

# JACKSON'S TRAIL THROUGH GEORGIA WILL BE MARKED

(Jackson's trail has for a year or more been the subject of much research work by Mrs. Walter Thomas, of Blakely, regent of the Governor Peter Early chapter, D. A. R. When sufficient proofs that General Jackson passed through the county, and the date, are obtained, this chapter will mark Jackson's trail with a handsome boulder. In the meantime any help toward securing this proof will be greatly appreciated.)

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Mrs. T. F. Jones and Miss Ethel Jones were the gracious hostesses to the Peter Early chapter, D. A. R., of Blakely, on Wednesday, October 14, at the first fall meeting, and in observance of Columbus day. The meeting was called to order by the regent, Mrs. Walter Thomas. Reports of officers were read, and announcements made. An interesting program, as follows, was rendered:

Song and chorus, "America."

Paper, "Columbus in Europe"—Mrs. Ed Clancy.

Music, Piano Solo—Mrs. H. G. Smith.

Reading, "Experiences of Columbus"—Mrs. C. M. Boggs.

Paper, "The Jackson Trail"—Mrs. Walter Thomas.

Historical contest, "Discovery"—Mrs. T. F. Jones and guests.

Artistic and beautiful Year Books were given out. The cover design was in blue and white, with the D. A. R. insignia. The books contained completed programs for the year's work. List of members, all committees, observances and needed data.

The charming hostess served delicious refreshments, assisted by Mrs. C. M. Boggs.

The regent gave a detailed account of her search the past summer in all histories and records of General Jackson's march through Georgia in 1818, when ordered by the war department to Fort Scott, La., to subdue the Seminole Indians. Her search included the records in the war department, and the chapter is under obligations to our clever congressman, Hon. Frank Park, for much interesting research, including some splendid volumes from Washington, containing all data of the 1818 war. This book was a rare treat to the members at this meeting.

The only doubt as to our Jackson site is the exact date of General Jackson's march through Early. The Old Three-Notch road runs through the southwestern portion of Blakely, and several of the oldest and most prominent citizens have placed their hand upon the spot where Jackson cut his initials in the tree. Part of an old breastworks  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from here is said to have been thrown up by him. As to date, we are not accurate, hence the search our regent has made to mark the trail.

Early county, in 1818, was just created and barely named; Decatur county, where Fort Scott was situated, on the frontier, was then a part of Early, and it is possible that Jackson may have passed here on his return from Florida; but more probable that it was the Creek war of 1813, of which so few records are available. Can any of the historians tell us when General Jackson passed through Early, or where our Three-Notch road joins another, with documentary evidence?

Our regent's research proves that from Fort Early to Fort Scott, General Jackson moved rapidly down the east side of the Flint river, reaching Fort Scott April 9, 1818, without crossing the river, and therefore could not have touched Early that trip, though he sent Colonel Haynes across to Fort Gaines. Our trail is here, in the Three-Notch road, and blazed tree, but we must find the date before we place our boulder along the historic Jackson trail.