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Interesting Facts About Some of Clarendon's Plantations Written by Our Correspondent

Among some of the features of interest to the planters in this section which will appear successively in The Manning Times will be a department devoted to reports from the leading plantations within the radius of The Manning Times circulation field which will serve to better acquaint the planters in one section with those of other localities, giving interesting data from each. The Times believes this feature will be the means of bringing planters into closer touch with each other and be of valuable service in imparting the methods of the planters in different communities. In other words, it is believed that this feature will be instrumental in bringing about a sort of community interest which will be of value to all persons engaged in the important enterprise of farming. It is an acknowledged fact that those who have devoted their attention to diversified farming, which precludes any great failure in any year, are becoming the most successful ones among the large planters in this part of the State. That the soil is of the highest fertility and climatic conditions the best, and that under proper cultivation and improved methods these plantations may be made the most productive of any section, profitable results even under the most disadvantageous conditions of crude tillage and neglect, have been proven beyond controversy. What increased crops are possible under improved cultivation can hardly be anticipated. In these days of progression the successful planter will advance or retrograde in this most important industry in proportion as he appropriates new ideas or turns his back to them and permits them going to the discard. It will be apparent to any intelligent planter that the larger and better quality of the crops produced the greater the net revenues for his labors and at

the same time an enhanced value of his landed holdings. From a business angle it would seem the part of good business sagacity that every planter take advantage of every advance in his line of business incident to the time and occasion. In the following write-ups of the numerous plantations in this part of the State the fact that usually a certain proportion of the stated acreage is reserved for pasturage and timber for fuel and other purposes should be considered. Between Summerton and Davis Station are many good farms under a high state of cultivation while some without any disparagement to the proprietors, could be improved by more devotion to modern methods.

An Up-to-Date Planter.
What can be accomplished by careful, intelligent farming is demonstrated at the 200-acre farm of J. V. Carrigan, near Davis's cross roads. With 100 acres under cultivation Mr. Carrigan's plantation will produce this year about 75 bales of cotton, 1,000 bushels of corn and 400 to 500 bushels of oats. Mr. Carrigan is a devotee of diversified farming and the excellent results obtained on his plantation warrant this procedure. In the livestock line he has about 75 high-bred hogs and pigs while the 200 chickens on the place assist in swelling the net revenues. With modern machinery and tools, all in good condition, and five fine bred mules Mr. Carrigan tills the fertile soils of his manor. The large house and adjacent buildings are in an excellent condition and have recently received coats of paint and white-wash. No trouble is experienced from intrusion upon his fields for all his broad acres are enclosed by wire fencing. In the line of fruits an abundance of peaches, plums, figs and grapes are grown. Beautiful and tastily arranged yards with wide

drives flanked by large live oaks make the place exceedingly attractive. Mr. Carrigan occupies the old homestead of his father, H. C. Carrigan, and is an intelligent and congenial person to meet.

J. T. Touchberry's Home.
Recently Mr. Touchberry purchased 214 acres of fine, fertile land in the vicinity of the Davis Cross Roads and the handiwork of the intelligent farmer is already apparent in the many improvements. From the 135 acres under cultivation 1,000 bushels of corn, 40 bales of cotton 100 bushels of potatoes and 100 bushels of peas besides 20 acres to oats will constitute the crops on this tract. Mr. Touchberry has several hogs, two cows and a number of chickens. Four good mules handle the tilling end of operations. Land in this section is very valuable and, with the improvements being made Mr. Touchberry will have a valuable asset in his holdings here. The place was bought November 7, 1917.

Jeff Davis's Beautiful Home.
Jeff M. Davis well knows how to hit up the high places in farming in a practical and intelligent manner. He is one of those progressive planters who knows the value of crop rotation farming and he is deriving direct financial benefits from his efforts. As a result of crop rotation Mr. Davis is enabled to raise 20 bushels of high grade wheat to the acre, and produce 30 bales of cotton from 22½ acres with less than 200 pounds of fertilizer to the acre. Of the 112 acres owned by Mr. Davis 75 acres are under cultivation from which he has, in addition to the enumerated crops, produced 500 bushels of oats and a large amount of peas and potatoes. He has about 30 hogs. He is quite a connoisseur in the fowl line having about 75 chickens and a number of turkeys and pea fowls. Apples, peaches, pears, grapes, pomegranates and figs are grown in abundance. Three mules are handled in cultivating the soil. The large, beautiful nine room house is supplied throughout with both light and water and is provided with all the modern conveniences. Large magnolia and stately cedars flank the place, the front yard being inclosed by a neat picket fence. The home is surrounded by beautiful flower beds. Mr. Davis is an old timer in this locality having resided here 35 years, the four corners at this place where the roads intersect, having taken the name of Davis's Cross Roads. Mr. Davis is a

gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

M. E. Billups Estate.
For the past 55 years the Billups family have lived in the locality of their present homestead. R. E. Billups died March 21, 1914. His children, H. G. and the Misses Hattie, Mae, Hermie and Maggie now manage the place. Of the 72 acres 50 acres are under cultivation and this year produced about 30 bales of cotton, 700 bushels of corn and several bushels of oats. Twelve hogs and about 150 chickens are among the products of the plantation. The large, commodious house sets well back from the road and along the drives are large live oaks.

J. R. Dingle, Prosperous Planter.
With 500 acres of fertile land 350 acres of which are under cultivation, and supervised by J. R. Dingle his plantation at once becomes a large and profitable estate under his able management. His holdings in this section will produce this year about 85 bales of cotton, 1,200 to 1,500 bushels of corn on the 65 acres into this crop and a fairly large amount of oats. Under the careful attention given the soil 22 bushels of wheat are produced to the acre. Mr. Dingle already has about 60 bushels of old wheat on hand. While 350 acres are under cultivation Mr. Dingle only farms 140 acres the balance being rented. Two horses and five high bred mules are employed on the place. Thirty-five hogs, and three milch cows furnish an abundance for the table, and then some. In the poultry department about 250 fine bred chickens, 20 turkeys and 15 to 20 geese take their respective place among the revenue producers of the plantation. An abundance of apples, peaches, pears, grapes and figs are grown. All kinds of vegetables are an important item in the production of the place. Once a person has entered the yard with its spacious drives shaded by large live oaks of many years' growth he is loath to leave the place. The large eight room house is provided with light and water and other modern conveniences. Beautiful flower gardens surround the home. All the buildings on the place are in excellent condition. The same may be said of the machinery, tools and other equipment of the place. In 1780 Robert Dingle, great-grandfather of J. R. Dingle, received his grant of this land which, at his death reverted to his son, Adam, and at his death to his son, R. Rutledge, and in succession to the present pro-

prietor, J. R. Dingle. One son, Edward S. Dingle, is a volunteer in the navy having enlisted upon his recent graduation from college. Mr. Dingle is not only a good farmer but he is an entertaining conversationalist.

Another Good Farmer.
While W. J. Brunson is at present living on a rented farm, having secured the place on a ten year lease, this being the first year of the term, he is none the less a careful, intelligent planter. His record for good farming reaches a radius of many miles and the person who secures him for a renter is fortunate for he farms to the limit by bringing the soil up to the highest standard of productivity. He is located on the W. C. Williams' plantation of 500 acres, 200 acres under cultivation. The place will produce this year about 70 bales of cotton, 1,200 bushels of corn and 200 bushels of potatoes. Seven mules are required to handle the place while Mr. Brunson keeps a good horse for his driving. About 34 hogs are raised and the table is supplied with the finest milk and butter being the product of the two Jerseys on the place. Peaches, pears, figs and grapes grow in abundance. Mr. Brunson is not only a renter, but the owner of an 80 acre farm about one and one-fourth miles from the Williams plantation. Among the products the garden deserves especial mention. The writer tasted some fine syrup produced from millet grown on the place this year. Hospitality and good cheer abound at the Brunson home.

Brunsons Settled In 1667.
From M. E. Brunson the writer learned that the pioneers of the family settled in this section about the year 1667 which surely entitles the Brunsons to the distinction of being among the earliest settlers in this section of the State. Mr. Brunson has resided at the present home about 25 years. He has other tracts of land rented. This year he will realize about 55 bales of cotton, 600 bushels of corn and 55 bushels of wheat. He made a killing in growing tobacco this year about \$1,000 being realized from five and one-half acres. Peaches, and pecans are produced here. About 43 head of fine bred hogs and pigs are raised. Mr. and Mrs. Brunson are pleasing entertainers and a place to which a person would wish to return. D. Oscar Brunson, father of M. E. Brunson, served throughout the war doing valiant service for the Confederacy.

S. H. Chewning's Place.
Of the 50 acres in the Chewning plantation about 40 acres are under cultivation. Cotton, corn, oats and potatoes have been quite productive this season. Mr. Chewning has 30 hogs and a number of chickens. He has resided in the present location about 20 years.

L. D. Sport's Plantation.
On the L. D. Sports plantation crop rotation is quite generally practiced with best results. Of the 200 acres under cultivation in the 360 tract 100 bales of cotton, 2,000 bushels of corn and 800 bushels of potatoes are approximately the output of the place outside 40 acres of oats. Eight mules, 50 hogs, 5 calves and 14 cows constitute the live stock outside the 100 chickens reared on the place. Mr. Sports is evidently a firm believer in the conservation of food having already canned 500 quarts of preserves and cooked fruits. He has been residing in the present location for the past six years.

M. G. Hemingway.
Taking advantage of his experience in farming in other sections, M. G. Hemingway is enabled to select the best methods in tilling the soil. He passed several years in the State of Florida and, while he has resided in this community about 12 years, he has been located on the present place only five years where, out of the 200 acres owned by him he cultivates only about 90 acres. He will secure about 30 bales of cotton, 500 bushels of corn besides a good yield of potatoes this year. Mr. Hemingway's plantation is located about a mile from Davis Station.

2,300 Acre Plantation.
J. H. Timmons, who lives just east of Manning, is one of the largest, if not the largest planters in this section of the State. His landed holdings amount to 2,300 acres, three-fourths of which are under cultivation the balance being reserved for timber plots and pasturage. With all this vast acreage none of it is swamp land. Mr. Timmons superintends the cultivation of about 400 acres while the balance of the estate is under rentals in tracts from 200 acres to 650 acres, which is the largest tract. The aggregate amount of cotton produced on all the tracts will be between 450 and 500 bales. Of this amount Mr. Timmons will produce about 150 bales on the tract which he handles. The corn crop will amount to about 5,000 bushels. The capital