

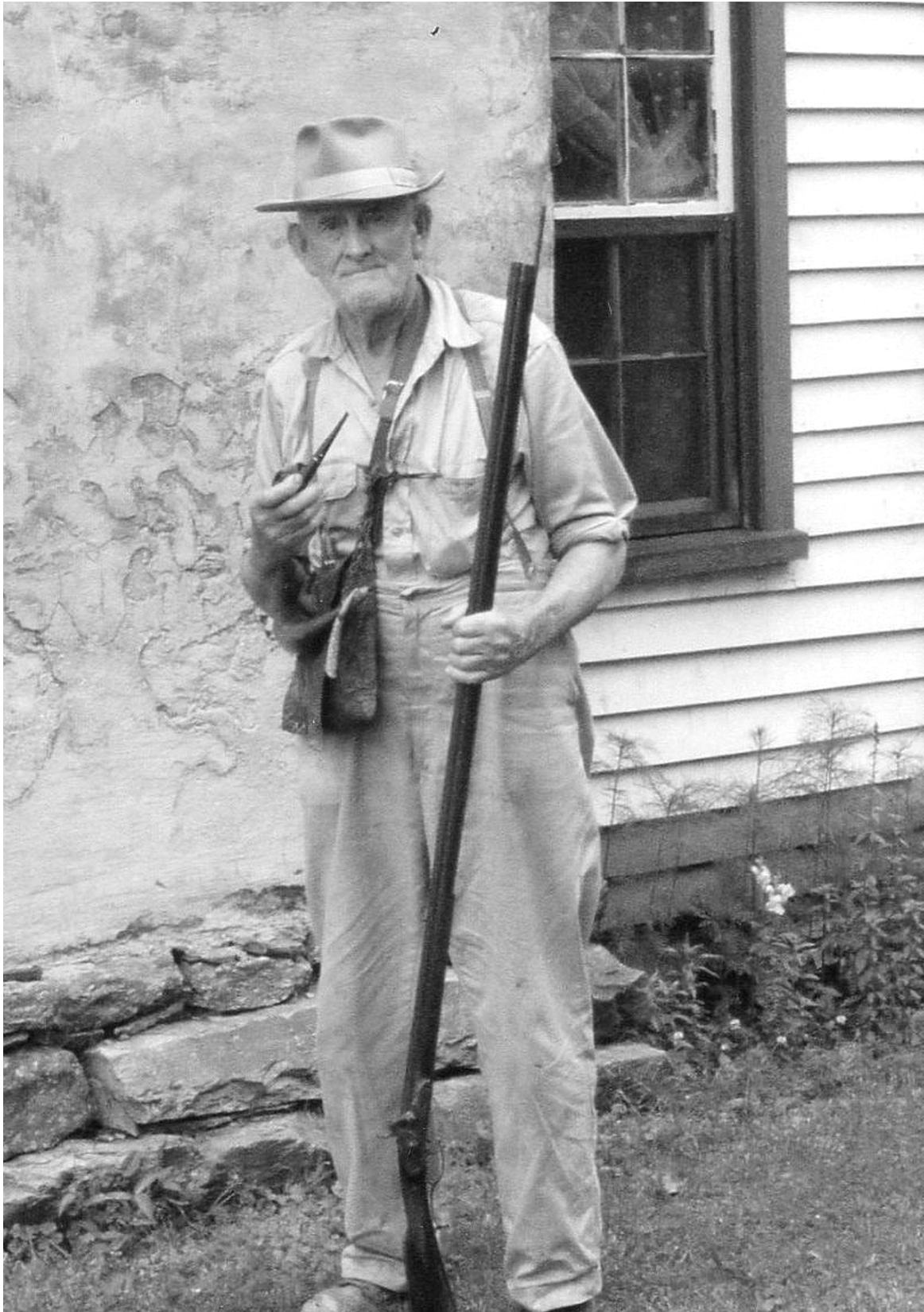
PASSING ON THE GIFT OF HERITAGE

By Linda Anders

Every year Transylvania families gather to clean off family cemeteries and to tend to graves of past generations. Many have shared their love and had the patience to include their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in this activity, passing on the precious gift of HERITAGE, not just history.

This Saturday, May 8, 10 am-12 noon, everyone will be given the opportunity to preserve an old cemetery and share some of the stories as the Transylvania Heritage Museum sponsors a Clean-up Day at the Galloway Memorial Cemetery off Carson Creek Road. So bring your tools and gloves and help preserve this historic cemetery. Call 828-884-2347 for directions.

The Galloway family history has grown along with that of the United States of America. In the 1740's the war between Scotland and England reached a climax, and in 1745, Bonnie Prince Charlie's forces were defeated by the English, and Scotland became an English possession. It was during this period that Alexander John Galloway's family left Scotland for Northern Ireland. As a young man, Alexander emigrated from Ireland to America, eventually making his way through Virginia, to York County, SC.



Thomas Pleasant "Tommy" Galloway, 1888-1970, posed with his Gillespie rifle, shot pouch and powder horn. Many of Tommy's ancestors are buried in the Galloway Memorial Cemetery in East Fork.

True to his heritage, Alexander continued to herd cattle and farm, and when the Revolutionary War started there was no question as to his loyalties. He enlisted in the Continental Army in SC and drove cattle up to King's Mountain to feed the American troops. He fought in the Battle of King's Mountain, 7 Oct 1780 and is listed on the Battle of Kings Mountain Patriot Roster. In speaking of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Thomas Jefferson said, "It was the joyful annunciation of that turn of the tide of success which terminated the Revolutionary War, with the seal of our independence."

Alexander's son, William D. Galloway, was born in Virginia in 1763 and fought in the War of Independence alongside his father. He settled on East Fork of the French Broad River about 1796 according to Bible records and was listed with 7 whites in the household in the 1804 Walton County, GA census. About 1811, he acquired land on both sides of the East Fork of the French Broad River which had been originally granted to Richard Hightower and David Miller from Rutherford County, NC. Their original warrant, for 100 acres, was issued on 01 Aug 1788 and the grant was issued on 27 Nov 1789. On 29 November 1814, William received a land grant for 300 acres almost completely surrounding his first tract and mentioning that it was adjacent to his own land. William was a charter member of Cathey's Creek Baptist Church, having joined before permanent organization in 1822. William had eight children; the youngest was George Washington "Wash" Galloway.

Wash decided to leave East Fork and move to the Calvert valley, just northeast of the town of Rosman. The family story is that, as the East Fork community began to grow, he felt hemmed in, and when he could see the lantern

light of his nearest neighbor going to check on his cows, Wash moved to a less crowded place. All four sons of George Washington and Elizabeth Jordan Galloway (John Fleming, Barron D., Thomas C. and Joseph A.) served in the Confederacy during the War Between the States. Wash and his wife were founding members of the East Fork Baptist Church and are buried in the church cemetery, now known as Galloway Memorial Cemetery.

Residents as well as visitors are encouraged to support the Museum by becoming members of the Transylvania Heritage Coalition, Inc., by visiting the facility, by partaking in the programs it offers and by shopping in the **Heritage Gifts** shop. Admission is free although donations are appreciated.

For membership information, upcoming events or to make donations, please call 884-2347, visit the web site at www.transylvaniaheritage.org, or drop by the Museum at 189 West Main Street in Brevard, Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.