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Reuben Stone of Bloucher's Ford, Alabama

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Chapter One begins with a fascinating history of Bloucher's Ford the area in which Reuben Stone settled. In its scope, it is the most detailed genealogical-historical narrative this reviewer has seen on that particular area. Mrs. Brakefield's extensive research, fully footnoted, includes people not only of her own genealogical line, but also those who had a decided effect on the community in which Reuben Stone lived. Included is an interesting review of Joshua Boucher for whom the area is believed to be named.

Chapter Two begins with Reuben Stone's Application for Pension for Revolutionary service. The author then shows detailed pictures and maps chronicling the places Reuben fought in, or was stationed at, during his war service. She even has a narrative on, and a picture of, Thomas Pickney, the man who signed Reuben's 200 acre land grant in South Carolina.

Chapter Three is a brief chronological historical review of Reuben Stone's life from 1755 when he was born. The author then lists a number of people whose Bloucher Ford accomplishments must have had a profound effect on Reuben's life. It is also a chronological account of major events in the Bloucher Ford Community such as: "1809. Richard Shackelford bought the land where Patterson Mill would later stand."

Chapter Four is a compilation of Reuben Stone's genealogy from John Stone, Reuben's father who died in 1787, to the present generation. The author has used a numbering system allowing the lines and the generations to be more easily followed. Several photographs, welcome additions to any genealogy, are included in this chapter.

The profits from this book will go the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society to purchase the microfilm of the Applications for Pension for Revolutionary Service—a worthwhile project.

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