came the building for the Bank of North Wilkesboro on the southwest corner of B and 9th streets, used by this prosperous banking house until last year when the new bank building across the street was completed, then the Bank of North Wilkesboro moved into its new quarters.

From farms with 18 people in 1890 the town had grown a population of 900 in 1900. In 1902 Mr. Trogdon bought out the Winston Land company and became its president and treasurer. At this time the holdings of the company consisted of 900 town lots and 500 acres of land within the corporate limits of the town. In order to sell these town lots and to build a town he began a campaign of advertising North Wilkesboro all over North Carolina. No such advertising campaign has ever been undertaken in this section before or since. It was a success.

In order to inspire confidence in the future of North Wilkesboro Mr. Trogdon during the years 1902 to 1910 built and owned for a long time seven more splendid brick store buildings, the large three-story brick and stone Deposit and Savings Bank building, three frame store buildings and four fine residences. Confidence and faith in the future of the town was thus established. Merchants from Wilkesboro and the surrounding country moved into North Wilkesboro and from then on the place has grown consistently. Although Mr. Trogdon did not make an immense fortune for himself he made a success of building a town and made it possible for others to become wealthy.

Mr. Trogdon owned ninety-seven per cent of the capital stock of the following incorporated companies of North Wilkesboro: The American Home Mineral and Timber Land Co., The State Co., Wilkes Industrial Co., the North Wilkesboro News Publishing Co., and after 1902, the Win-

ston Land Improvement Co. He was president and treasurer of all these companies. In 1903 he established the Deposit and Savings Bank, owning a majority of the stock and for seven years was its president until 1910 when he sold out to Congressman R. L. Doughton who has since been its president. During the years 1904 to 1907 Mr. Trogdon doubled the area of the town by laying out new streets, blocks, lots, grading and putting in sidewalks, with restrictions that the lots should not be sold to colored people and that the names of the streets should never be changed. The streets were named for the directors of the Winston Land and Improvement Co. and for himself. Mr. Trogdon had a splendid copyrighted map of the town made. All of these activities caused the population to more than double between 1900 and 1910.

It was due to the influence of W. F. Trogdon and Geo. W. Hinshaw that the immense tannery of C. C. Smoot and Sons Co., located here in the year 1894 or 1895. For weeks prior to the location of the tannery here Mr. Trogdon traveled over the mountain country with representatives of C. C. Smoot and Sons Co., showing them the advantages of the surrounding country, the timber and the bark. As a result the Smoots built here the largest tannery at that time in the south. Recently the International Shoe Co., of St. Louis, Mo., bought the tannery and today it is by far the largest single industry in North Wilkesboro and has done more for the development of the town industrially than any other enterprise.

Thus from an incorporated town in 1891 of a very few inhabitants North Wilkesboro has grown to be one of the larger and one of the best of the smaller towns of North Carolina. From a small village with two or three stores it has grown to be a prosperous town, having the second largest tannery in the south, splendid furniture factories, a cof-

fin factory, successful herb and root wholesale houses, a nice creamery, an ice plant, a laundry, flouring mills, a foundry, mill machinery factories, a cotton mill, hosiery mill, a number of successful wholesale houses, many up-to-date retail stores, three prosperous drug concerns, a large manufacturer of medicines, bottling plants, a good hotel and a larger one to be built soon, and numerous large lumber plants.

Large fine church buildings of the leading Protestant denominations furnish ample facilities for the development of the town. Commodious and modern school buildings located on a prominent knoll give ample room for taking care of the large school population of the community. The population is made up of a fine citizenship, industrious and loyal to the growing town of North Wilkesboro.

Finally, North Wilkesboro leads the entire state as a shipping point for poultry, hardwoods, roots, herbs, medicinal bark, canned goods, corn mills, and produce. It ships more produce originating in its own territory than any other town in the world.

Arrangements are being made for development of hydro-electric power to take care of all new industries for years to come. The United States climatological reports show that the water, climate and health conditions of this section are unsurpassed.

# John Milton Odell

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(Copied from Biographical History of North Carolina, by  
Samuel A. Ashe, Vol. 2, page 315)

\* \* \* \* \* Captain Odell sprang from a parentage whose traditions were well calculated to nourish a bold and active spirit among the men of that family. His great grandfather, Nehemiah Odell, emigrated from Ireland landing at Halifax, Nova Scotia, but eventually located in Pennsylvania, near the city of Philadelphia. He was fond of sport, and often in the winter evenings around a blazing log fire at the North Carolina home of his son, Isaac, he would tell of his adventures and of the fine deer he had killed at the very spot where a century later the first Centennial Exhibition was held in the United States. His son, Isaac Odell, married Mary Boudouin and settled in Randolph County. Of Mary Boudouin it is related that while a little girl she gave an exhibition of the bravery and spirit which characterized alike the men and women of the Revolutionary period.

One day a party of Redcoats rode up to her father's house, and taking possession, demanded food for themselves and for their horses. After seeing the animals fed, they returned to the house to regale themselves. Mary seeing her opportunity, opened the barnyard gate and turned the horses loose, so that when the troopers were ready to remount and start on their journey in pursuit of some enterprise, they found themselves delayed and lost the opportunity to accomplish the purpose they had in view.

A son of this union, James Odell, married Anna Trog-

don, who was a daughter of Solomon Trogdon and his wife, Tabitha Yorke. Her father, Solomon Trogdon, was a soldier in the American Revolution, and during one of his encounters with the British was captured by Tarleton, but fortunately effected his escape and was able to join General Greene, and fought at the battle of Guilford Court House. Their son, John Milton Odell, the subject of this sketch, was born January 20, 1831, on his father's farm near Cedar Falls in Randolph County.

The war breaking out, he gave up this position, and with his brother, Laban, raised a company of which he became the captain, his brother being first lieutenant. The company was known as the Randolph Hornets, and was organized in June, 1861, as Company M of the Twelfth Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers, Colonel J. Johnston Pettigrew being the colonel; but, later, when the ten regiments of State troops were organized, taking precedence in number over the volunteer regiments, this became the Twenty Second Regiment. Carefully trained and disciplined by that admirable officer, Colonel Pettigrew, the career of this regiment during the entire war reflected the highest credit on the State. Immediately on its organization it was ordered to the banks of the Potomac, and then to the Peninsula. Captain Odell, who possessed every characteristic that could fit him for a conspicuous military career, was identified with its fine record on the Potomac and in the Peninsula, until after the battle of Seven Pines; when the period of his enlistment having expired, and the regiment being reorganized, because of feeble health, he retired from the service, being succeeded in command of his company by his brother. Of his brother it may be said that he was a magnificent soldier; that his daring and courageous action at Marye's Heights brought him merited promotion as major of the regiment, and that after passing through many perils,

he fell mortally wounded on May 3, 1863, during that famous movement of Stonewall Jackson, when he led the North Carolina brigades across Hooker's front, and striking the Federal army in rear and in flank, gained the great victory of Chancellorsville.

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Congressman W. C. Hammer was a son of Wm. Clark Hammer, son of John Hammer who was a son of Abraham Hammer, Jr., and Catherine (Trogon) Hammer. Catherine Trogon Hammer was a daughter of the first Samuel Trogon, and was buried by the side of her husband at Holly Springs, eight miles southeast of Asheboro, N. C. Abraham Hammer, Jr., was a quaker preacher.

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Tobitha (York) Trogon, wife of the first Solomon Trogon was a sister of John York, the revolutionary soldier. Alfred Trogon, son of the second Samuel Trogon married a daughter of this John York, and lived and died near Vermillion, Ill.

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It is possible that an up to date Trogon Family History may be published within two years. If you wish your own family history to come out in this, please mail to W. F. Trogon, North Wilkesboro, N. C., a copy of your family Bible record together with such other matter as you may wish published. It will help us very much if you give the names and postoffice address of all of the Trogons and Trogon kin you know of.

# Held Trogdon Reunion Sunday

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Courthouse Filled To Capacity—Elect Officers and Vice-Presidents for Many Sections.

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(Asheboro Courier, Oct. 8, 1925.)

The annual reunion of the Trogdon family was held in the court house in Asheboro last Sunday afternoon. The building was filled to capacity by members of the family from Randolph and adjoining counties. The meeting was opened with prayer, Scripture reading and a short talk by Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, of Stokesdale. Short speeches were made by Messrs. W. B. and W. F. Trogdon and Congressman Hammer.

The Trogdon Historical Society was organized and the following officers elected: President, W. F. Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro; vice-presidents: Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, of Stokesdale, and Congressman W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, N. C.; secretary, Wm. B. Trogdon, of Greensboro.

Vice-presidents as follows were selected for the various sections of the family:

Ernest W. Trogdon, of North Wilkesboro, of the Daniel Trogdon, Sr., section.

Wm. B. Trogdon, Jr., of Greensboro, of the Reuben F. Trogdon section.

John D. Trogdon, of Asheboro, R. F. D., of the (Eagle) John Trogdon section.

Preston Trogdon, of the Emsley Trogdon section.

Fred Odell, of Greensboro, of the Capt. John Milton Odell section.

Wm. A. Allred, of Greensboro, of the Martha Matilda (Odell) Allred section.

John B. Trogdon, of Asheboro, R. F. D., of the Tyson Trogdon section.

Jesse Julian, of Millboro, of the Solomon Trogdon Redding section.

Miss Rilla Spoon, of Asheboro, of the Priscilla (Trogdon) Spoon section.

W. A. Lovett, of Asheboro, of the Catherine (Trogdon) Hammer section.

Ira Ferree, of Asheboro, of the Mary (Trogdon) Ferree section.

W. C. Odell, of Salisbury, of the Major Laban Odell section.

John Ellison, of Franklinville, of the Tobitha (Odell) Ellison section.

Thomas Trogdon, of Liberty, of the Abijah and Kelly Trogdon section.

Rev. Joseph Trogdon, of Cramerton, N. C., of the Isaac Trogdon section.

Henry Underwood, of Asheboro, of the Martha Delaney (Odell) Underwood section.

Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, of Shelby, of the Dorcas Arette (Odell) Trogdon-Swaim section.

It was ordered that each vice president appoint his own secretary; also that all kin by blood or marriage copy their family Bible records and mail to the vice president of the section to which they belong, giving the postoffice address of every one living, also their own postoffice address.

Unless otherwise notified the next Trogdon family reunion will be held at the court house in Asheboro the first Sunday in October, 1926.

All kin who wish a copy of the book, "Trogdon Family

History," may have one free by writing W. F. Trogdon, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Among those attending the reunion Sunday were: Mr. John (Jack) R. Trogdon, Seagrove, 92 years old; Mr. J. A. Odell, Greensboro, N. C., 84 years old. Mr. Trogdon is Mr. W. F. Trogdon's father's brother and Mr. Odell is his mother's brother. Also Mrs. Rachel Dunning, 84 years old, and daughter of (Eagle) John Trogdon.

Attending the reunion from a distance were: S. S. Odell, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Messrs. E. E. and M. A. Odell, of Griffin, Ga.; Mr. W. C. Odell, of Salisbury, N. C. These are grandsons of the late Major Laban Odell who was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va. There were a number of people present from High Point, Greensboro, Lexington, North Wilkesboro, Salisbury, Siler City, Burlington, and from all over Randolph, Moore and Chatham Counties. There were present 600.

## Additional Information

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My grandmother on my father's side was Susan (Ferree) Trogdon, wife of the second Samuel Trogdon.

She was a sister of Joel Ferree.

Joel Ferree, her brother, married Mary Trogdon, who was a daughter of the first Samuel Trogdon and a sister to the second Samuel Trogdon,—so the children of the second Samuel Trogdon and the children of Joel Ferree were double first cousins. Grandmother Susan (Ferree) Trogdon came from Lancaster County, Pa.

From a history of the Ferree family by J. W. Sheaffer, Sterling, Ill.; Mrs. Cora A. W. Lindsay, Pittsburgh, Pa.; A. E. Witmer, Lancaster, Pa.; J. H. LeFevre, Hanover, Pa.; Samuel P. Ferree, 200 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y., and M. B. Eshelman, Newport, Pa.

The following is taken:

“We traced the Ferree's back to the time of the Crusades. At the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in the year 1685, Daniel Ferree with his wife and children fled from France to the Palatinate. Owing to French incursions in the Palatinate and oppressions of a religious nature, Madame Ferree, (her husband having died in Germany) with her children and grandchildren, also Isaac Le Fevre, who had married her daughter, Catherine, emigrated from Steinweiler to America, and arrived in New York December 31st, 1708. The settlement of the Huguenot Colony in Pequa Valley, Pa., in the year of 1712 was due to the influence of Madame Maria Ferree. She came with her children and grandchil-

dren from Esopus, (now Kingston, N. Y.) having arrived in New York in 1708. Madame Ferree took up 2000 acres of land in Strasburg Province, in that portion known as Paradise township, Lancaster County, Pa. In about the center of this tract of land is a graveyard where Maria Ferree was buried and where may be found today tombstones on which are the names of the Ferrees for several generations."

Samuel Ferree, double first cousin to my father, Solomon F. Trogdon, was a son of Mary (Trogdon) Ferree and who was the grandfather of most of the Ferrees in Randolph County, North Carolina.

My grandmother on my mother's side was Tabitha (York) Trogdon, wife of the first Solomon Trogdon. Her brother, John York, was a revolutionary soldier. The Yorks are well known in the history of this country.

The Trogdons and the Trogdon kin should be proud of their ancestry, should aim high, get the best education and training possible. Learn to control their tempers, the person who gets mad is at a disadvantage already. Be persevering, industrious, making all you can, saving all you can, spending nothing for show, nothing for moving pictures or similar so-called pleasures. The real true standing of a person in this country is measured by how much he or she is worth in property or money. Do your part in the support of the Christian religion, good schools and good government. When this country was first being settled, farming and the trades were the most profitable. This condition seems to have changed. Now it seems farmers and laborers are slaves to the merchants and manufacturers. I would advise young men to get into the mercantile, office or legal

business. Get to where you can make a profit on the other fellows labor—See what the Jews are doing.

We are allowing the Jews to get control of the mercantile business, the Italians, the fruit business, the Greeks, the restaurant business, and we who have made this country what it is are allowing these foreigners to make slaves of us. I say strive to get to where you can make a profit on the other fellow's labor.

As to investments, I notice that people who buy real estate and hold it, in or near large rapidly growing cities become rich.

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In this history there may be a few mistakes and some repetitions, but it is the best I could do under the circumstances. With the above information as a basis, I hope a better and more complete history may be written.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. TROGDON,

P. O. Box 1694, Miami, Fla.

Or, Box I, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

# Things To Remember

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Blood is thicker than water.

United we stand—divided we fall.

In union there is strength.

Do all you can, in a reasonable way, to help Trogdon and Trogdon kin. For instance if one aspires to public office vote for him if you can, if not don't vote at all.

If you lose your health you have lost all.

To think before you act. Be cautious. Think before you speak.

Remember the seeming friend of today may be your enemy of tomorrow.

If you cannot say anything good about a person, don't say anything. Don't gossip. Be prudent.

When you tell a secret, it is no longer a secret.

When you laugh the world laughs with you, when you weep, you weep alone.

Keep your troubles to yourself and smile.

The hardest person in this world for you to control is yourself.

The person who gets mad is at a disadvantage already.

To whip yourself into the line of duty is no easy task.

Laziness and a good time get you nowhere.

It takes hard knocks to make successful men.

Remember that honesty and truthfulness are the scarcest things in this world, that if you possess these characteristics together with good judgment, politeness, energy, determination, self-reliance and perseverance some good business man will want to employ you and will pay you well for your services. Earn more than he pays you and if he does not pay you more, someone else will. Get in business for yourself as soon as you know the business.

Obey the laws of God and man. Make and save money. Educate your children so that they may be somebody in this world and in the world to come.



# **BANK OF NORTH WILKESBORO**

**J. R. HIX, PRESIDENT**

**A. A. FINLEY, VICE-PRESIDENT**

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**R. W. GWYN, CASHIER**

**A. W. HORTON, ASST. CASHIER**

**NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C.**

**CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00**

**SURPLUS AND PROFITS OVER**

**\$75,000.00**

**North Wilkesboro, N. C., July 11th, 1925.**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

I have known Mr. W. F. Trogdon for more than thirty-two years and it is a pleasure for me to say that I consider him one of our most successful business men.

He was President of the Deposit and Savings Bank for several years and he enjoyed the respect and confidence of the community.

He was a customer of our Bank for a number of years and during this time we made him loans for large amounts and he always looked after his paper in a prompt and satisfactory manner. Our relations with him have been very satisfactory indeed.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) R. W. GWYN,

Cashier of Bank of North Wilkesboro.

CLEM WRENN, PRESIDENT  
C. F. MORRISON V.-PRES.  
C. B. SHULENBURGER, CASH.  
LARRY EMERSON, ASST CASH

**THE BANK OF WILKES**  
"THE BANK OF SERVICE"  
WILKESBORO, N. C.

North Wilkesboro, N. C., July 10th, 1925.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. W. F. Trogdon of North Wilkesboro, N. C., very intimately for the past fourteen years. I have had business dealings with him during this time and have always found him to be perfectly honest and reliable and straightforward in every particular. In my capacity as a Bank official I have at various times granted him loans in large amounts and he has always been very prompt and careful of his credit. He has been a realtor during the larger part of his residence in North Wilkesboro and has always operated successfully. He is thoroughly experienced in this line of work, is a careful and conservative business man, enjoys an excellent reputation locally, and any Bank in our County would be glad to loan him any reasonable amount of money on his open note. He is very pleasant to deal with as he possesses a pleasing personality and his integrity is altogether above reproach.

It gives me much pleasure to recommend him as a thorough gentleman of excellent business qualifications and judgment.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) CLEM WRENN,

President of The Bank of Wilkes,

Wilkesboro, N. C.

**PRESLEY E. BROWN**

**WILKESBORO, N. C.**

North Wilkesboro, N. C., July 11th, 1925.

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to say that I have known Mr. W. F. Trogdon intimately for more than twenty-three years and know him to be an honorable, upright Christian gentleman.

While he was building his eleven brick store buildings and promoting other enterprises in the upbuilding of North Wilkesboro, I endorsed his notes for many thousands of dollars and he always met his paper promptly. He was Mayor and a Commissioner of the Town of North Wilkesboro for years. During my administration of the office of Sheriff of Wilkes County from 1906 to 1914, Mr. W. F. Trogdon was twice elected County Commissioner, serving the last two years as Chairman of the Board. He made a splendid Commissioner, but refused to let his name go before the Convention for a third term. He had a large amount of the capital stock of the Winston Land and Improvement Company, which bought and laid out the Town of North Wilkesboro in 1890 under Mr. Trogdon's supervision as Secretary and Treasurer of the Company. Through his efforts North Wilkesboro has been made a wonderful success and he deserves great credit for this and for what he has done for Wilkes County. Mr. Trogdon has been a successful town builder, real estate dealer and banker ever since I first knew him and I recommend him as honorable and trustworthy wherever he may go.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) **PRESLEY E. BROWN,**  
Ex-Sheriff of Wilkes County.

## **Congress of the United States**

**ROBERT L. DOUGHTON**  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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**Washington, D. C., July 7th, 1925.**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

This is to certify that I have known W. F. Trogdon of North Wilkesboro, N. C., for more than thirty years and it is a pleasure to me to state that he enjoys the reputation of being honorable, capable and successful in business, of high moral character, and true and faithful in every walk of life. He was a real estate dealer and banker in North Wilkesboro for many years and was not only successful in these enterprises, but enjoyed the respect and confidence of the entire business community.

He was formerly President of the Deposit and Savings Bank, having organized this Institution. When he sold his interest and severed his official connection with said Bank, I became its President and have occupied said position up to the present time. Since I have been officially connected with the Bank, Mr. Trogdon has owed the Bank quite a large amount of money at times but at present does not owe the Bank anything and has always met his obligations in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

This is no formal or perfunctory statement but a sincere testimonial of a deserving and trustworthy man.

(Signed) **R. L. DOUGHTON,**  
Member of Congress.