

BOOK REVIEW

Colonists of Carolina in the Lineage of Hon. W. D. Humphrey by Blanche Humphrey Abee, Tampa, Florida. William Byrd Press, Inc., Richmond, Virginia.

This volume is interesting to both genealogists and historians since it presents many detailed accounts of little-known localities and of distinguished families, mainly Scotch and English, prominent in the affairs of the southern seaboard states.

The author, Blanche Humphrey Abee, was regent of Ft. McHenry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C., 1940-42. For the same period, she was Calendar Editor, Washington Branch, National League of American Pen Women. She was one of those receiving an award for meritorious work in the production of *Colonists of Carolina*, at the Annual Award Party of Pen Women at Washington, in 1939. The author had been previously honored and awarded a "Certificate of Merit in Genealogy" by The Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago, Illinois, and elected a "Fellow" of that institution in March, 1939.

The following excerpts from reviews in nationally known publications attest the value of Mrs. Abee's *Colonists in Carolina*:

"There are twenty-eight chapters and these give the history of the Humphrey family. . . and the part they had in the early activities of the state. They are found in the early Colonial Wars, and later in the Revolutionary War, early settlers of the country filling honorable public positions of trust. . . In Part II is a short history of Duplin County, N.C. In this we have the Thomas family, John Miller, one of the founders of the first Presbyterian church in North Carolina, the Kinnear, Kenan, Routledge, Lockhart, Mercer, and Ivey families. Judge Humphrey's mother was Marenda Anne Thomas. Chapter XXVII tells of the Thomas family connections who have served in the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina in Colonial Assembly, United States Congress, and Confederate Congress."—*National Historical Magazine*, published by the Daughters of the American Revolution, October, 1939.

"In her effort to make her book an interesting contribution to genealogical history, the author bases most of her statements on 'data obtained directly from the court records' and uses their original phraseology whenever possible. Our main interest in this work is the fact that apparently many of the lines in the lineage of Judge W. D. Humphrey, through whose financial assistance this book was made possible, lead to Virginia. . . Imposing lists of services rendered North Carolina are given under the headings of Humphrey and Thomas family connections in public life in the county and state. . . The volume is handsomely printed and well indexed. . . It is another welcome addition to the rapidly increasing list of books on local history and genealogy in the South."—*William and Mary College Quarterly, Historical Magazine* (January, 1939), Vol. 19, Series 2, pp. 109-10.

—Muriel H. Wright.