

## Notes for the Historical Society

Before I start, I would like to say a cousin on mine suggested since I have this information about my grandfather, I should do something about it.

She said, you know he was the first Marshall of the town, but does anyone else know it. There isn't a photo of him anywhere, nor is there any information about him.

I then took my information and approached Russell Brackins, the Mayor, asking if it would be possible to hang his photograph at City Hall. The Mayor allowed me to do this and his photograph is hanging in the foyer at City Hall.

My Grandfather was Daniel Calloway.

I grew up knowing that he was the first Marshall for the town of Erwin, but didn't know what years.

I knew he was married twice, and he and his first wife had seven sons, only 2 lived to become adults. He married Martha Evaline O'Brien between 1875 and 1880.

After the death of his first wife Martha, in 1907, he married my grandmother, Elizabeth Smith in 1910. Elizabeth was born in Yancey County, N.C. Her parents were John Smith and Julia Boone Smith. My grandmother was 20 years old and he was 56 years. They were the parents of ten children, five daughters and five sons, my mother being the fourth child.

One Day Judge Walter Garland and I were talking about his book he was writing, I told him who my grandfather was, and he said he had a little information about him. Later that same day he returned to the Savings Center, where I was working, bringing a copy of his notes. One of the notes mentioned a newspaper article dated May

12, 1892. I put this information in the photo album and didn't do anything with it until we retired.

We then started trying to find the newspaper article dated May 12, 1892.

We searched everywhere for the microfilm, finally finding a partial roll with the date we were looking for, in the Archives in Nashville Tennessee. I had to read all the front pages of the newspaper to find the date of May 12, 1892. After finding the date, I started reading the paper finally finding the article at the bottom of page two. Started to print a copy, but realized the viewer was not a copier. Marked my place and took it to machine to copy the article, threaded the film, turned on the machine, the film was upside down, but finally managed to copy the article.

Distribute copies of the article and read, very hard to read.

Erwin Magnet May 12, 1892

Officers elected

The first meeting of the new Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held last Thursday afternoon.

It was decided to hold the regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

The names of Daniel Calloway and N. T. Aldridge was placed in nomination for City Marshall and the ballot taken, resulting in the election of Calloway by a vote of five to two. Both were good men for the position, but Calloway being the old Marshall, together with the fact that he had made a good record, he would have been hard to defeat by almost anyone.

Next came the election of a recorder for which office there were three candidates in the field, W. T. Davis, C. M. Bowman, and W. R. Miller, Davis was elected on first ballot, the vote being Davis 4 Bowman 2 Miller 1. C. M. Bowman was recorder during the past year.

No tax collector was elected, it being decided that the office of tax collector be confounded with that of Marshall, This was done to save the 6 per cent for collection.

All the standing Committees were appointed by the Mayor, and the Board the adjourned to meet to night at 7 o'clock to transact all unfinished business.

I started searching to find what year he was first elected Marshall. If he was reelected in 1892, when was the first year?

I decided to find what year they bought property in Erwin, I knew he was born in Greenville, S.C. August 12, 1854.

His parents were Saunders Calloway and Orpha Kelly Calloway. In the 1870 census I found him living with his parents, at age 16 in Washington Co., Tennessee. Then found him again in Buncomb County, N.C. census in the year of 1880 listed as a farmer.

While searching the records at Debbie Tittle's Registrar of deeds office, I did discover Daniel and Martha bought lot #11 on October 14, 1890, for the sum of \$200. Then in 1892 they inherited lots #12, 13, 14.

Where were lots 11, 12, 13, and 14 located?

My mother had always said they lived in town, but as children we didn't ask questions and she had never pointed it out to me.

While at Debbie's office, I also discovered the first Trust Book dated 1876, and the first eight pages of the book, is information about the formation of Unicoi County and the town of Vanderbilt, with a hand drawn map of the town, with all the lots numbered.

Distribute copies of the hand drawn map if anyone wants to see it.

There is a coincidence about this property, it is the property where the Savings Center was located, my mother was born on this property and I worked at that location for 27 years.

Lot #14 was sold to the Erwin Presbyterian Church in 1921 for the sum of \$6000.00.

Rev. R.O. Franklin and the succeeding ministers of the church used this lot for a vegetable garden during the late 1920 and 1930.

The only other newspaper film I could find were just one or two lines stating Daniel had started putting lumber on the property at Union St. to build a residence, dated June 2, 1892.

Then on Aug 25, 1892, City Marshall has commenced the erection of a new residence on Gay St.

The next information I could find was dated Dec. 3, 1907 about the Death of his wife Martha.

The first record books of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen didn't start until 1910, therefore no records before then.

Daniel Calloway was elected city Marshall, and on June 24th his bond was read.

From the minutes dated April 13, 1913, Calloway was elected on the 17<sup>th</sup> Ballot as Marshall. Show a copy of minutes.

April 17, 1914 minutes, Calloway was elected 4 to 0 over Fleming as Marshall.

April 16, 1915 the Marshall was still collecting the taxes, Daniel was paid \$27.72 4 % of \$693.00.

The monthly salary for Marshall that year was \$40.00,

April 16, 1915 Calloway was elected over S.A. Corn by a vote of 1 to 3.

The Fire and Police Commission reprimanded Daniel.

On November 24, 1915 The Fire and Police Commission was requested to investigate the arrest of a certain man in the lobby of the Appalatian Hotel on November 6, by the town Marshall Calloway. Mr. Shull, chairman of said police Commission reported that he had made an investigation of the arrest on the above said date and place and while it is admitted by the Marshall that he made a mistake in using his pistol as a Billy, the said pistol was discharged accidental. The Marshall was justified in his action with the above exception. The man in question was Porter West.

April 21, 1916 Calloway was reelected and the salary that year was \$60.00 per month.

April 20, 1917 Calloway lost the election to George W. Buckner. That year the salary was raised to \$70.00 a month.

On some of the arrest reports from previous years George Buckner would be on duty with my grandfather, as his partner, assisting in the arrests. Some of the arrests were for adultery, some for spitting on the sidewalk and some were for drunkenness.

When Buckner was elected he was 35 years of age and my Grandfather was 63 years. Probably the reason he lost the reelection, he was getting too old, or they thought he was.

Before I continue about my grandfather I would like to mention my findings about Mr. Buckner.

I remember George Buckner living across the street from my grandmother McIntosh. As a child I would be at granny's house and see the old man outside, he only had one arm and nothing below the elbow on the other arm. I wondered what happened to him but never asked, he looked so scary.

While doing the research on my grandfather and reading all the newspaper microfilm, I happened to see an article about Mr.

Buckner. He was still the Marshall in 1925 and he was befriending a hobo and making him something to eat, he had removed his gun and wallet, the hobo caught Mr. Buckner's back turned, took his gun and wallet, shooting Mr. Buckner in the arm, so seriously it had to be amputated. I didn't know he was the Marshall until I started the research on my grandfather.

During the early days of Daniel's service there were Horse swaps. This story, which happened about 1900, was told to me by Mrs. Maggie Hoyle Banner, some of you might remember her, she was a very informative person, and she told this story to me one night while we were watching my night blooming plant bloom.

The swaps were held at different places each Saturday afternoon, Sandy Bottom, Canah Chapel, Martins Creek and other locations through out the county.

This particular story happened at Martins Creek. Maggie's mother was getting worried, the men had been drinking heavily all afternoon and getting rambunctious, and she was afraid there would be trouble, so she sent for the Marshall. When Daniel arrived at the corral, Mr. Hoyle said "Dan what are you doing here? Dan said "I've come to take you to the "Hoosgow". Mr. Hoyle said, "You don't want to do that", and started climbing over the coral. As he climbed over, his foot hit Dan Calloway under the chin, causing a large cut, needing medical attention, therefore he didn't arrest anyone that night.

During those early years the job had to be very dangerous.

Another time he answered a call to the Appalatian Hotel for a disturbance and a woman hit him over the head with a banjo causing more stitches.

After losing the election in 1917 he went to work for the Railroad, as a Special Security Officer, while employed there, he was shot by a Hobo and he was able to make his way up Union St. to find

help. In 1934, the year he was 80 years old, he was hit by a train and was so seriously injured he had to quit work.

He died on April 28, 1942 at the age of 87 years, 8 months and 16 days.

You may remember Butler Norris, he told of my grandfather having the meanest eyes he had ever seen. When Butler was a young boy, and in town after dark, Daniel would tell the boys to go home, (there was a curfew in those days) and he knew he had better go home and not be caught on the street again, because Calloway meant business.

When I look at his photo I don't see the mean eyes, I only see kind loving eyes, I know they were blue.

I was only ten years old when he died, so I don't remember too much about him and how he looked, except he was an old man, wearing a brown hat and he walked down the street to the mail box many times during the day, whether this was for exercise or he just forgot he had already walked it.

It's a little sad to visit the cemetery where he is buried, on one side of him there are four graves with five sons, one of the graves has two sons in it, a two year old and an unnamed infant both dying the same day, on the other side of him and his first wife Martha, are two more of his sons, borne by my grandmother.

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