

You Got Killed Quick at Quick

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If you ever drive through Caswell, the road sign to Quick must arouse your curiosity. It did mine, so finally I stopped in at Yanceyville to ask Erwin D. Stephens, editor of the *Caswell Messenger*, about it. This was a lucky try because E. D. is an odd-name fancier himself, and gave up some anecdotes on several Caswell settlements.

Quick originally was known as Killquick, and possibly was named because in the distant past it was known for brawling when the folks got liquored up. A mile or so north of Killquick there once was a place named Tinkertown, but E. D. can find nothing on the origin of that name. Perhaps some reader can supply it.

Frogsboro is another settlement in Caswell. One native said there used to be a lot of marshy land nearby, and it no doubt was favored by frogs.

Caswell also gives us Topnot on Highway 86, about seven miles south of Yanceyville, but there is no story of its name. Tiptoe, in the same vicinity, is likewise an unexplained name. However, the community of Rabbit Shuffle, six miles south of Yanceyville on N.C. 62, is said to have been so named because the land once was so poor there that a rabbit had to shuffle to get his rations.

Camp Springs, a Caswell church community, is believed to have received its name because Cornwallis' army camped there on its way to Yorktown.

W. C. Burton in Reidsville reminded me again of the nearby community of Matrimony in Rockingham. It was named for Matrimony Creek, so noisy and troublesome that it was likened by some early wag to that blessed domestic state.

It was Burton also who recalled, upon the recent death of J. M. Sharp of Reidsville, that this widely-known attorney established Sharp's Institute in Rockingham County. To celebrate the school and perhaps to anticipate

its intended goal, the community where it was located was named "Intelligence," which it bears today.

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it on that street

A Southern Rowan man says it sure would have been awful "embarrassing" had they put the China Grove ABC store on Dry Street in China Grove.—*Salisbury Post*.

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