

# FAMILY REUNION IN WAYNE COUNTY

## Basket Picnic at Old Colonial Home Near Pine Forest Church Big Affair

Goldboro, Aug. 28.—The family reunion and basket picnic given by Messrs. David, George and Jack Sasser, at their old colonial home, near Pine Forest church last Thursday, easily eclipsed anything of its kind ever attempted in this section and we doubt if any similar occasion ever equaled it in the county and feel quite sure nothing of its nature ever surpassed it or proved more enjoyable in all its pleasures and detailed appointments.

Stretching across the yard in front of the beautiful old home was a table some over a hundred feet in length, and beneath the sheltering arms of the stately old trees there were improvised seats, while down in the west corner was an immense pit of sufficient length to accommodate fifteen pigs, even though they had spread themselves for this special occasion. Mr. Jim Mitchell was master of ceremonies at this point and it goes without saying that the "one" was all that could be desired, for if there is one thing Jim knows how to do it is to make Brunswick stew and keep just exactly enough live coals under a spread out pig to broil him to shake the meat off his bones when the queen's taste, and enable him to all the meat off his bones when the time comes for him to roost round in a tray, and at the same time keep him from getting too dry by frequent shower baths of vinegar, pepper and salt.

Just before the dinner hour there was a song service led by the beloved pastor of St. Paul M. E. church of Goldboro, Rev. G. T. Adams and the Junior choir, which was a most enjoyable feature of the occasion. This was followed by prayer and appropriate remarks such as Mr. Adams is accustomed to making, during which he said that one of the brothers had said to him that the reason they had conceived the idea of inviting their many friends and making it a day of unusual pleasure was because "we love them." This seemed to be the shaft which reached the very inmost recesses of every heart and there gushed forth the oil of joy and gladness and filled all with the spirit of brotherly love. And then, too, the pastor referred most tenderly to the parents, Captain and Mrs. A. Le Sasser, and impressed upon the hearts and minds of all within the sound of his voice the fact that they were God-loving and God-serving people.

Of the immediate children present there were: Mr. David A. Sasser, Mr. George Sasser, Mr. Jack Sasser, of Goldboro; Mr. Lennie Sasser of Wilmington; Mr. Dr. T. M. Jordan, of Raleigh. Besides these there were six generations of the Sasser family, so we were informed by Mr. George Sasser. Mrs. Jozie Telverton, of Stantonburg, a sister of Captain Sasser and mother of Mrs. George Beeton, was present, and though enfeebled with age greeted her many friends with the same gladsome smile she has ever worn and seemed to enjoy the festivities as well as any of the younger ones.

It was a day long to be remembered and all present are under lasting obligations to the promoters for a most pleasant gathering and as good a dinner as was ever spread upon any occasion.

### The Lynching at Graham.

To the Editor: I was at Burlington last week when that lynching occurred. It was at first announced that it was a case of abduction and there was a fair cry for some one to help hunt the child—it was just seven years old. Hundreds of people assisted in the search. When the child was found and its condition ascertained, the people were terribly enraged. He was taken to jail, court being in session, and an imminent trial was to be had. But, smarting under a recent experience and

the consequent death of their citizens at the hands of the soldiers, they determined, having no doubt of the heath's guilt, to do away with him at once.

As an evidence of the spirit that prevailed, an old negro said to me, "That was not one of our singers, he was a stranger here. I has five gals, and if a man was to treat one ob dem lack dat nigger did dat little white gal, dere would be no need of eshenty-five men to kill dat nigger, if dey would just let me git to him."

It was suggested by some one that they proceed to do away with the negroes who are now on trial for their lives for rape, as one said, "Finish the job," but the people said, "No, we have no positive proof in 'his case.'" I say this in justice to the people of Alamance to show their position.

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Raleigh, N. C.

### BLAMES GOVERNMENT.

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